College football

Seven upsets featured in weekend picks

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Having grown up near Augusta, Ga., Pat Dye knows something about Amen Corner, the famous stretch of holes 10-11-12-13 where the Masters golf tournament often is decided.

According to Dye, his sixth-ranked Auburn Tigers (6-0-1) are about to begin their own version of Amen Corner with games 8-9-10-11. It starts Saturday night against No. 10 Florida (5-2), followed by No. 4 Florida State (6-1), No. 12 Georgia (6-2) and No. 16 Alabama (5-2).

Florida is the only Southeastern Conference team to have a winning record (4-2) over the Tigers in Dye's previous six years at Auburn, so it's no wonder that he says, "We haven't played a team like Florida yet. I think Florida is better than Tennessee. I think we have four teams left to play that are better than Tennessee (Auburn and Tennessee tied 20-20 in September)."

Florida has won three in a row from Auburn but the Tigers are a 3½-point favorite. The pick is . . . Auburn 24-17.

Last week's prediction record was 31 right, 15 wrong and one tie for a percentage of .674; for the season, 241-104-5 for a .699 percentage. Against the point spread, last week's mark was 15-19-0 for .441; for the year, 103-124-5 for .454.

Saturday's only other game between members of the Associated Press Top Twenty finds No. 20 Michigan State at No. 15 Ohio State, which is favored by four points.

Since Michigan State is 3-0-1 in the Big Ten and Ohio State is 3-1, the winner looms as the only remaining challenger to first-place Indiana (4-0). The Buckeyes are coming off their best game of the season, a 42-9 rout of Minnesota, and they're playing at home . . . Ohio State 21-14.

No. 1 Oklahoma (favored by 53) at Kansas: The 85th consecutive year of the longest uninterrupted rivalry in major-college football. Although Kansas won the first eight games, the series stands 55-23-6 in favor of . . . Oklahoma 63-6.

No. 2 Nebraska (by 19) at Missouri: Mizzou handed Tom Osborne his first head coaching setback, 13-12 in 1973, and usually plays the Cornhuskers tough . . . Nebraska 38-17.

No. 3 Miami, Fla. (by 30) at East Carolina: Miami's next opponent is Miami — the Ohio variety . . . Miami (Fla.) 45-14.

Tulane at No. 4 Florida State (by 28): FSU's only other game on Halloween was a 42-0 loss to Georgia in 1959. History doesn't repeat . . . Florida State 49-24.

No. 5 LSU (by 13½) at Mississippi: The 1959 Halloween game featured the most famous play in LSU history as Billy Cannon returned a punt 89 yards for the only touchdown in a 7-3 victory . . . LSU 28-17.

No. 7 UCLA (by 6½) at Arizona State: The Bruins are 3-0 in Sun Devil Stadium and are out to avenge last year's 16-9 loss. ASU must win to have a shot at returning to the Rose Bowl. Upset Special of the Week . . . Arizona State 31-24.

No. 8 Syracuse (by 4½) at Pitt: The Panthers handed Notre Dame its only loss. Second Upset Special . . . Pitt 24-21.

Navy at No. 9 Notre Dame (by 32½): Lou Holtz doesn't have to be a genius to win this one . . . Notre Dame 42-7.

No. 11 Indiana at Iowa (by 6½): Former Indiana Coach Lee Corso, the debonair ESPN analyst, says this is a lock for . . . Iowa 27-17.

No. 13 Tennessee (by 6½) at Boston College: Second of three straight non-league games for the Vols. Third Upset Special . . . Boston College 24-17.

Wake Forest at No. 14 Clemson (by 18): The Tigers, steaming over last week's loss to North Carolina State, will eat Wake Forest's lunch. You might say they'll have their Wake and eat it, too . . . Clemson 38-7.

Mississippi State at No. 16 Alabama (by 23): The Crimson Tide's November schedule consists of LSU, Notre Dame and Auburn . . . Alabama 35-14.

Kansas State at No. 17 Oklahoma State (by 32): The Wildcats had little enough to begin with and they can't have much left after losing to Oklahoma (59-10) and Nebraska (56-3) the last two weeks . . . Oklahoma State 41-7.

West Virginia at No. 18 Penn State (by 7): The off-week may have helped the Nittany Lions get healthy . . . Penn State 28-14.

North Carolina State at No. 19 South Carolina (by 16½): The Wolfpack pays a second straight visit to the Palmetto State after upsetting Clemson . . . South Carolina 34-14.

Colorado (by 16½) at Iowa State: On the theory that Colorado can't get up again after playing Oklahoma so tough, Fourth Upset Special . . . Iowa State 27-21.

Rutgers (by 7) at Vanderbilt: For no good reason at all, Fifth Upset Special . . . Vanderbilt 27-20.

Wisconsin at Purdue (by 7): On the theory that the Badgers might be in a nasty mood after losing to Northwestern, Sixth Upset Special . . . Wisconsin 24-17.

San Diego State at Hawaii (by 6): Because Todd Santos reached 10,000 passing yards last week and deserves a romp on the beach, Seventh Upset Special . . . San Diego State 38-31.

East — Army 28, Temple 21.

South — Georgia Tech 24, Duke (by 2½) 21; Kentucky (by 19) 24, Virginia Tech 14; North Carolina (by 2½) 28, Maryland 17; Memphis State 24, Arkansas State 20; Southern Mississippi 31, Jackson State 14.

Midwest — Akron 28, Nicholls State 17; Northern Illinois 28, Ball State 17; Central Michigan 24, Western Michigan 17; Cincinnati 34, Tennessee Tech 17; Eastern Michigan 21, Ohio U. 7; Illinois (by 3) 20, Minnesota 14; Kent State 24, Toledo 17; Miami, O. 28, Bowling Green 14; Michigan (by 32) 45, Northwestern 7.

Southwest — Arkansas (by 21½) 41, Rice 13; Texas (by 6½) 21, Texas Tech 20; Texas A&M 42, Louisiana Tech 7; Texas Christian (by 7½) 27, Houston 17; Texas-El Paso (by 17) 37, New Mexico 17; Tulsa (by 6½) 31, Louisville 28.

Far West — Utah 35, Boise State 24; Air Force 24, Brigham Young (by 1½) 20.

Pitt may use secret weapon vs. Orange

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The University of Pittsburgh, which struggled offensively in a 10-6 victory over Navy, may have a secret weapon for Saturday's home game against No. 8 Syracuse: the shotgun.

The Panthers, 5-2, have been experimenting with the shotgun offense for several weeks, but didn't use it in last Saturday's game at Navy.

"It's just something we're trying out. I don't know if we'll use it," said Pitt Coach Mike Gottfried, who indicated the Panthers might use the spread offense on third-down passing situations.

Gottfried, who also has hinted the Panthers may show Syracuse (7-0) some other new offensive wrinkles, has been practicing freshman quarterback Darnell Dickerson at times with his first-team offense, although senior Sal Genilla remains his starter.

Gottfried has not ruled out playing Dickerson this year, although he had hoped to redshirt the former Detroit high school star.

"The only position we might cash in a redshirt this season is quarterback," Gottfried said.

Genilla's backup, redshirt freshman Larry Wanke, has played little this season and Gottfried has said he doesn't want to enter the 1988 season with an untried quarterback.

Syracuse, off to its best start since it was 10-0 and won the national championship in 1959, is a 4½ point favorite for Saturday's 2:45 p.m. game, which will be televised nationally by CBS.

Pitt has a 24-16-2 edge in the lifetime series between the two Eastern rivals, but Syracuse has won the last three games: 13-7 in 1984, 12-0 in 1985 and 24-20 last season.

Pitt hasn't beaten Syracuse since walk-on kicker Pat Viancourt's last-minute field goal edged the Orangemen 13-10 at Pitt in 1983.

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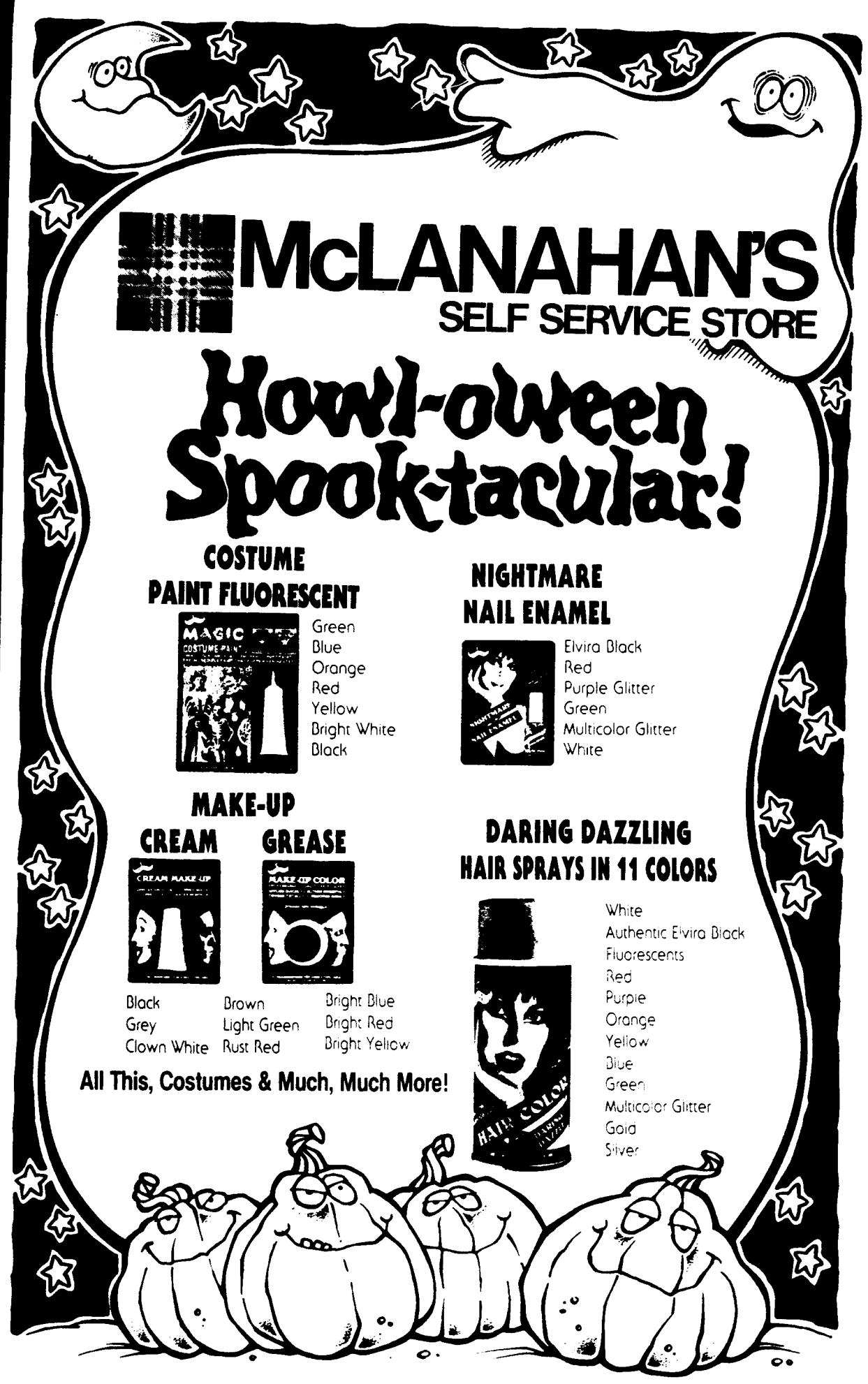
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