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Home loss fires up Wings

May upset by waved-off goal that would have tied game in second period

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY
The Detroit News

Detroit — You can bet Red Wings general manager Ken Holland will be burning up the phone lines to the NHL offices in Toronto today.

The Dallas Stars skated out of Joe Louis Arena with a 3-1 victory Wednesday night, handing the Wings their first regulation home loss of the season and stopping their seven-game point streak.

After scoring 19 goals in their previous three games, the Wings technically got only one past Stars backup goalie Alex Auld. But they will argue for an asterisk on this one.

Down 2-1 six minutes into the third period, the Wings appeared to score the tying goal. Brad May picked up a re-

bound and tucked a backhand between the post and Auld's left pad. The puck was clearly in the net, but referees Stephane Auger and Dennis LaRue waved it off, saying they had blown the whistle and, thus, the play was not reviewable.

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Henrik Zetterberg slips the puck past Dallas goalie Alex Auld for a second-period goal, his ninth of the season and fourth in three games.

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Rodriguez: Log issue was fixed

Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said once he learned monthly logs of football players' workouts and practice times had not been filed with the university, he fixed the problem.

Rodriguez, appearing Tuesday on Columbus radio station WBNS, was asked about the issue, which surfaced Monday.



Rodriguez

"Because the investigation is still under process, the NCAA won't let us comment about it other than the fact that the practice-log process, that thing was corrected as soon as I learned of the issue," Rodriguez told hosts Bruce Hooley and Chris Spielman. "As soon as this whole thing is over, I'll be happy to discuss all the other details."

Before Michigan's practice Wednesday, Rodriguez told reporters he knows why the forms were not submitted for a year, but reiterated that he cannot talk about specifics because of the NCAA investigation.

"All I can tell you is the log process for those forms was corrected as soon as I learned of the issue," Rodriguez said. "I know what happened with it, and once I found out about the process, it got corrected."

Angelique Chengelis

Lions still have 7,000 tickets left for Sunday

Allen Park — The Lions have more than 7,000 tickets remaining for Sunday's home game against the Browns, the team said Wednesday.

The Lions have until 1 p.m. Thursday to reach a sellout to avoid a local television blackout for a matchup of 1-8 teams. Seven of the team's last 10 home games at Ford Field have been blacked out, including two this season — Washington on Sept. 27 and St. Louis on Nov. 1.

John Niyo



Gregory Shamus/Getty Images

Actor Jamie Farr hugs golfer Morgan Pressel at last season's Farr event.

LPGA will have 24 events in 2010

The LPGA Tour announced a 2010 schedule that has 24 tournaments — 13 of them in the United States — to give the tour its smallest schedule in nearly 40 years.

The Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic at Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio, is one of the scheduled events.

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MICHIGAN VS. OHIO STATE 1969: 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Ann Arbor

They will walk together again through the tunnel Saturday, onto the field in the stadium where they had their greatest victory, and arguably the most significant moment in the modern era — Michigan and Ohio State.

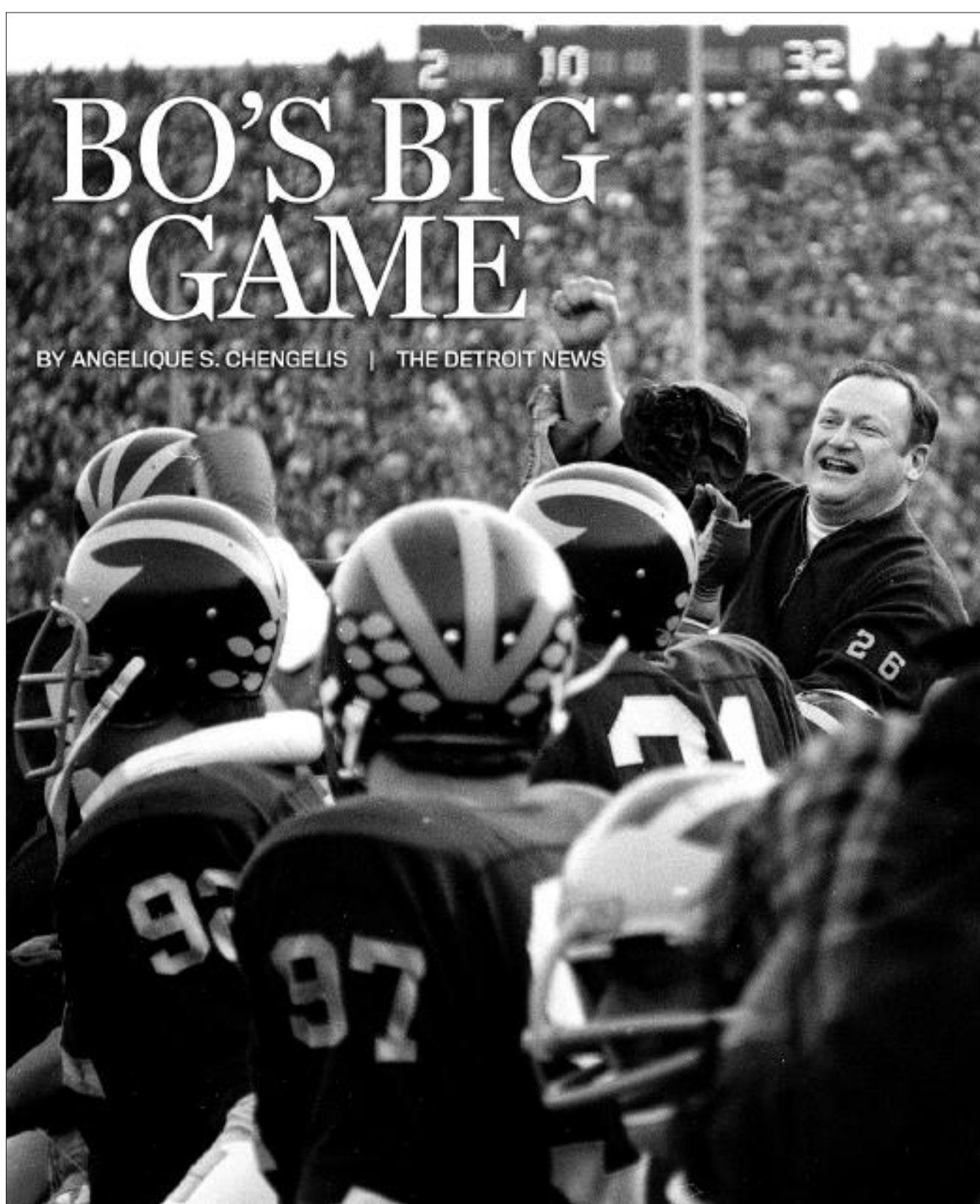
Forty years ago, against all odds but not a surprise to them, the 1969 Wolverines, led by Bo Schembechler in his first season coaching against his mentor, Woody Hayes, pulled a stunning 24-12 upset of the top-ranked Buckeyes to begin The Ten Year War and restore the Wolverines to national prominence.

"Over the years one of the things that all of us who played on that '69 team are really proud of is that that game started the modern era of Michigan football," former Michigan offensive lineman Dan Dierdorf said. "Bo Schembechler gets all the credit, and he might have been the painter, but we were the brush that day."

That win started something special. And that win remains something special for each and every Michigan player and coach. In fact, many believe it was the greatest moment in their careers.

"I played for the Dolphins during the perfect season (in 1972), I played in four Super Bowls, and I'm the proud owner of three Super Bowl rings," said tight end Jim Mandich, Michigan's captain in 1969. "But if you had to take me to one moment in time, one place in time, it would have been Michigan-Ohio State in 1969."

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Tony Tomasic/Sports Illustrated

Bo Schembechler gets carried off the field by his players after Michigan, a 17-point underdog, upset No. 1 Ohio State, 24-12.

Ohio State at Michigan

Kickoff: Noon Saturday, Michigan Stadium, Ann Arbor

TV/radio: ABC/WOMC 104.3, CKLW 800

Records: Ohio State 9-2 (6-1 Big Ten), Michigan 5-6 (1-6)

Line: Ohio State by 12

Not even overrated Buckeyes can mess this one up



BOB WOJNOWSKI
Pigskin picks

Well, this isn't good. The Wolverines look like roadkill these days, and if anyone appreciates a fresh batch of roadkill, it's a Buckeye.

But enough about dining habits. We have to talk football, and I'm actually here to say something nice about the neighbors who live beneath us. I'm happy to congratulate the Buckeyes on winning a fifth consecutive Big Ten title, a truly remarkable achievement against mediocre

competition, similar to being named Ohio State valedictorian.

That's no knock whatsoever on the Sweater Vest's Buckeyes, who clearly have figured out how to win lots of games against slow, pudgy teams. The Wolverines used to do the same thing, then got bored (or arrogant, or foolish) and decided to go in an entirely different direction, one that did not involve tackling.

So once again, The Game looks like a mis-

match, with the 9-2 Buckeyes planning to treat the 5-6 Wolverines like possum, run 'em over and pick 'em clean. Ohio State has won five straight in the rivalry, but before its fans are forced to use the other hand to count, I have a warning: There's nothing more dangerous than a wounded Wolverine. (Except, perhaps, an inebriated Buckeye with a box of matches.)

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Clarkston runs with hair-raiser

Clarkston

Imagine a 61-year-old grandfather with jet black hair walking into Ford Field next week sporting a blond Mohawk.

That's the promise fan Mark Phalen made if Clarkston (12-0) beats Sterling Heights Stevenson (12-0) in Saturday's Division I football semifinal (7 p.m.) at Troy Athens High School. And he isn't the only one. Mohawk fever is taking over this town as Clarkston continue its march to what



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their heads.

Now imagine a dozen fathers marching into Ford Field with Mohawks.

it hopes is its first football state championship.

Many of the players and some of their friends already have shaved the sides of

That, in a nutshell, is Clarkston football and the crazies that follow this team.

How did this get started? It began with a little male bonding from running back Dakota Bender, who told teammates he wanted to shave his head into a Mohawk and dye his hair blond during a team dinner before their first playoff game against arch-rival Lake Orion.

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Clarence Tabb Jr./The Detroit News

Some 30 members of Clarkston's football team gave themselves Mohawks to show their unity in advance of the state football playoffs.