



FOLLOWING THROUGH with left to chin Percy Bassett (left) cocks right as Redtop Davis wins. Davis won in Garden 12-rounder to make him featherweight title contender. (International)

Redtop Davis Ranked No. 1 Contender

New York — (U.P.) — Persistence had its reward today when Redtop Davis of Hartford, Conn., was ranked No. 1 among the world's featherweight contenders in the Ring magazine's latest ratings.

Thirty-one-year-old Davis, beaten 47 times along the bumpy trail to the top, earned the first rating by outpointing Percy Bassett, of Philadelphia at Madison Square garden last Friday night. Bassett, top man when they went into the ring, dropped back to second rung.

Among the many changes in the ratings are two new world champions: Lightweight Jimmy Carter of New York and flyweight Pascual Perez of Argentina. Carter recaptured the 135-pound crown by stopping Paddy DeMarco of Brooklyn. Perez won the 122-pound title by outpointing Yoshio Shirai of Japan.

Baker Moved Up
In the heavyweight division, Bob Baker of Pittsburgh rose from sixth to fourth because of his easy triumph over Jimmy Slade of New York, who took another licking from lightweight contender Floyd Patterson.

Patterson advanced a notch to No. 4 among the 175-pounders. Young Patterson is now one step above Paul Andrews of Buffalo, N.Y., who sank from third to fifth because of his defeat by second-ranking Joey Maxim, ex-champ.

Among the lightweights, unbeaten Frankie Ryff of New York replaced Arthur Persley of Red Cross, La., at No. 5. Persley fell to sixth because of his kayo by Wallace (Bud) Smith of Cincinnati, who moved from 10th to ninth.

Al Andrews of Superior, Wis., ninth among the welterweights last month, put on pounds and shifted into the middleweight division, where he now is 10th. Newcomers to the ratings are heavyweight Johnny Williams of England, 10th, and light heavy Marty Marshall of Detroit, 10th.

Younge Pushed For Grid Post

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Athletic Director Spec Kenne said today he doubted if any move would be made toward naming a football coach to succeed Kip Taylor at Oregon State until he returned from an NCAA meeting in New York in mid-January.

Kenne said letters were continuing to arrive at his office, including applications.

Meanwhile, a group of former Oregon State athletes is pushing Len Younce, the resigned line coach, for the head coaching job. Johnny Leovich, former OSC baseball star, said "his appointment would mean a steady stream of athletes at Oregon State and revival of interest among the alumni who are ex-athletes."

Show, Patera Selected On Trojan's Foe Eleven

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The University of Southern California football squad, the coast's Rose Bowl representative, picked three California players on its all-opponent team. Notre Dame, Oregon and UCLA each placed two men on the team, and Texas Christian and Oregon State placed one player.

The team includes: Dan Shannon, Notre Dame, and Jim Hanifan, California at ends; Jack Elena, UCLA, and Ron Aschbacher, Oregon State, at tackle; Jim Salisbury, UCLA and Jack Patera, Oregon, at guard; Matt Hazeltine, California, center; and Paul Larson, California, Ralph Guglielmi, Notre Dame, George Shaw, Oregon, and Ron Clinkscale, TCU, as the backfield.

SPORTS

Black Tornado Cage Gang Ready for Starting Frays

Medford high school's basketball aggregation is "ready to go" for its opening action of the 1954-55 season, Coach Frank Roelandt has reported.

The latest version of the Black Tornado goes under fire for the first time Friday night when it participates in the

Otto Graham Close To Van In Pro Race

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — The Cleveland Browns are surging and quarterback Otto Graham is putting the pressure on Norm Van Brocklin for the passing championship in the National Football league.

Graham, the defending champion slipped into the No. 2 spot behind Van Brocklin as the Browns took a 12-game lead Sunday in the loop's Eastern division. And with three games to go, the Browns' passing wizard might overhaul the Los Angeles Rams ace.

Van Brocklin holds the leadership with an average gain of 10.34 yards for each pass thrown. Graham, who was fifth last week, has an average of 8.15 yards for every chuck. Van Brocklin has two games left to play.

Joe (The Jet) Perry of the San Francisco 49ers retained first place in rushing and Bobby Watson of the Philadelphia Eagles went back into first place in scoring with five conversions and two field goals for a season total of 98 points. Doak Walker of the Detroit Lions is second with 91 points.

Burk Heads in TD's
Adrian Burk, of the Eagles, who threw five touchdown passes against Washington on Sunday, is leading the touchdown parade with 19.

Perry, with 870 yards in 135 rushes, holds a commanding 236-yard lead over teammate John Henry Johnson, in second place with 634 yards.

Billy Wilson of the Forty-Niners stayed in first place in pass receptions with 49, followed by Pete Pihos of the Eagles with 47, Harlon Hill of the Chicago Bears leads with 10 touchdown receptions and Boyd is tops in yardage with 1,023.

Horace Gillom of the Browns, who boots them a mile, took over in punting with a 43.5 yard average for 35 kicks, with Pat Brady of the Pittsburgh Steelers second with a 43.2 average for 81 boots.

Dick Lane of the Chicago Cardinals leads in interceptions with eight while Herb Johnson of the Giants is first in punt returns and Billy Reynolds of Cleveland first in kickoff returns.

LaStarza Rated Edge Over Norkus Tonight

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — Roland LaStarza of New York ruled a slight favorite to defeat hard-hitting Charlie Norkus tonight in the 10-round main event at the annual Christmas Fund boxing show in the Cleveland arena. The battle promises to be a test of LaStarza's technique against Norkus' knockout power. LaStarza, one-time student at City College of New York, is recognized as one of the heavy-weight division's most skilled practitioners. The LaStarza-Norkus fray shares top billing on the card with a 10-round between middle-weights Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, and Moses (No Clinch) Ward, of Detroit.

Omaha Eyes Jump Into Higher Class

By ED FITE
Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Franchise problems were still the big news around the minor league convention side rooms today although the convention proper centered its attention of the final day of the draft involving the little minors.

Focal point of the franchise switch talk was Omaha, the ambitious Nebraska metropolis that is waging a prolonged battle to jump from the Class A Western league to the Class AAA American association.

But there were several other cities whose situations were just as clouded if not as well publicized.

Omaha lost out to Denver, Colo., also of the Western league in the bid for the association franchise vacated when Kansas City moved into the American league, but still hopes that the St. Louis Cardinals will come to the rescue.

The draft took some of the edge off the franchise battle Tuesday as clubs in the four top minor league classifications — Open, AAA, AA and A — laid out \$123,750 for 31 players.

Draft To Continue
Today, the Class B and C leagues get their chance to select some promising talent during the morning. A delayed draft during the afternoon will give those clubs which lost players in the main draft a chance to recuperate.

The Western league, meanwhile, went on record as deciding not to "select" an eighth city to replace Denver because it didn't want to "hurt" any other club or league at this time.

The International league, recognizing its problem at Ottawa, a Kansas City Athletics farm club, appointed a committee to look into possible replacement sites and said Miami, Fla., would be visited "immediately" after the close of the convention.

The Eastern league, which has questionable franchises at Albany and Wilkes-Barre, delayed until today any action on taking on replacements from such a field as Johnstown or Sunbury, Pa., and Springfield, Mass.

All Interested Persons Invited To Mat Clinic

All persons interested are invited to attend the wrestling clinic Saturday, December 4, at the Medford senior high school gymnasium.

Bill Hammer, University of Oregon grappling instructor, will conduct the clinic with members of his Webfoot squad assisting. The affair is mainly for coaches and their wrestling squads and other interested students in this area.

The Medford school has sent out invitations to 21 schools in southern and southwestern Oregon. Sessions will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Paul Evenson, Medford high wrestling instructor, and Ditch Simons, Klamath Falls tutor, will give talks.

Medford high began wrestling workouts Monday with a turnout of about 45 boys. Among returnees are Ray Williams, Les Walch, Paul Eckel, Bill Dyer, Harley Davidson, Larry Fraser, Ron Lindgren and Ray Hilton.

Coaches Agree Bowl Rule Poor

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — Coach Red Sanders of UCLA and Jess Hill of Southern California have agreed that the Pacific Coast Conference and Big Ten rule prohibiting teams from going to the Rose Bowl twice in a row is a "poor rule."

Both coaches told a banquet group here Tuesday night that they thought the champions of each conference should go to the Rose Bowl every year.

UCLA won the PCC title this year but USC will be in the Rose Bowl because Sanders' team was in the Rose Bowl last January.

"I don't believe it's a good rule," said Hill. "The best team in each conference should be in the Rose Bowl every year. I think it's a poor rule, myself."

"I'm not saying I endorse any post-season games," the coach of the unbeaten UCLA team said.

"But my own personal belief is that the best team in the Coast Conference should play the best team in the Big Ten," Hill told the group of players and Sacramento high school football players that he had no doubt that his USC Trojans "are the second best team in the conference."

Card Completed For PAL Boxing Show on Saturday

Additional bouts were announced today for the Medford Police Athletic League boxing show slated Saturday night, December 4, at Merrick's arena here. The tussles complete the card.

Some of the top amateur boxers from Eureka, Calif., Seattle, Wash., Portland and Medford are to be on the 15-bout card. PAL club promoters of the fights feel that the benefit program will provide one of the largest and most select boxing shows to be staged in this area.

In the curtain-raiser, Rodger Haupt meets Jimmy McCabe. Both are from Medford. These are 90-pound lads with hearts of lions and fine boxing skill for such little fellows.

In the other early bouts will be Billy Wright, solidpunching 140-pounder against Tucker Spot, Eureka; Lester Laudin, 119, Eureka, versus Medford's aggressive Don Wolf; Herb Walters,

MIBL Frays Will Begin On Monday

Medford Independent Basketball League will start play at 7 p.m. Monday at the junior high school gymnasium, League President Bill Singler has announced.

Opponents in the first night's action will not be known until Thursday night. Singler has called a meeting of loop officers and team managers that evening at the YMCA to draw up the schedule. The session will be at 8 o'clock.

Generally, MIBL games will be scheduled at the junior high Monday through Thursday each week of the season. The gym will not be available December 15 through January 3. Arrangements to play elsewhere are planned and some of the contests likely will be played on courts of MIBL members from towns outside of Medford.

Southern Oregon college students will serve as referees, Singler reported.

Singler was named Monday to succeed Ardis Warren as president. Other officers are Loren Soderlund, vice-president; Don Wendt, secretary, and Don Mintz, treasurer.

Mickelson Choice Of Beavers in Baseball Draft

Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Ed Mickelson, right-handed first baseman for the Shreveport club in the Texas league, was the first choice of the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast league yesterday as the minor league draft got underway.

The Beavers were last place finishers in the league this season and had first choice in the draft. Mickelson hit .335 this year and batted out 192 hits, including 43 doubles, 11 triples, and 17 home runs. He drove in 139 runs.

Mickelson was one of the most sought-after players in the draft. He stands six-foot, four-inches, and bats as well as throws right-handed.

Los Angeles announced that Bill Sweeney had been signed for another season as manager.

Eddie Erdelatz Coach of Week

By CARL LUNDQUIST
New York — (U.P.) — If you want to put him on the defensive — just call him a "defensive coach."

He refers to his boys as "A Football Team Named Desire," a team that likes to run and take chances, with a will to win and an urge to score from any spot on the field.

Nevertheless his boys have run up the best defensive record in collegiate football and when the going was toughest last Saturday, they dug in and upheld that reputation.

He's the United Press Coach of the Week, Eddie Erdelatz of those fifty Navy midshipmen. And as far as his boys are concerned, even without that 27-20 victory over Army, he's the coach of the century. Seldom in the college ranks, and particularly in the regimented atmosphere of a military academy has there been a closer bond between a coach and his players and associates.

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Ameche Will Get Heisman Grid Trophy

New York — (U.P.) — Fullback Alan Ameche of the University of Wisconsin, who set an all-time college record by gaining 3,212 yards in four varsity seasons, today was named the winner of the Heisman Memorial trophy as the year's outstanding college football player.

Ameche, 21-year-old native of Kenosha, Wis., and father of two children, will receive the award at the Trophy Committee's annual dinner here on Dec. 9.

The line-smashing Wisconsin star, who was named to the United Press All-America football team last week, received a total of 1,063 points in balloting by 1,318 sports writers and sportscasters for the trophy.

Other top players in the trophy voting were three other All-Americans — center Kurt Burris of Oklahoma with 838, halfback Howard Hupalung Cassidy of Ohio State with 810, and quarterback Ralph Guglielmo of Notre Dame with 691.

New York — (U.P.) — George Shaw of Oregon was the eighth ranking college football player in the nation in voting for the Heisman trophy, won by Alan (The Horse) Ameche of Wisconsin. Ameche won with 1068 points.

Shaw had 182 points. Back Paul Larson of California was fifth with 271 points and Tackle Jack Ellena of UCLA sixth with 193 points.

Beginner of Last Year High in Pistol Shoot

Darrell Payant, beginner last winter, has made remarkable progress and was in second place last night at the regular pistol shoot of Medford Rifle and Pistol club with 266 out of possible 300.

Roy Hewitt was first with 279, Jim Bolton had 243, Bernice Hewitt, the only woman shooter so far this year was in the fourth place with 212 and J. C. Hamaker fifth with 209.

The officers of the club are stressing that the range is open to any one and everyone is welcome. The pistol group meets Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on indoor range in the Merrick building.

SO College Lettermen Have Smoker on Friday

Ashland — Southern Oregon College big bone - crushing, knuckle-cracking, skull-bashing enterprise of the year — The Lettermen's Smoker — will be held Friday, December 3, at 8 p.m. in Memorial court.

Lettermen's club President Jack Kennett said the evenings bill would include boxing and wrestling matches and some comedy acts. The public has been invited to attend the evening of excitement and entertainment.

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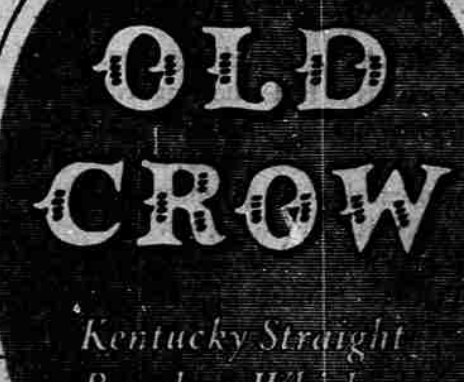
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