

# All-Area Football Team Coming Next Week

Who were the standout football players in Observerland during the 1968 high school season?

The answers will be forthcoming next Wednesday when the Observer Newspapers present their 1968 All-Area prep teams.

Votes have poured in during the past two weeks from the area's coaches, officials and other experts.

They have analyzed the more than 500 boys who played on the varsity teams in the area.

Based on these opinions, Sports Editor George Maskin and the Observer sports staff will determine the members of the All-Area squads.

The coach-of-the-year also will be announced at the same time.

There will be pictures, statistics and other interesting information to go along with the announcing of the Observer All-Area team.

Don't miss it next week in the Observer—YOUR PAPER for the tops in schoolboy prep coverage.

## Buckeyes Bar Michigan Rose Bowl Path

By FRED DeLANO

ANN ARBOR -- Michigan's football forces will attempt Saturday to give their followers the only encore which could outline Capt. Ron Johnson's record — smashing dress rehearsal against Wisconsin, a team triumph over Ohio State for the 1968 Big Ten title and Rose Bowl bid.

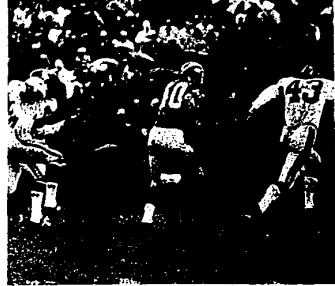
### Watching U-M Star On Greatest Day



Ron Johnson Breaks Through Line ...



Gets a Block ...



And There He Goes For Touchdown  
(Observer photos by Harry Mauthe)

### Cagers Clash In Twin Bill

"New Stars on Parade" benefits what's in store at Cobo Arena Wednesday night (Nov. 27) when the Detroit Pistons play host to a National Basketball Association doubleheader.

It'll be the Pistons vs. the Phoenix Suns in the feature at 9 p.m. after the San Diego Rockets square off against Baltimore in the opener at 6:45 p.m.

Heading the Pistons will be Dave Bing, the NBA's top rookie scoring champ and All-Star guard last season, and one of the top marksmen again in the early going of the current campaign.

Baltimore moves in with Earl (The Pearl) Monroe, who succeeded Bing as the NBA's No. 1 rookie and, now, in his second season in the league, is engaged with Bing, Elgin Baylor of Los Angeles and Elvin Hayes of San Diego in a four-man battle for scoring honors.

Hayes has put new life into San Diego. In jumping off to one of the fastest starts ever by an NBA rookie.

The "Big E," from Houston University has wasted no time electrifying the NBA. He has been averaging around 30 points and 19 rebounds per game. But what still has the NBA—and the Pistons buzzing is the 54-point explosion he turned in against Detroit a week ago. It was the most points turned in by any player in the NBA so far this season and the most by a rookie since Wilt Chamberlain broke in back in 1959-60.

The Pistons face a busy schedule before next Wednesday's doubleheader. The Atlanta (former St. Louis) Hawks appear at Cobo Arena this Thursday, before the Pistons go to Baltimore Saturday night to meet the Bullets and then go against San Diego in Baltimore next Tuesday night.

verines (8-1) come face to face before a sellout throng of some 85,000 spectators in the horseshoe stadium at Columbus, each team will be fighting for its fourth trip to Pasadena.

The New Year's Day foe already has been determined as Southern California, ranked No. 1 in the nation.

MICHIGAN WARMED up for this week's assignment with a 34-9 triumph over the winless Badgers in which the 196-pound Johnson wrote school and conference records by scoring all five touchdowns and amassing a staggering 347 yards on 31 carries from scrimmage.

In the process, the powerful Detroit senior also went over the career yardage total posted by Helaman trophy winner Tom Harmon in 1958, 1959 and 1960, bringing his mark to 2,304 yards against Harmon's 2,134.

Four of Johnson's runs were long breakaways after being sprung clear by Michigan's offensive line. These went for 35, 67, 60 and 50 yards in order. The other was on a smash from the one-yard line.

His sterling performance in his last appearance on the gridiron at Ann Arbor took the attention away from a bumbling first-half Michigan effort which saw the lack-luster Wolverines leave the field at intermission on the low end of a 9-7 score.

ALL THAT CHANGED upon the return to action when Johnson bolted 67 yards on the second play of the third quarter and got two more of his scores before the second half was 10 minutes old.

Meanwhile, at Iowa City, Ohio State was preparing for its championship showdown with the Wolverines by dumping Iowa, 33-27, in a game far more one-sided than indicated by the score. Ohio had a 26-6 lead before relaxing.

However, that Ohio State can be scored upon has become a statistical truism this fall. Northwestern, Illinois and Michigan State, as well as Iowa, all posted more than 20 points against the Buckeyes, a fact which leads Wolverines to hope that their doubled-edged offense also can penetrate Ohio defenses.

Michigan has demonstrated all fall that, as good a ground gainer as Johnson is, he isn't the only weapon in Coach Bump Elliott's arsenal.

Against Wisconsin, the aerial threat of Quarterback Dennis Brown was minimized by a raw rain driven by an 18-mile-per-hour wind, but the fact that Brown passed for 12 of the 21 touchdowns scored by the Wolverines in their first eight games testifies to the problem he poses for Ohio State's defense Corps.

THE BUCKEYES' MARCH over eight successive opponents has been led by what Coach Woody Hayes calls the best sophomore contingent he has had in his 18 years as Buckeye coach.

"They're so much better than any other sophomore crop in my years here it isn't even close," Hayes has commented. He has backed this contention by going as high as 19 sophomores as starters in his two-platoon lineup.

Kingpin of the crew is Quarterback Rex Kern, a former schoolboy All-American from Lancaster, O.

Saturday's dramatic title showdown will be the 65th gridiron clash between the two universities in a series which started with a 36-0 Michigan

Victory in 1897.

Although the two teams are tied for first place in the Big Ten with 6-0 conference records, and would share the crown if they deadlock Saturday, it is presumed that in this case Ohio State would get the Rose Bowl nod.

THIS IS BASED on the fact that Michigan has been west more recently than Ohio, thus giving the Wolverines a "win or else" mandate Saturday.

In past Rose Bowl appearances, Ohio State has beaten California, 17-14, in 1950; Southern California, 20-7, in 1955; and Oregon, 10-7, in 1959.

Michigan's three Pasadena triumphs have been by scores of 49-0 over Southern California in 1948; 14-6 over California in 1951, and 34-7 over Oregon State in 1955.

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