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'Overpowering' Witt the perfect Angel

ARLINGTON, Texas (UPI) — Mike Witt, whose brief major league career has been dotted with too many imperfections despite his awesome talent, finally found perfection.

The lanky right-hander became only the 13th pitcher in major league history to toss a perfect game Sunday when he pitched the California Angels to a 1-0 season-ending victory over the Texas Rangers.

So overpowering was the 24-year-old right-hander that he allowed only four balls to be hit out of the infield. He struck out 10 in recording his second shutout and ninth complete game. Witt

threw only 94 pitches, 70 for strikes. It was the first nine inning perfect game in the major leagues since May 15, 1981, when Cleveland's Len Barker beat Toronto.

"I KNEW I WAS throwing it in the fourth inning. Whether I knew if I could do it, it was the seventh inning," Witt said.

"I was real nervous walking out there in the ninth inning, but after I threw the first pitch for a strike, I fell back into it."

"He had a good curveball, but he spotted his fastball all day," said

catcher Bob Boone, who caught his first no-hitter. "He never was in a situation where they knew when he was going to throw a fastball."

Witt's most difficult moment came in the seventh inning when he went to a 3-0 count on Wayne Tolleson. He threw two strikes and then got him on a grounder to second.

In the eighth, Larry Parrish lifted a ball to the front of the warning track in right center but right fielder Mike Brown caught it easily.

A CROWD OF 8,975, quiet for most of the contest, stood on their feet as the

ninth inning began and cheered lustily as Witt struck out Tommy Dunbar on three pitches. He then retired pinch hitter Bobby Jones on a routine grounder to second and got pinch hitter Marvis Foley on a similar play to end the game.

As the final out was recorded, Witt was mobbed by his teammates, who had very little to cheer about in the final week, and the crowd cheered and applauded wildly.

The perfect game was the culmination of a marvelous comeback season for Witt, who last year struggled through a 7-14 season with a 4.91 ERA.

Witt's victory raised his record to 15-11 and he finished among the American League leaders in strikeouts with 196.

It was the first no-hitter ever pitched in Arlington Stadium and only the second recorded in the major leagues this year. Detroit's Jack Morris tossed a no-hitter at Chicago on April 7. David Palmer of Montreal pitched a five-inning, rain-shortened perfect game against the St. Louis Cardinals earlier this season, but that does not count in official records.

THE ANGELS SCORED their run in the seventh inning off hardluck loser

Charlie Hough, 16-14, when Doug DeCinces led off with a single to center, went to second on a passed ball, advanced to third on an infield out and came home on Reggie Jackson's fielder's choice.

Selected by the Angels in the fourth round of the June 1978 draft, Witt made the jump to the majors from El Paso of the Class AA Texas League in 1981 with less than 70 professional games experience.

He posted an 8-9 record with a 3.28 ERA in his first year with the Angels and followed that up with an 8-6 record and a 3.51 ERA in 1982.



Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon, left, slips around Illinois strong safety David Edwards during the Hawkeyes' 21-16 victory over the Illini Saturday at Kinnick Stadium. Harmon scored three touchdowns and rushed for a career-high 191 yards at Iowa raised its record to 2-2 on the season.

Hawks wave long goodbye to Illini, 21-16

By Steve Batterson
Sports Editor

There were more waves at Kinnick Stadium Saturday than the one orchestrated by the all-time record crowd of 66,322.

The 20th-rated Iowa football team helped Illinois wave goodbye to its 12-game Big Ten win streak with a 21-16 Homecoming triumph. Iowa also bid farewell to many of the turnover problems that have plagued Coach Hayden Fry's team in recent weeks.

The Hawkeyes used a ferocious ground attack against the Illini with junior running back Ronnie Harmon rushing for 191 yards and three touchdowns as Iowa evened its season record at 2-2.

For his efforts, Harmon was named United Press International's Midwest offensive player of the week.

"THAT WAS A beautiful victory on national TV," Fry said. "That just goes to show that you've got to have faith and believe. After we had two chances for chip shot field goals and we had passes intercepted, I said, 'Lord, if you let us get down there again we're going to run it.' He must have put his hand on our backs because I haven't seen such beautiful blocking like that in the second half in a long time."

The Hawkeyes collected a total of 331 yards on the ground, including 115 yards from Owen Gill as Iowa successfully executed its game plan.

"We eliminated the turnovers on our end of the field," Fry said. "We had a couple of interceptions but they were way down in their end of the field. But the key was the long drives. We had to keep the clock running."

AT NO TIME WAS that more evident than during the final six minutes and 18 seconds when the Hawkeyes played keep away with the Illini. In the final 14 plays of the game, Gill carried the ball six times for 62 yards.

While the Iowa offense performed well, the Hawkeye defense had another strong outing, forcing four fumbles in its first four games.

Fry said Iowa's defensive game plan was to allow the short pass and to

Iowa 21 Illinois 16

Statistics

	Ill.	Iowa
First downs	21	21
Rushes-yards	38-148	51-331
Passing yards	230	73
Return yards	12	4
Passes	26-35-0	7-14-2
Punts	3-39	4-35
Fumbles-lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties-yards	4-20	4-35
Iowa	7	0
Iowa State	3	0

Iowa — R. Harmon 2 run (Nichol kick)
Illinois — FG White 36
Iowa — R. Harmon 8 run (Nichol kick)
Illinois — Reese 8 pass from Trudeau (Pass failed)
Iowa — R. Harmon 12 run (Nichol kick)
Illinois — Grant 3 pass from Trudeau (White kick)

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"punish" the receiver on the tackle while not allowing Illinois to use the long pass, one of quarterback Jack Trudeau's most effective weapons. The junior quarterback threw 33 times, completing 26 of them for 230 yards. "The defensive stars — all of 'em," Fry said. "We played a multitude of defenses to confuse their quarterback."

"WE ALSO HAD to hold onto the ball," Fry said, "if we'd have made a mistake, they'd have been able to eat a free sack lunch. We just had to play error-free football."

That, along with a tough Illini defensive secondary, forced Iowa to run the ball throughout the game. Quarterback Chuck Long was seven of 14 in the passing department for 77 yards.

"We knew it would hurt Chuck Long's stats but I had a long talk with him and he said, 'Whatever it takes to win.' That's why we ran the ball."

"I think a lot of people are wrapped up in stats, but they will come," Long said. "But they will come. The most important thing is to win the game. I'd feel sick to my stomach if I threw for 300 yards and we lost the game."

It was the Illini's inability to stop the Hawkeye running attack that lifted Iowa to the win. (Iowa's offensive line) completely dominated the line of scrimmage," Long said. "I didn't have to throw a pass the whole game."

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Harmon, Gill rock and roll Illinois

By J.B. Glass
Staff Writer

Like the new Kinnick Stadium "wave" which swept through the stands, Hawkeye backs Ronnie Harmon and Owen Gill rolled over the Illini.

It was a performance only a mother and Iowa Hawkeye fans could love. Harmon danced for a "lifetime" high 191 yards on 28 carries, including three touchdowns and his partner Gill scooted for 115 yards with numerous key blocks, in capsizing Illinois 21-16.

"I feel good," Harmon said, as his mother along with Gill's parents watched. "I feel like I could go out and dance with my mother."

This could be the first of what could become one of Iowa's greatest traditions — the Harmon-Gill backfield.

"ME AND RONNIE talked about being fired up and wanting to do a good

job for everyone back home," Brooklyn, N.Y., native Gill said, after the nationally televised game. "It's fun being in there, with me and Ronnie knowing anyone of us could break it at anytime." Harmon's long run of the day was a 43-yarder, while Gill took one 23 yards.

The Eastern tandem started out "right" and ended strong.

After the first five plays — Harmon around the right end for eight yards, Harmon over the right tackle for 13 yards, Gill to the right for 15, Harmon for two and then Harmon again over the pile for two — Iowa led 6-0 and it was a lead the Hawkeyes would never relinquish.

"We just wanted to start out on the right foot," Gill said. "I think starting out on the right foot gives you a lot more incentive for the rest of the game."

IN IOWA'S FINAL drive of the

game, what turned out to be the last six minutes, 18 seconds of the Homecoming contest, 12 of 14 plays were to either No. 31 or No. 33.

"We were working like a machine, everybody (the offensive line) was working together," Harmon said. "The run was there. Coach (Hayden) Fry just said let's go with the run. They couldn't stop us. Me going inside, Owen going outside, they couldn't key on any one of us."

But as the Hawkeyes came down to the goal line in the final drive, Harmon took himself out of the game. "I didn't want it (the touchdown)," the Laureton N.Y., said. I wanted Owen to score. He deserved it. I figured this isn't my touchdown."

The complimentary duo, both in gold chains, each with their first initial on the chains, are the best of friends and both have converted from other positions.

GILL IS A converted tailback, but says a fullback is what the "team needed." Harmon is a converted wide receiver, a move he wanted and Fry promised.

"I guess there are some people out there that think I still should play receiver. But I like running back too," the 196-pound Harmon said. "People might say, 'wow, you can't play running back, you're too small.' But it's not all about being brutal, it's reading the holes and running where nobody's at. I just go out and play and react."

Harmon, who has a season total of 478 yards, has a shot at the Iowa all-time single season rushing record of 1,267 by Dennis Mosley in 1979.

He also earned the respect of Illinois Coach Mike White said. "His speed and power looked very good to me," White said. "I don't know how many tackles he was breaking, but he's so darn quick."

Slow starts costly to Hawkeyes in losses to Wildcats, Missouri

By Melissa Rapoport
Staff Writer

The Iowa volleyball team's loss to Missouri Saturday morning at the Carver-Hawkeye Arena resembled a slow-motion instant replay of the Northwestern game from the night before.

In both matches the Hawkeyes dropped the first two games, won the third game by a considerable margin and then lost the match in the fourth game.

Iowa started slowly in each match, creating a hole to dig themselves out of. "If we would have started playing in the first game like we did in the third game, but we tend to be slow starters. I don't know why," Iowa Coach Sandy Stewart said after the 7-15, 5-15, 15-7 and 11-15 loss to Northwestern.

IN THE FIRST game against Missouri, the Hawkeyes fell behind from the beginning. Iowa succeeded in tying the score at 13-13 before senior Julie Micheletti killed a shoot set (a low-out-

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side set) delivered by setter Kathy Greishiem, upping the score to 14-13.

A Hawkeye blocking error gave the side out to Missouri, but Iowa immediately had the opportunity to capitalize on a Tiger missed serve. The Hawkeye squad succeeded in tying the score at 15-15, but dropped the final two points.

The second game duplicated the first. At 13-14, Missouri missed a serve, Iowa tied the score, but again, dropped the last two points.

"We should have won the first two games," Stewart said. "We could have easily won them. We were in both of the games, we just don't take advantage of opportunities."

CONSEQUENTLY, THE Hawkeyes didn't lose because Northwestern or Missouri outpowered them, it was

because they outpowered themselves. "We really didn't lose this morning," Stewart said after the Missouri match. "We beat ourselves. It's like we lack the guts to go out and win. That has always seemed to be a problem with this team."

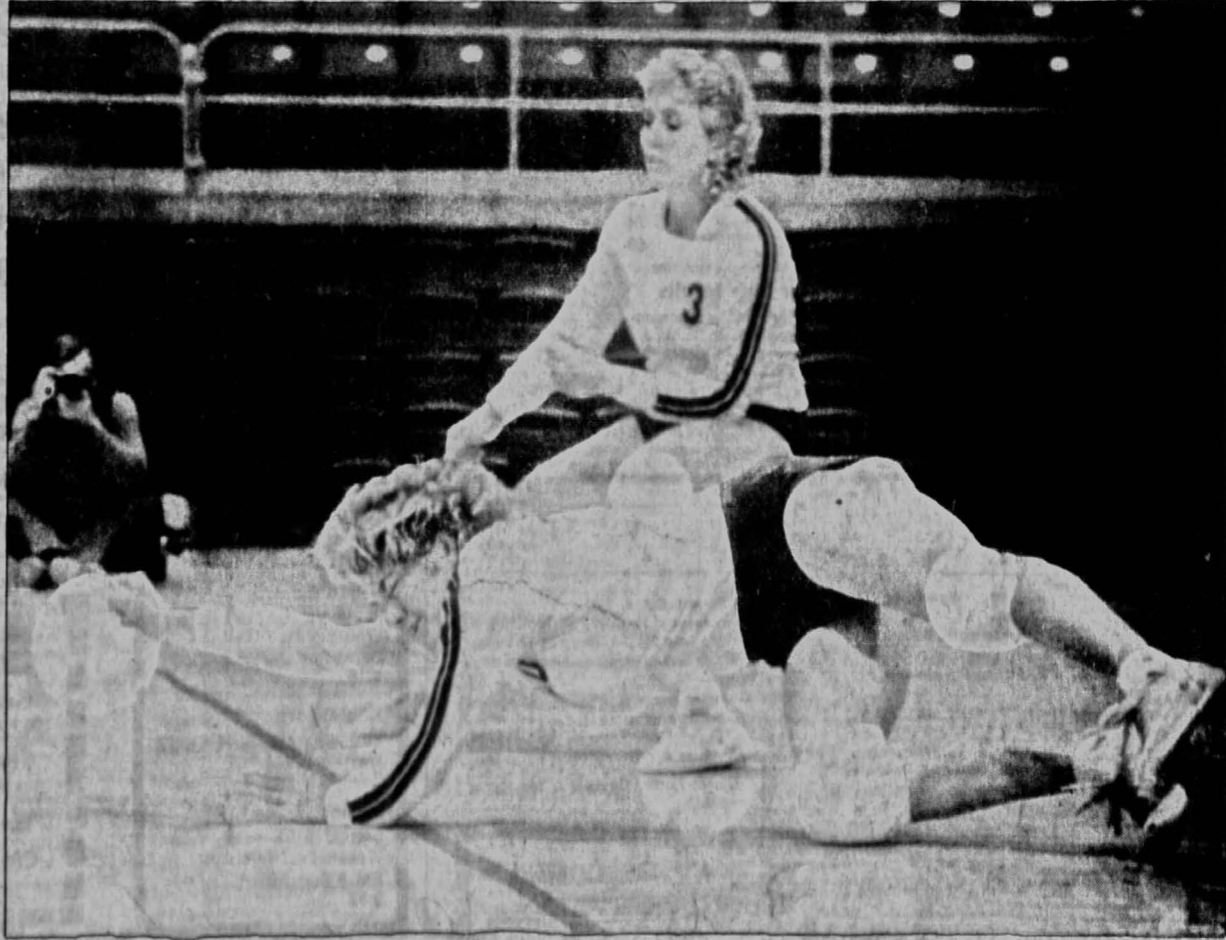
"We don't have the mental toughness. We're playing worse now than we were at the beginning of the season."

Except for the lack of communication in the third game, Northwestern Coach Jerry Angle said the match went according to plan. "Our game plan is to make the other team stop us," he said. "We took them out of the match the

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Iowa volleyball player Denise Watson dives for the ball during the Hawkeyes' four-game loss to Big Ten Western Division favorite Northwestern Friday night at the Carver-Hawkeye Sports Arena.

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Sports

Bronco defense slows Raiders

United Press International

Gene Willhite's four-yard touchdown capped an 82-yard drive in the third quarter that carried the Denver Broncos to an 16-13 upset win over the Los Angeles Raiders Sunday.

A determined Broncos defense, as it did for most of the game, ended the Raiders' fourth-quarter magic to hand the defending Super Bowl champions their first loss of 1984.

Mike Harden's second interception of the game stopped a 40-yard drive with eight minutes, 13 seconds to play and a rugged Broncos running game led by Sammy Winder held the ball for all but one minute of the remaining time.

Denver, 4-1, pulled into a tie for the AFC West lead with the Raiders.

WILLHITE SCORED with two minutes, 19 seconds left in the third quarter for his team's only touchdown

NFL roundup

to provide a 16-10 lead. Denver also scored on field goals of 27, 32, 19 yards by Rich Karlis.

The Raiders scored on Matt Bahr field goals of 27 and 50 yards in the second half and an 19-yard pass from Jim Plunkett to Todd Christensen.

In other games, Miami clipped St. Louis 36-28, New England dumped the New York Jets 28-21, Dallas slugged Chicago 24-13, Seattle upended Minnesota 20-12, Kansas City edged Cleveland 10-6, Indianapolis slapped Buffalo 31-17, San Francisco tripped Atlanta 14-5, Tampa Bay nipped Green Bay 30-27 in overtime, the Los Angeles Rams humiliated the New York Giants 33-12, Washington blanked Philadelphia

20-0, San Diego held off Detroit 27-24 and New Orleans hammered Houston 27-10.

Tonight, Cincinnati visits Pittsburgh.

AT ST. LOUIS, Dan Marino threw for a team-record 429 yards and three touchdown passes to help the Dolphins remain unbeaten with a victory over St. Louis. Marino, who completed 24 of 36 passes, broke the Dolphins' single-game yardage record of 408 set by David Woodley in 1981. Marino's previous career high was 322 yards set last year as a rookie against Buffalo.

At East Rutherford, N.J., Tony Eason, a doubtful starter because of a foot injury, threw for 354 yards and three touchdowns and ran four yards for a fourth score to carry the Patriots past the Jets. Eason, who missed a good deal of practice time during the week, completed a club record 28 of 42 passes.

At Chicago, Gary Hogeboom threw a

68-yard touchdown pass to Tony Dorsett, Tim Newsome scored a two-yard touchdown and Rafael Septien kicked three field goals to lead Dallas over the Bears. Chicago's Walter Payton gained 155 yards in 25 carries, including a 20-yard touchdown run, to moved within 66 yards of Jim Brown's all-time rushing record.

AT MINNEAPOLIS, Eric Lane scored on a 40-yard run with 1:00 left and Dave Krieg passed for 222 yards and one touchdown to lift Seattle over the Vikings. Krieg hit 17 of 26 passes, connecting with Steve Largent in the first quarter on a 20-yard touchdown pass for a 7-3 lead. Largent caught eight passes for 128 yards.

At Kansas City, Mo., Todd Blackledge threw a nine-yard fourth-quarter touchdown pass to Billy Jackson and the Kansas City defense chipped in a club-record 11 sacks and four interceptions to carry the Chiefs.

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first two games, but we had a breakdown of communication in the third game."

The Wildcats' 5-foot-4 setter Jackie Nunez said the third-game loss was due to adjustment problems. "We were having fun, laughing and talking," she said. "We were playing our game, then we had to play theirs."

"THEY ARE REAL scrappy. They kept throwing the ball and we had trouble. When the other team gets a lot of control, we let the other team control our tempo. If the other team is out of control, we tend to play that way too."

In both matches blocking was a key problem for the **Hawkeyes**. "Our blocking is a real big weakness," Stewart said. "We're just not blocking well."

Despite the team's inconsistencies, Stewart said Denise Watson competed well in the Missouri match and Michelletti performed well in the Northwestern match. "I would praise

Denise Watson, because I thought Denise did a good job," the Hawkeye coach said. "She's been sitting on the bench and when she came in, she kept talking and played well."

STEWART SAID the **Hawkeyes** need more intensity and the experienced players have to come through on the court. "They're not playing with the intensity they should," she said. "We have experience on the floor and they should be using it ... They have to have confidence in what they're doing."

Stewart also said she would not be hesitant to replace the starters. "The starters think they're set in their positions ... If they're not playing, they don't deserve to be on the floor."

But, the Hawkeye coach believes her team will bounce back. "They're a little down," she said. "I think they're mad at themselves. It's hard to play when you're confidence is down ... I'm confident we're going to bounce back. We play Drake Tuesday, so we have to bounce back quickly."

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FRY ALSO CREDITED the young Hawkeye offensive line that had to grow up in a hurry.

Owen Gill and **Ronnie** Harmon wouldn't have meant a thing without those guys up front," Fry said in his postgame comments.

"They played like veterans," Fry said. "I told them at our workout (Sunday) morning that I'd have to quit referring to them as young and inexperienced."

The game opened with a flourish when Illinois won the toss and opted to make a decision in the second half, giving the Hawkeyes the ball and the wind. The Illini then started the game with an onside kick.

"We were surprised," Fry. "I knew something was haywire and I started to holler."

FRY SAID HIS frontline players always play looking for the onside kick. "Kirk Banks did a good job to get to the ball."

Illinois Coach Mike White wasn't as pleased with the results. "The onside kick we tried at the start of the game is really a high percentage play. It wasn't a trick play, it was because Iowa lines

up its front coverage."

That allowed Iowa to start at its own 48-yard line and five plays later, **Harmon** went over the right side for a two-yard touchdown sprint.

The only other scoring in the first half was a 36-yard field goal by Illinois' Chris White with four minutes and one second remaining in the first quarter.

Harmon scored again in the third quarter with an eight-yard run around the left end.

THE ILLINI CLOSED Iowa's margin to 14-9 after Trudeau connected with Jerry Reese for an eight-yard scoring pass early in the fourth frame.

Harmon weaved his way around the Illinois defense, thanks in part to his running mate Gill for a 12-yard touchdown run with 8:46 remaining in the game. Illinois scored on a three-yard pass from Trudeau to Randy Grant to pull within the final 21-16 margin.

Fry said the win was a relief to himself and the team, which lost to the Illini 33-0 last season in Champaign.

"We'd be telling you a story if we said we hadn't put in a lot of time trying to analyze them," Fry said. "When

you get beat 33-0 you stay up a little later through the summer and the spring in preparation."

The **Hawkeyes** will take their 2-2 record, 1-1 in the Big Ten, to Evanston, Ill., on Saturday for what Fry describes as a much-improved Northwestern team.

The Iowa coach said Sunday the Wildcats will be comparable to the **Hawkeyes** previous opponents.

"They are in the same class," Fry said. "Northwestern let three games get away from them that they could have won. They let Syracuse get away from them ... and they're the team that just beat Nebraska. Illinois was fortunate to defeat them."

"They've just been losing the close ones," Fry said. "They're a vastly improved team."

Iowa fullback Owen Gill looks for running room between Illinois defenders **Todd Avery** (43) and **Sam Ellsworth** (34) during the Hawkeyes' win over the Illini Saturday afternoon.

The Daily Iowan/Doug Smith



Hawks keep pace in conference race

United Press International

If Iowa was to remain a contender for the Big Ten championship and a trip to the Rose Bowl, the **Hawkeyes** knew they were going to have to knock off an Illinois team that blanked them 34-0 one year ago.

It wasn't as convincing a win, but it was just as important to the Hawkeyes when Iowa edged the previously unbeaten Illini 21-16. The win snapped a two-game Iowa losing streak, leaving them 1-1 in the conference, while Illinois' 12-game Big Ten winning streak came to an end.

Iowa, a preseason pick to contend for the league title, kept pace with tri-leaders Michigan, Ohio State and Purdue. The Wolverines held off a stubborn Indiana team 14-6, while the Buckeyes pounded Minnesota 35-22.

PURDUE, THE SURPRISE team in the league this year, edged Michigan State 13-10 to go 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

Wisconsin beat Northwestern 31-16, lifting the Badgers to 1-1.

Purdue Coach Leon Burnett is unbeaten, but he was unhappy with his offense and downright angry with Big Ten officiating.

Burnett was less than thrilled with his offense despite 335 yards passing behind Jim Everett's 27 for 42 performance.

"Jim played a good game, but our offense was not as good as I had hoped," Burnett said. "We're going to have to look at our offensive plans before OSU."

Big Ten roundup

The Spartans made the first half a 10-10 stalemate with a 77-yard touchdown drive, highlighted by a 47-yard bomb from quarterback Dave Yarema to wide receiver Mark Ingram.

That play made Purdue's Burnnett furious.

"THAT PASS WAS not complete, and if it was, it should have been called a fumble," Burnnett said. "I'm calling (the Big Ten) tomorrow to complain, and I don't care if it gets me into trouble."

The Michigan-Indiana game had an inadvertent whistle which gave the Wolverines a second chance to score in the third quarter of its win. Michigan cashed in on the play.

MICHIGAN COACH Bo Schembechler credited the Hoosiers, 0-4, with a solid defensive performance.

"Indiana played extremely well," he said. "They are vastly improved. Their defense played very hard. Indiana came at us with some different things we had to adjust to."

Wisconsin got its second straight strong performance from Larry Emery, who rushed for 174 yards and a touchdown, in Wisconsin's 13th-straight win over Northwestern.

The Badgers overcame three fumbles and eight penalties for 74 yards to win their first Big Ten game of the season.

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