'S' Defense Must Halt Explosive Illini Backs

By RICK PIANIN
State News Sports Writer

"It can't sell the players without a program" is the best resonating cry of the stadium hawker. Yet Spartan football fans may find this slogan to be more significant than a mere sales pitch when they view the Michigan State-Illinois game here at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

According to all scouting reports, the two teams are remarkably alike and perhaps the greatest distinguishing character between the two might prove to be the color of their jerseys. "Overall, Illinois is much like State," remarked Burt Smith, assistant athletic director, who scouted the Illini's first two games of the season with Oregon State and Southern Methodist University. "Such teams have strong, fast backfields with young offensive lines and defensive secondaries."

He said that Illinois Coach Pete Elliott would probably go with at least eight or nine sophomores in his lineup.

"The Illini made a lot of 'sophomore mistakes' in their first ball game, when they lost to Oregon State, 14-12, but they were much improved last weekend, winning 42-0," continued Smith. "They mean they've only allowed two touchdowns in two games. You can't know they'll be tough."

Spartans were also guilty of "sophomore mistakes", mostly on the defense, in their season opener against UCLA, but their errors were not so costly, as they pulled out a third victory.

"It was a tense convincing the following weekend, however, as they pulled off a stunning 23-0 upset over Penn State.

State possesses a powerful and rugged ground attack, thanks to the services of All-American fullback Jim Grabowski, and halfbacks Cyril Pinder and Tom Price. According to Henry Bullough, assistant coach to Head Coach Duffy Daugherty, Illinois has the biggest and fastest backfield to come along in many years.

Grabowski is the workhorse of the backfield, having carried the ball 35 times this season — the same number as the combined efforts of Price and Pinder. Grabowski averaged 9.1 yards per carry against the SMU Mustangs, and has netted 202 yards thus far this season.

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With State’s griddiers playing as sharp as they have in several years, another aspect of Spartan football games, the ‘Block S’ card section, will take on a new look.

The MSU card section will combine a new sound system, ‘computerized’ instructions and flashy new cards into a “better, more versatile show,” said Spartan Spirit Director Glen Harmon. ‘Block S’ is under the direction of Harmon and Tom Carmen.

Block S is open to all students who wish to help perform synchronized displays with colored cards at MSU football games. This organization puts on halftime and pre-game shows from its location in the north end of Spartan Stadium.

Block S is limited to 1,000 students, who exchange their season-grid ticket card for a Block S pass. Members are admitted to the stadium through a marked gate, avoiding the tedious waiting in line to acquire individual game tickets.

This year’s members may take in the Michigan-Michigan State game at Ann Arbor for $8. The $8 pays for the game ticket, transportation, lunch and “Go Spartans” button. Block S will perform at the Michigan game.

There are no practice sessions, but members are requested to be in their seats half hour before game time for final instructions and a pre-game show.

In order to utilize their special innovations fully, the card section will coordinate routines with the MSU marching band and also attempt several “moving stunts.”

Students wishing to join Block S may pick up their Block S pass today at Ticket Booth 5, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 6 to 10 p.m., or in 325 Student Services Building between 8 and 5.

Another Spartan Spirit organization, the “Spartan Helots,” is recruiting members. The Helots compose Michigan State’s pep club. Anyone desiring membership may join in 325 Student Services Building or by contacting any Helot member.

Block S and the Spartan Helots are branches of “Spartan Spirit,” the school spirit organization of ASMSU.

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Opponent Outlook

Ed. note: Each Friday and Monday, the State News sports staff will take a special look at the team remaining on the Spartan football schedule, featuring the latest news and results from the Big Ten.

MICHIGAN

The Wolverines have run up two straight victories this season, but have hardly been impressive in ousting North Carolina, 31-24, and California, 10-7.

Numerous fumbles and interceptions must be corrected in a hurry before some team takes advantage of Michigan's mistakes. Georgia, unbeaten so far and ranked just below the top 10 in both wire service polls, moves into Ann Arbor Saturday in a top intersectional clash.

Soph Rick Vidmar and senior Wally Gabler have split the signal calling chores for Elliott so far, but neither has been too impressive.

Veteran backs Carl Ward, Rick Sygar, Dave Fisher and Jim Detwhiler have displayed the same running form as last season.

Detwhiler, who sat out the California game with an injury, may be ready for Georgia, along with defensive starter Barry Delmar.

OHIO STATE

Ohio State still has its familiar ground game, but passing has become more prevalent. The Buckeyes have now faltered through 17 consecutive quarters without as much as scoring a touchdown. Last week Woody Hayes' boys lost to heralded North Carolina, 14-3. Even though Hayes called non-conference games "exhibitions", his team didn't exhibit much.

Quarterback Don Conterstone, a two-year regular for Ohio State, unlaunched an unheard total of 36 passes against North Carol-

PURDUE

Currently ranked No. 1 in the nation, Purdue must face Michigan and Michigan State two weeks in succession in mid-October, in games which could well decide the conference championship.

A powerhouse both on offense and defense, Purdue earned the top spot in the weekly polls by knocking off previously top-ranked Notre Dame last week in a last-minute thriller. The upset now has pushed the Boilermakers into the favorite role in the Big Ten race.

Bob Gries, junior quarterback, spearheaded the Irish whipping, as he missed on only three of 22 passes. He threw three touchdown passes. Gries' favorite targets are veteran receiver Bob Hadrick and sophomore Jim Bierer, both first-class pass receivers.

The ground game is no less impressive with Gordon Teter and Randy Minniear returning. This twosome combined for 1,086 yards last season.

Purdue's journey to Southern Methodist this weekend for an easy game. Tackle Mike Barnes will miss the SMU game.

NORTHWESTERN

The Wildcats seemingly faced a rebuilding year this season, but right now they're in first place in the Big Ten. Northwestern shutout Indiana, 20-0, last week in the conference's only meeting so far. Florida tripped the Wildcats, 24-14, previously.

Speedy halfback Ron Rector led the assault against Indiana, picking up 151 yards rushing and tallying two scores. He is averaging 5.7 yards per carry this year and is second in the Big Ten in scoring with 14 points.

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Grid Facts & Figures

On Illini Rivalry

Michigan State plays host to Illinois Saturday at Spartan Stadium in the Big Ten opener for both teams. Spotlight of the game and series is blank.

...illinois will be back at East Lansing for the first time since the dramatic 1957 game that saw the Illini win their fourth consecutive league title and trip to the Rose Bowl. The game was played Thanksgiving Day after being postponed because of the death of President John F. Kennedy.

...The Spartans will be seeking to end a drought that has seen them unable to score against Illinois in 37 quarters of play.

...Defy Daugherty-coached State teams have been marked three times—13-0 in 1952, 21-0 in 1963 and 24-0 in 1964.

...State will be facing a Illini backfield that includes the companysomes of the Illini's running game. The team has run for 388 yards and scored on a 2-yard sprint in the 1963 game. Last year, the Illini piled up 115 yards in 21 carries and tallied six on a 2-yard sprint.

...Defy Daugherty and Pete Elliott will be coaching foes for the ninth time. Daugherty has been with the Illinois' coaching staff since 1953, and Elliott's Illini elevens have won three of those times—16-0 in 1958, 13-0 in 1963 and 16-0 in 1964.

Spartan Football

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Bullough also praised Illini quarterback Fred Custuado for his excellent passing and "mature" leadership. Custuado has completed 22 of 36 passes for a 245 yards and four touchdowns in the first two games.

The leading Illini receiver is sophomore split end John Wright, who scored two touchdowns and caught six passes against SMU, which brought his season mark to eight catches for 186 yards.

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...State and Illinois first met in 1938, with the Illini now the over-all series leader with five games won to three for MSU.

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...The Illini had the upper hand in the 1965 meeting, which was a 9-7 victory for them.

Spartan-Marchers Also B-H Ave

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**Apisa 'Leis' It On The Line**

Bob Apisa, to borrow some prose from a poet laureate of sorts, "floats like a butterfly and stings like a bee." On his second carry as a Spartan, the 6-1, 212-pound Hawaiian native barrelled through the middle of the UCLA defensive line, shrugged off several would-be tacklers and skipped happily into the end zone on 21-yard touchdown cruise. Apisa didn't let up on the Bruins that Saturday, until he had ripped for 99 yards in 13 carries, not a bad opening day performance for a sophomore.

Duffy took the Islander's performance in stride. "If he keeps improving, he'll be a good back some day," said Daugherty afterwards. A week later Apisa was showing his stuff before a full-house at Penn State. Another 'luau' was the order of the day for the fullback. He bulled his way for 76 yards, including another touchdown jaunt, this one for 35 yards.

Apisa was steered here by Tommy Kuaulukukui, a kind of Hawaiian Eye for Spartan football talent on the islands. "I narrowed my choice down to Southern California, Oregon State and Michigan State," he said. "But when I visited the campus and got acquainted with Duffy, I knew I'd come here."

Coach Daugherty has been alternating Apisa with senior Eddie Cotton, and Cotton has responded with two top performances. Cotton is a rugged blocker, something Daugherty wants Apisa to warm up to.

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**WHO-O-O**

**Michigan State Marching Band**

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Can Sharky, Harriers Pass 1st Test?

By JOE MITCHE

State News Sports Writer

Even though State's cross-country coach, Frank Dittrich, feels more like a chemist studying an experiment, he's come up with an idea for his runners to win the Big Ten championship.

Dittrich has split the runners into cross-country and track teams and is looking at a six-man relay race of the first six cross-country runners. This is an idea that was used by the track team last year and may be the solution to the Harrier's problem.

With an eye on regaining the Big Ten championship—something that Dittrich's teams have lost only twice since he assumed the cross-country and track reins from Karl Schlademan in 1958—Dittrich will experiment with a diversified line-up Saturday, including two runners who were on the injured list last year. Even after a year's layoff from cross-country are seniors Dick Sharkey and Keith Coates. Their absences during the 1964 campaign were prime reasons why the Harriers slipped from third to second in the Big Ten and completely out of contention in the NCAA and IC4A meets.

On paper Indiana appears weak with John Humphrey, a junior and captain, likely to give Sharkey and Coates their best competition. Dittrich is counting on Sharky to take up where he left off as a sophomore when he took All-American honors with a runner-up performance in the Big Ten and 10th place finish in the NCAA. Only time will tell, however, if his best can withstand the pressure of a four-mile course.

The Harriers, who were beaten by State last year 10-12, will have six runners on hand to give Coates his first varsity competition. Coates, a native from Sarnia, Ont., is expected to slow down into a good long-distance runner due to his Big Ten Indoor and outdoor mile championships in '65. With only 10 days practice, Dittrich's harriers will not be at full strength (it should take another four weeks for that), Dittrich believes, but the Spartan mentor is going all out in order to find the best lineup for the tougher teams on the schedule like Minnesota, Western Michigan and Notre Dame.
C am pbell and Bob M cKelvey have top performance to stop Notre Dame, respectively. Quarterback Dave Milam rounds out the Northwestern backfield. Michigan State has won six games in a row from Northwestern, including a 24-18 win last year.

IOWA

Pasing the name of the game at Iowa is potential All-American Gary Snook is back along with his favorite targets, Karl Noonan and Rich O'Hara. The Hawks, picked by many as the darkhorse in the Big Ten this season, have been inconsistent so far, beating Oregon, 27-7, after being shutout by Washington State, 7-0. Snook set the conference passing record last year, while pacing the league in total offense. He was third nationally in passing yards, including 10 touchdowns. The Spartans-Iowa game will be carried on regional television.

INDIANA

Inexperience is the word for Indiana, and it looks like a long year for its new coach, John Pont. Pont and Indiana started out on the right foot by stopping Kansas State, 19-7, but got crossed up against Northwestern last week.

Coach Pont has a young team. Twelve of the team's 22 starters are sophomores. Only the backfield list much experience. Quarterback Frank Stavroff, halfback John Ginter and flanker Bill Malinchak are all top hands. The Hoosiers' most seasoned regular tomorrow.

NOTRE DAME

The Fighting Irish look to be very powerful again this year despite last week's upset loss to Purdue, 25-21. Expected to hurt Notre Dame offensively this season is the absence of an adequate passing attack. Senior Bill Zielik has replaced graduated Heisman Trophy winner John Huarte, but isn't a quality passer.

The running game is something to behold at Notre Dame. Fullback Bill Walsh and Nick Carty have been the big two. They have taken up where they left off last year. All three are averaging better than 5 yards a crack this season.

Injuries have plagued Notre Dame somewhat this year. Defenders and All American receiver Tom Tabak will probably be held out of tomorrow's Northwestern game because of injury.
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