

Pittsburgh Ranked No. 1 Team for Third Week in A. P. Balloting

SPORTS EXPERTS PICK CALIFORNIA AS SECOND BEST

Fordham Places Third in Nation-Wide Poll — Alabama Fourth — Notre Dame Climbs to First 10

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Pittsburgh's Panthers have been cast dubiously "in the middle" of the hottest Rose Bowl debate in years, but there's no doubt where they stand today in the national ranking of collegiate football teams.

Pitt rates the No. 1 spot by a decisive margin for the third straight week in the Associated Press poll, based upon the combined opinions of sports experts.

California Gains

The Rose Bowl champions were picked to lead this week's list on 37 of 48 ballots and bracketed at the top with Fordham on another slate. The voting otherwise was marked by increased support for the pride of the west coast, California, ranking gains by Minnesota, Dartmouth and Villanova, and Notre Dame's displacement of Yale in the first ten.

Here's tabulation of the sixth weekly poll, with points tallied on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis:

1. Pittsburgh (37 firsts, 1 tie for first).....468
2. California (10 firsts).....425
3. Fordham (one tie for first).....355
4. Alabama.....320
5. Minnesota.....302
6. Dartmouth.....186
7. Villanova.....141
8. Santa Clara.....126
9. Notre Dame.....101
10. Louisiana State.....100

Second ten: 11. Nebraska, 70; 12. Vanderbilt, 67; 13. University of Washington, 20; 14. Yale and Texas Christian tied, 16 each; 15. Colorado University, 14; 17. Holy Cross, 12; 18. Duke and North Carolina tied, 11 each; 20. Tulsa, 8.

Also ran: Ohio State, Harvard and Baylor, 7 each; Stanford and Rice, 3 each; Auburn, 2; Detroit, 1.

The northeast, by placing four of its unbeaten teams among the first eleven, still holds the strongest sectional hand in the ranking list. Not in years has this sector been so conspicuously represented in the gridiron's upper strata.

On the basis of their relative positions in the poll, Pittsburgh has nothing much to fear in its final game with Duke, to be played at Durham, N. C., this Saturday. But the frequency of form reversals lately suggests that nothing can be taken for granted, here or elsewhere as the season draws to a gaudy climax.

Alabama rules the favorite over Vanderbilt in their Thanksgiving day "natural" at Nashville, but there may be some significance attached to this week's ranking shifts. Alabama dropped a notch, to fourth place, while Vanderbilt advanced six notches to 12th position.

It has been a roller-coaster season in the great southwest but latest returns show Texas Christian with the strongest support. T.C.U. toppled Rice last Saturday and still has a chance to capture the conference championship. The Texas season doesn't close until December 4.

Minnesota, the No. 1 team last year, made a strong finish to land in fifth place. The Gophers dropped close decisions to Nebraska and Notre Dame but topped the Big Ten and can well afford the luxury of relaxation from the national title spotlight.

Deer Watch While Hunter Is Wounded

ST. MARIES, Idaho, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The deer watched this time while the hunter went down with a wound from his own gun.

Steve Felt, logging contractor, said five deer watched him calmly yesterday after a piece of his exploding gun barrel passed his head as he fired at one of the animals. Felt was not injured seriously.



THEY MAKE FEW HEADLINES but Pittsburgh's players like Frank Souchak, blocking end, are important cogs.

LOTT OUT-STAYS POLISH PALOOKA IN ROUGH MATCH

Jimmy Lott displayed the ruggedness that made him a top ranking football player to whip Polish Palooka Joe Smolinski in the main wrestling event at the Medford armory last night. All Smolinski's extreme brutality stood him in no stead as Lott, standing toe to toe with the hated bully, battled it out in Smolinski's own style and finally won when, with both grapplers stunned and practically helpless outside the ropes, he climbed back inside a few seconds before Smolinski after Referee Ole Olson had tolled off 20 counts over the pair.

The end came after each had grabbed a fall: Lott in eight minutes with three thundering sonnenbergs and Smolinski a few minutes later with back breakers and a body press. So terrifically did Smolinski pour it on with that back-cruncher, he isolated Lott off the canvas and battered him against the corner of the ring ropes, that the popular Jimmy was barely able to answer the bell for the third fall. Weak-kneed, he came out of his corner and was met by Smolinski who smelled an easy win. Smolinski started throwing punches and Lott jerked the crowd to its feet by standing up there and fighting it out. After a hectic set-to in the corner of the ring, both grapplers catapulted through the ropes and onto the floor, and Referee Olson started his count.

At 20, both were still flat in the aisle. Olson ceased his count and waited. Slowly and painfully Lott staggered up, clutched the ropes and pulled himself up. And that was the grappling match. A few seconds later Smolinski clattered into the ring but it was all over and the large crowd was rooting its satisfaction.

All through the match Lott gave Smolinski a grappling lesson when the latter showed the least willingness to go straight, Lott wasn't often. When Smolinski reverted to his usual form and pulled hair and raked eyes, Lott switched his own tactics to meet those of the Palooka's, and didn't do so bad. In fact, Smolinski took a neat pasting all the way through.

Steve Strelch, Hollywoodite, defeated Ray Lyons, the Joplin Terror, when Lyons was disqualified in the third round after brutal punches to the groin and for failure to break a leg-breaker. Strelch grabbed the first tumble in the second round by diving feet first over the ropes, clamping on a head seissors in flipping Lyons back into the arena. That was the lone fall of the hard-fought match, in which Lyons brought all his footness into play in an attempt to whip the clean Strelch.

He Jarbo took two out of three falls from Toy Aho of Finland in the opener, taking the first fall in the initial stanza with a Japanese seissors and the deciding tumble in the fourth canto with a body press. Aho, who turned dirty last night for

TURKEY DAY TILT WILL END SEASON FOR TIGER SQUAD

Opening Kickoff at One o'Clock—Locals Hope to Avenge 44 to 0 Trouncing Received Last Year

Medford high school's Black Tornado rings down the curtain on its 1937 football season Thursday afternoon at the stadium when it faces the powerful Axmen from Eugene high, the team that gave the Red and Black team a 44-0 walloping last season. Opening kickoff will be at 1 o'clock, giving fans plenty of time to enjoy an early Thanksgiving dinner.

Because of heavy rain yesterday, Coach Bill Bowerman's team went through only a light workout and will do the same today. There will be no more hard work for the Tigers, who are rolling at top form, the coach stated. With the exception of Fred Stevens, alternate center with John Prentice, the entire squad is in excellent condition for their final game. Great little Bobby Ettinger, Jack Hill and Jack Bowman, the Tornado's speed-burning backfield, is frisky and ready to go. The line which has at last found itself is prepared to do all in its power to avenge that terrific defeat of last season.

Stevens, lone casualty of the Grants Pass game that saw the Tigers win the conference championship, is bothered only by a leg kink, and will undoubtedly see action, although Prentice will start the battle.

Coach Fritz Kramer will bring a Eugene high team to Medford considerably weaker than the one which last season romped over the state's best with great ease. The Axmen have dropped two encounters this season, to Salem, 6-14, and to Oregon City, 6-13. McMinnville and Vancouver, Wash., both tied the Eugene, 24-24. A bit of the Axmen's tremendous power, however, is shown in the 45-0 defeat of University high, the team that held Ashland to a 14-13 win; the 24-13 victory over the Dalles, and the 24-0 victory over Corvallis.

Caven Eugene Ace.

Doug Caven, husky fullback, leads the Eugene attack, and is considered the finest ball carrier in the state. Coach Bill Bowerman of the Tigers says of Caven, "He is a college ball player." Caven last season ran wild against the Tigers, and only in the Oregon City game this year has he been completely halted.

Local football phiberts have installed Eugene a 12-point favorite in the betting.

Would-Be Fixer Fixed by Fixers

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Two men were held by police today after Beach Leslie, of La Canada, had complained he lost \$1700 in an asserted scheme to "fix" a horse race at a northern California track.

Clarence Scott, 20, and Harry Kay, 24, exercise boy who has worked at California race tracks, were booked on grand theft charges.

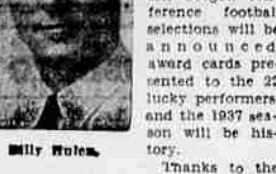
Leslie claimed he had given the men \$700 and had paid an additional \$1000 to a woman who represented herself as the wife of a jockey supposedly involved in the race "fix."

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

Coaches, Writers Now Busy Picking All-Star Players

Ballots have been mailed and coaches and sports writers of Ashland, Medford, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass are busy figuring which names to mark



Billy Hulén.

down for the first and second teams. Soon now, the Mail Tribune's fourth annual All-Southern Oregon conference football selections will be announced. Award cards presented to the 22 lucky performers, and the 1937 season will be history.

Thanks to the co-operation of coaches and writers in all league towns, the annual all-star teams have been received with a great deal of enthusiasm in all schools and especially by the players themselves. At best, your high school grid performer gets little honor and acclaim for getting out there every week and fighting his heart out for dear old Alma Mater, and the Mail Tribune is more than glad to be able to pay homage, however slight, to those young men who thrill thousands every week-end by their activity on the football field.

This year, as usual, two all-star teams will be selected by coaches of the players themselves and sports writers who saw them in action in every game. Coaches who will select their own all-star teams are Bill Bowerman of Medford, Skeet O'Connell of Ashland, Snowy Gustafson of Klamath Falls and Loren Tuttle of Grants Pass.

Sports writers who will name their best teams are Sid Smith of the Grants Pass Courier, Aahel Bush of the Klamath News-Herald, Larry Hunter of the Southern Oregon Miner, and yours truly. From those teams submitted by the coaches and writers, the All-Conference eleven will be named, with players receiving the highest number of votes being placed on the first team and those receiving the next highest on the second eleven. Points will be awarded on the basis of two for first team mention and one for second team nomination.

Because of graduation, injuries, failure to reach top form and other reasons, many of last year's brightest stars, named on the All-Conference teams, will not repeat this season. Others who were selected last year will undoubtedly repeat. And, still others, not considered good enough in 1936, will in 1937 be honored by first or second team nomination.

Let's take a look at last year's teams and discover which players have graduated and which are back for another crack at the honor. Named to the first all-star team from Medford in 1936 were Bob Wilson, end; Ray Offord, tackle; Floyd Baker, guard; and Bobby Ettinger, halfback. Of those four, only Wilson and Ettinger are members of this year's Tornado. Baker and Offord graduated. In case Ettinger again places on the first outfit, and we

Don't see how he can be left off, it will be his third consecutive first team nomination.

Ardo Stocks, center; Ray Lewis, halfback, and Bob Olson, halfback, were placed on the second team last season. All were graduated; Stocks being at Willamette this year, Lewis at Washington State, and Olson playing Rook ball at Oregon State.

Ashland players making the first team in 1936 were Charlie Warren, tiny quarterback; Cliff Bromley, tackle, and Roland Scheidreiter, Warren and Scheidreiter are eligible for the all-star team again; while Bromley, who was graduated, performed for Albany college this season. On the second team were named Leonard Warren, halfback; Walt Lee, quarterback; Don Gettling, end, and Bud Etzweiler, guard. They were all graduated last spring. Steve Fowler, who received honorable mention last year, was the big Grizzly offensive threat this season and will probably be a favorite in the balloting.

Only one of six Grants Pass players receiving either first or second team or honorable mention will be considered in the voting this year. He is Jack Masale, guard. Those who were graduated are Claude Gillette, end; Kenneth Pruitt, fullback on the first team. Art Wilstrom, of the second team, and Jack Banard, tackle, and Bob Pritchett, center, honorable mention. Pritchett this season played center on the Oregon State Rooks.

Harold Cox, guard, and Dominic Giovanni, halfback, received first team notice last season for Klamath Falls. Only Giovanni, the battering ram, remains. On the second team, Mack Timms, guard; Ralph Taylor, tackle; and Archie Hirt, end, were recognized, and of those three, only Huff remains. The rest went out via graduation.

A recapitulation reveals that, of the four backfield all-stars last year, three remain—Warren of Ashland at quarter, Ettinger of Medford at left half, and Giovanni of Klamath Falls at right half, although the Pelicans this season held won the fullback berth. In the line we find Wilson of Medford at end, no tackle, no guards, and Scheidreiter center—in other words, only two linemen out of seven remain in school this year.

So, five stalwart members of the league's forward walls will recite for the first time this season the honor of being called one of the best at his position in the conference maybe seven in case Bob Wilson and Scheidreiter don't repeat. There will be at least one new back, and maybe four, if Warren, Ettinger and Giovanni aren't again named. Anyway, and whoever they may be, here is an early cheer for them. They will deserve it, never fear.

Pope Pius Suffers Night Sinking Spell

VATICAN CITY, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Sources close to the papal household said Pope Pius suffered a sinking spell last night, but appeared considerably better today, following his usual medical injections.

The pontiff's physician remained at his side through the morning, and the pope cancelled plans to preside at a meeting of the congregation of rites.

Betting Master Dies
NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—(AP)—John G. Cavanaugh, 78, who for 25 years had charge of the betting rings of the five New York race tracks, died today at Medical Center.

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\$2,000,000 Season's Gate For Western Conference

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Return to general circulation of what the boys call "folding money" is reflected in football attendance and receipts for 1937 in the western conference.

Receipts probably will exceed the \$2,000,000 mark for the season just closed—the highest figure since the peak year of 1927. Major John L. Griffith, commissioner of athletics for the "Big Ten," said today. The all-time high was \$2,770,500 in 1927. Last year the receipts were \$1,750,000. The bottom was reached in 1932 when the crash amounted to \$972,389.

The "big three" from the standpoint of attendance were Ohio State, Minnesota and Northwestern with the Buckeyes leading for the second consecutive year with eight games at home and abroad drawing an estimated 394,000. Although the final checkup will not be completed for several days, the Buckeyes no doubt will eclipse all their fuyyppuppu will eclipse their all-time high of 392,000 hung up a year ago.

Northwestern, although failing to retain its Big Ten championship, set an all-time high for the Wildcats with a total of 339,800 fans at eight games. Northwestern's attendance this year was boosted by capacity crowds for the Ohio State and Minnesota games. About 47,000 came out for the Buckeye tilt and the Minnesota Northwestern game drew 42,000. Northwestern's biggest home attendance was 44,000 for the Notre Dame game in the season's finale last Saturday.

Wisconsin and Illinois ran far ahead of last year's attendance figures, although a final checkup will not be available for a couple of weeks. Chicago, which failed to win a conference game, trailed its field. The "Big Ten" schools split gate receipts right down the middle when they play each other. Only the cost of officials is deducted. The visiting team pays its own traveling expenses and the home team other incidentals of staging the game. When a conference team plays a non-conference

school the visiting team gets a guarantee, which varies in accordance with the size of the school and the importance of the game.

NATIONAL OPEN MATCH SLATED FOR SAN FRAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The annual national open match play tournament will be played on the exclusive San Francisco Golf club course February 10, 11, 12 and 13, Junior Chamber of Commerce officials, sponsors, announced.

The purse was set tentatively at \$5,000. Qualifying will be over 18 holes February 10, with the low 32 players eligible for match play opening the following day. A pre-qualifying round would be held if the field becomes too large.

Some 150 professionals from all sections of the country are expected to enter.

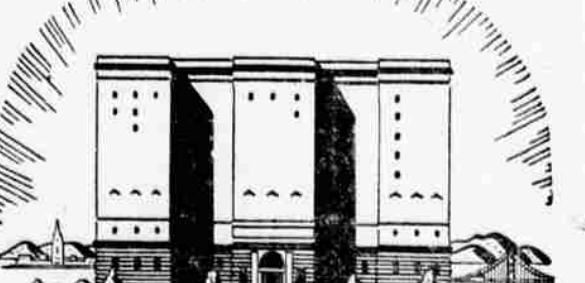
VANCOUVER SKATES TO FIRST PLACE IN LOOP

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 23.—(AP)—Vancouver Lions were in first place in the Pacific Coast Hockey league standings today, two points ahead of the Portland Buckaroos. Portland held a scant one-point margin over Spokane Clippers and Seattle Seahawks, tied for the cellar-dwelling position.

Lions won the top berth by defeating Spokane—early season pace-setters—1 to 0 here last night.

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La Barba Accused Of Deserting Wife
HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Fidel La Barba, former flyweight boxing champion of the world, was accused of desertion and non-support today in a divorce suit filed by Mrs. Betty Lou La Barba.

Indicating Mrs. La Barba will obtain a decree of default, a property settlement has been made out of court. The ex-champion is a film cutter now. He married in 1935.

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