



**NICE CATCH**—Larry Nice (41) goes high into the air to try and intercept a Baker pass during the Wildcats' 12-7 victory over the Bulldogs. Gooch Whittemore (43) and Dennis Spray (3) come along to help. (Observer Photos by Joe Diehl)

## UO Ranked 11th On College List

NEW YORK (UPI)—Louisiana State, Northwestern and Texas—still enjoying perfect football records although they were hard-pressed in their latest slugs—remained 1-2-3 today in United Press International's major college ratings.

Southern California, Mississippi, Syracuse and Penn State advanced and took over the 4-5-6-7 positions in the latest balloting by the 35 leading coaches who rate the teams for UPI.

Auburn, moving back into the top 10 after a three-week absence, was eighth. Georgia Tech slipped from fourth to ninth in the wake of its 7-6 loss to Auburn. Wisconsin was the other newcomer in the select group, advancing to 10th after ranking 21st last week.

Purdue skidded from 5th to 14th in the wake of a 15-0 loss to Ohio State. Iowa, ninth last week, dropped into a three-way tie with UCLA and Ohio and Ohio State for 17th following a 25-16 loss to Wisconsin.

Oregon was 11th and Illinois 12th. Arkansas, Purdue, Oklahoma, Clemson, Iowa, UCLA, Ohio State, Texas Christian, Washington and Tennessee completed the top 20 in that order.

Team	Points
1. LSU (23) (5-0)	330
2. Northwestern (7) (4-0)	299
3. Texas (5-0)	230
4. Southern Cal (2) (4-0)	232
5. Mississippi (2) (5-0)	225
6. Syracuse (1) (4-0)	175
7. Penn State (5-0)	98
8. Auburn (3-1)	85
9. Georgia Tech (4-1)	70
10. Wisconsin (7-1)	54
11. Oregon, 33; 12. Illinois, 25;	
13. Arkansas, 22; 14. Purdue, 11;	
15. (tie), Oklahoma and Clemson,	
5 each; 17. (tie), Ohio State,	
UCLA and Iowa; 20. (tie), Texas	
Christian, Washington and Ten-	
nessee; 23. Indiana 1.	



**INCOMPLETE**—Gooch Whittemore (43) knocked the ball from the hands of Baker's Tim Johnson (50) just after the picture was taken. Fourth period defensive stand by La Grande staved off Baker rally.

## Nellie Fox Easy Pick As Player Of The Year

NEW YORK (UPI)—Nelson Fox, a little guy who's used to doing it the hard way, was an easy winner today in the United Press International's poll to select the 1959 American League Player of the Year.

The 155-pound "heart" of the American League champion Chicago White Sox all season, Fox was the choice of 16 of the experts who formed the 24-man committee representing every city in the circuit.

Luis Aparicio, the brilliant fielding shortstop who teamed with Fox to give the White Sox their

watch-charm double play duo, was second in the balloting with four votes, outfielder-first baseman Tito Francona of the Cleveland Indians had two votes and outfielder Jim Landis of the White Sox had one. One expert declined to select a player of the year.

Once scoffed at as too small ever to play major league baseball, the 31-year-old native of St. Thomas, Pa., developed into one of the sharpest hitters and most adept second-basemen in baseball through sheer determination and hard work. The sparkling offense

and determination also were credited with helping Aparicio develop into a shortstop who this year won comparison with such stars of other years as Marty Marion, Phil Rizzuto and PeeWee Reese.

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## Wildcat Defense Tips Baker, 12-7

By NEIL ANDERSEN  
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The Wildcats gained sweet revenge for the licking given them by Baker a few weeks back. La Grande's JV team edged the Bulldogs 12-7 on the high school field last night in a bruising, rugged battle that evened the score for the season.

Contrary to the Wildcats three

preceding wins it was the defense that won this game. Leading 12-7 with more than five minutes to go in the game, La Grande halted Baker's running attack eight times inside the 10 yard line.

Baker took over on downs on their own 12 when a fourth down pass by Rick Gerry fell incomplete. Rich Barton moved the Bulldogs out to the 49 on three plays. Baker picked up another first down on the Wildcat 29. On a fourth and one situation, La Grande was offside and the ball was moved to the 15.

The Wildcats began to dig in and stopped the Baker team on the six-yard stripe when Gooch Whittemore batted down a pass right on the goal line, La Grande took over and on the first play fumbled with Baker recovering on the 7.

The Bulldogs rammed away at the La Grande defense but lost yardage on two of three plays. Barton on fourth down went to his left and as he was tackled fumbled and once again the Wildcats took over inside their own 10.

La Grande took a 6-0 lead in the first period. Whittemore had run a Baker punt back 65 yards for a touchdown only to have it called back by an offside penalty. When Baker punted over the Wildcats marched down the field to score. Whittemore romped 25 yards to the seven to set up the score with Rick Gerry going the last five yards for the points. Andy Rauwolf, on a buck at center, failed to convert.

Baker came back on a 37-yard drive to go ahead. Larry Johnson recovered a Wildcat fumble and two plays later took a 32 yard pass from Jim Garrett to score. Barton added the extra point to make it 7-6.

The ensuing kickoff was fumbled and recovered by Baker. Barton put the ball on the one-yard line with a 25 yard run through the entire Wildcat team.

Two penalties moved the ball out to the 11 and with a first down Johnson took to the air only to see Gerry pick off the pass on the two and return it to the eight.

Larry Nice fumbled after the third period got underway but once again Gerry was at the right place at the right time and picked off another aerial on the 12 to thwart the Bulldogs and get the Wildcat's second touchdown march underway.

Rauwolf made a first down just over the 40 before Gerry hit Ron Walk for a first down on the Baker 48. Nice sprinted around right end to the 36. Gerry then hit Nice on the 18 with a pass that just eluded the outstretched finger tips of Jim Elscamp.

Nice went untouched into the end zone but once again the conversion attempt was short.

La Grande 6 0 6 0 12  
Baker 0 7 0 0 7

## Larry Doby Assigned To Minors

United Press International

Larry Doby, the first Negro to wear an American League uniform, apparently has reached the end of the trail as a major league baseball player.

The one-time slugging outfielder, who spent the last three seasons shuttling back and forth between the Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers and Chicago White Sox, was assigned to San Diego of the Pacific Coast League Monday for the second time in three months by the White Sox.

Doby, picked up from the Tigers on May 13 for in excess of the \$20,000 waiver price, first was sent to San Diego on Aug. 2 to make room for rookie pitcher Kent McBride, whom the White Sox purchased from Indianapolis.

Hassle With Lopez

Oddly enough, it was Bill Veeck, the man who brought the big slugger into the major leagues with Cleveland in 1947 who reluctantly was forced to send Doby to the minors in August after a hassle with Manager Al Lopez.

Indians Shuffle Players

The Indians also shuffled a number of players, promoting six youngsters to the parent club. Called up, obviously to protect them from the draft, were pitchers Wyan Hawkins and Carl Mathias from Mobile of the Southern Association and Don Schaeffer from San Diego, and outfielders John McLane from Mobile, Harold Jones from Minot of the Northern League and Al Lupow from Batavia of the New York-Pennsylvania League.

The Baltimore Orioles, meanwhile, purchased long-ball hitting first baseman Jim Gentile from St. Paul of the American Association for an undisclosed sum of money and two players to be named next spring.

White Sox in 59, he batted .306, drove in 70 runs and covered more ground than any other second-baseman in the league.

Fox' fiery spirit and determination also were credited with helping Aparicio develop into a shortstop who this year won comparison with such stars of other years as Marty Marion, Phil Rizzuto and PeeWee Reese.

## Mounties Announce Hoop Slate

Eastern Oregon College announced its 1959-60 basketball schedule today. The Mountaineers will play a 26-game schedule opening with Northwest Nazarene on the Mountaineer's home floor Dec. 1.

EOC will play 13 games at home and 13 on the road. First home game in the Oregon Collegiate conference will be against Southern Oregon Jan. 8 and 9.

Home games:

Northwest Nazarene (Dec. 1); College of Idaho (Dec. 2); University of Nevada (Dec. 4, 5); Whitman (Jan. 2); Southern Oregon (Jan. 8, 9); Oregon College (Jan. 22, 23); Oregon Tech (Feb. 12, 13); Portland State (Feb. 26, 27).

Road games:

College of Idaho at Caldwell (Dec. 7); Northwest Nazarene at Nampa (Dec. 8); Westminster at Salt Lake City (Dec. 18, 19); Whitman at Walla Walla (Jan. 4); Oregon Tech at Klamath Falls (Jan. 15, 16); Portland State at Portland (Jan. 29, 30); Southern Oregon at Ashland (Feb. 5, 6); Oregon College at Monmouth (Feb. 19, 20).

## Oregon Battles UW In Race For Roses

PORTLAND (UPI)—As spokesman Ed Sullivan would put it, this one is "Really big." That's the upcoming football clash here Saturday between Oregon and Washington.

No question about it, this battle of the Webfoots and Huskies shapes up as one of the top ones in their long rivalry.

For instance:

1. Oregon, after its conquest of Air Force, now is ranked 11th in the country. Washington is tied with Tennessee and Texas Christian for 20th place.
2. Oregon is unbeaten and undefeated after five games. Washington has lost only once, by a 22-15 margin to fourth-ranked Southern California.
3. The winner could well go on to represent the West Coast in the Rose Bowl.
4. It will be Oregon's first crack at Washington since the fifties of the Pacific Coast Conference.

Washington is a member of the Athletic Association of Western Universities, better known as the Big Five. Oregon is an independent.

Casnova's Jinx Team

With these factors added to the one that a Washington-Oregon game in itself is enough to bring out a big crowd here, the game should pack the house.

But there's more.

Washington is Coach Len Casanova's jinx team. In eight seasons as head coach at Oregon Casanova holds just one victory over Washington. That was a 26-7 triumph in 1954, when George Shaw was around.

Gross, Schleredt Vie

One more thing.

The opposing quarterbacks are Dave Gross of Oregon and Bob Schleredt of Washington.

Gross grew up at Kent, Wash., in the shadow of the Husky campus.

## Cus D'Amato Fights For N.Y. License

NEW YORK (UPI)—Fight-manager Cus D'Amato, missing for six weeks, began public "training" today for the most important match of his career—to prevent revocation of his license at a hearing before the New York State Athletic Commission.

The long-silent manager of former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson accepted the commission's challenge to a hearing Monday night in an out-pouring of more than 800 words.

His lengthy acceptance was announced through his attorneys, Edwin Stephen Schweig and Julius November; and that document is but a prelude to the thousands of words yet to come during the very important hearing, which may decide whether the return Patterson-Ingemar Johansson fight will be staged in New York.

The attorneys have notified the commission that Cus wants a hearing, and the commission soon will set a date.

D'Amato was suspended on Sept. 14 for his failure to appear at the commission's general hearing about the promotion of the June 26 fight in which Johansson of Sweden won the crown from Patterson on a third-round knockout.

Last week the commission voted him guilty of misconduct in connection with the fight's promotion. James P. Fuscas, commission counsel, is now drawing up charges against him. They will be served upon him this week. Meanwhile, Cus has been ordered to answer those charges at a hearing—to "show cause" why his license should not be permanently revoked.

SUSPEND TRAINER

NEW YORK (UPI)—The New York State Harness Racing Commission has upheld the suspension of driver-trainer George Sholly after granting him a hearing Monday.

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