

Value of One-Platoon Ball To Small Schools Revealed In Week End Grid Tangles

By JOHN GRIFFIN
New York — (U.P.) — One of the wackiest college football seasons in many a year may be in store for the fans this year, judging from the upset havoc produced by just one week end of the one platoon system.

For how, asked the "experts" as they nursed king sized headaches today, can you figure out predictions after what happened to such supposed grid titans as Alabama, California, Texas, Stanford and Washington?

Alabama, with a squad supposed to be just as strong as the power house which crushed Syracuse in the Oregon Bowl last Jan. 1, with the chief victim of the wave of upsets when it lost to Mississippi Southern Friday night, 25-19.

The moaning had hardly died down from that one before Saturday afternoon produced such shockers as Baylor's 23-0 rout of California, Louisiana State's 20-7 victory over Texas, College of Pacific's 20-20 defeat of Stanford, and Colorado's 21-20 decision over Washington.

The lesson seemed to be that, under the one platoon system, a small team with a handful of good players has a greatly increased chance to upset the "big name" schools who, under the two-platoon system, buried their rivals under manpower.

The one platoon system contributed directly to the Texas Aggies' 7-6 upset of Kentucky. Kentucky drove deep into Aggie territory in the fourth period but couldn't get its kicking specialist into the game to try for a field goal. Instead they tried a fake kick and failed.

According to Form
All was not lost for the experts, of course, for other games ran to form. In some of the big ones, Maryland came up with a 58 1/2 minute "Iron Man," Bernie Falony in beating Missouri, 20-6; Duke opened the new Atlantic coast conference with an expected 20-7 win over South Carolina; and Georgia Tech ran its unbeaten string to 27 games with a 53-0 rout of Davidson.

The emphasis, once again, will be on intersectional games this week end with the long awaited clash of Notre Dame and Oklahoma at Norman, Okla., topping the list.

Two other top intersectional games send Big Ten teams against Pacific Coast teams with Michigan hosting Washington and Minnesota visiting Southern California. The UCLA-Kansas fray Friday touches off the week end, and on Saturday are such standouts as Army-Furman, Colorado-Arizona, Illinois-Neb-raska, Missouri-Purdue, Northwestern-Iowa State, Texas-Virginia, Utah-Idaho, and Wisconsin-Penn State.

Rollie Takes Bitterness Into Scuffle

By OSCAR FRALEY
New York — (U.P.) — Rocky Marciano defends the heavyweight championship of the world against Roland LaStarza on Thursday night and from this corner it looks like simply a question of how long it will take the bomb to go off.

Not that this won't be a good hassle, while it lasts. LaStarza has a lot of bitterness within him because his first defeat was a narrow decision loss to Marciano three and a half years ago and the Rock has dodged him ever since.

The Man Is Mistaken
But Rollicking Rollie seems, from here, to be making a terrific mistake. He has been sounding off on the theory that Marciano hasn't improved in that span of 18 months. Ordinarily you would take that as ticket talk, designed to promote the magnitude of the gathering.

But LaStarza actually seems to believe his pronounced theory. Possibly he is giving himself a psychological lift. Maybe this supposed LaStarza disdain is designed to help him make his way unaided through the ropes Thursday night, something a number of Joe Louis' rivals found impossible. But psychology ever has been found to be a poor cushion against a stiff clout to the whiskers.

For Rollicking Rollie's information, Marciano has come quite a piece since they last engaged in fistclutts back in 1950. The Brockton Block Buster actually has progressed tremendously in the year he has ruled the division.

L. Buchanan Triumphs in Hill-Climb
Honor came to Larry Buchanan, a Medford boy, trophy triumph mounted, yesterday in the motorcycle hill-climb event sponsored by the Rogue River Ramblers when he not only won the trophy for the day's rides but also the purse of the fastest ride over the top of the hill.

Buchanan's ride on the hill on the Walker ranch in the Sams Valley district was spectacular from the start. He rode his machine standing on the foot boards and with his front wheel raised off the ground for at least 30 feet. The hill was one which the promoters considered tough and they doubted that the top would be reached.

Floy Young, Talent, was second, and Don Sample, Medford, third.
There were plenty of thrills in this hill-climb with several of the riders "looping" their equipment on the hill, only to have their machines come rolling down the steep bank. One rider, not only lost control of his machine but he also somersaulted along in the air with the cycle.

Immediately after the hill-climb the spectators were asking for more, so some qualifying heat laps were taken on the race track with lap money posted. This event brought out some riders who did not enter the hill-climb. Sample won this event closely followed by Chuck Krause, Medford.

SPORTS



WOLFE SCORES KAYO—Indian Dick Wolfe, left, is shown scoring a one-punch knockout over his hapless foe in a recent match at Klamath Falls. Wolfe posts his northwest middleweight championship against the punches of Jose Aguilar in the 10-round main event at Merrick's arena tomorrow night. Three other matches complete the card with the first one going ringward at 8:30 p.m.

Fumbles, Interceptions Hurt SOCE Loses to OCE

By UNITED PRESS
Oregon Tech and Oregon College of Education, only two Oregon collegiate conference teams to open the football season last week end, posted convincing victories in non-league games.

The Oregon Tech Owls, paced by Odie Canada and Len Gene-tine, rolled over Olympic JC, 46-21 at Klamath Falls Saturday night. OCE trounced Southern Oregon College of Education, 40-14, in a Shrine benefit game at Coos Bay.

Fumbles and interceptions were costly to the Red Raiders of Southern Oregon in their scramble at Coos Bay. The first fumble was on the opening kick-off which OCE recovered on the Raider 18-yard line. Chuck Pinion plunged over the goal a short time later and kicked the extra point.

OCE also recovered the next kick-off to the Ashland eleven. The Wolves took over on the SOC 34 and a few plays later Kaye Booth went over from the three. Pinion again booted the extra point.

In the third quarter the Wolves added their third touchdown on a 15-yard run by Booth. The Raiders came back to score twice in that period on plunges by Len Heston and Ken Kimura bounced to both extra counters.

During the fourth quarter OCE drove 62-yards for one TD and pass interceptions set up two others.

Indians Next On Tornado Game Slate

Work, work, work, is in store for the Medford high school Black Tornado this week as it preps for its first game away from home this season.

The Medford gridders play at Roseburg this Friday. It will be the first of four straight contests on rival fields. Next appearance of the Tornado on its home turf will be against Eureka, Cal., on October 23.

Weekend reports indicated that the Medfordites came through last Friday's clash with Crater in good shape physically, with nobody badly banged up. But, as sometimes happens, an ailment could come to light in the first turnout of the week.

Medford was missing one end in the Crater fray. Gary Strong who bruised a thigh muscle last week, suited up but did not get into action.

The Tornado squad probably will get a good review of most all points of the game in practices this week. Coach Fred Spiegelberg said that a lot of attention would be given to downfield blocking.

The Roseburg fray will be the first showing to the Black Tornado what it can expect in Medford's A-1 district. Klamath Falls, Tornado conference and district foe, trimmed Roseburg 24 to 0 on Friday. Comparative scores are not always reliable but Medford's performance against Roseburg should give at least some idea of what it will be up against when it travels to Klamath Falls on October 16.

Sports Writers Pick Brooklyn
New York — (U.P.) — The Brooklyn Dodgers may not be the favorites with the bookmakers, but they're the choice of the major leagues' sportswriters to beat the Yankees in the World Series.

Out of 147 writers who participated in the annual United Press pre-World Series survey, 78 picked the Dodgers to win and 69 liked the Yankees.

There were 40 who liked the Dodgers in six games and 38 picked the Yankees in six. In a seven-game series, 23 liked the Yankees and 20 voted for the Dodgers. A total of 17 picked Brooklyn in five games and eight selected New York in the same number.

V. Trucks 20-Game Victor for First Time; Dodgers Win 102nd

By MILTON RICHMAN
New York — (U.P.) — Virgil Trucks, of the White Sox, who seriously considered quitting baseball after his poor 5-19 record in 1952, qualified as the outstanding "comeback of the year" today by becoming a 20-game winner for the first time in his big league career.

"Winning 20 games gave me a bigger kick than those two no-hitters I pitched last year," beamed the jubilant 34-year-old righthander after scattering five hits and beating the Browns, 5-2, in the nightcap of a double-header yesterday.

Rookie Bob Keegan limited the Browns to three hits as the White Sox also captured the opener, 4-0.

Southpaw Whitey Ford of the Yankees beat the Red Sox, 10-8 for his 18th victory. Billy Martin's three-run homer proved the clincher in the sixth.

Mike Garcia of Cleveland also registered his 18th victory of the season with a seven-hit 6-3 triumph over Detroit in the nightcap after the Tigers had taken the opener, 8-6.

The Athletics swept a twin-bill from Washington, rookie Bob Trice gaining credit for the 13-9 conquest in the opener and

Marion Fricona winning the nightcap, 4-3, in 11 innings.

In the National league, Brooklyn increased its victory total to 102 games, largest in the circuit since 1944, by defeating Philadelphia, 5-4, in the first two games. The Phillies, however, won the five-inning nightcap 2-1, on Bob Miller's four-hitter.

New Brave Record
Bud Podbielan's 9 hit pitching plus Jim Greengrass' two-run homer gave Cincinnati a 5-3 triumph in the first of two games but rookie Joey Jay of Milwaukee gave up only three hits to win the nightcap, 3-0. Milwaukee's final home date attracted 36,011, giving the Braves a new National league home attendance record with a total of 1,826,397.

Home runs by Stan Musial and Al Schoendienst helped Gerry Staley to his 18th victory as the Cardinals cuffed the Cubs, 11-6, while Cal Brams of the Pirates smashed a grand-slam homer off loser Ruben Gomez to give his team an 8-4 decision over the Giants.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

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Rogers Hornsby May Try New Line of Work

Chicago — (U.P.) — Rogers Hornsby, a manager who can't seem to hold a steady job, said he might like to try a new line of work.

"I don't know much about anything but baseball," he said, "but I'd be willing to learn."

Hornsby, who has been a baseball manager more times than some players have been on third base, was asked if he had received any offers since getting fired from the Cincinnati Reds Thursday.

"Nah," he said. "Give 'em time." He laughed. "If you hear anything, let me know."

Hornsby, who has managed the St. Louis Browns, the Chicago Cubs, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Boston Braves and several minor league clubs, said money wasn't the big consideration in getting another job.

CPS Whacks Willamette

By UNITED PRESS
Willamette university, preseason favorite in the Northwest football conference, suffered a 40-0 defeat at the hands of tough College of Puget Sound at Salem Saturday night.

College of Idaho, led by speedy Ted Martin who raced to five touchdowns, defeated Montana State college, 38-26, at Bozeman Saturday night to give the conference its only win during the opening week end of the season.

Pacific university, playing on its home field at Forest Grove, had to come from behind in the last quarter to tie Western Washington college, 12-12.

At Spokane, outmanned Linfield was the victim of a ram-paging Whitworth eleven that scored an easy 20-0 victory. The games were all non-conference.

SMITH TAKES CROWN

Portland — (U.P.) — Bob Smith of Portland, who held the Oregon Senior golf crown in 1947, recaptured it Saturday by conquering Marty Leptich, Portland, in a match that carried to the 22nd hole.

In the clas AA division, Clayton Sharp, Portland, defeated Roy Wood, Portland, 2 and 1, to take honors in the division.

ECHOLS VICTOR

Richmond, Calif. — (U.P.) — Wes Echols, young San Francisco middleweight, decided Russ Gillan of Los Angeles in a fast 10-round middleweight match at the Richmond auditorium Saturday. Echols, 157, outboxed his foe to score his 17th win in 18 professional fights.

TRABERT TO MARRY

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — U. S. National tennis champion Tony Trabert will marry Shuana Wood, Miss Utah, in Salk Lake City Oct. 26. Announcement of the impending wedding was made yesterday at the finals of the Pacific Southwest tennis finals here.

Standings

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