The Spartans have reached the crossroads.
Before them stretch the hopes of a winning season, a high finish in the Big Ten race—evens the state championship of Indiana.
Half of MSU's remaining foes are from the state of Indiana (Indiana, Purdue, and Notre Dame) so the Spartans should become a household word in Hoosierland before the end of the season.
Spartan fans realize that Saturday's contest with the Indiana Hoosiers may determine the fate of the squad for the rest of the season.

With a win, loss, and tie in three games, MSU has reached the point when it's time to go either up or down.
There are still six contests remaining on the schedule and five are Big Ten games. The other is a non-conference tilt with Notre Dame which will do nothing to alleviate the tension of intra-season competition.

With the Big Ten race wide-open this year, each one of the remaining five conference outings promises to be crucial.
After the Indiana game, Northwestern, a pre-season Big Ten favorite will be the MSU opposition. MSU has lost the game following the Indiana contest for the past five years.
There will be no relief for the rest of the campaign with Wisconsin, Purdue, Notre Dame, and Illinois supplying the opposition.
The Spartans will cope with the situation with a team plagued by injuries that have been partially offset with some pleasant surprises.

The fate of the Spartans may well rest in the hands of injured performers Dewey Lincoln, Ron Ruback, Steve Mellinger, Don Japinga, and Matt Sarton.
It will also hinge on the ability of Steve Juday, Harry Amman, Roger Lopes, and Dick Gordon, who have come out of nowhere to aid the MSU cause so far this season.

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Team Spirit Better Than Ever

By PHIL PEARSON
State News Sports Writer

"Who ever we play this year, they will know they have been in a ball game when it's over."

Such were the words of veteran gridder Earl Lattimer, in describing the Spartan's noticeable team spirit this year.

"No one feels we have any son," he added.

As a veteran with two previous year's experience, Lattimer was able to offer a comparison of the present Spartan team with the past two squads.

"Potentially, we probably had a better team last year, but this team has definitely more hustle and spirit and I think we will do better because of it.

"We all want to win as a team and not for any individual recognition we might receive.

"I've been playing football since I was eight years old and this is the second team I've really been proud of."

Lattimer had high words of praise for several of his teammates as being some of the leaders of the Spartan spirit.

"John Karpinski, Dev Underwood and Sherman Lewis are the ones who make good football teams."

Lattimer is one of the most versatile members on the squad. In his year at MSU, he played halfback, fullback, guard, tackle and linebacker.

"If I could prove myself and had the ability, I would like to play halfback, because everyone likes to get their hands on the football once in a while," he said.

It was in the backfield in high school that Lattimer won his recognition. He lettered three years and was all-city in Dallas every one of those seasons. For the last two years he was picked on the Texas all-state team.

Lattimer continued that the season did not end with the Michigan game. "This year there is no big game, with this team we are taking each game at a time with Indiana this week and Northwestern the next."

If given the opportunity, Lattimer would like to play halfback.

"I would naturally like to play in Dallas since that is my home-town, but first I want to finish this season with a winning record."

Lattimer (76) in Saturday action

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has been a sorrowful tale of misery and hard luck. The Hoosiers have had only one winning season during the past 15 years and opponents have often looked on at Spartan Stadium without the desire to return. This season the Hoosiers have dropped their first three contests, but have been in contention until late in the game. Hope was high that Indiana would be able to play a "spoiler" role for the remainder of the season, but even that remains doubtful with Mary Woodson on the sidelines. Woodson led the Indiana team in scoring during his sophomore and junior years and made All-Big Ten holdback last season. He was headed in the same direction this year until he was the victim of a knee injury against Iowa last week and was forced to take an indefinite respite from action. Woodson's absence may encourage the Hoosiers to increase the use of their strong air attack. Quarterback Dick Edlar completed 20 of 29 passes in the Hoosiers' 37-26 loss to Iowa and has hit on 25 of 35 attempts in the first three games. His favorite receiver has been sophomore Bill Malinchant who has hauled in a dozen passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns.

Indiana has gone to the air several times, but their opponents have shadowed the Hoosiers with the same weapon. Ohio State, Northwestern, and Iowa took to the air route after finding it difficult to penetrate the Hoosiers' forward wall. The respected Indiana line boasts Ralph Twells and Bob Gergely at the tackles, Dan Crottscheck and Marian Franke at the guard positions and Joe Grabish at center.

MSU's air attack has been one of the weakest in the Big Ten. That fact could be the equalizer in the Spartans' forthcoming battle with the Cream and Crimson.

**Undelected Harrier Team**

**Hosts Penn State's Lions**

The cross country spotlight will fall on the Michigan State campus tomorrow, when the Spartans take on Penn State's strong Nittany Lions in an inter-sectional showdown. The Harriers will be out for revenge after a last season's lolling handed them by Penn State.

Forrest Aker will be the scene of the dual meet, which starts at 11 a.m. It will be the last chance to get a look at the Spartan barriers until they host the NCAA tournament Nov. 25. The performance of the Nittany Lions will be watched closely by cross country coach Frank Dittrich. Penn State looks as a top power in the east and along with Manhattan, Villanova, Notre Dame, who are considered top contenders for the NCAA championship. State, runner-up to Villanova last year's IC4A meet, will be out to move up to the top rank this season.

Dick Starkey, who took individual honors in the Wisconsin win last week, will once again be the chief threat for first place. Jan Bowen, who improves with every meet, could provide Starkey with his most serious challenge.

Rick Zemper, Mike Kanes and Ron Ferry, all of whom placed in last week's win, should provide Dittrich with added running punch.

Rounding out the squad in Captain Bob Flicker, Jack Amile, Mike Martens and Ray Fletcher.

The Nittany Lions have won in their first two outings, routing Pittsburgh 19-9 in their opener, but losing to Cornell last Saturday 25-30.

**Teams Try For Brass Spittoon**

The football series with Indiana dates back to 1922 when the Hoosiers nipped MSU 14-6, although the game did not become an annual affair until 1950 with the introduction of the "Old Brass Spittoon."

The trophy was initiated by the junior and senior classes and the student council of State and was accepted by the Indiana University Student Senate. The epitaph came from one of Michigan's oldest trading posts and is believed to be over 100 years old.

Since the trophy's initiation, the Hoosiers have been able to win only one game while the Spartans have roused off 12 victories.

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Spartan Coach Carilloat

Football players are in better physical condition today than they were ten years ago. These are the feelings of Spartan defensive secondary coach Vince Carilloat. "Players are much smarter today, too," he added. He said this is a result of more rigid college entrance requirements.

The New York born, former East Lansing High football coach, said he thinks that the basis of a good college grid team is recruiting. Carilloat said that today, "even in the Ivy League, recruiters are fighting over good football talent. "It used to be that we only had to recruit against Michigan, but now we run into competition from Notre Dame, Yale, Illinois, Iowa, Northwestern and Alabama." Carilloat commented.

When asked why there are so few undefeated teams remaining after only 4 weeks, he replied that it all goes back to recruiting. "The teams are better overall because of stronger recruiting." He added that the three key states for getting football players are Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. "We can't get all the good players anymore," he said. "There is too much competition from the other schools." When asked if there was any reason for the recent trend in outstanding college quarterbacks, he said that it is the type of defense which makes a quarterback great. "About two years ago every team seemed to have a great fullback. The offense was 'four yards and a cloud of dust.' The defense geared itself for the offense. The offense changed to a more wide open game and so the quarterbacks play a prominent role."

Carilloat is completely against the new substitution rule. He is strongly in favor of free substitution. "The game is for the players," he said. "The more players you can get to participate the better it is for the players. The substitution rule is not enjoyable to the players, coaches or to the spectators."

He added that 87-92% of the college coaches are in favor of the free substitution rule.

Commenting on the future of MIU football, he said "if we can recruit the best players from Michigan (75%), of the squad is from the state) we will continue to have good teams."

Carilloat, a player for State in the early 50's, said he is not sure if he could make the team according to the standards of today.

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Fuzak For Tender Cut

The Big Ten Conference took an initial step in curtailing Athletic programs' tender cut practice by passing a bill which allows 25 football tenders per year.

Action was taken at a joint meeting of Faculty Representatives and Athletic Directors with Michigan State's Faculty Representative, John Fuzak, serving as chairman. The proposal will not be final until another vote at the December meetings is taken.

Another feature of the proposal is the limiting of a certain number of tenders per sport for the year. Football will receive 30 tenders while 5 tenders are allowed in Basketball.

Big Ten schools will have a chance to bank their tenders in Football and Basketball. A school could use 5 football tenders one year and use the extra 5 the next year. Dean of Students Fuzak feels this reduction in the number is in order because "there is a definite control on the money spent by each school on their athletes."

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All season lead to a collision course today as Michigan State's undefeated soccer team winds up a way to Ohio for a clash with unbeaten Akron University.

Sparks booters, with victories under their belts can expect the toughest assignment to date. Akron, a five game winner with a home field advantage, will have to avenge last year's 6-1 overtime defeat to State.

"They have pretty much the same team which we had to go into overtime to beat," MSU Coach Gene Kenney said. "We were down 1-1 going into the fourth quarter and tied it up in the last 30 minutes of play. Akron is led by tow-time All-American Pete Mittel at inside left. According to Kenney, he's a very fine left half back who really sparked his team."

The most impressive Zip win this season was a 6-1 upset over Pitt, quarter finalist in the NCAA last year.

"We're going down there to win," said Kenney, "but we'll have to play really good ball."

"We have a few injuries which might hurt us," said MSU Coach head coach cautioned. "Gusie Charlie Deitch, innerman George James and Karl Thiele and defender George Rendon have been hindered by leg ailments."

"They've been unable to work out heavily during the week but I expect they'll be ready to go against Akron," he said.

State had to call off varsity scrimmages on account of this situation. Fundamental drills were the order of the week. Field conditions are another factor which weight uppermost in the mind of Kenney. The soccer coach cited St. Louis, where playing on a dirt field, and Cal., where the dimensions are extremely narrow as effecting State's play.

"Field conditions are a big thing, "noted Kenney." Some are in the most awful shape. We know nothing about Akron's since it's our first match at their home site."

"We can only hope for the best," he said. "But regardless, it'll take 100 percent effort from everyone to win."

The Spartans, who have tagged opponents for 27 goals in any four matches while yielding two against a rough road stall. "We have five games left," said Coach Gene Kenney, "and only three teams left undefeated in the Midwest besides us. And we will face all of them at short order."

"Akron, Indiana and St. Louis are the ones," Kenney pointed out. "We know what to expect, so it's a matter of proving we deserve the better team."

Sailing Club
In Action

Spartan sailors placed second, six points behind winning Ohio State, at the Big Ten Championship Regatta, held at Bloomington, Ind., Saturday.

Racing 14 foot Tech Dories from the Bloomington Yacht Club, in winds up to 25 m.p.h., the racing team took one first and two seconds out of 20 races, ten A division and ten B division, moving into second place after winning a seven race over racing procedures from Northwestern.

Racing equipment, Bob Morrell, Brighton senior and his crew, Don McColl; Bloomfield Hills sophomore, sailed the A division of the race course, a triangular plus an extra leg. Al Kerning, Valencia, Venezuela junior skippered B division with Chris Johnson, Flint junior, as crew.

Final scores were Ohio State 46; Michigan State 39; Indiana 36; Northwestern 34 and Wisconsin 33. Only Big Ten sailing teams who are members of the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association are eligible for this annual regatta.

This weekend the Sailing Club will send racing teams to Ohio State's Institutional Regatta to compete with Notre Dame, Marquette, Michigan, Xavier, DePauw, Ohio Western and Lawrence, and to the Wayne State J. H. Hudson Collegiate Regatta at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club in Groise Point Farms to compete with six Canadian and five other United States teams.

All members of the MSU Sailing Club with some knowledge of racing techniques are eligible to compete for positions as skippers and crews in these intersocietate meets. The club meets in the Union at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

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