

MUSKIE-ZIP STRUGGLE IS HEADLINER

Marshall 'Must' Win for Bobcats

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If Ohio University's re-fitted Bobcats expect to stay alive in defense of the Mid-American Conference football championship, victory over Marshall University at Huntington, W. Va. Saturday night is a solid must.

Coach Bill Hess knows it. And he hopes every member of the Bobcat squad is well aware of it.

Although Hess-coached teams has a 3-0 record against the Big Green, not one of the triumphs has come easy.

"Our biggest job will be to keep the team from looking past Marshall to the remaining conference games of the year, against Bowling Green and Western Michigan," Hess said Friday.

THE BOBCATS—with a win over Marshall—will go into the B-G battle Nov. 11 with a win-or-else responsibility. It is the Falcons' conference finale while Ohio U. has Western Michigan—still a title possibility—to meet in the season closeout.

Western Michigan (3-1) is host to Kent State this week. A win for the Broncos would set them up against the Bobcats Nov. 18. And regardless of the outcome of the OU-Bowling Green game, Western Michigan can win or share the title with victory over the Bobcats.

In the other MAC game Saturday ex-Miami teammates Clive Rush and Johnny Pont meet as opposing coaches in the Redskin-Toledo struggle.

IN THE Ohio Conference Gordon Larson's Akron Zips (4-1) also have a survival struggle against Muskingum (4-0) Saturday night. And

Larson has a few things going for him in this one, a sound, physically fit team and the horrors of last year's 58-0 loss

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after Thursday's drill, not only as a blockbuster runner, but as "a real offensive leader." He's working as hard as the rookies and "is in terrific shape!" Hayes emphasized.

Paul Warfield is sharper now than at any time since he injured a toe in the Illinois game; Bob Klein's return to virtual starting status hyped the attack immeasurably last week; and Matt Snell gets rougher all the time from right half, although he might be busied for part of this game with defense.

THE HALFBACK position hasn't been that solid for some seasons, nor has fullback, with Ferguson and Katterhenrich. Quarterback hasn't turned up a Tom Matte yet, but Hayes is getting maximum mileage out of his three candidates, Mrukowski, Mummey and Sparma.

In other words, the Buckeye offense seems to have arrived at its "readiest" point, and how could the timing be more opportune?

BUCKSHOT—Hayes said Mrukowski will probably start, although he's devoted more time to defense than offense this week, but Sparma "will play a lot" and so will Mummey, whose hip bruise has healed. Sparma might get a crack at the punting chore, too. About the only Buckeye not expected to play is soph guard Al Parker.

to the Muskies still a vivid memory with the Zips.

Muskingum puts its 13-game conference winning streak on the line against the Zips. John Kohl, Muskies' offensive end, will be out of the lineup because of an injury. Center Sam Bell and halfback Sim Miller, although ailing, may see limited service.

Ohio Wesleyan invades Wooster and Denison goes into the meat grinder at Wittenberg. Kenyon plays at Mt. Union in a night tilt to round out the OC schedule.

Unbeaten Otterbein (5-0) is at home Saturday night to Ashland in a non-conference attraction.

The non-league schedule is highlighted by West Texas State's visit to Bowling Green and the Louisville-Xavier game in Cincinnati.

CLEAT BLEAT—The state's three unbeaten teams should have easy sailing Saturday. . . powerful Baldwin-Wallace (6-0) meets Heidelberg (1-14-1) . . . Otterbein (5-0) entertains the Ashland Eagles (3-4) and John Carroll (4-0) goes to Wabash . . .

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Scoring	31	104	137	73
First Downs	55	76	84	60
Net Yards Rushing	541	1356	1102	662
Net Yards Passing	524	322	618	425
Total Net Gains	1065	1678	1720	1087
Total Plays	255	362	331	291
Passes Attempted	72	49	86	82
Passes Completed	36	29	50	34
Passes Had Intercepted	5	3	7	6
Punts	28	16	22	26
Punting Average	39	32	33	32
Fumbles Lost	4	5	8	9
Yards Penalized	154	76	283	193

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