

Bears Given 12 1/2-Point Victory Over WSC

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The California Bears are 12 1/2 point favorites to snap their three-game losing streak against Washington State here Saturday.

Although the season's first down-pour curtailed practice Wednesday, the forecast is for clear skies game day.

Coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf drilled his offensive backfield in ball handling, in which the Bears were lacking against Washington last week.

Sgt. Jackson Kayoes Gimbel in Tacoma Bout

TACOMA (AP) — Floored for an eight-count in the second round, Frankie Gimbel of Spokane was knocked out by Sgt. Matt Jackson of Fort Lewis in 21 seconds of the third round of a scheduled 10-bout here Wednesday night.

Gimbel weighed 176 to Jackson's 169.

Eddie Cotton, 166, Seattle, scored a technical knockout over Jimmy Ingram, 168, Los Angeles, in 2:01 of the second round of another scheduled 10-round main event bout.

NCAA Plans To Cut Hoop Season, Add More Teams

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The National College Athletic Association Thursday announced plans to increase the number of teams for its basketball tournament and at the same time shorten the season and reduce post-season competition.

The announcement came jointly from Walter Byers, NCAA executive director, and Arthur (Dutch) Lonborg, University of Kansas athletic director and chairman of the NCAA basketball tournament committee.

The plans are dependent upon any recommendations which might come from the NCAA extra events committee, now completing a survey of post-season competition, and subject to any actions which might be taken at the association's annual convention in Washington, D. C., Jan. 8-10.

The NCAA, according to the announcement Thursday, would better the administration and conduct of its tournament through the following devices:

1. Advance the date of the

tournament by one week. Regional games for 1953 would be held March 13-14 and the finals March 17-18.

2. Limit eligibility for the NCAA tournament each year to teams which compete in no other tournament after the close of their regularly scheduled playing season.
3. Increase the number of conferences whose champions will automatically qualify for the tournament. This will have the direct effect of strengthening conference playing leagues and developing more closely-knit and better-administered conferences.
4. . . . Expand the tournament bracket to enable more member institutions to qualify for the tournament.

Sixteen teams were involved in the NCAA tournament last March. It was won by the University of Kansas. Four regional playoffs were held.

Possibly five additional conferences will be added to the "automatically qualified list."

Sports Ruling Puts Big Seven IIs Out Of Bowls

By ORLO ROBERTSON

NEW YORK (AP) — The football bowl pickings are getting slimmer and slimmer as the deadline nears for the selection of the representatives in the post-season gridiron classics.

Another conference bowed out of the picture officially last night when the faculty committee of the Big Seven ruled to abide by the circuit's present rule which prohibits any post-season competition.

That action put a quietus on reports that Oklahoma and possibly some other members of the conference would seek permission to play on New Year's Day. Once-beaten Oklahoma had been mentioned as a possible participant in the Sugar, Cotton and Orange Bowls.

As the situation now stands only the Rose Bowl is definitely set with the Pacific Coast Conference winner, probably Southern California or U.C.L.A., opposing the Big 10 champion.

The Cotton Bowl is sure of the Southwest Conference titleholder as the host team. Right now Texas is in line for that honor. Georgia Tech, powerhouse of the Southeastern League has accepted an invitation to play in the Sugar Bowl.

If Florida gets past Tennessee Saturday, then the Gators can look for an Orange Bowl bid. They have lost to Vanderbilt and Georgia Tech but only by a combined margin of 10 points. The Vols of Tennessee, with a 6-1 record, also have eyes on one of the major bowls.

Mississippi, another member of the Southeastern Conference, likewise is looking bowlward but the Rebels have a Saturday engagement with powerful Maryland. The Terrapins themselves would like very much to travel to the sunny climes on Jan. 1 but they are on probation for playing in the Sugar Bowl last New Year's Day and are not likely to risk additional punishment by the Southern Conference.



TAINTED COURT STARS—Grim-faced basketball stars Ralph Beard, at left, and Alex Groza flank attorney Harold Frankel at New York outside court where they were ruled out of participation in any amateur or professional sport for a three-year probationary period. The former Kentucky and Olympic stars, under suspended sentence following their pleas last winter to conspiring with gamblers in connection with a 1949 collegiate basketball game, had recently been working out with a pro team. (AP Wire-photo).

WI League Directors Discuss Full Time Head

TACOMA (AP) — Attorney Robert Abel, re-elected president of the Western International Baseball League at a directors meeting in Yakima this week, says the league leaders discussed hiring a full-time president but took no definite action.

Roy E. Hotchkiss, owner of the Spokane Indians said after the meeting Tuesday the directors had decided the league needed a full-time president and Abel had indicated he could not accept the job on that basis.

Abel told a reporter Wednesday: "This question has been discussed many times over a period of many years and it was discussed again at the Yakima meeting. That's all there is to it."

Even the pickings among the independents are not plentiful.

Without attempting to list them in order of possible preference the leading eligibles include Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Holy Cross and possibly Villanova—all Eastern outfits.

Pittsburgh has defeats by Oklahoma and West Virginia on the wrong side. Syracuse has dropped two, one to Bowling Field and the other to No. 1 ranked Michigan State. Holy Cross has lost only one game but has not played an impressive schedule. Villanova definitely was in running until smothered 42-6 last week by Tulsa.

Missouri Split T Inventor Plans Use Against Sooners

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The inventor of split T football hasn't junked it after all.

Don Faurot, daddy of the sliding system of attack, says his Missouri Tigers will depend on the split T in defending their Big Seven Conference lead against powerful Oklahoma at Norman, Okla., Saturday.

In fact it will be strictly a split T affair since Coach Bud Wilkinson's Sooners have prospered on that type of attack since Wilkinson took over at Oklahoma in 1948.

Missouri is being rated the underdog by three touchdowns or more, but despite the outcome Saturday the Tigers have already double-crossed the experts. They can get no worse than a tie for second place in the final standings. In pre-season guessing, they were assigned to the second division.

And Faurot says he's more than ever sold on the split T.

"We had to resort to a wide spread passing attack last year because we had a freshman and sophomore squad," Faurot says. "We didn't have the overall power and finesse to cope with the more experienced teams."

Early this season Missouri leaned towards the spread in close but losing battles with Maryland and California as its split T efforts sputtered.

After Southern Methodist defeated the Tigers 25-7 in the fourth game Faurot forgot the spread and started work on a split T attack.

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Indians Won't Fake Against UO

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Stanford will have a genuine passing attack against Oregon here Saturday, the first time since Oct. 11, says Coach Chuck Taylor.

He disclosed that quarterback Bob Garrett bruised his throwing arm against Oregon State five games ago and it failed to respond to treatment. The injury was kept secret until Garrett was sidelined for the season by a shoulder separation suffered last Saturday.

The idea was that Garrett's aerial reputation might keep defenses loose enough to help the Indians move on the ground.

With Garrett out Jack Gebert, who did well in his first real taste of varsity experience against USC last week, will start.

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Three Oregon players came off the injured list Wednesday and Coach Len Casanova said they probably will be ready for Saturday's football game with Stanford at Palo Alto.

The returning players are halfbacks Farrell Albright and Ceece Hodges and tackle Con Hedgepeth.

However, Casanova said defensive end Emery Barnes, who suffered a back injury in the Washington State game last week, is expected to miss the Stanford encounter.

PGA Rejects Change Plan

CHICAGO (AP) — The Professional Golfers Association of America has ended its annual convention in apparent harmony.

There was a minimum of friction yesterday when the PGA rejected by a 46-7 vote, a proposal to change the pattern of play on its national tournament, to be held in 1953 at Birmingham, Mich., July 1-7. A spokesman previously had said this would be a tough obstacle. Behind the scenes lobbying apparently was effective.

The proposal would change the meet to four days of medal play with the 15 best scorers, plus the defending champion, then entering three days of match play for the title.

Delegates, consisting mainly of club pros, killed the proposal for the second straight year. This keeps the meet the same as it has been for 36 years—strictly match play after two days of qualifying to determine a 64-man field.

The PGA authorized shifting the national headquarters from Chicago to Dunedin, Fla., where the group has its national course. Final decision on such a move will be made by the PGA's executive committee.

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