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Dramatic Final Conflicts Could Decide 4 Major Grid Togas; Trojans Face UCLA

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Four major conference championships, including the Big Ten title which automatically carries with it a berth in the Rose Bowl, could be decided in dramatic final games this coming Saturday as the 1954 college football season comes to an end for many teams.

The face-to-face clash in the week's national television game of top contenders Ohio State and Michigan at Columbus, Ohio, will settle the Big Ten race — unless Michigan should win and create a tie that would force a league vote for the bowl bid.

The title in the Pacific Coast Conference, where the Rose Bowl berth already has been clinched by Southern California, will be settled by the long-awaited meet-

ing of UCLA and Southern Cal. Both are unbeaten in league play, but UCLA is barred from the bowl because it played in last season's game.

Oklahoma, barred from the Orange Bowl by a similar rule, can clinch its seventh straight Big Seven crown by whipping runner-up Nebraska. A Nebraska victory—unexpected since Oklahoma has won 46 straight league games—would make the race end in a tie and put the Cornhuskers in the Orange Bowl.

The traditional Harvard-Yale game at Cambridge, Mass., has more than sentiment riding on it this year for Yale can clinch the Ivy League crown by scoring the expected victory. A Yale loss would give Cornell a chance to tie for the title by winning next week.

Wichita Can Clinch
Wichita can clinch at least a tie for the Missouri Valley Conference championship by defeating Detroit this Saturday and could then clinch it outright by beating Tulsa next week.

Here's how the other conference races are shaping up:

Southwest—Southern Methodist's 21-14 upset of previously unbeaten Arkansas not only knocked Arkansas out of the league lead but put SMU in front with a 3-0-1 league mark to Arkansas' 5-1-0. Arkansas has finished its league season, which means SMU can clinch by beating Baylor this week and Texas Christian next week. Or Baylor 3-1-0 could tie Arkansas for the title by beating SMU and Rice.

Atlantic Coast—Duke leads with 2-0-0 but must beat South Carolina, only team to beat Army, this week and North Carolina next week, in order to nose out Maryland, which has finished with 4-0-1 and North Carolina, 3-1-0.

Southwestern—Five teams still have a chance but peacemaker Mississippi 4-1-0 can wrap things up next week by beating Mississippi State. Others still in the running are Georgia Tech, Florida, Georgia and Kentucky.

Southern—West Virginia, 3-0-0, clinched title with 20-6 victory over William and Mary on Saturday. Furman is 2-0-0 but also has finished league season.

Pitt-Penn State Saturday
In addition to the Harvard-Yale classic, many other "traditional rivalries" will be settled this Saturday. Among the more outstanding are Pittsburgh-Penn State, Oregon State-Oregon, Washington State-Washington, Missouri-Kansas, and a meeting of Notre Dame and Iowa sure to revive memories of last year's "faked injuries" game in which Notre Dame rallied on the last play to tie, 14-14.

In addition to Arkansas, Cincinnati was ousted from the unbeaten-untied list by a 13-0 upset by Wichita. This left only three major teams in the perfect-record group — UCLA, Oklahoma, and Ohio State. A total of 23 small colleges make 26 teams in the select category.

Large Turnout For Holiday Fun
It was a full house all day Veteran's day, November 11, when YMCA members entered a series of games, contests and swimming pool fun. Also several ping pong tournaments were held.

Winners in the Prep boys (9-10 years) swimming events were: Underwater swim: 1st — Frank Van Pelt; 2nd — Jerry Zemlicka; 3rd — Mike Dumphy; 20 yard dash: 1st — Jerry Zemlicka; 2nd — Frank Van Pelt; 3rd — David Serry; Best Swimmer in Class: 1st — Jerry Zemlicka; 2nd — Frank Van Pelt; 3rd — David Serry.

Winners in the Triangle boys swimming events: Underwater Swim: 1st — Gordon Falk; 2nd — Richard Day; 3rd — Jerry Raabe. 20 yard Dash: 1st — James Ragsdale; 2nd — Dennis Lundgren; 3rd — Robert Bailey; Best Swimmer in Class: 1st — James Ragsdale; 2nd — Dennis Lundgren; 3rd — Richard Day.

Two ping pong tournaments were held in the morning and those participating were Prep and Triangle boys. Winners in the first group were: 1st — Richard Durante; 2nd — William Williams; 3rd — Gary Cummings. In the second group winners were: 1st — Richard Day; 2nd — Dale Matheny; 3rd — Dennis Lundgren.

In the afternoon the High School group tournament was held, and winners there were: 1st — Mike Phair, and 2nd — Darrel Brereton.

New Zealand has four principal cities in area and population. They are Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin in that order.

At Least 6 Members in New Circuit

Yakima — (U.P.) — A new Class B Northwest Baseball League will operate in at least six, and possibly eight, Oregon and Washington cities next year.

The new loop will replace the Class A Western International League which broke up at the end of this year's season.

Representatives of teams in six cities signed articles of incorporation at a meeting here during the weekend. Art Pohlman, former Wenatchee mayor and president of the Wenatchee Chiefs, was named president and treasurer of the new league.

Former WIL President Robert Abel of Tacoma was named acting secretary of the Northwest League. He and Pohlman will represent the circuit at the Professional Baseball Association meeting next month in Houston, Texas.

Legion Baseball Play-Off Set-Up Altered in State

Albany — (U.P.) — The Oregon American Legion Junior baseball setup has been revamped slightly to cut down on the number of districts and improve the playoff system.

The commissioners, meeting here yesterday, divided the state into four districts instead of the previous five. The new districts are: Portland-Astoria, Eastern, Mid-Willamette valley and Southern Oregon.

Best 3 of 5
The playoff plan, formerly including the five district winners and the team of the host city, was changed so that the four districts would pair off in a best three-of-five games semifinals. The Portland - Astoria winner will meet the Eastern champion and the Mid-Willamette winner will meet the Southern Oregon champ.

The first two games will be played in the territory of one champion with the tourney moving to the opponent's community for the remainder of the games.

The finals will be a best four-of-seven games with the site changing after the first two games. No team will play more than one game a day.

Giant Fish May Be Record Catch

Honolulu — (U.P.) — Hawaiian fish and wildlife experts examined today a giant 1,002 pound marlin caught by a veteran sport fisherman to determine if it is a new world's record.

George Parker Jr., of Kona, Hawaii, hooked the mighty sailfish yesterday while trolling the waters five miles south of Honolulu.

The catch was the largest ever recorded in Hawaiian waters. If the fish proves to be a striped marlin, it will break the existing record for that species by some 300 pounds. If, however, it is found to be a black marlin, it would miss the world record by more than 400 pounds, experts said.

Parker said he fought the marlin on sports tackle for more than an hour without help. After battling the giant for a while, Parker said he realized he had more than he could handle alone and radioed for help. Another boat with two men aboard arrived and helped him land the fish but not before it rammed its sword through the stern of the boat.

GOLF ROUND SET

Portland — (U.P.) — An 18-hole qualifying round will be played at Riverside Golf and Country Club here Dec. 6 to determine the five Northwest entrants in the Bing Crosby pro-amateur match at Pebble Beach, Calif., Jan. 13-16. The date of the qualifying round made it necessary to hold the final Oregon PGA pro-amateur sweepstakes on Nov. 29, instead of the December date. The OPGA pro-amateur will be held at Glendoveer Nov. 22.

McMURTRY VS. SEALS

Portland — (U.P.) — Pat McMurry, undefeated Tacoma, Wash., heavyweight, will meet Kirby Seals of Los Angeles in the eight-round main event of a boxing card here Nov. 30.

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Culver, Glide Gain Finals

By UNITED PRESS

Culver and Glide are scheduled to meet this week end for the state six-man football crown. Culver defeated Eagle Valley 38-12 Saturday for its berth in the finals, while Glide nudged Harrisburg 25-19.

In the class B division, Union meets Moro this week end in one semi-final match, and Knappa and Monroe are paired in another. Union beat Echo 14-0 Saturday.

South Salem, in the A division, meets Beaverton and Marshfield is matched with Lincoln. In A-2 play, Vale plays Coquille and Dallas plays St. Helens.

The playoff sites will be set this week.

DUCK HUNTING SCIENTISTS

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Japanese atomic scientists are going in for duck hunting, the newspaper Mainichi said today. Scientists are being asked by sportsmen to determine if ducks flying south from Siberia have been infected with atomic radiation from recent Soviet nuclear bomb tests.

REVENGEFUL PHONER

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Police Sunday arrested a 23-year-old laborer who set fire to a public telephone booth because the operator was too slow in putting through his call.

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3 Clubs Tied In NW Loop

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College of Idaho, which led the Northwest football conference all season long, had to settle for a three-way tie for first Saturday when it fell 7-0 to Willamette university at Salem.

Tied with the Coyotes and the Bearcats with four wins and one loss each is Lewis and Clark college. L & C defeated Pacific university 22-0 for its share of the crown.

Linfield knocked over Whitman 20-14 at Walla Walla to tie up the lower half of the conference standings. Linfield, Whitman and Pacific ended the season with one victory and four losses apiece.

Zeich Scores
Willamette scored its one touchdown on a one-foot plunge by Bob Zeich in the first quarter. But the Bearcat line contained the Coyote running game and its backfield defenders bottled up R. C. Owens, the great College of Idaho pass-catching end, and the score stood up through the rest of the game.

Earl Engbreitson and Gene Flippin led Lewis and Clark to its victory over Pacific, but the feature play was a 45-yard touchdown on a pass interception by guard Dean Soule. Connie Sproul and Al Tarpenning sparked the Linfield Wildcats to their upset victory over Whitman.

Lewis and Clark is the conference's only member with a game remaining to be played. The Pioneers host Eastern Washington Saturday.

26 Remain Undefeated

New York — (U.P.) — Only 26 teams remained on college football's undefeated and untied list today following the week end's activity in which seven teams suffered their first grid blench.

Arkansas and Cincinnati were two of the seven teams that dropped from the perfect record class and their departure left UCLA, Oklahoma and Ohio State as the only major unbeaten and untied teams left in the nation.

In addition to Arkansas and Cincinnati, the five other teams which tumbled from the elite ranks during the week end were Montana State, Michigan Normal, Miami (Ohio), Appalachian (N.C.) and Carnegie Tech.

Twelve teams on the perfect record list already have completed their schedules.

The star-nosed mole of northwestern North America gets its nose tip. The peculiar nose helps the animal to locate worms and name from a fringed disk on its insects.

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OCE Dumps Owls 27-7

By UNITED PRESS

The Oregon College of Education Wolves won at least half of the same Oregon Collegiate football conference crown by dumping Oregon Tech 27-7 at Monmouth Saturday.

The victory was the third for OCE, as against one loss. It was the first loss for the Owls, who have one more game to play. OTI and Southern Oregon, which was idle last week end, will match 2-1 records Saturday in the final conference game of the season.

Other conference members were idle last week, with the exception of Portland State, which fell 22-12 to Lower Columbia Thursday. The Vikings settled for fourth spot in conference ratings with a 2-2 record, while Eastern Oregon took cellar honors with four losses.