

BYU's Season to Savor



Robbie Bosco has concentrated on passing Brigham Young University into national spotlight this season and has been a key factor in getting the Cougars rated No. 1.



Linebacker Leon White is one of many BYU starters who is capable of coming up with a big interception at a critical time to keep the Cougars' winning streak alive.

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Late last August, Brigham Young University head coach LaVell Edwards stood on the practice field some 25 yards away and observed a Cougar passing drill. Arms folded, his square jaw set tight, Edwards took time to answer a brief question.

How good will your team be this season?

"I think," answered the 13-year

BYU coach who guided the Cougars to an 11-1 record in 1983, "that we'll be pretty good, especially if a couple of players come through."

Pretty good?

From an unranked position in August, the Brigham Young University football team, looking to replace such valuable commodities as a quarterback, a couple of running backs, a tight end and fill some voids in the defensive backfield, were about to

open the 1984 season in Pittsburgh against the then-No. 3-ranked Panthers.

Robbie Bosco, a nervous, neophyte quarterback hoping somehow to make Cougar fans forget about All-American Steve Young, who finished second in the 1983 Heisman voting, headed a backfield which would include newcomers Lakai Heimuli and Kelly Smith, and new tight end David Mills.

Key replacements in the secondary were Jeff Sprowls and Steve Haymond. Edwards said he needed big years from those two for the Cougars "to be pretty good."

One week after making his conservative appraisal, Edwards took his team to Pittsburgh for the Sept. 1 opener.

BYU vs. Pitt

On an overcast, 73-degree day, BYU scored first on a 37-yard field goal. Bosco was jittery. He later was to say, "the first four or five passes I threw that day looked like my mother was throwing 'em." BYU clung to a 3-0 halftime lead, but that skimpy edge soon was to evaporate. In the third quarter, Bosco threw two interceptions, one being returned for a 78-yard touchdown which finally put Pitt on the scoreboard with a 7-3 lead.

Moments later, a Bosco pass deflected off a receiver's shoulder pads and Pitt came up with another interception. That turnover led to a quick six for Pitt and suddenly BYU trailed 14-3.

Late in the third quarter, Bosco found his composure and the Cougar offense began to move like in former years. A Mark Allen interception helped turn the momentum and with five minutes left in the third period, Heimuli scored his first career touchdown. A two-point conversion pass failed and BYU trailed 14-9.

Bosco really warmed up in the fourth quarter and directed the Cougars into position for a 23-yard field goal by Johnson to slice further into Pitt's lead. It was now a 14-12 game. Time, however, began to fade. The Cougars took over following a punt at

their 26, but only three minutes remained in the game. Bosco found Glen Kozlowski with a nine-yard pass, and Heimuli rushed for another nine. Bosco scrambled six yards to put BYU at midfield.

Time became more crucial. Only 90 seconds remained in the game.

With everyone looking for the Cougars to throw short passes and get the ball into field goal range for Johnson, the Cougars crossed up the Panthers. Bosco faded and went deep. Wide receiver Adam Haysbert got a step on the defender, Bosco laid a pass into his arms at the 15, and Haysbert raced into the end zone with the winning touchdown.

"Not many young quarterbacks could come back from adversity [those two straight interceptions] like that. Robbie did today. It looks like we've got another good one," praised Edwards.

The 20-14 opening victory advanced the Cougars to No. 13 in the polls.

Baylor vs. BYU

Bosco went crazy on this 79-degree day in the home opener. The Roseville Rifle threw for six touchdown passes, one short of the school record, as BYU scored touchdowns on its first five possessions to take a 34-7 halftime lead. Bosco went 26 for 41 that day for 311 yards, and he no longer found himself standing in Steve Young's shadow.

The game also avenged defeat in the 1983 opener at Waco, the last time the Cougars lost a game.

After the game, Baylor Coach Grant Teaff said: "Believe it or not, we played some pretty good defense in the secondary. BYU just made some great passes and catches. They had the ball on the nose all day."

Three months later, Teaff responded to whether BYU should be ranked No. 1 over Oklahoma: "We played both of them, lucky me, and I think BYU is better. We felt we had a chance against Oklahoma, but against BYU all I wanted to do was

get the game over with and get out of there."

With the 47-13 win, BYU vaulted into the top 10 at No. 8, and the Cougars were to remain among the elite the rest of the season.

Tulsa vs. BYU

It was very warm (85 degrees) in Cougar Stadium, and this one featured a lot of hard hitting by both sides. Vai Sikahema got BYU off to a quick start with an 89-yard touchdown on a punt return and Bosco hit Mills with a first-quarter TD pass. New wide receiver Mark Bellini made a big contribution by catching six passes for 141 yards. This was one of the toughest running games for the Cougars, who managed only 52 yards on the ground. But BYU passed for 337 yards.

The Cougars led 24-9 after three quarters and finally sealed their third victory with two fourth-quarter touchdowns. Jim Herrmann and Leon White had strong defensive games

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Kelly Smith, from tiny Beaver High School, emerged as one of BYU's top running backs and pass catchers this season.

BYU Safety Kyle Morrell Eyes Final Game

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If Brigham Young University's All-American weak safety Kyle Morrell had gotten his way, he would have run his Holiday Bowl interception of 1983 right back home to Bountiful, Utah.

But Cougar Coach LaVell Edwards and BYU team orthopedic surgeon Brent Pratley threw up a roadblock at about midfield in Jack Murphy Stadium last Dec. 23 and Morrell ended up running out-of-bounds as time expired in the Cougars' "miracle" 21-17 win over Missouri in Holiday Bowl VI.

Edwards and Pratley may have de-toured Morrell, but Morrell got the ball where he wanted it. . . . smack dab in his trophy case in Mack and Dixie Morrell's home in Bountiful.

Looking back on that hazy December night, Morrell's thievery was a precursor to a brilliant 1984 campaign and a football player's dream — an undefeated season, All-America recognition and a possible national championship.

The story of Holiday Bowl VI is intriguing enough to repeat — Morrell's part of it, anyway — since the fiery 21-year-old Cougar will be prowling the secondary again Friday night against Michigan in his final game in that familiar No. 5 uniform.

"Well, there was no question about what I wanted to do last year when I intercepted the ball. . . . I wanted to

run it back all the way," Morrell said prior to his team's departure for its seventh consecutive December vacation in Navytown.

"Any time you get an interception, you turn your eyes to the other end zone. I was heading back all the way [with the interception off the arm of Missouri quarterback Warren Seitz]. But then I see Dr. Pratley out on the field just ahead of me and up ahead I could see Coach Edwards waving me off. So, I got off the field."

There was a reason for the panic displayed by Edwards, Pratley and others in the BYU sideline entourage. The game was over and had Morrell, for some inexplicable reason, fumbled it in the field of play, the ball would have been alive for anything to happen.

What happened to the ball. . . . the one now in your trophy case? "Well, I didn't want anybody to touch it and all of a sudden, I saw this big guy with a Missouri sweatshirt and a cap with a big 'M' on it heading my way and I turned and shoveled a pass to Dr. Pratley, who stuck the ball under his jacket," Morrell said. "That's the last time I thought of it [the ball] until Doc came up in the dressing room and pulled it out from under his jacket."

From that time, the ball never left Morrell's sight. He had it with him on the charter jet back to Salt Lake and within four hours after he plucked the pigskin from the thick San Diego air to preserve BYU's third Holiday

Bowl win, the ball was in the Morrell's Bountiful residence.

Ironically, it's another play — well, part of a play anyway — from last year's Holiday Bowl that is etched indelibly in Morrell's mind.

Missouri was leading, 10-7, and driving for more points as the first half was winding down.

"They were at about our 30-yard line and it's first down," Morrell recalled. "They sent their tight end [Greg Krahl] across the middle and he caught the pass and just as he turned to head upfield, I cracked him. The ball popped up in the air and as they told me later, Todd Shell [BYU's All-American linebacker] intercepted it."

"I could hear the roar of the crowd, but that's it. I was dingy. Next thing I know, Shell is sticking his face in my helmet and Pratley is there. All I could think of was 'Get up kid, or my mom will have a heart attack.' They took me into the dressing room while the game resumed. I didn't get to take part in the halftime talks. I just laid there and tried to get my bearings back. I had all my wits about me when I went back out," Morrell reflected.

Anyone who remembers anything at all about the BYU-Mizzou game knows the Cougars had their backs to the wall with just under four minutes left in the game. Missouri was leading, 17-14, and the Tigers had a fourth

down and one yard to go for a first down at the Cougar 7. A first down would probably have given the Tigers touchdown momentum.

"On the play before [third down], Brandon Flint [BYU's big defensive tackle] had hurt his ankle and was forced from the game," Morrell said. "Missouri's big All-American guard [Conrad Goode] came up to me and said 'Tell Flint he was tough and it's too bad he had to lose like this.' I just looked at him and walked back to our huddle and shouted to my teammates that we had to stop these clods."

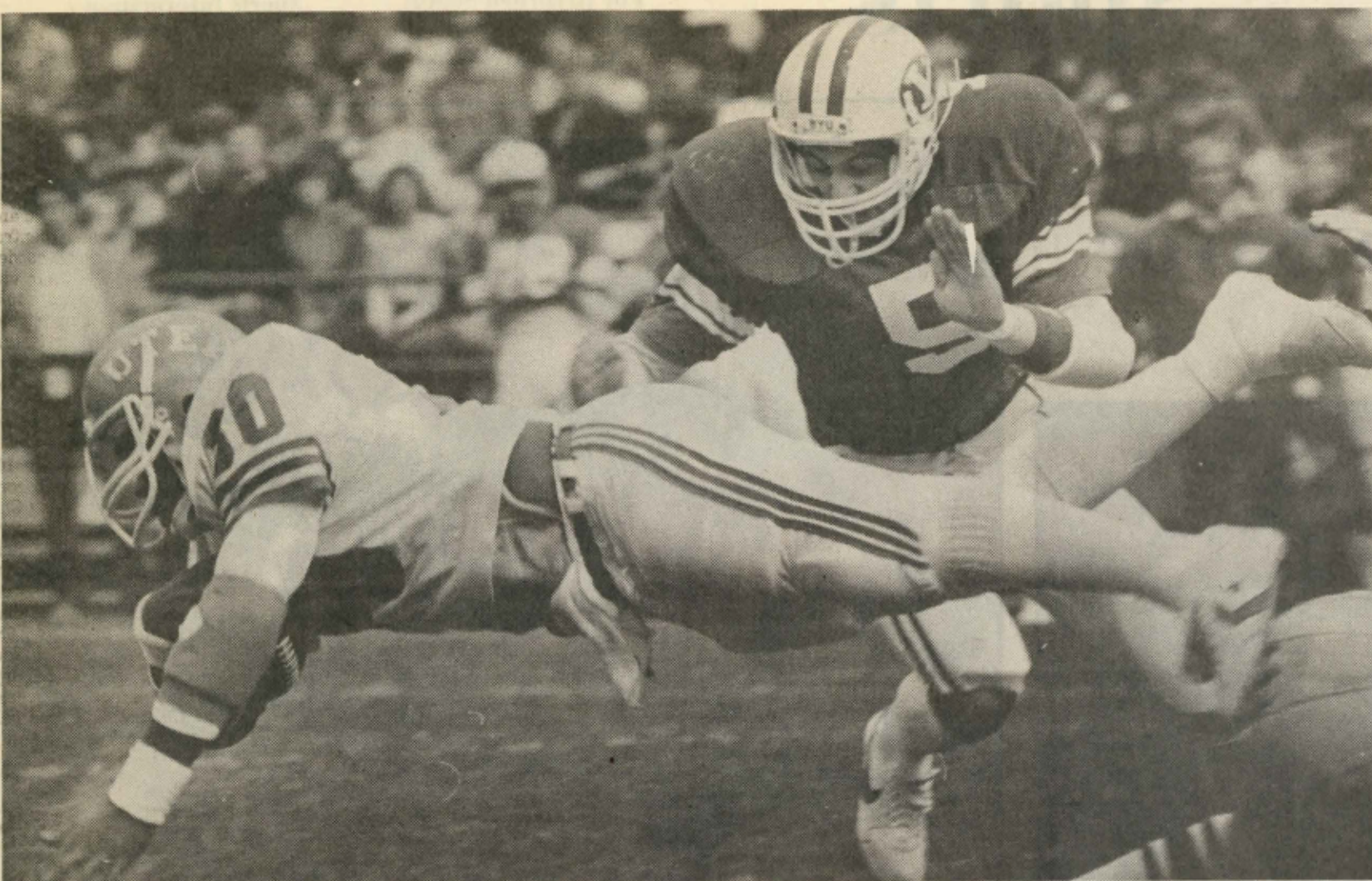
Well, the rest is history. Led by a surge by Larry Hamilton (he's back again for Holiday Bowl VII), the Cougars stopped Mizzou's Eric Drain on that momentous fourth down and BYU began "The Drive" — a 93-yard TD march that culminated in a 14-yard halfback pass from Eddie Stinnett to quarterback Steve Young.

That left BYU's linebackers and defensive backs to have a last series "party" with Seitz. "Ah, their last passes were prayer shots," said a chuckling Morrell. "Everybody was knocking down passes that someone else was ready to intercept. [Cary] Whittingham knocked one down that Shell could have intercepted and then Shell knocked one down that I could have intercepted. But I got the last one."

Yeah, and he returned it all the way to Bountiful. . . . right into an undefeated, All-American season.



Former Viewmont star Kyle Morrell earned All-American honors for his fine play as a safety on the BYU football team.



BYU weak safety Kyle Morrell has come up with some of big defensive plays which have kept the Cougars unbeaten

and ranked number one in the nation. As an All-American, he figures to be one of players to watch in Holiday Bowl.

BYU Football Team Enjoys a Dream Season

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and BYU won, 38-15. The Cougars were tough defensively on short yardage situations.

BYU moved up to No. 6 in the polls, and already talk of a national championship began to surface. Tulsa Coach John Cooper said: "BYU is as good as advertised. In my mind, they do have a chance at the national championship, and if it came down to me they would get my vote."

BYU vs. Hawaii

The always-tough trip to hot and humid Honolulu proved just that. The Cougars won, 18-13, and were fortunate in gaining victory No. 4 for the season and their 15th straight overall.

With Bosco hobbled by a groin injury and with the usually sure-handed receivers dropping numerous passes — including two which would have gone for touchdowns — it was left to the Cougar defense to win this one. BYU took a 12-0 lead midway through the second quarter on two Johnson field goals and a four-yard run by Kelly Smith. But a blocked punt which Hawaii recovered in the end zone gave life to an injury-riddled Rainbow Warrior squad.

It was a 12-10 game at halftime and neither team, thanks to more dropped passes by the Cougars, scored in the third quarter.

Hawaii mounted its best drive of the game at the start of the final quarter and a 21-play, 84-yard march led to a field goal which put the Rainbows up 13-12.

Bosco and Co. finally got going and took the kickoff 80 yards on six plays, all in the air, and an injured Kozlowski sneaked behind the defense, took a perfect throw from Bosco, and scored on a 25-yard play. BYU's try for a two-point conversion failed and the Cougar lead was 18-13.

BYU held Hawaii, but the Rainbow Warriors stopped the Cougars and forced a punt. Again, Johnson's kick was blocked and Hawaii recovered the ball at BYU's 16. There was only a minute to play and a field goal was worthless, so Hawaii had to go for six.

A running play netted two yards, and then Raphael Cherry went to the air. All three passes were incomplete, but the final toss into the end zone just barely eluded the diving Walter Murray.

This game will be remembered for perhaps the single most outstanding defensive play by an individual all year. Prior to Hawaii's field goal which gave the hosts a one-point lead, the Bows had a first down at the two-yard line. Cherry dove to the one. Cherry again took the ball for no gain. It was now third down and the ball was a foot away from the goal line.

Cougar safety Kyle Morrell, anticipating the play and the snap, sent his body airborne as Cherry barked the count. Just as Cherry took the ball from center, Morrell was high above the line. As Cherry began to take his first step back, Morrell landed on him, grabbing the Hawaii QB's shoulder pads and pulling him down at the one. The stuff left Hawaii going for three points instead of a touchdown, and necessitated Hawaii's all-or-nothing final minute bid.

The close call didn't impress the voters and the following week's poll saw BYU slip to eighth.

BYU vs. Colorado State

After enjoying a week off, the Cougars traveled to Fort Collins where they annihilated Colorado State, 52-9. BYU scored on five of its first six possessions to lead 38-3 at intermission. The Cougars used a varied attack and feasted on the Rams on the ground as well as through the air.

BYU rang up 616 yards total offense, 384 in the air and 232 rushing. Heimuli and Smith ran well, and the BYU defense did not permit a touchdown until the closing minute when the reserves were on the field.

Bosco, still nursing the groin injury, was taken out in the third quarter. The field was slippery and we didn't

want to take any chances with him," noted Edwards. Backup QB Blaine Fowler enjoyed his best outing of the season.

Leon Fuller, coach of the Rams, said: "BYU is as good a football team as they are ranked."

After their fifth straight win, the Cougars were ranked No. 5.

Wyoming vs. BYU

BYU always has trouble against wishbone running teams, and the Cowboys, throwing some tricky passes, came close in Provo to administering the first loss on the Cougars' record. BYU won it 41-38, needing a 14-yard TD pass to Mills with 4:16 left in the game to pull it out.

There wasn't too much defense this day. The two teams combined for 1,026 yards total offense, but the Cougars did stiffen in the fourth quarter to hold the hungry Pokes out of the end zone. Wyoming scored 31 points in the second and third periods.

Bosco had another big day, completing 29 of 44 passes for 384 yards and five touchdowns. Mills caught seven passes for 136 yards and three receptions went for TDs.

A somewhat disturbed Coach Edwards said post-game: "It really bothers me when some people think we can blow out a team every week. I've been telling our players all week that conference games are different. Wyoming prepared well and played well. But we came through when the pressure was on."

The national polls the following week had BYU ranked seventh, a drop of two places.

BYU vs. Air Force

For the second straight week, BYU went up against a wishbone team, only this time the Falcons were ranked No. 1 in the nation in rushing. BYU came into Week 7 as the No. 1 passing team. The passing game won against the running game.

Despite giving up 25 points in the 30-25 victory, BYU's defense played well. It stopped Air Force on several third- and fourth-down situations. Also, the Cougar defense limited AFA to 194 yards rushing, or 144 yards below the Falcons' norm.

BYU was forced to rally from 7-0 and 9-7 deficits, and with 10 minutes still to play, the Cougars led by just two, 27-25. Johnson's field goal in the fourth quarter gave BYU some breathing room, but not much. Morrell again had a big game defensively.

Bosco converted numerous third down passes to keep drives alive. Observers could not recall a game in which the Cougars made good on so many third-and-long situations.

Both coaches, Edwards and Fisher DeBerry of AFA, called this game one of the great ones in a long time. BYU regained the No. 5 spot in the polls.

BYU vs. New Mexico

ESPN wanted to televise this one from Albuquerque and it was played on a Thursday night. The Lobos, who always try to confuse BYU's offense with some of the weirdest defensive sets ever devised, stayed in the game for one quarter. Using two defensive tackles and nine defensive backs, the Lobos presented a few problems for Bosco, and BYU led by only 7-0 after the first 18 minutes.

Johnson tacked on a second-quarter field goal, and then BYU exploded. Scoring 41 points in the second and third periods, BYU turned this game into a yawner, and eventually turned off a lot of TV sets around the country. The Cougars took the final 48-0 lead into the final quarter. Bosco played only 40 minutes, but still threw for 227 yards and three TDs. Heimuli rushed for 141 yards.

Said Lobo Coach Joe Lee Dunn: "We are not in the same league with them."

The now 8-0 Cougars jumped to No. 4 in the polls.

UTEP vs. BYU

The Cougars tried hard to pay attention against a team they always put the mug on. BYU led 21-3 at half-time and made it 42-3 by the end of three periods.

Bosco threw for four TDs in a 237-yard game. He did not participate in the fourth quarter. The unusual aspect of this one-sided affair was that UTEP had possession of the ball for 41 minutes. BYU completed the slaughter in just 19 minutes on offense.

The 42-9 victory gave the Cougars' their ninth straight WAC championship, and Edwards reflected: "Now that we have satisfied our No. 1 goal — that of winning the league crown — we can look toward other goals and go for the highest [poll] finish ever for the school." Miner Coach Bill Yung offered: "I hope BYU gets its 13-0 season. They are really outstanding."

The Cougars stayed No. 4 in the polls.

San Diego St. vs. BYU

The Cougars took a quick 24-3 lead and then coasted to a 34-3 victory. The usually high-powered Aztecs, after an opening drive which resulted in their only points, got past midfield just once more the remainder of the game. Linebacker Kurt Gouveia and Haymond were outstanding on defense.

Bosco threw for 326 yards and both TD passes went to Kozlowski. Smith had a good day rushing, and Mills and Kozlowski each gained more than 100 yards receiving. Despite the 31-point loss, San Diego State played fairly well on defense.

"We have played as well the last two weeks as any time this season," remarked Edwards. "Also, I thought we played well against their passing attack. That is the type of offense we are used to meeting."

The 10-0 Cougars inched to No. 3 in the polls.

BYU vs. Utah

The pressure continued to mount for the Cougars, now winners of 21 in a row. That pressure seemed present as BYU committed a season-high five turnovers which helped keep the Utes close.

Utah, like so many teams before, scored first and led 7-0. The Cougars responded with an 11-yard TD pass from Bosco to Haysbert. After Johnson's 19-yard field goal gave the Cougars a 10-7 lead, BYU never trailed. But the Cougars were never out of the woods until the final minutes. All three Cougar TDs came in the air — with Smith and Kozlowski joining Haysbert with TD receptions.

Nose guard Brad Smith played one of his best games, and he got help from linebackers Gouveia and Cary Whittingham. Morrell also played well.

Kozlowski, playing hurt again, caught eight passes for 162 yards. Several receptions were in key third-down situations. "Kozlowski is a money athlete, a real competitor and as good a football player as you'll ever be around," praised Edwards. "I was more proud of the team today than any point in time and maybe this team more than any other."

At long last . . . BYU, because Nebraska and South Carolina got bumped off the same day, moved into the No. 1 spot in the polls.

Utah State vs. BYU

The regular season came to an end in Provo, and as usual the Aggies played hard and gave the Cougars some anxious moments through three quarters. BYU led 24-13 going into the final period but put it away with two fourth-period TDs.

The Cougars rolled up 523 yards of offense, but 20 penalties for 166 yards (several on one drive which cost BYU a touchdown) and four turnovers kept this one close most of the way. Sika-hema reeled off his third punt return of the season for a touchdown.

Mills had a good day receiving with 7 catches for 92 yards. Linebacker Leon White had an incredible game, scoring 48 defensive points.

"I think," Edwards said emphatically, "that we have even more of a right to be ranked No. 1. We are the only 12-0 team in the country. We have met all challenges and did not crack."

The polls agreed. For the second straight week, BYU was ranked No. 1 in the land.

And now, this BYU team — a collection of young men whom the conservative Edwards said last August "had a chance to be pretty good" — will shoot for history this Friday when they meet the University of Michigan in the Holiday Bowl.

Everything has gone their way the past four months. Will that magic continue for one more week?

Remember BYU's 'Hail Mary' Miracle of 1980?

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The Rose Bowl may be the granddaddy of all the bowl games, but after only six years, the relatively unknown Holiday Bowl has come to be known as one of the most exciting post-season affairs.

And none was more thrilling than Holiday Bowl III — matching Southwestern Conference power Southern Methodist University against perennial Western Athletic Conference champion Brigham Young University.

Going into that Dec. 19, 1980, Holiday Bowl in San Diego, the Cougars had lost four straight post-season events, including two prior Holiday Bowls. BYU had lost in the 1976 Tangerine Bowl to Oklahoma State and in the 1974 Fiesta Bowl, also to the OSU Cowboys.

"There seems to be more pressure on us this week," noted BYU Coach LaVell Edwards as he prepared his Cougars to meet SMU, "because a lot of people are claiming we choke and can't win a bowl game. It's like having a monkey on your back."

For 56 minutes, a grim-faced Edwards watched from the sidelines as the Mustangs shredded his Cougars. BYU was getting whipped . . . embarrassingly by a 45-25 count. The critics were laughing. BYU choked again.

Even Mutual Radio Network broadcaster Tony Roberts poked fun at the Cougars' futile attempt to stop the brutal SMU running game, which featured Eric Dickerson and Craig James.

Then a miracle happened. And don't a lot of miracles happen around Christmas time?

BYU's brilliant, mentally tough quarterback Jim McMahon was having difficulty finding holes in the SMU defense until the final four minutes of the game when he engineered a drive that led to what appeared to be a gimme touchdown. It was now 45-32.

Then, BYU recovered an onside kick and hurried downfield to score on a short run by Scott Phillips. Time was running out and BYU trailed, 45-39. The Cougars tried another onside kick. This time, SMU recovered and figured to run out the final 1:50 of the game.

Finally, BYU's defense stiffened and forced a punt. It seemed, however, that the Cougars were to need more than a miracle, because there were only 20 seconds showing on the clock and SMU was punting from its 40-yard line.

The miracle took form when defensive captain Bill Schoepflin burst in from the left side of the Cougar defense to block the punt. BYU recovered at the Mustang 41. But only 13 seconds remained in the game.

On first down, McMahon threw over the middle . . . incomplete. Second down, McMahon looked for Lloyd Jones in the end zone, but this one was overthrown.

It was now or never for the Cougars. Only three seconds showed on the clock.

Here's how Roberts described the final play, and just about every loyal, long-suffering Cougar fan must have a copy of that tape.

"There are only three seconds left to play," cried Roberts. "And we've already had 84 points put on the scoreboard. Back to throw. Last down. No time on the clock."

Roberts paused. The crowd fell into a hush.

"It's . . . It's . . . What? He caught it! He caught it!" Roberts screamed.

"BYU has won it! BYU has won it! Roberts yelled. "A miracle catch. Who's got the ball? I don't believe it! I don't believe it! Clay Brown with the TD pass after time had run out. He [McMahon] had set up at the 50-yard line and threw it up for grabs. A 41-yard TD catch with everybody going up in the air. What a job by Clay Brown."

"Now, if the kick is good BYU has the victory . . ."

That's how it ended that unforgettable, chilly night. Tight end Clay Brown streaking into the end zone and outbattling three SMU defenders for what came to be called "The Hail Mary Pass."

Unfortunately, many were not around at the end to see the Holiday Bowl miracle. More than half of the Jack Murphy Stadium crowd had gone home; countless others had left their television or radio sets.

But it was a night to remember. It was the night that monkey hopped off the Cougars' backs.

Facts and Figures on Holiday Bowl

The collision course for Friday night's Holiday Bowl meeting between Brigham Young University and Michigan began way back in September. BYU opened with a surprising 20-14 victory over then No. 3-ranked Pittsburgh and Michigan followed a week later by stunning Miami of Florida, 22-14.

The Cougars swept through their schedule. On the other hand, the Wolverines, with a few bright Saturday afternoons here and there, fell to a disappointing 6-5 season, and Michigan almost failed to make the bowl list for the first time in 10 years.

The facts:

SITE: Jack Murphy Stadium (65,000), San Diego.

RECORDS: Michigan of the Big Ten — 6-5; Brigham Young of the Western Athletic — 12-0.

THE COACHES: Bo Schembechler, in his 16th season as head coach at Michigan, enters with an overall record of 146-36-5. His career record, including six years at Miami of Ohio, is 186-53-6. LaVell Edwards, in his 13th season as head coach at BYU, enters with an overall career record of 117-37-1.

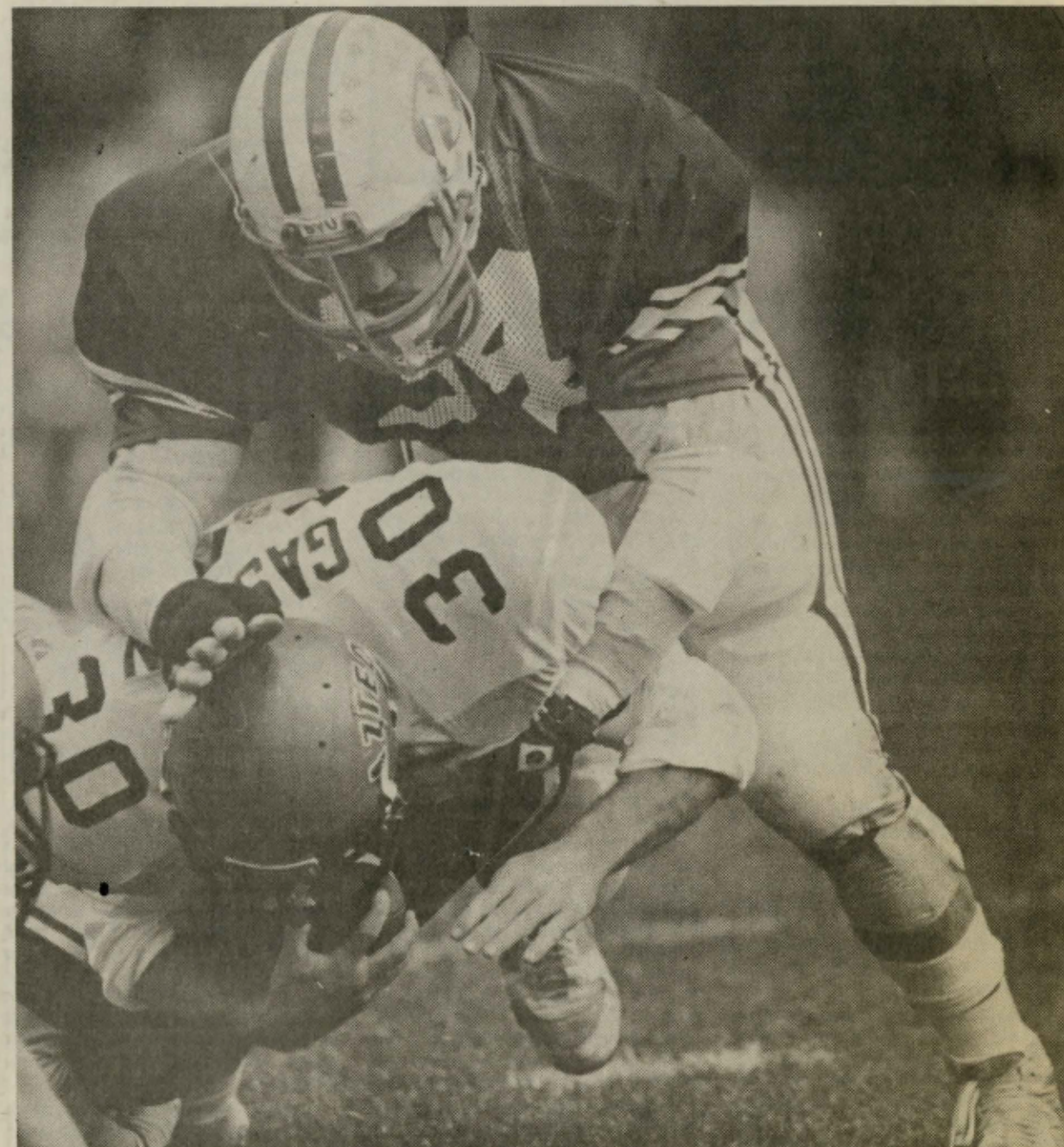
OFFENSES: Michigan is primarily a running, ball control team. Its style of play is similar to the University of Utah's, not surprising since former Ute Coach Chuck Stobart is a former assistant under Schembechler. Michigan scored 197 points, an average of 17.9 per game. Michigan scored 13 touchdowns rushing and 10 passing. The Wolverines were successful on 12 of 16 field goal attempts.

Brigham Young is primarily a passing team, often throwing on first down, and this season found the Cou-

gars highly successful while converting on third down-and-long situations. The Cougars scored 55 touchdowns, 21 rushing and 34 passing. BYU's opponents managed just 17 total touchdowns, nine on the ground and eight in the air. BYU converted 13 of 18 field goal tries.

DEFENSES: Michigan allowed 176 points, a 16.0 average. Opponents out-gained Michigan by an average of 12 yards per game — 330 to 318. Of that total, opponents passed for 182.2 yards per game. Opponents scored 15 touchdowns rushing and just six passing.

Brigham Young allowed 166 points per game, an average of 13.8. Opponents were outgained by the Cougars 486.5 yards to 321.3. Opponents rushed for an average of 161.8 yards and passed for 159.5 yards.



BYU will rely on defensive plays like the one Kurt Gouveia turned in against

UTEP when the Cougars meet Michigan in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego Friday.