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Michigan State — Offensive lineups — Notre Dame

86 AL BRENNER 6-2, 196, So. 21 passes caught for 349 yards and one TD. A dependable receiver with great hands and shifty moves. Former halfback who is counted on for third down catches. Also returns punts. 19 runbacks for 264 yards and one TD -- 95 yard effort against Illinois.

79 JOE PRZYBYCKI 6-1, 239, Jr. One of strongest men on team. Steady blocker on power plays and traps run to his side. Biggest man on offensive line.

67 TONY CONTI 5-10, 219, Jr. Versatile performer, who never played offensive guard until fall practice. Took over for Norm Jenkins. Rugged and quick, though small.

52 LARRY SMITH 6-1, 194, Jr. Took over position from Ron Ranieri, when Ranieri was hurt at start of fall practice. Held his job with good straight ahead blocking. Again, small, but quick.

68 DAVE TECHLIN 5-11, 201, Jr. Alternated at tackle last year with Przybycki. The pulling guard, who leads the outside runs and sweeps. At 201, another small but quick lineman.

77 JERRY WEST 5-11, 214, Sr. Most dependable blocker on the offensive line. Steady performer, who has key blocks on most of Apisa's plays. Will switch to opposite side, when line is unbalanced.

84 GENE WASHINGTON 6-3, 219, Sr. 22 passes received for 554 yards and seven TD's. Possesses amazing average of 25.1 yards per reception. Has it all, great size, speed, and moves. Holds all MSU pass-catching records, and five Big Ten and NCAA hurdles titles. Could be the best all-around end in the nation.

16 JIMMY RAYE 5-10, 172, Jr. Passing: 55 completions in 103 attempts, six interceptions and 10 TD's. Running: 101 carries for 361 yards and 5 TD's. A great runner and scrambler who has shown he can throw. Accurate long and short, but would still rather keep the ball than let it loose.

34 DWIGHT LEE 6-2, 192, Jr. Rushing: 58 carries for 288 yards and two TD's. Receiving: 6 passes caught for 42 yards and one TD. Powerful runner and blocker, with great starting speed. Runs in Jones' shadow, but has been used in key situations. Leading rusher in Notre Dame game last year, when he carried 26 times for 85 yards.

26 CLINTON JONES 6-0, 201, Sr. Rushing: 149 carries for 771 yards and six TD's. Receiving: six catches for 85 yards. Team co-captain. One of the truly great halfbacks, with great speed, size, power, and finesse. Can go all the way with one opening any time. Used a great deal up the middle this year, after opponents stopped his outside sweeps.

45 BOB APISA 6-1, 218, Jr. Rushing: 84 carries for 444 yards and eight TD's. Receiving: five passes for 29 yards and one TD. Has fantastic speed and drive for a fullback, when he is running right. But has been bothered by recurring knee injuries. Can run through broken field or to the outside--but knee is still questionable.

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85 JIM SEYMOUR 6-4, 205, So. 37 catches for 712 yards, six TD's. Will split to either side of the line. Missed three games this year due to leg injury. Great speed, size, and moves. One of the great deep receivers in college football. Cannot be covered man-to-man.

71 PAUL SEILER 6-3, 235, Sr. The surprise of the offensive line. A sub in 1965, he has developed into the best offensive tackle on the squad. Strong on straight ahead blocking.

76 TOM REGNER 6-2, 225, Sr. Right now being compared to the great offensive guards in history. 90 per cent of short yardage situations will be run over him. With Goeddeke forms one of the strong center-guard combinations of all time.

54 GEORGE GOEDDEKE 6-3, 288 Sr. The unsung hero of the offensive line. Pros have been watching him since his sophomore year. Can handle a man of any size.

59 DICK SWATLAND 6-2, 225, Sr. The puller. Has more speed than Regner. Good at banging out the linebackers. He is the key to the outside running attack.

75 BOB KUECHENBERG 6-2, 225, So. Strong blocker, but the weakest link in the offensive line. Soph who started when Rudy Konieczny was injured this year. Has strength, but is inexperienced.

80 DON GMITTER 6-2, 210, Sr. Typical pro-style tight end, plays like a third tackle in the line. Has caught two passes for 32 yards.

5 TERRY HANRATTY 6-1, 190 So. Passing: 77 for 143, 10 interceptions, 1221 yards, 8 TD's. Rushing: 48 carries for 112 yards and five TD's. Said to be wild under pressure. Has a tendency to count heavier on deep receivers, and play for the home run bomb rather than execute a planned passing attack.

47 NICK EDDY 6-0, 195, Sr. 67 carries for 498 yards and seven TD's, average of 7.4 per carry. Great speed, the breakaway runner on the team. Has been bothered by multiple injuries this season to knee and shoulder. Given one block he can go all the way.

28 BOB "ROCKY" BLEIER 5-11, 185, Jr. Rushing: 50 carries for 229 yards and four TD's. Receiving: 14 catches for 193 yards, one TD. Flanked 75 per cent of the time. Has great speed and is a fine receiver. Runs well to the outside.

32 LARRY CONJAR 6-0, 212, Sr. Rushing: 82 carries for 427 yards and six TD's, average of 5.2 per carry. Average speed for a fullback, but a good, strong tackle runner.

Michigan State — Defensive lineups — Notre Dame

95 BUBBA SMITH 6-7, 283, Sr. Enormous physical specimen who can overpower blockers. Opponents have not run at him, and he might be tested early by Notre Dame. Puts pressure on the passer well, and has great speed for a big man.

61 CHARLES BAILEY 6-0, 208, So. Small, but quick and fast. A good pass rusher and solid tackler. Leads the defensive line in tackles.

55 PAT GALLINAGH 5-10, 214, Sr. Smart, tough player. Another good pass rusher, with quick reactions. The big rah-rah player on the team.

57 JEFF RICHARDSON 6-2, 253, Sr. One of most improved players from 1965 team. Extremely strong and fast. Was Big Ten heavy-weight wrestling champ as a sophomore, and finished second in 1965. Has caught running backs from behind several times.

72 NICK JORDAN 6-1, 228, Jr. Another inexperienced player who has turned in solid performance on defensive line. Was hurt in sophomore year, and is playing first full year of ball.

36 PHIL HOAG 6-0, 208, Sr. Very small for a defensive end, but strong and quick. Most sweeps and wide runs will be to his side. Underrated performer who holds down the right side of the line.

41 CHARLIE THORNHILL 5-10, 204, Sr. Great linebacker with strength, speed, and good instinct. Crunching tackler who was a high school fullback. Leading the team in tackles with 86, and with Webster forms best linebacking corps in nation.

90 GEORGE WEBSTER 6-4, 212, Sr. Co-captain of Spartans, and one of country's great defensive backs. Is probably the nation's finest all-around athlete, with size, speed, and great football sense. Sure tackler, and team's best pass defender. A true superstar--could be the number one pro draft choice.

20 JIM SUMMERS 5-9, 179, Jr. Fastest man on the squad, sprints for track team off season. Can do 9.5 in the hundred. Small but tight pass defender, who is quick and hits hard. Sometimes gets overconfident, and might cover too close.

31 STERLING ARMSTRONG 5-9, 178, Jr. Another small speedster, who stings when he hits. Pushed senior Jerry Jones out of starting role midway through season. Capable of covering receivers tight, short or deep.

38 JESS PHILLIPS 6-0, 197, Jr. Another sprinter from the track team who ranks behind only Thornhill and Webster in tackles and hard hitting. Will safety blitz a good deal, especially in prevent sets. Likely to help handle coverage on Seymour deep.

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87 TOM RHOADS 6-2, 220, Sr. Underrated star of the defense. Strong, quick and mean. He has been thrown out of two games this season.

64 PETE DURANKO 6-2, 235, Sr. Excellent speed and terrific reactions, a converted fullback. Has 64 tackles to his credit.

74 KEVIN HARDY 6-5, 270, Jr. Probably the best defensive tackle in college football. Smart student, great athlete. Top basketball player in winter. Tough pass rusher, a legitimate superstar.

81 ALAN PAGE 6-5, 238, Sr. An improved player from the 1965 season. Overpowers people, but has been blocked by backs. Has been putting on the big pass rush.

50 JOHN PERGINE 6-0, 210 Jr. Leads the team with five interceptions, and has made 78 tackles. Started the year at inside LB, but was moved to outside. Has speed, and is a good hitter.

61 JIM LYNCH 6-1, 225, Sr. Team captain. Great power and good reactions. Has instinct for diagnosing plays and is a team leader.

51 JOHN HORNEY 6-0, 210, Sr. Starter last season who had lost his job to Mike "Junior" McGill. Stepped back in when McGill was hurt. Has good quickness.

56 DAVE MARTIN 6-0, 210, Jr. The blitzier of the defensive line. A good man at putting the pressure on. Started as a sophomore in 1965, which is unusual on the Notre Dame defense.

40 TOM O'LEARY 5-10, 185, Jr. Usually covers the toughest deep receiver. Quick and smart. Has one interception, which he returned 35 yards for a TD.

25 JIM SMITHBERGER 6-1, 190, Jr. The hitter of the defensive backfield. A sure tackler who hurts people. Not outstandingly fast, but smart.

7 TOM SCHOEN 5-11, 178 Jr. A starting quarterback last year, converted to safety. Doesn't have great speed, but has terrific reactions and is a sure tackler. He will blitz once or twice a same. Also handles the punt return duties, and has returned 27 for 248 yards and one TD.

Gridiron frenzy hits peak

By ED BRILL
State News Sports Writer

There are some things in life you don't forget easily.

You don't forget it when you win a national championship, but you remember even longer when you lose one. When you go into the last game of the season undefeated, untied and unafraid; and when you come out with nothing but a bunch of press clippings and old wire service polls.

You don't forget it when the cup of honey is so close you can taste it, but somehow fate jerks it away at the last second.

Ara Parseghian remembers. So does Duffy Daugherty. And 80 football players who came so

close, but missed by miles. They all remember how sweet it almost was -- to taste that national championship they never succeeded in winning.

In 1964 Notre Dame was the best team in the nation, 9-0, leading Southern California late in the fourth quarter of their last game. Then disaster struck, one short pass, and the great were just "good," losing 20-17.

On January 1, 1966, the Michigan State Spartans, hailed by some as the greatest team in football history, fell to the mortal ranks with a 14-12 Rose Bowl hearbreaker to U.C.L.A.

Saturday they meet. They collide, the two frustrated giants, in what has been billed as the great-

est football of this, or perhaps any, decade.

Notre Dame, undefeated and untied, the top-ranked team in the country. Michigan State, winner of nine straight games and the Big Ten title, number two.

And though those two "big" losses don't show on the 1966 football ledger, you know they mean just as much as the seventeen combined wins. Neither team wants to lose a national championship again, and neither can really afford it.

"Rarely, if ever, have two teams had a better opportunity," says Duffy Daugherty, head coach of the Spartans.

THE GAME will be played at 1:30 in Spartan Stadium, and as many people as Bill Beardsley can possibly cram into the place will be looking on--some say over 80,000.

A TV audience from coast to coast and the largest press gathering ever for a football game give some indications of the frenzy that's focused on this game.

Notre Dame is both the highest scoring and least scored-against team in the major college football ranks today. They have amassed 301 points to their opponents 28 in eight games.

And Michigan State is another of those stingy, but high scoring squads. The Spartans ground defense has allowed just 47 yards a game, while the offense has rolled for an average rushing gain of 240.3.

There are tight match-ups at almost every position, but probably the key to the game lies in the success young Irish quarterback Terry Hanratty will have in throwing to sophomore end Jim Seymour.

These 'teen terrors' are long bomb specialists, hitting on seven

TD passes this season. And the MSU pass defense has been hard-pressed in recent weeks, allowing an average of 161.1 aerial yards per game.

The Fighting Irish defensive unit, which relies on an unusual 4-4 set, will present such obstacles as Kevin Hardy, Alan Page, John Pergine, and Jim Lynch to stop the Spartan attack.

Notre Dame has shut out five of its opponents, and has allowed an average offensive gain of just 175.5 yards per game.

Michigan State will throw stars such as Bubba Smith, Charlie

Thornhill, and George Webster at the Notre Dame offense.

Hanratty and Seymour have been the glamour boys of the Irish offense, but Larry Conjar and Nick Eddy as running backs, and linemen Tom Regner and George Goeddeke are big factors in the success of the air attack as well.

The Spartans will be relying on Clinton Jones to continue his great rushing form. Jones is the leading ground gainer in the game with 771 yards.

Bob Apisa, MSU fullback who

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Terry Hanratty



Jim Seymour

Parseghian feels pressure

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joe Mitch, a State News sports writer, attended Ara Parseghian's press conference at South Bend, Monday. Mitch was rebuked by the Notre Dame coach and banned from speaking to Notre Dame players for asking the question, "How do you plan to counter Michigan State's powerful defense."

By JOE MITCH

SOUTH BEND, Ind.--You could feel the tension and excitement mounting on the campus of the Notre Dame University this week as one strolled under the Irish's famed Golden Dome.

Students milled around the dormitories and classrooms, talking eagerly about Saturday's major college football battle between their No. 1 ranked Fighting Irish and No. 2 Michigan State at Spartan Stadium.

A gigantic red and white banner was strung from one residence hall to another. It said, "Duffy's Fate: Second Rate."

Another huge poster hung from a dorm behind Notre Dame's beautiful library. On it were ten

ingredients for making a national championship. No. 9 read: A SPARTAN IN A FROZEN STATE.

Everywhere people were talking of the upcoming game--students, priests, cafeteria workers, groundskeepers. Even Notre Dame's coaching staff, headed by a young, vibrant Ara Parseghian, was caught in the rapid flow of questions from newspaper reporters.

"I really can't say if this is going to be a defensive battle like it was last year," Parseghian said in answer to one reporter's question. "You never know what's going to happen in a game like this.

"But I can say this much: It's going to be one of the top college games of the year. Both are ranked high, have impressive statistics, and of course are unbeaten."

Parseghian said that he would not approach this game any differently than any other game.

"The length of the practice sessions will remain about the same," he said, "although we may shorten Tuesday's and Wednesday's some. We do this as the season progresses."

With all of the advanced build up on the game being the top collegiate football duel of the past 25 years and one that could decide the national championship



Ara Parseghian

for either team, Parseghian said he didn't expect it to affect the younger players of his team.

"We feel they have the experience after going through eight games," he said. "They indicated poise even in the Purdue game which was on national television."

Parseghian, obviously strained under the pressure to prepare his team against a hard-nosed Spartan defense and an explosive scoring attack, displayed a violent temper when asked if he has found a weak point in the Spartans' defense through watching films and receiving scouting reports.

"You don't expect me to an-

swer that, do you?" he roared. "That would be revealing our game plan."

Parseghian, instead, had praise for the Spartan defense, especially the play of All-Americans Bubba Smith, a 285-pounder at end, and George Webster, the 212-pound roverback.

"I thought last year's game was the finest defensive performance I have ever seen," Parseghian said. "Smith was putting a lot of pressure on us. But it wasn't Smith alone. He had help."

In that game, the Spartans held the Irish's awesome running attack to a total of a minus-12 yards and repeatedly threw Notre Dame's quarterback, Bill Zloch, for sizeable losses when he attempted to pass. MSU won the game, 12-3.

Parseghian said he felt the Spartans were using more variations in their defense this year than last.

"I see where they had a 6-1 front in the Indiana game," he said.

As for the Spartan offense, Parseghian said MSU has more team speed than a year ago and that its running game is just as strong.

"But the game films of the Indiana game shows errors in their running in the secondary," he said.

Parseghian called MSU's quarterback, Jimmy Raye, "one of the most underrated quarterbacks in the Big Ten."

"I don't know whoever got the idea that Michigan State has no passing attack," he said. "Raye passes exceptionally well and has good speed. They've been extremely successful with the long pass--they've been eating up big yardage."

"We consider them dangerous passingwise. And Raye will throw to anyone--Clinton Jones, Bob Apisa, as well as their ends (Gene) Washington and (Al) Brenner."

Parseghian rated Washington and Brenner as about equal, but said that both were better than MSU's tight end of last year, Jim Probestle.

Parseghian said that his team will be at fuller strength than it was in the previous three games. He has sophomore split-end Jim Seymour ready to start his second straight game after missing two weeks with an ankle sprain.

Also ready will be halfback Nick Eddy, nursing a knee bruise, Tom Regner and Tom O'Leary, both with leg bruises.

The Irish were to arrive in Lansing Friday afternoon by bus after a brief practice session at Notre Dame in the morning.

STARTERS SPEAK

Spartan seniors share sentiments

By ART KLEIN
State News Staff Writer

The starting seniors on MSU's football team have become famous during their careers here.

Their names and pictures have appeared in everything from national newspapers to local bookstores.

Their last game is approaching however, and after this they will

either become pros or their days as players are over.

What do these players feel they have gotten out of the game which has been such a large portion of their life?

Each of three players--Jerry West, Jeff Richardson and Gene Washington--has a somewhat different answer.

"The biggest thing I learned was the value of working hard

and making sacrifices to achieve the goals that I want," West said.

"Another thing I learned is the necessity to work as a member of a team," said West, who has been singled out by Coach Duffy Daugherty as the Spartans' most outstanding offensive lineman.

Richardson, a defensive lineman who was also Big 10 heavy-weight wrestling champion in his sophomore year, feels that the biggest thing he learned is how to get along with different types of people.

"There are so many different kinds of guys and when you are working closely with them as teammates you learn all about them and all about where they are from," he said.

Washington, who is a Big 10 hurdles champion as well as an All-American end, feels that the most lasting thing he has learned in football is to value close friendships.

All three of the players felt that there is a very close relationship between the difficulties a player runs into on the playing field and the problems he is forced to face in his daily life.

As Richardson put it, "When you are behind and you go into the locker room at the half knowing that you haven't played as well as you should have, you realize that you have to ignore the first half. You have to consider the score 0-0 and then go out in the second half and play to win."

Washington said, "There is no real difference between working with the other members of a football team and working with other employees in a company.

In each case you work as a team or you falter."

When asked whether or not all the work and sacrifice would still seem justified if he were playing on a losing team instead of a championship team, West referred back to his sophomore year when the team went 4-5.

"When we were losing, my

attitudes toward the other players did not change, the feeling of closeness and unity were still there, but my attitudes toward the game of football did change.

"The practices seemed to drag out more and you are kind of down in the dumps, but under those conditions, when you win it means more to you."



Co-captains George Webster and Clint Jones pose with Coach Duffy Daugherty before their last game as Spartans. Webster and Jones, who have both been starters on the varsity squad since their sophomore year, join 10 other teammates in starting their last game on Saturday.

State News photo by Chuck Michaels



West And Jones

A pair of seniors who have teamed up a number of times for touchdowns over the past three years are shown on this scoring play in the Iowa game. Jerry West (77) leads Clint Jones (26) to paydirt.

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SIDELINES

ND tradition vs. 'Moo-U'



By LARRY WERNER
State News Sports Editor

The Notre Dame football team will arrive this afternoon. The famous Notre Dame football team, the nation's top-rated collection of college gridiron athletes is coming.

And the Irish have the world on their side. After all, they are Notre Dame. They are The Fighting Irish.

They have tradition on their side. Everyone has heard of Knute Rockne and "The Four Horsemen."

No sports fan is indifferent to Notre Dame. You either love them --or you hate them.

This week, most of the world loves them. I don't love them. In fact, this entire Notre Dame tradition bit tends to make me sick. But then I'm rooting for Michigan State, or as we are known down in South Bend, "Moo-U."

Notre Dame is favored to kill MSU Saturday afternoon--on the underdogs' gridiron. Saturday will be the first time this season that Michigan State has been an underdog.

It's not surprising that Notre Dame is favored. Some thought that the home-field would give the advantage to the "second-best" team in the country. But that old Notre Dame tradition has captured the odds for "Ara's Boys."

The Irish have two S's going for them: size and sentiment. Sentiment is why they get the edge, year after year.

Sentiment must be the reason that many picked the Irish in last year's game, despite the Spartans' No. 1 ranking.

There was also the "great poll mystery." After last season's bowl games, Notre Dame moved up a notch in a certain wire service poll, without playing a post-season game.

Many of the stories which have been rolling off the wire (labeled "game") are enough to make a Moo-U fan turn in his milking stool.

One particular piece stated that the Spartan offense "probably isn't as good as last year's unit," and that MSU quarterback Jimmy Raye "really isn't a passer."

If you've read the recent articles in Time and Sports Illustrated--and you bleed green and white like I do--you know exactly what I mean by this "sickening sentiment."

Notre Dame is the only school in the country whose "beautiful library" and "stately dome" become part of the team's offense in the pre-game stories.

The more you read, the sicker the sentiment gets. Terry Hanratty and Jim Seymour were "legends" after four games. They are "Teen Terrors," "Baby Bombers" and "the greatest passing combination in Notre Dame history."

Notre Dame has a tremendous image. The Irish have a great press. (In fact, the sports editor of the campus paper is one of Ara Parseghian's student managers.)

Our foes from South Bend have "class." The Rocknes, the Gippers and the Pietrosantes have immortalized the Fighting Irish in football.

We at Moo-U lack class. All we have is five All-Americans backed up by a host of outstanding football players.

It's a fact that Notre Dame has gone far on its reputation. It is also a fact that they have gone far enough.

Spartan freshman squad keyed to take on Irish

By NORM SAARI

State News Sports Writer

While most eyes focus upon tomorrow's championship game, one group of men are keyed for the gridiron tonight.

The Spartan freshman team, after defeating Indiana last week (25-13) take on a mammoth Notre Dame squad tonight. Notre Dame beat Pittsburgh last weekend, 29-0. The two teams meet tonight at 7:45 on the East Lansing High School field.

Spartan coach Ed Rutherford said he was "very pleasantly surprised with the Indiana game."

"We may have started the game flat," he said, "and I'd certainly like to get a faster start against the Notre Dame team."

"The boys on the freshman team make a big adjustment between high school and college life, and some still need more time and experience to make this adjustment," he said.

"Every boy that made the trip to Indiana played during the game," he added.

Quarterback Jack Pitts from Decatur, Ga. led the frosh team throwing three touchdown passes.

Pitts explains his passing ability in modest terms: "The offensive line gave me real good blocking, and if you have enough time to throw, you're supposed to hit the receivers. They were open and I just threw to them."

Pitts connected with Lamarr Thomas for 51 yards, and Frank Foreman for seven- and 34-yard scores.

Cal Fox recovered a Hoosier fumble in the end zone for the other Spartan score.

Spirits were high during the game. Standout defensive tackle Tody Smith was ejected late in the second half.

"I never experienced so much ignorance in my life," Tody said. "They were all foul-mouthed."

"I gave the guy a good forearm, and the referee called a penalty and kicked me out."

Speaking of the Notre Dame game, Smith said it would be a "battle of pride."

"Nobody on the frosh team has any love for Notre Dame."

Notre Dame tried recruiting 21 of the 26 players MSU signed on athletic tenders.

The Irish frosh, coached by Wally Moore, is rated as big or bigger at each position than the varsity.

Defensively, they are led by Mike McCoy, 6-5, 270 pounds; Bob Jockisch, 6-3, 260 pounds; Jay Ziznewski, 6-7, 250 pounds; on the line and Vito Racanealli, 6-1, 210 pounds at linebacker.

On the offensive squad, Jeff Zimmerman, 6-1, 205; Ed Ziegler, 6-1, 213 and Tom Nash, 6-1, 225 lead the backfield.

Notre Dame reports they are at full physical strength. MSU's

Helmut Goral and Cliff Hardy, who both were injured in the Indiana game, will be ready along with Bob Miltenberger, a fullback who was held out last week because of a knee injury.

Admission for the frosh game tonight is \$1 for adults, 50¢ for MSU students and students of high school age. IDs will be checked at the gate.

National TV

Although the "Game" was originally scheduled as a regional broadcast by the American Broadcasting Corporation, vigorous demands by sports fans all over the country have forced the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and ABC into a national telecast.

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EAGER

Nuns at Center loyal to Spartans



FOUR SISTERS from St. John's Student Parish await the big game between the Spartans and the Irish this Saturday. They are avid fans and friends of many of the football players.

Eagerly awaiting Saturday's game between No. 1-ranked Notre Dame and No. 2-ranked MSU are Sisters Ancilla, Marcell, Cormier and Daniel, Sisters of Charity at St. John Student Parish. All have followed football since childhood and enjoy it immensely.

Serving as spokesman for the foursome, Sister Daniel said "We all taught school and had to be interested in football or the students wouldn't respect us."

"I came from a family of seven brothers; I had to like football," Sister Cormier added.

Through their work at St. John Catholic Student Center the sisters have met many Spartan stars including Clinton Jones, Gene Washington, Bob Apisa, Dick Kenney and Pat Gallinagh. Many players attend religious services at the center Saturday mornings and can often be found watching the Sunday afternoon professional games at the sisters' convent across from the student center.

Following Mass one Sunday morning last fall, Sister Daniel told Coach Duffy Daugherty, "Clinton Jones reminds me a lot of Whizzer White (former All-American from Colorado). From that time on Duffy knew I was a football fan," she said.

The sisters said they receive many curious looks from people when attending games. "People can't believe nuns would be interested in football," chuckled Sister Daniel.

Following last year's victory at South Bend, a smiling Sister Daniel was approached by a priest from Notre Dame. "What are you so happy about?" he asked. "Because we won," she replied. "Religion is not a factor in determining whom we root for," said Sister Daniel. They all agreed that the school and town with which they are associated determines their loyalty. "It would not be right to cheer for Notre Dame when we know MSU's coach and players and live in East Lansing," said Sister Daniel.

Sister Daniel said Jones told her after last year's Rose Bowl defeat that the team learned a lesson and will prove to the nation this year that it deserves to be No. 1.

"There may be a little feuding this week because Jim Seymour, Notre Dame's star end, was a former pupil of our sisters in Berkley, and they will be pulling for Notre Dame," Sister Daniel said.

"My brother, a priest, is coming from Colorado and will be rooting for Notre Dame. I'm sure we will have a few differences in opinion."

The sisters describe Jimmy Raye as a "clever fellow." "You never know whether he is going to run or pass," they added.

They attend all home games and believe there is no comparison to viewing the game on TV and actually attending. "You just can't feel the excitement as much when you watch it on TV," Sister Daniel commented. The women said, too, that they watch the Bump and Duffy Show each Sunday evening.

Because of their extreme interest, they said they ask Duffy many questions about various plays and penalties and are learning more about the game each week.

"It will be close, but I'm sure we'll win," the sisters concluded.



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PLAY AKRON MSU Booters in tourney

By DENNIS CHASE
Associate Sports Editor
Michigan State's soccer team, well-rested after an 8-0-1 season, starts the first round of the NCAA preliminaries Saturday. It plays the University of Akron here at 10 a.m.

After a 1-1 tie at St. Louis Nov. 5 to end the regular season, Coach Gene Kenney gave the team a week off to study, then started workouts again last Monday.

Kenney has been rough on the boys this week. His biggest problem is keeping their minds on a team they whipped 4-1 earlier in the year.

Akron lost two games in the season, to the Spartans and to Pittsburgh, 1-0.

The Spartans have a 5-0 record against Akron in a series which started in 1962. The scores have been relatively close: 6-4, 3-0, 5-0, 5-2 and 4-1.

In the Oct. 17 contest, the Spartans trailed the Zips 1-0 in the first period on a goal by Jim Fonte from Hassan Ahmadi. Fonte beat second string goalie Joe Baum, and it marked the only time in the season that the Spartans had trailed in a game.

Forty-mile-per hour winds, and the fact that leading scorer Guy Busch and goalie Kevin O'Connell were out with injuries (O'Connell played the second half) made it uncertain whether the Spartans would get their fifth straight win.

But Tony Keyes scored his ninth, 10th and 11th goals and Tom Kreft added another to sew up a hard fought victory.

"Both teams missed numerous opportunities," Kenney said after the game.

For the preliminaries, the team is in fair shape. Pete Hens' achilles tendon, aggravated in St. Louis, is still bothering him and Tom Kreft's knee has been slow in responding to treatment. Manny Ruschinski, who broke his leg before the season began, has not seen any action so far. But he worked out for the past two weeks and Kenney expects him to see limited duty.

Neither Hens nor Kreft participated in the practice scrimmages this week.

"Any team plays better in the playoffs," Kenney said. "This is a one shot elimination, so Akron will feel no hesitation about shooting the works. They have nothing to lose."

"And they missed a lot of opportunities the last time we played."

There are 16 teams in the preliminary round. After this Saturday there will be eight, and after Nov. 26 there will be four. Those four will be eligible to go to Berkeley, Calif. for the finals.

If the Spartans win Saturday, it is likely they'll go to the East Coast to play the winner in that division.

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South Bend 'blues'

By MIKE GROSSMAN

The fearless Greens from Lansing town
Charged out upon the field.
The fans hurray'd and waved the air,
And swore Parseghian 'd yield.

The giant Greens were ready. For
The kickoff they did wait,
Till Kenney's toe-kir-smacked the ball,
And sent it out the gate.

The Fearing Irish looked aghast.
When Kenney kicked they covered.
Then huddled round, they tried to plan
A play that'd overpower.

A pass attempt on the first down,
The call was whispered then,
But speedy Summers sensed the same,
And slyly stole it when

The ball was thrown -- and sharply too --
It would have reached a Blue,
Had not Jim Summers intervened,
And scored for MSU.

"Chalk up 7 on the boards,"
The cry went through the crowd.
Parseghian tore his hair and cried,
And whimpered right out loud.

Determination drove the Dames
To our forty-five,
Till Webster wrought down seven men
And ate them up alive.

Twenty-three they lost that play,
Still Webster called "Again!"
The ball was snapped, the Dames dispelled
As Bubba lunched on them.

The afternoon was quite a day.
For Jimmy Raye 'twas easy
To slip and slam and pass past men,
Cause Jimmy's super-griese.

"Substitutions from the bench!"
Parseghian rose and cried.
But there were none, they'd snuck you see
Up in the stands to hide.

As quarters went the Spartans shined,
The Irish showed no flair,
The scoreboard broke. It couldn't hold
No more than nines -- a pair.

At least the press,
The UPI and AP know it's true,
That MSU is No. 1
And Notre Dame but two.



"Determination drove the Dames
To our forty-five,
Till Webster wrought down seven men
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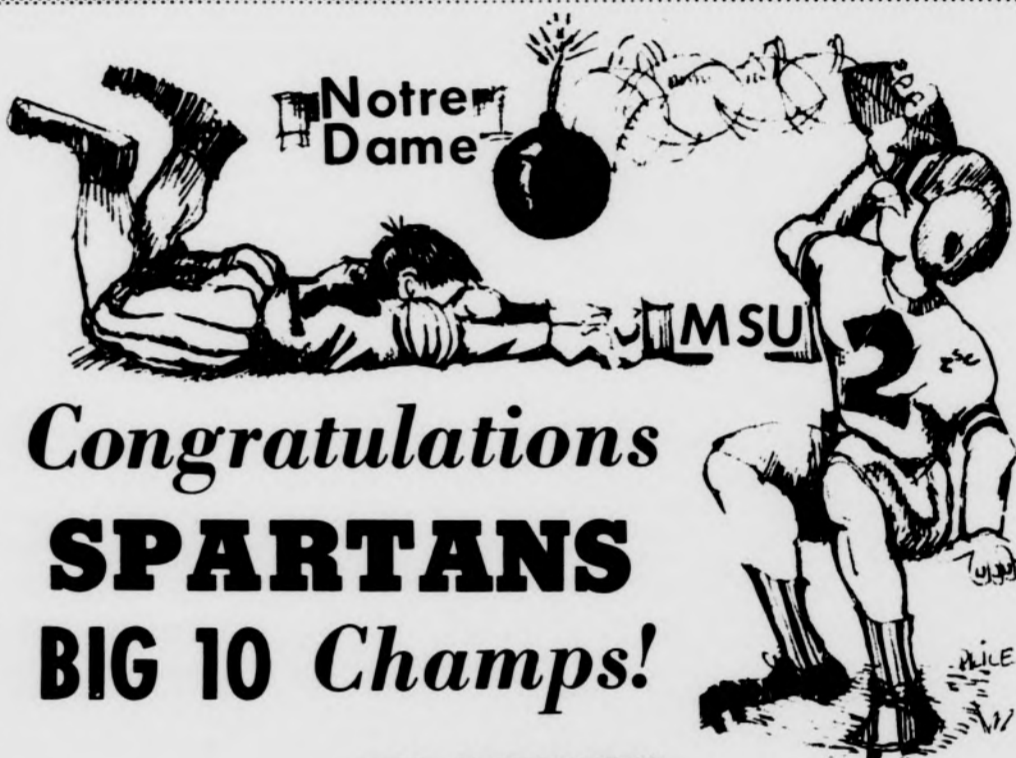
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Ken Earley has gridgers 'geared'

There is a lot behind the Saturday afternoon Spartan football players, both physically and emotionally.

And there is one man who makes it his job to protect them, Ken Earley, the head equipment manager.

He has been with the Spartan football teams since 1954 and, next to Head Coach Duffy Daugherty, probably knows the current football set-up here better than anyone else.

Often, he is approached in private by a player who wants his advice as a doctor. "I have to use psychology on them," Earley says. "I have no medical background, so when they ask for advice, I have to tell them to talk with someone more qualified, but at the same time I try to help them myself."

Earley makes it clear he is the equipment manager and not the doctor.

"My job is to make sure the equipment is just right. After

every game, all the equipment is checked over to make sure nothing is broken or cracked. That's how a lot of injuries happen, through broken equipment."

"At the games," he said, "I'm on the sideline and am easily accessible to spare parts. Sometimes a strap on a shoulder pad will break and it has to be repaired before the officials call a time out. I make it a practice to tape any broken equipment during a game that doesn't need a new part right away."

Earley explains each player wears from \$130 to \$150 worth of game equipment and uniform, with the figure higher for linemen.

He noted one exception here, Dick Kenney, who wears about \$100 worth. Kenney wears soccer shoes (when he wears them), hockey shoulder pads, and no thigh pads or face mask.

Each player has two helmets, one for practice and the other for the game, and eight jerseys. He has two complete sets of jerseys in each color, one for hot weather and the other for cold weather.

On the current fiscal inventory, the varsity has \$55,000 worth of gear. Earley said he operates on a \$25,000 yearly budget for equipment.

He is assisted by four students and Martin Daly, who handles the freshman gear.

Earley speaks highly of the players this year, calling them "as nice a group of guys a guy could ask for."

"At Notre Dame last year, the players were mad when they returned to the locker room before the game and the South Bend crowd was yelling they were No. 1.

"The team came back out and showed who was No. 1 and took some of the cockiness out of the crowd.

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Equipment manager Ken Earley adjusts a helmet in preparation for the upcoming clash with Notre Dame. Earley has been with the Spartans since 1954.

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By ROBERTA YAFIE
State News Sports Writer

Sometimes the hero just doesn't get the girl. That was the way things stood in 1945, when Illinois met Northwestern in their traditional end-of-the season game.

Prior to the game, the staffs of both student newspapers had conceived "Sweet Sioux," a wooden Indian.

The Illini won the contest, 13-7, but they never got the girl. The following September, "Sioux" was stolen from her showcase home at Evanston.

The poor girl never turned up, and so the "Sweet Sioux" Tomahawk, named in her honor and, perhaps, memory, was inaugurated in 1947, and has been the symbol of victory in the series since.

Saturday, there's nothing that Illinois and Northwestern would rather do than bury the tomahawk in each other's heads. The Illini have moved into third place in the conference and have a 4-2 record. Their season's mark is 4-5, and Pete Elliot's boys would like, after a so-so start, to break even this year.

Northwestern's chances aren't quite so pleasant. The Wildcats are deadlocked in seventh place with Wisconsin and Indiana at 1-4-1, and are 2-6-1 on the season.

The Illinois-Northwestern set-to is but one of many trophy games this weekend.

Michigan State had a jump on the rest of the conference, earning the right to wear the Big Ten crown another year after completing a perfect 7-0 season with a 37-19 win over Indiana.

The Spartans will be back for more Saturday, this time the mythical national championship and the Megaphone Trophy, co-sponsored by the Michigan State and Notre Dame Alumni Clubs of Detroit.

Purdue, although it's not yet official, won itself a trip to the Rose Bowl last weekend by shutting out Minnesota, 16-0, for the second straight year.

If the Boilermakers are going to be gathering Roses this winter, what better yase for them than the Old Oaken Bucket? That's what's up for grabs when they welcome Indiana at Lafayette.

Purdue is in second place in the conference, 5-1 and 7-2. The Hoosiers are buried in the seventh spot, along with Wisconsin and Northwestern, at 1-4-1. They're 1-7-1 on the year.

If quarterbacks Bob Griese and Frank Stavroff decide to take to the air, they may have to get clearance from the local airfield.

Stavroff passed for 316 yards last weekend, for a new Big Ten record. The old mark was 310, set by Iowa's Gary Snook in 1964 against Purdue.

Minnesota and Wisconsin lock horns in their traditional finale game, this time at Madison.

Minnesota lost its chance, however faint, at the Rose Bowl last week with its loss to Purdue. The Gophers' Big Ten record is 3-2-1, 4-4-1 in all games. Wisconsin is 2-6-1 on the year.

Ohio State and Michigan, tied in fifth place at 3-3, will be battling for advancement at Columbus. The Wolves are 5-4 on the season, while the Bucks are 4-4 in all games.



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Spartan Stadium squeeze at limit

Squeeze plays of a football variety are becoming common at Spartan Stadium. When teams like Michigan or Notre Dame come to town, many fans find their seats trimmed to 16 inches.

Since that's the limit of the capacity stretching gimmicks, thoughts are starting to turn to another expansion of the Spartans' home.

With the University's ever-increasing enrollment, Spartan Stadium's 76,000 seating capacity will be needing comparable increases.

Additions are nothing new to the stadium. The first structure was erected in 1922, seating 14,000. In 1935, the capacity was brought up to 26,000 and was officially named Macklin Field.

Spartan Stadium came into its own in 1948, when another addition brought the seating to 51,000. More seats were built in 1956 (9,000) and 1957, the latter date heralding the upper decks and enlarged press facilities.

When you look at the figures involved, that eight-dollar fee seems a pittance. The '56 addition ran \$43 per seat. The next building project hiked the going rate to \$130 per seat; the jump due in some part to the inclusion of the press box.

It's estimated that if more seating capacity were provided, the cost would run \$100 a seat. Biggie Munn, MSU Director of Athletics, has just such a plan in mind.

"We have a thought in mind of taking the second deck and bringing it around the south end," Munn said. "This would increase the seating capacity to a little over 88,000."

If the plans were to go into effect, 10 tennis courts would have to be removed, according to Munn. He indicated that he would like to move them to the Fee-

Akers area, where they could be equipped with lights.

The only big problem is money. "Money would have to come from the Athletic Dept.," he noted, "and we don't have the funds to do it. We'd have to borrow most of it."

"If the steel and other materials could be secured this winter," Munn remarked, "it could be ready by next fall."

Increased enrollment is but part of the problem. Alumni and the general public figure heavily into the plans as well, as illustrated by the ticket sales for Saturday's game.

Student football ticket card sales this year figured to 29,000. There were 26,000 season ticket books sold. Notre Dame received 10,000 tickets for the game, leaving 11,000 for alumni and general sale.

Presently, there are a total of 91,727 alumni all over the country and world. Of this figure, 55,289 are in Michigan.

Munn said that with the schedules that have been set up for future seasons, the demand will be increasingly great, and looks to expeditious action.

'The game'

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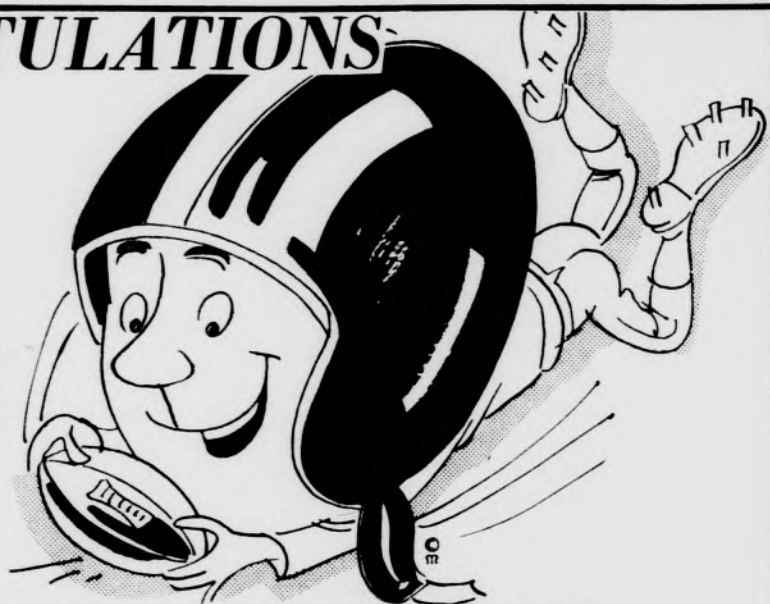
was sidelined with a knee injury the last two weeks, should be a ready and in top shape for the game. Apisa leads the team in scoring with 54 points.

Quarterback Jimmy Raye, who is just one shy of the MSU season touchdown mark with 10, will be throwing to receivers Gene Washington and Al Brenner.

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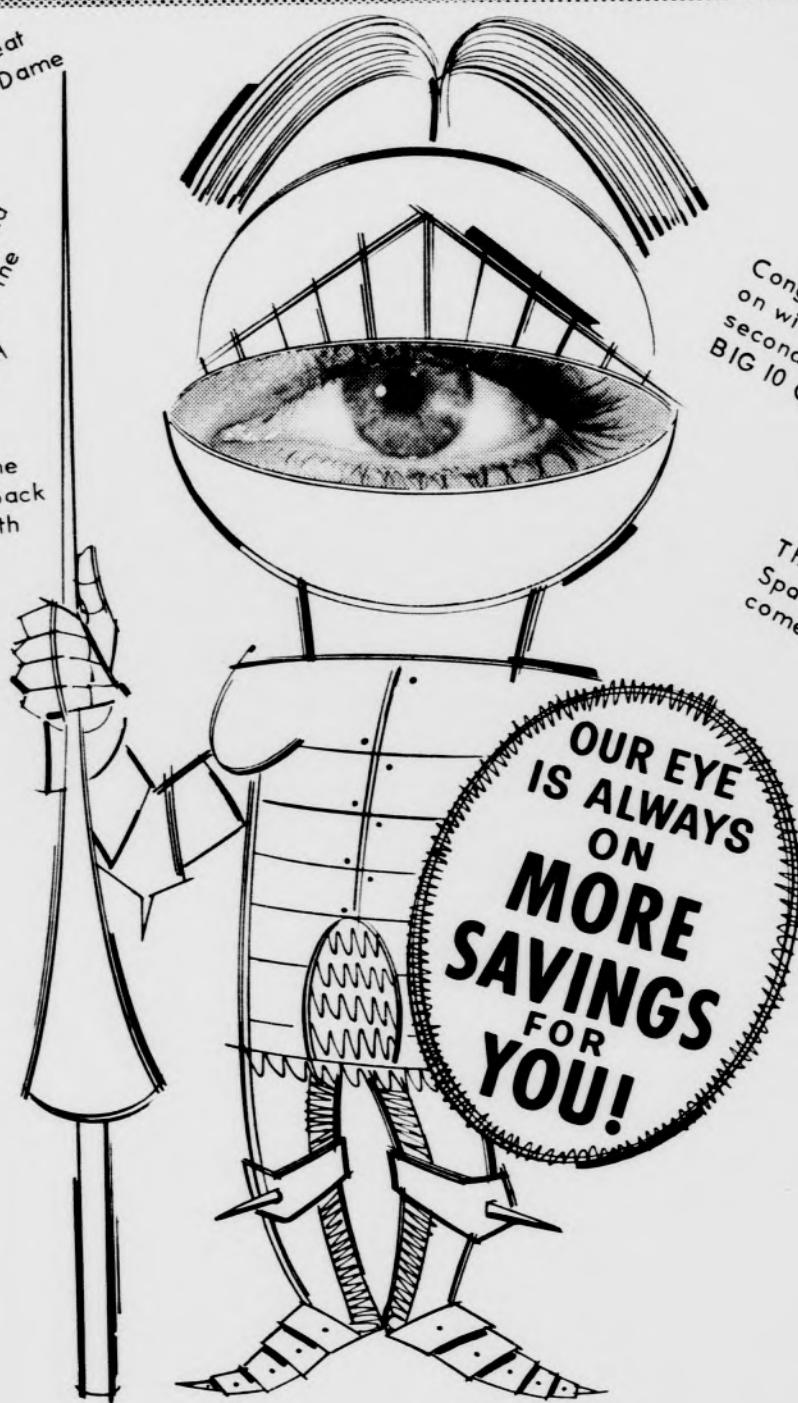
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"School spirit is down from last year," said Gary Hampel, Mayville senior and squad captain. "The students seem to cheer only when the team is moving or when they are in a tough situation."

Hampel and other squad members attribute the drop in school spirit to the fact that they won't be able to play in next year's Rose Bowl.

Spartan cheerleaders expect the spirit at Saturday's game to be the best this year.

"A victory will give us a perfect season record, and will

no doubt return our No. 1 rating," said Bill Risto, St. Joseph junior.

Highlights of tonight's pep assembly, sponsored by Union Board, will be a skit performed by the cheerleaders to the tune of the song "Leader of the Pack," and a song about the "Irish and Notre Dame."

Students are encouraged to take anything appropriate to tonight's rally and Saturday's game, said Terry Mitter, Taylor junior. Kristin Powell, Okemos sophomore, said "Pom poms, signs and posters will be used to display our spirit and to let the team know we are behind them all the way."

Cheerleaders will be in all sections of campus recruiting enthusiastic fans to the rally, according to Mitter. "This will be the seniors' last game," Hampel said.

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