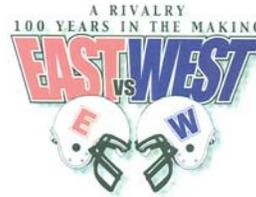


100th East-West game doesn't disappoint

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SEPTEMBER 17th, 2005
AT CITY STADIUM
GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN
1:30PM KICKOFF

Despite the lopsided score, the 100th East-West football game lived up to expectations and has to be considered one of the all time best high school events in Green Bay history.

Pre-game festivities broke out in earnest all over town the night before the event. One such gathering took place at St. Michaels Pub where locals mingled with various out-of-town visitors. Locals were represented by legendary characters like Roach and Nutty Ron while out-of-towners included Dan King (OK), Jamie Melotte (AK), and Dave John (AZ). Jamie Melotte took honors for longest trip and hoped to enjoy the East-West game, Packers-Browns game and some time away from his girlfriend and roommate.

Old friends enjoy laughs and large quantities of liquor at the luxurious St. Michaels Pub in Allouez. Left to right; Roach, Nutty Ron, unknown woman, Doug Weis, Dave John and Jamie Melotte



Energy and enthusiasm abounded as more than 7,000 fans poured into City Stadium on game day. Tom Basten (East '76) was wearing his old football practice jersey which emphasized his chiseled physique and 6-pack abs. Basten proudly declared that "not just anybody can strap on their old stolen practice jersey after more than 25 years and look this".



Another fan, Dirk Diggler, at first appeared to be humorless, low functioning and possibly autistic but after several moments of catching up with old acquaintances it was clear that he did, in fact, have a sense of humor.

Rob Possley, Tom Basten, Dirk Diggler and Chuck Detrie share some laughs before the game.

The game itself was overshadowed by the surrounding hoopla including fireworks, parachute artists and the UW – Madison Marching Band. As predicted by Basten, East blew out West, winning by the massively lopsided score of 56-8. Contributing to West's demise was the combination of a 1st year head coach and a dwindling pool of athletic talent.

Post-game gatherings occurred all over town with major concentrations at outdoor tents near Riverside Ballroom, Van Boxels Bar and Titledown Brewery. The Riverside Ballroom gathering attracted expatriates like Chuck Detrie (IL), Jim Ziemer (PA), Tom Hogan (FL) and Kevin Krouth (planet Xena of the 4th system, PX4S). Old stories were swapped well into the evening as the sun set on a historic Green Bay event.

