

Oregon 16th In Grid Poll; Oklahoma Listed As First

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK (AP)—The University of Oklahoma, ranked right behind Notre Dame in pre-season forecasts, reigned today as the No. 1 college football team in the country pending returns from all the precincts.

Press Poll of the season. The nation's sports writers and sportscasters gave them 56 first-place votes, good for 789 points. Notre Dame, which will get its baptism of fire under Terry Brennan against Texas Saturday, was ranked second with 613 points. The Irish were followed, in order, by Maryland, Texas, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Michigan State, UCLA, Mississippi, Baylor and Wisconsin—the latter two tied for tenth.

Ducks, Beavers Play Loop Tilts

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Pacific Coast Conference football teams returned to the practice fields Monday to prepare for games next Saturday which will send five of the schools against inter-sectional competition.

Washington, with a narrow 7-6 triumph over Utah under its bell, tackles Michigan of the Big Ten in a top inter-conference tilt at Seattle. The Wolverines beat the Huskies at Ann Arbor last year, 50-0.

Southern California, 39-0 conqueror of Washington State last Friday night, entertains an untried Pittsburgh eleven at the Memorial Coliseum in a Friday night game at Los Angeles.

Other top inter-sectionals send UCLA's powerful Bruins to Kansas; Washington State plays host to College of Pacific and California entertains San Jose State. The Bruins swamped the San Diego Navy team, 67-0 last Saturday. COP dropped a 12-13 thriller to Stanford and California was dumped by mighty Oklahoma 13-27.

In conference play, Oregon and Stanford meet at Portland and Idaho and Oregon State square off at Corvallis. The Ducks thumped Idaho last week 41-0.

Coach Chuck Taylor of Stanford said Saturday's game might be the toughest battle of the season. He told Northern California football writers Monday Oregon has "a tremendous passing attack."

In Eugene, Oregon Coach Len Casanova said two fullbacks, Jasper McGee and Larry Rose, probably would be sidelined for the Stanford tussle.

Washington Coach Johnny Cherberg Monday moved Bob McNamee into the fullback slot vacated by the injured Mike Monroe. McNamee, a junior from Seattle, was moved from the halfback post and was given the nod by Cherberg to start against the Wolverines. Also making the jump from halfback to fullback was Stew Crook, a two-year letterman.

Oregon State's untested Beavers gave indication Monday they will copy Oregon's passing strategy against the Idaho Vandals. Coach Kip Taylor put the squad through drills designed to sharpen the aerial game.

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judging by licensed AKC authorities. Dogs from left to right are Jody (LeWayne Handy, Glide); Zuggitz (Mrs. Virgil Olson, Roseburg); Nicky (Miss Leota Metzker, Sutherlin); Arax von Traumland (Mrs. Howard Richmond, Roseburg); Marck Nicodemus (Fred Morris, Sutherlin). (Fredrickson's Photo Lab)

Track Study Being Made Of \$18 Million Merger

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK (AP)—A plan designed to rehabilitate New York tracks at the cost of some 18 million dollars through the merger of the four New York racing associations and the doing away of all private profits was under consideration today.

The plan, drawn up by a special committee representing the Jockey Club calls for the probable concentration of all racing in the metropolitan area at a re-built Belmont Park and extensive improvements to the ancient Saratoga track at upstate Saratoga Springs.

Under the plan, The Jockey Club would take over the stock of the four present racing associations for an estimated \$36,500,000, then operate the sport on a non-profit basis.

Belmont Park, the newsstand most modern of the New York racing plants, would be reconstructed at an estimated cost of \$15,000,000. A further \$3,000,000 would be spent in modernizing Saratoga, which operates during August, Jamaica would be torn down and the land sold.

Aqueduct would be retained as it is, at least until work on Belmont has been completed. If the need is apparent, a new track would be built in the reasonable future at a cost of between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000.

Oliver Misses Record But Wins Golf Crown
NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)—An eight-foot putt that rimmed the 18th cup, but failed to drop, cost Ed (Porky) Oliver a new tournament and course record in the 17th annual Frank H. Wood Memorial tournament at suburban Jeffersonville Golf Club Monday.

But the Wilmington, Del. golfer, now playing out of Le Mont, Ill., had a 64 to win the \$500 first prize in the pro division of the tournament. The missed putt left him with a bogey four—his only bogie of the day—as he finished four strokes in front of the field of 115.

Oliver's 30-34-64 tied the mark for the Jeffersonville tournament set in 1939 by Ed Dudley.

Frenchman Wins Back European Boxing Title
PARIS (AP)—Ray Famechon, 30-year-old Frenchman, Tuesday asked for a chance at the World featherweight boxing title held by Sandy Saddler after regaining his European crown.

Famechon won back the European 135-pound title Monday night with a technical knockout of Belgium's Jean Sneyers. Sneyers gave up after going down for the count of eight in the third round of their scheduled 15 rounder. Each weighed 125.4 pounds.

Sneyers won the title from Famechon a year ago in Brussels.

USC Enrolls Crack High School Miller
LOS ANGELES (AP)—The National high school record holder in the mile run, Max Truex, enrolled Monday in the University of Southern California.

Truex, of Warsaw, Ind., set his record in the Indiana State meet last spring with 4:20.4 and did even better in the national AAU with 4:18.5.

Other transfers include Bob Lawson, hurdler and high jumper from Aberdeen, Wash., and Ray Taylor, javelin star from Salem, Ore.

STUDS OUT
WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP)—Seattle's Cheney Studs were knocked out of the American Baseball Congress playoff finals Monday, bowing to Houston, 7-5.

Sports

COWBOYS LOSE

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Renton's Cowboys lost two games Monday to drop out of the World Softball tournament.

The Washington State champions lost to Bloomington, Ill., one of theourney favorites, 1-0, and bowed to Memphis, Tenn., 3-0.

Buck Miller of Memphis struck out 23 in 14 innings. Bob Feiler, his mound rival, struck out 21.

Twice this season the New York Giants have hit six home runs in one game, once against Brooklyn and once against Pittsburgh.

PCL Governor's Cup Playoff Out For '55

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Governor's Cup playoffs in the Pacific Coast Baseball League were a financial flop this year and as a result there won't be any next season.

The Pacific Coast League owners, meeting here, made that decision Monday. The 1955 season will start on April 5 and end Sept. 11, with each team playing about 166 games.

It was learned during the directors' meeting that Tommy Heath has been signed to a new two-year contract as manager of the San Francisco Seals, the fourth-place club in this year's pennant race.

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