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Oregon's nod over USC comes in pass offense, total offense, punt returns, kickoff returns and total defense, while the Trojans dominate in rushing yardage, pass interceptions, punting and pass defense. Leaders are USC in pass defense, Oregon in pass offense and total offense. Other leaders are UCLA in rushing, interceptions, punt returns, rushing defense and total defense. The only other team leader is California in punting and kickoff returns.

Quarterback George Shaw has opened up a commanding margin as the offense leader with 661 yards and four touchdowns after four weekends of play. Shaw also is the No. 1 passer while Duke Washington, WSC's plunging fullback, has a big edge in rushing. Shaw has completed 41 of 83 passes for 580 yards and three touchdowns to lead Paul Larson, of California who has 37 completions in 55 tries for an exceptional 67.3% completion mark. Shaw has also picked up 81 yards rushing for his total offense mark of 661 yards. Sandy Lederman, Washington quarterback who is sidelined for the year with a broken leg, has 443 yards total offense and Larson, 438.

Duke Washington has smashed for 367 yards in his first four outings and has averaged 6.8 yards per play to top the running

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GHCLIMBER By Dick Strite

Friday, Oct. 23, the day Oregon plays San Jose in league football game on Hayward Field, the destiny of baseball in Eugene may be decided. Eugene will be at a meeting called by Orrin "Babe" Hollingbery, football coach at Washington State College—until his 1944 to enter the more lucrative fruit business. . . . Hollingbery, the "white hope" for Western International baseball, has called the informal meet at Yakima for the purpose of studying the possibility of reorganizing the WIL—the four Canadian members (Victoria, Vancouver, Ed-Edmonton, Calgary). . . . The league would comprise the other six cities that started the league—Spokane, Lewiston, Tri-Cities, Wenatchee and Salem. . . . The possible additions would be Tacoma. . . .

Hollingbery and the new WIL is faced with much the same as Eugene and its second effort to give the Emerald the best possible in the "Great American Pastime," from the pros. . . . You can be sure that neither Hollingbery nor the men who put more than \$50,000 into the physical plant of the Bethel district are interested in anything other than a minimum of travel, a legitimate class B organization (so that the majors would have a place for young players) and too good for the California or Pioneer leagues and for the Coast, International or American Association, and intelligent administration. . . .

There is a ball park, a community with more wealth than is given to believe, and a vast number of residents who would support a good brand of baseball. . . . It is possible to make possible a Eugene entry in the proposed league and new people would have to put their shoulders to the wheel. . . .

are fortunate to have a group of local men who are willing to hold on to the Bethel Park property, although receiving no interest on their investment and, in fact, to put up additional cash for taxes and insurance. . . . However, if these men will be willing to hold the property indefinitely—and if the new WIL does not fail to grasp the opportunity you can be sure the owners will plant the park in peas. . . . Fact of the matter is, the ground should be plowed under right away—for away if league plans develop rapidly. . . .

so, the ownership group will have to be enlarged to additional money for improvements—reconditioning the parking fences, and increasing the capacity while re-building the burned area (insurance money from last summer's fire for part of the necessary improvements). . . . Just a little of clearing thinking, call that ownership group the four-part program. . . .

would be classified as the operating group, either picked ownership group or acceptable to them—and kept down the number. This group would not only include solid, thinking businessmen, but at least one person with experience in baseball—either as a player, a manager or as a coach. . . . This would be the business end of the project—ship in the National Association, affiliation with PCL or league clubs, spring training, player purchase, schedule or league matters. . . .

would be the underwriting group—the "leg men" who sell the program to business leaders who are willing to the preliminary work of group No. 2. . . . This would be the most important of them all—and we feel likely to succeed. The responsibility of this group would be to sell at least 3,000 season tickets at a price that would be at least 20 per cent less than the usual price, but to \$45,000 in season ticket sales would make for certain

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America's Finest in Olympics Since 1896



Hill on All-Time Olympics Team

From AP, UP Reports
NEW YORK—Ralph Hill, a former distance runner at the University of Oregon, has been named with 21 other athletes to the all-time American Olympic Games team.

Hill was chosen for his second place earned in the 5,000-meter run in the 1932 Olympic games in Los Angeles. He finished just one

foot behind the winner, Lauri Lehtinen of Finland, who set a games record with his time of 13:30. Hill is a native of California. The 22 top Olympic stars to represent the United States since the games were resumed in 1896 were announced Tuesday night at a banquet of U.S. Olympians in the Waldorf Astoria.

They were chosen by representatives of the press, radio and television in conjunction with the Olympians, an organization of one-time athletes.

Many of the stars were on hand to accept bronze Olympic victory awards at a banquet attended by 1,000 New York civic and sport notables.

The presentation was made by Col. Edward F. P. Egan, New York lawyer and ex-Olympic bobsledder and boxer.

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Change Voted For Athletics

CHICAGO (AP)—American League club owners voted unanimously Tuesday night to shift the Philadelphia Athletics to Kansas City.

The decision at the end of a hectic nine-hour meeting all but broke up the once-esteemed position in baseball of the Mack family. It signaled the finish of one vivid chapter in the national pastime that was etched by the pioneering Connie Mack and opened what should be another under Chicago financier Arnold Johnson.

It was Johnson, 47, a top man in a business that grossed 70 million dollars last year—the Automatic Canteen Co. of America—who found that money on the barrelhead speaks loudest.

In the final analysis, his bid of \$3,375,000 to buy out the Macks—Roy, Earle and Connie—including Connie Mack Stadium, was irresistible. Will Harridge, president of the American League, said it was the only "sound" offer made.

Officially, the deal for the 54-year-old franchise will not be closed until Monday. In what was assumed to be merely a gesture, Roy Mack was given until 11 a.m., EST, on that day to announce if he will sell his stock to Johnson.

This was regarded only a small technicality and a league spokesman said that Roy "told the meeting that he wanted the sale to Johnson completed."

This admission removed the only block, for Roy strongly had opposed his brother Earle and 92-year-old father Connie in the sale and tried desperately, but vainly, to raise enough capital to keep the debt-ridden club in Philadelphia.

Johnson, who huddled more than once during the day with Roy, was completely satisfied that the deal was closed. He said he would order engineers to start work today double-decking the Kansas City stadium to boost seating capacity from 16,000 to 36,000 by the start of the 1955 season.

He said he plans to sell Connie Mack Stadium to Bob Carpenter, owner of the Philadelphia Phillies, who has been leasing it from the Macks, and probably will close this transaction in Philadelphia this weekend.

"As for Roy Mack, I plan to offer him a responsible position

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DETROIT (AP)—In a somewhat surprising move, Johnny Hopp and Bob Swift were released Tuesday night as coaches of the Detroit Tigers, and replaced by Billy Hitchcock and Jack Tighe.

Schoolboy Rowe, first base coach, survived the shakeup. Bucky Harris, new manager of the Tigers, made the announcement, but speculation immediately arose whether the choices were his—or of the Tiger front office.

Last week, President Walter O. "Spike" Briggs Jr. said Harris would be permitted to name his own coaches, but added that "we hope he follows our semipolicy of Tigers picking Tigers."

It had been rumored that Harris would name peppery, loud-voiced George Myatt, who coached for him at Washington, as his third base coach.

In the new setup, Harris said, Hitchcock would replace Hopp at third and Tighe would take over Swift's duties in the bullpen.

The dismissal of Hopp, who had served only one year, had been expected. But Swift's removal came as a surprise. He had been associated with the team for the last 11 years.

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