Utah Snaps ASU's Unbeaten Streak in 36-31 Upset

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SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's Homecoming turned into more than just the Roberta Flack Concert as the inspired Utes ambushed eighth-ranked Arizona State, 36-31, Saturday afternoon at Rice Stadium.

The victory snapped the nation's longest unbeaten streak at 12 games and provided a big lift to Utah's football season and an equally big boost to the job security of Coach Bill Meek.

Prior to the season, the Utah-ASU game was viewed as the game of the year in the Western Athletic Conference. Then the Ute made a lot of errors in losing to Arizona last week to dim the Spotlight on the ASU game.

Utah used mistakes to their advantage in chilly temperatures Saturday to topple the four-time defending WAC champion. It was an exciting matchup after all as the Utes jumped to a 30-3 lead early in the second quarter and then withstood a fierce Arizona State comeback in the second half.

Despite the ASU rally, the final score might well have been wider. Utah, leading 36-24, got to the six-inch line late in the game but didn't score and ASU came back to score on a long bomb with no time left on the clock.

As the exciting as the game was to the 22,135 fans, it did little to change the WAC title picture. Utah is tied with ASU at 3-1 while Arizona is 4-0. But Utah plays one less conference game so the chase is basically a two-team affair. Even if Arizona beats BYU this week, the Wildcats still must beat ASU in their meeting Nov. 24 in Tempe. Should both teams tie at 6-1, the champion would be the winner of the game between the two contenders. So the Sun Devils are still in a good position to return to the Fiesta Bowl.

But the Utes got their day of glory and brought the high-flying Sun Devils down to earth by forcing 10 turnovers (four pass interceptions and six fumble recoveries).

Danny White, the nation's leader in total offense, completed 22 of 48 passes for 361 yards but he was forced into some bad throw by the Ute defense and was sacked several times in key situations.

Woody Green, the Sun Devils' highly-touted halfback, was held to 48 yards. Green had trouble holding on to the ball and was completely overshadowed by ASU's hard-running fullback Ben Malone. Malone end up with 112 yards.

Split end Greg Hudson caught 11 passes for 185 yards but 51 of those were on the final play of the game when Hudson made a diving catch at the goal line. Most of his receptions were sideline patterns which Utah was giving up with lots of deep coverage.

The real heroes were the fired-up Utes who won in spite of five turnovers of their own. Don Van Galder passed for two touchdowns and ran for two others in leading the Utah onslaught. "Brownie," as he is called by the Utah players and fans, was nearly the goat with some early fumbles but ASU was so much worse it didn't matter.

Midway through the second quarter, Van Galder was hit hard and suffered double vision. His replacement, Lou Onofrio, couldn't move the team so when Van Galder came back for the fourth quarter he received a warm welcome.

Steve Odom was the difference in the game. He returned punts 73 and 70 yards to set up touchdowns and made a spectacular catch for what proved to be the winning touchdown.

The game was interrupted for nearly 10 minute early in the fourth quarter when a major controversy developed. ASU completed a pass to Morris Owens at the 15-yard line, giving the Sun Devils a first down. But a personal foul was called on Steve Marshall, moving the ball half the distance to the goal.

Because it was a dead-ball foul, ASU had a first-and-three at the 7½. But the chains were placed at the 7½ instead of the 15. So when Green ran to the four, the fans and Utah coaches were unaware it was another first down. Malone then went to the three, White threw an incomplete pass and then White was tackled at the five.

When ASU lined up to run what appeared to be fifth down, the stadium exploded in a confusing scene of chaos. The situation was crucial because Utah's lead at the time was only 30-24.

To help restore order, WAC Commissioner Stan Bates sent Sid Birdsley, a WAC supervising official, onto the field to help straighten things out. Birdsley determined that the officials were right in giving ASU another down but by then the Utah players and coaches were so enfuriated, it took a lengthy explanation before play could be resumed.

It took ASU two tries to get a play off because the crowd noise was so loud. White eventually went ahead with the play—a rollout to the right—and threw an incomplete pass off Hudson's fingertips at the back of the endzone with 12:03 left to play.

Utah then marched 95 yards to score thanks to Odom's effort and a similar diving catch by Willie Armstead. Dan Marrelli

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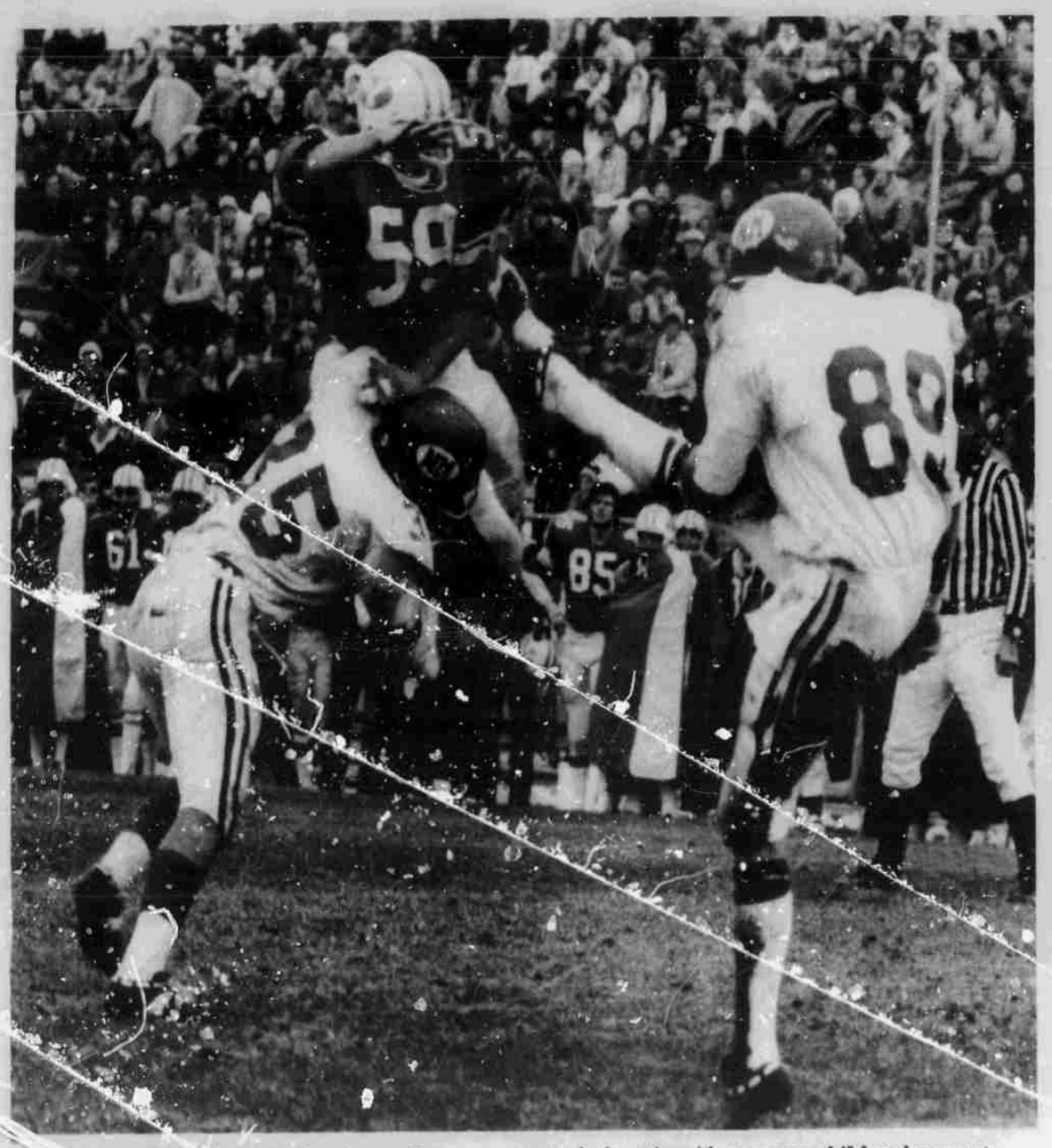
BYU Air Attack Devastates Lobos, 56-21



SID SMITH, BYU linebacker who played an excellent game, comes close to blocking Steve Bauer's punt over the block of Rich Diller. Bauer went into the game as the second leading punter in the nation with an average of 45.6 yards per punt. Against BYU he averaged 40 yards per punt.

Photo by Pat Christian

Miller Catches 22 Passes to Set NCAA Record; Sheide Completes 32

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Behind the record-setting passing combination of Gary Sheide to Jay Miller the BYU Cougars completely outclassed the New Mexico Lobos Saturday afternoon in BYU Stadium for a 56-21 Western Athletic Conference triumph before 11,412 faithful fans in 35 degree weather.

Jay Miller, just a sophomore, caught 22 passes to set an NCAA single game reception record, and Gary Sheide threw 32 completions for BYU school record. Six of those completions were for touchdowns which tied the WAC record for most touchdown passes in a game.

Sheide and Miller emerged in the spotlight because of their record-setting performances, but it must go down as a team effort. The offensive line gave Sheide brilliant protection, enabling him to fake numerous times in order to set up the receivers, and the defensive unit turned in its best game of the season as it completely shut off the Lobo wishbone offense, and also came up with five interceptions. The 21 points scored by the Lobos are a bit misleading since 14 of them came in the last three minutes when the game had already been decided.

Leads Nation

Miller went into the game leading the nation in pass receiving with 52 catches. He now has 74, an average of 10.6 catches per game and only three catches away from Phil Odle's single-season record of 77 catches. He is so far ahead of any other receiver in the nation that it isn't even a close race.

Gary Sheide went into the game ranked fifth in the nation in total offense, but with his second-plus 400-yard game of passing will probably move into second place in total offense, trailing only ASU's Danny White.

The Cougars took command of the game early, scoring three of the first five times they got the ball, and stonping the Lobos cold without a first down on their first three possessions.

The Cougars led 12-7 at the end of the first quarter, and scored three touchdowns in the second quarter to take a 33-7 intermission lead. There was no scoring in the third period, but the Cougars put two quick touchdowns on the board early in the fourth quarter and jumped to a 49-7 lead with 5:40 remaining in the game.

First Score

BYU's first touchdown came on the impetus of a roughing-the-kicker penalty that gave BYU a first down after punting the ball away. Five plays later Sheide hit Miller for a 33-yard touchdown pass. Dev Duke's PAT was wide and BYU had a 6-0 lead.

After an exchange of punts Dave Atkinson, who was tied seven games for his school career record-tying interception, finally got it — his 19th. He returned it 14 yards to the Lobo 29-yard line and four plays later Sheide threw a touchdown pass to Wayne Bower. The two-point conversion try failed and BYU led 12-0.

The Lobos then put together an 80-yard drive in eight plays with the aid of two 15-yard penalties and scored on a three-yard run by Ben Turner. The PAT cut the margin to 12-7.

The Cougars scored on their next ball possession, with passes from Sheide to Steve Stratton going for most of the yardage, but the final three yards came on a Sheide-to-Bower pass to make it 19-7 after Duke's PAT.

Turning Point

The Lobos threatened to stay in the game after a BYU fumble on its own 43 yard line. The Lobos, with the aid of a pass interference penalty, moved to the BYU two-yard line, but on fourth down couldn't get the first down over the tough line play of Paul Linford and Grant Wells. The Lobos had to turn the ball over on downs at the BYU two, and that could well have been the real turning point in the game.

A punt exchange weighed heavily in BYU's favor to set up the next Cougar score. BYU's John Betham downed Mark Giles' punt on the one-foot line, and when the Lobos had to punt out of their end zone it was nearly blocked. However, Steve Bauer avoided the BYU rushers and managed a running kick that John Betham returned to the five yard line. A clipping penalty, which is getting to be almost a sure thing on a BYU punt return, put the ball back on the 30-yrd line, but three plays later Sheide hit Bower for another touchdown — his third touchdown reception of the day which ties a WAC record. Jay Miller equaled that record later in the day.

That put BYU ahead 26-7.

Tactical Error

The Lobos then made a tactical error that really sewed up the game for BYU. Instead of realizing they didn't have the potential to move the ball 80 yards in two minutes prior to the half they decided to try. They went to the air, which isn't their game, and BYU's Mike Russell intercepted his first of three passes, and returned it to the 17-yard line.

Sheide then hit Miller for a touchdown with 24 seconds remaining in the half and gave the Cougars a halftime cushion of 33-7.

There was no scoring in the third quarter although Dev Duke missed a 42 yard field goal attempt and one BYU drive faltered on the Lobo five yard line. The Lobos didn't threaten at all.

Early in the fourth quarter Bob Larsen recovered a Lobo fumble on the NM 20 yard line, but three plays later a Sheide pass was intercepted in the end zone by New Mexico's Ron Wallace.

Russell Intercepts

Two plays later Mike Russell intercepted his second pass of the day and returned it to the five yard line. On fourth down Sheide scored on a quarterback sneak to make it 40-7.

The next BYU drive ended with Randy Litchfield kicking a 31 yard field goal to make it 43-7.

On pass patterns designed to get Sheide and Miller to their records the Cougars scored again with 5:40 remaining. Sheide hit Miller for three straight completions and then hit him for a touchdown to make it 49-7.

With 2:09 remaining New Mexico scored on a five yard pass from Troy Williams to Ken Lege. A 42 yard pass from Williams to Paul Labarrere set up the score.

Randy Litchfield countered for the Cougars with a 34 yard touchdown pass to Dave Affleck to make it 56-14 with 1:15 remaining.

With no time remaining the Lobos scored on a 38 yard pass from Williams to Lavarrere.

Edwards Comments

Following the game Coach LaVell Edwards said, "I've said many times that a football game is won or lost on the line and that was the case today. Our offensive line did a fantastic job of protecting Sheide and he showed what he can do with a little time to throw.

"Our defensive line put on the type of pass rush we are noted for today. This was the first time this season we really applied pressure to the opposing quarterback.

"Our game plan was to take away the threat of their fullback inside and force them to go wide. We brought up our strong safety, Gary Shaw, near the line of scrimmage to take away their wide game and it was very effective.

Stats	BYU	New Mexico
First Downs	24	21
Yards Rushing	165	83
Yards Passing	450	231
Total Offense	615	314
Passes A-C-I	58-35-1	41-17-5
Punts, Ave.	5-38	9-40
Return Yards	167	0
Penalties	15-183	8-89
Fumbles Lost	1	

New Mexico	7	0	0	14	—21
Brigham Young	12	21	0	23	—56

BYU—Miller 33 pass from Sheide (kick failed)
BYU—Bower 13 pass from Sheide (pass failed)
UNM—Tuner 3 run (Berg kick)
BYU—Bower 3 pass from Sheide (Duke kick)
BYU—Bower 7 pass from Sheide (Duke kick)
BYU—Miller 16 pass from Sheide (Duke kick)
BYU—Sheide 1 run (Litchfield kick)
BYU—FT Litchfield 31
BYU—Miller 6 pass from Sheide (kick failed)
UNM—Lege 5 pass from Williams (Berg kick)
BYU—Affleck 34 pass from Litchfield (Duke kick)
UNM—Labarrere 38 pass from Williams (Berg kick)

JAY MILLER, BYU's sophomore split end, caught 22 passes for an NCAA single game record. He gained 263 yards which also set a WAC and BYU school record. Here he is shown trying to gain extra yardage after a catch. He is being chased down by New Mexico's Steve Ernst.

Aggies Celebrate Homecoming With 31-20 Win Over Wyoming

LOGAN, Utah (UPI) — Utah State safety Bob Fuhriman picked off two Wyoming passes, running one 44 yards for a touchdown and grabbing the second in the end zone as the final gun sounded, in the Aggies' 31-20 win over Wyoming Saturday.

Fuhriman's first interception came in the fourth quarter, when Wyoming had pulled ahead for the only time in the game and seemed to have the momentum to keep going.

But Fuhriman's score put the Aggies back on top, and his last-second interception in the end zone put an end to Wyoming's chances of getting back in the game.

Utah State jumped to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter of its homecoming game on a [illegible] yard run by fullback Jerry Cox and a 49-yard bootleg run by quarterback Tom Wilson.

Wyoming came back in the second quarter with scores on a five-yard pass from Steve Cockreham to tight end John Dunn and a one-yard run by Cockreham capping a 75-yard drive.

USU's Al Knapp kicked a field goal to send the Aggies into the dressing room with a 17-14 halftime lead.

But the Cowboys came back in the third quarter and took the lead for the first time on a three-yard run by Larry Gaines. The PAT failed, and Wyoming led 20-17 going into the final quarter.

The Cowboy defense held USU early in the fourth quarter, forcing a punt, and began driving through the tired Aggie defense.

But Fuhriman stepped in front of a Cockreham pass, running it back 44 yards for the score and giving USU the lead for good.

The Aggies added an insurance td with 1:42 in the game when Cox ran across from the eight for his second score.

Wyoming then took the kickoff and moved all the way down field in a desperate effort to get on the scoreboard once more. But Cockreham found Fuhriman again instead of a Cowboy receiver and the gun sounded giving USU its sixth win in eight games.

Wyoming	0	14	6	0	— 20
Utah St.	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	0	14—31

USU—Cox 6 run (Knapp kick)
USU — Wilson 49 run (Knapp kick)
Wyo — Dunn 5 pass from Cockreham (Marion kick)
USU—FG Knapp 28
Wyo— Cockreham 1 run (Marion kick)
Wyo — Gaines 3 run (kick failed)
USU — Fuhriman 44 interception return (Knapp kick)
USU — Cox 8 run (Knapp kick)
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	Wyo	Utah St
First downs	18	18
Rushing yards	53-170	57-256
Passing yards	122	90
Return yards	1	76
Passes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Punts	[illegible]	2-48
Fumbles lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties	8-18	4-54

College Football Scoreboard

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East

Albany St.-N.Y. 15 Roch. Tech 0
Alfred 23 Kings Point 7
Allegheny 7 Thiel 4
Amherst 28 Tufts 0
Bloomsburg 14 Kutztown 7
Boston U. 30 Northeastern 14
Bowdoin 20 Bates 12
Bridgeport 37 Southern Conn. 7
Brockport St. 31 Curry 6
Brown 7 Princeton 6
Central Conn. 14 American Int. 3
Clarion 26 Shippensburg 14
Coast Guard 10 Trinity-Conn. 7
Connecticut 27 Rutgers 12
Cornell 44 Columbia 14
Cortland St. 0 E. Stroudsburg 6
Dartmouth 24 Yale 17
Del. Valley 25 Susquehanna 14
Drexel 16 Albright 7
Franklin & Marshall 27 Moravian 6
Glenville 52 Concord 0
Grove City 7 Bethany 7
Harvard 34 Penn 30
Hillsdale 13 West Chester 7
Hobart 20 Colby 7
Indiana-Pa. 34 C.W.-Pa. 28
Juniata 13 Westminster-Pa. 9
Lafayette 14 Gettysburg 3
Lehigh 58 Colgate 26
Lycoming 26 Upsala 6
Mansfield 34 Bucknell 0
Me. St. New Haven 0
Mass. 27 Vermont 7
Mass. Maritime 21 Worcester St. 7
Millersville 21 Cheyney 10
Montclair St. 24 Trenton St. 10
Muhlenberg 21 Widener 19
Nichols 7 Western Conn 6
Norwich 19 Middlebury 12
Pittsburgh 28 Syracuse 14
Plattsburgh St. 6 Bridgewater St. 0
RPI 7 Worcester Tech 6
Rhode Island 40 New Haven 16
Rochester 14 St. Lawrence 12
Slippery Rock 26 Lock Haven 0
Villanova 24 Delaware 7
Wilkes 17 Union N.Y. 6

South

Albany St.-Ga. 27 Clark 2
Alcorn A&M 44 Miss. Valley 0
Carson-Newman 28 Wofford 27
Clemson 35 Wake Forest 8
Eastern Ky. 30 Tenn. Tech 14
Florida 12 Auburn 7
Fordham 13 Georgetown-D.C. 0
Fort Valley 27 Savannah St. 8
Georgia 35 Tennessee 31
Georgia Tech 12 Duke 10
Grambling 52 No. Car. A&T 6
Jacksonville 66 NE Louisiana 24
J.C. Smith 15 North Car. Cent. 7
Johns Hopkins 57 Swarthmore 7
Kentucky 34 Tulane 7
Kentucky St. 52 Federal City 8
Livingstone 14 Elizabeth City 0
Livingston U. 28 Nicholls 16
LSU 51 Mississippi 14
Millsaps 7 Maryville 6
Morehead St. 28 East Tenn. 28
Morehouse 28 Knoxville 7
Morgan St. 27 Howard 7
Murray St. 31 Austin Peay 19
Penn St. 42 Maryland 22
Richmond 27 Citadel 0
Salisbury St. 54 American U. 6
Samford 45 Mars Hill 27
So. Car. St. 30 Md.-Eas. Shore 7
Southern Miss. 28 Weber St. 7
Tuskegee 27 Miles 6
Virginia 44 North Carolina 40
VMI 24 Davidson 17
Virginia St. 16 Norfolk St. 0
Va. Union 31 Fayetteville St. 6
Western Ky. 47 Midd. Tenn. 8
Western Md. 31 Lebanon Valley 21
Wm. Va. Wesleyan 3 Geneva 0

Midwest

Alma 24 Adrian 13
Albion 16 Kalamazoo 14
Alfred 6 Waynesburg 13
Ball St. Western Ill. 16
Beloit 7 Coe 37 Mount Union 14
Bowling Green 21 Youngstown St. 14
Butler 7 Dayton 12
Carthage 7 Augustana (Ill.) 8
Central (Mich.) 21 Eastern Mich. 21
Cincinnati 32 North Texas St. 3
Dayton 28 Xavier (O.) 7
Defiance 20 Ohio Northern 7
DePauw 15 Valparaiso 0
Drake 13 Wichita St. 10
Earlham 13 Manchester 0
Elmhurst 56 Stevens Point 24
Eureka 14 Illinois Coll. 6
Evansville 35 Butler 34
Ferris St. 28 West Va. St. 15
Grove City 26 Jet. 7
Illinois Wesleyan 9 Elmhurst 0
John Carroll 19 Hiram 18
Kansas 10 Oklahoma St. 16
Kent St. 25 Marshall 3
LaCrosse 35 Whitewater 15
Lakeland 35 Northwestern-Wis. 0
Marietta 34 Anderson 17
Miami-O 24 Western Mich. 9
Michigan 49 Indiana 13
Michigan St. 21 Wisconsin 0
Michigan Tech 46 Minn.-Morris 20
Millikin 35 North Central 12
Minnesota 52 Northwestern 43
Missouri 31 Kansas St. 7
Muskingum 0 Ohio Wesleyan 0
Nebraska 28 Colorado 16
Northland 35 Bethel-Minn 7
Northwood 14 Grand Valley 7
Notre Dame 44 Navy 7
Oberlin 40 Case Wsn. Reserve 7
Ohio St. 30 Illinois 0
Ohio U. 24 Bowling Green 23
Purdue 48 Iowa 23
River Falls 9 Stout 6
Rose-Hulman 40 Principia 7
St. Joseph's Ind. 16 Ind. Central 14
Superior 28 Oshkosh 27
Taylor 24 Findlay 17
Wabash 41 Centre 6
Wayne St. 14 Eastern Ill. 19
Western Ill. 30 Northern Ill. 27
Wheaton 27 North Park 3
Wilmington 22 Kenyon 6
Wisconsin-Mil. 28 Central St. 15
Wittenberg 31 Heidelberg 14
Wooster 27 Capital 13

Southwest

Arkansas 14 Texas A&M 10
Arkansas St. 38 Illinois St. 20
Harding 12 Southern St. 0
Oklahoma 34 Iowa St. 0
Oklahoma St. 28 Arkansas Tech 7
Texas 42 SMU 14
TCU 7 Baylor 28
Texas Tech 19 Rice 6
Tulsa 17 Louisville 9

Far West

Air Force 31 New Mexico 21
Brigham Young 56 New Mexico 21
Fresno St. 21 Toledo 45
Long Beach St. 6 Cal St. Fullerton 13
Los Angeles 52 Pacific 7
Pacific 34 Long Beach St. 3
Southern Calif. 56 Oregon 14
Stanford 24 Oregon St. 22
UCLA 12 Washington 13
Utah 36 Arizona St. 31
Utah St. 31 Wyoming 20
Washington St. 21 Oregon 14

Arizona Tops UTEP

EL PASO, Tex. (UPI) — Jim Upchurch scored once and set a school rushing record of 232 yards and sophomore Derral Davis scored twice Saturday to give Arizona a 35-18 victory over Texas-El Paso and sole possession of first place in the Western Athletic Conference.

Upchurch, a junior fullback, broke the 19-year record of 228 yards set by Art Lipano in a workhorse role—27 carries—for the Wildcats.