Sooners Finally Gain Top Ranking In AP Grid Poll; Kentucky Moves To Third

By JOHN CHANDLER

NEW YORK—(AP)—The University of Oklahoma, knocking on the front door in the weekly Associated Press football poll all season, finally got into the living room today at the nation's No. 1 team.

Now the question is: can the rampaging Sooners of Coach Bud Wilkinson retain that lofty perch until the end of this unpredictable season, and become the first member of the Big Seven conference to cop this mythical football crown? Oklahoma was voted the No. 2 team last year when Notre Dame ended the season as the No. 1 club.

In addition to California, which finished fourth, three far west teams occupied berths in the nation's second ten. Wyoming was 12th, Washington moved from 19th to 18th, and Loyola of Los Angeles rated No. 20.

Unlike recent years, when a mighty Notre Dame, Michigan or Army team led the poll week after week through the long fall, Oklahoma is the fifth outfit to hold the No. 1 spot this season.

Oklahoma, which blasted Missouri last week 41-7, to run its unbeaten string to 29 straight, replaced Ohio State. The Buckeyes, who lost to Illinois, fell from first to eighth place.

Third Four Times

In seven previous polls this fall, Oklahoma was voted third four times as the nation's sportswriters and sportscasters put the finger on other teams. The Sooners were rated No. 2 twice, and No. 5 in the first poll Oct. 2.

Wilkinson was almost speechless when advised his team had been voted No. 1 with a total of 2,964 points. This was 526 better than Army.

Oklahoma, voted No. 1 with 2,964 points, polled 173 first place votes, compared with 36 for Army, and 55 for Kentucky, which moved into third for the first time this year. Army, winner over Stanford in the rain and mud, 7-0, recieved 2,438 points and Kentucky, which walloped helpless North Dakota, 83-0, got 2,346. Kentucky was fifth a week ago.

California, with 20 first place votes, held its fourth place rating for the second week in a row with 2,188 points. The Golden Bears also overcame San Francisco in the mud, 13-7.

Texas Rated Fifth

Texas moved from sixth to fifth, as the Longhorns trimmed Texas Christian, 21-7, while Illinois, eighth a week ago, advanced to sixth by defeating Ohio State, 14-7. The Texas victory assured a Cotton bowl berth as well as the Southwest conference title.

Princeton hung on to seventh place, lashing Yale, 47-12. In ninth and tenth places are Tennessee and Michigan State, which held the same ranking last week.

Army rests now until the Navy game, Dec. 2. Kentucky gets the acid test against Tennessee. California tackles Stanford, Illinois plays Northwestern, Princeton plays Dartmouth, Ohio State meets Michigan. These games are Saturday. Texas plays Texas A. & M. Nov. 30, and L. S. U. Dec. 9. Tennessee has another game after Kentucky, meeting Vanderbilt Dec. 2. Michigan State's schedule is complete.

B League Hoop Schedule Listed For North Half

The basketball schedule for 1950-51 has been released for the north half of the district by Douglas county B-league Secretary Lee Roy Hansen.

The north half includes Sutherlin, Elkton, Glide, Oakland and Yoncalla. It is a 40-game schedule with each team playing 8. Each team will have two byes. According to Hansen the county B-league tournament will be held at Riddle this year on the weekend of March 2.

The season will open this year with a jamboree Dec. 1, but will get underway officially Dec. 15 when Elkton plays Drain and Glide plays Oakland.

THE SCHEDULE:

DEC. 15
Elkton at Drain
Glide at Oakland
Yoncalla Bye

Jan. 5
Yoncalla at Glide
Drain at Oakland
Elkton Bye

JAN. 9
Elkton at Yoncalla
Glide at Drain
Oakland Bye

Jan. 12
Yoncalla at Drain
Elkton at Oakland
Glide Bye

JAN. 16
Oakland at Yoncalla
Glide at Elkton
Drain Bye

JAN. 19
Drain at Elkton
Oakland at Glide
Yoncalla Bye

JAN. 23
Glide at Yoncalla
Oakland at Drain
Elkton Bye

JAN. 26
Yoncalla at Elkton
Drain at Glide
Oakland Bye

JAN. 30
Drain at Yoncalla
Oakland at Elkton
Glide Bye

FEB. 2
Yoncalla at Oakland
Elkton at Glide
Drain Bye

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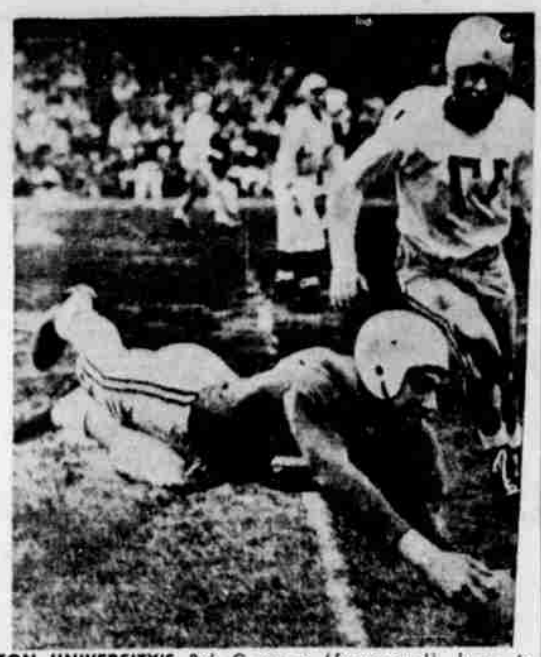

BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S Bob Capuano (foreground), leaps to catch a pass in the first quarter of the B.U.-Idaho game, played at Boston, Mass. Ball hit the ground before Capuano could gather it in for a completed pass. In the foreground is Bill Anderson (17) of Idaho. Idaho went on to win the game, 26-19. (NEA telephoto).

'PAPPY' NERVOUS

Waldorf, Schwartz Get Out Crying Towels; Each Says Other Team Tops

By RUSS NEWLAND

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Memos from the football coaches:

Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf, California: "Let's not talk about the Rose bowl, it makes me a little nervous. Anything can happen in the Stanford game. It is a traditional game. The outcome can swing either way, depending on the breaks. I call it a 50-50 affair.

"I'm concerned with the possible condition of the field. Rain and mud are tough to buck. A dry field is what we want. Stanford has a rugged line. My scouts tell me Russ Pomeroy is the best linebacker on the coast and Bill McColl is second best. There isn't a better pass receiver than McColl. Stanford's backs also are good receivers.

"Stanford has a fine pass attack. It has developed strength at fullback. Its greatest development, however, has been in defense. All of our players will be in good shape."

Marchie Schwartz, Stanford: "I'm convinced California has its best team in the ten years I have been coaching out here. Our Scout 'Dutch' Fehring says this is the best California team he has ever seen. I think Jim Monachinn, Pete Schabarum and John Olszewski are the three best backs on any college team in the country.

"California's defensive team is even stronger than the offensive team. The linebackers, Les Richter, Ray Solari and Dick Groger, are outstanding. The line charge is excellent. California's rushing offense is so sound that in the tougher game it has won on brute strength.

"Our big problem is to bring the team up to the same mental pitch it had against Army last week. Their showing in holding Army to a 7-0 win boosted our players' morale."

Dick Gallagher, Santa Clara:

"I predict a close game between California and Stanford. (Santa Clara lost to California, 9-27 and to Stanford 13-23.) When we played California in the first game of the season, I wasn't impressed with its line. It has improved tremendously. But after watching Stanford against Army, I think it will give California a tough game."

TURNESA NAMED CAPTAIN

NEW YORK — (AP) — Willie Turnesa of Elmsford, N. Y., will captain the United States Walker Cup team when it meets the British golfers in England next year.

The U. S. Golf association said the U. S. team for the match at the Birkdale golf club, Southport, England, May 11-12, would be announced at the annual meeting in New York, Jan. 27.

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Viking Basketball Squad Cut To 26

Some 40 basketball prospects turned out last week at Myrtle Creek high school as Coach Bob Abrahamson began to prepare for hoop wars for the coming season. After a week of cutting, 26 remain.

Only three lettermen were back from last years squad. They are Don Gillespie, Bob Wilder and Dick Komp. With this dearth of experienced boys a coach would have enough to worry about, but Abrahamson said his squad will also be handicapped by lack of height. These three lettermen are less than 5 feet 10 inches and only two of the entire 26 remaining are over six feet.

In the process of practice, Abrahamson has been cutting the hoop hopefuls to a more workable size and formulating plans for effective quintets. Outstanding in practices to date is a Mapleton high school transfer named Neil Tester, who has proved to be extremely fast and clever.

The junior varsity will be coached by Corky Van Leo this year, according to Abrahamson.

Payne Fights For Shot At Coast Crown Tonight

Rusty Payne, who won an easy knockout victory over Ponce De Leon recently at the Roseburg armory, will run into a somewhat more formidable opponent tonight at the Portland auditorium when he matches gloves with Oakland Billy Smith.

The bout will mean a lot to both fighters. There's been some talk, according to a release from the National Boxing club, that the winner will be paired against Willie Bean Dec. 5 for the Pacific Coast heavyweight championship.

The Portland Boxing commission has withdrawn its recognition of Joe Kahut since his retirement.

The Washington and California ring bodies recognize Bean as titleholder.

Both fighters are good punchers and few believe the match will go the full ten rounds. The present odds rate the match at even money, but some boxing observers feel that on his record, the high-ranking Smith should rule a slight favorite.

Coach Priming Cougars For Upset Over Huskies

PULLMAN — (AP) — Coach Forest Evashevski begins today the task of priming his Washington State college Cougars for Saturday's game with Washington.

Underdogs by 20 points in the betting, a Cougar victory would be one of the biggest upsets of the coast conference season —but not an impossibility. Nothing is impossible in the traditional rivalry between the two cross-state schools.

WSC worked out in sweat clothes yesterday with the emphasis on several new offensive patterns.

Yale leads the nation with four football teams that were unscored upon.

Dates Announced For Semi-Finals

PORTLAND — (AP) — Semi-final football games in the state high school championship playoff will be held at Eugene and Coos Bay next weekend, the Oregon Schools Activities association decided Monday.

The association board of control scheduled the Eugene - Grant of Portland game for the University of Oregon's Hayward field at 2 p. m., Friday.

McLoughlin high of Milton-Freewater will play Marshfield at Coos Bay at 8 p.m., Saturday.

The board also arranged Class B semi-finals. Garibaldi will meet Bandon at North Bend at 8 p. m., Friday, and Maupin will play Union at La Grande at 1:30 p. m., Thanksgiving day.

Six-man semi-final contests were not settled. Preliminary talk was for Westport to meet Triangle Lake at Junction City Thursday, and Talent to play Pilot Rock at Pendleton Friday.

64 Bowlers Roll For Eight Turkeys In Annual "Shoot"

A record-breaking 64 bowlers turned out en masse Sunday afternoon, but this time instead of competing in the respective bowling leagues, Thanksgiving dinners were at stake.

It was the annual "Turkey Shoot" at the Roseburg bowling alley with eight of the gobblers at stake. Manager Floyd Baughman noted that the birds were practically given away as the keglers won on surprisingly low scores.

It was a series handicap session in three classes for men and one for women. Harold Duncan won the class A event with a 570 on a 9 pin handicap per game. Johnny Donovan won the class B event with the highest score of the afternoon, a 607 with a 12 pin handicap per game. Ellen Campbell was tops for the women. She bowled a 590 with a 39 per game handicap.

Doctor M. C. Mix tied up the other end of the scores with a 460 series. His trophy, sometimes called the "Booby prize," was a two-pound white Cockrell chicken.

TURKEY WINNERS

	Class	Score	Hdp
Harold Duncan	A	570	27
Johnny Donovan	B	604	36
Don Hanson	B	599	42
Clayton Greenlee	C	607	117
Joe Nordling	C	598	123
Joe Strickling	C	587	84
Ellen Campbell		590	117
Helen Bittner		581	123

Boudreau Mulling Several Offers

CHICAGO — (AP) — Lou Boudreau, cut adrift as the Cleveland Indians' shortstop-manager, said he has several baseball offers to mull over before making up his mind where he will land in 1951.

The Washington Senators and Pittsburgh Pirates are known to be in hot pursuit of his services, and the Chicago White Sox also ogle him.

Boudreau and Sox General Manager Frank Lane have only reached the "telephone conversation" stage.

"There was no mention of any price by Lane or me," Boudreau said. "I have other offers, of course, and right now I would not consider going with the White Sox as one of the better ones.

"It is possible that my going to the White Sox might be tough on Paul Richards (the newly appointed manager) and I have no desire to put anybody on the spot. If something went wrong, some people might be wondering how I would have done it and the result could be embarrassing to both Paul and myself."

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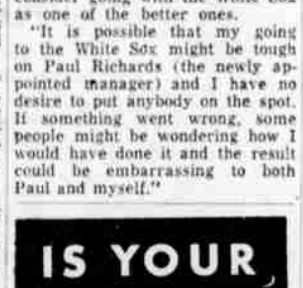

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SPORTS NOTES

Aiken Eyeing Single-Wing Switchover, Scribe Says

By MATT KRAMER
Associated Press Staff Writer

What's this? Oregon switching to the single wing in football?

"Well, maybe," said Coach Jim Aiken in Eugene the other day. He intimated he's thinking about what the single-wing might do for Oregon what with halfback Jack Morris of Medford coming up to the varsity next year.

And maybe, he added, Oregon would use both the T-formation and single wing. After all, he said, he has quarterback Hal Dunham developing fast as a passer for the T-formation next year.

Maybe he'll make up his mind after seeing how his T-formation makes out against Kip Taylor's single wing in the annual "Big Game" against Oregon State at Portland next Saturday.

Redistricting Plan

The plan to create a Class AA for the larger high schools is getting support among the state's sports writers. Most have commented favorably.

That's the plan to put schools with more than 400 students into Class AA. Those with 150 to 400 would be in Class A. Smaller schools would be in Class B, as at present. The plan will come up for discussion at the Oregon School Activities association's annual meeting in Portland, Dec. 1.

There hasn't been a word of protest on it, but Fred Zimmerman, Capital Journal sports editor, noted that the grouping would put Dallas and Sweet Home into Salem's class.

He added, "That might work a hardship on Dallas and Sweet Home, but . . . judging by this year's results perhaps Salem is the one that should protest . . ."

Other sports writers commented that it might prevent controversies such as developed in Districts 2 and 6 this year. Unbeaten Grants Pass and Banks were left out of the state playoffs because of voting that gave the nod to Prineville and Oregon City in those districts.

Chance at Title

The new system wouldn't keep the school with 150-400 students from getting a crack at the state title. Playoffs would narrow the field in each class, then the best of the Class A teams would tackle Class AA.

Many sports editors suggested, too, that teams be compelled to keep an open date for possible district playoffs.

And on that District 2 fuss, Al Lightner, sports editor of the Oregon Statesman, commented, "Look out for the Grants Pass Cavemen in 1951. Coach Mel Ingram loses only three regulars from his undefeated and untied eleven of this season, and not one of the three is a backfielder or key lineman. This could be one reason why the Cavemen were voted down in favor of Prineville this season. The district bosses perhaps figured G-Pass would be in like Mr. Flynn a year hence, so swung over to Prineville as a representative. Prineville Coach Lee Gustafson loses practically everything but his OSC award blanket come graduation time next June."

The Little baseball leagues have increased their pitchng distance from 40 feet, four inches to 44 feet to equalize conditions between pitcher and batter.

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