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Ryan does it again

HOUSTON (UPI) — Nolan Ryan of the Houston Astros, aided by Terry Puhl's one-handed running catch in the seventh inning off Mike Scioscia, became the first pitcher in baseball history to toss five career no-hitters Saturday by beating the Los Angeles Dodgers, 5-0, on national television.

The 34-year-old right-hander, mixing a blazing fastball with a snake-like curve, struck out 11 and walked three in becoming the third major league pitcher to toss a no-hitter this season. Charlie Lea of Montreal pitched a no-hitter against San Francisco on May 19 and Len Barker of Cleveland pitched a perfect game against Toronto on May 15.

Ryan, 10-5, fanned 18 or more batters for the 198th time in his career and retired the final 19 batters in order following a two-out walk in the third.

The Astros' right-hander, who leads the National League with a 1.74 ERA, was supported by two good defensive plays in the seventh inning Scioscia's long fly for the final out of the seventh.

"When he hit it I thought it was high enough and with Terry's speed, I thought he would catch it," Ryan said.



Joe Morris (47) of Syracuse University eludes the grasp of safety Steve Mitchell (1) during the Orangemen's 21-7 victory over Indiana Saturday at the Carrier Dome. Morris paced the SU attack with 164 yards. Marc Longshore (49) also is in pursuit. Photo by Sam DeRosa.

Orangemen finally sweet

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SYRACUSE — Things finally turned up sweet for the Orange Saturday.

Paced by the sensational running of speedster Joe Morris and a staunch defense, Syracuse scored twice in the fourth quarter to down Indiana 21-7 before 32,060 fans in the Carrier Dome.

"A win is a great healer," remarked happy coach Dick MacPherson during his post game interview. "It was a long time coming (SU was 0-3) and it was nice that it happened at home," Mac said.

"We didn't make any drastic changes in our plan, a team just normally plays a lot better when it has good field position, no turnovers and super defense."

Morris, who always runs hard and fast, was "humming" today, according to MacPherson. The little speed merchant carried 26 times and racked up 164 yards.

The Hoosiers also had an electrifying runner in their kickoff return man Duane Gunn. The brilliant sophomore runner turned the noisy dome into a morgue at the start of the second half with a runback of 98 yards for a touchdown that put Indiana on top 7-6.

The Orange got two field goals of 23 and 45 yards from sure-footed Gary Anderson to give the Orange a 6-0 halftime lead.

The Big 10 visitors blew a chance to go ahead just before the half when tight end Doug Swafford, who was all alone in the end zone, dropped a ball that was right in his hands, on a five-yard toss from quarterback Babe Leutenberg. It was the only pass of the half that was incomplete for the Hoosier signal-caller. An attempted 22-yard field goal by Mike Greenstein was wide.

Syracuse, with Morris picking up 45 yards and quarterback Dave Warner,

running the option, took the opening kickoff and quickly moved to the 1-8 before stalling. Anderson came on and hit for 23 yards out for a 3-0 lead.

The Orange forward wall halted the Hoosiers on the SU 42 in the next series of plays. SU's offense again came alive with Morris breaking loose on an 18-yarder to move the ball inside the 30.

Again, the drive sputtered and Anderson split the uprights from 45 yards.

Indiana struck fast on the third period kickoff. Gunn, who nearly broke away on two previous kickoffs (twice caught by Syracuse kicker Anderson), was never touched as he covered the distance in 11 seconds. Greenstein hit the PAT to put Indiana ahead by one.

The scrappy Orange battled back at the start of the fourth period and moved the ball 54 yards to paydirt.

The Hoosiers helped the cause by going for a fourth-and-nine on the S-31 and Craig Bingham sacked the QB for a 10-yard loss.

In the drive, Warner passed to Willie Sydnor for 14, Morris, breaking tacklers at the line of scrimmage, ripped off runs of 14, 8 and 15. Fullback Jack Gilligan went the final yard for the TD. Morris ran in for the two-point conversion to put SU ahead 14-7.

Fullback John Roggeman carried four times for 28 yards after the next kickoff for Indiana and Quarterback Laufenberg found Roggeman with a 12-yard pass to the S-18. However, Roggeman fumbled on the next play and Syracuse recovered to halt the threat.

The Orange took over and marched 80 yards to a TD. Morris carried four times for 35 yards and his replacement Glenn Moore dashed for 22 yards. Warner kept for 10 and after Morris went 17 to the two, Warner danced into the end zone.

College football

USC wins thriller, Irish surprised

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Fred Cornwell caught a 7-yard touchdown pass from John Mazar with 2 seconds left in the game Saturday to lift top-ranked Southern California to a dramatic 28-24 victory over No. 2 Oklahoma.

The winning touchdown was set up when Mazar scrambled to his left and avoided two Sooner defenders to hit the wide-open Cornwell in the left corner of the end zone. It was the 6-foot-5, 234-pound Cornwell's first reception of the game.

Southern Cal got the ball with 4:30 left following Oklahoma's first punt of the game. The Trojans moved from their 22 to midfield in three plays but a holding call moved them back to the 41. On second down and 18, Mazar connected with Jeff Simmons on a 25-yard pass to the Sooners' 33. Simmons made a spectacular catch on the sidelines.

Then, on a crucial third-and-2 situation at the 26, Allen slipped before the handoff and Mazar was forced to run with it, coming up a foot short of the first down. On fourth down, Mazar kept the ball and got the first down by inches with 40 seconds remaining.

Three plays later, Mazar hit Malcolm Moore with a 15-yard pass to the Oklahoma 7 with 17 seconds left. After two incomplete passes, Mazar and Cornwell then teamed for the stunning finish before a crowd of 85,851 in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

The Sooners built a 24-14 lead just 1:52 into the final period on a 7-yard TD run by Durrell Shepard, capping

a drive of 74 yards in 14 plays, including a 17-yard run by Stanley Wilson. But the Trojans roared back on their next series with Allen crashing over from the 3 to make the score 24-21 with 6:37 to play. Simmons caught three passes for 50 yards to highlight the march. Purdue 15, Notre Dame 14.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI) — The pass play that set up the winning touchdown and 2-point conversion in Purdue's 15-14 last-second victory over No. 11 Notre Dame Saturday did not go as planned.

"I've got to be honest, it was a broken play," Purdue quarterback Scott Campbell said of his 42-yard pass to Steve Bryant, which put the ball on the 1 with 39 seconds left. "I saw Everett Pickens running in the

back of the end zone and I was really trying to throw to him. But Bryant came up with a great play."

Campbell completed a 7-yard touchdown pass to Bryant with 19 seconds left, then threw to Bryant for the 2-point conversion to give Purdue its second win in three games.

Notre Dame dropped to 1-2 and Irish Coach Gerry Faust lost two consecutive games for the first time since 1968, when he was coaching at Cincinnati's Moeller High School.

Purdue's victory was set up by its defense, which kept Notre Dame out of Boiler-maker territory through most of the first half.

Champ retains title

ATLANTIC CITY (UPI) — Light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad successfully defended his World Boxing Council title for the eighth time Saturday, stopping challenger Jerry Martin shortly after the start of a controversial 11th round of a scheduled 15-round bout.

Saad Muhammad stunned Martin with a sharp right hand to the head 28 seconds into the round. The

challenger, who was the WBC's No. 3-ranked contender, dropped his hands and staggered forward. Referee Larry Hazard quickly jumped between the two fighters to stop the match.

Martin, who had dominated most of the fight, protested Hazard's decision, but the referee said later that Martin had suffered a "concussive episode" from the punch.

Is this the return of the 'magic'?

By GARY PICCIRILLO
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AUBURN — Coach Bob Adams stood at the door of the locker room Friday night, saying goodbye and proudly shaking the hands of his players.

He was tired, "dead," he said, and you could see it. But he was smiling. And he had good reason.

It had been a long time, 1976, in fact, since his Auburn High football Maroons had beaten Nottingham. During that time, the Bulldogs had outscored Auburn, 87-47, casting doubts upon the chances of Auburn regaining the magic of the early 1970s.

But it was a night of revenge at Holland Stadium, and Adams and his Maroons, who had taken it on the chin for so long, finally got it.

Friday's 29-18 come-from-behind win for Auburn was more than just your average upset. It showed the character of a high school football team that has suffered through four consecutive roller-coaster seasons. It proved the Maroons can once again play the game right along with the "big boys" of the Central New York Cities League — Henninger, Nottingham and Christian Brothers Academy.

The Maroons, with three fourth-quarter touchdowns, served fair warning Friday night.

"The kids did a helluva job," Adams said. "We were long overdue and we worked hard for this one. The game was a shot in the arm for our whole program."

"We're going to be a force to be reckoned with from now on."

The Maroons, trailing 18-7, began showing the hometown

crowd some flashes of the good 'ol days during the closing minutes of third quarter. Nottingham, forced to punt from deep in its own territory, got off a terrible kick which gave Auburn possession on the Bulldog 30.

After three running plays produced nine yards, tailback John Corning (28 carries, 120 yards) got the necessary yardage for a first down on the first play of the fourth quarter. A first-down pass from John Daddabbo to tight end Mike Tailbot was good for 13 yards to the N-5, and Corning gave the Maroons six on the next play for an 18-13 count. Nick Guerrero's PAT was good and AHS trailed by four with 11:23 remaining.

On its next possession, Nottingham drove to midfield on seven plays, but reserve quarterback Ron Legette was stopped by left end Dave Priano on 4th-and-3, and the Maroons again had the ball.

Six consecutive running plays got the ball down to the N-14, but after picking up zero yardage in two snaps, the Maroons were faced with a 4th-and-4 situation with 4:14 left. The next play, in all likelihood, would decide the contest.

After a time out, Daddabbo dropped back and hit split end Fran Cunningham (five receptions) on the left sideline for a first down on the N-5.

"It was a high-percentage pass," Adams would say later. "We had that play in mind all the time."

"But it's a question of execution," assistant coach Greg Beharick said. "That was the most pressure throw we've made in four or five years."

That completion set up Corning's touchdown run on the next play, giving the Maroons a 20-18 lead at 4:06. The locals added two points on the next play when holder Steve Long took the snap and passed to Keith Copes for the conversion.

The stunned Bulldogs netted minus-5 yards on the next two plays, and, on 3rd-and-15, Cunningham intercepted a pass on the N-38 to secure the victory for the Maroons.

Six plays later, Daddabbo took it over from three yards out, and Guerrero's third PAT increased the margin to the final 29-18.

The Bulldogs grabbed a 6-0 lead when fullback Tyrone Burke broke outside for a 73-yard run with :06 remaining in the first quarter.

A 1-yard plunge by Corning, plus Guerrero's kick, set up by a third down, 11-yard pass from Daddabbo-to-Cunningham, put AHS ahead at 3-06 of the second quarter, before Nottingham came back for a 12-6 halftime lead on the strength of a 57-yard scoring pass from Legette to split end Darron Derby.

Behind Corning in yardage was junior Elbert Murphy, who contributed 53, and Daddabbo was eight-of-17 for 74 yards.

Adams, of course, praised the play of his entire team, adding that one key to the ballgame was the fact the Maroons did not give up the ball once, while his defense forced three turnovers. Cunningham and Kevin Crowell both turned in interceptions, and outside linebacker Chris Bagart recovered a fumble which set up the Maroons' first score.

AHS travels to Gettys Field at 7:30 Saturday to meet CBA.



John Corning cuts inside and gets a key block from Maroon teammate Kevin Crowell (23) Friday in Auburn's 29-18 upset victory over Nottingham at Holland Stadium. Anthony Quinn

(white jersey, 23) is the Bulldog defender. Corning led AHS with 120 yards. Photo by Sam DeRosa.