

SPORTS

BIG TEN TEAMS APPEAR WEAKER THAN IN YEARS

Only Two Big Ten Ele- vens Are Undefeated Or Not Tied

Chicago, Oct. 15.—(UPI)—The question before the midwest football forum today isn't "what's wrong with Minnesota?" but "what's wrong with the Big Ten?"

Annually recognized as the toughest football league in the land, the Big Ten has shown a sharp decline in the calibre of play in the early games. Here it is only mid-October and the Big Ten hasn't an outstanding team. All but Northwestern and Wisconsin have been beaten or tied. Poor Chicago hasn't even scored.

Even Notre Dame seems to have joined in the general midwestern slump. Unless the Irish show a marked improvement over their form in the 0-0 tie with Illinois

they'll be in for a rough season.

In intersectional competition the Big Ten has a .500 average, having won three games and lost three. Ohio State beat T. C. U. but lost to Southern California. Indiana won from Centre and Purdue nosed out Carnegie Tech. Iowa bowed to Washington and Chicago lost to Vanderbilt.

The Big Ten title battle seems to be between Ohio State, Minnesota and Northwestern. Ohio State has the most favorable schedule, Northwestern the toughest schedule and Minnesota probably is the best club.

There is a general lack of scoring punch throughout the conference. When Minnesota can make only two touchdowns in two games something's wrong. Reports indicate that most teams are gaining plenty of ground but can't score.

Taking a quick peek at the Big Ten clubs we find:

Northwestern: Loaded with star backs with Don Heap probably the best in the conference. Weak in the middle of the line. Must depend on passing attack in tough games.

Minnesota: Everything's there but the spark. Bernie Bierman said before the season opened that his boys could play football but he wasn't sure they wanted to. So far they haven't wanted to, but if the Gophers find a quarterback they'll play for watch out.

Ohio State: More power than usual but lacking in reserves and a climactic runner who can break up a game. Fullback Johnny Rabb a star but inclined to be temperamental.

Wisconsin: Running true to form. Dope was they'd win first four and lost next four. Show nothing to indicate they'll develop into a power this season.

Purdue: Loss of Coach Noble Kizer, out for year with illness, hurt the Boilmakers. Attack lacks punch and weak on pass defense. Ends and tackles good.

Illinois: Played two full teams against Notre Dame. First time since 1929 Bob Zuppke's had that many players. Definitely on the way back up but no punch.

Michigan: Getting better every week. Hunk Anderson has made over Michigan line and done great

job. Watch this team in November.

Indiana: With only 15 good men Bo McMillin is doing one of the best jobs in the conference. Fullback Corby Davis is good but that's all the Hoosiers have for an attack.

Iowa: Only team in Big Ten using double wing back formation. Coach Irl Tubbs made fine impression because of quiet, thorough ways. Material weak.

Chicago: Haven't scored and aren't likely to unless they let backfield coach Jay Berwanger play.

Today's Sport Parade
(By Henry McLemore)

Greenville, S. C., Oct. 15. (UPI)—Probably the question most often asked a sportswriter is:

"Of all sports, which is the most exhausting on the player? Is it a four-mile crew race, tennis, the marathon, or boxing?"

Until last night I probably would have answered the mile run as the mile is run today. But now, after a night in Greenville, I have but one answer: "the Big Apple."

And don't tell me the "big apple" isn't a sport. There are more people "big appling" and trying to "big apple" in this country right now than there are people doing anything else.

Until I got to Greenville my knowledge of the dance to end all dances was limited to the exhibitions put on nightly at the rainbow room, that soft lights and sweet music place high in radio city. Last night I saw the "big apple" that was a "big apple," danced by the people who originated it in the place where it was born.

Just outside of Greenville is a roadhouse—the Southland. There, to the sweet strains of a nickelodeon, and the sweater odor of pork barbecue, spareribs, fried fish, and chitlings, the culled gentry do themselves a "big apple" from the time the sun goes down 'till the sun comes up.

Greenville folk will tell you that it was at the Southland, and not in a roadhouse nearby Columbia, South Carolina, that the most amazing of all dances—and that goes for all the steps clean back to the hoppy hops of the sun worshippers—was launched. There are several stories as to its origin. Some say it started when a fellow said he was crazy and then set out to prove it. Others say it started when another fellow, after watching the first crazy fellow dance, said he was much crazier than that—and proved it with the "big apple."

I am inclined to believe the second, or crazier, explanation.

The Southland "big apple" begins simply enough with the victims grouped in a circle somewhat after the manner of a football team in a huddle. But no quarterback—not even the all-time all-America quarterback—ever got such action as did the Southland signal



The Decatur Yellow Jackets will play their second home game of the season at Worthman Field tonight, with the opening kickoff scheduled promptly at 8 o'clock.

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The Irish from Central Catholic of Fort Wayne will furnish the opposition for the Jackets tonight. Games between these two teams have been highly interesting and hard fought in past seasons and tonight's game should be no exception.

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Pre-game dope apparently gives an edge to the Irish. However, C. C. has lost its last three games, while Decatur crashed through to its first victory of the season last Friday at Portland.

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Central Catholic is playing under a new coach this year, Levicki, who graduated from Notre Dame last June, succeeding Bill Barrett, who was the Irish mentor for several seasons.

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The officials for tonight's tilt will be Bateman and Parks, both of Garrett, and Coar, of Auburn.

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The Yellow Jackets concluded their away-from-home schedule at Portland last week, and have three more home games on the card after tonight.

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The Columbia City Eagles will appear at Worthman Field next Wednesday night, October 20. This game was scheduled for Wednesday because of the annual teacher's institute, which will be held in Fort Wayne Thursday and Friday.

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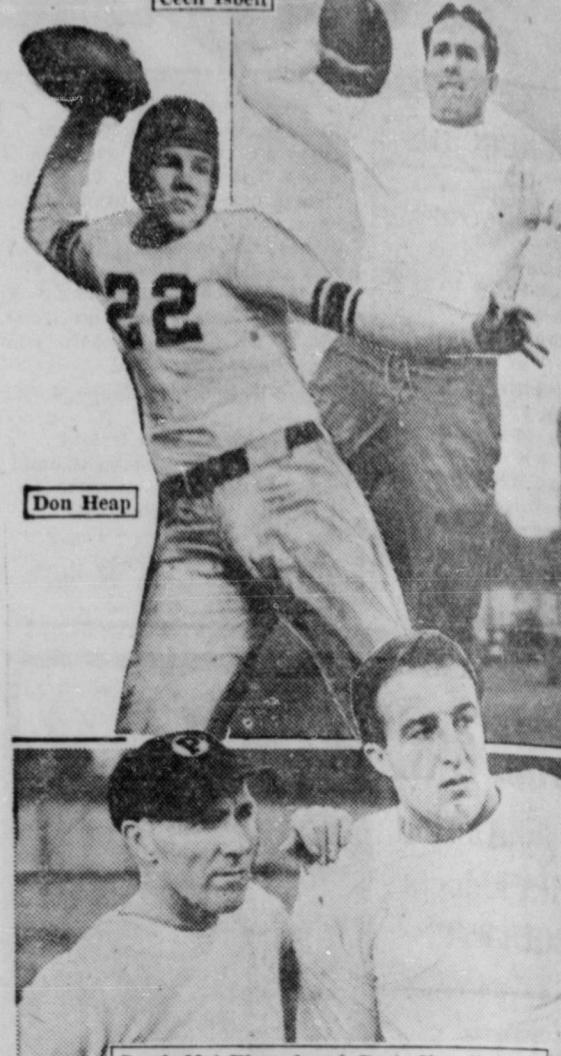
Other games remaining on the Decatur schedule are Bluffton here, October 29, and North Side of Fort Wayne here, November 5.

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Looks like perfect football weather for tonight's game. Just a tip, though, if you want to enjoy the game: Take along one of those blankets the local

Will Wildcats Claw Up Purdue?

Cecil Isbell



One of the heading football events on Oct. 16 is the clash between Northwestern, Big Ten champions last year, and Purdue at Evansville, Ill. Don Heap heads the offense for the Wildcats while Coach Mal Edward and Capt. Clem Woltman

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Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 14—An air-tight battle with either team likely to get the final decision is the forecast for Indiana's annual Homecoming game here next Saturday against Illinois. The best Minnesota and Notre Dame could do against Bob Zuppke's Illini and Bo McMillin's Hoosiers last Saturday was the slim picking of one touchdown scored by Minnesota against Indiana at Minneapolis. Fans have visions of as close a game Saturday as the last game played by the two elevens on an Indiana field, back in 1910, when Illinois won 3-0, on a 45-yard drop kick, for the Big Ten championship.

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