

No. 5 Michigan is No. 1 to UCLA

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Forget Rocket Ismail, and UCLA would be playing the No. 1 team in the country today, Bruins Coach Terry Donahue says.

Ismail returned two kickoffs for touchdowns last Saturday as top-ranked Notre Dame beat Michigan, 24-19, in the Wolverines' opener. That dropped the Wolverines from No. 2 to No. 5 this week as they take on the 24th-rated Bruins (ABC, 7 p.m.) at Pasadena, Calif.

"You take two plays off the film, Michigan is the No. 1 team in the country," Donahue said.

Michigan will be without two starters: quarterback Michael Taylor, who hurt his back against Notre Dame, and fullback Jarrod Bunch, who hurt his knee. Both teams will be quarterbacked by a red-shirt freshman, Elvis Grbac for Michigan and Bret Johnson for UCLA.

Johnson was UCLA's regular quarterback in a 24-6 loss to Tennessee and a 28-25 victory over San Diego State.

Other games involving Top Ten teams today

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

are Michigan State at No. 1 Notre Dame (CBS, 1:30 p.m.); No. 2 Miami, Fla., at Missouri; No. 3 Nebraska at Minnesota; Maryland at No. 7 Clemson; No. 8 Arkansas vs. Mississippi at Jackson, Miss.; No. 9 West Virginia at Louisville, and No. 10 Syracuse at No. 13 Pittsburgh (ESPN, 6 p.m.).

Also, the schedule has No. 11 Washington at No. 23 Arizona; No. 25 Ohio State at No. 12 Southern Cal (3 p.m., joined in progress, on ABC); Kentucky at No. 15 Alabama (TBS, noon); No. 17 Houston at Arizona State; North Carolina at No. 18 North Carolina State; No. 19 Washington State at Wyoming; Utah State at No. 20 Illinois, and No. 22 Oregon at Stanford.

Georgia Tech and South Carolina will face off in Columbia, S.C., despite the fact that hurricane Hugo ravaged the area Thursday

night and early Friday morning.

At South Bend, Ind., Michigan State will put a string of seven regular-season victories on the line against the nation's No. 1 team. Michigan State is coming off a 49-0 victory over Miami (Ohio) last weekend.

Notre Dame, meanwhile, has won 14 straight, the longest current string in college football. The Irish's biggest challenge could be containing Spartans' tailback Blake Ezor, who ran for 130 yards and three touchdowns against Miami.

The Hurricanes are 2-0 after beating Wisconsin, 51-3, and California, 31-3. Their defense has not allowed a touchdown in nine of their last 14 games while their offense has averaged 41 points this season.

In other Big Ten action, Wisconsin (1-1) is at California (0-2) and Northwestern (0-2) is at home against Rutgers in the Scarlet Knights' 1,000th game.

Panthers must hold down the Fort in Dome

By Bob Denney
Gazette sportswriter

Northern Iowa Coach Terry Allen is doing everything he can to prevent another UNI-Dome embarrassment tonight.

Three weeks ago, the Panthers fell to Division II Mankato State, 22-14, in a mistake-filled debut for Allen as UNI head coach.

Last week, the Panthers redeemed themselves by knocking off Kansas State, 10-8.

Allen hopes his club will not lose its momentum tonight at 7 against Fort Hays State, the first meeting between the two schools. UNI has won 31 of its last 37 at home, while Fort Hays State has lost four straight road games.

"I think a lot of people feel we are ripe with a big road game next week in our league," said Allen Friday of Southwest Missouri State, which is next week's Gateway Conference opener.

"You never know how kids will react, but I feel they are more aware now of what they have to do mentally."

The Panthers will have one notable lineup change, with senior linebacker Steve Peitler taking the starting role he lost after preseason emergency surgery.

Peitler, a 6-foot-1, 230-pounder from Scottsdale, Ariz., was second on the team in tackles last year. He was hit by a helmet in preseason practice and had his spleen removed. His rehabilitation has amazed Allen.

"Steve played on special teams last week for us at Kansas State, but will start

Terry Allen



tonight after Brad Baumbler (former Turkey Valley standout) got a hamstring injury," Allen said.

"The doctors said Steve had a better chance of returning with the spleen removed. He had stitches from the bottom of his sternum to the bottom of his stomach. But, he was badgering the doctors to let him back. What he's done to return is remarkable."

Fort Hays State is 1-2 after a 34-20 loss to Cameron, Okla., last week. The Tigers are a member of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, and the third Panther foe from a different classification. The 5,100-member school in Hays, Kan., carries a dual NAIA Division I and NCAA Division II affiliation.

"I hope Northern Iowa will be looking ahead of us, but I kind of doubt it," said Tigers Coach John Vincent. "I think we'll have to play over our head. I'm impressed with their overall defensive team speed."

The Tigers beat Western State, 29-16, in their opener, then lost to Northwestern Oklahoma, 12-0, and to Cameron.

Cornell, Coe open division schedules

By Bob Hilton
Gazette sportswriter

Cornell and Coe, both 1-1 in preconference play, launch Midwest Conference South Division campaigns this afternoon in inter-division contests. Cornell is host to Lawrence, Coe opposes third-time defending league champion St. Norbert at DePere, Wis.

Cornell is coming off an impressive performance that produced a 33-14 decision over Ripon.

Like Cornell, Lawrence is minus its preseason starting quarterback. Vikings junior Paul Alex suffered a season-ending knee injury in a 35-14 loss to Carleton.

Concordia ripped Lawrence last week, 44-7, but sixth-year Vikings Coach Rich Agness was encouraged by freshman quarterback Chris LeFever's 11-of-23 passing for 155 yards. Lawrence has a two-game net of 38 yards rushing.

The Vikings' defense is led by two-time all-conference strong safety Steve Jung and sophomore linebacker Eric Karnosky.

Jim Lanik, a 6-3, 235-pound sophomore lineman out of Iowa

IOWA COLLEGES

City High, also plays for Lawrence.

Cornell Coach Steve Miller hopes for the return of halfback Mike Hilmer, who sat out the Ripon game with a hip pointer.

In Hilmer's absence, freshman Jeff Menster (Springville) rambled 132 yards on 17 carries, one for 57 yards.

But with Hilmer out, starting quarterback Jim McClowry becomes Menster's backup halfback.

McClowry and soph Bruce Feldmann (Alburnett) did solid, if unspectacular jobs, at quarterback against Ripon.

Senior fullback Chris Lentz netted 185 yards on 26 carries, highlighted by a 73-yard burst for the Rams' first touchdown.

Last year, Cornell lost to Lawrence at Appleton, Wis., 29-25, after losing at Ripon, 23-20.

FIRST-YEAR Coe coach D.J. LeRoy's rivalry with St. Norbert

counterpart Don LaViolette is older than the Kohawks' rivalry with the Green Knights.

LeRoy's first two UW-Stevens Point teams defeated LaViolette's first two St. Norbert teams in 1982 and 1983.

Coe tied St. Norbert, 7-7, in the 1985 conference championship playoff, and lost to the Knights, 17-0, here last fall.

St. Norbert lost its 1989 opener to UW-Stevens Point, 31-20, and last week fell to Illinois Benedictine, 14-10.

But the Knights compare with the extremely physical Buena Vista team that whipped Coe, 56-21, with a 28-0 second half last Saturday at Storm Lake.

"I gave the players things to do that they couldn't do," LeRoy said, "so I told them I'd take responsibility for 28 points."

Senior quarterback Bill Lech passed for 263 yards in the first half.

In two games, Lech has completed 38 of 74 passes for 659 yards — 116 more than Coe has last season. Junior running back Ryan

Kolpin has caught 17 for 237 yards and two touchdowns, junior wide receiver Pat Schulte (Regis) nine for 181.

St. Norbert returns five first-team all-division players on offense — quarterback Greg Vanderfin, running backs Dave Fitzpatrick and Tom Guetzloff, split end Mike Whitehouse and tackle Stu Schneider. Linebacker Matt VanderWonder is the Knights' all-division returnee on defense.

Vanderfin has completed 35 of 71 passes for 328 yards and one touchdown, with two interceptions. Whitehouse has caught 17 for 201 yards and the TD.

IN OTHER Iowa college games, Grinnell seeks a sweep of its pre-Midwest Conference slate at Iowa Wesleyan; Luther is looking for its first win of the season when it entertains Iowa Conference rival Dubuque; Wartburg hosts Drake; and Upper Iowa, Wartburg's 61-12 victim last week, entertains Iowa Conference power Central.

After 2 close calls, 3rd Regis TD pass wins

By Jeff Dahn
Gazette sportswriter

Twice in the fourth quarter, Cedar Rapids Regis quarterback Dan Martin had potentially winning touchdown passes negated by penalties.

But he and his teammates made sure his third one got posted on the scoreboard.

Martin connected with Brian Fagan on a 14-yard scoring strike on the Royals' first possession in the first overtime period to turnback determined Benton Community, 13-7, in Wamac Conference play.

Class 3A sixth-ranked Regis used the win in front of its chilly homecoming fans on Marion's Thomas Park Field to improve to 3-0 in the Wamac, 4-0 overall. Benton Community dropped to 1-2, 2-2.

"Benton Community over the years just keeps coming at you and they give another tremendous effort tonight," said Regis coach Gaylord Hauschildt. "We felt fortunate just to come out on top."

For a while it appeared the Royals would win the game in regulation after the two teams traded touchdowns in the first half.

PREP FOOTBALL

Working from the Bobcat 12-yard line with 10 minutes, 50 seconds left in the game, Martin threw what appeared to be a touchdown pass to Chris Cummings, only to have it nullified by a clipping penalty. Three plays later, with Martin holding on what turned out to be a fake field goal try, he threw a second what looked like another TD, but it was brought back due to illegal motion.

A final 49-yard field goal attempt by Regis' Al Adams was blocked.

"We were pleased with the way we played when things got tough in the fourth quarter and in overtime," Hauschildt said. "We showed nice execution on the touchdown and Joe Saari had two big hits on defense in the overtime."

Due to high winds, both teams kept the ball on the ground. Regis' Jim Sullivan finished with an unofficial 143 yards on 19 carries and David Schimberg totaled 130

yards, also on 19 attempts.

"We got beat by a very fine team and there's no question we were mis-matched up front," said Benton coach Reese Morgan. "But we played with a lot of intensity and emotion. Our kids never quit."

Benton Community struck first in the game when Lance Corolan dove in from the 1-yard line with just 18 seconds left in the first quarter. Corolan's plunge capped an 11-play, 35-yard drive that started after a partially blocked Regis punt with 5:14 remaining.

The Royals finally got on the board with 1:26 left in the half on a nine yard scoring run by Sullivan. Regis started the 14-play drive from its own 29 and moved steadily downfield on the legs of Sullivan and Schimberg.

Regis blew a royal opportunity to jump on top when Chris Cummings took a reverse on the opening kickoff and raced 47 yards to the Benton Community 29. One play later, however, Regis fumbled the ball away.

LaSalle, West Delaware have plenty in common

Gazette staff report

Cedar Rapids LaSalle and West Delaware will have a lot in common when they tangle tonight at 7:30 in Kingston Stadium.

• The Wamac Conference football rivals have yet to notch a league win.

• Each has been humbled by a ranked foe.

• Each posted a shutout victory in the first game of the season.

Class 2A LaSalle (1-2) began its season with a 6-0 road victory at Dyersville Beckman before running into 3A seventh-rated Marion, which cruised to a 47-8 decision. Last week, the Lancers fell at Vinton-Shellsburg, 24-21.

"We haven't had a 'Beckman game' the past two weeks," said LaSalle Coach Ralph Rollins. "In our opener against Beckman, we played a solid game from start to finish. The loss last week at Vinton was upsetting, but I don't know if our kids could have done any better."

Rollins said nose guard and co-captain, Mike Regan, will be back in uniform tonight. Regan was excused last week to attend to family matters.

West Delaware (1-2) blanked Oelwein, 20-0, to open its campaign, before going scoreless the next two weeks.

Kennedy evens mark at 2-2 with win at I.C. West

IOWA CITY — Junior Joe Gureno rushed for two touchdowns as Cedar Rapids Kennedy evens its record at 2-2 with a 41-13 thrashing of Iowa City West Friday night in Mississippi Valley Conference football.

Gureno rushed 21 times for 215 yards. His scoring runs were for 5 and 3 yards.

The Cougars outrushed the Trojans, 405 yards to 57.

Senior Alan Feickert had six pass receptions for 89 yards and a 17-yard TD from Louie Ervin.

Kennedy went up, 21-7, at halftime.

West dropped to 0-4.

• At Central City, Jason Martin's extra-point run after his touchdown in the overtime period gave Alburnett a 22-20 win over Central City Friday night in Tri-Rivers Conference football.

Martin also ran 89 yards for a score with 30 seconds remaining in the first half for Alburnett (2-2).

The game was knotted at 14-14 after regulation when Central City's final drive was halted just inches from the goal line.

George Robinson tallied TD runs of 4 and 2 yards for the Wildcats (1-3).

• Mark Buttschi rushed for 121 yards and a touchdown as Center Point-Urbana beat Jesup, 30-6, in

Tri-Rivers Conference football action.

Center Point-Urbana (3-0) had 324 yards rushing. Buttschi had a touchdown and a conversion run.

• Jason Weise and Anthony Layne combined for 280 yards and two touchdowns as host Northeast of Goose Lake (3-1, 3-0) defeated Lisbon, 18-12, in the Mid-East Conference.

Lisbon's Robbie Kamerling car-

ried the ball 24 times for 157 yards and a touchdown.

• Chad Henry had 257 yards rushing on 37 carries as Starmont stormed past Springville, 24-6, in the Tri-Rivers Conference.

Henry had touchdown runs of 29 and 54 yards. Springville's Sheldon Lartomans tossed a 6-yard pass to Todd Hoskins to tie the score, 6-6, in the second quarter before Starmont charged ahead.

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