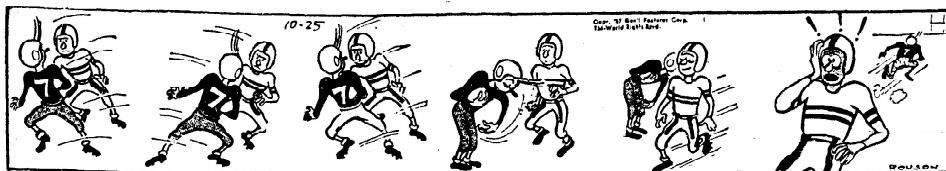


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DENISON, MARIETTA ARE HOMECOMING 'GUESTS'

Capital, Otterbein Seek to Avoid Ambush

By DICK OTTE

Unbeaten Otterbein and Capital celebrate their homecomings Saturday in a pair of Ohio Conference contests that headline a 21-game Ohio College weekend football card.

The surprising Cardinals from Westerville, Ohio's only clean-slate club, try for victory No. 5—four in the conference—against Marietta in Otterbein's Memorial Stadium.

Capital, tied 13-13 last week at Akron, jousts with Denison's Big Red on the Bernlohr Stadium turf in a game that could knock the loser out of title contention and stamp the winner a solid championship threat.

With six OC teams still sporting one loss or less, a second defeat for Denison or a loss to go with Cap's tie could prove disastrous. Denison has its perfect mark soiled last week by Heidelberg, 17-14.

Thus, at a time in past years when Cap and Otterbein would be pointing toward their backyard bonecrusher at season's end both are in the elite unbeaten class with Bowling Green (also tied once) and scrambling for the "unofficial" league championship.

IT'S A NOVEL but happy twist for the Columbus area collegians who — with Ohio State on the road — can expect

near-capacity crowds for their 2 p.m. kickoffs.

The Denison-Capital match looks as close as their scores of last week, although Big Red coach Keith Piper comments that "it doesn't look good for Denison."

Piper bases his outlook on Capital's "size and apparent ability" plus the fact that, in his opinion, the Big Red "hasn't played a real good game this year."

Sizing up the significance of Saturday's session, Piper predicts: "If Capital loses, they're out of it (the conference race); if they win they've got it. If we win, we still have tough games at Oberlin and against Ohio Wesleyan (Denison's arch-rival)."

CAP COACH Jack Landrum looked over an injury list that included six regulars on "doubtful" status and allowed that "we'll give them a good game if we're intact."

Landrum gives Denison the edge in team speed but observes that his own team has been "pretty good" defensively.

Offensively, Cap unveiled its version of the "I" formation at Akron last week and averaged four yards a play with the novel backs-in-line offense. Chances are the Lutherans will try more "I-openers" this week.

All things considered, it figures to be a showdown between Cap's pass-run combo of Chuck Kessler and Eddie

Garver and Denison's fleet backfield corps led by Marvin Smith and Darwin Zahn.

OTTERBEIN should rank as a substantial favorite against a Marietta team that has lost 3 of 5 starts but Card coach Robert (Mo) Agler is expecting a rugged test.

One of the homecoming "guests" will be Ken Mead

(Class of '49) who can't be concerned with school ties on this particular occasion. He's now head coach of the Pioneers and will be out to ambush alma mater if at all possible.

Agler takes this into consideration when he estimates that Marietta "will be higher than a kite" for Saturday's contest.

Reports coming back from the river city, in fact, hint that Mead may be saving something for the Otters. His offense features several variations of the T-formation but (with Otterbein scouts on hand) Marietta ran only straight T plays against Bethany last week.

ELSEWHERE in the Ohio

Conference Saturday, Oberlin is at Kenyon, Akron at Wooster and Hiram at Mt. Union. The Heidelberg at Muskingum game, which in many seasons decides the OC champ, finds Heidelberg (2-1) striving to stay in title contention as Muskingum (2-2) fights to avoid the second division in the 14-team league.

Mid-America headliner has Bowling Green at Kent State while last-place Ohio U tries to end a string of 3 M-A losses at league-leading Marshall's lair and Western Michigan plays at Toledo. Miami of the Mid-Am shoots for national prestige against Purdue's "Spoilermakers."

Other games include:

Saturday afternoon — Defiance at Ohio Northern, Wilmington at Ashland (both Mid-Ohio); John Carroll at Case, Western Reserve at Wayne (Presidents conference); College of Pacific at Cincinnati; St. Vincent Pa. at Baldwin-Wallace; Wittenberg at Washington and Lee; Ohio Wesleyan at Wabash and Central State at Tennessee State.

Saturday night — Xavier at Dayton (for the Governor's Cup; Findlay at Bluffton (Mid-Ohio).

CRUISING THE CAMPS — INS Ohio college ratings for this week: 1. BG, 2. Cincinnati, 3. Miami, 4. Xavier, 5. Akron . . . Youngstown's game at Eastern Kentucky was postponed to Nov. 23 because 11 Eastern players are ill.

night. . . Miami last played Purdue in 1946 and lost, 13-7. . . Cap captain Don Skinner, reinjured in practice Monday, may be ready to go against Denison. . . Rival coaches in the Wabash-Wesleyan game are Garland Frazier and Glenn Fraser. . . Bad news for Kent State: Doyt Perry's BG Falcons are in their best physical condition of the season. . . Barring a tie, either Kenyon (0-2-1) or Oberlin (0-3-1) will win its first game of the season Saturday. . . Heidelberg's 20-16 last-ditch win cost Muskingum the OC title last year and helped the Princes gain the bauble. . . Ed Sherman said this year's Muskie team has "regained confidence" after a session of illness and injuries. . . Cincy and COP have played five times, the home team winning each game. . . It's the Bearcats' turn to even the series at 3-3. . . Dave Maurer is guiding the Wittenberg team while head coach Bill Edwards is hospitalized for a physical check-up. . . The Springfield Tigers have won four after an opening loss to Wittenberg. 6 Kent, 7 Dayton, 8 Otterbein, 9 Denison, 10 Capital. . . Flu forced Heidelberg to cancel a freshman game at Dayton Friday.



Lopez Named AL Manager of Year

NEW YORK — Al Lopez of the Chicago White Sox, who was out of a job at this time a year ago, Friday was named American League Manager of the Year for 1957.

Dressen Is Offered Job

Lopez' performance overshadowed those of Casey Stengel of the pennant-winning New York Yankees and Paul Richards of Baltimore in the opinion of Baseball Writers' Assn. of America.



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