

Roses, Big Ten Title Hinge On Wolverine, Gopher Tilt

MINNEAPOLIS (UP)—Tradition and the "Little Brown Jug" take a back seat Saturday when Minnesota meets Michigan in the Big Ten title and Rose Bowl hopes hinge on victory.

The game is more a "must" win for Michigan than for the Gophers, since Minnesota plays eight conference games. But each club already has lost one in conference play and another defeat would seriously endanger any chance for the title.

Both coaches, Murray Warmath of the Gophers and Bennie Oosterbaan of Michigan, faced the action with foreboding due to injuries. Oosterbaan said there was no chance that his star junior fullback, John Herrstein, would get into the game.

Warmath had an even more dismal report. His alternate quarterback, Dick Larson, will miss the game with a strained Achilles tendon and possibly a bone chip. His second team center, Bernie Svendsen, and third string team center Jerry Shetler, and fullback Bob Blakely will be out as well.

But both coaches anticipated top spirit for the traditional battle. "It's never too hard to get a Minnesota team fired up for Michigan," Warmath reported. "This week everything's at stake. This will be as big a game as we'll have and a win could really put us over the hump. I'm sure the conference winner will have lost at least once."

"The game should be a hum-dinger," Oosterbaan said. "We expect Minnesota to rebound and put on their very finest performance." Minnesota, rated the nation's third best team until its loss to Illinois last Saturday, was a touchdown favorite for the clash. Minnesota last year was an underdog and triumphed at Michigan to end a string of Wolverine victories in the annual "Jug" battle.

The Gophers are still rated an outside chance in the title race since only two clubs remain unbeaten in conference play, Ohio State and Iowa. The Buckeyes still have to face Wisconsin, Purdue,

Iowa and Michigan and are likely to lose at least once. Iowa, because it played in the Bowl last year, can't return even if it wins the crown.

Thus Minnesota, if it should go the rest of the way without a loss, could finish with a 7-1 record which could be good for the title and the bowl. Michigan plays only seven games and with a 6-1 record would be more apt to be tied than the Gophers.

Lebaron, Wilson Top Professional Grid Statistics

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—Tommy Wilson of the Los Angeles Rams and Eddie Lebaron of the Washington Redskins top the National Football League rushers and passers, respectively, today for the second week in a row.

Wilson, with a 42-yard output last weekend, hiked his ball carrying total of 392 yards in 46 carries, an average of 5.1 yards per carry, and held a 61-yard lead over second place Hugh McElhenry of the 49ers.

Clyde Conner, 49ers end, was in first place among the pass receivers with 19 completions, followed by John Carson of the Redskins and Jim Mutscheller of Baltimore with 17 receptions each.

Lebaron completed 38 of 59 passes for 627 yards and six touchdowns. George Blanda of the Bears, with a touchdown, nine extra points and five field goals and the Bears' Willie Galimore, with five touchdowns, were tied at 30 points behind Mutscheller.

MATMAN'S MARKS IMPROVE MEADVILLE, Pa. (UP)—Dave Sawhill, Allegheny College Heavyweight who has lost but one decision in two years, received the Phi Beta Kappa prize as the Allegheny sophomore whose marks showed the greatest improvement over his freshman year.

TIME OUT



"It's the friendly type, Ruth. See . . . he's wagging his tail!"

Winters Leads Total Offense

NEW YORK (UP)—It's Bob Winters by air and Bob Stransky by land in the race for the major college individual total offense championship.

Winters, a senior quarterback from Yakima, Wash., has rolled up 809 yards in Utah State's first five games to take a 14-yard lead over Stransky, Colorado University halfback from Yankton, S.D. Winters has gained all but 32 of those yards passing while Stransky has picked up all but 160 yards by rushing.

Behind the two leaders in the total offense department came Don Allard of Boston College with 750 yards and Bob Newman of Washington State with 646 yards.

Winters, of course, is also passing with 57 completions in 108 attempts for 757 yards and five touchdowns and Stransky leads in rushing with 635 yards in 92 tries. Billy Baker of Furman ranks second in passing with 43 completions in 75 attempts for 417 yards and four touchdowns and Don Perkins of New Mexico is second in rushing with 567 yards in 73 cracks at the line.

WSC Bob Newman Leads PCC Total Offense, Passing

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Quarterback Bob Newman of Washington State led the Pacific Coast Conference in total offense and passing today in statistics released by the PCC commissioner's office.

The figures also revealed that Oregon's Jim Shanley had regained the rushing lead with 396 yards in five games, followed by Oregon State's Nub Beamer, 389, and Stanford's Charles Shea, 356.

Newman's total offense mark of 649 yards was made mostly through the air. The sharp-shooting passer has completed 43 aerials for 601 yards for the season. He added 45 yards on the ground.

Jack Douglas, of Stanford, was second with 30 completions good for 364 yards and Howard Willis, Idaho, was third with 27 completed passes and 334 yards.

The best mark for pass receptions—22—was held by Don Eilling, son of Washington State. He has

made 310 yards and one touchdown. UCLA's Kirk Wilson had the most interceptions with four.

Ken Hall, Idaho, continued to lead the conference in punting with an average of 48.3 yards, but Wilson, the nation's 1956 leader, was moving up with a 44.5 yard average.

Oregon State's Sterling Hamrick led in punt returns with 210 yards. Lou Valli, of Stanford, was second with 64 and Shanley, and Paul Wagar, Idaho, next with 57.

In team statistics, Oregon State was leading in total offense and total defense, despite a loss last weekend to the underdog UCLA team.

Coach Tommy Prothro's squad has averaged 345 yards a game in total offense while allowing opponents 227 yards. The Beavers also led in rushing offense with 264.8 yards a game.

Cougar Passing Ranked Second

NEW YORK (UP)—Washington State College's passing attack is the second best in collegiate football in the nation, according to figures released Tuesday night by the NCAA Service Bureau.

The Cougars, in five games, have completed 66 of 124 attempted passes for 896 yards, a per game average of 179.2 yards.

Utah is the leader with a 100.6 average for the same number of contests.

WSC's passing attack is still the best in the Pacific Coast Conference, while Oregon State is the best rushing team.

The Beavers have ground out 1,324 yards in five games for a 264.8 average. OSC is also the best in total defense, having held opponents to 227 yards a game.

Oregon State and Oregon rank one-two in punt returns, with averages of 12.1 and 12.9, respectively.

Purdue's Win Over Spartans Brings Mollenkopf UP Honor

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UP)—He has a habit of starting out as an assistant and winding up as a highly successful head coach.

He is a fundamentalist, a perfectionist and a plain pain in the neck to other Big Ten coaches who never know when his fired-up defense may spring a most unlikely upset.

He's Kenneth Jack Mollenkopf, Purdue, the United Press Coach of the Week after his winless Boilermakers, 21-point underdogs, upended Michigan State, the nation's No. 1 team at the time, 20-13.

Mollenkopf, a chunky man of 52 who was a football end and baseball catcher at Bowling Green of Ohio, attributed the stunning Purdue victory to line play, sticky fingers and desire.

"I think we had more desire than Michigan State," he reflected. "Our defense did a tremendous job. Our line played real well

and that's where we won it. We were fumbling all season but this time we hung onto the ball. And we recovered five of their fumbles, too. We had a bunch of serious kids who believed in themselves."

"Perhaps we could win them all if we played as well as we did Saturday. But we're really not strong."

Mollenkopf started his coaching career at two Ohio high schools, each time as an assistant and each time advancing to the top job. He spent nine years as Purdue line and defensive coach, turning out consistently tough rock-um lines, before taking over the reins as head man last year. While his 1956 Purdue team won only one conference game, it was significant that it never took a bad beating.

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