

In the World of Sports

TROJANS NAIL COAST CROWN TO MASTHEAD

Hard Luck Team Completes Conference Season—Undeclared—California Next—Thanksgiving Windup for Oregon.

(By Russell J. Newlands, Associated Press Sports Writer.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Trojans of Southern California annually moulded into a great football squad, but heretofore always victims of ill luck or heartbreaking reversals, have finally nailed a Pacific Coast conference championship to their masthead.

When they trotted off the Coliseum field in Los Angeles Saturday, conquerors of Idaho, 28 to 7, the Trojans had completed their conference season undefeated, winners of four games and tied in one.

No other eleven boasts such a record, although California's Bears also completed their schedule without the loss of a game. The Bears, however, have two ties charged against them, one a scoreless battle with Southern California and Saturday's 13-13 ending with Stanford.

Last year the Trojans finished in a tie with Stanford and Idaho. They said goodbye to the 1928 conference football with a smashing win over Idaho that saw three touchdowns roll over in the third period and another in the fourth, after a scoreless first half.

This season's "big game" tie, witnessed by 20,000 persons at Memorial stadium, Berkeley, dashed California's hopes to the ground. Undefeated in conference play as it is, the Bears could have finished on equal terms with the Trojans by turning back the Stanford Reds. Their season's efforts are, three games won and two tied. Southern California won four games and tied one.

Oregon had no difficulty in

trimming Montana, 21-6, Saturday, and next Thursday will complete its season in a game with University of California at Los Angeles, Washington and Washington State. Both idle last week end, also will meet on Thanksgiving day. These games will end the conference schedule for all teams.

Standings.

W.	L.	T.	Pct.
Southern Calif.	4	0	1.000
California	3	0	1.000
Stanford	4	1	.667
Washington State	4	2	.667
Idaho	2	2	.500
Oregon	2	2	.500
Oregon State	2	2	.500
Washington	1	4	.200
U. C. L. A.	0	3	.000
Montana	0	5	.000

ROCKNE PLAYERS TO LEAVE TODAY FOR LOS ANGELES

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Kent Rockne and his sturdy band of Notre Dame football players left Chicago tonight for Los Angeles, where they will attempt to shove an other eleven, the University of Southern California, out of the exclusive circle of the undefeated.

The Ramblers, who sported a record of 10-0-1, will make their first stop at Tucson, Arizona, where they will drill two days to become acclimated to warmer weather before going to Los Angeles. The game is scheduled for Saturday.

While every member of his squad will be in condition to play, Rockne was pessimistic, as usual, about Notre Dame's chances for victory. He pointed out the law of averages almost demanded a western triumph. The team will arrive in Los Angeles Friday afternoon.

French-Swedish Stars Now at State Theatre

"The Golden Clown," at the State Theatre is an example of what a fine cast, a reasonable story and a clever director can do. It features Gosta Ekman, a famous Swedish actor, a lovely new personage named Karina Bell, also Maurice De Foreaudy.

FRANK BUCHTER IS STRONG FOR GAME IN CALIFORNIA

Frank L. Buchter, a former high school student and football player, now located at San Francisco, Cal., writes as follows, from the gridiron situation:

To the Editor:

We are now living in an age, where the slogan, "It pays to advertise," is as familiar as the opening lines of the national anthem.

Yet as an individual, you as a newspaper unit, are in all probability the entire galaxy of estimable Medford business men, are heartily in accord with the wisdom of the above mentioned slogan.

From the time, nine years ago, when I first entered the gates of Medford, until the present, I have always been impressed by the booster attitude of the entire Medford citizenry.

But that is as it should be. Medford is a wonderful little town and well worth yelling about. I suppose some wit will immediately enquire as to why I left. Well that is my own business and if anything, should have added to the charm of the Rogue river city.

But I am getting away from what I wanted to say. I merely brought the above points up to show that Medford has always been an "advertiser's" community.

But as is so often the case, when an individual is groping about, advertising for good qualities to use as advertising, he so often misses the fine points closest to him.

What I mean is this, Medford has run the entire gamut of its beauties, its fruits, industries and so forth and you are hunting for bigger and better virtues. Running circles about the thing that would give you prestige in the eyes of all California, at least. Know what I mean? Your five year only once defeated, three state championship football team.

Now wait a minute, I know some of you more erudite folks are going to say I'm crazy. Maybe I am. I've been told so before, especially when I voted for Al

Smith. But I don't think I am in this regard. Why friends, if you could be seen here watching the preparations for the big game, "who is going to win," the only topic on the tongue of business man and beggar alike. If you could see the intense interest in the game between Polytechnic and Lowell high schools for the "city championship," and the interest manifested in the possibility of Carnegie Tech coming west and the St. Mary's-Southern Methodist battle, the Notre Dame-U. S. C. game and all the others, you would be led to believe that California is football crazy. And they are. They believe they have the best teams in the country and they are willing to play pretty nearly anyone to prove it.

But get this, California soon forgets a win, but they long remember a tie or loss, and an outside team receives prestige thereby. They still sing the praises of the lowly Nevada "Wolf Pack" for tying the late Andy Smith's "wonder team" in 1925, they still huzzah the name of Johnny Mack Brown of Alabama for tying the Stanford team in '26 and of the entire Alabama team for their win against Washington the previous year. In short, the team that beats a California team can figure on plenty of verbal advertising for it and the place it holds from for many years.

And now to cut this short, I'm not being foolishly loyal when I say that Medford can beat any high school that I have seen in the Golden Bear state. Loosen up. Don't play at home. Schedule a game in the south. Send Frank and the boys down. It pays to advertise and I'm sure you couldn't find better press agents.

FRANK L. BUCHTER.

BIG DAY FOR ZUPKE AND ILLINOIS TEAM 'BIG TEN' CHAMPIONS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Nov. 26.—(AP)—This was another big day in the life of the "Flying Dutchman," Robert Zupke, and his Illinois football team.

Champions of the big ten for the second straight year, they were feted by Champaign and Urbana, the faculty and student body.

A big student convocation was planned for today to praise the

Illinois warriors. Tonight the annual football banquet, during which letters were to be awarded and a captain for 1929 chosen, was to be held.

In his 12 years of coaching, Zupke has piloted Illinois teams to seven championships, five of which were held single handed and two shared with another team.

GREGORY EXPECTS PORTLAND TUSSLE TEST BIG TEAMS

By H. I. Gregory.

Now we shall see what big high school football team can do against big high school teams. It's all settled—Benson, the Portland champion, plays Medford, the state champion, on Multnomah stadium field Thanksgiving day afternoon. The Benson boys are Portland's biggest and inter-scholastic football representatives, and their championship shows them also to be the best. Everybody knows what Medford has done. But that the Medford lineup contains plenty of hefty young gent's, although mere size is far from being the controlling factor in Medford success.

It's the way that line plays that makes Medford so formidable. Frank Callison was a rethot lineman himself when he played for the University of Oregon and the Olympic club of San Francisco—it certainly does show in his coaching. If his line gets the jump on the Benson line, I don't care how big the Benson boys may be, they won't stop Medford. But having size to pit against size gives Benson her opportunity; you can't overtake one big man with another big man, though you may fool and outplay him.

Curiously, the snappiest back on either team is a little fellow, Harrell, the abbreviated bucket of TNT who put the big bang into Medford's backfield, is only a 143-pound fragment. I have not seen Johnny Blaincome in action, but they tell me he is even smaller than Harrell. Another little fellow, Wary of The Dalles high, gave Medford plenty of trouble last Monday, he was so hard to corner.

After having seen their high school eleven go undefeated through five seasons, it is only natural that Medford football followers should have an overweening confidence in the team's ability to lick anything in football pants. If that frame of mind extended to the players, there would be peril in it for Medford, but it does not. I saw 'em burst out of the dressing room and I am not sure but that Callison would have been crying, too—he was grim as death itself.

It's a great faculty in a coach to be able to take every key game seriously, and to get his players to do the same, after sweeping through competition as Callison has done for five seasons. Little danger of team over-confidence then, despite all the consciousness of the fans.

More than one coach has seen his players lifted out of touch with him from absorbing the attitude of fans.

I like the champion who takes on all comers, and Medford made it easy for Benson to stage this game. No inclination to "hold up" the gate for a hot game. Medford, I learn, asked only a modest \$1000, which is not quite the full amount her expenses will total for the round trip here.

After this guarantee and other expenses of the game are deducted, Medford and Benson will share 50-50 in the gate receipts, as all the big colleges now do. That is the only fair and square way to pay off on football games. Formerly, California and some of the other big universities in the south kept 60 per cent and paid visiting teams only 40 per cent, which is the professional baseball method. Stanford for years has divided on a 50-50 basis, and now they have all come to it.

Had Medford demanded \$1500 or \$2000 as a guarantee against expenses, Benson might have had cause to ponder, but \$1000 made it simple. And I really believe Medford hopes Benson will prove a genuinely tough opponent. The southern Oregon boys would like to see what they can really do when pressed. Their only two football fans are a little slowness in the backfield and lack of a goal-point kicker. In seven attempts after seven touchdowns at The Dalles, Medford did not make the extra point once. —Portland Oregonian.



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Football's Big 7
 By Associated Press

Ken Strong not only has clinched the east's football scoring honor, but national leadership as well. The high-powered New York University halfback scored 15 points against Carnegie Tech on Saturday to boost his season's total to 154. Chuck Carroll, of the University of Washington, leader of the Pacific coast conference, holds second place with 104. This total, however, has been surpassed by another eastern scorer, Gullick, of Hobart, who is runner-up to Strong in the Atlantic seaboard with 110 points. The leader of each of the seven major groups of conferences follows:

Player	Points
Ken Strong, N. Y. U.	154
Chuck Carroll, Wash.	104
Gullick, Hobart	110
Virgil Johnson, Ohio State	100
Clark, Colo. Col.	73
Hume, Mo. Meth.	73
Howie, Minn.	58
Howell, Neb.	54

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