

Oklahoma Sooners Recover First In College Grid Poll

NEW YORK (AP) — Without so much as an offensive huddle last weekend, Oklahoma's Sooners climbed back into the No. 1 spot today in the Associated Press college football poll.

The nation's sports writers and broadcasters, still trying to hit a winning combination in picking the nation's top 10 teams, brought the Sooners up from again from the runner-up spot after Oklahoma placed its 2-0 record out of reach with an open date Saturday.

Coach Bud Wilkinson's crew, ranked No. 1 in the opening poll, slipped to second last week after Notre Dame's impressive opening victory against Texas. But with

Notre Dame knocked off by Purdue 27-14, the ballots again favored the Sooners, who collected 77 of the 133 first-place votes and totaled 1,368 points (10 for first, 9 for second, etc.).

The Irish were shuffled down to eighth while Purdue made its debut in the top 10 at No. 5. Not so fortunate as Notre Dame following a losing weekend was Maryland, last year's national champ and sixth a week ago. The Terps, beaten by UCLA fell out of the top 10 while the Uclans moved from fourth to second.

Also missing, despite a 13-0 victory over Syracuse, is Penn State. The Nittany Lions dropped to 12th from 10th.

The complete top 10 lineup behind Oklahoma: 2, UCLA; 3, Wisconsin; 4, Iowa; 5, Purdue; 6, Duke; 7, Mississippi; 8, Notre Dame; 9, Southern California; 10, Ohio State.

The leading teams with first-place votes in parentheses:

1. Oklahoma (77)	1,368
2. UCLA (20)	1,245
3. Wisconsin (17)	1,086
4. Iowa (15)	1,073
5. Purdue (22)	1,016
6. Duke (3)	622
7. Mississippi (12)	543
8. Notre Dame	467
9. USC	297
10. Ohio State (1)	294
11. Rice	270
12. Penn State	264
13. Maryland	145
14. Florida (1)	140
15. Texas	130
16. West Va. (5)	115
17. Stanford	76
18. Minnesota	72
19-20. The Navy, Virginia Tech	35

Pappy Calls Ducks Better Than Record

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Stanford coach Chuck Taylor, who's been outspoken in predicting Indian victories, including the 12-2 upset of Illinois, isn't saying yet whether his boys can beat Navy Saturday.

Taylor told football writers Monday the Illini overthrow didn't mean anything and he considers Stanford "a mediocre team" in the Pacific Coast Conference.

Of Navy, he said: "Our scouts reports that Navy has some hard running backs and a good line. I've been told that Ronnie Beagle is an end we must collar. He's a good pass-catcher."

The Indians may do a little passing of their own. Taylor said he'd prep the boys for Navy by going like 80 on passing this week.

The Middles have defeated William and Mary 27-0 and Dartmouth 42-7.

Hasn't Jelled
California coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf said "Oregon is better than the record shows." Pappy's Bears meet Oregon in Berkeley Saturday for their conference opener after the 27-13 loss to Ohio State in last week's intersectional.

"As I see it," Waldorf said, "Oregon hasn't jelled yet. It may jell itself again Saturday."

In Eugene, Oregon Coach Len Casanova tried to pull his boys together with a skull session. He said it was designed to correct the situation which brought two upsets: Oregon 18-13 by Stanford and 7-4 by Utah. Casanova pointed out Oregon led both opponents in every statistic except scoring.

Delighted with UCLA's 12-7 Maryland victory, Bruin mentor Red Sanders told the Southern California football writers he's aiming for No. 1 national rating since his boys can't go to the Rose Bowl. The Bruins played in the New Year's Day classic this year and are ineligible for a repeat.

Best Game
Sanders said his line on offense "played the best game" he ever seen a collegiate line play. The Bruin squad put in a day on passing to give the air-minded Washington Huskies a dose of their own medicine Saturday in Seattle.

USC fullback Jim Decker has recovered from a knee injury and will be in the lineup for the Trojan game in Los Angeles against Texas Christian Friday night. Center Marv Goux and tackle Mario Dore, hurt in the 12-7 victory over Northwestern, are also expected to be ready, said coach Jess Hill.

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Football Briefs

Lederman Replaced

SEATTLE (AP) — Apparently fully recovered from a head injury, sophomore Bobby Cox turned up at the Washington football drills Monday and appeared slated for front-line quarterback duties when the Huskies tackle tough UCLA here Saturday.

Cox was injured Saturday in Washington's 17-7 win over Oregon State. Sandy Lederman, the Huskies No. 1 quarterback, broke a leg in the same contest and will be out for the season.

Coach Johnny Cherberg had three other quarterbacks working in Monday's drill. They are sophomore Chuck McAninch, Everett; Mel McCain, Seattle, and Ron Terry, a transfer from Banning, Calif., Junior College.

Ready For OSC

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — The Oregon State T attack came in for attention Monday as the Washington State Cougars opened practice for Saturday's Pacific Coast Conference game here.

Coach Al Kitcher said most of the drills will stress defenses against the Beaver formations. The Cougars are expected to be at nearly full strength for the Saturday clash. Halfbacks Dewey Keith and Denny Rath were hurt in last week's 40-14 loss to Texas but are expected to be available at game time.

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Sports Blaik Proud Of Army Tilt

NEW YORK (AP) — The last week-end was an especially big one for coach Earl (Red) Blaik of Army.

Army's 26-7 upset victory over Michigan, after a disappointing loss to South Carolina in the opening game, was just part of it.

The main thing was that Blaik's "boys" — his former aides who have stepped out into head coaching jobs — were making names for themselves everywhere.

"It was a real good week for Army all around," the Army coach said. "I was proud of our own players. I was just as proud to see some of our old associates also come through."

Principal of these was Stu Holcomb of Purdue, former Army end coach — his Bolshermakers thrashed Notre Dame 27-14.

Murray Warmath, onetime Army line coach, was at the helm of the Minnesota team which crushed Pittsburgh 46-7.

Bob Wodruff, another ex-Blaik assistant, is coach of the Florida team which whacked Georgia Tech and Auburn on successive week-ends.

Andy Gustafson, who used to tutor Army backs, has his Miami (Fla.) Hurricanes on the prowl — stunning Baylor 19-13.

Chief Boston of New Hampshire, who learned some of his lessons at Blaik's elbow, has been his team win the first two games by big margins.

All together, this crew — Blaik at Army and his five former aides — have a record of 11 games won and two lost for the season.

Kip Disappointed

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Coach Kip Taylor criticized his Oregon State Beavers Monday for mistakes they made in last week's 17-7 loss to Washington and warned of probable lineup changes before Saturday's game with Washington State.

Taylor called the offensive and defensive line play disappointing and said the tackling was not sharp enough.

OSC will play Washington State at Pullman.

Captain Sidelined

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — A knee injury suffered in last week's game with San Jose State may sideline Idaho football captain Burdette Hess for the season.

Doctors said Monday the 210-pound first line guard will miss Saturday's game with College of the Pacific and may sit out Idaho's other 1954 contests.

JAIL CALLS

NEW YORK (AP) — Johnny Saxton is slated to go to jail Oct. 21, even if he should happen to be the world champion welter-weight boxer at that time.

Saxton, 24, was given a \$600 fine and 15 days in jail Monday after he pleaded guilty to ignoring a dozen traffic tickets for violations such as speeding and illegal parking over the past 10 months.

At the request of his lawyer, however, his jail sentence was postponed until after his fight with Kid Gavilan in Philadelphia on Oct. 20.

Chief City Magistrate John M. Murtogh said Saxton must go to jail the next day whether or not he wins the championship fight.

Antonelli Tops Major League

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — South paw Johnny Antonelli posted the lowest earned run average among major league pitchers while producing 21 victories and six shutouts for the New York Giants during the regular 1954 season.

Antonelli, who had his talented left hand in two of the Giants' World Series triumphs over Cleveland, permitted 66 earned runs in 259 innings for a sparkling 2.29 earned run mark, statistics compiled by The Associated Press disclosed today.

Mike Garcia of the Indians, a 10-game winner, captured the American League title with a 2.64 average, barely edging Chicago's Sandy Consuegra, who finished with 2.67.

Garcia gave up 76 earned runs in 259 innings and Consuegra, with a 16-3 won-lost record, allowed 46 in 155.

A pitcher must work at least 154 innings to be considered for the crown.

Lew Burdette of Milwaukee wound up a poor second to Antonelli in the National League, giving up 74 earned runs in 237 frames for a 2.81 slate. Lew won 15 games and lost 14.

Ruben Gomez of the Giants, another World Series victor, finished third with 2.84 on 70 earned runs in 222 innings. He had a 17-9 won-lost record.



POP'S PRETTY PROUD—Johnny Antonelli, who won the second World Series game and who came into the fourth game in the eighth inning and put out the Cleveland fire with his relief pitching, is hugged by his dad in the Giant dressing room after their 7-4 victory to win the Series.

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Overbalance Causes Junior Major Leaguers Trouble

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — The American League only thought it had trouble when it met here a week ago to try to breathe life back into the Philadelphia Athletics. No one can estimate how long it will take the younger circuit to recover fully from the debacle of the World Series.

It was known, of course, that President Will Harridge's league, after seven straight years of dominance, had become badly overbalanced at the top and seriously needed to do something about the five weak sisters in its "second division."

Until the Giants went to work on Cleveland's 11-game winners, the extent of which the entire league had deteriorated was not fully appreciated.

Let us put it this way: In the third playoff game at Cleveland, when Hank Majeski substituted at third base for ailing Al Rosen, the champions of the American League were playing men at third, shortstop, first base and in right field who could not among them win a regular job on any club in the National League.

An official of the eighth-place Pittsburgh Pirates said he couldn't use any of them, and that should be fairly conclusive.

So what does this portend—the sad showing-up of a club which had broken even with the Yankees and Chicago White Sox over the regular season while slaughtering its lesser league rivals? A National

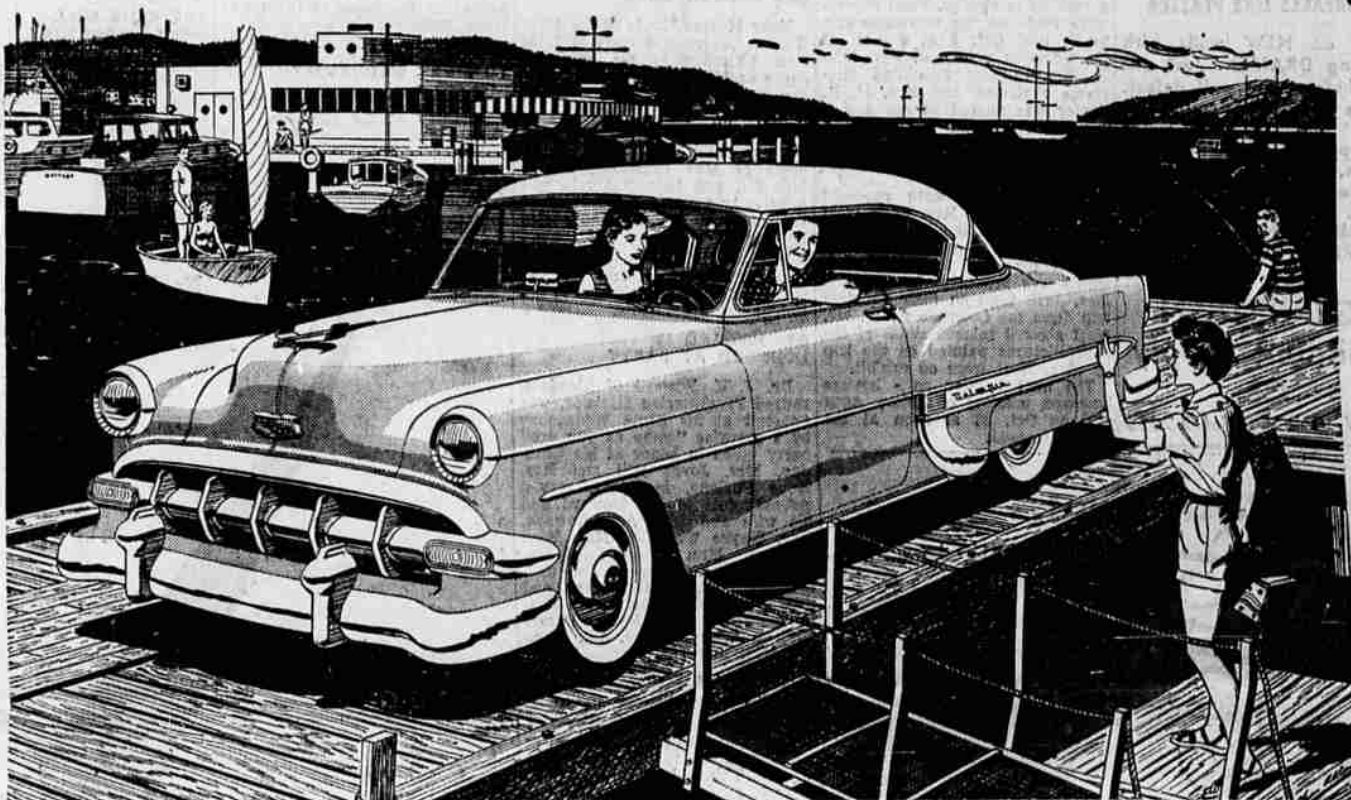
League figure, not connected with the Giants, who was doing some celebrating after the final game, said this:

"Every team in our league will feel the difference at the gate. Take New York, which has something like 50,000 visitors every day of the season. A lot of those people want to see a big league game, and a big majority of them have been going to Yankee Stadium. Now they'll want to go to the Polo Grounds to watch Willie Mays, Johnny Antonelli, Alvin Dark and Hank Thompson."

"We'll all feel it when we play there, and we'll feel it in our home parks too, because our fans will know they are looking at the best. If there was any question about those fellows getting the Athletics out of Philadelphia there won't be any now. The Phillies' home attendance should jump a quarter-million easily."

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