

CAP AT OTTERBEIN, OWU AT DENISON

Full House Will See Bobcat-BG Tilt

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While Bowling Green and Ohio University settle—or prolong—the Mid-American Conference football championship Saturday in Athens, there's a couple of rousing, backyard scraps for central Ohio fans in this next-to-last weekend grid fare.

If the BeeGees prevail in the ruckus with Ohio's Bobcats, they'll wrap up their third straight Mid-Am championship.

An Ohio triumph, however, will send the title fight down to the wire in OU's game at Marshall next week.

The traditional Ohio Conference fusses are at Westerville where Capital and Otterbein stage their annual blood-letting and at Granville where Denison lies waiting for invading Ohio Wesleyan, a long time foe.

BALDWIN - WALLACE'S game at Muskingum appears to be the best of the OC five-bout card. B-W stands 3-1 in the circuit and 6-2 overall. Ed Sherman's Muskies have won five of seven conference games and dropped a non-leaguer at Waynesburg, Pa.

Oberlin bids for its fifth straight win at Wooster and the conference's leading rusher, Yeoman Halfback Mike Koslow, closes out his collegiate career. Marietta and Heidelberg have a night assignment at Tiffin.

The Capital-Otterbein kickoff is at 8 p.m. and the 1963 renewal has all the trappings of former Card-Crusader

scrambles. Both clubs may be injury-weakened, but it will have little bearing on the zeal or enthusiasm for victory.

Wesleyan will limp into Denison, too. Ed Curreri, the Bishops' main offensive threat, looks like a doubtful starter and regular guard,

Co-Capt. Grant McLennan may not make it either. Both were hurt two weeks ago at Wabash.

WHILE DENISON was shut out of the conference crown last week with the defeat at Oberlin, the Big Red is gunning for an 8-1 season finish.

UD COACH RETURNS MONDAY

Blackburn Says He's Cured of Lung Cancer

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Tom Blackburn, the University of Dayton's longtime basketball coach, believes he has been cured of cancer of the lung, the Dayton Journal Herald reported Friday.

In a story written by Jim Zofkie, Journal Herald sports writer, Blackburn was quoted as saying he had been operated on for lung cancer Sept. 27. It was the first time that the nature of Blackburn's illness, which has hospitalized him three times since mid-September, was disclosed.

Blackburn was released from Miami Valley Hospital after his latest stay Wednesday. Zofkie quoted Blackburn as saying he underwent X-ray treatment and that the X-rays found no malignancy.

THE 56-YEAR-OLD head coach of the Flyers under-

days with what was eventually announced as pneumonia.

He was readmitted in a few days, underwent the operation and went home Oct. 9.

He again entered the hospital Nov. 8 and was released Wednesday.

Blackburn said he is going to resume direction of the Flyers cagers Monday. Assistant Coach Don Donohue has been tutoring them in his absence.

BLACKBURN has earned national fame with his Dayton teams. They have won 337 of 468 games during his tenure and have been a perennial entry in New York's National Invitation Tournament. A highlight was the NIT championship in 1962 after several runner-up finishes.

Blackburn said all sorts of friends were praying for

Wesleyan is still looking for conference victory. The only crumb the Bishops have from the conference table is a 0-0 tie with winless Heidelberg.

Down at Athens Peden Stadium will be taxed to capacity plus for the Bowling Green-Ohio University struggle. Doyt Perry's Falcons carry a 4-1 MAC record into the game while Ohio is 3-1. BG lost to Miami, its only defeat in eight games, while Ohio was nicked by Toledo, 18-17. The Bobcats dropped three non-league engagements for a 4-4 overall mark.

Two of the conference's top ball carriers, Jay Cunningham and Jim Albert will be pitted against each other in the BG-OU battle. Cunningham has been the heart of the Bowling Green attack all season. Albert, Ohio's pacer in scoring, rushing, punt returns, pass interception returns and pass receiving, has just reached his peak.

ALBERT, a senior from Canfield, got off to a slow start but sparkled in the Bobcats' 13-10 win over Miami and tallied all four TDs in the 27-13 triumph over Western Michigan last week. He's lugged the leather 74 times for 434 yards, or 5.9 yards a crack.

Cunningham, the piston-legged Youngstown junior, has 528 yards in 124 carries for the Falcons. He needs only

seven points to break the MAC season scoring record of 54 points set by Tirrel Burton of Miami in 1955.

Marshall plays at Kent State in the other Mid-Am. contest, John Carroll can tie up a second straight President's Conference title with a win over visiting Washington & Jefferson. Cincinnati hopes to keep its Missouri Valley Conference flag chances alive at Wichita.

In non-leaguers Kenyon entertains Kalamazoo, Dayton is host to Miami, and Wittenberg faces Gettysburg at Springfield.

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