

## American League Rejects Sale Of A's to Philadelphia Group

By OSCAR FRALEY  
New York — (U.P.) — Kansas City's almost dead hopes of obtaining the Philadelphia Athletics flared into new life today now that the American league has blocked the sale of the team to a Philadelphia syndicate.

"I still hope to bring the A's to Kansas City," said Chicago real estate man Arnold Johnson. "They, the league's club owners turned down my competitor and naturally that makes me feel optimistic. I will meet with my attorneys shortly to discuss our next move."

In Kansas City, the once-disappointed fans were letting their enthusiasm carry them away but Mayor William E. Kemp declared, "Our feelings have not changed. We'll still be awfully happy to have them," said Kemp.

**Johnson Only Bidder Left**  
Johnson's Kansas City group was left alone in the bidding for the Athletics franchise when the American league club owners voted in a meeting here against approval of the Mack family's sale of the team to an eight-man Philadelphia syndicate.

Besides selling to Johnson, the only alternative that seems open to the Macks now would be to go on operating the team themselves—and that chances of that seem remote.

But there is no certain solution of the problem in sight and Dan Topping, owner of the New York Yankees who spearheaded the opposition to the Philadelphia group, admitted as much when he said, "Now we are right back where we started from a month ago."

And at least two owners — Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators and Walter O. (Spike) Briggs of the Detroit Tigers — insist they still are opposed to moving the team to Kansas City.

Griffith believes he and Briggs may be joined in their opposition to Kansas City by the Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox.

**Mack Appeals**  
Transfer of a franchise to a new city requires a vote of six of the eight league club owners, and thus a move might be blocked by the anti-Kansas City group. But Johnson maintains that a new vote on his offer isn't necessary, since the league voted approval of a transfer to Kansas City at its meeting in Chicago on Oct. 12.

"Yesterday's action bore out my contention that the club was really sold to me in Chicago," said Johnson.

Rejection of the Philadelphia group came after a 6½-hour meeting, which began with the owners listening to a personal plea from 92-year-old Connie Mack for approval of the deal. The beloved "Mr. Mack" made his appeal, then rested in another room while the owners deliberated. He came back to listen to the vote that went against him, then left the room on the arm of his chauffeur-valet and walked shakily away with tears in his eyes.

**Martinez Choice To Subdue Fiore**  
New York — (U.P.) — Tonight's return TV-radio bout between welterweights Vince Martinez and Carmine Fiore at Madison Square Garden shapes up as an excellent fight, for a change.

Handsome Martinez of Paterson, N. J., seventh-ranking contender, is favored at 12-5 to win again over Brooklyn's unranked but dangerous left-hooker in the scheduled 10-round.

Before their first bout on Jan. 30, 1953, in the Garden, "Violent Vince" was favored at 5-1. He won the unanimous decision by a good margin but had his knees buckled by left hooks in the fourth and 10th rounds.

Despite that victory, the odds are much lower for tonight because Martinez now is in the throes of serious managerial difficulties and because Fiore is believed to be the "sharper" due to the better brand of his recent opponents.

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### Best Hunting In County in Heavy Cover

Portland — (U.P.) — The weekly report on hunting conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

**SOUTHWEST:** Heavy hunting pressures opening week end in Jackson and Josephine counties scattered pheasants widely; best results for rest of season will be on areas having heavy cover.

**NORTHWEST:** Prospects for hunter's choice elk season in Clatsop county fair; most of area open has heavy cover; boundary around closed area has been posted; waterfowl hunting prospects poor.

**CENTRAL:** Weather good and hunting prospects fair for ducks and pheasants; plenty of quail and hunting should be good.

**NORTHEAST:** Union, Baker and Walla Walla counties report plenty of pheasants but hunting slow past weekend due to strong winds; birds are wild and hunters with dogs having best luck; Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla counties good; numerous quail in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties; hunters should watch out for chukars in foothill areas.

Waterfowl hunting slow in most counties of northeast region due to lack of northern birds and mild weather; best success for elk in Grande Ronde watershed and Elgin-Tollgate districts, on the Walla Walla, Umatilla and north fork John Day rivers; all roads open, but chains should be carried; hunters familiar with the north Ochoco area will find fair elk hunting in the either sex area southeast of Highway 19.

**SOUTHEAST:** Bluebird weather responsible for poor migratory bird shooting in southeast region; Malheur public shooting ground reports fair duck shooting in the Lake area; no northern birds reported in; grain fields producing better all around shooting for geese and ducks; better shooting can be had over decoys and using calls; pheasant shooting fair; Summer lake in Lake county fair for goose shooting; duck shooting very poor; pheasant shooting fair; in Malheur county, pheasant shooting fair.

### Stream Clearing Getting Results

Portland — (U.P.) — The State Game Commission said yesterday its strong clearance program is producing results—salmon and steelhead are showing up in places they haven't been seen for some time.

In recent months, the commission reported, streams such as the Siletz, Yaquina, Tillamook, Lewis and Clark on the coast have undergone stream clearance operations. Many other smaller coastal streams have received attention.

**Loggers Cooperate**  
The commission credited the logging industry with cooperating wholeheartedly in the program. It said most of the clearance work has been done with personnel and equipment of various logging operations.

At present, commission crews are working on Bald Mountain creek and Floras creek on the southwest coast to clear log jams. The Sixes river will be cleared by logging operators.

### Bearcats, Pioneers Mix In NW Loop Top Tangle

By UNITED PRESS  
Willamette and Lewis and Clark tangle in Portland Saturday in an important Northwest Conference football game from which will emerge the top challenger to College of Idaho for the loop title.

Willamette and College of Idaho are unbeaten in conference play while Lewis and Clark has dropped one game.

College of Idaho is favored over Whitman in the other conference clash, while Pacific plays Oregon College of Education and Linfield meets unbeaten Whitworth in non-conference games.

### Portland Staters Meet Mountaineers in OCC

By UNITED PRESS  
Portland State meets Eastern Oregon College of Education in Portland Saturday in the only scheduled Oregon Collegiate Conference football game.

Oregon Tech, which has shown power in recent games, hosts a strong Olympic Junior College eleven in a non-conference clash. Oregon College of Education meets Pacific of the Northwest Conference.

The number of employees engaged in crude oil and natural gas production in Texas in 1953 was 113,400.

### Pigskin Pickin'

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Wisconsin over Iowa.

### OSC Grid Squad Scraped Together

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Coach Kip Taylor of Oregon State said today he couldn't name a certain starting lineup for tomorrow's Los Angeles clash against Southern California until last-minute physical checkups were given his battered Beavers.

Oregon State flew south without Quarterback Bob Clark, End Vern Sampels and Fullback Bob Sutton, who are on the sick list. End Wes Ediger has a badly bruised shoulder and Guard Jim Roberts reinjured a leg. Both made the trip but are not expected to start.

Quarterbacks Jim Withrow and Ray Westfall still are bothered by bruises. Guard Bill Johnson may not start because of bad knees.

But Taylor still managed to scrape together a 37-man squad for the trip. The Beavers left here at 9:30 a.m. and were due in Los Angeles three hours later.

### Cats Win Again In World Tussle

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil — (U.P.) — The unbeaten United States team, at last pleasing its coach by showing its best game, was matched against winless Uruguay today in a game in the round-robin final round of the world amateur basketball championships.

The Peoria, Ill., Caterpillars, who are representing the United States, are tied with Canada and Brazil for the lead in the round-robin with two victories and no defeats each.

Thursday night, the Americans played their best game so far in trouncing France, 70-49. In other games, Canada beat Uruguay, 67-66, on Ralph Watts' free throw with three seconds to play and Brazil defeated Israel, 68-46.

Camden, N. J. — (U.P.) — Fourteen two-year-old thoroughbreds were expected to be entered today for the world's richest race—the Garden State Stakes—which will have its second running Saturday at Garden State Park. Topping the probable lineup for the mile-and-a-half race, which will be televised nationally by CBS, are Mrs. Russell A. Firestone's Summer Tan and the Cain Hoy Stable entries of Flying Fury and Racing Fool.

### Rating House Pick Bruins By 13 Points

New York — (U.P.) — UCLA, Ohio State and Oklahoma, the nation's top three college football teams, figured as two-touchdown choices over their weekend opponents in the point spreads of a Minneapolis rating house.

The point spreads gave UCLA, rated the nation's top team this week by the United Press Board of Coaches, a 13-point choice over Colorado. Ohio State was rated 14 points better than Northwestern.

Fourth-ranked Arkansas was a 13-point favorite over Texas A&M, and sixth-ranked Notre Dame was given the same edge over Navy.

Wisconsin got six points over Iowa, Purdue 13 over Illinois and West Virginia seven over Pittsburgh in other games involving ranked teams.

Holy Cross and Syracuse were figured a toss-up in the only major game for which neither team was favored.

**Oregon Picked**  
Point spreads on other major games included: Michigan State one over Minnesota, Michigan 13 over Indiana, Missouri six over Nebraska, Duke six over Georgia Tech, Maryland six over South Carolina, Southern Methodist six over Texas, Cornell seven over Columbia, Stanford seven over Washington State.

Oregon seven over Washington, Yale 13 over Dartmouth, Oklahoma A & M 13 over Tulsa, Alabama 13 over Georgia, Tennessee 13 over North Carolina, Rice 14 over Vanderbilt, Kansas State 14 over Kansas, Auburn 19 over Tulane, Miami 21 over Fordham, Kentucky 27 over Villanova, Penn State 20 over Pennsylvania, Marquette one over Detroit.

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