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MSU vs. Notre Dame!
These two football teams, backed with all their long and famous traditions, will clash again Saturday in the latest game of MSU's oldest series.

Since 1897, when Michigan Agricultural College took its place on Notre Dame's schedule alongside such football "powers" as Rush Medical School, Chicago Dental Surgery and St. Viator, the teams have played 33 hard-fought football games.

Although the game has changed greatly since the days when a touchdown counted four points and a field goal counted five, this rivalry has retained its same high quality. A sellout for each game is virtually assured.

M.A.C. had a rough time in the early years of the series. Notre Dame won the first game 34-6 on a Thanksgiving Day and went on to win the first eight games.

However, the first time that the game was played on the Aggies home field in 1910, the Aggies won. Things could have been worse in those days, though. In 1905, when the Irish demolished American Medical 142-0, M.A.C. only lost 28-0.

In 1920, the Spartans were the only team on Notre Dame's schedule that did not have to face George Gipp, one of the most revered Notre Dame traditions. Contrasted a fatal illness less than a week before the game.

The loss of Gipp couldn't stop the Irish, however, who defeated the Spartans in East Lansing 25-0.

In 1921, a Knute Rockne-coached team ran up 48 points against the Spartans to close out a successful 10-1 season.

In 1949, the Munn-coached Spartans in 1950 dropped Notre Dame on the Irish's home and 36-24. Munn called the Spartans' first modern win over the Irish the most exciting football game that he had ever seen.

There are always many statistics to quote concerning the two teams. In the overall series, the Fighting Irish have won 18 games, the Spartans have won 14, and there has been one tie. That now famous tie occurred in 1966 in the "Poll Bowl.

Both teams were undefeated and battling for the national title when they met late in the season in East Lansing. The Irish were in possession late in the game and elected to let the tie stand rather than go for the score, and people have been talking about it ever since.

The vaunted Spartan defense once held Notre Dame to a total gain of 12 yards, and MSU has beaten the Irish more times than any other team except Purdue.

On the other hand, Notre Dame has defeated the Spartans more often than anyone except the University of Michigan.

Because of this great competition between the schools, the Spartans consider Notre Dame one of their best friends and schedule them in all sports.

The friendship may get tense for a few hours on Saturday, but once the game is over and tempers have cooled the friendly rivalry will be resumed once more.
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With few exceptions, the MSU football fan is a mild, accommodating soul.

For nine weeks every fall, the Spartan booster speaks highly of the opposition, agrees that the other coach is the salt of the earth and allows that anyone that cheers for the other team, while perhaps somewhat misguided, is a decent law-abiding God fearing person.

And then the Spartans play the Irish of Notre Dame.

Not even a "Go Blue" bumper sticker can cause the suspicion and mistrust that accompanies the glimpse of a Notre Dame sweatshirt.

Although Biggie Mun and Duffy Daugherty can say that their relationship with Notre Dame is strictly top drawers, Notre Dame Head Coach Ara Parseghian couldn't win a popularity contest in East Lansing with the Boston Strangler.

It didn't used to be that bad.

Granted there was little love for the Irish when it came down to athletic matters, but no less for the Irish when it came down to the subject of the University of Michigan.

That was the situation until 1966 anyway.

The now famous 10-10 tie was the end of the 1966 season for the Spartans. The green giants tried everything they knew short of digging a tunnel in an attempt to crack the Irish goal.

But the Irish, with 10-10 on the board, elected to sit it out.

While the AP sportswriters disagreed, the UPI coaches admired the Spartans' winning spirit and on Tuesday announced that the Spartans were No. 1 in the country.

But Ara held the final ace—a game with Southern California.

Although a big-name football power, the post-Mike Garrett, pre-O.J. Simpson 1966 Trojans were vastly overmatched against the Irish.

In a deadly array of offensive might, the Irish blasted the USC, leaving a trail of shattered Trojans and awed sportswriters in their wake.

The South Bend screams of "We're No. 1" emanating from South Bend the following Tuesday have never been forgotten.

Or forgotten.

Mention the "We're No. 1" Monos or the Touchdown Jesus that overlooks the stadium from the Notre Dame library and just watch the temperatures soar.

Notre Dame may be the darlings of the subway set, but Spartan fans would take the Soviet Union over the Irish if they ever met in football.

Against the Irish, the Viet Cong would be an off the board pick in East Lansing.

Anti-American, you say?

Maybe so, but I'd rather be red than root for the Irish.

By PAM BOYCE
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* Definition: Someone subjected to hardship; someone tortured by another. Someone who suffers loss of an undertaking of his own.

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Pro-like Irish invade stadium

By GARY WALKOWICZ
State News Sports Writer

For those who may be wondering, the football team that MSU meets on Saturday is not a professional team. It just looks like one.

Notre Dame renew its nonclassic rivalry with MSU in a nationally televised contest beginning at 1:35 p.m. Saturday. The Irish field is strictly the football team that Pro-like Irish invade stadium, the football team that Pro-like Irish invade stadium. MSU meets on Saturday is not a professional team, but have a high scoring offense that would make the Dallas Cowboys envious and their defensive line at least in size, can match many pro teams.

The fifth-ranked Irish go into the game as a 13-point favorite and with a 4-1 record for the season. Notre Dame's only loss was a wild 37-22 affair against Purdue while their victories have been over Oklahoma (42-21), Iowa (27-7), and Illinois 56-8.

This is as fine an offensive team as ever came out of South Bend. MSU Coach Duffy Daugherty said, "They have a great balance between their running and passing."

The Notre Dame offense has been average 524 yards per game in total offense, a figure bolstered by a team record 872 yards that the Irish gained against Illinois last week. Three Irish backs have already rushed for over 250 yards.

"Bob Gladieux is a very underrated runner," Parseghian added. "He can both elude tacklers and break tackles well. Our strong rushing game has really helped to open up our passing attack."

Halfback Gladieux leads the Irish in rushing with 200 yards and is the number two pass receiver, with 22 passes for 258 yards.

Jeff Zimmerman and Ron Dushney split the fullback duties. Zimmerman has gained 223 yards and Dushney has 258 yards and 4.8 yards per carry average.

Although split end Jim Seymour with 25 catches this year is the No. 1 target for quarterback John Stoll said, "They'll give us a tough battle."

The biggest Irishmen of them all is left tackle Mike McCoy, a junior All-American candidate, who stands 6'5" and weighs 275 pounds. Bob Kuechenberg (245), Eric Norris (225) and Chuck Lourck (245) round out the front four.

The Irish linebacking corps averages a hefty 221 pounds and is headed by Bob Olson, another candidate for post-season honors.

In the defensive backfield are John Gasser, Chuck Zloch, and Don Reid. "Notre Dame's deep backs are young, but they're well-coached," MSU End Coach Cal Stoll said. "They'll give us a

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**FOREMAN SOURS FOES**

'Sweet' a treat for 'S' passes

By GARY WALKOWICZ

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When 'Sweet' is on the ball, things are apt to go sour for MSU's football opponents.

'Sweet' is Frank Foreman, the Spartan end, who gave fans a good reason to get excited about this year's team.

What's happened to Purdue? Or has the Boilermaker alumni's favorite coach, Fat Jack Mollenkopf, once again demonstrated his inability to win the big game.

Following the Boilermaker's defeat by Ohio State, Purdue went flat last week and narrowly got by Wake Forest. Leroy Keyes fumbled six times—a figure that would even be impressive on a team with an inferior offensive line.

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The Spartans attempt to put together everything they've done so far against Notre Dame. The Irish are big offensively and have size in the defensive forward wall. The secondary, however, could fall to the rapidly improving Hawgs.

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**FOOTBALL FORECAST**

This Week's Schedule:

MSU vs Notre Dame
Michigan vs Minnesota
California vs Syracuse
Indiana vs Arizona
Iowa vs Purdue
Ohio State vs Illinois
Mississippi vs Houston
Texas Tech vs So. Methodist
Standard vs UCLA
Georgia vs Kentucky

Guest Prediction By:

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Last Week's Results: College Life 6-4, W. Fee 8-2, E. Akers 7-3. The Big Ten came in dead last in the predictions—but they still rate a lively "first" in Insomniacs.

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Booters on road Saturday, meet arch-rival St. Louis

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The Spartan soccer team travels to St. Louis this weekend to meet the Billikens in what could be one of the best games of this collegiate soccer season.

The Spartans, 7-1, and the Billikens, 7-0, are the 1967 NCAA co-champions in soccer after battling in a heavy rain for one half of last year's tournament game.

The Spartans will have their work cut out for them when they face the Missouri team which has won five national titles and shared one since they started playing soccer in 1959. MSU has one win, four ties and six losses with the Billikens.

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The Spartans go into the meet as definite Big Ten title contenders with a 4-0 dual record, but perennially powerful Western Michigan is favored for top honors in the meet.

Coach George Dales Broncos took second in a 17-team Notre Dame Invitational two weeks back without the services of Mike Hazilla, one of the better long distance runners in the U.S. Gibbard expects Eastern Michigan, a Spartan victim last Saturday, to improve as well as Michigan, which placed third in the Notre Dame meet.

The distance for the race will be six miles instead of the usual five, and Gibbard regards this as good. "We've got to run six miles in the nationals," he said. "So this is good preparation." Gibbard did not predict his team's possible chances of victory. With sophomores running in their first bit meet, you can never be sure what will happen," Gibbard said.

"We would hope to go there and do well and hope that our fourth and fifth men can run up,"

Individual favorites in the meet should be Hazilla of Western. Ken Leonowicz, Kim Hartman and Roger Merchant of MSU. Steve Bishop of Michigan and Chris Abbuhl of Eastern.

Hazilla was the 1967 winner while Bishop and Merchant followed in second and third. Leonowicz was ninth. Leonowicz has been the Spartans' most consistent runner this far, with a best of 24:55.8 on the MSU five-mile course. Hartman, a winner last week against Minnesota and Eastern in the course and varsity record time of 24:48.8, could also make a run for the top spot.

Merchant has progressed well in workouts, Gibbard said, and could be ready for an up-front effort Saturday.

Gibbard will count on sophomores John Mock and Dan Simeck, fourth and fifth men last week, to stay up longer and improve the Spartan split on five runners.

Five freshmen—Dave Dieters, Bruce Cavender, Tom Silvia, Ted Shierk and Brian Kent—will also run in the four mile college and open division of the meet.

MSU's next home meet will be Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. against Central Michigan. The following Saturday, the Spartans return to the big-time when Miami of Ohio, a regional cross country power over the last decade, invades the Spartan course.
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