



Purdue picked again

United Press International
What did we say about Purdue? At least you've learned never to bet your monthly mortgage money on the Boilermakers.

But, remember, we said they were erratic. After blowing out Wisconsin in their season opener two weeks ago, the Boilermakers were upset by UCLA last Saturday night and dropped from the weekly ratings. This week they find out if they have been shortchanged by the UPI Board of Coaches or if they're only pretenders in the top 10 circle.

The Boilermakers' opponent this Saturday is Notre Dame, which upset Michigan last Saturday to climb to the No. 5 spot in the weekly ratings.

Purdue's last major upset against Notre Dame came in 1974 when quarterback Mike Phipps engineered a 31-24 victory that snapped the Irish's 12-game regular season winning streak. The time seems ripe for another one.

Whatever the reason, we like the Boilermakers to pull an upset Saturday and stun the Irish, 21-10, behind Mark Herrmann's passing.

Here's how we see the major games around the nation:

The East
Penn St. 22 Texas A&M 14 — Wouldn't the Nittany Lions' All-America tackle Clark and Millen make a great tag-team wrestling combo?

North Carolina St. 30 West Virginia 7 — Playing Mountaineers makes anybody's mouth water.

Navy 31 Connecticut 10 — What's good for Army is even better for Navy.

Boston College 18 Villanova 13 — Eagles proved against Tennessee they're better than preseason prognostics.

The South
Alabama 23 Baylor 16 — Bears make Bear bare teeth.
Georgia 21 Clemson 14 — Bulldogs still can't believe they lost to a golf school.

Missouri 30 Mississippi 17 — Tigers tune up for date with Texas next week.

Pittsburgh 32 North Carolina 6 — What's a Tar Heel anyway?

The Midwest
Purdue 23 Notre Dame 14 — Irish will have five starters out of the game with injuries.

Michigan 28 Kansas 8 — Wolverines can handle this kind of competition easily.

UCLA 25 Wisconsin 14 — Bruins badger Badgers with Bashore's bombs. (Egad!).

The Southwest
Arkansas 26 Oklahoma St. 7 — Razorbacks scheduled two easy ones for Little Rock fans.

Texas 30 Iowa St. 13 — Longhorns' flash speed in season opener.

LSU 30 Rice 0 — Tigers dedicated to giving Coach Charley McClendon a rousing sendoff in his last season.

SMU 21 North Texas St. 7 — With no Ford in the Mustangs' future this year, they'll have to grind it out.

The Far West
Southern Cal 30 Minnesota 10 — Trojans might not want to be No. 1 yet, but opponents are hard pressed to do anything about it.

Astros top Braves, 7-1; Reds next

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HOUSTON — Terry Puhl collected three hits, drove in two runs and scored twice and right-hander Ken Forsch scattered nine hits Thursday night to help the Houston Astros to a 7-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Forsch, who has been bothered by a sore right shoulder, pitched his 10th complete game but his first since July 28 as he raised his record to 11-6. He struck out two and walked one. Atlanta starter Tommy Boggs, 0-1, lasted just three innings and suffered the loss.

Jose Cruz' RBI single in the first inning drove in Puhl, who singled, stole second and moved the third on a fly ball, to give the Astros a 1-0 lead.

In the third inning, Puhl, who raised his average to .282, doubled to ignite a three-run rally. He moved to third on Craig Reynolds' sacrifice and came home on Cesar Cedeño's single. A fielding error by shortstop Darrel Chaney on Enos Cabell's two-out grounder allowed Cedeño to score the first of two unearned runs in the inning, and Jeff Leonard followed with a run scoring single.

The Astros added three unearned runs in the eighth after shortstop Chaney committed a throwing error as Cabell reached first to lead off the inning. Leonard followed with a single and Luis Pujols singled home Cabell. Rafael Landestoy reached on a fielder's choice and Puhl drove in both runners with his second double.

The Braves' lone run came in the eighth on Joe Nolan's RBI single.

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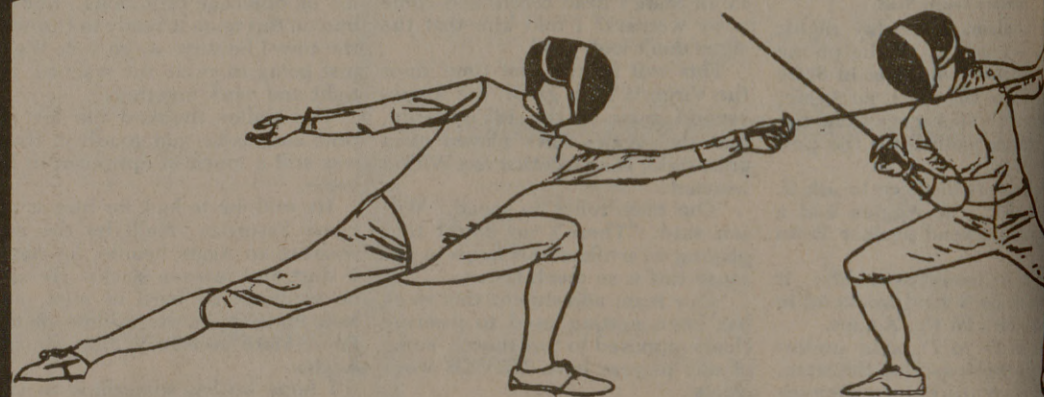
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