

Poll Results Agree:

Oakies Lead College Gridmen

UP's Poll of Coaches:

By LEO H. PETERSEN
(United Press Sports Editor)

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—Oklahoma finally reached the top of the list today in a wide-open race for the national collegiate football championship.

One of the nation's six undefeated and untied teams, the Sooners of Coach Bud Wilkinson were named the nation's No. 1 team in the United Press ratings, compiled from the selections of 35 of the nation's outstanding coaches.

Oklahoma received 16 first place votes, but crowding the Sooners of the top spot were three other perfect record teams, Army, Kentucky and California.

On the basis of 10 points for a first place vote, nine for a second and so on down to one for 10th, Oklahoma received a total of 310 points, being named on 34 of the 35 ballots.

Army rated second with nine first place votes and 289 points; Kentucky third with three and 270 and California fourth with three and 251.

Texas, Illinois, Princeton, Tennessee, Ohio State and Michigan State rounded out the top 10 in that order.

The same teams formed the top 10 last week, but there was a lot of changing of positions as a total of eight teams received first place votes. That was indicative of how close the race for national honors has become, for the highest number of teams which received votes in any of the previous weekly ratings was five.

It marked the first time that Oklahoma has been in the No. 1 spot. The Sooners always have been well up in the list, having been second last week and third the week before.

In this week's ratings, Kentucky, Texas, Illinois and Tennessee improved their positions over last week, in addition to Oklahoma.

The United Press football ratings (first place votes in parentheses):

Team	Points
1—Oklahoma (16)	310
2—Army (9)	289
3—Kentucky (3)	270
4—California (3)	251
5—Texas	189
6—Illinois	184
7—Princeton	129
8—Tennessee	95
9—Ohio State (1)	82
10—Michigan State (1)	48

Second 10—Pennsylvania (1), 25; Clemson, 21; Southern Methodist, 20; Washington, 19; Wyoming (1), 17; Miami, 4; Nebraska and Stanford, 3 each; Maryland and Vanderbilt, 2 each.

Others—Cornell, 1.

Statistics Show T Teams Collect More Touchdowns

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—If you don't care for figures except that walk around in high heels, go no further.

This is a brief statistical report on college football point production during three periods—the '30s when the single wing was dominant, the mid-'30s when the "T" formation mushroomed and the present era when coaches are mixing a bit of both.

Diagnosis and findings: "T" teams outsourced the single wing boys almost 2 to 1 but the trend back to the old formation today has failed to bring on a reduction of touchdowns.

A check on the top ten teams in the Associated Press poll in 1938 before the "T" became popular showed those teams averaging a little better than 17 points a game.

In 1945, when there was a widespread shift to the tricky "T", the ten top eleven averaged almost 30 points a game. The top ten chosen Nov. 14, last, showed the mixed "T" and single wing specialists going at a little better than 30-points-a-game clip.

District Plan For Baseball

Setting up four districts within the city and four outside was decided upon Monday night during a reorganization meeting of the Salem Junior baseball league.

Fritz Kramer, president, was in charge of the conference.

Ben Claggett was named secretary of the league and chairman of the committee on districts. The committee on rules and constitution will be headed by Vince Genna; Don Hendrie was named chairman of the committee on sponsors and Jim Melone will handle publicity.

The next meeting will be held January 8 when the various committees will report.

AP's Poll of Newsmen:

By JOHN CHANDLER
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—The University of Oklahoma, knocking on the front door in the weekly Associated Press football poll all season, finally got into the living room today as the nation's No. 1 team.

Now the question is: Can the rampaging Sooners of Coach Bud Wilkinson retain that lofty perch until the end of this unpredictable season, and become the first member of the Big Seven conference to cop this mythical football crown? Oklahoma was voted the No. 2 team last year when Notre Dame ended the season as the No. 1 club.

Unlike recent years, when a mighty Notre Dame, Michigan or Army team led the poll week after week through the long fall, Oklahoma is the fifth outfit to hold the No. 1 spot this season.

Oklahoma, which blasted Missouri last week 41-7, to run its unbeaten string to 29 straight, replaced Ohio State. The Buckeyes, who lost to Illinois, fell from first to eighth place.

In seven previous polls this fall, Oklahoma was voted third four times as the nation's sports-writers and sportscasters put the finger on other teams. The Sooners were rated No. 2 twice, and No. 5 in the first poll Oct. 2.

Wilkinson was almost speechless when advised his team had been voted No. 1 with a total of 2,964 points. This was 526 better than Army.

Oklahoma, voted No. 1 with 2,964 points, polled 17 first place votes, compared with 36 for Army, and 55 for Kentucky, which moved into third for the first time this year. Army, winner over Stanford in the rain and mud, 7-0, received 2,438 points and Kentucky, which walloped helpless North Dakota, 83-0, got 2,346. Kentucky was fifth a week ago.

California, with 20 first place votes, held its fourth place rating for the second week in a row with 2,188 points. The Golden Bears also overcame San Francisco in the mud, 13-7.

Texas moved from sixth to fifth, as the Longhorns trimmed Texas Christian, 21-7, while Illinois, eighth a week ago, advanced to sixth by defeating Ohio State 14-7. The Texas victory assured a Cotton Bowl berth as well as the Southwest conference title.

Princeton hung on to seventh place, lashing Yale, 47-12. In ninth and tenth places are Tennessee and Michigan State, which held the same ranking last week.

Army rests now until the Navy game, Dec. 2. Kentucky gets the acid test against Tennessee, California tackles Stanford, Illinois plays Northwestern, Princeton plays Dartmouth, Ohio State

meets Michigan. These games are Saturday. Texas plays Texas A. & M. Nov. 30, and L.S.U. Dec. 9. Tennessee has another game after Kentucky, meeting Vanderbilt Dec. 2. Michigan State's schedule is complete.

LaMotta Inks for Title Bout With Sugar Robinson

Chicago, Nov. 21 (AP)—Contracts have been signed by Middleweight Champion Jake LaMotta and Welterweight Champion Ray "Sugar" Robinson for their middleweight title fight in the Chicago stadium Feb. 14, the International Boxing club announced today.

James Norris, president of the IBC, said LaMotta would receive 45 per cent of the net gate and Robinson 15 per cent.

Build-up for Indian-Bear Game Started by Coaches

By HAL WOOD
(United Press Sports Writer)

San Francisco, Nov. 21 (AP)—The big build-up for the "big game" got under way in earnest today with Coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf of California's undefeated, untied Bears proclaiming Saturday's Cal-Stanford game a toss-up.

Although Stanford has been

beaten three times and tied once, Waldorf said:

"Anything can happen in this game, and usually does. It's a 50-50 battle and the breaks will decide it."

The usually-pessimistic Bear coach did pretty good, at that, in admitting his team has a 50-50 chance. Most times he thinks his club should be the underdog. (They'll probably be about 13-point favorites in this one.)

"Our scouts are mightily impressed with Stanford's recent development," said Waldorf. "They have a good passing attack; there is no better receiver in the country than End Bill McCall; and the scouts say that the Indian attack is getting better all the time."

The game means just about everything to California—and nothing to the Indians except the pleasure of knocking off the champions. If the Bears win it will: 1) Give them their third perfect regular-season in a row; 2) Make possible their third

straight trip to the Rose Bowl; 3) Extend their regular-season string to 34; and their this year's record to 10-0-0.

If they lose, most of the marks will fall by the wayside—possibly including the Rose Bowl invitation. Because if Washington wins its game there will be a great hue and cry to send the Huskies to Pasadena, because Washington will have won one more game in the PCC than have the Bears.

However, Stanford let out big yowls of fear about what the big bad Bears might do to them.

"California has a super football team," Coach Marchie Schwartz says, adding that his scout, Assistant Coach Dutch Fehring, had told him that California has "the best team he ever saw."

To get back to the California side of it, Waldorf retorts that his scouts told him this:

"In Russ Pomeroy, Stanford has the best line-backer on the coast. And in Bill McCall, they have the second-best linebacker on the coast."

Of course, most competent authorities believe that California, in Les Richter, has the west's finest line-backer.

Let's see now. Where were we.

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On Target Smith college archers pose in Northampton, Mass. Left to right: Susan Darrah, East Orange, N. J.; May Collocott, Mentor, O.; Peggy Bond, Wilmette, Ill.; Pat Kelley, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

Brown Bomber in Top Condition For Brion Battle

Chicago, Nov. 21 (AP)—Joe Louis has been pronounced "in excellent condition" for the start of his comeback in a 10-round bout with Cesar Brion at Chicago stadium on Nov. 29.

Louis and Brion both passed physical tests yesterday before the Illinois athletic commission.

Dr. John Houston, commission physician, said Louis' blood pressure and pulse reactions were good.

"Joe's in excellent condition," he reported.

Louis, readying for his first fight since losing to Ezzard Charles, said he was fairly sure he would be lighter than the 218 pounds he toted in the title bout at New York last September.

Unbeaten, Untied Ranks Cut to 24 Grid Squads

By CARL LINDQUIST
(United Press Sports Writer)

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—Hanging around like kids before the ice cream is served were 24 unbeaten and untied football teams today after just two outfits dropped from the ranks during a formful week-end.

For 14 of the teams on the list, the perfect records are complete because they have finished their seasons unless they are called on for bowl games.

Kentucky with 10 straight victories this year, California with nine, and Army, Oklahoma, Princeton, and Wyoming with eight apiece were the only major eleven still unbeaten and untied.

The two teams which dropped out were Xavier of Ohio and Florida A. & M. Xavier lost a 33 to 20 neighborhood fracas while Florida A. M. had to settle for a 0 to 0 tie against Southern University.

Four of the unbeaten teams were from Wisconsin, three from Pennsylvania and two each from California, Indiana, West Virginia and New York. There were nine perfect record teams in the east, six in the midwest, three in the south, three in the far west, two in the southwest and one in the Rockies.

The top offensive record among the teams on the lists belonged to little Maryland State, which had run up 327 points in six games. Princeton had the best mark among the bigwigs with an average of 40.7 points per game and a total of 326.

The list of teams by victories and points:

Team	Victories	Points
Kentucky	Ten Victories	380 83
California	Nine Victories	311 82

Cardinals Place Five Grid Players on M-P All-Stars

Sacred Heart high's Cardinals placed five men on the Marion-Park league football all star squad by five members of the circuit during a conference held Monday night. At the same time they approved plans for a basketball jamboree to be held at the new Cascade school January 5, selected May 4 as the time for the annual track meet and adopted a baseball schedule.

The selections included: Sacred Heart: Paul Riley, guard; Bob Cowan, center; Virgil Weber, halfback; Terry Cooney, fullback; Jim Weimals, halfback.

Cascade: Harry Pease, end; Olin Wallace, tackle; Orvil Speer, quarterback; Larry Brown, guard.

Stayton: Dale Kirsch, halfback; Tony Sample, end; Darwin Fehlen, end.

Salem Academy: David Knaupp.

Second team selections: Ends: Jim Dempewolf, Sacred Heart; Dick Cox, Stayton; tackles: Al Luke and Ed Browne, Sacred Heart; guards, John Hoy, Sacred Heart, Harvey Wall, Salem Academy; center, Nodman, Stayton and Doerksen, Salem Academy; halfbacks, Shaffer, Cascade, Smith, Salem Academy; fullback, Shelton, Stayton.

The December 8 schedule: Sublimity at St. Paul, Detroit at Gervais, O. S. D. at Mill City, Chemawa at Gates, Jefferson by.

Allen J. Hayek is league secretary.

Eddie Erdelatz, Navy's new head football coach, scouted a game for Earl Blaik of Army when the latter was coach at Dartmouth.

Skits and Scratches

By FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Sports Editor

Bring In New Talent

With all of the yowling that has been heard during the past few football seasons at Salem high, it is hoped that the school administration will see fit to bring in brand new blood. An individual who has never been affiliated with the Viking institution and has a name that charms the public is to be preferred. Then if he can produce a winner everybody will be happy.—John Q. Public, the school authorities and the pupils at Salem high. If he can't turn out a winner then a bit of soul searching on the part of those in charge must be in order to arrive at a reasonable cause of failure.

Hard To Arouse

The Salem citizenry, as a rule, have never gotten up too much of a head of steam over its sports, unless it was during the days of 10 cent softball. Most of them calmly go their way championships or no titles. It's not that way in some other portions of the state we could name where winning or losing a football or basketball game appears to be a life or death matter. The townfolk get their blood pressures up to the popping off point. This attitude is reflected in the student bodies and the players cannot but help absorb some of the enthusiasm. However, on occasion this situation does not result in a championship, which indicates that no coach can win without he had the material.

More Wins Than Losses

While the Vikings have never won a state championship (that part of the program being a fairly recent addition to the athletic program) they did go through two seasons without a defeat in regular competition. That was in 1933 and 1934 under Hollis Huntington. In '33 Salem won eight straight and was selected to represent the up-state in a Shrine sponsored contest with Washington of Portland. The Viks dropped that one 14 to 0, but came back the next season to win seven and gain one tie. The latter was with Everett high of Washington. The schedules were no soft touches in those days either—most of the tough teams were involved—Albany, Astoria, Eugene, The Dalles, McMinnville, Corvallis and Chemawa. Then the Indian school produced a hardy outfit but subsequently had to go into a lower classification because the big Indians no longer came to the campus. Our records show Salem has won 85, lost 73 and played 17 the games since 1930. There have been good seasons and poor ones, a situation that obtains at most schools. Two of the better years in addition to those already mentioned were in 1937 (8 and 1) and 1938 (8 and 2). Then there was 1942 when the Vikings dropped nine straight without a single victory to brace their morale.

Coaching Not the Sole Problem

Coaching is vital to such a complicated game as football but no coach can be successful unless he has the cooperation of his material. As we have said on occasion, there are too many young men who feel it the thing to do to turn out for football even though they have no hankering for the physical contact that the sport involves. The kid who really likes it will frequently play rings around the fellow with the fine physique who is afraid he will get his pants dirty or stop an elbow with his jaw. Diving into a big lug of a ball carrier who has used 20 yards in getting under way is no job for a timid soul. But that's a part of the game and unless a player is willing to collide with the opposition he had better turn to some less violent athletic endeavor.

No. 10 Pin Real Villain

The American Bowling Congress, which awards medals to those individuals who achieve the high 300 mark as well as to the bowlers who fall by one and two pins of knocking 'em all down, took time to find out which pin stood on the final ball. Of the 459 persons who hit the 299 mark, 122 reported that the No. 10 pin had been the stubborn one. The 7-pin stopped a perfect game 80 times and the number six, 69 times. The No. 4-pin cheated the bowler a total of 43 times, No. 8, 19 times, No. 9, 15 times and No. 3, 12 times.

Hunters Leave Elk Area Thankful to Escape Barrage

Astoria, Nov. 21 (AP)—War-like gunfire opened a special elk hunting season in Clatsop county farm areas yesterday. It was quieter today.

State police said last night many hunters left — thankful they were alive.

The barrage at the crack of dawn on the first day prompted many rural residents to complain that the herds would be exterminated. Some said the governor should halt what they called a slaughter of elk of both sexes.

But State Police Sgt. Gerald P. Cochran said late yesterday "things are not out of hand." He believed the first day's shooting would scatter the herds and more gunners would leave when the hunt became difficult.

The regular season—hunt elk only—closed Sunday and the game commission had extended the period—for both sexes—in Clatsop county areas on or within one mile of cultivated farmlands. This was to reduce the elk population that farmers had blamed for excessive crop damage. The extended season ends December 31.

Estimates of the number of hunters were as high as 500 and one state officer said perhaps 125—maybe more—elk were slain the opening day.

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