

# Area Products Earn Mid-American Spurs

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The Mid-American Conference has three outstanding sophomore running backs this fall.

Two of them matriculated at Greater Columbus high schools and the other, Paul Miles, prepped at Paulding High School in Paulding County before landing on the Bowling Green University campus 15 months ago.

Bob Hitchens from Grove City is within 176 yards of setting a Miami University single season ground gaining record and former Columbus Mohawk standout, Larry Cates, has carried 142 times for 748 net yards during his first season in a Western Michigan uniform.

All will be in action Saturday on the Buckeye State's



BOB HITCHENS  
GC's Slick 'Skin

final full card of the 1971 football season.

MIAMI IS at Kent State in a bid to finish in a three-way tie with Western and Ohio University in the final standings. It's the only MAC game on Saturday's schedule.

The Redskins are 1-3 in the conference and 5-3 overall. Kent has lost its three MAC starts and stands 3-6 in all games.

Miami closes out next week against independent Cincinnati in Oxford, while Kent

State is at unbeaten Toledo under the Glass Bowl lights.

Bowling Green — with a 6-2 overall work sheet and a chance to tie 4-0 Toledo for the title if the Rockets falter against Kent — hosts Xavier (0-8). The Falcons finish next week at Dayton.

Western Michigan (6-3) concludes its 1971 season against Pacific in Kalamazoo. Pacific dropped a 17-10 decision to Miami in its season opener and has beaten only Montana and Hawaii in a 2-7 season.

TOLEDO SHOOTs for its 33rd consecutive victory and 10th this season at Marshall. Coach Jack Lengyel's young Thundering Herd has surprised Xavier and Bowling Green in a 2-6 season.

Ohio Conference champion Ohio Wesleyan attempts to wrap up a perfect 6-0 conference season in a 1:30 p.m. game against arch rival Denison in Granville. The Bishops, 7-1 overall, have won their last five and are hopeful of garnering a trip to Chicago Thanksgiving Day for an appearance in the NCAA Stagg Bowl Game.

Capital, which cleared the Bishops' path to an outright title with a 15-14 upset of Baldwin-Wallace last week, travels to Memorial Stadium in Westerville for its annual skirmish with cross-county foe Otterbein. It starts at 8 p.m.

Marietta is at Heidelberg, and Oberlin at Wooster in other OC games. Ashland is at Wittenberg, and Kenyon hosts Washington and Jefferson in non-loop, season-



Cates



Miles

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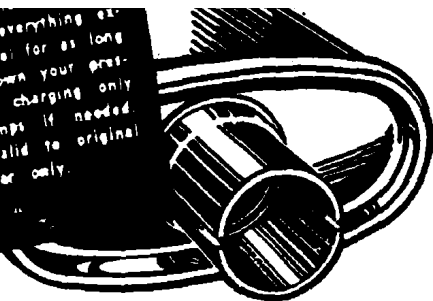
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**MILES**, a six-foot, 190-pounder, has carried 235 times for 1,021 yards, a 4.3 yards per-carry average. He's averaging 127.6 ground yards a game and has been over the century mark in six of his team's eight games.

He carried 32 times for 192 net yards at Kent State and gained 149 yards against Toledo and 145 in last week's win at Texas-Arlington. Western Michigan held him to 97 yards and he gained a "mere" 92 in an upset loss at Marshall.

The 5-10, 195-pound Hitchens has produced 888 ground yards off 216 trips and a 4.1 ypc average. He's averaging 111 yards a game and has topped the 100-yard barrier four times.

**HE CARRIED** 28 times for 172 yards against Xavier and was 37 for 159 net and his team's only touchdown in a 7-6 win at Western Michigan last week. Tim Fortney has the Miami single season records for number of carries (241) and rushing yardage (1,063). He set both in 1970, his senior season.

Cates' 142 trips into enemy lines have produced 748 net yards and a 5.3 ypc average. The 5-11, 190-pounder is averaging 83.1 yards a game.

He has gained more than 100 yards on three occasions, getting an even 150 against both Kent State and Ohio U., and 146 against Northern Illinois.

Cates has 11 touchdowns to his credit, including three against both Illinois State and Kent. Hitchens has scored eight touchdowns and Miles six.