

Rookies Making Good in Ranks Of Pro Gridders

By EARL WRIGHT NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—The brilliant play of most of the top rookie draft choices is one of the main reasons for the National Football League's tight division races.

Highly publicized college stars, who usually make up the bulk of the No. 1 choices, sometimes get their press clippings frayed during their first pro campaigns. But Hugh McElhenny of the San Francisco Forty-Niners, Ollie Matson of the Chicago Cardinals and Babe Parilli of the Green Bay Packers head a list of rookies who have made good this season.

McElhenny leads the league in touchdowns with eight and ranks third in the ball carrying race. His only bad day was against the New York Giants, who limited him to four yards. He also is a good pass receiver and has been lauded by such experienced coaches as Buck Shaw of the Forty-Niners, George Halas of the Chicago Bears and Steve Owen of the Giants.

Fast Man Matson, a 200-pound football and track star from the University of San Francisco, probably is the fastest big man in the league. He is one of the scoring leaders with 42 points on seven touchdowns. His touchdowns represented the victory margin in two of the Cardinals' three victories.

Parilli, described by Green Bay Coach Gene Ronzani as "the best rookie quarterback to come into the league in a long time," ranks fifth in passing after being second last week. Ironically, he slipped in the rankings although his passing, play selection and faking brought both touchdowns in Green Bay's upset triumph over New York last Sunday.

McElhenny, Matson and Parilli probably have made the biggest first year splashes but such top draft choices as Bert Rechichar of the Cleveland Browns, and Bob Carey of the Los Angeles Rams, Frank Gifford of the Giants and fullback Ed Moneyski of the Steelers also have made good showings.

Safety Man Rechichar, Tennessee's 1951 team captain, has done one of the best jobs. He has become Cleveland's safety man, one of the most demanding posts on a club noted for its defensive skill. Even Coach Paul Brown says he's good.

Sunday's top game matches the Forty-Niners and Rams at Los Angeles. The Cardinals are at Pittsburgh, Dallas at Green Bay, New York at Washington, Philadelphia at Cleveland and the Bears entertain Detroit.

Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Green Bay, New York, Cleveland and Detroit are favored.

This week's selections: Los Angeles over San Francisco, Pittsburgh over the Cardinals, Dallas over Green Bay, New York over Washington, Cleveland over Philadelphia and Detroit over the Bears.

Ducks, Beavers Await 'Big One' PORTLAND, Nov. 21 (AP)—The football game that means as much to the kids at Oregon and Oregon State as the Harvard-Yale or Army-Navy clashes do to others is expected to draw 25,000 fans in Multnomah Stadium Saturday.

Both teams are primed for the game. And although both have poor records this season, the record book will be thrown away once the whistle blows at 1:30.

It's the 56th time Oregon and OSC have met. Oregon has 27 victories, OSC has 21 and there

Southern California-UCLA Game to Draw More Than 100,000 to Los Angeles Stadium

By JOHN GRIFFIN NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—Hour by hour, as excitement mounts in the city of Los Angeles, Saturday's Southern California-UCLA battle looks more and more like football's game of the year.

That's chiefly because there's more at stake in this one gridiron struggle than in any other single game played this season. To the winner goes the Pacific Coast Conference championship, the role of host team in the Rose Bowl, and possibly an unbeaten, united season.

The game will lure the season's biggest crowd, 101,403, to Los Angeles Memorial Stadium. Fans in that city are calling it the "game of the century" and are paying

scalpels as much as \$50 for a ticket. What's more, the game will be nationally televised.

The teams race so evenly paired that oddsmakers have called it even money. It's the last game of the year for UCLA and a victory will complete a perfect record. But Southern Cal still must face old rival Notre Dame next week.

While the PCC settles its title in one spectacular show, the Big Ten champion and Rose Bowl teams will be decided by three different games—Ohio State-Michigan, Wisconsin-Minnesota, and Purdue-Indiana.

Michigan and Wisconsin are tied for the league lead and that means either can win the title by winning its game while the other loses. But oddsmakers foresee both winning.

Alabama, hopeful of getting an Orange Bowl bid, would almost certainly earn that prize if it can hand mighty Maryland, upset last week by Mississippi, its second straight loss after 22 wins. Syracuse, also an Orange Bowl hopeful, will try to stay in the running by beating Fordham. And both Penn State and Pitt will have their minds on bowl bids in their traditional battles.

Neither bowls nor championships will be involved in the Harvard-Yale clash at Cambridge, Mass., but a tough, hard game is in prospect in football's most storied rivalry.

Other leading games Saturday include: East: Princeton, second in the Ivy League, tries to keep its title hopes flickering against Dartmouth while leading Penn is idle. Columbia meets Brown in the same circuit and other top games are Villanova-Boston U., Holy Cross-Temple, and Rutgers-NYU.

South: Bowl-bound Georgia Tech tries to clear next-to-last obstacle to perfect season, Florida State, while Tennessee, Tech's chief rival for Southeastern Conference title, faces Kentucky. Other top games: South Carolina-West Virginia, Clemson-Auburn, Florida-Miami, William and Mary-North Carolina State, and Tulane-Louisiana College.

Midwest: Kansas favored over Missouri in oldest rivalry west of Mississippi River. Others: Illinois-Northwestern, Iowa-Notre Dame, and Kansas State-Iowa State.

Southwest: SMU will try to keep hopes of Southwest Conference title alive by beating Baylor. Oklahoma Aggies meet Washington State in day's top interconference. Others: Rice-Texas Christian, Tulsa-Arkansas.

Far West: California-Stanford and Oregon State-Oregon. A very slim schedule of games is on tap Friday night with Richmond meeting George Washington in a Southern Conference game and Utah State playing Denver in the Skyline Conference.

Byrd also was just another hand in the Philadelphia pitching picture at the start. In fact Manager Jimmy Dykes of the Athletics said in spring training he thought the big lumber-jack from Darlington, S. C., would have to go back to the minors for another season. But Byrd fooled him.

After going 0-3 in early season mop-up jobs, Byrd won his first two starts and thereafter was a regular man in the A's pitching rotation.

He hit the .500 mark on Aug. 7 and wound up with a 15-15 record for the season. He could easily have had a 17-13 mark, but for two tough defeats suffered in the final week, 1-0, on a questionable decision by Umpire Ed Hurley, and 5-2 in 11 innings.

Byrd turned in three shutouts and pitched 16 complete games, striking out 115 batters and walking only 96.

Dodgers' Black, Byrd of A's Named Top Rookies for 1952

By CARL LUNDQUIST NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—Joe Black of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Harry Byrd of the Philadelphia Athletics, two giant kid pitchers with the physique and determination of mules, were named the Major League rookies of the year Friday.

Black, who won 15 games and saved 15 more while losing only four as the greatest relief pitcher in the history of the Dodgers, gained the National League award in a breeze. He got 19 out of the 24 baseball writers' votes.

But Byrd barely won out in the American in a close three-way battle. He received nine votes to eight for catcher Clint Courtney of the St. Louis Browns and seven for catcher Sammy White of the Boston Red Sox.

The only other National League players to receive votes were relief pitcher Hoyt Wilhelm of the Giants with three, and shortstop Dick Groat and third baseman Ed Mathews of the Braves with one apiece.

The Black-Byrd combination on rookies completed a resurgence in major league pitching this season. Hurlers won three of the four capital awards and just missed out on the other.

Pitcher Bobby Shantz of the Athletics previously won the A. L. Most Valuable Player Award, while outfielder Hank Sauer of the Cubs just barely nosed out Robin Roberts of the Phillies and Black in a hot three-way battle for the N. L. award.

In fact, Black came close to an unprecedented dual honor of being named both the Most Valuable Player and the Rookie of the Year. There were impressive statistics to back up his support, too. For the Dodgers simply could not have won the pennant without him.

He and Byrd started slowly and were at their peak down the stretch. Black set two Dodger club records for relief hurlers. He worked in 56 games, topping the old mark of 54 set by Les Weber in war-time 1943. He finished 41, erasing the mark of 37 set by the late Hugh Casey in 1947.

But it was in the month-by-month breakdown where he showed up the best. Manager Charley Dressen used him very little at

have been seven ties. But since the war, the Beavers have dominated the series.

Oregon is a slight favorite on the basis of last week's performances. Many seniors will be playing their final games, including such stars as Sam Baker, rated the finest fullback in OSC history, and Monte Brethauer, Oregon's fine end who is among the top pass receivers in the country.

BROWN FAMILY GROWS LAUREL, Ky. (AP)—Moses Brown, 80, retired farmer, lived to see his descendants number 123. He was the father of 19 children and had 81 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Sports Parade

By Oscar Fraley NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—What happened to the lame is debatable but there can be no doubt Friday that the halt and the blind voted baseball's most valuable player awards this year.

There was a great deal of amazement when Bobby Shantz was given the American League accolade over Allie Reynolds. But anybody who knows the difference between a punt and punt must be completely flabbergasted at the selection of Hank Sauer in the National League.

Most of the voters, composed of three writers from each major league city, obviously never heard of a couple of gents named Robin Roberts and Joe Black. One theory is that they were all on vacation and the ballot was filled in by the editor of the women's page.

Now Sauer is a fine young man who deserved commendation on a fine season. He tied Ralph Kiner for the home run crown with 37 round trip blows and won the National League runs-batted-in title. But when you talk about the "most valuable" player you're taking in more territory than even Texas boasts about.

One of the considerations, it would seem, would concern how the player's team finished because of his contributions. The Cubs wound up some 10 games out of the first division, somewhat attributable to the fact that Hank in the last month of the season batted only .213, hit but three homers and knocked in only seven runs.

There might be an excuse if

'Clockless' Hoop Game is Tested

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21 (AP)—Cliff Wells' basketball without a clock, an innovation designed to lessen the strain on the fans and to keep the sport clean, made its debut at Tulane University Thursday night and was pronounced "a big success."

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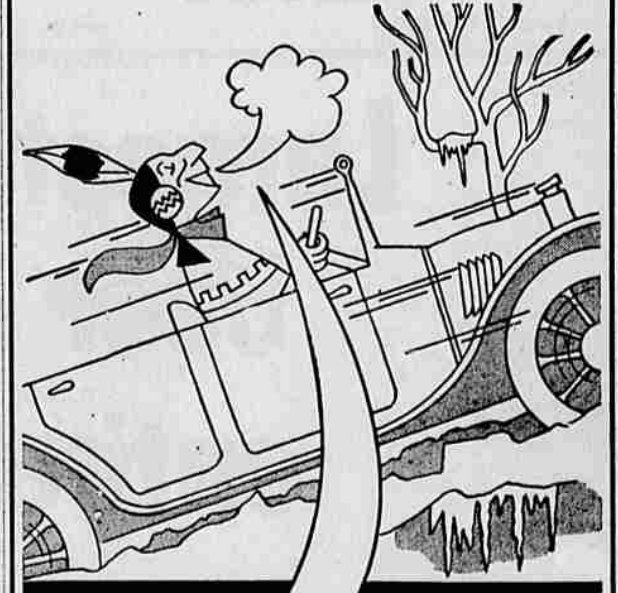
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