

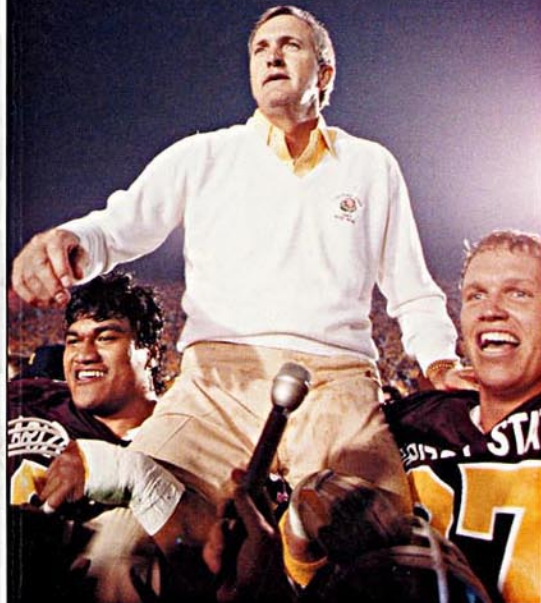
On the break-away after receiving a Van Raaphorst pass, Bruce Hill heads downfield. Hill was the receiver of both touchdown passes.



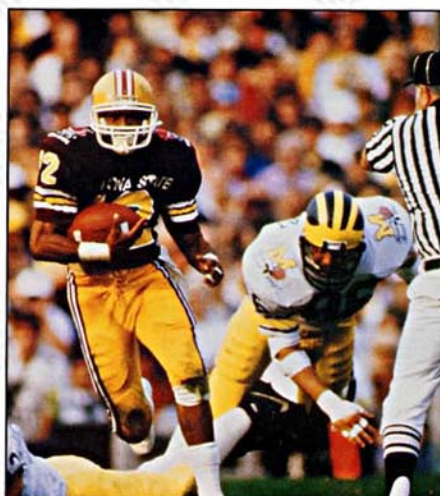
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Hoisted high on the shoulders of Sun Sapolu and Shawn Patterson, the winning coach, John Cooper, gets well-deserved recognition. Under Cooper, the team achieved its two goals set early in the season: to win the Pac-10 Championship and to win the Rose Bowl.

Breaking through the hole cleared by the Sun Devil line, Darryl Harris fights his way past Michigan defenders. Harris, a junior tailback, contributed to the success of ASU by rushing for 109 yards.

Quarterback Jeff Van Raaphorst, named Most Valuable Player of the Rose Bowl, winds up for one of his successful passes. Van Raaphorst completed 16 of 30 passes for 193 yards with no interceptions.

Everything's Coming Up Roses

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 followed the same pattern as the school's football history to date — a little slow to start, but building to a tremendous finish.

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 Schembechler.

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 half-time. ASU's first touchdown closed the gap to 15-13 with 29 seconds left in the second quarter, coming on a gutsy

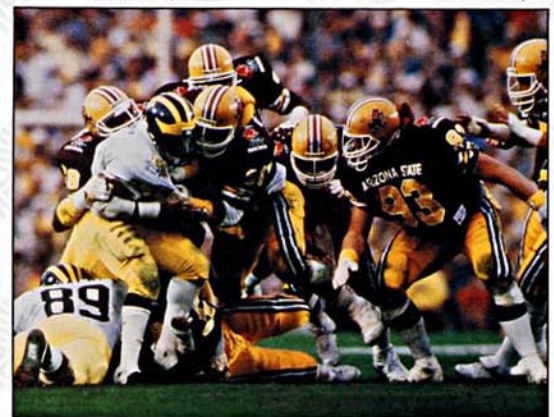
second touchdown reception, giving the Sun Devils their first lead in the third quarter. Kent Bostrom added a record-tying third field goal in the fourth quarter. The Sun Devil defense consistently smothered Michigan's offense, ending its last drive with an interception. Van Raaphorst, ASU's senior quarterback, 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

which was converted. After the Wolverines pushed their advantage to 15-3, the game's complexion changed. The ASU fans rallied around the team — even interrupting play once for

pass from Jeff Van Raaphorst to Bruce Hill on second down at the Michigan 1-yard line. The second half was all ASU. Hill tiptoed along the back of the end zone with his sec-

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Sun Devil defenders swarm around a Michigan ball handler and battle to stop the play by forming a pile-up.

Celebrating the early effects of a Rose Bowl victory, Skip McClendon (88), Darren Willis (4) and Greg Clark (28) show their approval of the tackle by Robby Boyd (26), stopping the Wolverine attack by Jamie Morris.

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