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## CAPITAL IN OPENER

# Marietta, Otterbein, OWU in Big Tests

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Marietta, Ohio Wesleyan and Otterbein face the "moment of truth" this week end in a full Ohio college football schedule that offers half a dozen promising games.

Central Ohio fans will be watching this trio with interest, along with the Capital opener at Mt. Union Saturday night, because their comeback hopes meet the test of established opposition for the first time in the young season.

OHIO CONFERENCE co-champion Wittenberg invades Marietta in a Friday night game that showcases the top 1957 conference passers—Wittenberg's Ron Lancaster, who tossed for 1023 yards and 10 touchdowns last year, and Marietta's Dave Coulter, whose 1090 passing and 51 rushing yards led the loop in total offense. He threw nine TD tosses in '57.

Wittenberg opened impressively, romping 41-7 over DePauw. Marietta beat West Virginia Wesleyan, 25-12.

Ohio Wesleyan also gets the acid test as the promising but youthful Bishops run headlong into Heidelberg Saturday night at Tiffin. Wesleyan can travel by land or by air and scoring is not the problem. It's stopping the Princes' pulverizing overland offense.

THEY'LL TURN ON the lights a little early for Otterbein's first ever home game Saturday night at 8 p.m., but Denison figures to put them out again. It's another case of trying to get more points than the other team (Denison), which after all is the object of the game.

Capital will bus a beardless crew to Mt. Union Saturday night, with three freshmen, three sophomores, two juniors and three seniors on

the first 11. If the Lutherans don't make too many mistakes, they could get 1958 off to the proper start. Capital's Jack Landrum calls it a tossup.

Some of the state's better scraps Saturday are Toledo at Ohio U. in the afternoon and Wichita at Cincinnati and Richmond at Dayton under the lights. The game with Wichita kicks off UC's four-game Missouri Valley Conference schedule.

MIAMI OPENS defense of its Mid-America title by hosting Western Michigan in an afternoon affair and must stop fullback Lovell Coleman, who picked up 283 yards in the Broncs' 33-32 loss to Central Michigan last week.

The other Saturday afternoon games are Oberlin at Hiram, Wooster at Kenyon, Morgan State at Central State and Youngstown at New Haven State, Conn.

The night schedule also includes Defiance at Findlay, Ashland at Wilmington, Bluffton at Ohio Northern, Kent State at Baldwin-Wallace and Lockbourne AFB at Bowling Green. Xavier hosts the Quantico Marines Sunday night.

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