

# Bobbitt puts drive in MSU defense

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Paul Bobbitt knew his job. "I depended on what kind of option they ran toward me," said the Michigan State strong safety of the Army wishbone offense. "Basically, they ran the crack and load option, which is the quarterback and running back without lead blockers. I just covered the running back."

"I think we did handle it real well. It was as good as you can handle a wishbone. They're going to get two or three yards."

The Spartans were indeed rough defensively against the No. 1 rushing team in the nation, limiting the Cadets to 256 yards (they averaged 345.3 yards per game) in 71 running plays, or 3.6 yards-per-carry. But it was Army that came out on top on the scoreboard, 10-6, in the first-ever Cherry Bowl.

The MSU defense could hardly be faulted for the loss. The Cadets had 15 more offensive plays, thanks in part to five Spartan turnovers (Army lost the ball twice).

BUT THAT'S not unusual. MSU's opponents averaged 19 more plays per game during the season.

That put a lot of pressure on the Spartan defenders. They responded to the challenge, however, earning a great deal of credit for the team's bowl invite.

In the minds of MSU backers, the Spartan turnaround after a 1-3 start came at Ann Arbor Oct. 6, when they upset Michigan 19-7. But the week before, the defense bottled up Purdue in a 13-10 loss. And on Oct. 20, the same defenders limited Heisman Trophy runner-up Keith Byars to 121 yards rushing on 40 carries in a 23-20 loss to Big Ten champ Ohio State.

"We tightened up," said Bobbitt, a sophomore athletically and a South-

field-Lathrup graduate. "As the season progressed, our defense became more aware of the scheme."

"Organization, responsibility, discipline play a big part in our defense. After a while, we were able to control the run and pass just a little bit better."

ARMY'S WISHBONE attack was the first such offense MSU faced this season, but the Spartans effectively stifled it. Army got just two first downs in the opening quarter and six in the first half. Its only touchdown was the result of a 46-yard drive, set up by a Dave Yarema fumble.

"We were putting them in a situation where it was second down and long," explained Bobbitt. The Spartan safety also thought the defense forced a few more Cadet fumbles than they were credited for.

"They did have a few others we got cheated out of," Bobbitt said. "The refs called it the way they saw it. Unfortunately, they didn't call it for MSU."

What yards Army did gain with its option attack were, for the most part, away from Bobbitt. The Cadets either ran to the short side of the field — Bobbitt was positioned on the wide side — or quarterback Nate Sassaman kept the ball rather than risk a pitch to the back Bobbitt shadowed. Sassaman was the leading rusher in the game with 136 yards on 28 carries.

"I sort of predicted it would be like that," Bobbitt said, "because they run (the option) to the short side most of the time."

DESPITE ARMY'S No. 1 nationwide ranking in rushing offense, Bobbitt was unimpressed. "Overall, I enjoyed myself," he said, "staying out at the Hilton, going to Greenfield Village, and meeting a lot of alumni."

# Pros next stop for Bean?

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Oh, what Vince Bean could have done for Brigham Young University. Or to BYU, if he only had the chance.

Some say Bean, a 1980 Southfield High School grad, could have been the big-play man for the University of Michigan this season from his wide receiver spot, but was never really afforded the opportunity. Some say he could have caught twice as many passes in his five years at U-M if the Wolverines ever threw the ball.

Despite his ranking as the No. 4 all-time receiver in U-M history with 93 receptions, Bean was never used as often as his fans would have liked.

A self-proclaimed possession receiver, Bean caught 26 passes for 399 yards (a 15.3 average) and 2 touchdowns this year. He gained a total of 1,514 yards in his career with 7 touchdowns. He averaged 15.3 yards per catch.

"I'm more of a possession-type receiver than a constant deep threat," he said. "But (in the Holiday Bowl) BYU challenged us to throw it deep and I wish we would've (thrown deep) more than once."

The Wolverines suffered yet another bowl defeat last week, this time at the hands of top-ranked BYU in San Diego, 24-17. In that game, Bean grabbed 3 passes for 46 yards.

ACCORDING TO BEAN, there was added pressure on U-M to perform well in the Holiday Bowl because of its regular season record of 8-5.

"With our record in bowl games, there's always pressure, especially this year with our (regular sea-

son) record," Bean said. "It did have more meaning this year because we had something to prove, that we belonged there."

Even though the Wolverines gave the Cougars a tough battle, Bean was still disappointed with the loss.

"I felt we were going to win the game," he said. "Even if we would've lost by one point, it would have been disappointing. The problem this year was we gave everybody a battle to the wire, we just came up short at the time."

"I think they're No. 1," Bean added about BYU. "Not just because they beat us, but because they won all their games. They're undefeated."

What does the future hold for Bean, whose stats are impressive, despite playing for a running team?

"I haven't heard from any (NFL) teams directly, but I've talked to a lot of agents," Bean said. "How high I'll be drafted, I don't know. I definitely want to teach, but I don't think it's in my plans right out of college."

BEAN SAID he'd rather play in the NFL than the USFL because "it'd be a lot more convenient."

"In the USFL, I'd have to miss (outdoor) track and not get my degree before I started playing," he said. "I really want to get my degree (health and physical education)."

Even though he was a receiver on a running team, Bean said he enjoyed playing for Schembechler and loved attending U-M.

"It was a good experience playing for Bo and the university is a great place," Bean said. "I learned a lot from (Bo). I wouldn't have gone anywhere else."

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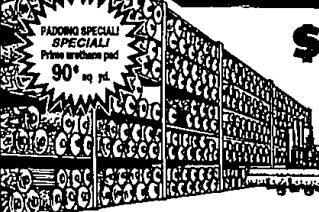
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