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Wesleyan, Akron Figure Strongly In OC Title Run

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The Ohio Conference and Mid-American Conference football races have reached the "iffy" stage in championship consideration.

Let's look at the Ohio Conference. Five teams are still very much in contention and a dizzy bounce of the pigskin here or there in the next two weeks could carry the battle right down to the last round of ammunition.

Otterbein, Muskingum and Wittenberg currently are unbeaten. Akron and Ohio Wesleyan have lost but one.

That puts the Muskingum-at-Akron game Saturday night squarely on the "big one" spot. Denison's visit to Wittenberg should not endanger the Tigers' unsullied loop record and Wesleyan, while not exactly a ball of fire in dispatching Wabash last week, has too much firepower for the Scots at Wooster. Otterbein is at home against non-league Ashland in a night tilt.

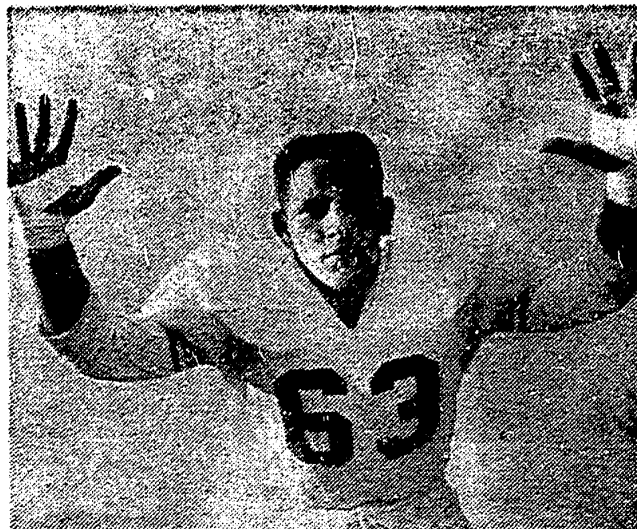
IF Akron, in its Rubber Bowl assignment, can handle the Muskies next week's card carries the tag of Showdown Saturday. Then:

IF Wesleyan derails Wittenberg at Delaware—and don't bet too much against it—the whole championship picture could be cleared at Otterbein where the Cards can expect to deal with a fired up band of Capital scrappers.

IF the Fighting Lutherans, their many wounds healed, knock off the Otters—and:

IF Wesleyan then closes

CLEAT BLEAT — Roger Welsh, former Grandview High athlete, now a defensive halfback on the Muskingum College grid team, is currently leading the conference in punting with an average of 37.5 . . . Charlie Green, Wittenberg's third string but long-throwing quarterback, may see a lot of service in the Tigers' tilt with Denison Saturday . . . regular signalman Gary Tranquil still has an ouchy ankle and his replacement, Byron Ruck, a bruised kidney . . . Kieth Piper still has injury problems with his already battered Big Red squad . . . Dayton coach Stan Zajdel, looking more to 1962 than the remainder of this season, will go with sophomores and juniors in the final three games against Holy Cross, Miami and Wichita . . . John Kurzan, Muskingum's 215-pound offensive tackle, injured in the Heidelberg game, has been ruled out for the rest of the season . . . Muskies' boss Ed Sherman says the Akron tilt Saturday night will be the "first conference game in four years that we haven't been favored to win . . ." . . . as could be expected, Jim McKee, who booted the 48-yard, last-second field goal to give Ohio U. the 17-16 win over Delaware, was voted Bobcat of the Week by the coaching staff.



SCOT STOPPER—Playing with a badly injured knee, Paul Scherzer, 5-10, 180-pound Washington, D.C., sophomore center, was one of the stalwarts in Capital's defense that produced last week's surprising victory over Wooster.

Defiance's Gryzowski Leading Ground Gainer

NEW YORK (AP)—Quarterback Tom Gryzowski of Defiance (Ohio) leads the nation's small college individual ground gainers for the second week in a row—the first time this season the total yardage leader has held the spot for two weeks straight.

Gryzowski passed for 222 yards and ran for five more in Defiance's 16-8 loss to Findlay last week, to give him a total offense of 1264 yards in six games. He also leads in passing, with 87 completions, the NCAA Service Bureau said Thursday.

Jan Lloyd of Occidental is second in each category with 1177 yards total offense and 86 pass completions. Ohio Wesleyan's Dave Hornbeck is fourth in total offense with 1047 yards.

Other individual leaders are Bobby Lisa, St. Mary's (Kan.) halfback in rushing (927 yards); Defiance's Marty Baumhower in pass receiving (42 catches); New Mexico

Highlands' Joe Roy in punting (46.9 yards per punt); and John Nachtsheim, University of Minnesota at Duluth, in scoring with 112 points.

Tag Event

Tag team wrestling, in which Chief White Owl and George Strickland take on Eric and Karl Von Krupp, is the semifinal event on Friday night's wrestling card at old Memorial Hall.

HOCKEY SCORES

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Toronto 3, Montreal 2
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Springfield 4, Pittsburgh 4 (overtime tie)
Hershey 3, Cleveland 2
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Minneapolis 2, Fort Wayne 1
St. Paul 5, Muskegon 3

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out with a win over Denison and Akron downs Mt. Union, the Bishops and the Zippers will be co-owners of the mythical title.

BUT a Muskingum win this Saturday and a Wittenberg victory at Delaware next week tosses the whole equation into the trash can. Then the Muskies, Wittenberg and Otterbein will battle to the wire.

In the Mid-American Conference Ohio University and Western Michigan hold the key to the title arrangements since they have lost but one game, along with leading Bowling Green, but still have two to play. The Bobcats are at Marshall Saturday night and then host the Bee Gees in what could be the decider. The Broncos meet Kent State Saturday and close out at Ohio U. on Nov. 18.

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