

Case of saving each other after two lean seasons where they are contenders for the Dame. is high

RICH VERSUS POOR ON OC SATURDAY CARD

By WIL KILBURGER

It's the "haves" against the "have-nots" in the Ohio Conference football festivities Saturday.

Unbeaten Denison, with its begrudging defense that has given up 25 points in five

games, entertains Heidelberg, which hasn't notched a victory in the conference and stands 0-4-1 overall.

Celebrating homecoming, Ohio Wesleyan, also winless in the loop and 1-4-1 for the campaign, goes against Wit-

tenberg's powerful air armada. The Springfield Tigers have only a tie in five games to fuzz their record.

And at Westerville, Otterbein performs for the old grads against Marietta. Akron, which has but one setback in five outings, is host to Capital for the Zipper reunion game. Rounding out the OC schedule, Muskingum treks to Wooster, Kenyon to Oberlin and Mt. Union to Hiram.

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the holes. He was an experienced back. I learned a lot by just watching him and working at it."

Steve claims he wasn't an especially noteworthy fullback in high school (although he averaged 6.2 yards per try as a senior), but he had the courage to aspire to Ohio State and Big Ten football.

"I could have gone to a smaller school and maybe been outstanding," he analyzes, "but I didn't think I'd be satisfied unless I tried the big time . . . a matter of competition, I guess. My father and my older brother are Ohio State graduates and I'd been coming to Ohio State games for years . . . so this was the place."

As a freshman, Steve changed jobs. He became a center and stayed a center until the second game of last year (his sophomore season), when Doug Drenik suffered a knee injury and Hayes needed another fullback-cornerman. Steve was it.

He's never been away from his high school dream, so far as his academic major is concerned.

"My father is an optometrist and my brother graduated from Ohio State in optometry last year," Steve reports, "but I'm in pre-Law. The greatest influence on me came through Boys' State. I assisted with the mock trials they had there and that was my first taste of Law. We had a simulated hit-and-run case and another boy and I were the defense attorneys. We won. It was really a pleasant experience."

"That was between my junior and senior years in high school and I decided right there that was the course I wanted to pursue—and it still is."

IF STEVE DREFFER gives his pre-Law and Law College studies the same determined effort he gives his football, he'll be heard from again in another field, long after he's hung up his Scarlet and Gray jersey. And, having seen Steve steamroller the odds and succeed in football, Woody and others in the Buckeye family will bet on him all the way.

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seems surprisingly hopeful, apparently on the basis of sharp practices this week and new dimensions added to the

ground. They report satisfactory progress — although they won't really know until Brandt, Lou Holland, Ralph Kurek and the other Badgers supply a field test.

But the Bucks have been

standing has had little effect

HEADLINER in the Mid-American Conference is Ohio University's invasion of Miami where Redskin alums will gather around the tepee for the annual war dance.

Unblemished Bowling Green goes for its sixth straight at Kent State and Western Michigan is slated at Toledo.

John Carroll, the third unbeaten team in Ohio college ranks, meets Western Reserve and Case Tech is booked at Washington-Jefferson in Presidents Conference games.

In the Mid-Ohio Conference front runner Ashland (2-0) welcomes cellar-dwelling (1-2) Defiance and Bluffton has a night game at Wilmington.

Wittenberg, fourth-ranked nationally among small colleges, will zero in on Wesleyan's Bishops at Delaware with Chuckin' Charlie Green tossing his bombs over Selby Field.

Green also enjoys national recognition. His 1203 total yards gained ranks him second among the nation's small colleges. Green has completed 55 of 90 passes for 1180 yards and 12 touchdowns. Wittenberg ranks second in team passing standings announced by the NCAA statistics bureau with an average of 283.2 yards per game.

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YOU CAN say "surprisingly" again in view of the physical uncertainties in the backfield.

Matt Snell returns at full-back (he missed the USC disaster) and appeared to be running at near full speed Thursday afternoon. But he has been out of contact work for 10 days and could be rusty.

Tyrone Barnett hasn't quite regained his sharpness at right half (after missing two weeks because of injury) and his understudy, Ben Espy, isn't effective because of a stiff leg. Hayes indicated he didn't consider either ready to start and announced: "We'll go with Don Harkins there."

QUARTERBACK Don Unverferth's shoulder is still sore (it's the left) and understudy Nick Yonclas is recently-recovered from a shoulder separation (also the left).

As if that wasn't discouraging enough, Doug Drenik, another right half who also plays fullback at times, has a pulled leg muscle and may be less than his best Saturday.

Hayes obviously is hoping they'll all overcome their handicaps and deliver 100-per cent; that fellows like end Greg Lashutka, center Tom Federle and guard Bill Ridder will add new punch to the line and that the old standbys will deliver better

disturbingly vulnerable to passing, especially against Indiana, Illinois and Southern Cal. Enemy pitchers have connected with 39 of 74 for 472 yards, indicating need for much improvement.

Trojan Pete Beathard presented a different type of defensive problem, in that he was a much better runner than Brandt, but Brandt may be an even better passer than Beathard — and the latter whipped the Bucks a dozen times for vital yardage. Brandt has 42 of 78 for 437 yards and 3 TD's.

Jones, who may be the best receiver the Bucks have met, has 14 catches for 265 yards.

IF THE Buckeye defenders, led by end Bill Spahr and linebackers Ike Kelley and Tom Bugel, manage to clamp down on the passing, they still have to contend with a three-deep set of backs, six of whom are track sprinters.

Holland, who has scored 20 touchdowns in three years, sports a 5.5 average from left half, Carl Silvestri has 5.2 from right half and fullback. Flankerback Fred Reichardt 4.3, and Kurek, last year's fine soph fullback, 3.2.

By comparison, Ohio State's Paul Warfield has a 4.1 average (197 yards), Snell, 3.8; Fullback Sander, 3.7 (123) and Harkins, thanks to one run of 61 yards, 9.8. Unverferth has completed 15 of 43 passes for 173 and 2 TD's;

on Denison's work this week. The Big Red attack could be held in bay by the Princes' great kicker Gary Koning, who has averaged 40 yards per punt in a busy season.

Coach Gene Slaughter plans to start three freshmen again in his backfield for the Crusaders' fuss at Akron. Sophomore signal caller Ron Paxson will work with first year backs Lenny James, Dean Ishida and Jack Pettorini.

In the NCAA statistics Capital ranks fourth in total offense in the nation with 448.3 yards per game.

One of the many problems Cap will have to contend with at Akron is the Zips' bruising attack which is centered around Fullback John Lahoski. The 5-11, 190-pounder is second in the loop standings with 404 yards gained in 72 carries. Quarterback Ron Boruskowski, a sophomore, has completed 27 of 61 passes for 369 yards and four TDs.

THE OTTERBEIN-Marietta game appears to be another aerial outburst with fine tossers Terry Heaton of the Pioneers matching strikes against the Cards' Dave Kull.

The Mt. Union-at-Hiram tilt is a renewal of one of the state's oldest rivalries, dating back to 1894. Mount holds the edge in the long series, 31-6-4.

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