

Tide visits Tennessee in crucial SEC battle

By The Associated Press
There won't be any history majors lining up for Tennessee on Saturday when the 13th-ranked Volunteers meet No. 4 Alabama in one of college football's most traditional rivalries.

"Most of your young people are more interested in today's championship situations and what the rewards are ... than they are about Gene McEver's 1928 kickoff return," Tennessee coach Johnny Majors said.

In fact, most of Tennessee's players would just as soon forget last week's game, too.

The Vols (5-1) are coming off a 25-24 upset loss to Arkansas, while Alabama has won six in a row — this season and over the Volunteers.

The game is crucial to both teams' chances of winning the Southeastern Conference.

"People are talking all the time about how we've not played a Top 25 team," Alabama safety Chris Donnelly said this week. "Well, we're ready for the challenge."

In other Saturday games involving ranked teams, it was No. 1 Washington (5-0) at Oregon, Texas Christian at No. 2 Miami (5-0), No. 3 Michigan (4-0-1) at Indiana, Rice at No. 5 Texas A&M (5-0), No. 6 Florida State (5-1) at No. 16 Georgia Tech (4-1), Oklahoma at No. 7 Colorado (5-0), Arizona at No. 8 Stanford (5-1), No. 20 Boston College (4-0-1) at No. 9 Penn State (5-1), and Vanderbilt at No. 10 Georgia (5-1).

Also, No. 14 Syracuse (4-1) at No. 24 West Virginia (3-0-2), No. 15 Mississippi State (4-1) at South Carolina, No. 17 Virginia (5-1) at North Carolina, California at No. 18 Southern Cal (2-1-1), Duke at No. 19 Clemson (3-2), No. 21 North Carolina State (5-2) at Virginia Tech, UCLA at No. 22 Washington State (5-0), Auburn at No. 23 Florida (2-2), and No. 25 Kansas (4-1) at Iowa State.

Oregon coach Rich Brooks doesn't believe everything he reads, like Washington's defensive statistics. The Huskies are ranked eighth overall on defense in the Pac-10 and last in the conference against the rush, giving up an average 149.4 yards per game.

However, he does believe the Nos. 5-0 and 1, Washington's record and national ranking.

"You know the old saying, 'statistics can lie.' I think they're lying big-time," Brooks said.

Sophomore tailback Napoleon Kaufman will make his second start for the Huskies with Beno Bryant and Jay Barry injured.

Talk about misleading statistics. Last week, Miami QB Gino Torretta completed just 11 of 31 passes for 80 yards in a 17-14 victory at Penn State.

"It's a stupid question to start out with, but I think numbers are stupid," Hurricanes coach Dennis Erickson said. "There are a lot of things that happened in that game — dropped balls, pressure, balls

tipped. I really believe statistics are for losers. The score is for winners."

Last year against Michigan, Indiana coach Bill Mallory lost his temper at the officials, and it cost him a one-game suspension. He's cooled off by now, right?

"My wiring's all set," Mallory said. "I have no problem. I've always been charged. That's probably what happened last year. I got overcharged."

Michigan has not lost a Big Ten game on the road since a 14-10 defeat at Indiana in 1987.

Koy Detmer, the freshman brother of former BYU Heisman Trophy winner Ty, gets his first start at Colorado this week and coach Bill McCartney insists:

"Detmer's ready to play."
"Ever since he got here, we've kept him in the mix," McCartney said. "I'm sure he'll do just fine. This is a quality kid who believes in himself, and we believe in him."

Bill Walsh's Stanford Cardinal gets a real test against Arizona, a team that got off to a bad start, then proved it could make the big boys smart.

Since a 1-1-1 start, including a tie with Oregon State, Arizona has scared then-No. 1 Miami before losing 8-7 and last week beat UCLA 23-3. Arizona beat Stanford 28-23 last year after trailing by 17 points.

"We remember what they did last year," Stanford guard Brian Cassidy said.

Flyers, Eagles chase Pirates

Norwalk St. Paul and Monroeville continue to chase front-running Black River after Friday night's action in the Firelands Conference.

The Flyers used a late touchdown to slip by Mapleton, 19-14, to improve to 5-1 in the league while the Eagles are a 1/2-game back at 4-1 after crushing Plymouth 29-0.

The undefeated Pirates, in their last season in the Firelands, remain on top with a perfect 5-0 mark with a 36-0 blanking of South Central.

In other league games, New London picked up a 21-14 win over Western Reserve.

St. Paul 19
Mapleton 14

NOVA — Joe Rospert hauled in a 3-yard touchdown pass from John Rossman with a minute left to play to lift St. Paul past Mapleton.

Rospert, who finished the game with six catches for 66 yards, also gave the Flyers a 13-8 halftime lead by grabbing a 12-yard scoring strike from Rossman with just over two minutes remaining.

St. Paul, which now stands at 5-2 overall, outgained the Mounties (2-3, 3-4) by a 290-195 margin with Rossman hitting 16 of 20 passes for 172 yards, including six for 84 yards to Rob Wasiniak.

Alex Schaffer, who set a Flyer scoring mark in last week's 66-28 thrashing of Crestview, opened

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the scoring with a 2-yard run early in the second quarter. The senior back finished the game by picking up 73 yards in 19 carries.

But Mapleton bounced back to take the lead on a 24-yard touchdown pass to Shane Light, with Geoff Lewis going in for the 2-point conversion.

St. Paul regained the lead on Rospert's first score and the extra point kick from Jim Landoll with Seth Reisinger scoring from seven yards out in the third quarter to give the Mounties a 14-13 lead.

Both teams are on the road next Friday with the Flyers at South Central and Mapleton at Monroeville.

Monroeville 29
Plymouth 0

PLYMOUTH — Monroeville piled up over 300 yards total offense in its convincing win over Plymouth Friday.

The Eagles, now 6-1 overall, finished the game with 200 yards rushing and 103 passing while limiting the Big Red (1-4, 2-5) to just 10 yards on the ground and 85 through the air.

Brett Jones got Monroeville on the scoreboard with a one-yard run early in the second quarter and then made it 8-0 with the 2-point conversion run.

Shaw added his first score from the one and the conversion run with 1:36 left in half to open up a 16-0 lead, then went in for his second touchdown with 6:06 left in the third with Matt Tyler adding the extra point kick.

Jim LoPresti ended the scoring by hauling in a 10-yard pass from Kevin Fries near the end of the period.

The Eagles return home Friday to meet Mapleton while Plymouth hosts league-leading Black River.

New London 21
W. Reserve 14

NEW LONDON — Aaron Matthews scored on runs of 12 and 3 yards, plus added a 40-yard touchdown pass to lead New London over Western Reserve.

The Wildcats improve to 2-5 on

the season and 2-4 in the Firelands with the win while the Roughriders fall to 1-4 in the league and 2-5 overall.

Sean Moore opened the scoring for Western by grabbing a 19-yard touchdown pass from Curt Bly with 7:51 left in the second quarter.

Matthews knotted the score at 6-6 with his 12-yard run just over three minutes later, then gave New London the lead with his 3-yard run on the last play of the half.

The Wildcats took a 14-6 lead into the lockerroom when Jay Raphael recovered a fumble and ran it in for a 2-point conversion.

Moore was able to tie the score at 14 when he went 16 yards with a blocked punt in the third quarter, and then grabbed the conversion pass from Bly. But Matthews hooked up with Scott Williams on the 40-yard bomb with 2:09 left in the period.

Raphael added the extra point kick to end the scoring.

New London outgained the visitors by a 272-157 margin by picking up 175 yards on the ground and 97 through the air. It also helped that the Wildcat defense limited the Riders to just five yards rushing.

Both teams are back in action Friday with New London going outside of the league to host Loudonville while Western entertains Ashland Crestview.

District golf play set back

The area golf teams went to their respective courses Friday hoping to compete in the district tournament.

However, they were sent home and told to return Monday morning.

The Division II and III district events at Clyde's Greenhills and Bowling Green's state university course were called off because of rain and strong winds.

As a result, they will now play for state berths Monday.

There are teams and individuals from the area in both divisions.

Elyria blanks Admiral King

LORAIN — Elyria kept themselves in the "hunt" Friday evening as they defeated Lorain Admiral King 20-0 to go 3-1 in the Erie Shore Conference and remain one game behind league leading Sandusky.

All three of the Pioneer scores came on short runs.

Golf's Dream Team breezes in Dunhill

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Despite the biting wind and the swirling showers, golf's equivalent of the Dream Team finds the Dunhill Cup a breeze.

Halfway through their second match of the tournament on Friday, Masters titlist Fred Couples, U.S. Open champion Tom Kite and Davis Love III, who has won three U.S. Tour events this year, were at least three shots ahead of their opponents.

By the end of the round, Couples had increased that to eight, Kite won by four and Love triumphed by seven.

In fact the only problem they seemed to have against South Korea was something that was bugging their opponents. The Koreans were upset that one of the team was disqualified the day before in a close game against Ireland.

In danger of losing his game, Irishman Christy O'Connor opened the rulebook after Park Nam-Sin hit two balls from the 17th tee, believing the first to have gone out of bounds. It hadn't and Park carried on playing the wrong ball.

The Koreans believe they were then the victims of a communications breakdown caused by a language problem.

O'Connor said Park did not obey the rules and say he was playing a provisional second shot. The Koreans say he did, but Park was disqualified and Korea lost the match 2-1.

Oak Harbor controls clock, Port Clinton

OAK HARBOR — Port Clinton ran off more plays but Oak Harbor ran off more time.

The Rockets held on to the ball for over 28 minutes, including nearly 10 of the final 12, to hold off the Redskins in the Sandusky Bay Conference matchup of Ottawa County rivals Friday.

"This is a big win in a big football game for us," said Oak Harbor coach Gary Quisno. "We played great defense, but this being a big rivalry, I really happy for our seniors."

"We have just 10 on the team and only eight are healthy, but they've never lost to Port Clinton. They were really excited about that."

The Homecoming victory left the Rockets still in the hunt for their third straight SBC title at 3-1 (5-2 overall) while the Redskins may have slipped out of the race at 3-2 and 5-3 on the season.

"Both teams played good defense, but the field condition and the wind made for the low score," Quisno said. "Our field was in just terrible shape. We had two inches of rain Wednesday night and it rained all day Thursday and most of (Friday)."

"It was just a quagmire." The Rocket offense made Port Clinton play defense a long time by running off 50 plays for 213 yards total offense, including 178 on the ground.

The Redskins countered with 56 offensive plays and 141 total yards. But they ran off 27 in the second half and only picked up 19 yards by going 3 of 15 passing for 27 yards and losing 12 yards on the ground.

Sam Ulery, who gained 105 yards on 19 carries for the game, gave Oak Harbor the lead for good on a 2-play scoring drive in the first quarter. The senior picked up 16 yards on the first carry, then

ripped off a 62-yard scoring scamper on the next with Keith Overmyer hitting the extra point kick to open up the 7-0 lead.

The Redskins got back in the game in the second quarter when a blocked punt set them up at the Rocket 25. Three plays later, Rick Cassel went over from the five, but the kick failed to leave the visitors trailing by a point.

But Oak Harbor closed out the half and finished the scoring on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Roger Parker to Roger Hamilton with four seconds remaining with Overmyer adding the extra point.

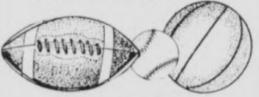
"It was a big score," said Quisno. "Roger Hamilton is an exciting sophomore for us. He can make things happen. He just took off out of the backfield and made a nice catch."

Tom Losie set up the score with an interception, returning it to the PC 39 where a personal foul against the Redskin moved it 15 yards closer.

Port Clinton was unable to penetrate the Rocket defense twice inside the OH 20, including a first-and-goal at the 9 following a pass interference penalty.

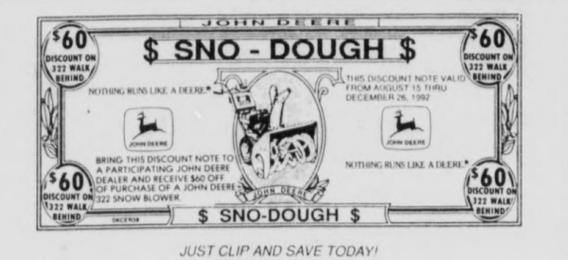
Both teams return to league play Friday with Oak Harbor at Edison and the Redskins hosting Margaretta.

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