

Spartans Upend ND; Now Bucks

EAST LANSING -- Michigan State has only a 1-2 Big Ten football record, but it will be flying high as it takes on first place Ohio State at Columbus next Saturday after last week's cliff-hanging 21-17 victory over Notre Dame.

MSU could do its in-state rival, Michigan, a big favor by upsetting Ohio State, which shares the Big Ten lead with the Wolverines.

Despite its low conference position, however, MSU was a champion in the eyes of the home fans in its upset of the cocky Irish of Notre Dame, which has one of the nation's most piercing aerial attacks.

With Terry Hanratty hitting his receivers 27 out of 43 times for a whopping 312 yards, the Irish still couldn't crack the wall of the Spartan line when it was goal to go.

Many MSU names stood out: Tom Love, sophomore back who galloped for 100 of his team's 154 yards and two touchdowns; Bill Triplett, a sophomore quarterback who added 52 yards, six of 11 pass completions and the third touch-

down; Ron Curl and Bill Dawkins, defensive linemen and Capt. Al Brenner who brought the Irish runners to the dust, in those fourth quarter goal line stands....

ONE NAME which doesn't show up in the scoring, the tackling or the fumble recovering -- but nonetheless deserves mention -- is Craig Wycinsky, a sophomore from North Farmington.

In a game so tight, so stogie play is "most important," so consider Wycinsky's role as an offensive tackle. On the first play after MSU recovered its onside kickoff, Triplett led back to pass, and an Irish line-man looped around to try to smear him.

But Wycinsky swung back -- you may have seen his big "77" on the front of the TV screen -- and stopped the charging Irishman in his tracks. Triplett completed a 15-yard pass to Charles Wedemeyer, the first of six plays over 42 yards that led to a big MSU touchdown less than two minutes of play.

That was only one Wycinsky block. The 214 pound linemen performed the same kind of service on most of MSU's 63 offensive plays, and if that incredible defense provided the thrill, it was still the offense that got the points.

ANYWAY, LOVE took a pitch-out and scored from the 11, Gary Boyer kicked the first of three extra points, and MSU was up 7-0.

After an exchange of punts, Notre Dame knotted the score, picking up 57 yards (all on two passes) in 11 plays. Halfback Bob Gladieux ground out the last two yards in two carries for the TD.

Triplett led the Spartans as they sliced through the Notre Dame defense for 65 yards in nine plays, sneaking over the last yard for the second touchdown.

The Notre Dame ground game promptly brought the ball down to MSU's 16, where Hanratty rifled a pass into the end zone that danced across halfback Coley O'Brien's hands. Incomplete, Notre Dame settled for a

field goal on fourth down, and the score was 14-10.

THEN CAME the MSU defensive display.

Taking advantage of an interception, the Irish marched 26 yards to the Spartan four. After four downs, they were still a yard short.

Minutes later, Notre Dame was knocking on the Spartan door again. On fourth down at the 12 with just two yards to go, Hanratty pitched out to fully back Jeff Zimmerman, who was the Spartan for a three-yard loss.

Bob Kleppenberger recovered a Triplett fumble in the end zone early in the third quarter from the three to put MSU irreversibly ahead, 21-17.

IT LOOKED for awhile that Notre Dame might cut close to ribbons as Hanratty completed four straight passes, three to Seymour and one to O'Brien, for 50 yards. But Spar-

tan Captain Allen Brenner, a senior from Miles, intercepted yet another pass in the end zone.

Twice more, in the fourth quarter, Notre Dame drove to within a coin's flip of pay dirt. Brenner broke up a Hanratty-to-Seymour pass at the goal line to stop one threat.

In the closing minutes, Hanratty completed seven more straight passes to put the Irish on the MSU three. But the Spartan defense plastered the Irish backs every time they got near scrimmage, took over the ball and ran out the clock.

Statistically, the Irish dominated the game--26 first downs to 14, 443 total yards to 247, 88 plays to 63--with one exception: total points.

MSU holds a 13-5 edge, with one tie, over Notre Dame since their current series began in 1946. On the personal side, Spartan Coach Dury Daugherty and Irish Coach Ara Parseghian are tied at 2-2-1 since Parseghian joined Notre Dame.

GC West Unearths Pass Whiz

The Bill Munson or Johnny Unites of the high school football wars?

Garden City West may have come up with such a young man in Pat McHugh, a junior quarterback.

Pat, playing second string for West, got his biggest chance of the season in Friday's 40-6 victory over Lowrey.

He fired the ball around like a Munson or Unites.

McHugh put the pizkin in the air 15 times. He hit on nine, three of them for touchdowns.

His favorite receiver was Jerry Hopkins, a veteran who was playing only his first game of the season. Hopkins had been out of action until Friday with a fractured collarbone.

But the McHugh - Hopkins act resembled Munson to McCullough. They hit 140 yards in five receptions -- with two going for touchdowns.

CRAIG KENNEN had scored from the six to give West an early lead, but Lowrey rebounded with a touchdown to tie the game after recovering a fumble. Sammy Fite went in from the six on a quarterback sneak.

Then McHugh came in and started his aerial barrage.

McHugh's first business was to shoot a 25-yard scoring toss to Hopkins. Then McHugh found Erle Wallace in the clear for 13 yards and a six-pointer.

That made it 19-6 at halftime in favor of West.

IT WAS McHUGH to Hopkins for 40 yards and a TD in the third period and then McHugh himself on a two-yard sneak before the period ended.

Reserve fullback Craig Wilson shot 80 yards off tackle for the final touchdown of the afternoon.

The statistics proved that West enjoyed one of its most explosive games in a couple of seasons.

On the ground West rolled up 225 yards, in the air, the team added 225 more.

Franklin Comes Through

The pressure was on Franklin High's football team.

The Livonians knew what they had to do -- win.

Otherwise there'd be no share of the Northwest Suburban League football championship.

Thurston and North Farmington had triumphed on Friday night to finish their conference play in first place. Now it was up to Franklin to follow suit to produce a three-way tie for the flag.

And Franklin did -- in convincing style, too, 30-14.

Without much trouble, Franklin took the measure of Oak Park by scoring once in the first period, three times in the second and once more in the third.

JERRY SABO began the point parade for Franklin when he barged in from a yard out to

cap a 57-yard drive in which Archie Leto was the big gainer.

In the second period, Franklin went wild. Three touchdowns were chalked up.

Dan Thorpe cracked in from the two to end a 51-yard drive in which he and Leto were big gainers.

That it was Pete McClean's turn to score on a 25-yarder after Franklin took over on the Oak Park 40.

For its final two touchdowns, Franklin went to the air as Charles Wiggins pegged for seven yards to Thorpe in the third period and 10 yards to Thorpe for 10.

Thorpe accounted for the first four conversions and Jon Stahl, an exchange student from Holland, the other.

FRANKLIN rolled to 104

yards in the air and added 132 more rushing.

In contrast, the Franklin defense held Oak Park to 28 yards passing and 47 yards rushing.

The Parkers never seriously threatened the Franklin goal line.

It was a happy day for Franklin, especially since the week before it had been beaten by North Farmington and had its bid for a perfect season snuffed.

St. Agatha Ends On Losing Note

It was a long six weeks for St. Agatha High's football team. The early forecasts were that St. Agatha would threaten for divisional honors in the Catholic League. But when the curtain dropped on St. Agatha's 1968 season Sunday, the team showed only two victories and a tie in six starts.

But there was some bright hope for the future, especially in Halfback Mike Murphy, a stalwart all season.

Murphy, a junior, personally rolled up 250 yards in Sunday's final game loss to Wayne St. Mary's. He also scored one touchdown to bring his year's output to eight.

In the end, the game was decided on extra points and also Wayne St. Mary's came up with an intercepted pass in the fading moments.

DAN CESARZ scored all three touchdowns for St. Mary's, which finished with a 4-1-1 record. He ran 96 and one-yard from scrimmage and then 83 yards with a kickoff return.

It was Cesarz, too, who kicked all three extra points. He happens to be a junior quarter-

back.

St. Agatha scored first when Murphy scooted over from 15 yards out in the first. But the lead didn't last long when Cesarz scored and added a conversion.

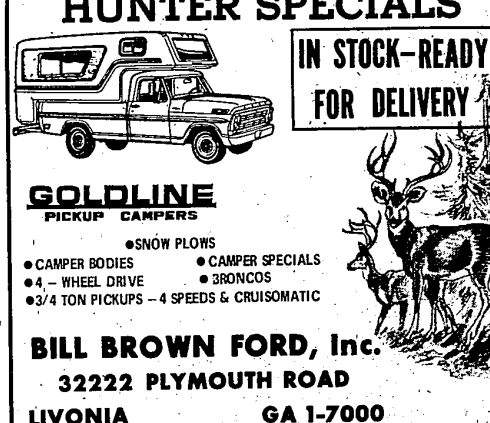
Cesarz made it 14-6 in the third period before St. Agatha rallied with a pair of touchdowns--when Ron Blackburn went over on a quarterback sneak and Paul Reicha scooted over from the 15.

But Cesarz wasn't to be denied. His third touchdown and the St. Mary's interception squashed the St. Agatha hopes for a closing-day victory.



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