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UW skaters continue Saturday slide, fall to Gophers

By Andrew Cohen
Sports reporter

Saturday Night Live has been an NBC comedy show for more than 20 years.

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Saturday Night Live has been a University of Wisconsin horror show for only three weeks — but even the production staff wants it canceled.

For a third consecutive Saturday, the Badgers failed to sweep their Western Collegiate Hockey Association series and settled for a split instead, this time in the form of a rough, 6-1, loss to arch-rival Minnesota.

"We've played well Friday night and maybe somewhere in the back of our mind we think the job is done," UW defenseman Tim Rothering said. "Guys aren't say-

ing that and no one wants that, but it just can't be that way. It has to change. We can't keep splitting if we want to be in the upper half of the league, especially at home."

Winger Ryan Kraft scored two unassisted goals, goaltender Steve DeBus made 28 saves and the Gophers pulled away with three goals in the final period — much to the dismay of 8,100 fans at the sold-out Dane County Coliseum.

The Badgers (3-3 overall, 3-3 in the WCHA) had beaten Minnesota four straight times in Madison, but could not bottle up its speedy forwards as well as they did during Friday's 3-1 victory.

Meanwhile, Minnesota (3-3, 3-3) won for just the second time in its last nine road games, avoided getting swept by UW in back-to-back series for the first time since 1977 and prevented UW coach Jeff

Sauer from passing Bob Johnson for the school record in wins (367).

"When you look down our roster, there wasn't a guy who had a lackluster night and that's why the score got to be 6-1," Gophers coach Doug Woog said. "Everybody pitched in. We played like a team that really wanted to win and we didn't get any bad breaks, either."

They got a good break shortly

after Kraft's 20-foot snapshot 6 minutes, 25 seconds into the game made it 1-0 when UW winger Darren Haley and Gophers defenseman Ben Clymer collided trying to control the puck. Clymer argued after the whistle — thinking he had been penalized — but Haley

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■ Fighting Sioux sweep/3D

This time, UW escapes with victory

Dayne makes Purdue eat its words

As an offensive tackle for the University of Wisconsin, Jerry Wunsch doesn't think about what it takes to play defense for Purdue. But it will be tough to convince him that intelligence is a more important credential than a big mouth.

"I heard a lot of their guys making verbal threats to him," the

Badgers senior said, referring to how Purdue defenders were getting on UW freshman tailback Ron Dayne.

"The guy's running over people, and people don't like that. So

they're going to say stupid things to him, and (Dayne's) going to get more mad?"

"That's not a good thing." Dayne proved Saturday just how bad a thing that is. All he did was rush for a UW freshman-record 244 yards on 30 carries and two touchdowns in the Badgers' 33-25 victory at Camp Randall Stadium. Dayne's performance was important because it carried UW to its first Big Ten Conference victory in five tries and ended a maddening four-game losing streak.

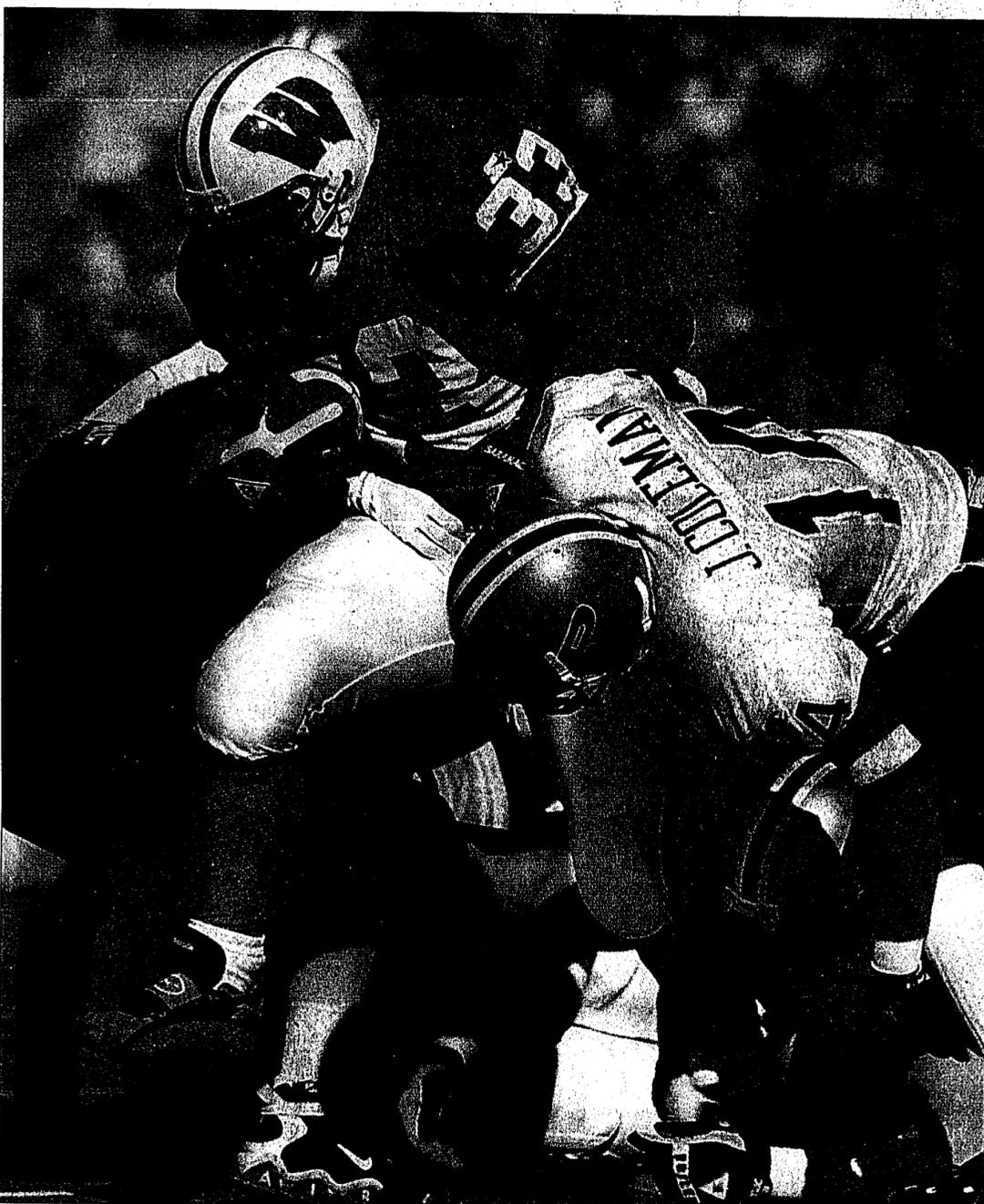
But Purdue will remember it for another reason. Dayne dealt enough headaches to would-be Boilermakers tacklers to raise the stock prices and lower the inventory of Bayer, Tylenol and Advil.

"I'm sure the guys on the bus are going to be saying (Dayne) was a big guy and a load to bring down," said Purdue defensive tackle Jon Krick.

Sure. Once the hammer inside their temples stopped pounding that nail over and over again.

This was what we've come to associate with vintage Dayne after only seven games. Give him the ball between the tackles and watch

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Ron Dayne runs through tackle attempts by Jamel Coleman and other Purdue defenders. Dayne finished with 244 yards rushing.

Dayne's day helps Badgers end skid

By Andy Baggot
Sports reporter

It was the first time all day Barry Alvarez could breathe easy and the fans went and ruined it for him.

His University of Wisconsin football team was seconds away from escaping Camp Randall Stadium with a 33-25 Big Ten Conference victory over Purdue Saturday afternoon when the chant was born in the student section.

UW free safety Kevin Huntley had just intercepted a desperate heave into the end zone by quarterback Rick Trefzger. With the ensuing touchback the Badgers had the ball at their 20 with 5 seconds left. The strategy was obvious.

"TAKE A KNEE ... TAKE A KNEE ... TAKE A KNEE," thundered what was left of the announced crowd of 78,330.

Quarterback Mike Samuel dutifully complied, the scoreboard clock hit zeros and Wisconsin ended one of the most exasperating periods in program history. An awe-inspiring, record-setting performance by true freshman tailback Ron Dayne and a series of big plays enabled the Badgers (4-4 overall, 1-4 in the Big Ten) to end a four-game losing streak.

Dayne, one part jackhammer and the other part phantom, carried 30 times for 244 yards and two touchdowns. It was the most productive day ever by a Wisconsin rookie and second-best on the all-time list behind the 304-yard effort turned in by Billy Marek against Minnesota in 1974.

Meanwhile, the Badgers converted a blocked field goal, an interception and a fumble recovery into 17 first-half points before holding on for dear life in the face of an astounding offensive display by the Boilermakers (2-6, 1-4).

"This was a good win," Alvarez said. "Our kids certainly needed one. Everyone needed one. Our systems needed it. We had to stop the bleeding."

But the coach was not amused by the unmistakable end-of-the-game reference to two weeks ago when a fumble by Dayne in the final 2 minutes precipitated a

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Badgers 33
Boilermakers 25

Freshman Ron Dayne rushed for 244 yards and two touchdowns as UW held off Purdue.

■ Next game: The Badgers (4-4) host Minnesota (3-5) Saturday at 11:20 a.m.

Bucks' hot start a winner

Allen, Robinson dominate Celtics

By Jason Wilde
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MILWAUKEE — All they talked about before last season was how improved they were, and they promptly went out and won just two of their first eight games and only 25 all season.

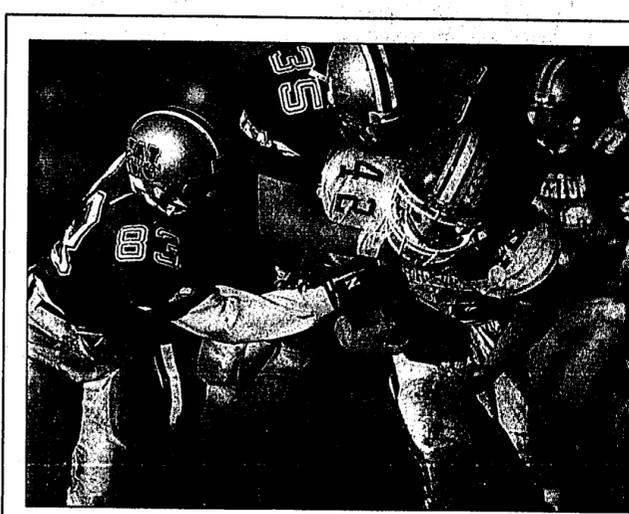
Some improvement. So this season, when the Milwaukee Bucks started with the same preseason rhetoric, no one was quite sure

what to make of it. Well, during a 124-102 victory over the Boston Celtics Saturday night at the Bradley Center, the Bucks showed 17,275 witnesses exactly what to make of it.

Believe it. "It's a great start," Bucks for-

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■ Barkley grabs 33 rebounds/12D



Jennings gives repeat performance

By Rob Hernandez
Sports reporter

WISCONSIN RAPIDS — His competitors surely knew the name, but Saturday afternoon Madison East's Gabe Jennings made sure they got to know the person.

After cruising to his second straight Division 1 title, Jennings personally greeted the next 40 or so runners as they emerged from

the chute at the WIAA state cross country meet. The Purgolders senior felt it was the least he could do to show his appreciation for their support as he developed into the state's premier distance runner.

"These guys are so supportive, I feel I owed them something," he said. "They're a great bunch of guys. They're all good sports."

But they were not much competition for Jennings. He ruled

WIAA soccer

Division 1
Middleton 1, Madison Memorial 0

Division 2
Sauk Prairie 0, Oregon 0 (Sauk wins, 5-4, in sudden-death shootout)

WIAA football

Division 1
Marshfield 30, Middleton 18
Division 3
McFarland 45, Waunakee 42 (2 OTs)

Watertown's Luke Batzko (83) and Alan Jahn (35) try to tackle Sun Prairie's Tom Eldridge in a WIAA Division 1 second-round game Saturday. Sun Prairie, the defending state champion, won, 46-6. Story/8D.

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■ Middleton captures another title/7D

Grade-A performances key to Packers' record

By Kent Youngblood
Sports reporter

GREEN BAY — So much could have gone wrong.

Brett Favre could have been maimed, considering his backside has been guarded by inexperience and mediocrity. Instead, he has been a marvel.

The Green Bay Packers could have been grounded when Robert Brooks, and then Antonio Freeman, went down at wide receiver. That has not yet happened.

At midseason the Packers have fulfilled just about every expectation they or their fans held when training camp started in July.

The Packers, at 7-1, are off to their best start since 1966. And the reason is balance. Last year the Packers emerged as an offensive force. That hasn't changed. This year the defense is just as good.

Favre has more touchdown passes (21 vs. 17) and fewer interceptions (6 vs. 9) than last year. Edgar Bennett's 4.3 yards-per-carry average is the highest of his career, and the Packers ground attack, which was averaging 98.7 yards a game last year at this time, is now running at a 117.6-yard clip.

Defense? Last year the Packers clearly missed Bryce Paup. This year, with Santana Dotson at

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tackle, Brian Williams added to the linebacker corps and Eugene Robinson roaming around at free safety, the Packers defense has risen to No. 1 in nearly every important category.

"The Packers defense gets on the field and they just take the game away from your offense," said coach Wayne Fontes, whose Detroit Lions will play the Packers today in Lambeau Field. "They're probably one of the most balanced teams I've seen in a long time."

Will they stay that way? Today's game, which will feature a revamped receiving corps, should

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