Willie Mays Selected Male Athlete of the Year

Buckeyes Plan Surprise for USC

Ohioans Working in Secret for Bowl Game

By HASKELL SHORT
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COLUMBUS, O. (UP) — Ohio State's unbeaten Buckeyes plan to throw a few surprises at Southern California when the teams clash in the Rose Bowl.

Coach Woody Hayes naturally doesn't say much about this but he made sure he would have a practice field near Pasadena where his Big Ten champions could work out in secret for the New Year's Day classic.

Hayes said before taking his 44-man squad to Pasadena Saturday that he was pleased with the way the men kept in condition during the lay-off since the Michigan game Nov. 20. He indicated, however, that he was behind schedule in getting his defenses set for Southern California, a team that impressed him greatly in its close contest with Notre Dame.

"Those kids kept in good condition during the lay-off," Hayes said. "They've got the spirit it takes to go with ability to produce a champion."

Points To Team's Morale

The stocky Hayes, who has had three unbeaten seasons in nine years as a college coach, often pointed to team morale and team play as a big factor in the nine victories. He was pleased to note that the Buckeyes were not among the national leaders in various statistical departments, except in holding down the score of opponents.

"Those boys came from behind to win four games," Hayes said. "I know nobody is going to stop them for 60 minutes."

Hayes pointed to halfback Bobby Watkins, the Mr. Inside of the Buckey split-T attack, as a typical example of Buckeye spirit. The 191-pound senior from New Bedford, Mass., enrolled in Ohio State because he wanted to play in the Rose Bowl. He said he figured state was the school with the best chance to win Big Ten championships year after year.

Defense Needed Work

But Watkins had to work extra hard for a starting berth this year because he was weak on defense. He put in extra hours, kept his starting place, became one of the most feared tacklers on the team, and led the team in rushing yardage for the second straight year.

The well conditioned Buckeyes, who became known in the Big Ten as a club that wore down and outran opponents, kept its attack on the ground most of the time. The Bucks gained 2,201 yards rushing, almost twice as much as opponents and they gained 672 yards passing.

But quarterback Dave Leggett, deftly mixing his plays, used his passes carefully and threw seven for touchdowns.

The backfield has power and speed at all positions and good depth. Howard (Hopalong) Cassady, the All-America halfback, is the most widely known because of his flair for the sensational play, but Leggtt, Watkins, and fullback Hubert Bobo are all good runners. Leggett and Watkins are former fullbacks and Bobo, the blocking fullback, was the state's top high school scorer as a halfback.

BOB GRIM
. . . In Yankee tradition

Grim Rookie Of the Year

NEW YORK (UP)—Bob Grim, the 24-year-old son of a Brooklyn bartender and the first Yankee rookie to win 20 games in 44 years, won the American League Rookie of the Year award today with 15 out of 24 votes

The ex-Marine who came out of the service and landed a job as a Yankee starter, even though his highest professional experience had been with Binghamton in 1951 in the Class A Eastern League, finished with a record of 20 victories and only six defeats.

In the balloting by a special committee of 24 members of the Baseball Writers of America, the only other players to receive consideration were Jim Finigan, the third baseman of the Athletics with eight votes, and outfielder Al Kaline of the Tigers with one.

Grim, who had an earned run average of 3.26, struck out 108 batters and walked 85. He also had one of the best anti-home run marks of the year. Although he yielded 175 hits only nine were homers.

Yankee Pitching Coach Jim Turner, who tabbed Grim for stardom the moment he saw him work out, cited the youngster's delivery as "one of the best I ever have seen."

Stellar Milers Follow

Bannister Second, Landy Third in Poll

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Willie Mays, the sensational, young centerfielder who led the New York Giants to a pennant and World Series sweep in his first full year in the major leagues, Tuesday was selected as the "Male Athlete of the Year" for 1954 in The Associated Press year-end poll.

The 23-year-old batting and fielding phenom beat out miracle miler Roger Bannister of England by 35 points for the honor in the AP's 24th annual poll of sports writers and sportscasters.

The "say hey" kid from Fairfield, Ala., winner of the National League's batting championship and chosen as the league's most valuable player, received 38 first place votes from the panel of 122, and 185 points on a basis of three points for first, two for second and one for a third place vote.

Landy in Third

Bannister, the tall,slender, 25-year-old intern who first broke the four-minute mile barrier in May and then roared from behind to edge Australia's John Landy in the "Mile of the Century" in August, received 36 ½ first place votes and a total of 150 points.

In third place, far behind the two leaders, came Landy with 7 ½ first place votes and 60 points. The Australian followed Bannister's monumental short-lived 3:59.4 world record with a spectacular 3:58 performance in Turku, Finland, June 21.

But when they ran against each other in the great mile of the British Empire Games at Vancouver, B.C., Bannister came from behind in the last 100 yards to beat the Australian by four yards in 3:58.8. Landy was clocked in 3:59.6 in the first mile in history in which two men cracked the four-minute barrier.

Bobo Olson Fourth

Fourth in the voting was Carl (Bobo) Olson, the Hawaiian-born middleweight boxing champion who successfully defended his 160-pound crown three times during the year. He was followed in order by heavyweight king Rocky Marciano, fullback Alan Ameche of Wisconsin; Frank Selvy, the basketballer of college and pro basketball fame; Ed Furgol, the surprise winner of the National Open golf title; Dusty Rhodes, the Giants' pinch-bitter de luxe; and Ralph Guglielmi, Notre Dame's All-America quarterback.

Ready for Bowl Ohio State's All-American Howard Cassady (right) and Dean Dugger (left) are fed oranges by Marilyn Smiun, Tournament of Roses Queen, after the team's first practice for their Rose bowl game with the Univ. of Southern California in Pasadena, Calif. (UP Telephoto)

Ducks to Go From Skillet Into Fire

Lose to Louisville; Dayton Tonight Tougher

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Oregon Ducks, beaten Monday night by one of the nation's high-rated teams, tackles an even tougher opponent Tuesday night in one of three games on the three games on the Northern Division basketball slate.

Opening a rugged game-a-night schedule in the East and Midwest, the Ducks were outclassed 101-72 Monday night by Louisville, rated along with Wichita in the 14th spot in this week's Associated Press poll. Tuesday night, they play sixth-ranked Dayton University at Dayton, Ohio.

Washington and Oregon State also will be in action Tuesday night.

The Huskies, back in Seattle after losing to Kansas State last weekend, open a two-game set against the powerful St. Louis Billikens. Oregon State entertains the Seattle University Chieftains at Corvallis.

Fade in 2nd Half

Louisville racked up its seventh win in eight starts in whipping the Ducks at Louisville Monday night. Oregon played on almost even terms with the Kentuckians in the first half but faded after the intermission, Louisville led 42-34 at that point.

The winners hit on 42 out of 80 field goal attempts for a 53 shooting percentage, while Oregon connected on 25 of 75 for 33.3 per cent.

Charley Tyra of Louisville was high point man with 22. Jim Loscutoff topped Oregon with 19 and Max Anderson netted 16.

The Northern Division schedule Monday night sent Idaho from Moscow on a mission to Missoula, Mont., with results that were disastrous for the Vandals. Idaho crushed the Montana Grizzlies 100-70 last Saturday night but Monday night the Grizzlies turned the table and dropped the Vandals 63-58. Idaho led 29-24 at the half. Montana pulled in front early in the second half and Idaho never caught up. Idaho's Harlan Melton led the scoring with 26 points.

Other West Coast teams also are in the sports headlines.

San Francisco, by virtue of its 94 - 75 trouncing of Wichita, faces Oklahoma City in the second round of the annual All-College Tournament in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma qualified to meet the Dons by edging Houston U., 72-65.

Southern California plays La Salle, ranked fourth in The Associated Press poll, in the opening round of the Kentucky Invitational at Lexington.

Bears Face Buckeyes

California hosts unbeaten Ohio State, a team which has scored an average of 97 points per game in four contests.

St. Mary's continues to look for its first win on a two-week tour at Spring Hill, Mobile, Ala. and Stanford goes to Arizona.

UCLA entertains Colorado.

College of the Pacific lost its fourth straight game on the road Monday night to Cincinnati, 59-97. Santa Clara squeezed by Hawaii, 67-61, and San Jose fell before Santa Barbara, 55-73.

San Francisco's 94 points set a new scoring record for the All-College Tournament, topping the 93 scored last year by Cincinnati against Furman. The dons led 55-we at halftime and never trailed Wichita, one of the pre-tournament favorites. San Francisco's Jerry Mellen, 6-5 forward, topped the scoring with 29 points.

Oregon (72)	G	F	P	T	(101) Louisville	G	F	P	T
Ross,f	3	4	3	10	Gstvch,f	6	0	1	12
Loscu.,f	8	3	3	19	Dargh,f	2	2	0	6
Bnghm,f	3	2	1	8	Hardh,f	6	0	5	12
Moore,f	0	0	0	0	York,f	1	1	0	3
M.Ad'n,c	3	10	4	16	Pike,f	0	0	2	0
Bell,c	3	3	4	9	Prdhe,c	3	3	5	9
McMan.,c	0	0	2	0	Tyra,c	9	4	3	22
McHgh,g	2	0	3	4	Rollins,g	5	4	0	14
Page,g	1	0	2	2	Kepper,g	7	2	1	16
Sherman,g	2	0	3	4	Mrnan,g	2	0	1	4
Jamesa,g	0	0	2	0	Shkltd,g	0	0	0	0
B.Ad'n,g	0	0	0	0					
Totals	26	22	27	72	Totals	42	17	18	101

Halftime score: Louisville 42, Oregon 34.

Free throws missed: Oregon—M. Anderson 4, Ross 2, Bell 2, Loscutoff, Sherman. Louisville—Gastevich 4, York, Prudhoe 4, Tyra 4, Rollins 2, Kepper 2, Moreinan 3, Morgan 2.

TECHMEN LOSE

OLYMPIA, Wash. (UP) — St. Martin's College kept ahead all the way Monday night to defeat Oregon Tech, 55-46, in a slow-moving basketball game.

AP Poll Puts Kentucky 1st, Utahns in 2nd

Illinois 3rd, LaSalle 4th; USC 13th, San Francisco 17th

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky was ranked as the No. 1 basketball team in the nation today in the weekly Associated Press poll and if the Wildcats can get past this week's action, they'll be hard to displace.

Adolph Rupp's team boasts a 3-0 record and hasn't been beaten since the last game of the 1951-52 season. The Wildcats didn't field a team the following year and they were undefeated for 1953-54.

3 Tough Entries

They're running their own tournament this week and they go into action against three pretenders to their lofty perch—Utah, ranked No. 2; La Salle, which was in first place in the first poll last week; and Southern California, possibly the class of the Pacific Coast Conference.

Of the 69 sports writers and sportcasters who voted in the poll, 21 put the Wildcats in first place. All told, they drew a total of 527 points based on the standard procedure of 10 for a first-place vote, nine for second, etc.

Utah, another of the rapidly dwindling list of undefeateds, cornered 15 firsts and 427 points—just 100 behind Kentucky. Utah sports a 7-0 record. Next was Illinois, one of the favorites in the Big Ten, with 419 points.

LaSalle, voted in the preseason poll the potential national champion, tumbled to fourth following its defeat at the hands of Utah at Madison Square Garden last Saturday. North Carolina State, with the longest winning streak among the top colleges — eight games — rounded out the top five.

Others in the first 10, in order, were Dayton, Missouri, George Washington, Duquesne and Niagara.

The leaders with first-place votes in parentheses:

1.	Kentucky (21)	527
2	Utah (15)	427
3	Illinois (7)	419
4.	LaSalle	346
5.	N. C. State (11)	333
6.	Dayton (5)	298
7	Missouri (1)	193
8	G Washington (1)	141
9.	Duquesne (2)	130
10.	Niagara (1)	112
11.	Ohio State (1)	111
12.	West Virginia (1)	62
13.	Southern Cal	51
14.	Wichita (2)	47
	Louisville (tie) (1)	47
16.	Pennsylvania	43
17.	San Francisco	40
	UCLA (tie)	40
19.	Alabama	36
20.	Iowa	34

Summer Tan, leading juvenile money winner of 1954, was flown to Florida for his health after a serious illness. The cost of shipping the horse by air was $1,095.

Illinois Ranked 1st Quint in UP Vote

Board of Coaches Puts Utah 2nd, Kentucky 3rd

By EARL WRIGHT
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NEW YORK (UP)— — Illinois, which managed to escape the early season upsets that struck some of the country's top college basketball teams, today took over the No. 1 spot in the United Press weekly ratings.

Illinois received 11 first - place votes and a total of 283 points after boosting its record to 5-0 with a 66-57 triumph over Notre Dame Saturday night. The 35 leading coaches who make up the board based their voting on the games played through Saturday.

While Illinois advanced from third to first, Coach Jack Gardner's Utah team made the biggest gain. Gardner's Skyline Conference outfit upset LaSalle, which topped the rankings during the first two weeks, Saturday night. That victory earned Utah seven first-place votes and 257 points and moved the Western team from eighth to second place.

Kentucky, which plays host to Utah tonight, slipped from second third although it raised its record to 3-0 with an 18-point triumph over Temple Saturday night The Wildcats drew eight first-place votes and 216 points.

LaSalle, defending NCAA champion and the coaches' No. 1 choice in the pre-season ranking, dropped to fourth. The Philadelphia team received three first-place votes and 210 points.

North Carolina State slipped from fourth to fifth despite its 8-0 record. The Atlantic Coast Conference team collected two first-place votes and 173 points.

Dayton joined Utah in making a big jump, advancing from 12th to sixth because of its 6-0 record. The Ohio team attracted one first-place vote and 98 points. Ohio State was close behind, collecting one first-place vote and 97 points on its 4-0 record.

Missouri received 95 points and moved up from ninth to eighth. Niagara, tied with Iowa for 10th last week, was ninth with 79 points. Duquesne received one first-place vote and rounded out the top 10 with 76 points. Duquesne was seventh last week.

NEW YORK (UP)—The United Press college basketball ratings (with season records through Dec. 18 in parentheses):

1. Illinois (5-0)	283
2. Utah (7-0)	257
3. Kentucky (3-0)	216
4. LaSalle (5-1)	210
5. N. Car. State (8-0)	173
6 Dayton (6-0)	98
7. Ohio State (4-0)	97
8. Missouri (4-1)	95
9. Niagara (6-1)	79
10. Duquesne (1) (4-1)	76

Second Ten — 11, UCLA, 67; 12, Southern California, 45; 13, Cincinnati, 31; 14, Iowa, 19; 15, Wyoming 18; 16, Kansas, 17; 17, Louisville, 16; 18, Holy Cross, 14; 19 (tie), Alabama and Wichita, 3 each.

Others — Indiana and Purdue, 11 each; San Francisco, 10; George Washington, 8; California and Seton Hall, 7 each; New York University, Stanford and St. Louis, 6 each; St. John's, 5; Southern Methodist, Washington and Oklahoma A and M, 4 each; Villanova, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Minnesota, 3 each; Notre Dame, 2; Duke, 1.

Top Rookie Outfielder Wally Moon of the St. Louis Cardinals, won the National League's Rookie of the Year Award with 17 out of 24 ballots cast by the special committee of the Baseball Writers of America in New York. (UP Telephoto)

Owens Scores 32 for Coyotes Over EWCE

CHEWELAH, Wash. (UP) — R.C. Owens ropped in 32 points Monday night to lead College of Idaho to an 81-67 basketball victory over Eastern Washington College.

Dick Edwards was high for the Savages with 16 points.

College of Idaho led 34-27 at the half.

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UNIVERSITY BOWL
Ladies Minor League

Team results: No. 3 (4), No. 1 (0); Owl Drug (2), Ladd & Bush No. 1 (2); Snider Electric (1), Western Paper (3); Moore Bus. Forms (3½), Team No. 11 (½); Orcutt's Market (2), Meadows Rest (2); Team No. 12 (4), Ladd and Bush Bank No. 2 (0).

High team game: Owl Drug, 553.

High team series: Owl Drug, 1543.

High individual game: Dawn Jones, Owl Drug, 186.

High individual series: Etta Fleck, Western Paper, 480; Shirley Wilcox 401, Millie Monner 416, Dawn Jones 471, Jane Hollington 382, Marge Kirkpatrick 383, Dottie Kandle 405, Iva Harnbeck 309, Myrna Bare 379, Elsie Hersley 422, Roberta Fox 417, Vergene Moore 354.

UNIVERSITY BOWL
Classic League

Team results: Hartman's Jewelers (2), Salem Hardware (1); Cupboard Cafe (3), Barb's Sporting Goods (1); Brennan's Tree Service (4), Riches Electric (0); Frank's Produce (0), Smalley Oil Co. (4).

High team game: Hartman's Jewelers, 1029.

High team series: Hartman's 2937.

High individual game: Don Gersbach, Cupboard Cafe, 213.

High individual series: Jug Johnson, Barb's, 607; Don Gersbach, 602; John Nuber, 567; Lee Morris, 571; Dick Phipps, 567; Art Upston, 547; Don Lebold, 551; Cliff Maison, 535.

CAPITOL ALLEYS
Commercial No. 2

Team results: The Jewel Box 3, 1st National Bank 1; Hollywood Finance 1, Jones & Fagg 3; Capitol Alleys 3, Marvs Place 1; Stettler Supply 1, Martin Brothers 3; Brooks Fire Department 3½, Woodburn ½; The Hub 4, Al Laue Refrigeration 0.

High individual series: Ed Logan 210-203-213—626, Bob Ryan 202-207-215—624.

High individual game: Bob Ryan 215.

High team game: Brooks Fire Department 1045.

High team series: Martin Brothers 2863.

CAPITOL ALLEYS
Capitol Commercial No. 1

Team results: Rawlinson's Laundry (4), Marion Creamery (0); Lana Ave. Service (4), Woodry's Furniture (0); Nicholson's Insurance (3), Salem Auto Parts (1); Knights of Columbus (4), Goldie's (0); Jayson's (3), Wicklund's (1); Orval's (3), Stare Foods (1).

Rawlinson's held first place, Lana Service held second as Nicholson's dropped to third.

High team series: Lana Ave. Service, 1077-928-1001—2947

High team game: Lana Ave. Service, 1007

High individual game: Dick Phipps, 234

High individual series: Dick Phipps, 234-182-223—639. Other high series: Bob Ryan, 628; Ed Logan, 604.

Antonelli Top Hurler in NL

NEW YORK (AP) — The important part lefthander Johnny Antonelli played in the pennant drive of the New York Giants last season was reflected Tuesday in the official release of National League pitching records.

The 24-year-old Antonelli, who was obtained in a trade with Milwaukee last February, captured both the earned run and winning percentage titles. He is the 12th National Leaguer in history to win the double crown. The last was Hoyt Wilhelm, also of the Giants in 1952.

Antonelli gave up 66 earned runs in the 259 innings he worked for a sparkling 2.29 earned run mark. The talented southpaw won 21 games and lost only 7 for a winning percentage of .750.

Behind the Giants' stalwart in the earned run listings came Lew Burdette of Milwaukee with 2.76. Curt Simmons of Philadelphia 2.81, Ruben Gomez of New York 2.88 and Robin Roberts of the Phillies, 2.96.

Programs for TV Rose Bowl Fans

PASADENA, Calif. (UP) — Programs will be made available for the second year to television viewers of the Rose Bowl football game betwen Ohio State and the University of Southern California.

The Rose Bowl Program Committee announced yesterday it would mail out to those sending $1 to Rose Bowl game program, postoffice Box 750, Pasadena, programs in time for the game.

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