

Army Gains First Place On Poll of Grid Pacers

New York, Oct. 22 (AP)—Boosted back to first place among the nation's football teams a week ago by the country's sports writers, Col. Red Blaik's Army team zipped farther out in front in the Associated Press weekly poll today. At the same time Notre Dame boosted its second place margin over Texas, and Tennessee, Northwestern, Georgia and North Carolina came skipping up the trail off their successes of last Saturday.

Several Drop Points
All together, 156 sports writers from every section of the country balloted in this third week of the Associated Press' poll for the 1946 gridiron season. Texas drew 25 less votes for first place than it did a week ago, in spite of its 20-0 win over Arkansas last Saturday, and Notre Dame dropped 10 off its first-place selections.

Army picked up all of these 35, and more besides, when it crushed Columbia 48-14 and handed Lou Little's Lions their first setback of the campaign. They already had defeated Villanova, Oklahoma, Cornell and Michigan.

The Volunteers of Tennessee, upsets of Alabama, picked up six top selections along the way. The only other outfit to be named to lead a ticket was the coast conference favorites from the University of California at Los Angeles, who were selected on two ballots.

Largest Total in History
Based on a system of 10 points for a first place vote, 9 for a second place pick, 8 for third, and so forth, Army rolled up the tremendous total of 1499 1/2 points, one of the largest in the history of the poll. Notre Dame held second with 1331 1/2 and Texas third with 1262 1/2.

With the top trio remaining in their same order Tennessee zoomed up from ninth place to fourth with 898 points as a result of its 12-0 decision over Bama, which left the Vols unbeaten and untied after four starts. The vault of the Vols dropped UCLA to fifth with 800 and left Penn. 40-0 winner over Virginia, sixth with 699 1/2. Georgia, 33-13 victor over Oklahoma A. & M., moved up to seventh, with 548.

Michigan and Northwestern each collected 418 points to wind up in an exact tie, which is exactly how they wound up in their collision last Saturday—14-14. Rounding out the select set, North Carolina collected 110 points for tenth place after the surprise party the Tarheels threw for Navy Saturday.

Pacific Coast teams, other than UCLA, gaining mention were: Oregon, 19th, with 12 votes; St. Mary's, tied for 21st, 10 votes; Stanford and California, tied for 24th, 8 votes; and Southern California, with two votes, tied for 33rd place.

Points Nice Only Mice
Tacoma, Oct. 22 (AP)—Proudly, confidently George A. Frank, Tacoma businessman, last week took his valuable hunting dog, a springer, to eastern Washington bird lands for a test of its hunting prowess.

Frank returned after a week's hunting to report his highly trained animal was one of the best he had ever seen—at catching field mice, dozens of them. But it never flushed a bird.

Frank and his hunting partner, Walter Widdowson, rented another dog in Wenatchee and met with considerable success.

Ross-Belcastro Go Tops Mat Carding
A revenge bout is on the fare for wrestling fans Tuesday night in the Perry street armory ring with a return match between fresh Tony Ross and Pete Belcastro in a spilling for the Pacific Coast Junior heavyweight championship scrap.

Ross took a non-title scrap from Belcastro a week ago. The latter requested a return go. In the semi-final Frank Hart meets the "Gray Mask" Jack Kiser and Sammy Cohen open the card at 8:30 p. m., with a follow-up between Billy Fox and Karl Gray.

West Coast Riders Top Garden Rodeo Events
New York, Oct. 22 (AP)—West coast riders continued to dominate the field at the World Championship rodeo in Madison Square Garden today with Shirley Hufsey, Moses Lake, Wash., taking top honors last night in saddle bronc riding and Howard Baker, Livermore, Calif., winning first place for bareback bronc riding.

But No Half Bowlers
Chicago, Oct. 22 (AP)—With four of the five bowlers shooting scores of more than 700 the Keeley Half and half team last night fired a three-game total of 3,377, believed the highest score in the country this season. Individual scores were 723, 716, 714, 704, and 520.

Why Armed Is a Great Gelding

By Oscar Fraley
(United Press Sports Writer)

Camden, N. J., Oct. 21 (AP)—Plain Ben Jones, the man from Missouri who knows everybody with the Calumet horses, thinks he and Armed are taking a pretty bum rap.

Armed, the sleek gelding who is the standout for horse of the year honors, won't go in the Pimlico Special on Nov. 1.

It has started a lot of people calling copper. There have been remarks that maybe Mister Ben is "feared" his boss might be whipped by a pretty fair country race horse named Lucky Draw. And there have been statements that maybe White Hat Ben isn't too loaded with sportsmanship.

The florid-faced trainer takes exception on all counts and didn't hesitate to say so here at Garden State park.

"The reason we are resting him is simply because he isn't right and probably won't be right the rest of the year," Ben said.

The racing charts uphold Jones just about 100 percent. If any campaigning thoroughbred has run oftener or under heavier loads than Armed he must at the moment be hauling a milk wagon.

Armed has been in continuous training since May of 1945—a period of 18 months. During that time he has gone to the post on 33 occasions. This year alone he has made 18 starts, winning 11 and finishing out of the money only once. One of those triumphs was in the Suburban handicap, graveyard of such Calumet champs as Whirlaway and Sun Again.

There have been snide remarks that may be Calumet is trying to save Armed's reputation.

"What for?" Ben asks in his straightforward manner. "Armed is a gelding and the only way we can win with him is by running him."

In other words, there is no reason to protect Armed's reputation because he'll never be worth a stud nickel to Calumet. They simply have a great race horse and see absolutely no reason to ruin him.

"The horse has campaigned hard," Ben continued in open admiration for the animal which finally came through for him after many early disappointments. "Armed is the only horse which has carried 130 pounds this year."

It's asking enough to run a horse as hard as Armed uncompromisingly has done. But it adds up to seven more when the gritty thoroughbred always is loaded with top weight and still shows 'em all the way most of the time. It's the type of task which has ruined the late efforts of triple crown winner Assault.

The fault lies not with Armed or with plain Ben Jones. It lies with those unreasonable people who demand on the ground of "sportsmanship" that a real sportsman risk a terribly tired great horse simply because they want to see a race. They don't question the odds but then why should they. The doubters have nothing to lose.

White Hat Ben has taken too many lickings on the turf to back out because of such a possibility. He's only repaying a horse which always has gone all out for him—and more power to both of them.

PGA Tourney Setup Criticized by Golfer

Richmond, Va., Oct. 22 (AP)—Criticism of the Professional Golf association's tournament setup, under which "the sponsor has no protection whatsoever," came today from another quarter—one of the game's top players.

Dick Metz of Arkansas City, Kans., a veteran of 21 years of PGA competition and the leading money winner of 1939, in a statement which he emphasized was "directed at no individual and is not intended to deal in personalities at all," said "it is time the PGA tournament bureau took inventory."

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RALPH LUNDVALL adds experience and heft to the victory-minded College of Puget Sound Loggers, especially in games with Willamette. Lundvall is a three-year letterman guard, last played in 1942.

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman, Capital Journal Sports Editor

And now they're beginning to grumble that Willamette dominates the field to such an extent that the Bearcat games are not interesting! What a switch in public sentiment between the time Coach Walter Erickson and his boys came back from San Jose! Then there was a bit of snickering by adherents of the "T" system of offense. Walt specializes in the double wing back, but he's sufficiently grounded in the game to modify his plans if he so desires. Improvement has been shown by the Bearcats in every game this season. That is what every right minded coach hopes for and works himself and his club to a frazzle to achieve. Naturally, everybody enjoys a hard fought, close contest. One that is decided by a long run, a place kick or a well executed pass, in the closing seconds, is just the ticket. And while Willamette showed its complete mastery of the Coyotes during the second half, we submit that when the two squads left the field at the end of the second period, Coach Clem Parberry's players were very much in the ball game. They had scored in a convincing manner and trailed by a single touchdown.

Players may become imbued with the idea that they have little to worry about after winning a few ball games, but it's a cliché that few of the coaches ever become self-satisfied. Every game is approached with the feeling that the opposition will prove tough. For instance, Linfield held College of Puget Sound to a 6 to 6 deadlock late last week after Willamette had trounced the Wildcats quite handsily. "Worst thing that could have happened to us," the Bearcat coach said. Although Linfield was a vastly improved squad, the loggers were looking ahead to their clash with Willamette and couldn't get their minds on the business at hand.

Like Willamette, CPS has a brand new grid coach this year in Frank W. Patrick, a graduate of Pittsburg '38, who uses the Jock Sutherland system of play. "Pat" as a member of the Panthers punched across two touchdowns against the University of Washington in the 1937 Rose Bowl game. He played two years of professional football and during the war served as a naval lieutenant. Patrick was backfield coach at the University of Minnesota under Dr. George Hauser in 1943 and under Bernie Bierman in 1944. His associates in the coaching department are Joe Rettiger, ex-Pittsburg '41, line coach, and Bill Madden, CPS '46.

Notes about ex-Bearcat athletes: Gene Stewart, grid star, operating a filling station at Ontario. His brother, Glenn Stewart, plays end for this year's College of Idaho club. Elliott (Tooty) Becker, one time Bearcat guard, and a good one, too, attached to the Astoria public schools. Helping coach Astoria high. Irv Miller, graduate of last spring, basketball and football, member of the Wheeler high school staff. Becken and Miller were in Salem last week attending the convention of school executives. And closer at home: Otto Skopik and Cecil Quesseth, brand new members of the Oregon bar, have settled down to earning a living. Otto is a member of the law firm of Skopik, Lamkin, Anderson and Skopik. Cecil is attached to the attorney general's staff. "Had a good walk" was the somewhat non-committal response to Spec Keene when asked concerning his recent pheasant hunting expedition in the Prineville country.

Bowlers Tip Week's Play

Commercial league bowlers look over most of the Capitol alleys Monday night and Kitzmiller, bowling for the Starr Fruit team, totaled up first place honors of slinging a 168-264-180—612 score. Results in Commercial league No. 1 play were: Starr Fruit 1, Walton-Brown 2; Elstrom 2, Lutz Florists 1; Triangle Tavern 2, State Street Market 1; Court Street Radio 3, Keith Brown 0.

Good Housekeeping Co.	Points	Score
Dunham	145	187-302
Bolton	138	188-404
Jones	100	159-350
Quinn	172	172-321
McCluskey	102	208-376
Totals	605	814-2455

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Parry	127	139-514
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Goldies of Silverton	Points	Score
DeKane	173	183-636
Sponcer	187	198-618
Baker	80	119-328
Iliff	142	168-482
Quinn	142	158-440
Henderson	130	181-392
Totals	605	814-2455

Woodburn	Points	Score
Wadsworth	146	164-509
Boyer	132	177-486
Mick	127	158-421
Totals	405	509-1416

Cross-Country Aces Shape UP

Cross-country track stars at Salem senior high school began to shape up last week as Coach Vern Gilmore sent the squad of 80 through a mile and one-half run, as the prospect of meets with other schools in the area is set for the near future.

All preparations point for the Friday, November 22, cross-country meet at Portland's Rocky Butte. Around 30 schools are expected to send squads. Hill Military academy will be host to participants.

The Rocky Butte course starts with a long climb then drops off sharply for distance runners. Molalla high school tracksters are defending champions of the meet.

Truman Masee trotted home first on the intra-squad meet last week. Other top 10 finishers in order are: Bruce Boatman, Al Williams, Jim Wilson, Lowell Weiss, Ron Hall, Ray Strawn, Jim Harrel, Jean McGranahan and Walter Westling.

Vike J-V's Meet Sacred Heart

Viking junior varsity footballers clap a fourth game starting gong Tuesday on Leslie field at 8 p.m. when they meet a strong Sacred Heart eleven in an intra-city fust.

Jayvees opened the season with a 6-6 tie on the Chemawa gridiron. Albany's junior varsity next arrived and the two teams battled to a scoreless deadlock on Leslie field. The J-V's only win came in a rematch with Chemawa on Leslie. Coach Eldon Mort's men emerged with a 14 to 6 victory.

Sacred Heart's well-balanced squad is sparked by Quarterback Walt Davey. The squad dropped a season opener to Dallas 0-6, downed Stayton 13-0, and lost to Chemawa last weekend 0-13. Backfield standouts include Bud Herberger, fullback; Ray Comstock and Ron Keene, halfbacks. Featured linemen are Tom Johnson, tackle, and Jerry Cooney, guard.

J-V's have a passing combination of Mike Glenn to Bill Rock as their main offensive weapon, combined with the running of Frank Osburn and Jerry Taylor.

BC Hunters Hit Quites

It's "quite a spread" and "quite a trip" for Harry McBurnett and Steve Fouchek, proprietors of Barb's Sporting Goods store. The spread is a 49-inch antler on a moosehead. The trip was a 10-day jaunt to Quensen in British Columbia.

Honors on the trip go to McBurnett, who used a .257 Roberts rifle at 400 yards for bagging the 1300-pound moose. Several coyotes and nice catches of fish are also reported by the hunters.

Wharton Biffs Make a Way For New Duds

"Sugar" Eddie Wharton, Negro welterweight ring artist, likes to wear fancy clothes and that is one reason why he is kept busy making arena appearances, claims his manager, Larry Caputo. Wharton will meet Al Davis of Tacoma in the 10 round main event of the next Veterans of Foreign Wars fight card at the armory the night of October 30.

"I have to keep Wharton busy. Not only because he's a great fighter and one of the best prospects in the country but because he spends all of his money on clothes," explains Caputo. "I have never seen a fighter with so many good clothes."

Caputo feels that Wharton has a good chance of becoming another "Sugar" Ray Robinson, due to his height, reach and boxing ability. "Then, too, he is a good puncher and just as soon as he gains a little more weight he'll punch a lot harder. He's a faithful trainer, does plenty of road work and likes the gym fine, but he keeps me broke buying clothes."

Two six round bouts and two four rounders will complete the program which will be presented to the fans at the usual range of prices.

Webfoot Hoopers Open '46 Basketball Sessions

Eugene, Oct. 22 (AP)—Basketball practice has started at the University of Oregon with 100 candidates reporting to Varsity Coach Howard Hobson and to the new freshman mentor, Ted Schopf.

Schopf, who coached the Washington high cage game to its 1945 state title, was on the court yesterday.

Puget Sound Bear Story

Tacoma, Oct. 22 (AP)—Six members of the usual College of Puget Sound starting lineup were sidelined with injuries today as Coach Frank Patrick juggled available material for Saturday's all-important "first-place" clash with Willamette university.

The entire left side of the line was out with injuries received in Saturday's 6-6 tie with Linfield—End Jack Hermens, Tackle Dick Hermens and Guard Jim Rice, and Fullback Warren Wood, Halfback Darrell Wensen and Quarterback Kenny Vollmar still nursed hurts which kept them from last week's tilt.

Track Ends Night Races

Portland, Ore., Oct. 22 (AP)—The Portland Meadows horse racing track drew a total of 114,106 attendance in its first 31 days of operation in the current meet which closed last night. General Manager William Kyne announced here today.

Kyne said the crowds wagered a total mutual handle of \$4,086,292 and returned to the public \$3,575,112 in winnings. The average attendance was 3681 each night of the meet.

Mud Slows Vikings On Olinger Session

Mud seeped between football cleats Monday afternoon on Olinger field and resulted in Viking gridmen taking an easy workout after a layoff week-end before their next league scrap, this time with Corvallis high school.

Defense was stressed by Head Coach Harold Hauk. All-important work on punts and extra points was also carried out.

Two injuries are still in the probable stage for the clash in Corvallis. Bob Seamster, center, and Don Gettis, tackle, are still nursing injuries collected in previous games. Another scrimmage workout is on tap for Vikings Tuesday afternoon.

Pro Basketball Starts Majors

Chicago, Oct. 22 (AP)—Fifty-two professional basketball teams from coast to coast, agreeing to work in unison, have become members of a national association in the first move towards a gigantic farm system for the game's "major" leagues.

The formation of "The National Association of Professional Basketball Leagues" was complete yesterday. Conspicuous by its absence in the new organization was the powerful new Basketball Association of America, sponsored by the Arena Managers' association, with members in New York, Boston, Providence, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Washington, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Cleveland, Detroit, Toronto and Chicago.

The formation of the 52-team association, consummated by an executive board of six members from the National and American Basketball leagues and affiliated loops was considered the first big step in establishing pro basketball on a big business basis rivaling pro football.

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