

# The Sportscope

By Bill Hass

I am as addicted to reading pre-season predictions and weekly football polls as anyone else, but sometimes I wonder if they don't get carried away with themselves.

There really should be some system of determining one and only national champion. Last year there were two. United Press International selected its number one team before the bowl games and picked Michigan State. The Associated Press waited until after the bowls and picked Alabama. Thus, if you read UPI stories this year Michigan State is trying to be the first team to win two national titles in a row in some 10 years. If you read AP, Alabama is shooting for its third straight title, something that hasn't been accomplished in many moons. Who should the reader believe?

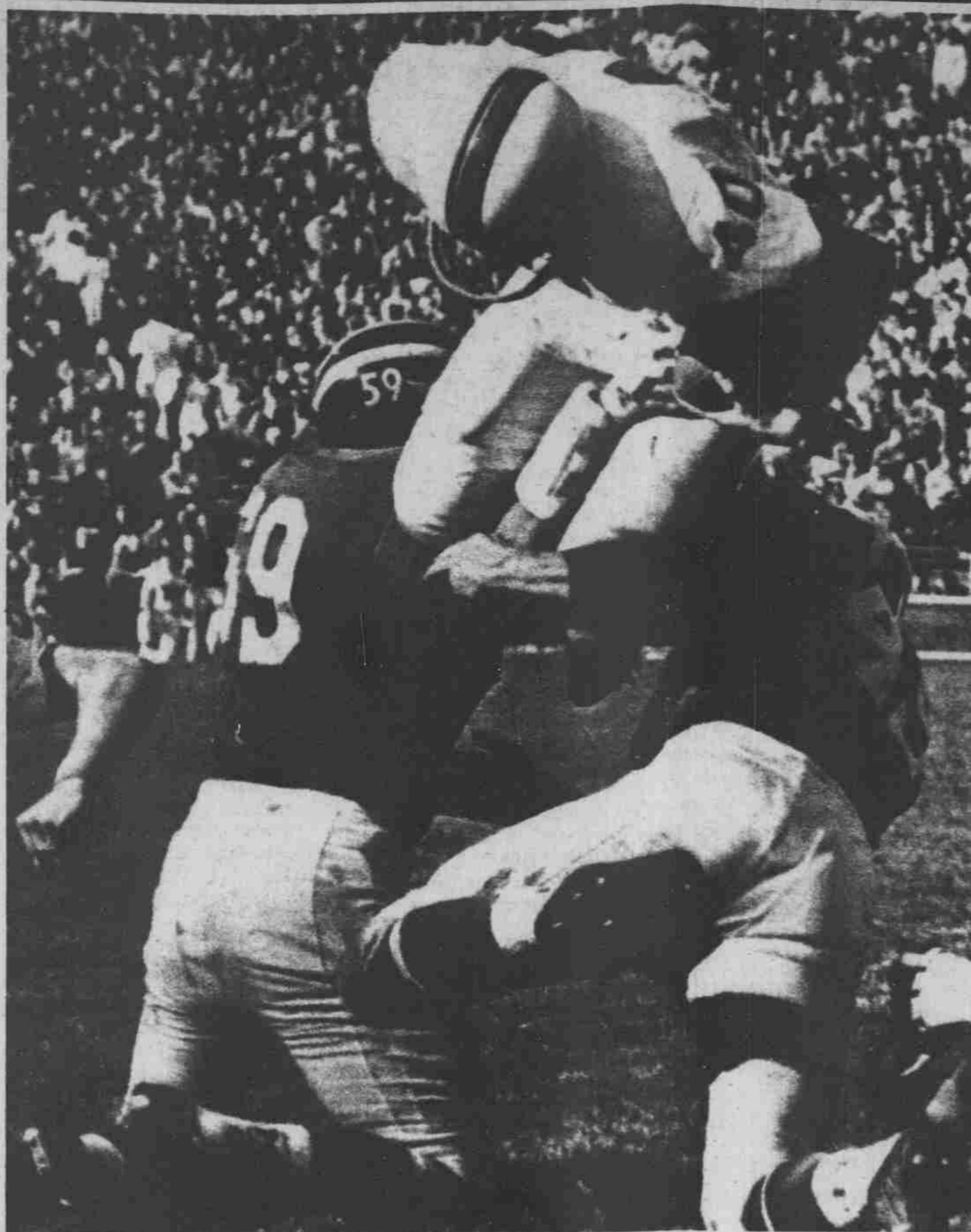
Besides, I am of the opinion that weekly polls should not even be taken until the season is five weeks old. Some over-rated teams are always ranked high early in the year. One school may boast that it upset the number eight team in the nation in the second game, but that means little when the other team finishes with a 5-5 record. Mississippi State was picked tenth last year after four weeks with a 4-0 mark. They promptly lost their last six straight. They were never the tenth best team in the nation, no matter what their record at what time.

The pre-season magazines are even worse. The really bad ones hit the stands in early July, trying to hook the football fan right away. The magazines usually make some absurd statements. For instance, one which came out claimed that Maryland would really be tough with Bo Hickey in the lineup. Funny thing about how Hickey flunked out two weeks before the magazine ever hit the stands.

Then there was Playboy's fiasco of last year. Now, I admire a great many things about that magazine, but their yearly football predictions are really hilarious. Last year they picked Iowa to be 9-1 and put three Iowa boys on their All-America team. Jerry Burns was selected as "Coach of the Year." Well, the three players were hardly heard from, Iowa had a disastrous 1-9 record and Jerry Burns was fired as head coach. Magazines are entitled to be mistaken, of course, but that was ridiculous.

This year Playboy ventured into the forecasting field again, but with a significant change. Alabama was picked as the number one team and Bear Bryant as Coach of the Year. Talk about playing it safe! How can you lose with that? Even if Alabama doesn't wind up number one, they will certainly finish in the top ten and make the writer look good.

It's always nice to be ranked in someone's poll, but in Carolina's Gator Bowl year UNC was not to be found in even the top 20. This year Street and Smith, probably the best of the magazines, picked the Tar Heels 13th in the country. Sometimes I really wonder what these guys think about.



UNC halfback (40) Dick Wesolowski is stopped (49) Rick Volk pull Wesolowski down. UNC at Michigan one-yard line during fourth quarter action. Michigan's (59) Frank Nunley and scored a touchdown on the next play. —UPI Photo

## Fourth Quarter TD Gives Georgia Tech 13-12 Win

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Speedy Lenny Snow raced 40 yards in the fourth quarter for a touchdown which salvaged a 13-12 football victory today for 9th-ranked Georgia Tech over a spirited Clemson team. Tech was trailing 12-7 when Snow cut inside tackle on a slant, broke into the secondary, cut to his right and out-

ran three Clemson defenders to the end zone. The Yellow Jackets, who twice had to rally to overcome Clemson leads, called repeatedly on Snow and another swift tailback, Jimmy Brown, in the 77-yard drive on the ground. Snow picked up a key first down on runs of nine and sev-

en yards. Brown followed with a 10-yard sprint for another first down, and Snow carried for six and three yards before bursting through for his touchdown run.

In the third quarter, King guided Tech 70 yards for a touchdown which put the Yellow Jackets in front for the first time in the game with 3:24 left in the quarter.

Clemson fought back after Snow's second score. Addison hit Jacky Jackson on a 23-yard pass play at the Tech 21, but two plays later defensive back Bill Eastman intercepted an Addison pass on the Tech 10 and returned it to the 20 to end the Clemson threat. Clemson tried a desperation field goal from midfield in the last seconds of the game, but the kick was short.

Clemson 6 0 0 6—12  
Georgia Tech 0 0 7 6—13  
Clem—Ruffner 8 pass from Addison (kick failed).  
Tech—Snow 6 run (Henry kick)  
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## Dodgers Need One Victory Over Giants Today For Title

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The Los Angeles Dodgers were rained out in Philadelphia yesterday but still clinched a tie for the National League pennant when the San Francisco Giants swept a doubleheader from the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Giants' 5-4 victory in the first game insured a tie for the Dodgers and their 2-0 triumph in the second contest eliminated the Pirates from the race.

The Dodgers must win only one of their two games with Philadelphia today to gain their second straight pennant, a feat that hasn't been accomplished in the league since Milwaukee did it in 1957-58.

The best the Giants can do

is tie for first by beating the Pirates today and Cincinnati Monday while the Dodgers drop two games to the Phillies. The Giants' doubleheader sweep left them two games behind the Dodgers and the

### Harriers Take Top Honors

North Carolina took seven of the first eight places Saturday and defeated South Carolina in an Atlantic Coast Conference cross country meet.

North Carolina picked up 19 team points to 44 for USC. Low score wins.

Mike Williams of North Carolina covered the three-mile course in 16 minutes and one second to edge Bob Taylor of South Carolina for first place.

The North Carolina freshmen defeated South Carolina frosh, 26-33.

Pirates in third place 2½ back.

Juan Marichal posted his 25th victory against six defeats in the opener although he gave up 13 hits. San Francisco won the game in the eighth inning when Ollie Brown doubled home one run and scored on Jim Davenport's single. That erased a 4-3 Pirate lead.

Bob Bolin completely stymied the Pirates in the second game, allowing only one hit—Bill Mazerowski's single in the second inning.

Bolin permitted just one other baserunner in the game, and that was pitcher Tommie Sick on a sixth-inning walk.

Dodger Manager Walter Alton, who watched the Giants' first-game victory on television, said Don Drysdale would start the first game against Philadelphia today and 26-game winner Sandy Koufax would pitch the second if necessary.

Philadelphia Manager Gene Mauch named Rick Wise and Jim Bunning as his starters.

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