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UW-Whitewater's Level Coppage becomes the WIAC's all-time leading rusher. PAGE D6

OHIO STATE 33, NO. 12 BADGERS 29

Passed over once again



Ohio State wide receiver Devin Smith celebrates his winning touchdown reception as UW cornerback Marcus Cromartie kneels in disbelief Saturday night.

UW sunk by late, long TD catch for second straight week

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — This was cruel and unusual punishment, more than any college football team should be forced to endure. The University of Wisconsin football team lost a second straight game on a long pass in the final seconds, falling to Ohio State 33-29 Saturday night in front of 105,511 fans who stormed the field

afterward at Ohio Stadium. It was two true freshmen who hooked up on the winning play. Buckeyes quarterback Braxton Miller scrambled to his right and just before the line of scrimmage, heaved a 40-yard pass to Devin Smith, who was left wide open in the end zone with 20 seconds left. "I can't describe the feeling for me as a head coach, to have to face those guys and realize how much

they put into and invested into getting to where they are today," UW coach Bret Bielema said. "To come up short two weeks in a row is really, really tough." The play was reviewed to see if Miller crossed the line of scrimmage, but it was determined he let the ball go just before reaching it. The Badgers lost to Michigan

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BADGERS | VITALS

Key Braxton Miller tosses a 40-yard touchdown pass with 20 seconds remaining. **Next:** 2:30 p.m. Saturday, vs. Purdue, Camp Randall Stadium, Ch. 27. **Tale of two halves:** Offense sputtered early then comes alive late. **D4** Not so special: Another blocked punt proves costly. **D5**

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TOM OATES

This time, 'rivalry' painful

After giving Ohio State a huge loss last season, UW finds out what it's like to fall as the favorite.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It's not often that anyone connected with The Ohio State University pays much attention to any football team in the Big Ten Conference not named Michigan. But the headline in Saturday's Columbus Dispatch revealed just how much the University of Wisconsin has gotten under the Buckeyes' skin. That headline: "It's not to the level of the Michigan rivalry, but ..."

But what? But it's catching up to the Big Ten's signature rivalry? It has had more memorable games than Michigan-Ohio State lately? It has had more meaningful games in recent years? Even though Ohio State has won or shared the past six Big Ten titles on the field anyway, there is a ring of truth in all of those. When the Badgers

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WIAA STATE BOYS SOCCER | DIVISION 2

MOUNT HOREB 1, WAUKESHA CATHOLIC MEMORIAL 0

Senior defender Cooper Patton kisses the trophy Saturday in Milwaukee.

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For the State Journal



Goal finally reached

The Vikings survive an early scare en route to their first state title.

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MILWAUKEE — While watching the opening moments of Saturday's WIAA Division 2 state championship game Saturday, Mount Horeb coach Mark Newman couldn't help but think he was watching his team in last year's state semifinal. In that game, Newman's team fell behind on an early strike by

Waukesha Catholic Memorial forward Aaron Horvat and quietly succumbed to the eventual champs. But that was then. In Mount Horeb's redemption bid against the Crusaders at U.S. Soccer Park, Horvat again started Newman's squad in the early stages. But this time his strike in the 16th minute changed the post. The miss put a charge in the sluggish Vikings' offense and served as the catalyst for a 1-0 triumph that yielded the first state soccer title in semifinal. In that game, Newman's team fell behind on an early strike by

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WIAA STATE CROSS COUNTRY | DIVISION 2

Party no surprise

Dodgeville-Mineral Point celebrates another girls title behind individual champ Molly Hanson.

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS — The victory was expected. That didn't make it any less sweet. For the second straight year, the Dodgeville-Mineral Point

girls cross country team took home the WIAA Division 2 state title. With a score of 45 points, the individual winner in senior Molly Hanson and four runners in the top 15, it was a comfortable 70-point victory over runner-up Madison Edgewood. "I can't believe it," Hanson said when she finally detached herself from her teammates' celebration after the results were posted. "I am still in shock. I don't even know what to say. I am just so happy and so excited."

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Brookfield-Lake advances. D6

Football: Lancaster, Cambridge roll to victories in Division 5. D9

Cross country: Waukegan's crew helps Burlington win team title in Division 3. La Follette junior

Officer triumphs in Division 1. D13

Girls volleyball: Verona sweeps Middleton, earns first trip to state. Wisconsin Heights out. D14

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WIAA FOOTBALL | DIVISION 1: SUN PRAIRIE 17, WAUKESHA WEST 14

Defense becomes big-play offense

The Cardinals score off a blocked punt and a fumble to upset the defending state champs.

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SUN PRAIRIE — Andre Wallace and the Sun Prairie prep football team have been waiting for months to get a second shot at Big

Eight Conference rival Verona. The senior defensive end made sure on Saturday his team would get its rematch. Wallace recorded three sacks, including a strip of quarterback Brandon Berghofer, that Ryan Fitzpatrick returned 29 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter, as the unexpected Cardinals upset defending state champion Waukesha West 17-14 in a WIAA Division 1 second-round playoff game at Ashley Field.

Sun Prairie (9-2) advances to face unbeaten Verona (11-0) next Saturday in the third round. "We want our revenge," said Wallace, whose Cardinals lost to the Wildcats 28-10 back in August. "All of us want revenge, and we will just let 'em have it." After going three-and-out on its first possession of the second half, Wolverines punter Steve Drida was met in the backfield by

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