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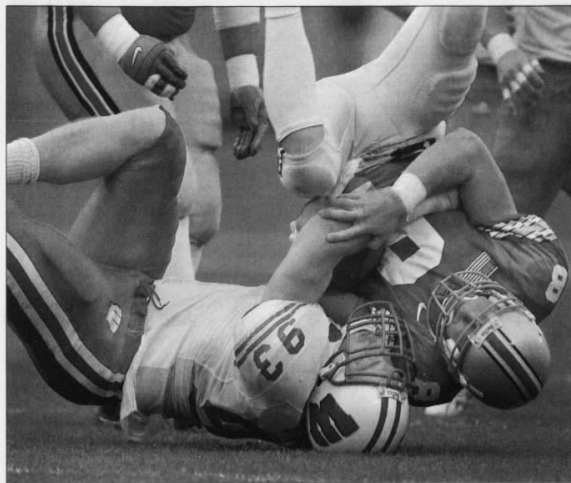
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SPORTS

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Party like 1999



Senior defensive end Chuck Smith turns Ohio State quarterback Steve Bellari upside-down for a sack Saturday afternoon, one of four the UW defense recorded.



Badgers 28
Buckeyes 17

◆ Key:
Mark Neuser's 33-yard field goal with 2:10 left caps UW's rally from a 17-0 deficit.

◆ Next:
11:10 a.m. Saturday, at Illinois, ESPN.

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Defense comes alive after halftime/D6
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Other games

◆ Michigan alone at top of Big Ten after beating Purdue/D8

◆ Auburn upsets No. 1 Florida/D9

Badgers again erase 17-0 deficit

By Tom Mulhern

Wisconsin State Journal

COLUMBUS, Ohio — As the University of Wisconsin football team fell behind 17-0 in the second quarter against Ohio State on Saturday, the same feeling swept through the Badgers.

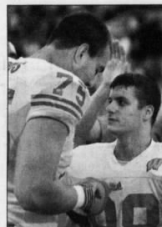
Two years ago, they had been in the same situation, falling behind by the same score, at the same point in the game, only to come back and win.

"I looked up at the scoreboard and it went through my head, I'm not going to lie to you," UW quarterback Brooks Bollinger said. "I thought, 'Wouldn't it be great if we could do it again?'"

But there's a big difference between thinking something can happen and making it happen.

"You can't just say, 'We've done it before and we'll do it again,'" Bollinger said.

Yet, the Badgers made it look almost that easy, storming back for a 20-17 victory on sophomore Mark Neuser's 33-



UW's Morgan Davis (75) praises Mark Neuser after Neuser's winning field goal Saturday.

yard field goal with 2 minutes, 10 seconds to play.

"I don't know what it is with this place but we like spotting them 17 and trying to make it hard on ourselves," UW tight end Mark Aueli said.

While the final score was not as dominating as the 42-17 victory in 1999, in many ways this comeback was even more unexpected. "I think it was more

unprecedented. I think it was more of a

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Heartbeat back with a bang

COLUMBUS, Ohio — For the second time in three years, the University of Wisconsin football team traveled to Ohio Stadium, spotted Ohio State a 17-0 lead, roared back to win, danced on the big "O" at midfield and saved its season.

This was not, however, a case of deja vu. "It was more like deja wheel!"

"It just lets you know that history can repeat itself," UW defensive tackle Wendell Bryant said Saturday after the Badgers pounded out a 20-17 victory over the stunned Buckeyes.

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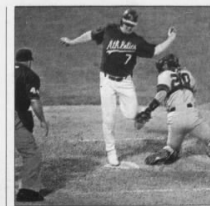
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Inside
Repeat champions in WAA state tennis singles, McFarland's Hockett falls in semifinals/D10

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Jeremy Giambi can't avoid the tag of Yankees' Jorge Posada and is out at home in the seventh inning Saturday.

Yankees rise to defense

Derek Jeter's late-game defensive gem holds off the Athletics.

By Greg Beacham

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mike Mussina did the hard work. Jorge Posada provided the only run.

Then a backup cutoff man named Derek Jeter supplied the magic that kept the New York Yankees alive.

Mussina pitched seven scoreless innings of four-hit ball, and Jeter made a breathtaking defensive play as the Yankees fought off elimination with a 1-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Saturday night.

Using every bit of their champions' savvy, the Yankees got only two hits but cut their deficit to 2-1 in the opening round of the American League playoffs. They did it by ending Oakland's 17-game home winning streak and beating Barry Zito, who pitched eight impressive innings.

"I'm sure I'm going to remember it," Mussina said. "We found a way to win, which this team has done on this championship run they've had in the last five years."

The three-time defending World Series champions got a fifth homer from Posada as a gem from Mussina, who left Baltimore to sign with New York in the offseason because he wanted to pitch in important games in October.

But the Yankees wouldn't have held on to their one-run lead without Jeter, whose impossibly graceful relay toss to the plate landed Jeremy Giambi as he reached out to step on home plate in the seventh inning.

"He's the backup cutoff man

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With Graham Melanson gone, UW's goalie coach is leaning on Scott Kabotoff and Bernd Bruckler.

Their goal is to play

By Andy Baggett

Wisconsin State Journal

To the untrained eye, it might appear Bill Howard is starting from scratch in his latest go-round as assistant goaltending coach for the University of Wisconsin men's hockey team.

His top resume, junior Scott Kabotoff, made one career start while living in the considerable shadow of departed Graham Melanson. Kabotoff was so shaky in that game vs. St. Lawrence two seasons ago that he was pulled after two periods after allowing four goals on 18 shots.

Also prominent in the mix is freshman Bernd Bruckler, the 20-year-old Austrian import who many regard as a phenom. While Bruckler has looked every bit as athletic and strong as advertised in practice the last two weeks, "He has a lot to learn," Howard said.

But at the outset of his 20th season tutoring UW goaltenders,

Howard disputes the notion that he is working with a blank canvas. "I'm not really starting all over," he said. "Scott's been here for two years. He's got my system down now. So it's just game experience that we have to deal with."

Kabotoff, 22, played in seven games the past two seasons, all but one in relief of Melanson, who holds every significant career goaltending record at UW.

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A team has repeated as Super Bowl champion seven times, and Ray Lewis and the Ravens are attempting to become the eighth.

Ravens' 2001 quest familiar to Packers

Green Bay veterans remember how difficult it is the season after a Super Bowl victory.

By Jason Wilde

Wisconsin State Journal

GREEN BAY — The Green Bay Packers know what the Baltimore Ravens are going through.

After winning Super Bowl XXXI following the 1996 season, the Packers spent 1997 dealing with all the pressures, expectations and challenges that come with winning an NFL title. Eighteen players remain from that 1997 team, which reached Super Bowl XXXII but lost its bid for a repeat to the double-digit underdog Denver Broncos.

With the Super Bowl XXXV-

champion Ravens (3-1) visiting the Packers (3-1) at Lambeau Field today, much of the talk in the Green Bay locker room during the week centered on life as defending champs. The consensus: It's more difficult to repeat than it is to win your first title.

"No question about it," said Packers cornerback Tyrone Williams, who was a rookie in 1996 and became the starter at right cornerback in 1997.

"You're a big game no matter where you go. That's the difference when you're already won it. (Other teams) are going to sell out the stadium where they normally don't. Everybody's giving you their best shot. That's probably the toughest different thing."

Seven times a team has won back-to-back Super Bowls: the

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Packers vs. Ravens

◆ When, where: Noon today, Lambeau Field.

◆ TV: WISC (Ch. 3).

◆ Radio: WISA (1370 AM, 101.5 FM).

◆ Inside: Greene likes Ravens/D4

Roosters, preview/D5