

Gophers All But Clinch Bowl Berth; Southern Cal Wins West

Southern California vs. Minnesota in the Rose Bowl! But a miracle could make it Southern Cal vs. Indiana. The Trojans, led by their ace O.J. Simpson, won their way into the Pasadena battle by beating UCLA, 21-20, in a thriller last Saturday.

Meanwhile, Minnesota cooled off Indiana, unbeaten in eight previous starts, 33-7, and now all that can land the Hoosiers is a trip to California on New Year's Day is an upset win over Purdue Saturday while Minnesota loses to Wisconsin.

Neither is expected to happen. Purdue all but wrapped up the Big Ten title last Saturday by thumping Michigan State, 21-7, as Michigan booked Wisconsin 27-14.

Over 90,000 saw Simpson, a prime candidate for All America honors, gallop 64 yards to pull out the victory over Southern California after UCLA had struck through the air on the passing of Gary Deban a minute earlier to seize a 20-14 lead.

AFTER SIMPSON'S gallop, Ricki Aldridge booted the con- version that certainly will make the Trojans No. 1 in the ratings again, besides giving them the Pacific 8 Conference title and Minnesota didn't have much trouble with Indiana in upping its season's record in the Big Ten to 5-1, which matches the Hoosiers'. However, Purdue leads the pack at 6-0.

But Purdue can't go to the Rose Bowl this year. The Boilermakers went last season. Two Indiana fumbles set up touchdowns for the Gophers who then turned matters into a rout.

Leroy Keys, another clinch All America, showed Michigan State a few things as he personally gained 194 yards rushing and 63 more via the passing route for a grand total of 257.

He also threw one touchdown pass, caught another for a TD and set up the third Purdue score with a pair of pass re- ceptions.

KEYS HAD help from sophomore quarterback Mike Phipps, who clicked on nine passes as all totaled the Boilermakers made 467 yards at the expense of the Spartans, who suffered their seventh defeat of the season.

Michigan got a sparkling effort out of quarterback Dennis Brown in blasting Wisconsin. Brown ran 44 yards for Michigan's first touchdown, passed 60 and 31 yards for two more and set up a fourth score with a 27-yard punt.

Haliback Ron Johnson turned in another fine effort for the Wolverines, now 3-3 in the Big Ten, with only Ohio State remaining at Ann Arbor Saturday.

Michigan State, 2-4 in the conference, winds up at home Saturday against Northwestern.

Illinois won over Northwestern, 27-21, Saturday.

Ohio State turned back Iowa,



RETURNING LETTERMEN go over plans for the coming basketball season with new Coach Ralph Tweddle, as they get ready for the start of the new campaign. The trio includes: (from left) Larry Novell, Bryan Kent and Bob Duman.

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Ohio State	3	3	0
Michigan State	2	4	0
Wisconsin	2	4	0
Illinois	2	4	0
Northwestern	2	4	0
Iowa	1	5	0
Nebraska	1	5	0
Minnesota	1	5	0
Southwestern	1	5	0

Clarenceville Builds!

The story is the same—both in swimming and basketball—at Clarenceville High this winter.

Rebuilding is the word.

Ralph Tweddle who has made his debut as basketball coach, finds himself with only three lettermen, none of whom played too much a year ago.

Swimming coach Gordie Larson has a squad which includes no seniors.

"We'll be small and we'll be inexperienced," declared Tweddle who handled Clarenceville in football this past fall.

THE BIG MAN of the team is Larry Novell, who stands six feet, four inches.

Larry played some last year as did Bob Duman, a guard, and Brian Kent, a forward-guard.

The rest of the squad will be new faces, among them Cary Rifkin, a 5-11 forward, and Dave Brandemihl, fresh from the Trojans' football team. Dave also stands 5-11.

IN THE SWIMMING pool, Coach Larson is working with juniors and sophomores, very few of whom have had much experience in varsity competition.

"We face an uphill job in swimming at Clarenceville," said Larson. "We're just getting a junior high program started and we hope to begin a lower-age program next summer."

"We are only in our second year of scheduled swimming on a varsity level, and it's a pretty rough thing considering that so few of our boys ever swam before under a competitive situation."

"Sure, they knew how to swim out at Kensington or in a pool, but it's not the same way as swimming in meets against other rivals."

ONE STANDOUT candidate for the varsity is Felix Cukerman, a foreign exchange student from Uruguay. He should score some points in the breast stroke.

Sophomores Jeff Hecker and Mike Ireland stand out in the free-style, while Ken Daylis, a junior, stands out among the breast stroke group. In diving, there are Frank Dark and Rick Frederick.

Chief casualty among the swimmers is Russ Hoffman, who won state honors last year in the breast stroke.

In contrast to the problems of rebuilding faced by the basketball and swimming teams, the gymnastic and wrestling teams at Clarenceville appear in pretty good shape.

Especially gymnastics under Coach Chuck Thompson.

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10 Seniors Honored On Observer Squad

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and year on the All Northwest Suburban League at center, second year All Suburban on the Detroit News team ... Also honored by Observer a year ago ... Versatile player who could adjust to any situation on the co-league champs ... When it was required he played "nose to nose," he did ... Switched to other key defensive roles as the situation demanded ... Called "the real leader" by coach Bob Bentley ... It's the same way in the classroom where he has been a class officer since his junior high days ... On the grid he has fine instincts and is able to read the play well and in a hurry ... Good bet for college.

QUARTERBACK NORM DE COURCY, North Farmington: Perhaps the best passer among the state's prep this season. Connected on 13 touchdowns passes during the season, with at least half of them going for 50 yards or more ... Accounted for over 1,000 yards with his tosses ... Also ran for three touchdowns ... as he averaged over 60 yards per carry ... "Would have run more for us," said Coach Ron Holland, "except that we geared our attack around passing, and Norm was the best around these parts" ... Big and strong ... excellent signal caller and leader ... Two years on the varsity ... It's a cinch he'll go on to make a name for himself in college.

TOM ELIAS, Plymouth: Generally acclaimed as the finest running back in Observerland ... A true standout on a team which has its problems winning all season ... Nonetheless was picked on the All Suburban League team ... Averaged 100

Prep Clinic Is Set For Dec. 16

Coaches of area high school basketball teams are invited to attend the annual Detroit Pistons basketball clinic at Cobo Arena, Dec. 16.

The clinic, which will feature members of the Pistons and the Cincinnati Royals, also will attract coach Dave Strack of the University of Michigan.

Each high school is permitted 12 free tickets for the clinic and the game that follows between the Pistons and Royals. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$1 each.

The clinic will start at 6 p.m., the game at 8 p.m.

A PLUS

The Toledo Mud Hens, Detroit's Class AAA farm club, won the International League playoffs in 1967 after finishing third during the regular season.

MISSED OUT

Tony Cucinello, Tiger third-base coach, played in the major leagues for 15 years without ever appearing in a World Series.

AFL

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New York	10	3	0	.769
Houston	9	4	0	.692
San Diego	8	5	0	.615
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538
Miami	6	7	0	.462

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Oakland	8	5	0	.615
San Francisco	7	6	0	.538
Denver	6	7	0	.462
San Diego	5	8	0	.385
Los Angeles	4	9	0	.308

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