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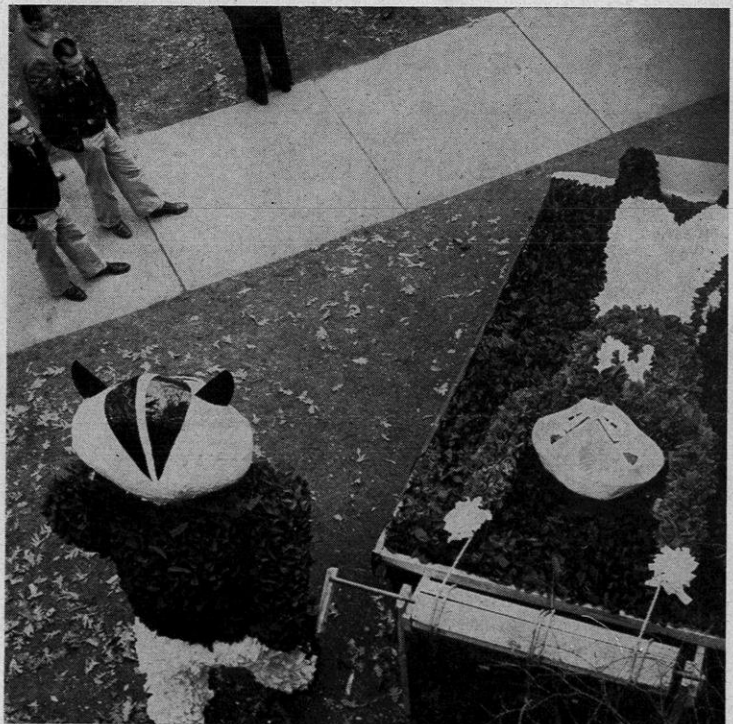
WISCONSIN 0,
MICHIGAN STATE 33

November 3, 1956

WISCONSIN'S Badgers stepped from the frying pan into the fire on this gray November day at East Lansing, as they met the full fury of Michigan State's multiple offense and suffered a 33-0 defeat.

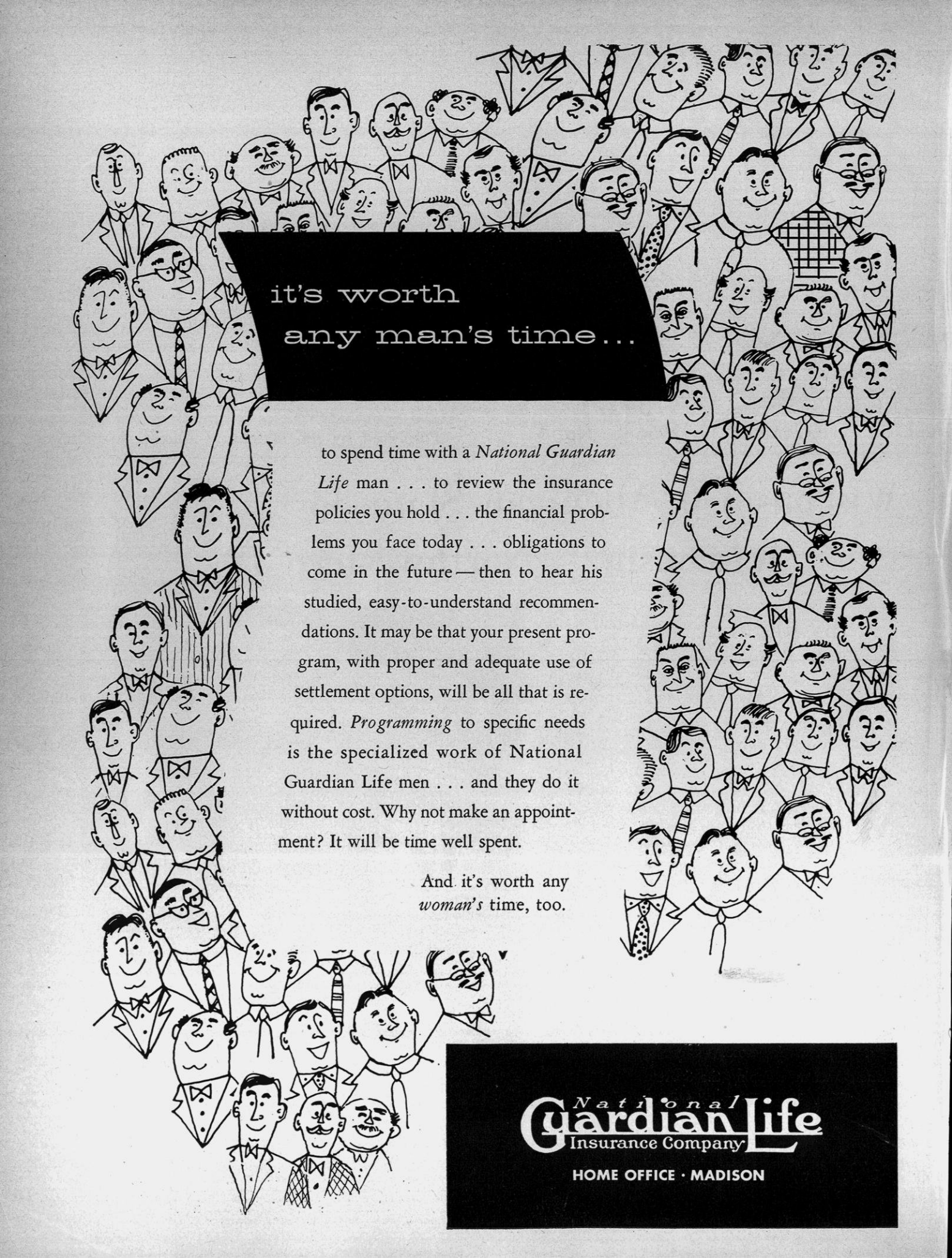
Battered and bruised by Ohio State's power football the week previous—after the Buckeyes had been upset a week earlier by Penn State—the Badgers were trampled by an aroused Spartan team that also had tasted its first loss in twelve games over a two year span the week before.

There was no stopping the Spartans on this weary afternoon—they came in



ON THE RACK—A Homecoming display, by Mack House, was prophetic of the game to come with Northwestern. Most of the subsequent, torture, however, was suffered by Wisconsin team and fans. See center pages for more Homecoming pictures.

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waves, waves of eleven men each, and used in any number of combinations by their master.

Against such an array of talent and manpower, the Badgers were no match, though it is to their credit, that with the score 33-0 with 27 minutes and 42 seconds left to play in the game, they reassembled their forces and played determined football until the end of the game.

The Badgers were shocked early in this game, and all who were there could read the handwriting on the wall. Following the opening kickoff, only seven plays were required by the Spartans to score the initial touchdown. Dennis Mendyk returned the kickoff to the State 32, and on the first scrimmage was stopped for no gain. Quarterback Pat Wilson of the Spartans was undismayed, however. He promptly threw a 52 yard pass to end Tony Kolodziej, and the rugged end was downed on the Badger 16 yard line.

Mendyk carried three plays for seven yards, and then on fourth down rambled for eight yards to the Badger one-yard-line. Here, Wilson turned the job over to Fullback Don Gilbert, who plowed into the end zone with just 2:37 of the game elapsed. The extra point attempt failed, and State led 6-0.

The Badgers took the ensuing kickoff and put on their first sustained march—one of two all day. The march ended when they reached the Spartans 35 yard line. Later in the half they marched from their own 30 to State's 31, the deepest penetration of the day, though in the final half they reached the 38 and 36 yard lines of State, but each time the drives died quickly.

On the initial march, with Gil Blackmun at the helm, they moved from their 28 to Michigan State's 35, with Blackmun passing complete twice, once to Reinke, once to Howard for nine yards each time, and running himself for 12

Wisconsin 0, Michigan State 33

TEAM STATISTICS

	Wis.	M.S.
FIRST DOWNS		
Rushing	10	17
Passing	2	6
Penalty	0	0
NET RUSHING YARDAGE	178	352
Number of rushes	50	66
NET PASSING YARDAGE	19	168
Number of passes	13	15
Passes completed	6	7
Passes intercepted by	1	3
PUNTS BY	7	1
Total punt yardage	214	26
FUMBLES BY	2	6
Fumbles lost by	1	3
PENALTIES ON	0	9
Yards lost on penalties	0	115

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(Wisconsin)

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Carlson	5	2	1	14
Blackmun	5	3	1	7
Hagberg	1	1		-2
Lowe	2	0	1	0

Pass Receiving	Caught	Yardage	TD
Howard	3	3	0
Reinke	1	8	0
Bestor	1	9	0
Bridgeman	1	5	0

Rushing	Att.	Net	Ave.
Bestor	1	2	2.0
Bridgeman	9	58	6.4
Blackmun	5	16	3.2
Hofer	1	6	6.0
Luksik	1	1	1.0
Levenhagen	1	3	3.0
Lewis	7	27	3.9
Lowe	9	16	1.8
Melvin	1	2	2.0
Carlson	9	40	4.4
Hagberg	6	9	1.5

Punting	Punts	Total Yds.	Ave.
Levenhagen	2	69	34.5
Kolian	2	75	37.5
Luksik	3	70	23.3

Score by quarters:

Wisconsin:	0	0	0	0—0
Michigan State:	13	13	7	0—33

yards. The Spartans spilled Billy Lowe for a two yard loss on fourth down to halt the drive on the State 35.

Ten plays later, Michigan State had its second score, and they were to record all five of their scores during the first seven times they had possession of the ball.

The second drive was featured by the running of Mendyk and Kowalczyk, and the passing of Wilson, who threw just once: a strike to Kolodziej for 23 yards. Mendyk powered 22 yards in two carries to ignite the drive, and Kowalczyk contributed 29 yards to the drive, including the final one-yard smash for the score. Even a 15-yard holding penalty assessed against Michigan State did not disrupt the drive.

Wisconsin recovered a Spartan fumble early in the second quarter on the State 47, but a play later, Michigan State was rolling again.

Mendyk intercepted Blackmun's first down pass and returned the ball 24 yards to Wisconsin's 38 yard line. Again, a 15 yard penalty on the Spartans did not halt them, for Wilson uncorked his throwing arm, and hit Kolodziej with another pass, good for 49 yards and the third score.

The Badgers could not move the ball on their next series of downs, and punted to the Spartans 32, whence they went 68 yards in nine plays for their fourth tally. The drive was climaxed

by Quarterback Jim Ninowski hitting end Harold Dukes in the end zone from six yards out.

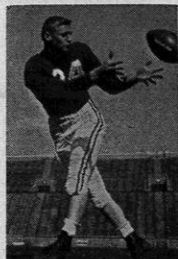
The Spartans struck quickly for their final score, with the second half just 2:18 old. Steven Ambrose kicked 47 yards after the Badgers failed to gain following the kickoff, and Dennis Mendyk returned 67 yards for the score, literally flying down the sidelines after several excellent blocks.

Here, the Badgers pulled themselves together, and played some spirited football the rest of the way, though what they had to offer was too little, too late.

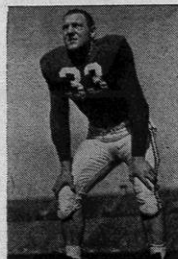
Shortly before the end of the first half, they moved down to Michigan State's 31 yard line, with the yardage chewed off in small chunks by Danny Lewis and John Bridgeman, and a pass which hit Glenn Bestor for 10 yards.

Both Wisconsin moves into Michigan State territory in the second half were due to individual efforts rather than any sustained drive. John Bridgeman broke loose for 28 yards to the State 40 late in the third quarter, but Danny Lewis was hit hard on the next play and fumbled, Joel Jones recovering for the Spartans.

Ron Carlson uncorked a beautiful "bootleg" play midway through the fourth quarter that netted 30 yards, and moved the ball to the Spartan 40 yard line, but the Badgers were stymied



David L. Howard
—E



Glenn L. Bestor—FB

There was no lack of student enthusiasm on Friday preceding Homecoming Day. Students thronged Langdon Street in front of the Union for a noisy "Yell Like Hell" pep rally—which the football team, except Co-Captains Dave Howard and Pat Levenhagen, had to miss because a final practice session intervened. As events turned out Saturday, the squad perhaps could have absorbed some of the infectious spirit to good advantage. (Wis. State Journal photo by Richard Vesey.)

Upper right—No one envied the decision-making of Homecoming display judges, who included that experienced arbiter, columnist Roundy Coughlin, and Arlis Thvedt, home economics assistant professor (both on the picture), artist-in-residence Aaron Bohrod, and George Stephenson, Capital Times executive editor. The couple in the background is Homecoming King Dick Hammes and his queen, Freida Schwartz.

Far right—This bevy of Kappa Alpha Thetas on a float in the mile-long Homecoming parade caught the eyes of the judges, who awarded it (or them) first place. (Wis. State Journal photo by Richard Vesey.)

Bottom pictures—"I'll Take You Home Again, Kat-Lean" by Tau Kappa Epsilon was top fraternity winner, and all-campus winner. Below, a dairyland theme was clever, but couldn't place in tough men's halls competition. Noyes house dug into the history books as a revolving score book emphasized Badger victories, while Bucky Badger—the most popular Homecoming figure of them all—fiddled a tune. Nearly every display showed not only ingenuity and color, but reflected considerable engineering skill in both construction and movement. Many required constant watch, as at far right, where Bucky won the "Pajama Game."



again, and on fourth down Ambrose's punt was blocked by Sam Williams.

Coach Milt Bruhn was visibly disappointed by the outcome of the game, though he found some consolation in the second half performance of the Badgers. The play of the sophomores, and they continue to improve, was encouraging.

SCORING TIMETABLE:

First Quarter:

Wisconsin kicked off to Michigan State and seven plays were all that the Spartans needed to march 68 yards for the first score of the game. Dennis Mendyk was stopped for no gain on the game's first running play, but then Quarterback Pat Wilson passed complete to end Tony Kolodziej for 52 yards and a first down on the Badger 16. Three running plays, all by Mendyk, left the Spartans three yards short of a first down, but on fourth down he went 8 yards to the one-yard line, whence Fullback Don Gilbert plowed over on the next play. Center John Matsko's attempted extra point was short. Wisconsin 0.

Time left—12:23. Michigan State 6, Wisconsin 0.

After a Wisconsin Drive had stalled on the Michigan State 35 yard line, the Spartans used ten plays to march 65 yards for their second score. Key plays were Mendyk's 13 yard end sweep. Wilson's 23 yard pass completion to Kolodziej, and Walt Kowalczyk's 14 yard end run to the one yard line. On the next play, Kowalczyk scored. Jim Ninowski added the extra point.

Time left—3:34. Michigan State 13, Wisconsin 0.

Second Quarter:

An intercepted Wisconsin pass was returned by Mendyk to the Badgers 38 yard line, and after a 15 yard holding penalty on the Spartans, a 49 yard pass play, Wilson to Kolodziej, tallied the third touchdown for Michigan State. Ninowski's extra point attempt was no good.

Time left—9:22. Michigan State 19, Wisconsin 0.

Wisconsin failed to make a first down

after receiving the kickoff, and punted to Michigan State's 32 yard line. Nine plays later, the Spartans scored as Ninowski passed six yards to end Harold Dukes. Ninowski with two pass completions, and an additional 11 yards on a fake pass play, and fullback Bob Handloser who turned in a sparkling 21 yard dash, sparked this drive downfield. Third-team quarterback Mike Panitch kicked the extra point.

Time left—4:22. Michigan State 26, Wisconsin 0.

Third Quarter:

Wisconsin received the kickoff at the start of the second half, but could gain only two yards in three plays. Steve Ambrose punted 47 yards to Michigan State's 33 yard line, where Mendyk fielded the ball, and behind crisp blocking, ran diagonally across the field to the far sidelines, and swept 67 yards into end zone. Ninowski kicked the extra point.

Time left—12:42. Michigan State 33, Wisconsin 0.

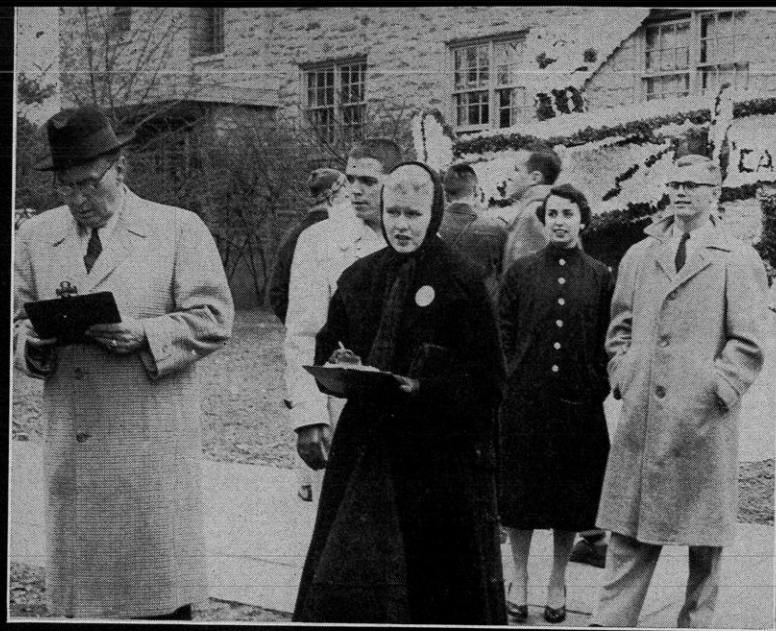
NORTHWESTERN 17, WISCONSIN 7

November 10, 1956

THE DAY FOR the 49th annual homecoming was cold and bright, with the crowd gay and expectant, but a deep gloom settled over Camp Randall Stadium as Northwestern's Wildcats clawed Wisconsin, 17-7, before the largest football crowd in Wisconsin history—54,645.

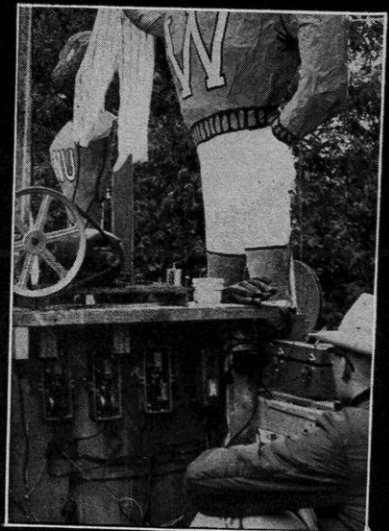
It was a game of extreme frustration for the Badgers, especially in the first half, when they were almost constantly camped in Northwestern territory—they recovered four Wildcat fumbles—but they could not cash in their chips. It was a game of extreme frustration for the Badgers, too, in the second half, when a blocked punt and a fumble led to Northwestern's initial score in the





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third period, and four intercepted passes stopped every threat and led to another touchdown and a field goal for the Wildcats that sealed Wisconsin's fate in the fourth quarter.

Most pleasing for the Badgers and their fans was the poised six-play, 69 yard march engineered by Dick Simonson in the final five minutes of play for the Badger team's first score since that initial drive against Purdue in the season's fourth game. Simonson threw three passes during the march, all of them complete, with the final dart being good for 34 yards and the score to Dave Howard. To be sure, it was too little, too late, but every Badger fan must have thought it was a good idea. With that accomplished, the Badgers rested their case.

The game was definitely one of opportunities accepted and declined. Northwestern graciously accepted three of them in the second half, while Wisconsin in the first half just as graciously declined five chances to score—after reaching the Wildcats 22, 16, 9, 21, and 29 yard lines. Three of the opportunities were set up by recovered fumbles, while Pat Levenhagen set up another with a 38 yard punt out-of-bounds on Northwestern's 3.

Wisconsin's Rocco Cinelli ended a 45 yard Northwestern march after the opening kickoff by recovering Ed Quinn's fumble on the Badger 31. Danny Lewis ripped off 17 yards, then

Glenn Bestor smashed for 10 yards in the Badgers best sustained running of the game, but then a holding penalty stopped the drive.

After a punt exchange, the Badgers' Pat Levenhagen kicked out of bounds on the Northwestern three yard line, and when the Wildcats could not move out, Bob McKeiver punted to Lewis. The latter returned 13 yards to the Wildcats 34. Lewis then ripped off 12 yards to the 22, but his fumble on the next play was recovered by Chuck Jerasa.

Two plays later McKeiver fumbled and Howard recovered on their 21, but after John Bridgeman reached the Wildcat 16, the attack stalled, and Glenn Bestor's attempted field goal from the 23 yard line was just wide to the left.

Even so, Northwestern still had more charity in its attack, and four plays later, McKeiver fumbled again, with Howard bouncing on the ball on the Wildcat 32. With Dick Simonson at the helm, the Badgers ripped down to the 9 yard line in four plays, Bridgeman gaining 14 yards on the first play. But with a fourth down and one yard to go situation, Simonson's pass was incomplete.

Forcing Northwestern to punt out, the Badgers, aided by Simonson's pass to Dave Kocourek for 15 yards, and a 15 yard penalty for unnecessary roughness moved to Northwestern's 21, but

here guard John Lohbauer intercepted Simonson's pass to end the threat.

Moments later came the Badgers final chance in Wildcat territory until the outcome of the game was definitely settled. Center Art Bloedorn recovered Quinn's fumble on the Wildcat 44, and the Badgers moved to the 29 before a penalty stopped the attack once more.

The second half was all Northwestern, as the Badgers stayed deep in their own territory except for their one drive down field with just five minutes left. After moving to their own 41 after the kickoff, the attack sputtered, and Kolian's punt was blocked by End Cliff Peart.

Seven plays later, Quinn's fumble was picked up by Bridgeman on the Badger 11, but here the Badgers became guilty of charity, and Peart recovered a fumbled handoff on the 17 yard line.

Five plays netted the Northwestern score, but the Wildcats had to fumble to get it. Wilmer Fowler fumbled when hit on the two, and Wildcat Captain and center Ted Ringer pouncing on the ball in the end zone for the score. McKeiver added the extra point.

Neither team could account for much during the remaining time of the third quarter, but with the advent of the final quarter, things happened to the Badgers. Wisconsin, not a team that has lived by the forward pass this year, saw all hope for victory wiped out by four pass interceptions in this final fifteen minutes of action.

The first interception was by Lohbauer of Carlson's third down pass, and Northwestern moved from the Wisconsin 38 to the nine yard line before stalling. McKeiver then stepped back and kicked a 24 yard field goal from a slight angle.

Wisconsin's first pass after the kickoff was intercepted by the Wildcats' Quinn, but three plays later Bloedorn recovered Quinn's fumble on the Badger 30. On third down, Gil Blackmun's pass was intercepted by Ringer on the mid-field stripe, and after he returned six yards, Wilmer Fowler shot into the wide open spaces on a reverse and sped 44 yards for the touchdown.

It took the Badgers two minutes and eighteen seconds to register their score, though it was too late. Three running plays which lost four yards were sandwiched between Simonson's three successful passes that carried the ball down

Wisconsin 7, Northwestern 17

TEAM STATISTICS

	Wis.	NW
<i>First Downs</i>		
Rushing	6	11
Passing	5	0
Penalty	1	1
NET RUSHING YARDAGE	144	232
Number of rushes	47	61
NET PASSING YARDAGE	94	0
Number of passes	17	6
Passes completed	6	0
Passes intercepted by	1	6
PUNTS BY	6	7
Total punt yardage	132	267
FUMBLES BY	5	8
Fumbles lost by	2	6
PENALTIES ON	2	4
Yards lost on penalties	25	40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(Wisconsin)

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Carlson	2	0	1	0
Simonson	8	4	1	88
Lewis	1	0	0	0

Hofer	1	0	1	0
Blackmun	5	2	2	6
<i>Pass Receiving</i>		<i>Caught</i>	<i>Yardage</i>	<i>TD</i>
Howard	1	34	1	
Kolian	1	27	0	
Lewis	1	11	0	
Kocourek	3	22	0	

<i>Rushing</i>	Att.	Net	Ave.
Bestor	5	29	5.8
Bridgeman	9	24	2.7
Blackmun	5	14	2.8
Hofer	1	3	3.0
Kolian	2	8	4.0
Lewis	17	56	3.3
Lowe	5	14	2.8
Simonson	3	-4	1.3

<i>Punting</i>	Punts	Total Yds.	Ave.
Levenhagen	2	60	30.0
Kolian	1	22	22.0
Luksik	1	21	21.0
Ambrose	1	29	29.0

Score by quarters:

Wisconsin:	0	0	0	7—7
Northwestern:	0	0	7	10—17

the field. All three of the passes were well executed, and the inevitable question arose on the tongues of the homecoming crowd—"Where did that passing come from?"

Postgame comment by Coach Milt Bruhn was reserved for praise for the aggressive Wildcats, who won their first Big Ten football game since the final game of the 1954 season, and by pointing out that quarterback problem, with all its complexities, was still the Badgers' most important one.

Third Quarter:

A fumble on Wisconsin's 17 yard line by Danny Lewis was recovered by Northwestern's Cliff Peart. Five plays netted the Wildcats their touchdown, with halfback Wilmer Fowler fumbling into the end zone from two yards out, and Center and Captain Ted Ribger recovered for the score. The extra point by Bob McKeiver was good.

Time left: 6:14. Score: Northwestern 7, Wisconsin 0.

Fourth Quarter:

Ron Carlson's third down pass on the second play of the quarter was intercepted on Wisconsin's 39 by Guard John Lohbauer of the Wildcats, and aided by a 15 yard un-sportsmanlike conduct penalty on Wisconsin, the Wildcats moved down to the Badgers 9 yard line, where the Cat's march stalled. On fourth down, McKeiver kicked a 24 yard field goal.

Time left: 11:09. Score: Northwestern 10, Wisconsin 0.

Ted Ringer intercepted Gil Blackmun's third down pass, after the ball had exchanged hands following the kickoff, and he returned the ball six yards to the Badgers 44. Only one play was necessary—for the Wildcats to add the real clincher, as Wilmer Fowler scampered 44 yards on a reverse for the score. McKeiver added the extra point.

Time left: 5:59. Score: Northwestern 17, Wisconsin 0.

Six plays following the kickoff, Dick Simonson had passed the Badgers 69 yards for their first touchdown since the first quarter of the Purdue game. Simonson tossed just three passes during the march—one to Kocourek for 12 yards, to Kolian for 27 yards, and to Dave Howard for 34 yards and the score. Three running plays sandwiched among the passes lost four yards. Guard Jon Hobbs added the extra point.

Time left: 3:32. Score: Northwestern 17, Wisconsin 7.

Notes

Chicago area Badgers are invited to the Annual Football Banquet of the University of Wisconsin Alumni Club of Chicago on December 4 at the Bismarck Hotel. Main speakers are Ivan Williamson, athletic director; Milt Bruhn, head coach; Wisconsin Alumni

Association President Lawrence J. Fitzpatrick, and WAA Executive Director John Berge. Chairman of the affair is William J. Sficos, whose business address is the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, 400 W. Madison (DE 2-2121) and who lives at 823 Washington St., Apt. 1, in Evanston.

Wisconsin's football team, winless in five Big Ten starts, and resting in last place, are faced with the unhappy prospect of their first winless conference campaign since 1939. That year the Badgers lost five games and tied one in Big Ten play. They posted the same mark in 1933, and in 1936 lost all four conference games.

Only other Big Ten seasons in which Wisconsin failed to post at least one win occurred in 1903 (three losses, one tie) 1904, (three losses) and in 1924 (two losses, two ties).

Wisconsin has now failed to win a Big Ten game since beating Northwestern 41-14 in 1955, a span of seven conference games. They lost the final two games last year to Illinois (17-14), and to Minnesota (21-6), and have lost four and tied one this season.

Wisconsin's all-time losing record in the Big Ten is a string of ten games without a win during the 1902-03-04-05 seasons. The Badgers lost the final two games of 1902, lost three and tied one in 1903, lost all three games in 1904, and lost the first game in 1905, before beating Minnesota 16-12 to end the string.

Big 10 Standings

	W	L	T	Pct.	TP	OP
Ohio State	4	0	0	1.000	87	22
Iowa	4	1	0	.800	82	44
Mich. State	4	1	0	.800	120	35
Minnesota	3	1	1	.700	57	41
Michigan	3	2	0	.600	75	70
Illinois	1	3	1	.300	52	79
Northwestern	1	3	0	.300	52	66
Indiana	1	3	0	.250	39	127
Purdue	0	3	2	.200	56	67
Wisconsin	0	4	1	.100	20	80

OTHER SCORES

November 3

Michigan 17, Iowa 14
Ohio State 6, Northwestern 2
Illinois 7, Purdue 7
Minnesota 9, Pittsburgh 6
Indiana 19, Marquette 13
Southern California 28, Washington State 12

November 11

Iowa 7, Minnesota 0
Michigan 17, Illinois 7
Michigan State 12, Purdue 9
Ohio State 35, Indiana 14

During the 1933-34 seasons, the Badgers suffered through a string of eight games without a conference win, ending the drought with a 10-0 win over Michigan in the third Big Ten game of 1934. Seven losses and a tie, with Chicago, made up this string.

In the 1938-39-40 seasons, Wisconsin went through nine Big Ten games without a win, though a tie with Purdue in 1939 interrupted the string. The Badgers lost their final game of 1938 to Minnesota, 21-0, lost five and tied one in 1939, and then lost their first two games of 1940, before edging Purdue 14-13.

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Six assistants are helping Wisconsin Freshman Coach George Lanphear shape up an outstanding group of freshmen gridders this fall. They are Robert (Red) Wilson, Vern Woodward, John Coatta, Pat O'Donahue, Robert Mansfield and William Burns.

Wilson, Williamson's first captain and Western Conference trophy winner in 1949, returns for his fifth season as a frosh assistant. He has been with the Detroit Tigers baseball team and did not report until after the close of the baseball season.

Previously aiding Lanphear in 1950, 1952, 1954 and 1955, Wilson is coaching the centers and linebackers.

Wisconsin assistant boxing coach and long-time frosh aid, Woodward, coaches the tackles.

Coatta was an outstanding Badger quarterback in 1950 and 1951. In his senior year he won top honors as the best Big Ten passer with 76 completions in 146 attempts for 1,030 yards (all figures were Big Ten records). He also set school records in most pass attempts, most completions and most yards. Coatta was named to several post season honor teams in his senior year. He is coaching the backs for the second straight year.

An All-American end in 1951, O'Donahue will coach the ends for Lanphear. O'Donahue, a member of the famed 1951 "Hardrocks", played on defense and was a vital cog in the Badgers holding their opponents in total offense to 154.8 yards per game, tops in the nation.

Bob Mansfield, recently discharged from the service, won major "W" awards for the Badgers as a halfback in 1948 and 1950 helps Coatta with the backs.



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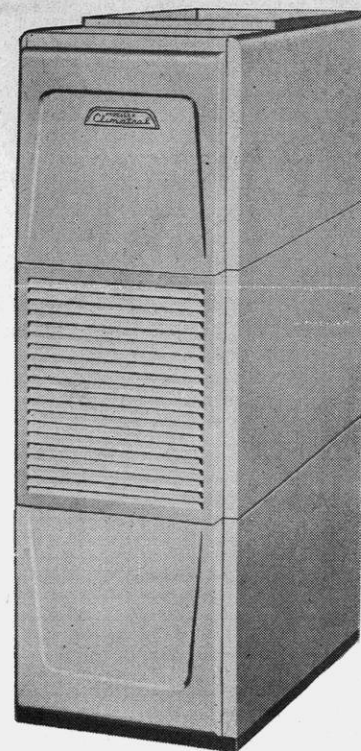
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