

# Indiana loses star running back, finds another

By Pete Wegman

Before this season began, Indiana head coach Lee Corso was filled with optimism. After suffering through a 10-33-1 mark in his first four years at Indiana, Corso felt 1977 would be a good year for his Hoosiers.

"We're pretty well set in all positions, and there won't be much experimenting," he said before Indiana's season opener. "In the past we've been occupied by replacement problems and finding people to fit into them. This is the first time we've been pretty well set."

The reasons for his optimism were evident. The Hoosiers returned eight offensive and six defensive starters from last year's 5-6 squad, which set a number of milestones. The 1976 Hoosier team was 4-4 in Big 10 Conference play, good for third behind perennial powers Michigan and Ohio State. That was Indiana's best conference mark since 1968 and best season record since 1972. Also, Indiana started this season with a two-game winning

string, longest among Big 10 teams.

Much of Corso's optimism was centered around tailback Mike Harkrader. As a freshman last year, Harkrader rushed for 1,003 yards on 192 carries, the first freshman in Big 10 history to break the 1,000-yard barrier. He also was the conference's second leading rusher for the year.

However, Harkrader injured a knee in a preseason scrimmage and underwent surgery on the knee three weeks ago. With Harkrader out of the lineup, the Hoosiers have posted a 1-2 record. After a season-opening 30-14 loss to Wisconsin, Indiana upset Louisiana State 24-21 before losing to Miami (Ohio) 21-20 last Saturday.

Harkrader is expected to return for Indiana's final five games, but he may have a difficult time winning back his starting job. He has been replaced by junior Darrick Burnett, who will start against the Huskers today.

Burnett already has rushed for 411 yards on 69 carries

this season. Against Miami last week, he rushed for 209 yards on 29 carries, earning the Associated Press' Big 10 Player of the Week honors.

Junior Scott Arnett, who started Indiana's final seven games last year, returns at quarterback. Last year Arnett carried the ball 78 times for 157 yards. Through the Hoosiers' first three games this year, he is averaging more than five yards a carry. Arnett also has thrown two touchdown passes this year, both to sophomore tight end Dave Harangody.

Indiana's leading receiver is senior split end Keith Calvin, a four-year starter. Calvin has 10 receptions for a 19-yard average this fall.

The Indiana defense is anchored by junior linebacker Joe Norman, averaging more than 17 tackles a game. The defense has allowed only 77 yards a game through the air but has been weak against the run, allowing 284 yards a game.

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