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Iowa Wins Trip to Rose Bowl

IOWA CITY, Nov. 21 (AP) — Phil Blatcher rushed for a career high of 247 yards and scored two touchdowns today as Iowa defeated Michigan State, 36-7, to tie for the Big Ten Conference title and earn its first trip to the Rose Bowl in 23 years. The Hawkeyes will face Washington on New Year's Day.

The Iowa victory, coupled with Ohio State's 14-9 victory over Michigan, made the Hawkeyes and Buckeyes co-champions with 6-2 conference marks. Iowa, which last went to the Rose Bowl after the 1958 season, became the Big Ten's representative this season because of the conference's last-appearance rule. Ohio State last went after the 1979 season.

Iowa's defense forced five Michigan State turnovers; two of them set up scores, and a blocked punt gave the Hawkeyes a safety.

"Our defense was just superb and the offense just had to move the ball today," said Coach Hayden Fry of Iowa. "I haven't had a back in I don't know how many years who ran as hard as Phil Blatcher did today."

"We merit going to the Rose Bowl," Coach Frank (Muddy) Waters of Michigan State said. "Is their defense good? I think they have the best defense in the country."

Hundreds of Iowa fans in the Kinnick Stadium crowd of 60,103 ran onto the field after the game, surrounding the Hawkeye players and tearing down both goal posts.

Iowa, 8-3 over all, last won the Big Ten championship in 1960, which was also the last time that Iowa won as many as eight games in a season.

Blatcher, a 5-foot-9-inch 188-pound senior playing in his last home game, carried 27 times for the second highest single-game total in the school's history. He scored on a 9-yard run to start a 16-point first-quarter surge and dove a yard late in the third quarter to give

the Hawkeyes a 25-7 lead and seal the victory.

Tom Nichol kicked second-half field goals of 26 and 23 yards for Iowa, which led by 16-7 at halftime. Pete Gales, a reserve quarterback, threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Vince Campbell late in the game to complete the scoring.

Bryan Clark tossed a 1-yard pass to James Hodo late in the first half for Michigan State's out-of-touchdown. The Spartans, who had won three straight games and had been averaging 35 points in their last four, finished 5-6 over all and 4-5 in the conference.

Illinois 49, Northwestern 12

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Tony Eason threw three touchdown passes to give him a Big Ten season record of 20 and lead Illinois over Northwestern, which extended its losing streak to 31 games. Eason completed 27 of 48 passes for 409 yards, setting season Big Ten records in completions with 211 and in passing yardage with 3,360 yards to break the mark of 3,212 set by Mark Herrmann of Purdue. The two teams threw a total of 109 passes, eclipsing the conference record of 100 in a game set earlier this season by Minnesota, with 67, and Ohio State, with 33. Northwestern attempted 58 passes to 51 by Illinois. Northwestern, aside from extending its major college record losing streak, lost for the 35th straight game in the Big Ten.

Indiana 20, Purdue 17

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Doug Smith's 39-yard field goal with 8:30 remaining snapped a 17-17 tie, then Indiana's defense stopped two Purdue drives with interceptions in the Old Oaken Bucket game. The Boilermakers came from a 17-7 halftime deficit to tie the score on a 34-yard field goal

by Tim Clark in the third quarter and a 5-yard touchdown run by Bruce King in the fourth.

Wisconsin 26, Minnesota 21

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — With Wisconsin trailing by a point, the reserve quarterback Randy Wright came in with less than two minutes remaining to complete four of five passes for 82 yards and the decisive touchdown. Wisconsin, 7-4 over all and 6-3 in the Big Ten, fell behind by 21-20 early in the fourth quarter on the second touchdown pass from Mike Hohensee to Chester Cooper. Wright replaced the starter Jess Cole with 1:54 left, then missed his first pass. He completed his next four, three to Michael Jones, including the 7-yard scoring pass with 1:05 left. Hohensee, who connected on 17 of 34 for 254 yards and two touchdowns for Minnesota, set a school record with 2,412 yards passing in a single season. Cooper caught both scoring passes and finished with six completions for 123 yards to become Minnesota's leading career receiver.

Nebraska 37, Oklahoma 14

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Mark Mauer threw for 148 yards and one touchdown, and Roger Craig rushed for 102 yards as Nebraska finished with a 7-0 record in the Big Eight Conference, 9-2 over all and a trip to the Orange Bowl. Craig surpassed 1,000 yards for the season on a 19-yard first-quarter touchdown run that put Nebraska in the lead to stay. Mike Rozier had 105 yards rushing. Oklahoma (5-4-1 and 3-2-1), which faces Oklahoma State next week, was led by the fullback Stanley Wilson, who had 164 yards on 21 carries. Wilson also surpassed 1,000 yards for the season.