Victory For Pac-10, ASU

After a slow start, ASU dominated Michigan to defeat the Wolverines 22-15, keeping the victory of “the granddaddy of them all” in the PAC-10.

ASU's first Rose Bowl appearance fol-

lowed much the same pattern as the school's football history to date—a little slow to start, but build-
ing to a tremendous fin-

ish.

The Sun Devils' 22-15 victory over Michigan put the “tremendous” on that finish. But when a national television audience first tuned into college football's most prestigious game, the Wolverines appeared to be on their way to their second Rose Bowl win in eight visits under coach Bo Schem-
bechler.

Michigan controlled the early portion of the game, putting together two long touchdown drives in the game's first 20 minutes. In the same time, John Cooper's Sun Devils managed just two field goal attempts, only one of two minutes with their noise — and the Sun Devils roared back with 10 points before halftime. ASU’s first touchdown closed the gap to 13-15, with 10 seconds left in the second quarter, coming on a gutsy touchdown exception, giving the Sun Devils their first lead in the third quarter. Kent Bostrom added a record-breaking third field goal in the fourth quarter. The Sun Devil defense consistently smothered Michigan's offense, ending its last drive with an interception. Van Rapsahhs, ASU's senior quarterback, was named the game's most valuable player.

"This is the biggest dang victory I've ever been associated with! I don't want to sit down. I'm on cloud nine!" — Coach John Cooper

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