

What Has Happened to Navy? Grid Season's Main Mystery

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New York, Oct. 16.—(U.P.)—Biggest mystery of the current football campaign is: What has happened to Navy?

In pre-season estimates, the Middies of Annapolis shaped up as one of the most powerful eleven ever to wear the blue and gold. Prognosticators unanimously picked them to repeat for the Lambert trophy, emblematic of eastern supremacy. Many enthusiasts even reached for the laurel crown of national championship.

It seemed that nothing—probably not even Notre Dame—could stop this dreadnaught which Cmdr. Oscar "Swede" Hagberg took over when Cmdr. John "Billie" Whelchel shifted to sea duty. Hagberg's outfit seemed to have everything—and in depth.

Beaten At Outset
However, this highly-touted Navy team was beaten in its opening game, 21-14, by North Carolina Pre-Flight. Whereupon the stunned experts chorused, "Gosh! those Carolina cloudbusters must have the most powerful team in the country." Which apparently was an over-statement; because it came to pass that only last Saturday N. C. Pre-Flight was held to a 13-13 deadlock by Virginia, which already had succumbed to North Carolina State, which had succumbed to Clemson, which had been beaten by Georgia Tech, 51-0. Incidentally, Navy engages Georgia Tech at Atlanta Saturday.

Navy did better in its second game, beating Penn State 55-14.

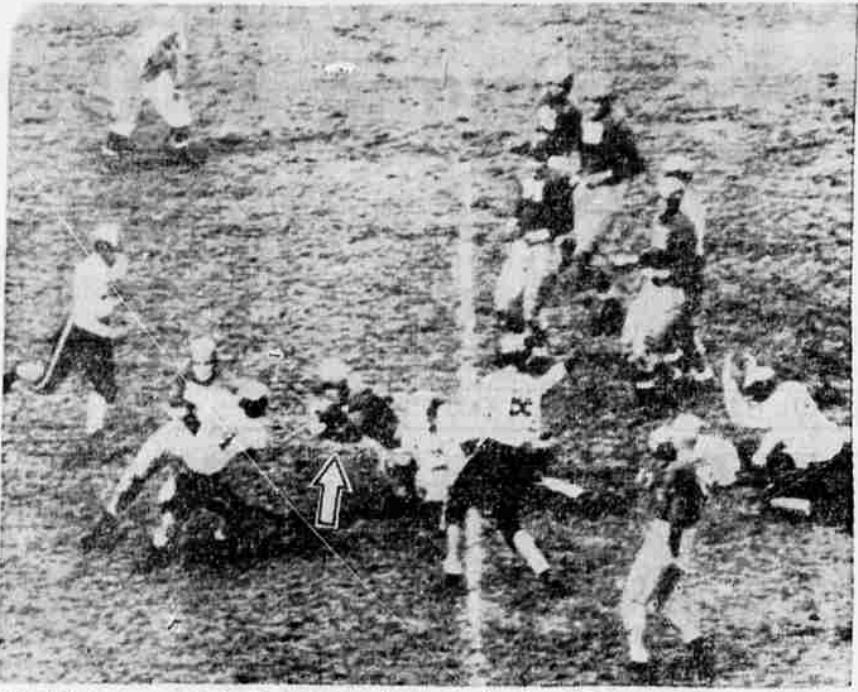
—a creditable performance, tho by no means startling. Penn State has had a mediocre team this year, as witness its 26-0 defeat by wobbly Cornell and its eye-lash victory over weak Franklin and Marshall.

Duke Found Tough
In the third Navy encounter, last Saturday at Baltimore, the Middies were forced to the limit to eke out a 7-0 victory over Duke. If Duke had come into this contest unbeaten; if Duke had a team that was a national threat—Navy's difficulties with the Blue Devils might have been understood. But Duke already had been humbled by Pennsylvania and by the same North Carolina cloudbusters that upset Navy.

Actually, the Middies were lucky to emerge from the Duke game without a defeat or a deadlock, their play was so ragged. They fumbled six times, losing the ball to Duke on three of those occasions. Their running attack lacked certitude and explosiveness. They completed one pass. Duke dominated play in the last half and drove deep into Navy territory three times.

Bewildered observers blinked their eyes and asked, "Is this the same Navy team that was picked to bid menacingly for the national title? Yes—it's the same outfit; but something apparently has happened to it. Just what has happened to Navy is the biggest mystery of current football. Perhaps Georgia Tech's unbeaten engineers can come up with the answer when they make a scientific investigation at Atlanta Saturday.

Notre Dame Irish Smother Dartmouth



Robert Kelly (arrow), Notre Dame's starry back, ploughs through Dartmouth line for 10-yard gain in early moments of first quarter. The ramblin' Irish of Notre Dame made their first football trip to Boston a never-to-be-forgotten one by handing Dartmouth's badly outclassed Indians a 64 to 0 beating before 41,000 fans at Fenway Park. It was the worst football defeat Dartmouth has suffered in 60 years of competition.



Marine Cpl. Edward Brooks of Washington, D. C., who destroyed eight out of 12 enemy tanks in armor battle near Peleliu airport. He's pictured here surveying damage inside tank. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA—Acme photographer for War Picture Pool.

DAVIDSON FACES MASK THURSDAY

Mack Lillard announced today that Buck Davidson and the Mask have agreed to appear on the weekly wrestling card at the Medford armory Thursday night. This arrangement climaxes the brawl of two weeks ago when the referee was forced to call a foul on Davidson, giving the bout to the Mask.

Davidson has promised to grapple legally and refrain from removing the Mask's hood. But whether he will actually stick to his bargain remains to be seen. This will be the main event on the Thursday card running two out of three falls or an hour's actual wrestling time.

Tony Ross, who wrestled on last week's card and Paavo Katonen, who has had a week's breather on Lillard's schedule, appear in the semi-main event. This will be four ten-minute rounds or two out of three falls.

Tex Porter, another newcomer on the card last week, meets Herb Parks in the curtain-opener at 8:30 p. m. sharp.

BASSLER TAKES HONORS IN SANTA ANITA OPEN
Arcadia, Calif., Oct. 16.—(U.P.)—Harry Bassler, Fox Hills professional, today held top honors in the \$1000 Santa Anita open golf tournament with a 54-hole total of 210. Bassler shot 67-74 on the final 36 holes yesterday.

Amateur Bruce McCormick was second with 212 and John Montague came in with 214.

Clayton Aleridge, Long Beach, who set the pace in Saturday's opening round, faded to fourth place with 215.

Sunday Scores
By United Press
Holy Cross 26, Villanova 0.
Bainbridge Naval 47, Camden 7.
Daniel Field 19, Charleston Coast Guard 14.
Camp Lee 18, Richmond AAF 0
Algiers Naval 21, New Orleans Marines 0.
Third Air Force 19, Georgia Pre-Flight 1.
Fort Warren 66, Idaho Southern 0.
Bunker Hill Naval 34, Camp Ellis 0.

Mrs. Tabitha Gilman, a life-long resident of Exeter, N. H., was the first woman novelist in the United States. She wrote "Female Quixotism."

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GIANTS WIN 13-7 OVER MUSTANGS

Oakland, Calif., Oct. 16.—(U.P.)—The Oakland Giants marched 73 yards for a touchdown and defeated Coach Tiny Thornhill's San Jose Mustangs 13-7 in a Pacific coast professional league football game here yesterday.

The Giants scored in the first quarter as Quarterback Bernie Remson went over center from the one-foot line. The conversion try was blocked. The Mustangs came back in the second period with Frank Sobrero leading a 60-yard attack, which culminated when Sobrero passed to End Elmer Vallejo over the goal line. Tackle Al Gordon kicked the extra point.

At Portland the San Francisco Clippers trounced the Portland Rockets 27-0.

'I JUST SHOT MY WIFE' WORKER TELLS COPS
Los Angeles, Oct. 16.—(U.P.)—Charles Edward McGuire, 27-year-old war worker, today was held on suspicion of murder for the death of his pretty, red-haired wife whose body he took to a sheriff's substation after she was shot during an argument.

"I've just shot my wife," McGuire told deputies, and then led them to his car parked outside. The woman's body a bullet wound in the heart, was slumped in the seat.

Daily Weather Report

Forecast: Clear tonight with increasing cloudiness Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Clear today and tonight becoming partly cloudy Tuesday with light rain probably over southwest coast. Little change in temperature.

Local Data

Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 72; lowest, 48.

Total monthly precipitation, 78 inch. Excess for the month, 24 inch.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 1.58 inches. Excess for the season, 39 inch.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 75; 4:30 today, 84.

Tomorrow

Sunrise 7:25 a. m.; sunset 6:27 p. m. Past 24 hours: High, Low

Boise	54	46
Boston	52	36
Chicago	52	32
Denver	58	50
Eureka	51	47
Hawaii	72	41
Los Angeles	73	51
Medford	73	42
New York	55	40
Omaha	58	46
Phoenix	83	52
Portland	71	50
Reno	68	32
Roseburg	69	45
Salt Lake	62	51
San Francisco	61	41
Seattle	60	43
Spokane	68	40
Washington, D. C.	54	38
Yakima	68	40

NEW METHOD OF PEELING SPEEDS HOME CANNING

Columbus, O.—(U.P.)—One of the latest discoveries to emerge from Ohio state university's research laboratories some day may save hours of work for housewives, although presently it is only in commercial use.

The new discovery is a method of preparing fruits and vegetables for canning or other uses by blowing off the skins and shells.

Dr. Howard B. Brown, O. S. U. director of vegetable gardening, is responsible for the new skin-exploding process, which promises to save millions of dollars in waste and tedious hours of labor.

The products to be skinned—potatoes, apples, beans—are put into a closed container equipped with temperature and pressure devices which may be regulated according to the type of fruit or vegetable.

Steam is forced into the container at a temperature of 240 to 250 degrees F. A pressure varying from 10 to 50 pounds then causes an expansion of water or gaseous vapors under the skins or shells.

The temperature and pressure are held steady for a few minutes. Cold water is forced in, creating a vacuum on the outside of the product.

Then—blooey! Off come the skins and shells. The peeled product is ready for immediate freezing, dehydration or the family table.

Old Grenade Kills Two, Wounds Two
Moss Beach, Calif., Oct. 16.—(U.P.)—A hand grenade found in a former army maneuver area cost the lives of two children and seriously wounded two others, when it exploded as the quartet was playing with it yesterday.

Killed were Maurice Loader, 14, and Frederick Loader, Jr., 12, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Loader, Sr., ranchers formerly of Pleasant Grove, Utah.

The first tax-supported free public library in the United States was established in Peterboro, N. H., in 1833.

Republicans From California Group To Back Roosevelt
San Francisco, Oct. 16.—(U.P.)—Repudiating Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, an organization of California Republicans today came out in "vigorous support of Franklin D. Roosevelt for a fourth term."

Led by Bartley C. Crum, San Francisco attorney and for several years Wendell Willkie's California leader, the recently formed club dubbed itself "the Republicans for Roosevelt" and set up western headquarters in San Francisco.

Crum emphasized that the Republicans for Roosevelt committee was in the process of formation prior to Willkie's death, and that the committee has "no intention or desire" to trade on Willkie's name.

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TRUMAN TO TALK AT THREE POINTS IN OREGON JAUNT

Portland Ore., Oct. 16.—(U.P.)—The appearance here this week of Harry S. Truman democratic vice-presidential candidate, will give Oregonians a chance to compare him with Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, who passed through Oregon last week.

Truman is scheduled for talks in Klamath Falls, Eugene and Portland on Wednesday after which he will travel north to Seattle, before swinging eastward.

Smith on Coast
Meanwhile candidates for Oregon's major national offices continued to stump the state for votes in the November general election.

Edgar W. Smith, democratic candidate for the senatorial long term, is on the coast this week, speaking in Toledo, Mapleton, Florence and Tillamook.

Guy Cordon, seeking to return to Washington for the short senatorial term, will appear at Klamath Falls and swing north to Bend this week-end.

Willis Mahoney Cordon's democratic opponent also is touring the eastern section of the state.

Wayne Morse Edgar Smith's republican opponent, announced that he too will stump eastern Oregon, following his Salem appearance.

Two republican speakers appearing in Oregon will be Sen. Ralph O. Brewster, Maine, who will speak next Sunday at several places in eastern Oregon, and former governor Ralph Carr, of Colorado, whose Oregon schedule has not yet been arranged.

Mate Extravagant Says Lucille Ball; Divorce is Granted

Hollywood, Oct. 16.—(U.P.)—Flame-topped Actress Lucille Ball today was divorced from Desi Arnaz, Cuban actor and singer now in the army, on her testimony that an argument over his "extravagances" led to their final separation.

"He was spending too much money," Miss Ball told Judge Stanley Mosk. "When we argued about it, he became angry and went away. I never saw him for a week."

They separated Sept. 6, 1944, and the next day Miss Ball filed her divorce suit. Their marriage was just as sudden. It began with a proposal over an afternoon cocktail, with the marriage taking place at Greenwich, Conn., a few hours later on Nov. 30, 1940.

Last summer she told an interviewer she was surprised her marriage had lasted four years. "Me, I gave it a week," she said.

ABSENTEE CIVILIANS TO RECEIVE BALLOTS
The county clerk's office today started mailing absentee ballots to Jackson county civilians, employed elsewhere, or for some other reason unable to vote in their home precincts. They total between 150 and 175 and are scattered all over the nation.

A few applications are from people who will be in another state on election day.

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SIM PRESTRIDGE TAKEN BY DEATH

Sim A. Prestridge passed away early Sunday morning at a local hospital. Mr. Prestridge was born in Enterprise, Miss., August 30, 1851.

On March 3, 1893, he was married to Harriett Susanna Weatherby at Goldthwait, Texas. Mrs. Prestridge died last May.

Mr. Prestridge leaves to mourn his passing, one son, Herbert M. Prestridge of Seattle, Wash., and one step-son, U. J. Carpenter, of Medford.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral home Tuesday at 2 p. m. Dr. L. C. Kirby of the Methodist church will officiate and interment will be in Medford, IOOF cemetery.

WEATHER
Northern California—Clear today, tonight and Tuesday, except foggy near ocean and in coastal valleys early morning. Little temperature change.

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