

Pitiful Mildcats meet punchy Gophers

THE COLLEGES

Saturday offers a match-up to stir the blood of any football impurist: Minnehaha's Gophers (1-5), holding opponents to 49.3 points per game, against Northwestern's Mildcats (1-5), scoring points at a 5.2 per game clip.

That's right: a team with no defense against a team with no offense! The Mildcats' 0-35 whitewash-



ing by Michigan on Saturday broke their streak of one consecutive game in which they'd scored.

That crucial match temporarily diverts attention from two surprise Bottom Ten stars: The No. 1-rated Bow Boys of Stanford (0-6) and No. 9 USC's Blundering Herd (2-3-1).

The Trojans are so lacking in talent this year that rather than picture any players on the over of their Arizona State game program, they featured six cheerleaders.

THE RANKINGS

TEAM, RECORD	LAST WEEK	NEXT LOSS
1) Stanford (0-6)	15-32, Wash.	Arizona
2) Minnehaha (1-5)	17-56, Wisconsin	Northwestern
3) Duke (0-6)	31-38, Clemson	Maryland
4) Yale (0-5)	10-21, Columbia	Penn
5) UTEP (1-6)	25-37, Pentagon	Colorado St.
6) LSU (2-4)	13-21, Kentucky	So. Carolina
7) Rice (1-6)	3-14, Texas Tech	Texas A&M
8) Northwest. (1-5)	0-35, Michigan	Minnesota
9) USC (2-3-1)	14-34, Ariz. St.	Notre Dame
10) Texas A & M (2-3-1)	tied Baylor, 13-13	Rice; 11) Cornell (0-4-1); 12) Georgia Tech (1-5); 13) Oregon Stat (1-5); 14) TCU (1-4-1); 15) Purdue (1-4-1); 16) Houston (2-4); 17) Pentagon (Army, Navy, Air Force, Virginia Military Institute) (8-16); 18) Washington St. (2-4); 19) UCLA (2-3-1); 20) Oklahoma (a fortunate 1-0 A.D. — After Dupree).

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Minnesota (1-5) vs. Northwestern (1-5).

ROUT OF THE WEEK: Arizona (5-1-1) vs. Stanford (0-6).

QUOTE BOOK: USC, trailing 0-27 in first half, stopped Arizona State on a drive and the Coliseum's screen flashed: "Good Job Defense." (It was no time to be sarcastic.)

COSELL'S WILD WORLD OF HUMANS (latest episode): ABC's Howard Cosell called Nebraska back Irving Fryar a "horse," prompting protests from Gene Autry and Roy Rogers.

CLEMSON'S CUP: The United States' 132-year dominance of the America's Cup is over, but one apparently ceaseless streak continues: Clemson's 23-0 record vs. Virginia.

THE PROS

One misconception about the Bottom Ten pro race is that Tampa Bay (0-7) has the edge because of experience. The Bucs have been there before — an 0-14 record in 1976, 2-12 in 1977.

But don't forget Houston (0-7), at least not for 30 seconds or so. The Oilers are two-time Bottom Ten champs themselves, having put together 1-13 finishes in both 1972 and 1973. So they have tradition on their side, too.

Still you can't dismiss Tampa Bay too lightly. The Bucs have staved off victory time and again in the late moments this season: five of their seven losses have been by 7 points or less. And who can forget the dramatics against Dallas: Tampa's roughing-the-kicker violations on the last two plays to ensure a game-losing field goal? Only the most hard-hearted person could have kept from laughing.

Incidentally, Tampa and Houston are scheduled to meet Nov. 27, assuming they can find a location.

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1) Tampa Bay (0-7)	27-34, St. Louis	New Orleans
2) Houston (0-7)	14-34, Minn.	Kansas City
3) Cincinnati (1-6)	17-24, Denvel.	Cleveland
4) N.J. Giants (2-5)	17-38, Ks. City	St. Louis
5) Air Coryell (3-4)	21-37, New Eng.	Denvelway
6) Atlanta (2-4); 7) N.Y. Jets (3-4); 8) Chicago (2-5); 9) St. Louis (2-5); 10) tie: Philadelphia (NFL) (4-3) and Philadelphia (NL) (1-4).		

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