

U.S. Netters Triumph In Davis Cup Action

ADELAIDE, Australia (UPI)—The Davis Cup was back in the possession of the United States today after a four-year absence but Australian Captain Harry Hopman already was warning the Yanks not to grow too attached to it.

"We'll get it back next year," Hopman stated, basing his prediction on the continued fine play of veteran Roy Emerson and the emergence of young John Newcombe as a top star.

In addition, Hopman pointed to 19-year-old John Cooper of Melbourne and 18-year-old Tony Roche as outstanding prospects. Cooper is a younger brother of professional Ashley Cooper and Roche is looked upon by Hopman as "probably the player with the greatest potential in Australia today."

Still, most of the talk centered around the American team, which only a year ago was at its lowest ebb in Davis Cup action. This year the United States is back on top of the

amateur tennis world, boasting not only the Davis Cup but also the Wimbledon champion in Chuck McKinley.

It was McKinley, of San Antonio, Tex., who won the decisive match in the challenge round on Saturday. With the series tied at 2-all, the top-ranked U.S. player rallied to beat Newcombe, 10-12, 6-2, 9-7, 6-2.

Sharing honors with McKinley for the U.S. success was Dennis Ralston of Bakersfield, Calif., who beat Newcombe in the opening singles and teamed with McKinley to win the doubles from Emerson and Neale Fraser. Emerson scored both Australian points with singles victories over McKinley and Ralston.

McKinley and Ralston left Sunday for Honolulu, where they'll play in an exhibition, and then return to college. McKinley attends Trinity University in San Antonio and Ralston is a student at the University of Southern California.

UCLA 5 Remains Undefeated, Win LA Classic Crown, 83-79

Coast College Basketball By United Press International

UCLA held its second straight Los Angeles Classic basketball title today but this could be regarded as peanuts by Northwest fanatics when Oregon State tries to salt away the Far West Classic crown tonight for the eighth consecutive time.

Unleashing their devastating fast break for a 25-point spurge, the fifth-ranked Bruins retained the L.A. championship Saturday with an 83-79 win over Illinois.

Oregon State gained the final round at Portland on the same night by defeating Colorado State, 53-51. This lifted coach Statts Gill and his troops into the playoff round tonight against Brigham Young, which eliminated Oregon, 80-70.

Beavers Host Bearcats

The seventh-ranked Beavers have another classic on tap this weekend when Cincinnati's fourth-ranked Bearcats check in for a two-game series.

The race for the Big Six championship and a bid to the NCAA tournament officially gets under way this weekend.

UCLA, which hosted Stanford in a playoff for the crown last March, invades Washington State for a pair of games. Two other weekend series bring Southern California to Stanford while Washington is at California. Stanford is at Arizona State tonight.

Long-shot Santa Clara, which was edged Saturday night by San Jose State—56-55—in the West Coast Athletic Conference tournament finals—opens that league race Saturday against the University of San Francisco.

A Spartan First

San Jose State, the first WCAC team in history to retain the tournament championship, is at San Francisco state in a non-league tilt Saturday. Another outside game finds the surprising UC of Santa Barbara Gauchos at San Diego University Saturday. UCSB nailed down third spot in the WCAC tourney by defeating St. Mary's, 73-70.

Pepperdine and Loyola, also, opens in the WCAC festivities, when they meet this Saturday.

Seattle plays Louisiana State tonight in a consolation game at the Far West Classic then heads for Arizona State and a Saturday classic.

Last Saturday's highlights:

Led by Gail Goodrich and Walt Hazzard, UCLA ripped off 25 points during six minutes of the first half for its 83-79 win over Illinois. The Illini closed the gap to 78-79 late in the going then was outscored, 4-1... Fifth place in the tourney went to NYU, which bested Southern California, 70-69, on Ray Bennett's tip-in with 16 seconds to play...

Oregon State took a 16-point lead early in the second half but Rick Whelan had to hit on four free throws with 45 seconds left in the game before the Beavers were assured of their win over Colorado State. John Fairchild's 21 points helped BYU down Oregon, 80-70, in the other semi-final... Seattle beat Washington State in a consolation tilt, 81-79...

San Jose State went to the free throw line for its last six points to nick Santa Clara, 56-55 in the WCAC finals. S.T. Saffold's shot from the side had put the Spartans ahead but they needed four charities by Ron Labetch and two more from Al Janesi before they were safe. UCSB's Bob Yahne came up with the go-ahead basket for the 73-70 squeeze past St. Mary's and third place...

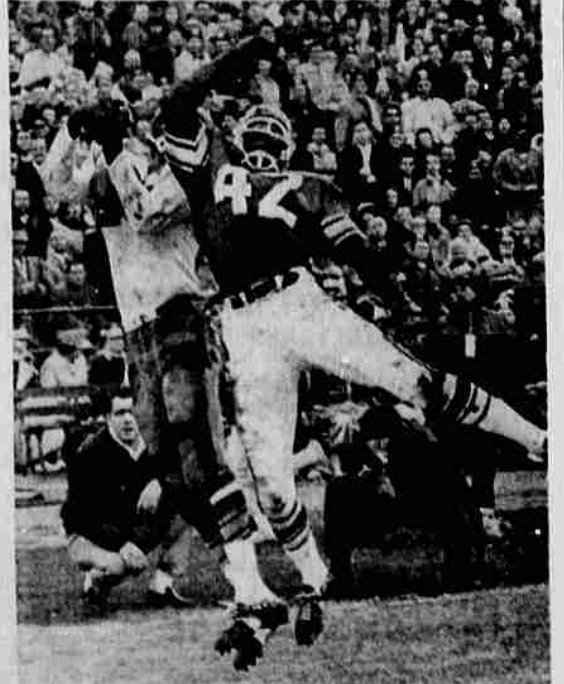
Off the tournament beat, Stanford recovered from a cold start to defeat Southern Methodist, 80-70, and remain undefeated. Tom Dose led the Indians with 21 points, 18 of them coming in the first half...

In The South

In Southern California action Saturday, Cal Poly of Pomona turned a close game into a 108-83 rout of Long Beach State by pulling away in the last five minutes... San Francisco State defeated Chapman 76-67... Redlands used ball control methods to edge San Diego State 48-46 on Gary Smith's layup with two seconds remaining.

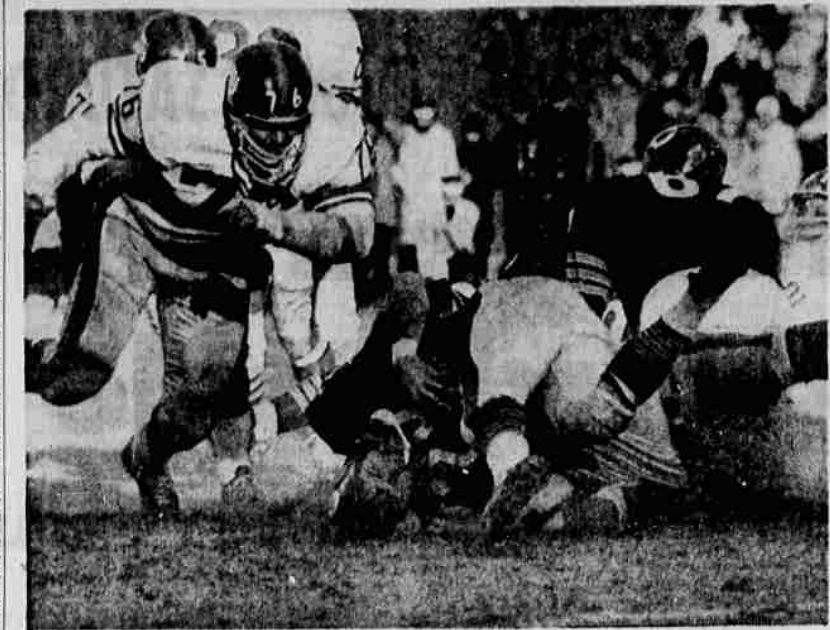
Cal Western won the Las Vegas Holiday basketball classic by defeating Nevada Southern 44-41. Occidental lost both of its tournament games to finish fourth. New Mexico Highlands scored an 85-79 victory over Oxy for third place.

The California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) season begins Friday night with games between pre-season favorites Fresno State and Los Angeles State; Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo and San Fernando Valley State; and Long Beach State and San Diego State.



CRADLING the ball in his arms is the West's Willie Brown after making a circus catch of Don Trull's toss over defending Paul Warfield (42) in Saturday's East-West Shrine classic. Brown romped on to score the lone TD for the West enroute to a 6-6 deadlock. Brown is from USC, Trull is from Baylor and Warfield is an Ohio State star. (UPI Telephoto)

Chicago Bears Capture Pro Grid Title



CHICAGO'S RON BULL powers his way for a crucial first down late in Sunday's pro championship game against the New York Giants. The first down allowed the Bears to play ball control in the closing minutes to protect a 14-10 lead over the Giants, and insure the Chicago crew an eighth world championship. (UPI Telephoto)

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Douglas Trojans Handed First Hoop Loss, 60-54

Cooling off in the third period, the Douglas Trojans suffered their first basketball loss of the season Saturday at the hands of the host Crater Comets.

Leading by three points, 30-27, at halftime, the Trojans found the going rough in the third quarter as the winning Comets outscored the invaders, 19-6, to move out in front. Fighting valiantly from behind, the Trojans got to within six points of the A-1 power as the final buzzer sounded, 60-54.

Douglas got off to a fast start, running wild against Crater's opening man-to-man defense. In the first eight minutes of play the local A-2 crew enjoyed a 14-6 advantage. Crater switched to a zone defense late in the second period, but the Trojans held on to lead by three at the halftime intermission.

In the fatal third period the Trojans could not find the range, swishing just one of 21 field goal attempts. With three minutes remaining in the game the Trojans were down by 14, but a full court press rapidly shaved the Comets' margin to the final six. Leading the Douglas attack was Dan Withers with five field goals and five for seven at the foul line for 15 points. Ray Shepherd added 12 points and Larry Samples hit for 1.

Darrell Summerfield and Mike Turner were the big-guns for the host Comets. Summerfield was the top scorer for the game with 20 points, while Turner potted 17.

The loss was the first in six starts for the Trojans, and dropped them from the rapidly decreasing ranks of the undefeated in prep basketball.

SCORING:
DOUGLAS (54) — Reed 4, Shepherd 12, Walker 2, Samples 11, Withers 15, Stobbe 8, Brown 2.
CRATER (60) — Summerfield 20, Tweedel 4, M. Turner 17, Swanson 2, Stroth 2, White 2, B. Turner 8, Anhorn 1, Pepper 4.
By Quarters:
Douglas 14 16 6 18—54
Crater 6 21 19 14—60

Oregon, with a 7-3 record, is a four-point favorite over its Southwest Conference foe, whose 4-6 mark belies its ability.

The Mustangs beat Navy, the nation's No. 2 team 32-28, and lost by only 5 points to national champion Texas.

Four of SMU's six losses were by one touchdown or less and they also hold a victory over the Gator Bowl's Air Force Academy team as well as Texas A&M and Arkansas.

SMU's last bowl game was in 1949—oddly enough against Oregon—and the Mustangs came out ahead 21-13. SMU uses a balanced rushing-passing attack, mostly out of the "I" formation and can rely on the nation's leading punter, Danny Thomas, when in trouble.

Oregon relies more on its passing than its running with junior quarterback Bob Berry doing its throwing.

Both teams held brief workouts in sweatshops Sunday and then attended bullfights in nearby Juarez.

SMU worked on offense and defense while Oregon worked on kicking. Coach Len Casanova planned a brief Webfoot warmup today.

Tuesday's game will be televised over a regional network at 1 p.m. PST.

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Boston Wins AFL Playoff

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI)—The Boston Patriots made the San Diego Chargers look like prophets.

Boston Coach Mike Holovak chuckled when he said the Western Division champion Chargers picked the Patriots by an overwhelming margin to beat the Buffalo Bills in the American Football League's first playoff game.

"And we obliged them," said Holovak.

The Patriots did it in convincing fashion, snowing under the Bills 26-8 in icy War Memorial Stadium Saturday before 33,044 stunned partisans and a national television audience. The Boston prize was the Eastern Division title after a last-place finish in 1960 and two years as bridesmaid to the Houston Oilers.

The Patriots leave the snow and cold behind when they meet the Chargers in the AFL's championship game at San Diego Sunday.

Ironically, the man Holovak beat for the Eastern crown, Lou Saban of Buffalo, piloted the Patriots in their initial AFL campaign in 1960 and compiled a 5-9 record. After winning two of five starts in 1961, Holovak replaced Saban and led the Pats to seven wins and a tie in the final nine games. Holovak has a 24-11-3 log since coming to Boston compared to Sid Gillman's 37-19-0 slate at San Diego.

STANDINGS			
By United Press International Eastern Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Boston	25	5	.833
Cincinnati	14	13	.649
Philadelphia	16	17	.485
New York	10	28	.263
Western Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	22	13	.629
St. Louis	21	17	.553
San Francisco	17	15	.531
Baltimore	11	22	.333
Detroit	7	23	.233

Bears Unleash Defensive Power To Nip New York Giants, 14-10

CHICAGO (UPI)—Make no apology for Y.A. Tittle, but the arm that threw 36 touchdown passes during the National Football League season couldn't overcome five interceptions which boosted the Chicago Bears to their 10th NFL crown.

The Bears tripped the Giants 14-10 in their record \$1.5 million game for all the marbles, but it took two thefts by the Bears' defense, best in the NFL, to set up the scores.

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Larry Morris, a linebacker, hauled down the first interception 61 yards to set up a two-yard plunge by quarterback Bill Wade, and defensive end Ed O'Bradovich picked off the second and returned 10 yards to the Giants' 14 to make possible Wade's one-yard dive for the winning touchdown.

Tittle, almost the grand old man of pro football, wept unashamedly on the Giants bench in the closing minutes of the classic contest, and tears weren't dry on his face in the dressing room.

He was the main cog of the Giants' offense, best in the league, and when he suffered a knee injury and left the game with almost seven minutes to go in the second period, the Eastern Division champions almost visibly sagged.

But Tittle came back for the entire second half, and the hearts of the Bear fans, 45,801 who jammed the park in 10 degree temperature, didn't drop from their throats until only two seconds remained, when Richie Petitbon stole Tittle's desperation pass in the end zone to kill off the Giants' last chance to win.

The Bears' five interceptions were the most on Tittle in any one game this season and both Morris and O'Bradovich picked off screen passes, the first of this type stolen on Tittle all season.

The Giants, beaten in an NFL title game for the 11th time, were one point favorites, and they looked the part when they recovered two Chicago fumbles in the first half and converted them into a touchdown, on a 14-yard pass from Tittle to Frank Gifford, and a 14-yard field goal by Don Chandler.

Taking advantage of these breaks wasn't enough to insure the win. The Bears, sparked by O'Bradovich's theft, came from behind in the third period for the winning score, and played ball control thereafter to win by a narrow margin, but to win.

It was the eighth world championship for the Bears, the first since 1946, equalling the league record, and the sixth in 10 ventures into the playoff game since the NFL adopted the division system in 1933.

The Bears paid their top tribute to the defense, awarding the game ball to defensive Coach George Allen. Tittle penetrated the Bears for only 147 yards in the air, and the Giants backs picked up 148 yards.

But the Bears netted only 129 yards on Wade's passing and only 93 on the ground. The difference was in five interceptions, and they paid off with the National Football League crown.

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BROWN GETS AWARD

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Fullback Jimmy Brown of the Cleveland Browns, who gained a record 1,863 yards rushing during the 1963 National Football League season, will be honored as the outstanding pro football player of the year Jan. 11 by the Washington Touchdown Club.