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FINAL 1957 BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS  
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Chicago, Ill., Nov. --Jim Pace, Michigan's power-packed sprinting halfback, reigns as the Big Ten's leading ground gainer and scorer for 1957. His 164 yards last week against Ohio State, second only to 170 yards recorded last week by Ray Nitschke of Illinois as the season's one-game high, was enough to put Pace ahead of Ohio's injured Don Clark, who finished second in rushing with 515 yards despite laying out of his final two games.

Pace also captured scoring honors, with 54 points and a one touchdown margin over Clark.

Bob White, Ohio's spectacular fullback, moved into third place in final rushing standings with 506 yards, a 5-yard margin over Wisconsin's Danny Lewis.

Jim Van Pelt, Michigan quarterback, took passing honors for the season, mainly on the strength of 7 touchdown throws and only two interceptions as compared with 11 charged to Iowa's Randy Duncan, who held a wide margin in passing yardage. Duncan's yardage total of 695, coupled with 52 yards running, was far and away enough to earn total offense honors.

Other individual leaders for the season were Iowa's Jim Gibbons in pass receiving, with 26 catches; Kenny Mikes of Purdue in punting with an average of 38.8 yards; Mike Hagler of Iowa, with an average kickoff return of 27.1 yards; and Minnesota's Dick Larson with an average punt return of 25.5 yards. Hagler, Danny Lewis, and Bob Soltis of Minnesota each intercepted three passes.

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FINAL 1957 BIG TEN TEAM STATISTICS  
(For Release to PM's, Friday, Nov. 29)

Chicago, Ill., Nov. --Michigan State was the Big Ten's leading team on offense and defense in 1957, according to official Conference statistics which also reveal the basis for Ohio State's undefeated Conference season and championship.

The Buckeyes, who were only 14 yards a game behind the Spartans in total and one point per game behind in scoring, stand out in the records for a minimum of offensive errors. They had only one pass intercepted all season and lost the ball on fumbles only 8 times.

They were able to put the ball in play more than ten times a game more than opponents.

Iowa, with a high of 5.4 yards per play, was third on offense and second in team defense for the season.



FINAL 1957 WESTERN CONFERENCE TEAM STATISTICS - CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY  
(Following are per game averages)

Games	ILL 7	IND 6	IOWA 6	MICH 7	MSU 6	MINN 8	NU 7	OSU 7	PUR 7	WIS 7
Points	17.3	5.5	25.3	20.7	30.7	19.4	5.4	29.7	20.1	18.4
Opp. Pts.	16.7	42.2	12.0	20.1	10.0	22.6	31.9	8.6	13.7	14.7
1st Downs	18.9	8.5	17.0	15.9	19.7	14.6	11.1	18.6	13.4	15.1
Rushing	12.6	4.2	10.7	11.3	14.2	10.6	7.0	15.7	9.1	11.7
Passing	5.7	3.7	6.2	4.1	4.5	2.5	3.3	2.4	3.9	2.7
Penalty	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.5	1.0	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.7
Opp. 1st Dns	13.7	22.5	13.5	15.3	11.0	17.7	15.6	14.9	13.7	14.7
Rushing	10.3	17.5	9.2	11.9	7.2	11.7	11.7	10.0	9.1	9.0
Passing	2.9	4.0	3.5	3.3	2.8	4.7	3.4	4.4	4.0	5.0
Penalty	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.1	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7
Yds. Gained	340.9	164.3	340.7	313.1	372.2	248.9	198.7	358.7	274.1	304.3
Rushing	222.6	68.3	215.0	206.1	259.5	196.0	120.1	307.0	183.7	249.6
Passing	118.3	96.0	125.7	107.0	112.7	52.9	69.6	51.7	90.4	54.7
Opp Yds G'nd	251.7	423.0	220.0	302.6	182.0	356.1	354.0	278.6	264.3	251.9
Rushing	187.1	334.8	135.7	234.1	125.0	246.0	261.6	167.1	172.0	164.6
Passing	64.6	88.2	84.3	68.5	57.0	110.1	92.4	111.5	92.3	87.3
No. of Plays	70.6	55.5	62.5	67.4	73.0	64.0	59.6	69.9	67.3	66.0
Rushing	54.1	35.5	45.5	51.7	58.7	52.5	43.4	61.7	54.0	55.3
Passing	16.5	20.0	17.0	15.7	14.3	11.5	16.2	8.2	13.3	10.7
Yds per Play	4.8	3.0	5.4	4.7	5.1	3.9	3.2	5.1	4.1	4.6
Rushing	4.1	1.9	4.7	4.0	3.4	3.7	2.8	5.0	3.4	4.5
Passing	7.2	4.8	6.7	6.8	7.7	4.6	3.4	6.4	6.8	5.1
No. Opp Plays	65.7	78.2	60.3	65.7	60.7	71.0	65.6	59.3	64.4	64.9
Rushing	54.3	61.8	44.7	53.6	48.0	54.5	54.3	43.9	49.3	50.0
Passing	11.4	16.4	15.6	12.1	12.7	16.5	11.3	15.4	15.1	14.9
Opp Yds/Play	3.8	5.4	3.7	4.6	3.0	5.0	5.4	4.7	4.1	3.9
Rushing	3.5	5.4	3.0	4.3	2.6	4.5	4.8	3.8	3.5	3.3
Passing	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.6	4.5	6.7	8.6	7.2	6.1	5.9
Passes Att.	16.5	20.0	17.0	15.7	14.3	11.5	16.2	8.2	13.3	10.7
Passes Compl.	7.4	7.2	8.8	7.4	7.5	3.7	7.3	3.7	5.3	4.1
Passes Interc.	0.6	2.8	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.1	1.9	1.6
Compl. Pct.	.452	.358	.519	.473	.535	.326	.451	.456	.398	.387
Opp Compl Pct	.375	.449	.375	.424	.342	.462	.488	.519	.415	.462
Interceps.	0.7	2.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.9	2.0	1.4	1.3
Punts	3.9	7.3	2.5	3.0	4.3	5.9	5.9	3.9	5.0	4.4
Avg. Dist.	30.1	32.8	34.1	31.4	35.1	37.3	34.3	36.7	35.7	38.5
Avg Punt Ret	9.9	15.0	8.9	10.7	14.9	12.5	6.9	9.2	11.4	8.5
Avg KO Ret	17.7	15.5	22.2	17.5	19.8	14.9	19.9	19.6	16.9	16.5
Fumbles	4.4	4.3	3.2	3.4	5.0	2.1	3.3	2.4	4.7	3.3
Ball Lost	2.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.7	1.4	2.0	1.1	1.7	2.0
Opps' Recov.	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.8	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.0	2.3
No. Penalties	6.0	7.2	4.7	2.7	7.5	5.2	4.1	3.6	4.4	3.9
Yds Penalized	41.1	75.5	42.8	24.5	83.7	50.6	37.6	24.6	37.9	37.6

FINAL 1957 STANDINGS

	W	L	T	PCT.	PTS	O. PTS	RANK*	DEF. RANK*
Ohio State	7	0	0	1.000	208	60	2	5
Michigan State	5	1	0	.833	184	60	1	1
Iowa	4	1	1	.750	152	72	3	2
Purdue	4	3	0	.571	141	96	7	3T
Wisconsin	4	3	0	.571	129	103	6	6
Michigan	3	3	1	.500	145	141	5	7
Illinois	3	4	0	.427	121	117	4	3T
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	155	181	8	9
Indiana	0	6	0	.000	33	253	10	10
Northwestern	0	7	0	.000	38	223	9	8

\*Based on comparative grading of points, yards gained, and first downs.

(For Use At Any Time)  
BEST PERFORMANCES, 1957 BIG TEN FOOTBALL  
(ALL GAMES, THROUGH NOV. 23)

Scoring Play 94 yds., Ron Steiner, Wisconsin, Pass Interc. vs. West Virginia 10/5  
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Punt Return 86 yds., Blanche Martin, Michigan State, vs. Illinois 10/26  
KO Return 65 yds., Blanche Martin, Michigan State, vs. Wis. 11/2  
Scrimmage Run 86 yds., Danny Lewis, Wisconsin, vs. West Virginia 10/5  
Fumble Interc 77 yds., Dave Kaiser, Michigan State, vs. Minnesota 11/16  
Pass Play 80 yds., Randy Duncan to Geno Seesi, Iowa, vs. Utah State 9/28  
Field Goal 35 yds., Bob Prescott, Iowa, vs. Minnesota 11/9  
Punt 70 yds., Franklin Luksik, Wisconsin, vs. Ohio State 10/26  
Yds. Rushing, Net \*170, Ray Nitschke, Illinois, vs. Northwestern 11/23  
Yds. Passing 241, Randy Duncan, Iowa, vs. Utah State 9/28  
Total Offense, Net 244, Randy Duncan, Iowa, vs. Utah State 9/28  
Most Rushes 33, Don Clark, Ohio State, vs. Illinois 10/12  
Most Passes 24, Tom Haller, Illinois, vs. Wisconsin 11/16  
Most Passes Compl. 14, John Talley, Northwestern, vs. Oregon State 10/5  
Pass Compl. Avg. 1.000, Jim Ninowski, MSU, vs. Indiana 9/28 (6 of 6);  
(10 or more passes) .769, Tom Haller, Illinois, vs. Ohio State 10/12 (10 of 13)  
Pass Catches 9, Jim Gibbons, Iowa, vs. Minnesota 11/9  
Interceptions 2, Andy Okulovich, Ohio State, vs. Indiana 10/19;  
Mike Hagler, Iowa, vs. Wisconsin 10/19; Chip Holcomb, Northwestern, vs. Purdue 11/16; Jim Yore, Indiana, vs. Michigan 11/16; \*Bob Soltis, Minnesota, vs. Wisconsin 11/23  
Most Points #24, Don Clark, Ohio State, vs. Northwestern, 11/2 (#4 TD's)  
TD Passes 3, Randy Duncan, Iowa, vs. Utah State 9/28  
PAT's 5, Dave Kaiser, Michigan State, vs. Indiana 9/28;  
Bob Prescott, Iowa, vs. Minnesota 11/9

Team Offense

Yds. Rushing 426, Michigan State, vs. Indiana 9/28  
Most Rushes 76, Ohio State, vs. Illinois 10/12  
Yds. Passing 328, Iowa, vs. Utah State 9/28  
Total Yards 648, Iowa, vs. Utah State 9/28 (320 R, 328 P)  
Most Passes 32, Illinois, vs. Wisconsin 11/16  
Most Passes Compl. 17, Northwestern, vs. Oregon State 10/5  
Best Pass Pct. .692, Michigan, vs. Northwestern 10/19 (9 of 13)  
First Downs #32, Michigan State, vs. Indiana 9/28  
Most Plays 87, Ohio State, vs. Indiana 10/19

Team Defense

Rushing Yds., Opps. (-30), Iowa, vs. Indiana 10/12  
Passing Yds., Opps. 0, Ohio State, vs. TCU 9/28  
Total Yds., Opps. 80, Michigan State, vs. Indiana 9/28

Miscellaneous

High Score 70, Iowa, vs. Utah State (14) 9/28  
High Margin 56, Iowa, vs. Utah State 9/28; Ohio State, vs. Ind. 10/19  
Largest Crowd 101,001, Michigan State at Michigan 10/12  
# - All-time record for Conference game  
\* - New marks, games of Nov. 23