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OTTERBEIN vs. CAPITAL
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TEAM RECORDS.....Otterbein is now 3-5 after a disappointing performance in a 35-0 loss at Denison last week. The high point of the season was a 22-10 win over Marietta but the Cardinals have not been able to match that performance since. The Capital Crusaders, with a dismal 2-6 mark, startled everyone last week with a 15-14 upset win over previously unbeaten Baldwin-Wallace. Capital proved that despite their record they are not going to play dead for anyone. In the Cap-Otter game season records haven't meant much in the past. The game is played on emotions.

LAST YEAR.....The Crusaders shot down the Cardinals 40 to 7 in a cold snowy game at Capital. Colby Byrom, Cap's excellent halfback scored 2 of their TD's on runs of 37 and 80 yards. Capital managed to amass a total offense of 515 yards, 503 on the ground and 12 in the air. Otterbein managed only 192 yards, 73 on the ground and 119 by air. Byrom gained 190 yards on the ground for the Crusaders.

TEAM SERIES.....This will be the 46th meeting of the two ball clubs. It all started with a game in 1894 which Otterbein dominated 60-0 and then the two schools didn't play again until 1927 when the Cardinals also won 39-6. Capital has dominated the recent series, winning 14 of the last 20 games. The last Otterbein win came on a 21-6 decision in 1963. Except for the 1961 season the Cap-Otter game has been the last game of the year for both ball clubs since 1953. In all Capital is leading the series with 24 wins, 20 losses, and one tie.

COACHES' RECORDS.....Otterbein athletic director and Coach Bob 'Moe' Agler is now 60-43-4 in his 13th year of head coaching in the Cardinals' nest. Gene Slaughter, the dynamic head coach at Capital, is now in his 11th season and has compiled a record of 53 wins, 34 losses, and two ties.

PEOPLE TO WATCH IN TONIGHT'S GAME.....

Leif Pettersen, Otterbein's sophomore punter, is leading the Ohio Conference in punting with an average of 40.2 yards a kick after 22 punts. Hampered by a broken thumb from the Mount Union game he has only been in four games, but is back in fine shape now.

Steve Traylor, a sure-fingered pass receiver for Otterbein, has performed miraculous catches this year. He is the leading Cardinal pass receiver with 26 catches and four of those receptions were for touchdowns to make him the leading Otterbein scorer. His pass plays have totaled 506 yards. In Otterbein's 21-14 loss to Defiance Traylor scored the only two Cardinal TD's in spectacular fashion--on pass plays of 51 and 58 yards. His one-arm TD catch against Marietta in the closing minutes of the first half helped give Otterbein the momentum needed to win the game. He followed it up in the fourth quarter with a 58-yard TD pass play for the winning touchdown.

Doug Thomson, Otterbein's rushing threat, has been slowed up in the last two games but could get free for good yardage at any time. He has gained 684 yards in 168 carries this year for an average of 4.1 yards a carry, and is averaging 85.5 yards in a game.

Colby Byrom, a senior halfback at Capital, is the third leading rusher in the Ohio Conference, averaging 90.5 yards a game. He has gained 634 yards in 126 attempts this season. Last year Byrom had 563 yards in 120 carries for a 4.7 yard per carry average. He also was responsible for 7 Crusader TD's last season. Byrom is fourth in the conference in kickoff returns, running 7 back for 184 yards, an average of 26.2 yards a return.

<u>TEAM STATISTICS/</u> per game	<u>Otterbein</u>	<u>Capital</u>
Rushing Offense	131.6	198.7
Passing Offense	130.7	66.5
Total Offense	262.3	252.3
Rushing Defense	208.0	144.0
Passing Defense	97.8	108.3
Total Defense	306.0	252.3