

New national pastime?

Pro football just scratching surface

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NEW YORK (UPI)—In an era of a 53-cent dollar, the biggest grid question today is whether the struggling American Football League can stretch its pennies far enough to remain alive in the ever fiercer pro grid gold rush.

There is general unanimity—at least among pro football men—that their game is replacing baseball as the national pastime. Argue with it if you will, but on the basis of attendance and enthusiasm it is just now scratching the surface.

Otto Graham, one of the pro game's all-time greats, figures that if the new AFL can "operate another couple of years" it will have it "made" on sheer momentum.

Graham, a commander in the Coast Guard and coach of its academy's football team, figures that the AFL is playing better football right now than it gets credit for and that there are plenty of players around to stock both leagues well.

A Fair Analysis It is a fair analysis, particularly in view of the fact that before his retirement, Graham was the all-pro quarterback who led the Cleveland Browns to seven championships.

Otto knows how the underdog league feels even though he was one of the best in the long established National Football League. Four of his championships came when the Browns were in the All-America Conference later ab-

sorbed by the NFL. "The San Diego Chargers of the new league could make a fine showing in the National League right now," he estimates. "And the Houston Oilers have a fine team, too."

"Defensively, the AFL isn't as strong as the National League but getting to the top in that department takes a few years of building," he added. "If they last, they'll get the talent. In the NFL it's always a question which one man will be kept when the last half dozen are cut."

Play Exciting Football Meanwhile, says Graham, the AFL is presenting "very exciting" football which ultimately must attract its own following—if it can survive the building period.

"They have a lot of scoring and that makes it highly interesting," he pointed out. "It does to me, anyhow, because I like action and they give it to you. If I knew a baseball game was going to be a no-hitter, I'd stay home. I'd rather see a 12-11 baseball game because I want some action."

Dick Gallagher, general manager of the Buffalo Bills of the AFL, backed up the thinking of Graham and many others of recent quote by asserting that "football is the greatest spectator sport and the pro game now is only scratching the surface."

"You can't downgrade our league because of small crowds at the moment," Gallagher asserted. "The current size of crowds is no criterion because there is more interest every week. Proof of this is that we've only won 5 of 19 games and we've averaged crowds of 20,000."

Depends On Fans There was a time, he pointed out, when the Detroit team of the NFL had crowds of only 5,000.

"You have to depend on the fans," he said, "and the game is making new fans all the time. There was a time when the pro football fans in Baltimore were said to have to go to Washington to see a game. Now they say the Washington fans have to go to Baltimore to see a game."

A left-handed jab, undoubtedly, at the changing fortunes of the rival Baltimore Colts and Washington Redskins. But it does accentuate Gallagher's point as to how interest can grow — if, as Graham contends, the AFL survives the dollar drain.

Pilot cage team boasts good depth

PORTLAND (UPI)—The big man was frank: "We should be improved."

And there weren't any doubters. Al Negratti, basketball coach at the University of Portland, was going over his team's chances for the 1961-62 season.

"I think we could have the best depth we've had in my seven years here. However, we're going to have to be much better to stay up there."

Negratti has four starters back from last year's 16-9 team and has two sophomores he regards as "the best second year prospects in my coaching career at Portland."

Garner Back The returning starters are headed by 6-9 senior center Bill (Slim) Garner, who led the Pilots in scoring and rebounding last year.

The others are 6-6 junior forward Art Easterly, 6-5 senior forward Roland Carpenter and 5-10 senior guard Frank Bosone.

Garner, ranked as one of the best defensive big men in the nation, averaged 14.5 points-per-game last year in 25 contests.

He also collected 302 rebounds. Negratti, a former professional hoop star, has a pair of promising sophomores in 6-8 forward Steve Anstett and 6-4 guard Jim Dertch.

He also has another top veteran in 6-3 junior guard George Koch.

Four Spots Set Garner, Carpenter, Easterly and Bosone figure to be in the starting lineup when the Pilots open their season against Oregon here Dec. 1.

Easterly ranked second in scoring and rebounding last year to Garner, a teammate in high school. Named the team's most valuable player, he averaged 11.6 points-per-game and snared 235 rebounds.

Bosone, a 9.7 sprinter in the 100-yard dash, averaged 9.7 in scoring.

Koch and Dertch will battle it out for the other starting spot.

"Although our personnel is excellent, so is our schedule," Negratti said.

He wasn't kidding. The 28-game slate includes such eastern and midwest powers as Seton Hall, Xavier and Dayton.

Locally, the Pilots also must face archrival Seattle and Oregon State.



OUTLAWS IN FINALS—The Sisters Outlaws will play lone in the eight-man state football finals this Saturday at Sisters. The local team beat Eddyville last Saturday 27-7, while lone dropped Hereford 19-13. A. J. Demaris of Sisters, No. 20, heads toward the Eddyville goal where the score reads 20-7 during the third quarter of last Saturday's game. The defender for Eddyville is Bill Henderson, No. 30.

Alabama new poll king; Texas drops to fifth

NEW YORK (UPI)—Alabama, pounding through the stretch of the college football season with a perfect record, grabbed the lead from Texas today in the United Press International weekly ratings.

Twenty-five of the 35 leading coaches who comprise the UPI rating board picked Alabama as their No. 1 choice after the Crimson Tide ran its season record to 9-0 by blanking Georgia Tech, 10-0, last Saturday.

Texas, which held down first place for the past two weeks, skidded to fifth place following its first defeat of the season at the hands of Texas Christian, 6-0. The Longhorns drew only one first place vote after being the top choice of 25 coaches a week ago.

Three Move Up Ohio State, Minnesota and Louisiana State also took advantage of the Longhorns' upset defeat, each moving up a notch. Ohio State took over the runner-up spot, Minnesota jumped to third place and LSU advanced to fourth.

Mississippi was the only member of the top 10 not affected by this week's wholesale shake-up. Ole Miss remained in the sixth slot while Michigan State advanced one notch to seventh, Colorado moved from 10th to eighth, Michigan from 14th to ninth, and Arkansas from 18th to 10th.

Purdue Drops Purdue dropped from seventh to 13th after losing a 10-7 decision to Minnesota while UCLA, which shared eighth place with Michigan State last week, failed to draw a single vote following its 17-13 loss to Washington.

The second 10 members in addition to Purdue included Utah State, Kansas, Duke, Wyoming, Missouri, Maryland, Georgia Tech, Notre Dame, Penn State, Rutgers and Wisconsin.

Team Points 1. Alabama (25) (9-0) 337 2. Ohio State (7) (7-0-1) 279 3. Minnesota (2) (7-1) 267 4. Louisiana State (8-1) 228 5. Texas (1) (8-1) 208 6. Mississippi (8-1) 199 7. Michigan State (6-2) 192 8. Colorado (7-1) 188 9. Michigan (6-2) 150 10. Arkansas (7-2) 43

Second 10 teams — 11. Utah State 41; 12. Kansas 34; 13. Purdue 15; 14 (tie), Duke and Wyoming 7 each; 16 (tie), Missouri and Maryland 4 each; 18 (tie), Georgia Tech, Notre Dame, Penn State, Rutgers and Wisconsin 2 each.

Paret readies for 'big' title LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI)—Welterweight champion Benny (Kid) Paret is scheduled to arrive on Thanksgiving Day to prepare for an attempt to win the middleweight championship in the same convention center ring in which he won the 147-pound crown.

Paret, who won the crown for the first time here against Don Jordan, now prepares to fight Gene Fullmer for the bigger title Dec. 9. Fullmer was scheduled to arrive Nov. 29.

Paret lost the welter crown to Emile Griffith of New York but then regained the title recently. Fullmer this year defeated Sugar Ray Robinson and Florentino Fernandez in title bouts. The victory over Robinson was at the convention center.

METS ADD SCOUTS NEW YORK (UPI)—The New York Mets have announced the addition of Ray Kennedy, Pete Gerban, Morris Hancock and Hillis Layne to their scouting staff.

Oregon, Washington teams set for traditional games

By United Press International SEATTLE (UPI)—Washington Huskies coach Jim Owens today planned secret drills for his club during the remainder of the week.

The Huskies, who upset UCLA 17-14 last weekend, meet cross-state rival Washington State here next Saturday. The Cougars shut out Stanford, 30-0, in their last outing.

PULLMAN, Wash. (UPI)—The Washington State Cougars will be looking for their first victory over Washington since 1958 when they meet the Huskies at Seattle next Saturday.

The Cougars, cheered by the return of center Tom Erlanson, who had been out of action with a knee injury, drilled against a simulated Huskie offense today. Coach Jim Sutherland's squad downed the Stanford Indians, 30-0, last weekend.

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI)—The University of Oregon Ducks prepared today for their traditional season concluding game with Oregon State here next Saturday.

Coach Len Cassanova said junior fullback Duane Cargill is a doubtful starter for that contest. Cargill was injured in last weekend's game with Ohio State which the Buckeyes took, 22-12. Halfback Mike Gaechter was nursing a twisted ankle and his status was also unknown.

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UPI)—The Oregon State Beavers continued working out a defense today for next Saturday's rival, the Oregon Webfoots, at Eugene.

Beaver coach Tom Prothro listed Gene Hillard, Ross Cariaga and other key performers on the doubtful starting list because of injuries. The Oregon State squad defeated Brigham Young, 35-0, last weekend and has one more game, with Houston, scheduled after the traditional contest with Oregon.

Berkeley, Calif. (UPI)—Two University of California Bears are definitely out for the big game with the Indians at Stanford Saturday.

Guard John Erby has head and ankle injuries and quarterback Larry Balliet is suffering from an eye injury. Coach Marv Levy said nine of his 11 starters were on the injury list Monday and seven are only probable starters. The Bears took a 53-7 shellacking from Kansas last weekend.

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI)—Stanford coach Jack Curcio rates Saturday's 64th annual big game with California a toss-up.

Curcio said Monday he has one quarterback, Rod Sears, ready for action and some of his other players are also nursing injuries. The Bears have their injury problems, too, but the fans have already bought 84,000 seats for the contest at Stanford Stadium. The Indians lost, 30-0, to Washington State last week.

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The UCLA Bruins' first two men in the vital wingback position are down with injuries and coach Bill Barnes said his team would have to get "all the breaks" to win Saturday's cross-town clash with Southern California.

A shoulder injury makes first string wingback Kermit Alexander a question mark for the big game that will decide the host team in the Rose Bowl. His replacement, Bob Smith, is also not expected to be ready.

Other wingbacks, or right halfbacks, nursing various injuries are Carmen Dipaolo and John Rosenkrans. Only Bill Hauck, a sophomore with 17 minutes experience this year, remains healthy at the post.

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—University of Southern California team doctors have announced that four Trojan gridgers who missed the Pittsburgh game will be ready for the crucial UCLA game on Saturday.

Medical clearance was given Monday to linemen Chuck Anderson, Britt Williams and Skip Johnson and halfback Ken Del Conte.

Tackle Mike Gale and end Ben Rosin, however, will miss the battles for the Rose Bowl bid.

In practice Monday, the Bruins ran through a light warm-up drill in sweat clothes.

Trojans, Bruins pace Big Five

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Southern California, the new Big Five conference leader, tops the loop in three departments and UCLA is leading in the other three, according to statistics released today and including Saturday's games.

The Trojans lead in total offense with 381 yards to the game end in passing offense with 128 yards per tilt. They also lead in pass defense, allowing only 70 yards.

UCLA is tops in total defense, allowing 231, in rushing defense allowing 143; and in rushing offense, making 117 yards per game.

May deal with Angels

Braves hope to obtain fireballer Ryne Duren

NEW YORK (UPI)—Baseball's inter-league trading period officially has started — and the Milwaukee Braves hope to take advantage of it by obtaining fireballer Ryne Duren shortly in a deal with the Los Angeles Angels.

The Braves, disappointing fourth place finishers this year, are convinced their biggest need is a dependable relief pitcher to give Don McMahon a hand.

Duren, the 32-year-old ex-Yankee, could fit into that category perfectly.

He can still throw hard (striking out 111 in 104 innings with the Yanks and Angels last season), he's not afraid of work and his control is no longer the problem it once was.

The Angels aren't intending to unload Duren for nothing. He helped their severely taxed pitching staff considerably this year.

Well Stocked Bulpen But they're well stocked in the bullpen with Art Fowler, Tom Morgan, Jim Donohue and George Witt, and they're willing to part with Duren providing they can get what they want.

Carlton Willey would appeal to them as another possible starter or they might settle for an outfielder like Frank Thomas or Lee Maye.

At any rate, it is known that Fred Haney of the Angels and Johnny McHale of the Braves have been in contact the past few days and a deal for Duren could take place before or even at the annual baseball meetings in Tampa, Fla., next week.

One thing is sure about the Angels. No one has to tell them anything about the Braves' personnel. Both Haney and assistant farm director Roland Hemond are former Milwaukee employees.

Angels Eye Rookies The Angels are especially interested in two of the Braves' rookies, third baseman Ed Charles, up from Vancouver of the Pacific Coast League, and Bob Uecker, an All-Star catcher

with Louisville of the American Association last season.

The inter-league trading period, which runs until Dec. 15, opened at midnight Monday night and there are a number of other possibilities besides the one between the Angels and Braves.

The Red Sox, who ordinarily sit tight and watch other clubs make deals, would like to make a couple themselves.

They've already made inquiries about shortstop Dick Howser of the Athletics and first baseman Roy Sievers of the White Sox, only to find out that the Cardinals are more than mildly interested in Sievers, also.

Interested in Malzone Three clubs — the White Sox, Indians and Yankees—are interested in Red Sox third baseman Frank Malzone.

And the Cincinnati Reds look like they're ready to do business for either Nellie Fox of the White Sox or Bubba Phillips of the Indians.

National and American League clubs may deal with each other freely without obtaining waivers from teams in their own league on players they wish to trade during the inter-league trading period.

This marks the third year there has been an inter-league trading period. Approximately 24 inter-league deals have been made during the past two years.

Orange Bowl opponents eyed

MIAMI (UPI)—Louisiana State and Colorado seemed today the likely opponents for the 1962 Orange Bowl game.

The Orange Bowl selection committee issued an "informal invitation" to LSU's Tigers after a meeting Monday.

Acceptance by LSU was expected to be no more than a formality, even if the Tigers lose to underdog Tulane on Saturday. Committee Chairman Van C. Kussrow said the invitation did not hinge on this game.

Southeastern Conference teams are not allowed to accept post-season bowl bids until the end of the regular season. Kussrow said the formal invitation would be issued Saturday to LSU.

As for the Orange Bowl representative from the Big Eight Conference, with which the bowl has a contract agreement, Kussrow said, "It has been the policy to take the Big Eight champion."

Special to The Bulletin HERMISTON — Paced by six veterans and a top Jayvee prospect, Coach George DeLap's Hermiston Bulldogs are confidently looking forward to the opening of the Intermountain Conference schedule.

DeLap has a squad of 15 boys out — most of them six feet or taller.

"If we can score, we'll be tough this winter," DeLap said, convinced that he has an outfit that will play top defensive ball.

The six veterans range from 5-11 to 6-3 in height, and any starting combination will average around 6-2.

Letterman Transfers DeLap has five lettermen back from last year's quintet which finished in a tie for third place in the Intermountain Conference. The sixth veteran is Buddy Stratton, 6-2 starting forward for The Dalles Indians last winter. He moved to Hermiston this fall.

Bulldog lettermen are centers Larry Crume, 6-3, and Rich Frazier, 6-2; forwards Larry Lossness, 6-0, and Jack Miller, 5-11; and guard Ron Perkins, 6-0.

Ken Phillips, 6-2 forward, was a Jayvee star last winter and rates as a top prospect for a varsity berth along with several others up from the Jayvees.

Seven pre-conference games are scheduled with a December 7 opener at Pendleton. On December 8 the Bulldogs will host Mac III at Hermiston and then play

Six lettermen may bolster Hermiston's cage fortunes

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