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Dream comes true

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A mostly delirious crowd of 68,733 witnessed history Saturday afternoon at Camp Randall Stadium.

Those who don't fit the above description were stunned Michigan fans who watched Wisconsin dismantle the No. 1 ranked Wolverines, 21-14, with a devastating offense and pulverizing defense.

Actually, the final score doesn't reveal the domination exhibited by the Badgers in their first victory over Michigan since 1962. Wisconsin executed 78 offensive plays to Michigan's 53, rolled up a first-down advantage of 23-8 and outgained the Wolverines in total yards, 439 to 229.

It also was only Wisconsin's second victory over Michigan in Madison, the other being a 16-13 decision in Camp Randall 21 years ago, and snapped a 14-game losing string at the hands of the Wolverines.

Michigan statisticians came up with a bit of trivia that showed it was time the Wolverines had lost an opening game on the road. A century ago, those 1881 Michigan ruggers bowed at Harvard.

Saturday's bit of history will repeat itself today at 10 a.m. when WHA-TV, Ch. 21 in Madison, will televise the Wisconsin-Michigan battle on a tape-delayed basis.

"We were determined before the game we were going out there to win and not play conservative football," Badger Coach Dave McClain said after the Big Ten Conference game. "We threw when we wanted them least to expect it and we tried to play a little power on them.

"We thought our defense was going to be strong and our defense did a heck of a job.

"It's a great, great feeling to start your season by beating the No. 1 ranked team in the country and it's something the Wisconsin football program needs."

Take away an 89-yard touchdown run by Butch Woolfolk in the third quarter and the Wolverines' offense shows only 140 total yards. That electrifying dash down the east sidelines, coupled with Ali Haji-Sheikh's conversion, tied the game at 14-all with 9 minutes, 16 seconds left in the period.

It was one of the few defensive breakdowns of the afternoon for the Badgers, spearheaded once again by nose guard Tim Krumrie, with 13 tackles, and ball-hawking safety Matt Vanden Boom, with three pass interceptions.

Following Woolfolk's touchdown, Wisconsin's sophomore quarterback Jess Cole guided the Badgers 81 yards for the winning score. Seventy-one of that total came on "Cool Hand" Cole's

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BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	League					Season				
	W	L	T	TP	OP	W	L	T	TP	OP
Wisconsin	1	0	0	21	14	1	0	0	21	14
Indiana	1	0	0	21	20	1	0	0	21	20
Illinois	1	0	0	27	17	1	1	0	33	43
Ohio State	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	34	13
Purdue	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	19
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	19	17
Minn.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	19	17
Northwestern	0	1	0	20	21	0	1	0	20	21
Michigan St.	0	1	0	17	27	0	1	0	17	27
Michigan	0	1	0	14	21	0	1	0	14	21

Saturday's results
Wisconsin 21, Michigan 14
Indiana 21, Northwestern 20
Illinois 27, Michigan State 17
Ohio State 34, Duke 13
Iowa 16, Nebraska 7
Minnesota 19, Ohio University 17
Purdue 27, Stanford 19

Next Saturday's games
UCLA at Wisconsin, 1:30 p.m.
Michigan State at Ohio State
Notre Dame at Michigan
Southern California at Indiana
Syracuse at Illinois
Iowa at Minnesota
Iowa at Iowa State
Northwestern at Arkansas, night

	Michigan	Wisconsin
First downs	8	23
Rushes-yards	35-190	61-257
Passing yards	39	182
Return yards	36	0
Passes	3-10-2	8-17-1
Punts	7-40	7-36
Fumbles-lost	4-0	2-2
Penalties-yards	3-30	3-20

Michigan	0	7	7	0	—14
Wisconsin	0	14	7	0	—21

Michigan — Smith, 4, run (Haji-Sheikh, kick)
Wisconsin — Neal, 17, pass from Cole (Doran, kick)
Wisconsin — Davis, 1, run (Doran, kick)
Michigan — Woolfolk, 89, run (Haji-Sheikh, kick)
Wisconsin — Williams, 71, pass from Cole (Doran, kick)
Att. — 68,733

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
Rushing: Michigan — Woolfolk 14-119, Smith 11-36, Gilbert 4-16. Wisconsin — Mohapp 19-87, Davis 15-69, Cole 11-41.
Passing: Michigan — Smith 3-10-2—39. Wisconsin — Cole 8-17-1—182.
Receiving: Michigan — Brackenton 1-25, Carter 1-11, Woolfolk 1-3. Wisconsin — Williams 2-71, Davis 2-48, McFadden 1-27, Neal 1-17, Jones 1-14, Fredrick 1-5.

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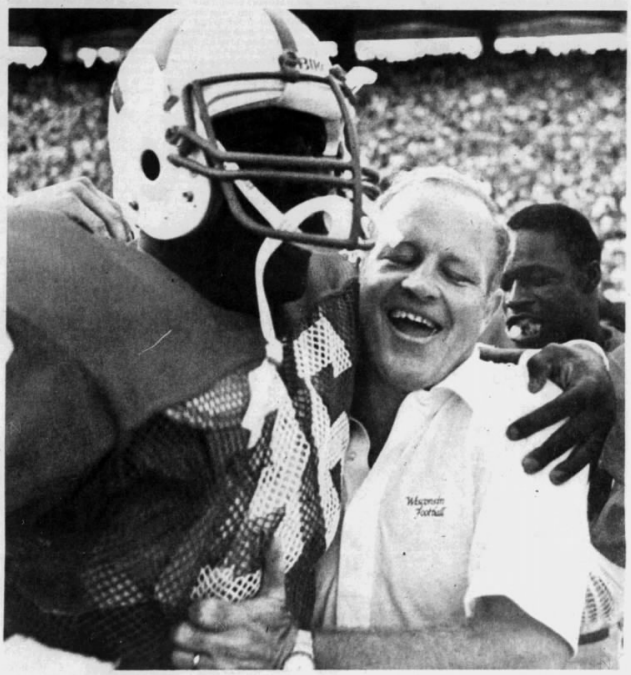

Wisconsin Coach Dave McClain, right, one of his biggest coaching victories in hand, celebrates with Gerald Green.
— State Journal color photos by J.D. Patrick (above, lower left) and L. Roger Turner (below)

Dave Mohapp shakes off Michigan's pesky Keith Bostic.

Marvin Neal (22) is about to challenge the open-field tackling ability of Brian Carpenter.

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