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3 Key Tilts On Big Ten Race Agenda

NEW YORK (AP)—The 1952 collegiate football season, gaining momentum with each succeeding week, reaches a fervent pitch tomorrow as top teams collide in "do or die" efforts and "traditional" affairs.

Most of the attention will evolve around those still in contention for a bid to the granddaddy of all post-season classics — the Rose Bowl. After Saturday the situation in both the Pacific Coast and the Big 10 Conference races should be clarified considerably.

Three key contests are on the agenda in the Big 10 race.

Mich. vs. Wis.
Michigan and Wisconsin are tied for the Western Conference lead with identical 4-1 records. Purdue and Minnesota share second place at 3-1-1.

Michigan plays at Ohio State. Wisconsin is host to Minnesota and Purdue entertains Indiana—and anything can happen.

Michigan and Wisconsin, if they both win, could tie for the championship, and a conference committee would have to determine the bowl candidate. If either Michigan or Wisconsin loses, the survivor winds up with the trip to Pasadena.

If Michigan and Wisconsin both lose, then Purdue and Minnesota would have a chance to tie for the title. Ties in any of the games also could cause some more confusion in the jumbled standings.

The Sugar Bowl and Cotton Bowl both have picked their choices for New Year's Day, but the Orange Bowl has not yet made any definite commitments. Alabama, Pittsburgh and Syracuse all are possibilities for the Miami junket and the three teams see action Saturday.

Alabama will be facing a vengeful Maryland outfit which was knocked out of the ranks of the unbeaten last week by Mississippi, 21-14. If the Crimson Tide can halt the Terrapins, it could gain the bid.

Syracuse should win. Syracuse, which didn't exactly look impressive in last Saturday's 20-14 triumph over Colgate, shouldn't experience too much difficulty in bowling over Fordham. Pitt may have a little more trouble in disposing of Penn State when the teams meet in the 52nd renewal of their rivalry.

Michigan State, top-ranking team in the nation, goes after its 24th straight victory against Marquette. Last season Marquette proved a stubborn foe before succumbing 20-14.

Georgia Tech, the No. 2 team which opposes Mississippi in the Sugar Bowl, should maintain its unblemished slate against Florida State. Mississippi is idle.

Tennessee, second to Georgia Tech in the Southeastern Conference, can tie the Engineers provided they get past Kentucky. The Volunteers, seventh-ranking in the country, play Texas, No. 10, in the Cotton Bowl. Texas, the Southwest Conference winner, isn't scheduled.

Duke appears a cinch for top honors in the Southern Conference if the Blue Devils can turn back a weak North Carolina eleven.

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO—Carl "Bobo" Olson, 163, Honolulu, knocked out Lee Sala, 163, Donora, Pa., 2.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Art Aragon, 146, Los Angeles, stopped Bob Terrance, 148, Los Angeles, 10.

EDMONTON, Al.—Harold "Baby Face" Jones, 137, Detroit, outpointed Georgia Dunn, 124, Edmonton, 10.

WATERVILLE, Me. — Claude Fortin, 140, Montreal, outpointed Willy Mays, 135, Boston, 8.

NEW YORK (Sunnyside Garden) — Carmine Fiore, 145, Brooklyn, stopped Jackie O'Brien, 146, Meriden, Conn. 7.

Joe Black, Harry Byrd Top Rookies

NEW YORK (AP)—Joe Black of Brooklyn and Harry Byrd of the Philadelphia A's, a pair of fine pitchers, were named Rookies of the Year today by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Black was an overwhelming choice in the National League with 19 votes from the 24-man committee that also placed him third in the most valuable player balloting.

Byrd, a late blooming hot shot, nosed out two catchers, Clint Courtney of the St. Louis Browns and Sam White of the Boston Red Sox in a three-man race. Byrd got nine votes, Courtney eight and White seven.

Relief Work Known
The feats of Black are known because his relief work was largely responsible for the Dodger pennant. An also-ran in spring training, Black appeared in only six games up to June 1. Then he started to work.

At stretches, Manager Charley Dressen had the Negro ace working every day. He wound up with 56 games, a 15-4 won and lost record and a low earned run average of 2.15. That earned run mark was best in the league but it won't be recognized because he did not pitch 10 complete games or work at least 154 innings. He started only two games, one the last Saturday of the season as a tune-up for the World Series opener.

Hoyt Wilhelm, appearing in 71 games on relief for the New York Giants, was second to Black with three votes. Wilhelm had a 15-3 record and his 2.43 earned run mark won the title. He didn't start once but he did work 159 innings, five over the minimum.

Tied For Third
Dick Groat, Pittsburgh's shortstop from Duke University, tied for third with Ed Mathews, Boston's third baseman, with one vote each. Groat joined the Pirates from Duke June 16 and finished with .285 after a slow start. Mathews hit only .242 but he slammed 25 homers, three on Sept. 27 to set a record for a freshman.

The 1951 winners were Willie Mays of the Giants, now in service, and Gil McDougald of the New York Yankees.

Byrd made the big jump from Savannah of the South Atlantic League to the majors with great success. He finished with a 15-15 record, coming on strong in the late stages of the season. Thus the A's with Byrd and Bobby Shantz, the most valuable player, earned the season honors in the American.

Pitched 15 Games
The 27-year-old righthander from Darlington, S. C., pitched 15 complete games including three shutouts. On Sept. 7 he blanked the pennant-bound Yankees with one hit. During the month of September he lost 1-0 games to both New York and Cleveland. Still he didn't get his first starting chance until May 14.

Courtney and White gave him a real battle for the honors. Courtney, 25, moved up from Kansas City in the Yank-Browns trade that brought Jim McDonald to New York last November. The fiery bespectacled catcher climbed to .280 in early August and finished at .286.

White, 24, came up from Class A, like Byrd. He hit only .267 in Scranton, Pa., of the Eastern League last season but belted the ball at a .300 clip until mid-August. Although he fell off in the closing months he finished with .281 and 10 home runs.

Sports

Two Oregon Men Still In Race

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The 61 automobiles remaining in the third annual Pan-American road race headed Friday for Leon, some 276 miles from this city, with Giovanni Bracco of Italy showing the way to the drivers of sports cars and Chuck Stevenson of Lynwood, Calif., in the van of the stock car pilots.

Bracco, driving a 1952 Ferrari, rolled into the Mexican capital Thursday with an elapsed time of 7:44.31 for the first three laps covering 671 miles of the 1,934 mile course ending at Juarez.

The Italian driver took over the lead after France's Jean Behra, the first day's pace setter, smashed up on a treacherous curve 50 miles from Puebla.

The stock car division, largely of drivers and automobiles from the United States, remained a nip-and-tuck affair with only 37 seconds separating the first three. The four leaders are driving Lincolns.

Stevenson chalked up an 8:42.22 clocking in the two days for a 20-second advantage over Walter Faulkner of Long Beach, Calif.

Two Oregon drivers were still in the running in the stock car division. Hershel McGriff of Portland, driving a 1952 Oldsmobile, was in 13th place with a time of 9:03.51. Bob Christie of Grants Pass held down the 37th position with an elapsed time of 10:40.27.

Sala, Kayoed By Olson, Protest Was Made 'Dopey' By Gas Fumes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Lee Sala, knocked out in the second round by Carl (Bobo) Olson, declared Friday he was made "dopey" by gas fumes in my dressing room" before Thursday night's topflight middleweight bout.

Sala's manager, Bunny Buntag, telephoned the Associated Press that he would lodge a protest with both the California Boxing Managers Association and the parent He asserted the California Boxing Commission should investigate but didn't say he would file a protest with it.

Olson's victory in 2:12 of the second round had established him as foremost contender for Sugar Ray Robinson's world middleweight title. He and Sala, of Donora, Pa., were the two top challengers.

Buntag said both he and Sala

smelled gas in Sala's dressing room before the fight, but a policeman and an auditorium employee to whom he appealed said they couldn't smell the fumes.

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