

Wells Sparks Spartans Over Bruins; Sooners Win

7th Big Ten Rose Win In 8 Games

By ALEX KAHN
Pasadena, Calif. (AP)—Michigan State held the Big Ten's seventh victory in the Rose Bowl game today because it turned the tide of battle in the New Year's Day classic with UCLA's favorite defensive weapon, the blocked kick.

The game's individual hero was halfback Billy Wells who sparked Michigan State to two touchdowns in the third period and scored a third himself on a 62-yard runback of a punt in the fourth.

Little Medicine
The 175-pound senior was chosen as the "player of the day" by a board of sports writers immediately following the game.

Coach Clarence (Biggie) Munn said the only medicine he fed his players at half time when they trailed 7 to 14 to set the stage of the two touchdown spurge in the third period was a brief chalk talk and "a little spirit talk."

It was end Ellis Duckett who came in to block all America halfback Paul Cameron's punt in the second period with less than five minutes of play remaining. And he scooped up the loose ball on the six to score.

Wells then took over in the second half, sparking a 78-yard drive that ended with LeRoy Bolden scoring from a yard out. Minutes later the Spartans started another drive from their 27 and Wells went over from his own five.

The Stars
The "Menominee Meteor," as Wells was known in Chicago as a prepster, brought his day to a close with a twisting 62-yard run that ended in a touchdown.

As expected, Cameron was the UCLA star, even though he had the first punt of his college career blocked and the first ever blocked for a Sanders coached team.

He scored himself in the second period, climaxing an 18-yard thrust after another fumble recovery with a two and half-yard slant to pay dirt. And in the final period he brought UCLA to within a point of the Spartans with a 28 yard pass to end Rommie Loudd for a touchdown only to have Wells make his long scoring run.

Bevo Averaging 43.9; R. C. Owens Leads Rebounds

New York (AP)—Bevo Francis, finally established as a big leaguer in college basketball circles, maintained the nation's top individual scoring average among the small schools last week.

The sensational star of the Rio Grande, Ohio, five has tossed in an average of 43.9 points per game. He made 131 field goals and 89 free throws for 351 points in eight games.

Statistics released Saturday by the NCAA Service Bureau also show that Vince Letz of Lycoming is second with a 36-point average followed by Carson Lovett of Franklin and Marshall 35.8 and Jake Hendzelek, Juniata, 32.8.

Dick Larson of Carleton is the top man in field goal accuracy with 30 out of 80 for 60 per cent and R. C. Owens of College of Idaho is the leader in rebounds with 26.1 per game.

Baltimore university, with an average of 89.5 points for four games, is the offensive pace-setter among the smaller colleges. Lawrence Tech, unbeaten in seven games, has shown the best defense—holding the opposition to 51.1 points per contest.

Billy Martin Wins Babe Ruth Plaque For Series Playing

New York (AP)—Billy Martin, scrappy second baseman of the world champion New York Yankees, Saturday was awarded the Babe Ruth Memorial Plaque, voted each year to the outstanding player in the World Series.

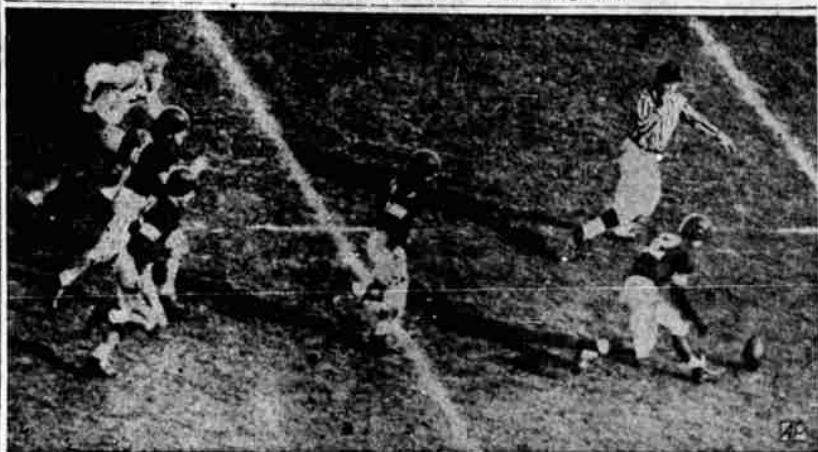
It marked the fifth straight year that the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers Assn. of America picked a member of the Yankees. Joe Page earned the honor in 1949, Jerry Coleman got it in 1950, Phil Rizzuto in 1951 and Johnny Mize in 1952.

It was Martin's single to center, scoring Hank Bauer in the final game, that gave the Yankees a 4-3 triumph over the Brooklyn Dodgers last October to clinch the series in six games. Even before he delivered the decisive blow, however, Martin had played the starring role.

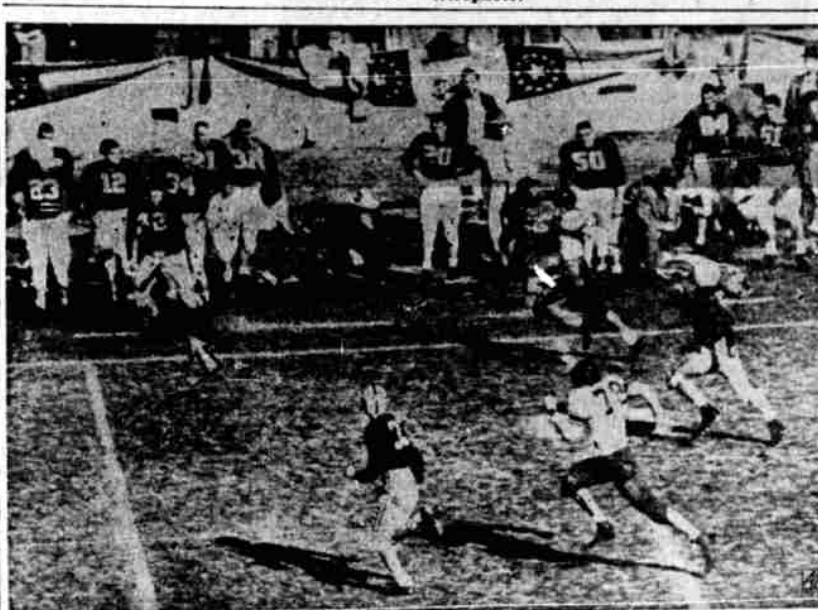
Billy's final hit was his 21th of the series. That matched the greatest number of hits



Fumble Paul Cameron of UCLA fumbles (arrow) in the first quarter at Pasadena, Calif., and the ball is recovered by Michigan State. The visiting Michigan State won the Rose Bowl contest, 28-20. (UP Telephoto)



Blocked Punt Michigan State end Ellis Duckett races after the ball as he blocked Paul Cameron's punt and carried it over the goal line for Michigan State's first touchdown in the Rose Bowl game against UCLA. Duckett picked up the ball on the Bruins six and ran over unopposed. Cameron is at upper left, racing for the ball with three other Spartans. Michigan State won the game, 28-20. (AP Wirephoto)



Temptation was too Great Rice halfback Dicky Moegle crosses 50-yard line as he streaks down sideline on 95-yard touchdown run in the Cotton Bowl football game at Dallas, Texas. The temptation was too great for Alabama fullback Tommy Lewis (42) (arrow) of Alabama bench. He started running and a second later tackled Moegle on the Alabama 42-yard line. Officials awarded Rice a touchdown. Alabama center Vince DeLaurentis (54) and halfback Bill Oliver (33) chase Moegle. No. 78 is Rice tackle Dick Chapman. This picture was made by Tom Dillard, staff photographer of the Dallas Morning News. (AP Wirephoto)

Moegle Leads Rice 28-6 Over Alabama in Cotton

Dallas, Tex. (AP)—Alabama's Coach Harold Red Drew was convinced today that a bench warmer tackle by an impetuous Tide fullback didn't have anything to do with his team's 28-6 Cotton Bowl defeat by Rice.

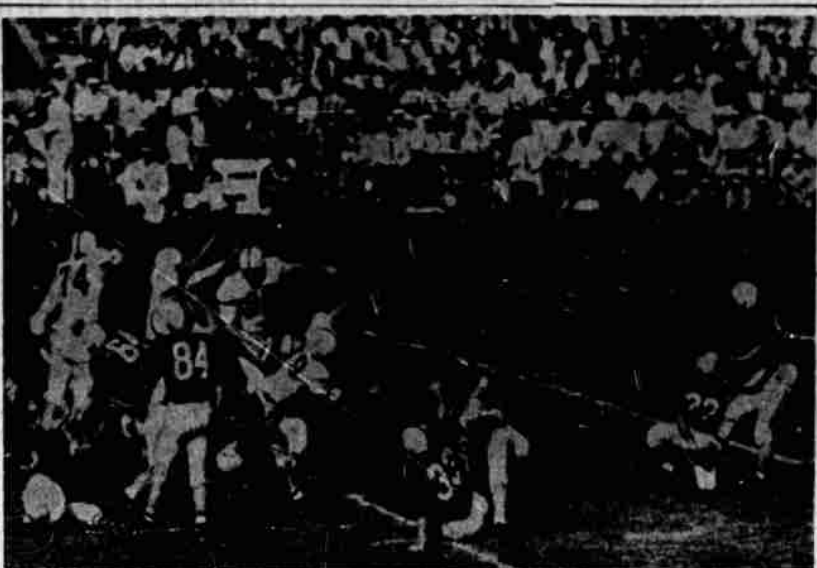
The bench warmer was Alabama's regular fullback, Tommy Lewis, who leaped from the bench to throw a chilling body block into goal-bound Rice halfback Dicky Moegle in the second quarter.

"The incident didn't have any demoralizing effect on our team," Drew said. Of course they got a touchdown, but I don't believe it made any difference.

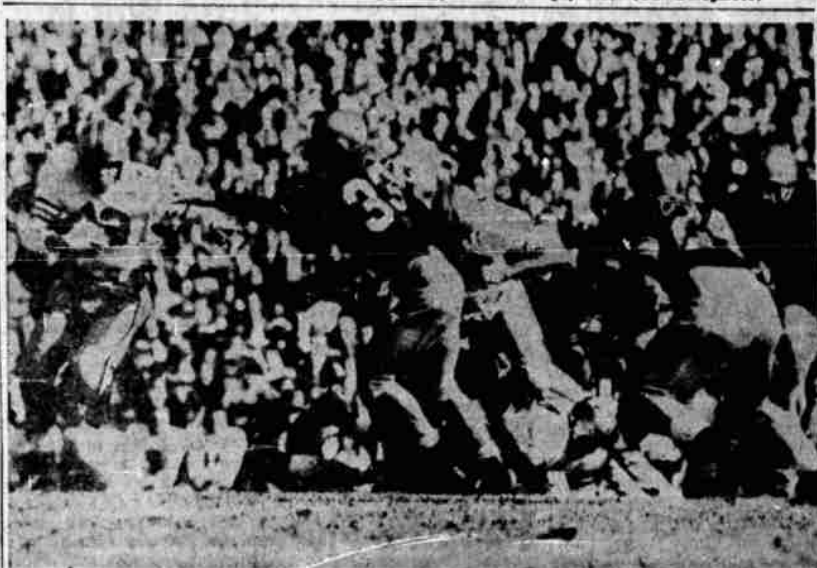
"Moegle is the best back I have seen this year," the losing coach said of the wire-stemmed Rice halfback who sped 79 and 34 yards for touchdowns, in addition to the rudely-interupted junket alongside the bench.

For his fine afternoon of football, Moegle won the outstanding back award without a dissenting vote among the 59 sports writers covering the game.

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Nation's No. 1 Team Beaten Maryland tries a field goal from the 35 yard line in the first quarter in the Orange Bowl at Miami but it fell short. Oklahoma's Sooners came back in the second half to beat the team voted as the nation's mythical champs, 7-0. (UP Telephoto)



West Virginia Dumped Georgia Tech halfback Larry Ruffin (12) makes a first down in the first quarter of the Sugar Bowl game at New Orleans. Reaching for him is Tommy Allman (33), West Virginia fullback, who grounded him with the help of Sam Huff (75). Number 24 is West Virginia halfback Carl Norman. The "rambling wrecks" romped over the Husky mountaineer line to the tune of 42-19. (UP Telephoto)

Georgia Tech Crushes West Virginia in Sugar

New Orleans (AP)—A beam-ing Bobby Dodd, his bowl record still intact with five wins, today credited little Pepper Rodgers and speed for his Georgia Tech Engineers' brilliant win over husky West Virginia in the 20th annual Sugar Bowl classic.

The deceptive and speedy Engineers broke six major Sugar Bowl records as they ran and passed through, over and around the big Mountaineers for a crushing 42 to 19 victory in a game that had been tabbed as a "crusade for revenge" by West Virginia.

Completes 16 of 23
Of the 168 pound Rodgers, who spearheaded the Tech route with his unstoppable passing, Dodd could only say: "He's a great kid. He was the best on the field."

To top off his afternoon's work, Rodgers completed 16 of 26 passes for 195 yards, while the Mountaineers' heralded quarterback, Fredy Wyant, hit only on four of 15 for 29 yards.

Coach Art Lewis, whose Mountaineers were out on a "crusade for revenge" as a result of criticism of many sports writers about their football ability, said that Tech had "a darn fine team."

Tech scored three touchdowns the first half, with two in the first 12 minutes of the game, to go into the halftime with a 20-6 lead.

Rodgers' passing accounted for three Tech touchdowns and he made two of three conversion tries.

Dupas to Fight DeMarco Tonite
New Orleans (AP)—Ralph Dupas, 18-year-old New Orleans high school student, opens his 1954 campaign for more lightweight honors tonight when he meets punching Paddy DeMarco of Brooklyn in a nationally televised 10-round bout.

Dupas, ranked third among lightweights by the Ring magazine, will be making his first start in a regulation 10-rounds.

DeMarco holds the No. 9 lightweight ranking and has bested such veterans as Billy Graham, Gonsalves, Savoie and holds two decisions over featherweight champion Sandy Sadler.

The play was seen by a nationwide NBC television audience as well as the capacity bowl crowd of 75,504.

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Maryland Was Rated No. 1 in U.S.

Miami, Fla. (AP)—Oklahoma's "bunch of guys named Joe" trounced home today with a hard earned 7 to 0 Orange Bowl victory over Maryland to their credit, plus a revised unofficial rating as perhaps the best football team in the land.

That possible No. 1 accolade took in a lot of territory, but so did the Okies yesterday as they roved relentlessly in running up their triumph over previously perfect record Maryland.

Held Firm Twice
Coach Bud Wilkinson credited a "bunch of guys named Joe" from the oil country for the upset win. They stood off the "Terrible Terrapins" from Maryland twice in the shadow of the goal. Then they unleashed Larry Grigg to spark a mighty 80-yard push that netted the winning touchdown.

Grigg, a slender halfback who thought "by golly, we ought to be the national champions," ran for 13 and 13 yards in the game's only touchdown drive in the first period and went the final 25 with a dancing spin down the sidelines.

Wilkinson refused to claim the national football championship or compare Maryland with once tied Notre Dame which the Terrapins unseated for the title.

"It was just a helluva victory," Wilkinson said with a broad grin.

Texas Tech Gains Gator Bowl Win

Jacksonville, Fla. (AP)—The wrecking crew of Texas Tech and Bobby Cavazos flew jubilantly home to the West Texas plains today with a 35 to 13 Gator Bowl football victory over Auburn and a "community Cadillac" to add to the Texas legends.

"Cavazos made all the difference," said Auburn Coach Ralph Jordan. "He just made all the difference."

Cavazos, who personally battered the huge Auburn line into submission and scored three touchdowns to pull the Texans from behind in the second half, was roundly praised by Tech Coach DeWitt Weaver.

"He's the greatest" running back in the country," Weaver said. Cavazos added the final touchdown of the game as the crowd of 32,000 was filling toward the gates when he lowered his head and butted through tackle, leaving Auburn tacklers strung out behind him for 59 yards. It was the longest scoring run in Gator Bowl history.

Texas fans gave Weaver a yellow Cadillac which he decided to hold for the team's "community" use. The squad painted a big double T on the sides.

Dallas-Central Game Tonight at Central's Court

Dallas — A high school basketball game previously scheduled with Central tonight in the new Dallas gym will be played at Central, Coach Gordon Kunke of Dallas said last night.

It was to have been the fourth home game for the Dragons, but one with Statton was re-set for Jan. 20, one with Willamette frosh was played in Salem, and one with Tillamook was postponed.

Dallas' new gym, still incomplete as far as accommodating a crowd, is expected to be finished next week for the game with Sandy here.

The University of Texas has won five Southwest Conference football championships and one co-championship during the past 13 years.

Beavers Drilling On Weak Points Found in Travels

Corvallis (AP)—Coach Lats Gill put his Oregon State Beavers back to basketball drills today, hoping to polish up a few "weak spots" uncovered on a cross-country, pre-season jaunt against some of the nation's top teams.

The Orange men arrived here by bus from Portland yesterday after flying in from Raleigh, N. C., and Washington, D. C., ending a tough schedule of seven games in 12 nights.

"We got what we went after," Gill said grimly. "We went after experience, and we got what we went after. That was our primary objective."

The Beavers won two and lost two on the road—that latter pair in heartbreaking battles in the Dixie Classic Basketball tournament in Raleigh where they walked into a hornet's nest of mid-season peak play.

After today's drill, the Beavers planned a day off Sunday before opening the regular Northern Division play in a series against Idaho on Jan. 8.

Sports Shorts

In the hope of reducing future hunting accident, fish and game officials of St. John, New Brunswick, sponsor courses for boys, 12-17, on the proper handling and care of firearms.

East Lansing, Mich. — The longest Michigan State basketball winning streak was 16 games — the last 15 of the 1930-31 season and the first of the 1931-32 season.

Kramer's Tennis Tour Will Start

New York (AP)—Jack Kramer, professional tennis' No. 1 player, will start another tour of the country tomorrow at Madison Square Garden but this time the role of the former two-time U. S. amateur champion will be more as a promoter than player.

Kramer has lined up Frank Sedgman of Australia, Pancho Segura, Pancho Gonzales and veteran Don Budge for a trip that is expected to include 100 matches in 85 cities before the first of June.

Last year the tour grossed \$860,000 with Kramer defeating Sedgman in 54 out of 95 matches.

Al (Dusty) Stefano, basketball coach at St. John's University, was stationed at Pearl Harbor on that infamous day — Dec. 7, 1941. He was in the Army.

Fights Last Night

(By The Associated Press)
New York (Madison Square Garden)—Luis Perez, 136, Brooklyn, outpointed Davey Gallardo, 130, Los Angeles, 10.