Harmon Picks Tech, Indians, Spiders To Win On Saturday

The Bob Harmon Forecast picks the Virginia Tech Hokies, William and Mary Indians and Richmond Spiders to win Saturday's football games and the VMI Keydets to lose heavily.

Harmon predicts: Virginia Tech 25, Virginia 7; William and Mary 23, Navy 7; Richmond '23, The Citadel 14.

The Big Ten Whiz Kids, top-ranked Michigan, go after their sixth straight win Saturday. The Wolverines take on Northwestern in Evanston in what should also be their third win against no losses in the conference. It's much too soon to talk about the annual Big Ten title game between Michigan and Ohio State, but just in passing—if they were to meet today—the Buckeyes would be 11-point underdogs. Back to the present: Michigan should zip the Wildcats, winning by about seven touchdowns.

When all the smoke finally clears in the Southeast Conference, we think that Florida and Auburn are at the top of the heap. However, we're not betting on the Gators, in addition to their big win over L.S.U., have also beaten Mississippi State in the conference. The Tigers were one of the lucky ones to get by Ole Miss, and they've also beaten Tennessee. This week, Auburn is favored over Georgia Tech by 16 points, and Florida is a 21-point upper-deck over Florida State.

In the Harmon forecasting average department, the rights still out-number the wrongs through Saturday, Oct. 2. We weren't sure it would be that way as we missed 11 out of 22 among the Eastern small colleges. However, the crystal ball picked up team, picking 26 out of 34 in the Midwest...742 is the average, based on 573 tight and 199 wrong...18 games have ended in ties.

Another scorcher: is brewing this week in the Big Eight Conference between Kansas and Oklahoma. The Jayhawks were the only black mark on the Sooners' otherwise spotless record in 1975, a 23-3 upset that Kansas would give anything to repeat. It's been played in Lawrence, Kan., but we think the Sooners will sconch the Jayhawks by five points.

Pittsburgh hosts the Hurricanes of Miami, a team that gave Nebraska all kinds of fits two weeks ago. The Panthers are still undefeated, and their schedule right up to their final game with Penn State in late November is very much in their favor. If they can come up with a healthy quarterback, Pitt will win another. It's close...just five points.