

Cap-Otter Battle Highlights OC Finales

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Throw away the records!
Forget the odds! Don't hunt for a favorite!

For Capital and Otterbein, the 1963 football season opens and closes Saturday night in the Otters' Memorial Stadium at Westerville.

In the Ohio Conference, Wittenberg has won a third straight term in the throne room. Saturday's league schedule closes the season.

Approaching their annual grid grudge, the Crusaders and Cardinals couldn't care less what has happened up to now, in or out of the conference.

THE 38TH renewal of the cross-county collegiate rivalry, which dates back to 1894, shapes up as a "this is it" affair. As usual both clubs will be keyed and ready

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to go all out for a victory that stands as tall as any in their record books.

For past performances, Otterbein owns a 4-3-1 record overall and 3-2-1 in the conference. The 21-21 tie with Wittenberg, the only blight on the Tiger hide, is as good as a win to the Cards.

Capital stands 2-5-0 for the campaign which has been staged entirely in the conference.

The Otters and Crusaders had three common foes, Wittenberg, Kenyon and Marietta. Otterbein's deadlock with Wittenberg was the most stunning happening in the conference this year. Capital was creamed by the Tigers, 51-14. Kenyon fell to both teams, 42-2 to Otterbein and 52-6 to Capital. Marietta beat both, 14-0, over Otterbein and 7-6 over Cap.

THAT COMPARISON would indicate Otterbein deserves the favorite's tag. But it will be remembered, particularly by Otterbein partisans, that

an underdog Capital team emerged victorious in both 1962 (13-0) and 1961 (23-17). That 1961 sting was a real painful one since the Otters led 17-0 at halftime.

Otterbein prevailed by big margins in 1960 (50-12) and 1959 (60-28). In 1958 the feud ended in an 18-18 tie. In the 37 meetings, Otterbein owns 19 wins, Capital 17 and that 1958 game is the lone stand-off.

Otter Coach Bob Agler and Crusader Coach Gene Slaughter are leaving little to chance in this finale.

Says Agler, who hasn't enjoyed many happy moments in the season; "We'll be ready . . . We don't plan on losing. We expect Capital to be at full strength." Agler figures his club and Cap will have no more injuries than can be expected for the final game of a season.

SAYS SLAUGHTER, who also has had more than a fair share of unhappiness; "We expect a real good, hard-

fought football game. Otterbein is the kind of team that can beat you a couple of ways. We know they'll throw everything they have into this one. So will Cap. It should be a good one."

Slaughter, concluding his third year at Capital, is experiencing his first losing season as a coach, but he owns two victories over the Crusaders' arch rival. He'd like to make it three Saturday night. Agler and the Otters have different ideas.

A turn-away crowd is expected to sit in on the head knocker.

OHIO WESLEYAN, which hasn't won a conference game, (0-4-1) goes to Denison where the Big Red will be on the rebound from its first loss after 13 straight triumphs.

The Baldwin-Wallace-Muskingum clash at New Concord could be the best on the close-out card. Oberlin plays at Wooster and Marietta visits Heidelberg in a night game. Non-conference fare has

Grove City (Pa.) at Hiram, Kalamazoo at Kenyon, Findlay at Mt. Union, Gettysburg at Wittenberg and Akron at Southwest Missouri.

CLEAT BLEAT — Chuckin' Charlie Green, who is writing a new page in the Ohio Conference record book with his right arm, added another line last Saturday with his 21 completions against Akron . . . That gives the West Milton sharpshooter 105 completions, a new season high . . . Old mark was 102 set by John Stone of Akron in 1959 . . . that 52-30 Hiram-Kenyon barnburner also rated two new categories in the OC book . . . the 52 total in the fourth period was the most points in one period by two teams and Kenyon's 30-point blitz in the final quarter was also the most by a team in one period . . . Bob Spicer scored three TDs in John Carroll's 42-0 rout of Thiel . . . The Streaks, 6-0, are the only perfect record college team in Buckeyeland . . . Errol

Prisby's 98-yard punt return touchdown gallop was the super spectacular in Cincinnati's 39-7 trouncing of North Texas State . . . The Bearcats can win the Missouri Valley Conference title with a victory at Wichita Saturday night . . . The first quarter Oberlin TD cracked a 22-period shutout streak Denison's defense has fashioned . . . The Yeomen not only shattered the Big Red's unbeaten and untied record—seven this year and 13 straight—but notched their first win over Denison since 1950 . . . after dropping the first two games of the season, Oberlin has copped five straight.

