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Tackles earn respect tag

Brown, Dotson are vital to Packers' defensive success

By Kent Youngblood
Sports reporter

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Say they were in an action movie, one of those buddy flicks filled with collisions, explosions and high-speed chases.

Gilbert Brown would be the heavy, Santana Dotson the hero.

After all, in Brown you've got a guy whose nickname is "The Gravedigger." He's a guy who likes to wear one of those Darth Vader-style tinted shields over his face-mask to protect himself from some of the nasty give-and-take that goes on along an NFL line. He's a guy who, for the Green Bay Packers, speaks softly but carries a big load.


Brown Dotson

"This man," said Packers defensive end Sean Jones, "is a mammoth, immovable object."

Say they were in a TV cop show. Whenever they entered an interrogation and used one of those good-cop, bad-cop routines, you can guess the roles. Brown does the dirty work, Dotson closes the case.

"A great combination," Packers defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur said.

Dotson and Brown are an NFL tag team. They play defensive tackle for the Packers, and their one-two punch is a very big reason Green Bay is 8-1 heading into today's game against the Kansas City Chiefs (6-3) at Arrowhead Stadium.

In fact, the argument can be made that, in Brown and Dotson the Packers have the prototype tackle tag team. Brown destroys people at the point of attack. Dotson makes a point of getting in the quarterback's face.

"Oh, they're good," Packers defensive end Reggie White said. "Gilbert doesn't get that many sacks, but he stuffs the run. And

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Holyfield halts Iron Mike's run

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Evander Holyfield wasn't shocked. But most of the screaming fans were, and Mike Tyson certainly was.

There was Iron Mike on the canvas in the sixth round.

There he was being saved by the bell in the 10th.

And there he was helpless against the ropes in the 11th when referee Mitch Halpern stopped the shocking upset that made Holyfield a heavyweight champion for the third time.

Although this upset might not be considered as great as the one James "Buster" Douglas scored when he knocked out Tyson in the 10th round in Tokyo Feb. 11, 1990, it was a dandy. And it will be talked about whenever boxing fans reminisce.

Like that fight six years ago, Tyson needed a knockout to win. He almost pulled one off against Douglas with an eighth-round knockdown, but he didn't come close against Holyfield.

"The man was out. I stopped it because he was hurt," Halpern

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Dayne runs all over Gophers

UW has much more to prove

Now that the University of Wisconsin has spent the past two weeks proving it is the best of the rest in the Big Ten Conference, the Badgers have one more chance to show they deserve a spot among the league's best of the best.

Watching the Badgers rout Minnesota, 45-28, Saturday at Camp Randall Stadium was enjoyable for those of the 78,006 ticket purchasers who were willing to brave stinging northwest winds and biting temperatures.

COMMENTARY


VIC FEUERHERD

Seeing freshman tailback Ron Dayne take a school-record 50 handoffs for a punishing 297 yards was heroic.

Observing Minnesota defenders avoid tackling the piston-powered legs of Dayne was laughable.

Hearing how UW seniors in their final home game were warmed by the victory was memorable.

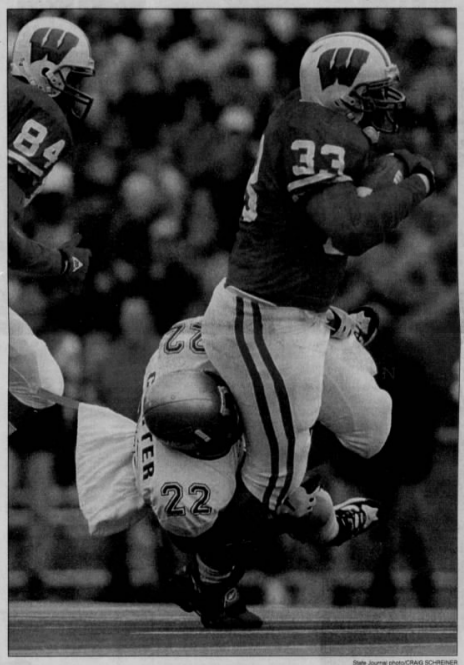
But what did the victory against a team that is 0-6 in the Big Ten prove, coming one week after the Badgers (5-4 overall, 2-4 in the conference) squeaked by a less-than-formidable Purdue team that didn't resemble the Boilermakers who upset Michigan Saturday?

That Wisconsin fans are rugged? We already knew that.

That Dayne is the best thing to wear a Wisconsin uniform in a couple of generations, if not ever? If we didn't believe that coming in, we know it now.

That the Minnesota defense decided discretion was certainly the better part of valor when it comes to facing Dayne in the open field? Whatever the Gophers' defensive philosophy, they proved they are the worst defense seen in

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State Journal photo/CRAIG SCHREINER
Minnesota's Tyrone Carter tried pulling Ron Dayne's leg, but got taken for a ride by the freshman on this play Saturday.

His record day gives seniors a great sendoff

By Andy Baggot
Sports reporter

It is difficult to say which grew on us more Saturday, the legend or the legacy.

Was it Ron Dayne, who pushed his personal envelope to staggering dimensions?

Or was it a highly regarded group of seniors on the University of Wisconsin football team whose big plays and intensity made their final home game a sweet memory?

You can argue strong cases for both after the Badgers whomped Minnesota, 45-28, in their Big Ten Conference game before an announced gathering of 78,006 at Camp Randall Stadium.

The decision means Wisconsin (5-4 overall, 2-4 in the Big Ten) not only gets to keep the commemorative Paul Bunyan Ax for another year, it still is in the running for a bowl berth heading into the final three games of the season.

"We have a lot of things we can still accomplish," UW coach Barry Alvarez said after his team won back-to-back Big Ten games on the field for the first time since 1993.

The Badgers seem to have generated some momentum thanks in large part to Dayne, whose efforts challenge not only opposing defenses, but those paid to describe his endeavors.

The amazingly durable freshman tailback carried a school-record 50 times for 297 yards and three touchdowns on a cold, raw day when it was obvious he and his offensive line would be the focal point.

In the process, Dayne became only the fifth back in Big Ten history to have 50 or more attempts in a game and only the fourth true freshman in league annals to top 1,000 yards (1,173) for a season. He also broke the NCAA freshman record for carries, previously set by Wake Forest's James McDougal with 45 against Clemson in 1976.

Alvarez said he has never before had a running back he felt comfortable giving the ball to 50 times in a game.

"I've never had anyone like Ron before," he said.

Badgers 45 Gophers 28

Freshman Ron Dayne rushed a school-record 50 times for 297 yards and three touchdowns to carry UW.

■ **Next game:** The Badgers (5-4) play at Iowa (6-3) Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Given the fact Dayne was coming off a 30-carry, 244-yard performance last week against Purdue, Alvarez was asked what the kid could do for an encore down the stretch.

"He's just starting to get lathered up," the coach said. "He's got a lot of playing time left, a lot of years ahead of him."

While Dayne broke the school record for carries in a game, he fell just short of the standard for yardage. Billy Marek held both with 43 attempts for 304 yards versus Minnesota in 1974.

Perhaps believing Dayne would get a shot at the record, fans cheered wildly when he was sent in with the offense for the final 36 seconds. But boos cascaded from every section when quarterback Mike Samuel took a knee to kill the clock.

"Could care less about records, statistics, anything else," Alvarez said. "We came here to win the football game. We did."

Dayne played despite a bruised left heel that bothered him all day. His take on the performance? "The line killed the guys and I ran through them," he said.

The Badgers finished with 486 total yards, 349 of which came on the ground. That helps explain

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Badgers sweep in final NMU trip

By Andrew Cohen
Sports reporter

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Lakeview Arena is called a glamorous place to play about as often as the Upper Peninsula is called a tropical paradise.

But forgive the University of Wisconsin for skating away from popular opinion and feeling all warm and mushy about its final Western Collegiate Hockey Association visit here. For obvious reasons, this place will be missed.

Wisconsin 4, N. Michigan 3

With Saturday night's 4-3 victory over Northern Michigan, the Badgers bid a fitting farewell to their Central Collegiate Hockey Association-bound adversary before an audience of exactly 3,000.

"I like playing here," junior left wing Rick Enrico said after UW improved to 13-1-3 in its last 17 games against the Wildcats and 5-0-3 in its last eight games at Lakeview. "I think we all like playing here."

Wisconsin (5-3 overall, 5-3 in the WCHA) also snapped a three-game Saturday night slide, finishing off a sweep for the first time this year while sending NMU (2-7-1, 2-6) to its fifth straight loss.

Freshman center Steve Reinprecht and sophomore left wing Yuri Gusak scored in a 38-second span early in the third period to break a 2-2 tie. Thanks to 19 third-period saves by senior Kirk Daubenspeck, the Badgers held on after winger Roger Trudeau's power-play goal cut the Wisconsin lead to 4-3 with 6 minutes, 41 seconds left.

Playing in his first series this season, Gusak netted the game-winner at 3:01. Senior Darren Haley outworked his defender in

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■ Gophers rout North Dakota/3D

Sauk Prairie soars to soccer title


State Journal photo/JOSEPH W. JACKSON II
The Sauk Prairie soccer team celebrates its 2-0 win over Delavan-Darien for the WIAA Division 2 state title Saturday at Breese Stevens Field. In Division 1, Cedarburg topped Mukwonago, 3-1. Story/9D.

McFarland falls short

By Rob Hernandez
Sports reporter

McFARLAND — John La Pointe is one of the few football players for Evansville-Albany who hasn't gotten around to having his name sewn on the back of his jersey.

That's OK, though. Blue Devils fans probably know who he is.

For the second playoff game in a row, the diminutive defensive back stood out in a crowd of big performances for Evansville-Albany. La Pointe's second interception Saturday halted a McFarland 2-minute drill that had reached his team's 28-yard line and preserved the Blue Devils' 18-10 win in a third-round WIAA Division 3 playoff game.

Evans-Albany 18 McFarland 10

Quarterback R.J. Laube threw for one touchdown and ran for another for Evansville-Albany (12-0),

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