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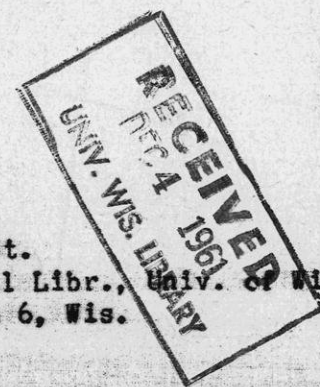
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A pleasant surprise during the second half of this year's Wisconsin football campaign has been the powerful and explosive running of Gerald McKinney, a sophomore fullback from Milwaukee (West). He is shown here picking up yardage against Illinois.

all game photos by Del Desens

Badgers Spoil Gopher Title Hopes After Overwhelming Illinois

by Jim Mott
UW Sports News Service

Wisconsin 55, Illinois 7
November 18

WISCONSIN "BLITZED" Illinois this sunny November afternoon with a Ron Miller to Pat Richter passing attack that shocked the Illini, 55-7, before a Parents' Day audience of 45,122 in Camp Randall, and millions more on regional television.

The Badgers rolled from the opening moments when they took the kickoff and marched 89 yards in 12 plays for their first of eight touchdowns. Sophomore halfback Louis Holland capped the drive with an aerial strike to Richter from the Illinois 28 yard line which the Madison junior fielded on the 2 yard line and stepped into the end zone. Nine minutes, ten seconds were yet to be played in the first period and the script to be followed in this 39th meeting of these old rivals had been irrevocably established.

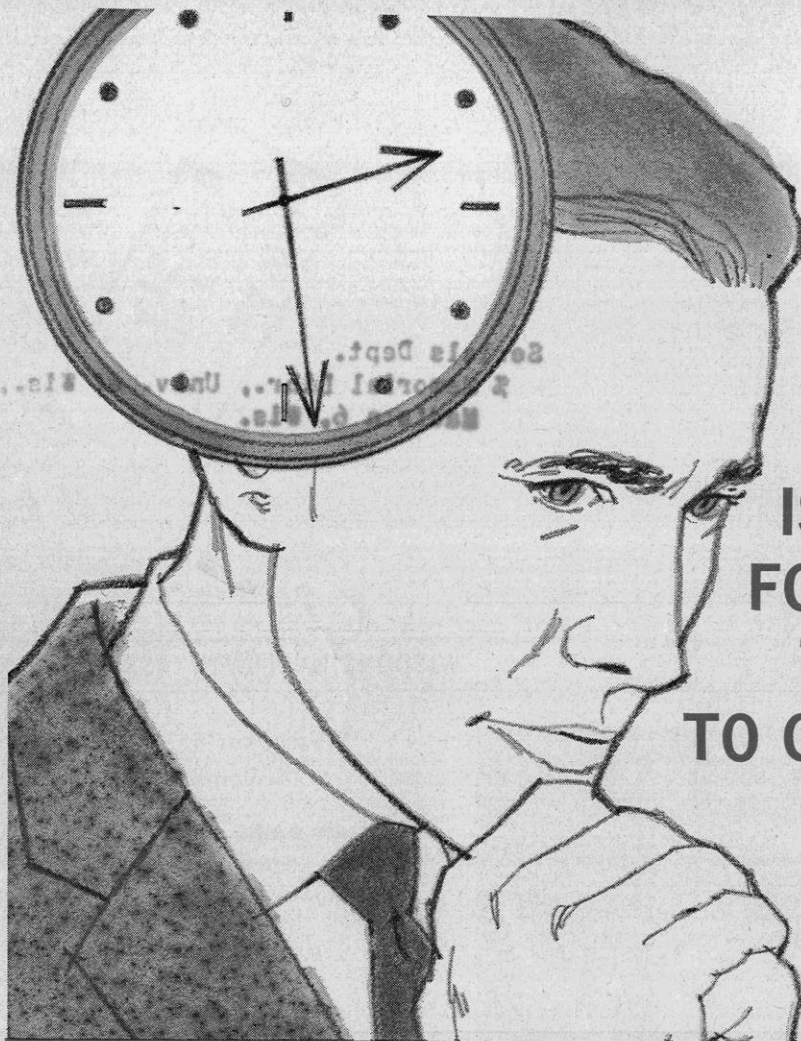
Illinois was no match for the Badgers, either in the air, on the ground, or in all-around fundamentals of the game. The Wisconsin passing attack totaled 16 completions in 22 attempts for 284 yards and four touchdown passes, while on the ground, the home forces picked up 206 yards in 46 carries for their best effort of the season. Wisconsin's rushing defense limited the Illini to 62 net

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yards in 35 carries, and the Illini took to the air 35 times for 15 completions and 181 yards.

Coach Milt Bruhn cleared his bench of 55 players, though even the fifth stringers, using strictly Illinois plays—the “scouting” team—ran with aggressiveness through the outmanned losers.

Following Wisconsin’s opening march, the Illini and Badgers exchanged punts, before the losers mounted a short drive that carried to Wisconsin’s 32; a fourth down play lost three yards when Dave Bichler and Jim Schenk spilled sophomore Ron Fearn to give the Badgers the ball on their own 35. Bakken’s second and final punt of the day ended the first period with Illinois on their own 11 yard line.

Sterling defensive play by Bichler and Ron Carlson forced Illini punter Doug Mills to punt from deep in his own end zone to set up Wisconsin’s second touchdown drive of 33 yards. Five plays accomplished the task, ignited by Miller’s screen pass to Gary Kroner for 16 yards. Fullback Jerry McKinney bolted over from the 3 yard line with 10:32 still to play in the first half for the score and a 14-0 lead.

Less than two minutes later, the Badgers were back in the Illinois end zone as Jim Nettles fielded a Mills punt, and returned it 25 yards to the Illinois 33, setting up Miller’s two air strikes to Richter for 14 and 19 yards and the score with 8:36 left to play.

Late in the period, Wisconsin forced an Illinois punt after the Illini had moved to the Badgers’ 32, only to be set back on penalties for offsides and holding. The Badgers moved from their own 14 downfield in just five plays for their third score of the period with 2:34 left. A Miller to Richter “dart” concluded the march, which began with Miller passing to Richter for 12 yards, then hitting him at mid-field with a “bomb” that netted 56 yards. Pat’s loss of balance at the Illinois 35 prevented him from going all the way for the tally, though he did struggle down to the 18 before hitting the turf with a final lunge.

Illinois made its only sustained march of the first half at this point, and with Ron Fearn and Dave McGann alternating at quarterback, moved 66 yards in 8 plays to the Badgers’ 11 yard line

where McGann’s first down pass was intercepted by Steve Underwood, and the junior guard from Madison returned it ten yards as time ran out on the fieldhouse clock.

Fearn tossed a 20 yard completion to Gary Hembrough to start the drive, and McGann followed with two completions to Thurman Walker for 10 and 8 yards, and hit end Dick Newell for 21 yards to the Badgers’ 11 when Underwood stalled the drive.

THE BADGERS TALLIED in the first five minutes of the second half and again it was Miller throwing the touchdown aerial, but this time to Louis Holland, a 13 yarder that climaxed a 41 yard drive in six plays started when Nettles intercepted a McGann pass.

Miller and Richter, plus other Badger starters and second team members were taken from the game at this point—9:53 left in the third period—but even this did not prevent the score from mounting. Wisconsin’s pitching battery were to return for one final play with about a minute left in the game and Miller hit Richter on the first play for an eight yard gain, the reception being Pat’s ninth of the game, setting a new school mark (he caught eight against Oregon State, remember). His nine receptions were good for 170 yards and three TD’s. The yardage mark erased his figure of 156 yards set the week previous against Northwestern, and his three touchdowns tying the Big Ten and Wisconsin school standard. Dave Howard, Badger end of 1954-55-56, caught three touchdown passes against Iowa in 1955, while Dave Schreiner caught three scoring passes against Marquette in 1942.

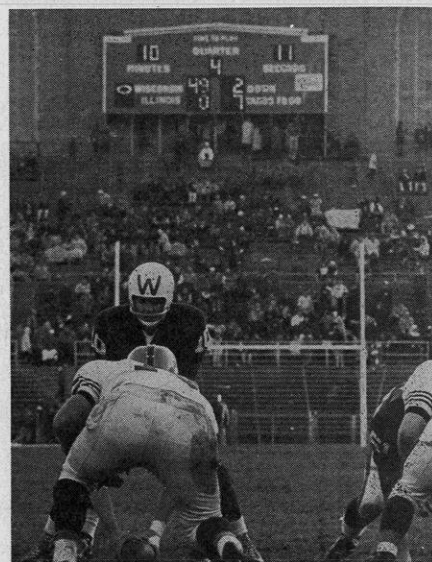
Badger fans saw each of four reserve quarterbacks in action the remainder of the game, starting with co-captain Jim Bakken. The Madison senior moved the Badgers 54 yards in six plays on the ground for the sixth score of the game. The touchdown play was a lateral from Bakken to Holland at the Illinois ten yard line after Jim had picked up five yards on a pass option play.

Bakken, as he did after each of the team’s first six scores, added the extra point by placement, for a 42-0 lead with 5:03 yet to play in the third period.

John Fabry, the third Badger signal caller, ran wide on a keeper on the first



John Fabry, third string Wisconsin signal caller, fires a jump pass as the Badgers move to their seventh touchdown against Illinois.



With a little more than ten minutes remaining to play in the game and the score a lopsided 49-0 in favor of Wisconsin, reserve quarterback Arnold Quaerna, a sophomore from Janesville, pilots the Badgers as they penetrate deep into Illinois territory.

play of the fourth period to register the seventh score, capping a 51 yard march in nine plays. Fabry’s passes to end Elmars Ezerins, both good for 13 yards, and an 11 yarder to halfback Bill Barnett, accounted for most of the yardage. Gary Kroner placekicked the extra point with 14:53 left.

Arnie Quaerna, a Janesville sophomore, was the fourth quarterback, and he guided the Badgers 56 yards in 9 plays, but a fumbled lateral stalled the drive, and Illinois took over on their own 19. The Wisconsin attack had reached the Illini 7 before the fumble, with a Quaerna to Ezerins pass play eating up 36 yards in the march.

Illinois then marched 81 yards in 17 plays to put its lone touchdown on the

scoreboard with 2:34 left in the game. McGann's passing sparked the drive, finding end Dick Newell four times for gains of 11, 10, 15, and 7 yards, and passing complete to Walker for 12 yards. Key play was his fourth down pass with long yardage at the Wisconsin 42 that netted 15 yards and a first down.

Wisconsin closed out the scoring with sophomore reserves in the final minute as Greg Howey—the fifth quarterback—moved them the final 32 yards in six plays after Miller and Richter had started the drive with an eight yard pass play. The Illini also were penalized 15 yards on the play for a personal foul against Richter as he was tackled.

Senior Erv Kunesh, running from fullback on this team of reserves, carried the ball five times to eat up the remaining 32 yards and tally the touchdown. A two point conversion play for the extra points failed.

The win was Wisconsin's third in Big Ten play, and set the stage for their invasion of Minnesota in a game that had "championship" written all over it for the third straight year.

The 55 points tallied by Wisconsin was the most tallied by a Wisconsin team in Big Ten play since a 56-0 shut-out over Northwestern in 1912, though they did blank Indiana, 52-0 in 1923. It was the worst defeat handed an Illinois team since 1906 when Chicago blanked them by a 63-0 margin.

Miller tied a school record by completing his final ten passes in a row, a mark first set in 1950 by John Coatta against Ohio State. He didn't miss after four of his first five passes were off target during the first ten minutes of the first period.

He also tied a school mark of three scoring passes in a Big Ten game, established back in 1926 by Gene Rose against Iowa. Jim Haluska threw three scoring passes against Marquette in 1952, and Miller, in his first collegiate game in 1960, against Stanford, duplicated the feat, but no other Badger passer had ever equalled Rose's feat in a Big Ten game until today.

Wisconsin's team passing attack of 284 yards broke the old school mark of 270 yards for a Big Ten game, set against Ohio State in 1954. And Richter now holds every pass catching record in Wisconsin football history.

Indeed, the Illini were "blitzed".

Wisconsin 55, Illinois 7

TEAM STATISTICS

	Wis.	Ill.
FIRST DOWNS	26	15
Rushing	11	5
Passing	14	8
Penalty	1	2
NET RUSHING YARDAGE	206	62
Number of rushes	46	35
NET PASSING YARDAGE	284	181
Number of passes	22	35
Passes completed	16	15
Passes intercepted by	2	0
PUNTS	2	7
Average	43.0	33.6
FUMBLES BY	3	3
Fumbles lost by	1	1
PENALTIES ON	10	5
Yards lost on penalties	70	65

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(Wisconsin)

<i>Passing</i>	<i>Att.</i>	<i>Comp.</i>	<i>Int.</i>	<i>Yds.</i>
Miller -----	15	11	0	183
Holland -----	1	1	0	28
Fabry -----	4	3	0	37
Quaerna -----	2	1	0	36
<i>Pass Receiving</i>	<i>Caught</i>	<i>Yardage</i>	<i>TD</i>	
Richter -----	9	170	3	
Kroner -----	2	28	0	
Holland -----	1	13	1	
Ezerins -----	3	62	0	
Barnett -----	1	11	0	

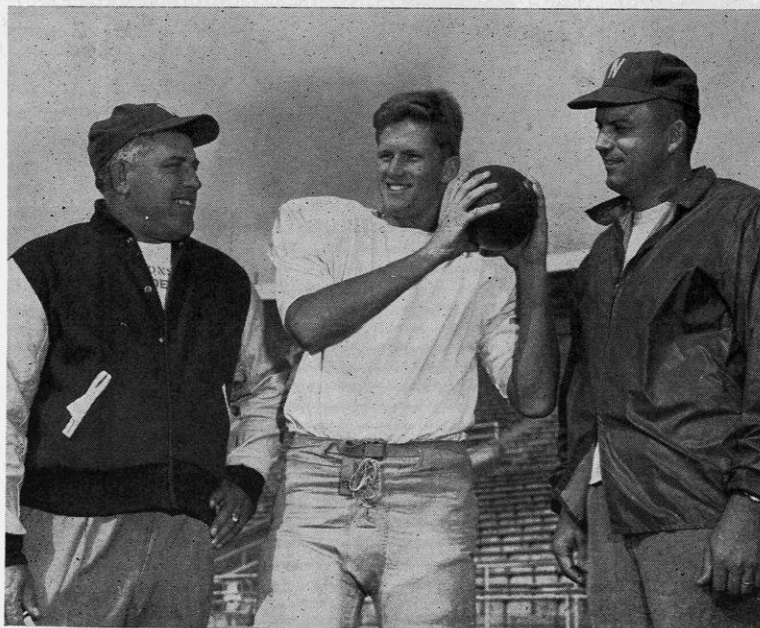
Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.
McKinney	11	70	6.4
Holland	4	20	5.0
Norvell	3	15	5.0
Miller	2	9	4.5
Purnell	1	3	3.0
Kroner	3	20	6.7
Fleming	3	-2	-0.6
Bakken	2	12	6.0
Fabry	4	19	4.8
Barnett	2	16	8.0
Vollmer	3	3	1.0
Bangert	2	4	2.0
Quaerna	1	-15	-15.0
Kunesh	5	32	6.4

WISCONSIN PLAYERS

LE—Hearn, Bichler, Howard, Mang, Kern, Miner
 LT—Matthews, Grimm, Wittig, Fox, Jax
 LG—Schade, VanderVelden, Gross, Parr
 C—Baer, Bowman, Henrici, Bruhn, McMillan, Tomlinson
 RG—Underwood, Schenk, Kempthorne, Palmer, Paddock
 RT—Moore, Wojdula, Pillath, Westbeld, O'Donnell
 RE—Richter, Carlson, Ezerins, Gantert, Oleson
 QB—Miller, Bakken, Fabry, Quaerna, Howey
 LH—Nettles, Holland, Vollmer, Montgomery
 RH—Kroner, Norvell, Smith, Barnett
 FB—McKinney, Purnell, Fleming, Bangert, Kunesh

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Wisconsin	7	21	14	13—55
Illinois	0	0	7	0—7



The winner of the 1961-62 University of Wisconsin Scholarship Trust of Chicago Award is Harold N. Brandt, a freshman from Hinsdale, Ill. He is shown here with head coach Milt Bruhn and freshman coach Fred Jacoby.

Wisconsin 23, Minnesota 21 November 25

ON NOVEMBER 3, 1961, a Minnesota quarterback candidate for All-American honors, Sanford Stephens, a 6-0, 215 pound senior from Uniontown, Pa., was quoted in a story prior to the playing of the Minnesota-Michigan State game the following day as saying, "We have three tough games left—Michigan State, Iowa, and Purdue."

A battle cry was born. It was born in Madison on the campus of the University of Wisconsin by members of the Wisconsin Football team. It served to kindle that extra spark of desire that a Wisconsin football team would need to outbattle a Minnesota team that boasted of six Big Ten wins in a row and a No. 3 rating in the nation on the basis of 7 wins, a lone loss to Missouri in the season's opener.

Yes, Sanford "Sandy" Stephens failed to reckon with Coach Milt Bruhn's Wisconsin Badgers.

A roaring crowd of 66,232 fans thrilled to one of the nation's finest games as the underdog Badgers smashed

Minnesota's hopes for an undefeated Big Ten season and a possible return to the Rose Bowl with a 23-21 upset that handed the conference crown to Ohio State's Buckeyes.

Here was a Wisconsin team geared to wide-open offensive football, primed for an all-out assault, that would not be denied. The passing arm of quarterback Ron Miller and the receiving hands of All-American candidate Pat Richter, plus other Badgers who could catch the pigskin, riddled the Minnesota secondary, and established for the winners a decisive ball control game that prevented Minnesota from dominating play.

Wisconsin controlled the football for 81 plays in this hard fought contest, while the Gophers had possession for 53 plays, and this was contrary to the experts' opinion on what to expect in this game.

The Badgers shook the spectators on the opening kickoff when Louis Holland fumbled the ball, picked it up in the Wisconsin end zone, and came back downfield with the aid of crisp blocking 64 yards to Minnesota's 36 yard line. Not since 1947 had Wisconsin fans

seen a kickoff return of that length by a Badger back.

Minnesota stood its ground though, and Bakken's first of six field goal attempts—only the final one was good—was short. The Gophers took over on their own 20 and immediately surprised the Badgers.

A defensive mistake—the Badgers had only ten men in their defensive line-up—freed Gopher end Tom Hall, who had flanked out wide, and he frantically signalled Stephens with a waving motion to attract the attention of the Gopher passer.

The play was spectacularly easy as Hall gathered in the pass on the Minnesota 30, and easily outdistanced defenders Bakken and Kroner to the Wisconsin goal. When tackle Tom Loechler booted the extra point, Minnesota led, 7-0, with just one minute, 47 seconds of play elapsed.

Most teams might have folded right there. Not the Badgers of 1961. They rallied behind their battle cry, and came back. They came all the way back. They won the ball game.

The roll call of Wisconsin heroes in this rugged game lists others than Miller and Richter, though. In years to come, whenever loyal fans recount this battle they'll recall the kicking feats of co-captain Jim Bakken, the defensive end play of Dave Bichler and Ron Carlson, the 64 yard kickoff return of Louis Holland to open the game, and the 60 yard interception return of Jim Nettles for a touchdown that led to a rash of second half scores. There were others, too, especially in the line, and plaudits for an unknown sophomore, Mike Gross from Waterloo, Wisconsin, who turned in an excellent performance at guard in relief of Jim Schenk, sidelined by doctor's orders before game time because of a leg infection. Gross seemed to be the fifth man in Minnesota's backfield much of the second half as the Badgers applied a tough rush on the harried Gopher signal caller.

Wisconsin came back gamely, slowly at first as the shock waves subsided.

The teams exchanged punts twice before the aerial lightening of Miller to Richter struck in two plays to tie the game with 5:30 left to play in the first period. A third down return of a punt by Gopher Jerry Jones set Wisconsin in

Wisconsin 23, Minn. 21

TEAM STATISTICS

	Wis.	Minn.
FIRST DOWNS	22	13
Rushing	5	7
Passing	15	5
Penalty	2	1
NET RUSHING YARDAGE	49	129
Number of rushes	40	28
NET PASSING YARDAGE	312	185
Number of passes	41	25
Passes completed	20	9
Passes intercepted by	3	1
PUNTS	3	9
Average	41	38
FUMBLES BY	1	0
Fumbles lost by	0	0
PENALTIES ON	3	9
Yards lost on penalties	25	95

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(Wisconsin)

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Miller	37	19	1	297
Holland	4	1	0	15
Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.	
Holland	7	-5	-0.7	
Smith	5	1	0.2	
Purnell	22	6	0.3	

Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.
Miller	7	12	1.7
McKinney	11	17	1.5
Nettles	2	6	3.0
Norvell	3	6	2.0
Kroner	3	6	2.0
Pass Receiving	Caught	Yardage	TD
Hearn	4	42	0
Richter	6	142	2
Holland	2	41	0
Nettles	2	13	0
Kroner	3	29	0
McKinney	1	9	0
Purnell	1	13	0
Smith	1	23	0

LE—Hearn, Bichler
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 C—Baer, Bowman
 RG—Underwood, Kempthorne
 RT—Moore, Wittig, Wojdula
 RE—Richter, Carlson
 QB—Miller, Bakken, Fabry
 LH—Holland, Nettles
 RH—Kroner, Smith, Norvell
 FB—Fleming, Purnell, McKinney

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Wisconsin	7	0	13	3-23
Minnesota	7	0	8	6-21

position on Minnesota's 42 yard line, and it was easy.

Bill Smith went wide to his left for 2 yards, then Miller threw a short pass to Richter cutting in toward the middle, and the big end gathered it in just past the 30 yard line and outraced three Minnesota defenders into the end zone. Bakken added the extra point and it was 7-7.

Wisconsin had the ball once more on a first down situation in the first period, starting from its own 36, following Bakken's interception, moving to first downs at the Gophers' 41 and 25 on Miller passes to Smith, for 23 yards, and to Jerry McKinney for 16; but an interception by Jones as the ball bounced off Richter's shoulders, stopped the drive.

Immediately, the Gophers gave the ball back to Wisconsin as they punted on first down to take advantage of the wind, and the Badgers started the second period from a vantage point on their own 46.

The Badgers moved the ball down to Minnesota's 29 yard line, where a fourth down field goal attempt was fumbled, and Miller, picking up the ball, threw downfield, intended for Richter, but incomplete.

The Badgers were not discouraged, and soon again found themselves in field goal range when the march stalled. A Miller to Holland pass good for 31 yards set up a first down at the Gophers 9 yard line, but three plays gained just two yards—Holland at Minnesota's left tackle—as two pass plays went awry. Bakken's field goal from close range, at a slight angle was wide left, and the score stayed tied at 7-7 with 5:48 left in the second quarter.

During this march, Minnesota's fine junior tackle, Bobby Bell, who is an All-American candidate, was carried from the field with a battered rib; and while he did return to the game later, his effectiveness was neutralized.

The Badgers had two more field goal attempts fail them before the squads went to the dressing room at halftime, with Bakken's final kick hitting the crossbar on the goalposts and bouncing back onto the field with just ten seconds of playing time left in the half.

In that first half the Badgers allowed Minnesota to move just once past midfield into their territory, following the opening TD play, that on a play

where Stephens did manage to get outside the Badgers' ends for 26 yards and a first down at the Wisconsin 40. That drive reached the Wisconsin 32 before Jim Bakken intercepted a Stephens pass and returned five yards.

The Badgers forced Minnesota to punt on the first series of plays in the third period. Immediately, Miller pitched strikes to Richter, for 10, Napoleon "Chick" Hearn for 12, and again to Richter for 15, to move the Badgers into field goal range. Bakken's kick, at 9:03 left, was almost on target, hitting the left goalpost, and falling harmlessly to the turf.

Wisconsin's scoring break came shortly thereafter. A Minnesota drive carried to the Badgers' 39, where a 15 yard holding penalty set Minnesota back to its 46. Stephens gained 6 yards and almost broke loose before being hit by Steve Underwood to bring up a third down, long yardage, passing situation. A hard rush by ends Dave Bichler and Ron Carlson, with the latter hitting Stephens hard caused the pass to be underthrown, and Jim Nettles stepped forward, plucked it from the air, and set sail down the north sideline. A key block by Bichler inside the Gophers' 20 eliminated the final defender, and when Bakken added the extra point, it was 14-7 with 6:12 left to play.

The Gophers received a break at the two minute mark when a Miller pass in the flat—thrown backward as a lateral—to Jerry McKinney was bobbled, and the alert Jerry Jones fell on the ball and Minnesota had a first down at the Badgers' 39.

Three plays did the damage, as Stephens passed to Bill Munsey for 12 yards, to Dave Mulholland for 5, and then sent Jones over Wisconsin's right guard for 22 yards and a touchdown as Stephens' choice of play caught the Badgers in a wrong defense.

Stephens rolled out on a keeper for the two extra points, though it was close as Don VanderVelden made the stop right on the goal line. It was Minnesota 15, Wisconsin 14.

A mere 57 seconds to play in the third period, but it was sufficient for the Badgers to move 78 yards in three plays and a score as the period ended. The big plays were Miller's long "bomb" to Richter for 39 yards to Minnesota's 39; and, following a holding penalty on

Minnesota, Miller fired down the middle knee high to Richter who grabbed the ball at full speed near the ten yard line, and roared into the end zone. The try for two extra points was not good as Miller's pass to Kroner, while complete, was stopped short of the goal by Minnesota defenders.

Wisconsin 20, Minnesota 15, as the fourth period opened. Richter's six catches through the first three periods represented his game total for 142 yards gained and two touchdowns. These totals gave him 36 catches for a Big Ten season, tying the mark set in 1952 by Illinois' Rex Smith; 656 yards, a new Big Ten standard, breaking the old mark of 650 yards, set by Joe Collier, Northwestern, also in 1952; and tying the conference mark of 7 touchdown passes in a single season, also by Collier in 1952.

A booming 52 yard punt by Bakken early in the final period stymied Minnesota's efforts to start a march, and when Jones punted three plays later, Wisconsin started its victory march from the Badgers' 27.

Miller kept the attack on the ground here to use up time. Nettles, Purnell, and Kroner got a first down at the 38. Miller passed to Purnell for 13 yards and the ball advanced into Minnesota territory at the 49. Holland ran wide for 2 yards falling out of bounds near the Wisconsin bench, and Minnesota was assessed 15 yards for a personal foul. The Badgers had a first down on the Gophers' 32.

McKinney and Merritt Norvell then teamed up for a first down at the Minnesota 18, as the attack stayed on the ground, and precious moments ticked off the clock.

Miller's pass to Hearn gained six; then Miller, on a sneak, gained the first down at the Gophers' 7. Here, end Bob Deegan, crashing in from left end, spilled Smith for a six yard loss on first down, stalling the drive, and bringing forth Bakken for his sixth and final field goal attempt of the game.

The ball was placed on the 21, and sailed squarely between the goal posts for a 23-15 Wisconsin lead with 3:57 left in the game. Bakken's 31 yarder was his fourth of the year, and in the final analysis, marked the second game his toe had won for the Badgers this season.

Minnesota came roaring back on the strength of Stephens' passing, and scored in six plays covering 72 yards. The big play was a completion to back Jim Cairns, who twisted his way 47 yards to Wisconsin's 25 yard line, eluding tackler after tackler until finally pushed down at the 25.

Stephens passed complete to Al Fischer for 5, gaining back the yardage lost on an offside penalty, then passed to Jones for 21 yards on the Wisconsin four, where John Fabry made the save. On second down, Stephens passed into the end zone to Fischer and the score at 2:07 left to play. The situation dictated a try for two points, and Stephens passed into the end zone to John Campbell, but here Bakken played the spoiler, batting the ball down, and the Badgers had their margin of victory assured, 23-21.

A Minnesota onside kick attempt failed, and the Badgers ran out the clock to preserve their hard earned win.

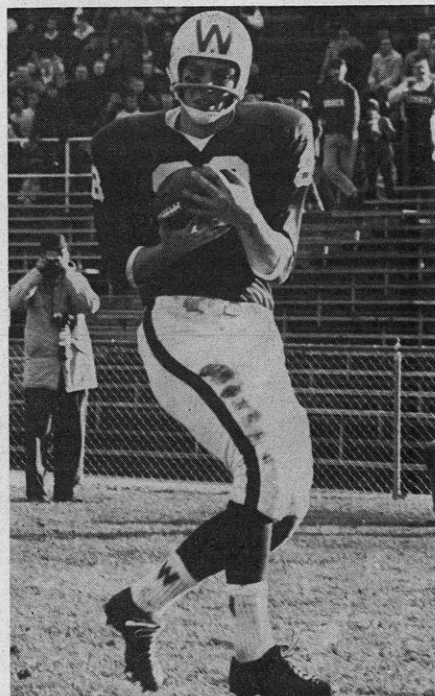
The victory was the third straight for the Badgers to close out the 1961 season with an overall 6-3 record, and a 4-3 Big Ten mark, moving the ninth place Badgers of 1960 up to the league's fifth spot.

It also served to maintain Coach Milt Bruhn's record of never having seen one of his Badger teams lose to Minnesota in Minneapolis since he made his first visit here as Wisconsin mentor in 1957. The Badgers won 14-6 that year, then added an 11-7 win in 1959 that clinched the school's first undisputed Big Ten title since 1912.

Not since the days of the fabled Pat O'Dea have Wisconsin football squads won three times in a row at Minneapolis against their ancient rivals in a series that began in 1890. Overall, the series now stands at 39 wins for Minnesota, 24 for Wisconsin, and eight tie games have been played.

The Badgers tied a Big Ten record of 41 passes attempted in a game, equalling a mark first set against them in 1949 by Iowa, and tied by Iowa again in 1959, against the Badgers, too. Wisconsin's 312 yards passing fell just short of the Big Ten mark of 322 set by Illinois in 1952 against Iowa. Miller's 297 yards passing set a school mark for that category, and fell just short of the 306 yards established by Tom O'Connell, Illinois, in 1952 vs. Iowa.

IN THE LAST two seasons, Badger quarterback Ron Miller and his favorite target, Pat Richter, have literally rewritten the University of Wisconsin passing and receiving record book. A summary of their individual records is listed below:



PAT RICHTER

Most Passes Caught for Career—72—1961.

Most Passes Caught for Season—47.

Most Passes Caught in Single game—9, vs. Illinois, 1961.

Most Passes Caught for Big Ten Career—51.

Most Passes Caught for Big Ten Season—36; (This mark ties Big Ten mark of 36 set by Rex Smith, Illinois, 1952).

Most Total Yardage on Passes Caught for Career—1,179.

Most Total Yardage on Passes Caught for Big Ten Career—881.

Most Total Yardage on Passes Caught for Season—817.

Most Total Yardage on Passes Caught for Big Ten Season—656 (Sets new Big Ten record; old mark was 650 yards by Joe Collier, Northwestern, 1952).

Most Total Yardage on Passes Caught for Single Game—170—vs. Illinois, 1961.

Most TD Passes Caught in Single Game—3, vs. Illinois (He shares this mark in Wisconsin football history with three other Badger receivers). **THIS ALSO** ties Big Ten mark.

Most TD Passes Wisconsin Career—9, (old mark was 8 by Jerry Witt).

Most TD Passes Caught in Season—8.

Most TD Passes Big Ten Career—8, (old mark by Jerry Witt, 1951-52-53).

Most TD Passes Caught Big Ten Season—7 (This ties Big Ten record set by Joe Collier, Northwestern, 1952).

RON MILLER

BIG TEN CAREER and Season

Most Attempts Career—297; (Old mark was 288, Jim Haluska three years).

Most Attempts Season—153; (Old mark was 146, John Coatta, 1951).

Most Attempts Game—37; (Old mark was 32, John Coatta, 1951, vs. Illinois).

Most Completions Season—80; (Old mark was 76, Coatta, 1951).

Most Completions game—19; (Equals mark of 19 set by Coatta, Illinois, 1951).

Most TD Passes Career—15; (Old mark was 14, Coatta in three seasons).

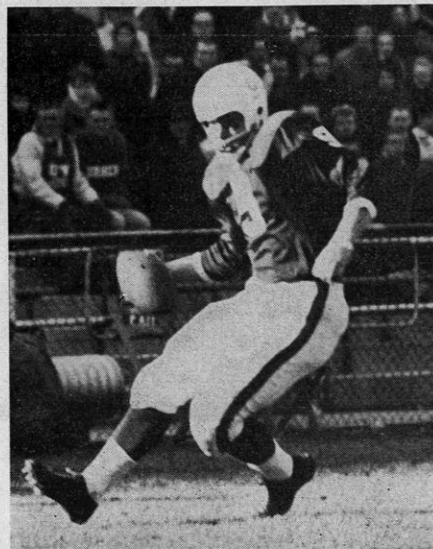
Most TD Passes Season—9; (Old mark was 8, Coatta, 1951).

Most Yardage on Passes Career—2,104; (Old mark was 2,001 by Haluska).

Most Yardage on Passes Season—1,168; (Old mark was 1,030, Coatta, 1951).

All Games Wisconsin Season

Most Yardage on Passes Completed—1,487; (Old mark was 1,410, Haluska, 1952). Miller also set Wisconsin school mark for most yardage on passes completed in game at 297 yards; (Old mark was 237, by Jim Haluska, vs. Marquette, 1952)).



"TIME OUT" *with Oliver Kuechle*



The state of affairs at the University of Illinois where the football team this season faces the unhappy prospect of going through the season without a victory points up what uncontrollable things sometimes happen in college athletics.

Things just run down a little bit for this reason or that, and to bring them back becomes a truly major job of more than one year's duration.

We of Wisconsin have had somewhat the same experience in basketball—and the basketball season, of course, impends. Through no fault of the athletic department, or the coaches, affairs fell into an unhappy state. Three years ago, the team hit bottom in the Big Ten with one victory and thirteen defeats. It finished tenth and last.

Since then, though, the climb up has begun, and true to the history of states like this, it hasn't been an easy one.

Two years ago, in John Erickson's first season as coach, the team improved its Big Ten record to four and ten and finished ninth, and last year, in his second season, it held this record of games won and lost and finished eighth.

The climb up is always hard and tough.

This year, there is every reason to anticipate further improvement. With a nucleus of six lettermen, including four starters, Wisconsin could prove to be more of a factor in the race than it has been in the last half dozen years. There is no championship talk but there are hopes for a possible first division berth.

The lettermen back include, center Tom Gwyn, forwards Tom Hughbanks and Ron Jackson, guards Ken Siebel and Lon Ostrom and center Pat Richter. Gwyn, Hughbanks, Jackson and Siebel were starters last year.

Best of the sophomores appear to be Mike O'Melia, a guard, and Jack Brens, a center.

Richter, incidentally, will be going for his fifth varsity letter. He has already won two in football, one in baseball and one in basketball. He could at this rate become one of the very select athletes in Wisconsin's history who in three years of varsity competition have won nine letters.

Be with us as the basketball season begins. The climb up has begun. We'll try to keep you fully informed.

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