

NAU's MacDonald is mighty proud

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FLAGSTAFF—Northern Arizona University's once-criticized defensive secondary is the apple of coach Andy MacDonald's eye.

"From a coaching standpoint," Andy said yesterday, "it was a personal satisfaction for me to see those kids shut down a good passing attack and hold it scoreless too."

He was talking of NAU's 18-0 blanking of Montana's Grizzlies here last Saturday in the season windup.

"I don't believe Bruce Branstrom (senior from San Diego, Calif.) played a better game for us in the two years he's been in Flagstaff, the coach observed.

BRUCE WAS OUTSTANDING, as was mighty mite Mike Bengston, who finished the 10-game season with seven interceptions. Mike, only 5-7, 165, from Anaheim, Calif., is a protegee of former North Phoenix mentor Clare Van Horebeke.

The four interceptions against Montana enabled the 1968 Axers to tie a celebrated school record of 24 in a season. The mark was set in 1958 by the Lumberjacks' Holiday Bowl team, keyed by Max Spilsbury's famed Chihuahua backfield unit.

Another important standard

Small college top ten

By The Associated Press

How the Top Ten teams in The Associated Press college football poll did Saturday:

1. San Diego State, 9-1, idle.
2. North Dakota State, 9-0, idle.
3. New Mexico Highlands, 9-0 idle.
4. Tampa, 7-2, lost to Southern Illinois 23-20.
5. Chattanooga 9-1, beat Furman 31-14.
6. Eastern Kentucky, 7-2, lost to Youngstown 26-12 Friday night.
7. Texas A&M 8-1, beat Sam Houston State 54-21.
8. Western Kentucky, 8-1-1, tied Akron 14-14.
9. Indiana, Pa., 9-0 idle.
10. Weber State, 7-2 lost to San Fernando Valley State 29-18.

On this date

ONE YEAR AGO

Arizona State built up an early lead and beat Brigham Young, 31-22, while Arizona was nipping Air Force, 14-10, in football.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Larry Mancoeur of Martinez, Calif., won the Arizona Open golf tournament at Century CC.

TEN YEARS AGO

Tests showed Milwaukee second baseman Red Schoendienst has tuberculosis and probably won't play baseball next season.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

New York Giants' catcher Walker Cooper announced he would have an off-season knee operation to correct an injury which sidelined him part of the 1948 season.

fell last Saturday, 37 pass receptions in a season. It was broken by flankerback Bobby Grey. The 180-pound junior caught five for 43 yards and gave him a season total of 38-495 and eight touchdowns.

His second-quarter TD enabled him to tie the 1958 school mark (8) set by Al Rex.

MACDONALD GAVE a firm tip of his hat to the NAU defense for a great season-long performance. The 10 opponents averaged only 112 yards rushing per game against the likes of Bud Wiedoff, Ed Duley, Mark Lomas, Ed Kelly, Steve Jolmes, Rusty Tillman, Ernie Redmond and Mike Boettcher.

Only Redmond and Wiedoff finished their careers Saturday.

"Our defense had to be good Saturday," MacDonald said. He acknowledged that the tough Grizzly front line held NAU to a minus-1 yards on the ground.

As MacDonald and staff celebrated a three-game streak to close a 6-4 record, their smiles faded when they observed the 1969 schedule, a real backbreaker.

After a home opener on Sept. 13 (opponent unannounced), the Axers on consecutive Saturdays face powerful West Texas State, University of Montana, Montana State, Los Angeles State, Long Beach State, Whitworth College, Weber State, Eastern New Mexico and Fresno State.

First downs	76	9
Rushing yardage	206	6
Passing yardage	206	6

Pro grid standings

By The Associated Press

American League

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.
New York	7	3	0	.700	289
Houston	5	6	0	.455	213
Miami	3	6	1	.333	180
Boston	3	7	0	.300	162
Buffalo	1	9	1	.100	151

Western Division

Kansas City	9	2	0	.818	277
Oakland	8	2	0	.800	339
San Diego	8	2	0	.800	290
Denver	4	6	0	.400	164
Cincinnati	3	8	0	.273	187

Yesterday's Results

Houston 38, Denver 17
Cincinnati 38, Miami 21
Kansas City 31, Boston 17
Oakland 43, New York 32
San Diego 21, Buffalo 6

National League

Eastern Conference

Capitol Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.
Dallas	8	2	0	.800	312
New York	7	3	0	.700	232
Washington	4	6	0	.400	137
Philadelphia	0	10	0	.000	131

Century Division

Cleveland	7	3	0	.700	262
St. Louis	5	4	1	.556	233
New Orleans	3	7	0	.300	168
Pittsburgh	2	7	1	.222	185

Western Conference

Coastal Division

Baltimore	9	1	0	.900	293
Los Angeles	8	1	1	.889	217
San Francisco	4	5	1	.444	197
Atlanta	2	8	0	.200	139

Central Division

Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	216
Chicago	5	5	0	.500	180
Green Bay	4	5	1	.444	203
Detroit	3	6	1	.333	160

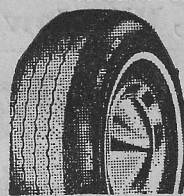
Yesterday's Results

Cleveland 45, Pittsburgh 24
Dallas 44, Washington 24
Minnesota 13, Detroit 6
Los Angeles 20, San Francisco 20, tie
New York 7, Philadelphia 6
Atlanta 16, Chicago 13
Green Bay 29, New Orleans 7
Baltimore 27, St. Louis 0

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