

Gophers Upset Oklahoma Ags, Tulane Spills Kansas

New York (AP)—The basketball stock of Minnesota's Golden Gophers boomed today as a result of their 57-56 comeback victory over the Oklahoma Aggies in the biggest game played so far in the young season.

Trailing by 13 points early in the fray at Minneapolis, the Gophers were sparked to triumph by Buzz Bennett and Chuck Mencil in the first meeting this year of two teams ranked among the nation's top 10.

The Aggies, who had won three straight, connected with 10 of their first 15 shots to take a commanding 26-13 lead early in the second quarter. Minnesota began to recover as the Aggies cooled, but the visitors still led 31-25 at halftime.

Bennett Sparkles
Bennett moved into the pivot to start the second half and scored eight points in a row to get the Gophers back in the game. Minnesota finally went ahead on a string of five points by Mencil and held on for its third win. Bennett had 20 points and Mencil 15, while 6-foot 11-inch Bobby Mattick led the Aggies with 18.

Minnesota had been ranked ninth nationally by the United Press board of coaches in their preseason ratings and the Aggies fifth.

A major upset last night saw Kansas, last year's Big Seven and Western NCAA champ, lose its opening game of the season to Tulane, 69-55, in New Orleans.

Tulane Wins
Hal Cervani, who led Tulane with 20 points, broke the 13th and last tie of the game with a field goal that gave the Green Wave a 58-56 lead early in the fourth period. Kansas trailed by five points with three minutes left, cut the gap to two with 30 seconds left, and then Cervani clinched it with two free throws.

Notre Dame, ranked No. 19 nationally, marked up win No. 3 of the season with ease, 72-45, over Detroit. Dick Rosenthal of the Irish showed the way with 27 points.

St. Louis, upset last Monday by Ohio State by a single point, bounced back with an 82-68 victory over Alabama at St. Louis. Dick Boushka of the Billikens set a new school record by hitting for 38 points, topping his own mark by two points.

Other Games
North Carolina State, also upset in its last game by Wake Forest, came back successfully to beat the Phillips Oilers, 67-65, in an exhibition game. It was the first time this year that the Oilers, perennial AAU power-house, had lost to a college team.

In other leading games last night: Siena stamped itself as a team trouncing Lehigh, 60-48. Ken Jacky's 23 points led De Paul to an 82-59 win over Manchester; Wichita routed Washburn, 78-40, and Boston College defeated Stone Hill, 67-47.

Big League 'Cast Restriction' Hop

Washington (AP)—Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.), said Friday he still hopes the major leagues will act on his plan to restrict their baseball game broadcasts in minor league territory.

The idea behind the plan is that major league radio-TV broadcasts keep the people at home to the detriment of attendance at minor league games.

The majors, meeting in New York this week, shunted the proposal, which originated at Atlanta last week, to a radio-TV committee for further study. Johnson said he understands it might be considered again in February.

Junior Colleges Poised for Little Rose Bowl Game

Pasadena, Calif. (AP)—North-eastern Oklahoma A&M and Bakersfield Junior College of California meet in the eighth annual Junior Rose Bowl game Saturday and no one could be more in the dark about what will happen than the teams, coaches and fans.

The rivals are undefeated in their respective areas. Neither has scouted the other, nor have they met a common foe on the field this fall.

Bakersfield was supposedly a one touchdown favorite, and just how this point was reached is also a mystery.

The Oklahoma Norms men have won 31 out of 32 games the past two seasons, avenging the one loss to Bacone, Okla., this year by a 40-14 count.

Sublimity Hawks Win Two Games
Canby — The visiting Sublimity Hawks and the Canby Townies officially opened the Willamette independent basketball league season last night.

Sublimity, rallying to come from behind in both games, won the opener 59-51 and the nightcap, 30-27. Ripp and Gries paced the victors with 16 and 11 points, respectively, in the first game, while Hartman scored nine for Sublimity in the second game.

Palmer led Canby with 10 in the opener, and Herman made nine in the second one.

Coach Steve Owen Of Giants Reveals Retirement Plans

New York (AP)—Steve Owen, coach of the New York football Giants for 23 years, Thursday announced his retirement effective after Sunday's final game of the season with the Detroit Lions at Polo Grounds.

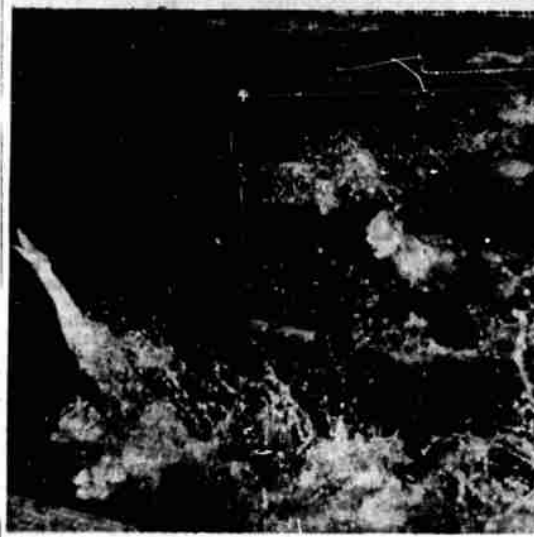
President John Mara of the Giants said a successor to the big Oklahoma would be named in time for the new man to take part in the league's draft meeting next month.

Owen, 55, who has been with the Giants since 1926 as a player and coach, will head an expanded Giants scouting system. He will coach one of the teams in the Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala., Jan. 9.

The Giants have won three and lost eight this season.



Pancakes Landing flat like pancakes in the start of the 100-yard freestyle race at the Salem YMCA Thursday are (right to left) Paul Beck, Salem; Jim Boudreau, Salem; Daryl Cushing, Vancouver; and Ed Hageman, Vancouver. It was won by Boudreau in 1:03.2.



Splashers Part way through the back stroke 100-yard race are Salem and Vancouver high school swimmers, caught even by the Capital Journal camera. From left to right are LeRoy Griebenow, Salem; Bob Hunt, Salem; Jerry Maffie, Vancouver; and Ryan Flisk, Vancouver. Flisk was the winner.

YMCA Thursday are (right to left) Paul Beck, Salem; Jim Boudreau, Salem; Daryl Cushing, Vancouver; and Ed Hageman, Vancouver. It was won by Boudreau in 1:03.2.

City Cage Loop Meeting Slated

City Basketball league team managers or representatives will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday to arrange schedules and practice sessions.

Vern Gilmore, city recreation director, said the meeting will be in Room 108 at Salem high school. Player contracts will be issued.

Seven teams tentatively are entered in league play, which will start Jan. 5. They are Wolgamott's, Marion Motors, YMCA, Naval Reserve, Naval Air Facilities, Marine Reserve, and maybe Salem Sophomores.

Canadian football, somewhat similar to the American game, technically is known as "Rouge."

Salkeld Planning Partial Ring TV

Portland (AP)—Some Portland boxing bouts may be televised next year. Promoter Tex Salkeld said today.

Salkeld told the Portland Boxing Commission he was negotiating for partial TV coverage of a series of boxing shows scheduled to start at the Armory Jan. 16 and to be held every other Saturday night. The Commission yesterday

decided to ignore a National Boxing association recommendation that heavyweight Freddie Beshore and light heavyweight Bob Murphy be retired for the good of boxing. Both still can fight in Portland.

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PCC Asks Single Platoon Football Rule Be Retained

By HAL WOOD
San Francisco (AP)—Single platoon football will be in vogue again next year if the Pacific Coast conference has anything to do with it.

The PCC directors, concluding their annual mid-winter session yesterday, recommended to the NCAA that the single platoon game be retained because it had captured the fancy of West Coast fans, cut administration costs, reduced injuries and trimmed recruiting evils.

That one resolution was the most momentous of an otherwise quiet five-day session for the loop's athletic directors and faculty representatives.

Stronger Gag Rule
"Mostly during this session we just plugged the gaps on some regulatory and disciplinary rules," said H. P. (Dick) Everest, University of Washington, group spokesman.

The directors accomplished the following:

- 1. Strengthened the gag rule against criticism by coaches and other school representatives of sports officials or officials.
- 2. Set the expense figure for the participant team in the Rose Bowl at a base of \$46,000, plus transportation fare for schools other than USC and UCLA. Highest costs would be \$8000 additional for University of Washington.
- 3. For the first time agreed to pay the costs of band transportation, but only at air coach rates.
- 4. Agreed to go along with the NCAA on whatever it decided on TV regulations, but made no recommendation itself.
- 5. Signed a new contract with NBC for televising and broadcasting of the Rose Bowl games for 1955-56-57, for an estimated \$1,500,000.

Thomas S. Kerr of Idaho was reelected president of the faculty conference group; and Wilbur Johns of UCLA was named to head the athletic directors, succeeding Leo Thomas of Oregon.

East Lansing, Mich. — Three Michigan State coaches have had minor league baseball playing experience — Pete Newell, basketball mentor; Amo Bessone, hockey boss; and Steve Sebo, football backfield coach.

Vik Swimmers Again Tie Vancouver; to Enter State

Salem high closed out its regular season Thursday afternoon at the Salem YMCA with a 42-42 tie with Vancouver for the second tie between the two schools this season. Last Friday the Vikings tied the Trappers 42-42 at Vancouver. Chet Goodman's tankers now have won two meets, lost two, and tied two.

Saturday the Viking swimmers travel to Eugene for the annual state meet. The all-day meet brings together the top high schools in the state. Thursday Dave Kromer was the only double winner as the junior captured both the 120 yard individual medley and the 40 yard freestyle.

The other Salem winner was Jim Boudreau in the 100 yard freestyle. Salem's 160 yard relay team won its race while Vancouver won the 180 yard medley relay.

The results:
40 yard freestyle—Dave Kromer (Salem), Paul Beck (Salem), and Gary Thoen (Vancouver); winning time—21.0.
100 yard breaststroke—Ken Templeton (Vancouver), Roy Dye (Vancouver), and Jim Lawrence (Salem); winning time—1:13.3.
200 yard freestyle—Kevin Cushing (Vancouver), Del Frahm (Salem), and Gary Major (Vancouver); winning time—2:23.2.
100 yard backstroke—Ryan Fish (Vancouver), Jerry Martie (Vancouver), and LeRoy

Griebenow (Salem); winning time—1:21.8.
100 yard freestyle—Jim Boudreau (Salem), Ed Hageman (Vancouver), and Paul Beck (Salem); winning time—1:03.2.
120 yard individual medley—Dave Kromer (Salem), Daryl Cushing (Vancouver), and Roy Dye (Vancouver); winning time—1:24.8.
180 yard medley relay—Won by Vancouver (Nicholas, Templeton, and Thoen); winning time—1:12.5.
160 yard relay—Won by Salem (Paul Beck, Jim Lawrence, Jim Boudreau, and Dave Kromer); winning time—1:23.6.

East Lansing, Mich. — Michigan State's hockey team had a short season in 1954—playing but one game. Their outdoor rink refused to freeze properly throughout that entire winter.

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