

UCLA Still Tough, Keeps Favorite Rating For Bowl

LOS ANGELES (AP) — This has been an unusually dizzy autumn for the football experts but thus far the crystal gazers have not had to revise their pre-season appraisal of the UCLA squad.

The Bruins have been a good, hard-whacking exponent of the single-wing attack as fashioned by their coach, Henry R. (Red) Sanders.

And they are still the solid choice to go on to the Rose Bowl as the representative of the Pacific Coast Conference.

This isn't to say UCLA will remain unbeaten in conference play. California, Washington and then Southern California remain to be played.

UCLA will be favored over the first two. As for USC, the prospects now make this one a 50-50 battle and take your choice. And a lot of folks take USC as their choice.

Southern Cal, however, isn't eligible for the Rose Bowl, having visited the place last New Year's Day.

Sanders has a fine set of backs, including a most elusive tailback named Sam Brown, who this year has come along to make his nickname of "First Down" Brown make sense.

The dark flier from Oakland, with 51 points to his credit, has been a big factor in the 168 Bruin points scored against 33 by the six opponents.

Also prominent is the fullback Belting Bob Davenport, who has gained his share of yards and points, but whose tremendous blocking reminds oldtimers of Southern Cal's onetime great Ernie Pinckert.

The UCLA ground game has been dominant but the alternate tailback for Brown, the well-publicized rookie, Ronnie Knox, can hardly be overlooked—and certainly should not be forgotten from here on in.

The likeable youngster has accounted for 346 of the 599 yards UCLA has gained in the air. His air record is 24 completions out of 41 throws for 346 and five touchdowns. And he does not have the



WHAT'S POP GOT TO SAY—Melba, wife of Marine First Lt. Robert Mathias, former Olympics decathlon champion, shows daughter, Romel, a letter from her daddy now in Europe on a goodwill tour for the State Department. Daytime, Mrs. Mathias is a baby chaser to her 6-months-old daughter who has cut five new teeth and in the evenings Mama Melba goes to rehearsals of a stage production, "The Enchanted Cottage," while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Wiser of Vallejo, Calif., act as baby sitters. Melba and Bob Mathias were married in June, 1953.

receivers to compare with some of the other teams.

Sports

Sooners, W. Va. Tops In Gains

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Using different offenses, but getting maximum mileage out of both, air-minded West Virginia and ground-rushing Oklahoma apparently are on their way to one of college football's hottest races for total offense honors.

National Collegiate Service Bureau figures showed Wednesday that West Virginia, ranked seventh in this week's Associated Press poll, leads in total offense with 2,134 yards for an average of 426.8.

In passing the undefeated Mountaineers (5-0) head the list with a .607 completion average and a 178.4 yards a game average.

Oklahoma, No. 2 in the national poll, has total offense mark of 1,980 yards for a 396 a game average. The unbeaten Sooners (5-0) hold a big margin in the rushing department with 1,382 yards for a 316.4 average. West Virginia ranks 10th in the ground-gaining department while Oklahoma failed to enter the top 10 in passing.

Wisconsin and Illinois, the Big Ten offense leaders, remain immediately back of West Virginia and Oklahoma in total offense. Southern California and Navy moved up to fifth and sixth respectively (from 18th and ninth) while Boston College, Miami (Fla.) Michigan State and Iowa follow.

Wisconsin holds second spot in the passing department with a 591 yard mark while Army is second in rushing after gaining 384 yards last Saturday against Columbia for a season's total of 1,460 and a 292.0 average.

West Virginia has outscored everyone else by a wide margin—37.2 points a game to 32.6 by Army and 31.8 by Oklahoma.

'Little Mo' Awarded Judgment Of \$95,000

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — A Superior Court jury has awarded Mrs. Maureen Connolly Brinker \$95,000 in damages for leg injuries she claimed halted her amateur tennis career and ended her hopes for professional profits.

The 21-year-old former tennis queen, who won the U.S. women's crown when she was 16 and the Wimbledon championship the following year, had asked \$265,000 for injuries she suffered when she was brushed from her horse by a concrete company truck July 20, 1954.

The jury returned its verdict late Tuesday, on a 9-3 vote, after 6 hours, 20 minutes deliberation.

The attorney for the Brinkers gave notice he would ask for a new trial and would appeal the judgment if the motion for a new trial was denied.

Mrs. Brinker's right leg was fractured and the calf torn in the accident. Doctors testified for her that the circulation in her right foot was impaired.

PERFECT PUNTING

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — After Al Cottrell of Tulane missed the first try for an extra point against VMI, Emmett Zelenka booted seven straight extra points. Then Cottrell, apparently watching how it was done, booted one between the uprights to make it eight straight for the Green Wave in its first three games.

Big West Virginia Tackle Earns 'Best Virginia Tackle'

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bruce Bosley, West Virginia tackle once described by his coach, Art Lewis, as "the man I'd most hate to meet in a dark alley" was selected Wednesday as The Associated Press Lineman of the Week.

Bosley, a 225-pound senior from Greenbank, W.Va., earned the award for his superlative play last Saturday that helped the 7th-ranked Mountaineers overpower an inspired Penn State aggregation 21-7.

Big Bruce played a tremendous game in the second half as the Mountaineers came from behind to beat the Nittany Lions. He was constantly breaking through and dumping State's backs for losses.

Other tackles were prominent among the linemen nominated in the weekly Associated Press poll of sportswriters and broadcasters.

John Linnemanstons of Marquette made 17 tackles and two assists as the Warriors held Boston College to a 13-13 tie. He blocked the conversion attempt that would have given B.C. victory.

Tom Powell of Colgate led the line play that gave Colgate a 7-0 upset victory over Yale. Charlie Gibbons did the same for Rhode Island as the Rhodians surprised Brown, 19-7. Fred Robinson of Washington played a big game in a 7-7 tie with Stanford and Bob Pollock of Pitt was equally effective as the Panthers upset Duke 20-7.

Bob Pellegrini, Maryland center was commended for his play against Syracuse. Other centers praised included Lloyd Hale of Texas A&M, Bob Adelizzi of Dart-

mouth, and Bill Fackelman of Colgate.

Ends Tom Maentz of Michigan, Joe Mobra of Oklahoma, Dick Prendergast of Notre Dame and Dick Arcand of Holy Cross were among the other players nominated.

Graham, Ameche Pace NFL Offense

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Otto Graham, the old passmaster, continues to show the way in the National Football League's most important art—passing.

Graham has attempted 69 passes completed 42 for 718 yards—an average of 10.41 yards per pass—and tossed three touchdown aeriels. His percentage of completions is 60.3.

The latest NFL statistics disclose that Graham holds a comfortable edge on his closest competitor, Bobby Thomson of the Philadelphia Eagles. Thomson has an 8.31 yards per pass average on 47 for 87 good for 723 yards and five touchdowns. His percentage of completion is 54.0. Y. A. Title of San Francisco ranks third with 56 completed of 115 for 907 yards, a 7.89 average and six TDs.

Baltimore's Alan Ameche gained only 36 yards Sunday against Washington but the former Wisconsin ace still tops all of the league's ground gainers with 318 yards on 94 attempts for a 5.5 average.

Other departmental leaders:

Billy Wilson, San Francisco, in pass receiving with 24 caught for 431 yards; Vic Janowicz in scoring, 42 points on four touchdowns, 12 conversions and two field goals; Norman Van Brocklin of Los Angeles in punting with a 46.3 average.

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Sugar Ray Hurts Ankle; Olson Fight Postponed

CHICAGO (AP) — An ankle injury to challenger Sugar Ray Robinson has forced postponement of his title bout with champion Bobo Olson from Nov. 4 until Dec. 9, the International Boxing Club announced Tuesday.

The 15-round middleweight title match at the Chicago Stadium will be televised Dec. 9 as it was to be on Nov. 4, also a Friday.

Truman Gibson, secretary of the IBC, said Robinson suffered the ankle injury Sunday and when it swelled Monday and Tuesday, it was decided to postpone the match.

Robinson was in training at Greenwood Lake, N. Y. Olson is working out here, but now will return to San Francisco for a layoff.

Heavyweights Billed On Televised Battle

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Big John Holman of Chicago will outweight Boardwalk Billy Smith of Atlantic City, N.J., by about 25 pounds when the two ring veterans clash Wednesday night in a nationally televised fight over the 10-round route.

Holman, who has knocked out Cesar Brion and Ezzard Charles, will enter the ring at about 202 pounds and is an 8-5 favorite.

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