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Wittenberg Win Habit Continues

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SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Will the success it enjoyed over the previous decade continue for Wittenberg University's football team as it enters the 1970s?

There's little reason to believe it won't.

Wittenberg has had tougher schedules than the one facing Dave Maurer in his second go-around as the Tigers' head coach.

AND, DESPITE his apprehension regarding a few spots, the Tiger den is again sufficiently stocked with a number of proven Ohio Conference football players.

If they can successfully hurdle an Oct. 24 date at

Baldwin-Wallace, there's reason to believe another perfect-record Wittenberg football season could be in the making.

The Tigers' gaudy 78-9-1 record during the 1960s was the nation's best. Alabama was second with 35-12-3.

The Wittenberg success story during the '60s include 9-0 and 8-0 seasons in 1962 and 1964 and an 8-0-1 campaign in 1963. Single losses prevented perfect Tiger editions in 1960, 1961, 1966 and 1967.

SIX WITTENBERG teams won mythical Ohio Conference crowns during the decade and two others recorded second place finishes. The Tigers marched through a 30-



Herring



Fertig

game unbeaten stretch (1961-65), and the 1964 aggregation was the recognized national college division champion in the final Associated Press poll.

The 38-year-old Maurer was Bill Edwards' No. 1 aide throughout, replacing his retired boss as the Tigers' head man prior to the 1969 season.

There was no dropoff in the proficiency. Maurer simply guided the Tigers to a perfect 10-0 season as Athletic Director Edwards looked on approvingly from a seat in the background.

QUARTERBACK Rocky Ait and all-purpose offensive halfback **Darryl Herring** are back from that group which polished off William Jewell College, 27-21, in the post-season NCAA Stagg Bowl.

So are split end **John Beckett**, defensive end **Denny Yontz**, cornerback **Dana Fertig** and defensive back **Scott McDowell**. They helped the Tigers to easy 61-0 and 40-8 victories over California (Pa.) State and Central State in their first two 1970 starts.

Entering the current season, Ait's 461 passing attempts found the mark 233

times for 3,264 yards and 35 touchdowns. He added three more TD tosses in the first two games this fall.

"He's a good leader and he can really whip that ball. He had an excellent year last fall," says Maurer.

HERRING, a 5-7, 165-pound package of versatility, has accounted for more than 2,000 yards the past two seasons in a combination of statistics covering rushing, pass receiving, and punt and kick-off returns.

"He's the kind of player that gives a defense problems. Everyone knows he's in there and the other team can't lose sight of the fact. It allows us to do some things we might not otherwise be able to do," says Maurer.

Beckett's 34 receptions covered 663 yards and produced seven touchdowns in 1969.

"He's a good receiver, small but rather elusive," says his coach. Beckett is a 5-9, 175-pounder.

YONTZ, according to Maurer, is "a real heady, steady end . . . a stabilizing influence on our defense."

Fertig is a tough little 5-10, 175-pounder. McDowell developed rapidly a year ago.

Left tackle **Rick Mako**, starting guards **Mike Jacobs** (switched from tackle) and **Joe Paoloni**, and center **Terry McNutt** were regulars on the offensive line a year ago. **Shelton Moore**, a 240-pound sophomore, has moved in at right tackle and **Bob Stavor** at tight end.

Claud Dent is Herring's

halfback running mate and **Gary Sherman** is the No. 1 fullback. Both are proven starters.

DEFENSIVELY, the Tigers line up with **Yontz** and **Roger Parker** at the ends, 6-2, 240-pound **Bill Bibbee** (Springfield North) and **Larry Williams** at the tackles, and **Dale Pittenger** at middle guard.

Maurer believes that Pittenger, who saw enough action as a linebacker to win a letter last fall, "Has been our most improved defensive player to date."

Bob Baun and **Ron Klawitter** are the linebackers, **Fred Freeland** plays the other corner and **Jeff Smith** is the other deep man in addition to **Scott McDowell**. **Bibbee**, **Baun** and **Freeland** were starters a year ago.

After Otterbein here Saturday, the Tigers' future schedule looks like this:

Oct. 10 — at Denison; 17 — Findlay; 24 — at Baldwin-Wallace (night); 31 — Ohio Wesleyan. Nov. 7 — at Wooster; 14 — Ashland.



DAVE MAURER
Still Going Strong

OHIO COLLEGE GRID SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 10

Mid-American Conference
Western Michigan at Kent State
Bowling Green at Toledo (N)

Ohio Conference
Wittenberg at Denison
Wooster at Ohio Wesleyan
Marietta at Hiram
Mt. Union at Otterbein (N)
Capital at Heidelberg (N)

Mid-Ohio Conference
Buffton at Findlay (N)
Defiance at Wilmington (N)

Other Games
Kenyon at Lake Forest, Ill.
Dayton at Ohio University
Miami at Marshall (N)
Xavier at Cincinnati (N)
Baldwin-Wallace at Horstre, N.Y.
Ashland at Muskingum (N)
Allegheny, Pa. at Oberlin
Akron at Illinois State
Central State at Northwood, Mich.
Youngstown at Murray State, Ky. (N)
Case-Western Res. at Bethany, W.Va.
Wash-Jeff, Pa. at John Carroll
Ohio Northern at Hillsdale, Mich.

U.S., Britain Agree On Uniform Golf Ball

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States and Britain, who have disagreed on the matter for years, have decided that there should be a uniform golf ball throughout the world.

A joint committee of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews and the U.S. Golf Association, after lengthy study, reported Monday it had agreed on a one-size ball.

Now the question goes to the two associations, who rule the sport, and after that other technical tests must be

Both have the same maximum weight, 1.620 ounces. The U.S. specifies a limit of 250 feet per second velocity with a 2 per cent tolerance. The British have no velocity specifications.

The smaller ball bores better into the wind and is supposed to travel farther, especially on British windy seaside courses. The larger ball can be finessed better around the greens and holds a more stable putting line.

The specifications tentatively agreed upon between the two countries call for a ball with a minimum diam-

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