

Good Scrap Predicted In Olson-Langlois Mix

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Pierre Langlois of France attempts to gain the world middleweight crown tonight when he tangles with champion Carl (Bobo) Olson in a 15-round nationally televised bout at the San Francisco Cow Palace.

The chances appear so slight for the challenger to take the title back to Europe that Olson has been installed as a 4-1 favorite to make the third successful defense of the crown in eight months.

A crowd of about 11,000 is expected in the Cow Palace to watch the battle, which is scheduled to start at 10 p.m. EST. The gate is expected to run in excess of \$100,000.

Olson will get 40 per cent. of the net receipts, including television money. Langlois will receive 20 per cent.

Despite the odds, both fighters are confident of victory—as always.

Both Go Forward

It promises to be a good scrap because both men like to move forward. Langlois claims he can win that kind of a scrap. Olson, however, has been usually successful in the past against any man who will come to him.

The champion now has won 17 fights in a row. The last time he was defeated was March 13, 1952, when he lost a close 15-round decision to the then middleweight champ, Ray Robinson. Olson has a record of 59 wins, 29 by knockouts and five defeats.

Against this, Langlois has won 63 fights, 15 by knockouts and has lost 15 times. Most of his important fights have been in the United States.

He is former French welterweight champion, but relinquished the crown to fight as a middleweight, his first fight at the higher weight being Dec. 8, 1952. Since that time he has won 11, lost five and had one draw. In his most recent outing he won a 10-round decision, from Joey Giardello, the man he replaced in this title contest. Giardello was sidelined by an injured knee.

Four Bouts This Year

He has had four bouts this year, losing to Gil Turner and from Giardello and Pedro Gonzalez.

This will be Olson's seventh start of 1954. He holds knockout wins over Joey Rindone, Jesse Turner, Gonzales and Garth Panter. He holds decisions over Kid Gavilan and Rocky Castellani in title bouts. In the latter fight he was knocked down midway in the battle, but got up to score a decisive victory.

So confident is the Langlois camp of victory, however, that George Kanter, the American representative, has announced that Langlois will defend the crown in the United States.

"We'll give Bobo a return shot at the title within a very short time," said Kanter.

Kiner Takes Salary Cut

Cleveland—(U.P.)—Sluggish Ralph Kiner hoped today his "beau geste" won't make him a "foul ball" with his fellow players.

The former National League home run king startled the baseball world Tuesday when he accepted a 38.4 per cent reduction in salary in signing with the Cleveland Indians although baseball rules state a player need not accept more than a 25 per cent slice.

Kiner said Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Indians, "almost fainted when I told him what I wanted to do but believe me this is no grandstand play. I want it this way. I figure that I will get it all back. I've found that if you try to be fair in your dealings, other people will be fair with you, later on."

No Misunderstanding
Kiner, acquired by the Indians from the Chicago Cubs in an interleague waiver deal, said he was sure there would be no misunderstanding from other players as a result of his "voluntary slice."

"I've been leading the fight for seven long years to get such things as salary minimums and safeguards against major pay cuts into the books," Kiner said. "But this is my own individual case. I have my own particular problem and I think this is the best way to work it out. But I certainly am not trying to set any kind of a precedent."

Idaho Hoopmen Amass School's Highest Score
Moscow, Idaho—(U.P.)—The university of Idaho basketball team defeated California Polytechnic, 95-72, last night, racking up the highest score ever made by a Vandal cage team.

Jay Buhler led the scoring for the winners with 22 points, making 10 field goals in 10 tries. High point man for Cal Poly was center Bill Freeman with 16.

The production of raisins and prunes in the United States has been more than doubled the past 30 years.

Champ Trio Ends Wave Of Upsets

By JOHN GRIFFIN

United Press Sports Writer
A trio of defending league champions—North Carolina State, Southern California, and George Washington—brought college basketball's wave of upsets to a halt today with impressive victories.

All three won easily, in marked contrast to action in the last three days that saw 11 losses dealt out to "big name" teams, and North Carolina state had the easiest time as it walloped Clemson, 112-72, to tie the idle North Carolina for the Atlantic Coast conference lead.

Southern California, unbeaten defending ruler of the Pacific coast conference, trounced Hawaii for the second time in two nights, 90-63 and George Washington, reigning monarch of the Southern Conference, downed dangerous Wake Forest, 94-82.

It was the sixth victory for unbeaten North Carolina State, currently ranked No. 4 nationally by the United Press Board of Coaches. Clemson held the Wolfpack close only for the first 15 minutes and then State raced through 19 straight points to take a game-clinching halftime lead of 49-24. Ronnie Shavlik led the Wolfpack with 25 points but Bill Yarborough of Clemson had 30.

Southern California, ranked 14th nationally, now has won five straight games and Hawaii has lost seven straight. Hawaii kept it close for only 12 minutes, trailing them by 21-16, but then the Trojans rolled to a 43-29 halftime lead. Center Roy Irvin led Southern Cal with 21 points.

George Washington's triumph capped a tremendous comeback for the Colonials, who are ranked 19th nationally. They were beaten, 107-86, by the same Wake Forest team in the opening game of the season but then came back to win the Steel Bowl tournament last week with victories over Pittsburgh and Duquesne.

Niagara, ranked 10th nationally despite a one-point loss to national leader La Salle in overtime last Saturday, got back on the winning trail Tuesday night by defeating Cornell, 71-65. Cornell, a pre-season Ivy league favorite, had the Eagles tied at 63-63 late in the game but Tom Heman sank six points and Niagara controlled the ball for the last four minutes to win.

One nationally ranked team was upset—Cincinnati, tied with George Washington for the No. 19 spot, going down before Western Kentucky, 85-75.

Shaw Interested In Academy Job

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Lawrence T. (Buck) Shaw, deposed field boss of the San Francisco Forty Niners, indicated Tuesday night he would jump at the chance to become head coach of the new Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs.

Shaw received a round-about feeler for the job Tuesday from Lt. Col. Robert V. Whitlow, athletic director of the new "West Point of the Air," who is the man who will have the top say in the academy's selection of a coach.

Speaking to the United Press in Denver, Whitlow said he had not as yet contacted Shaw but added, "We feel we would be extremely fortunate if he is interested in the academy."

Informed of Whitlow's statement, Shaw said he "definitely would be interested" in the Air Force job.

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SPORTS

Defense on Ground Victory For Major College Teams

New York—(U.P.)—Ground defense was a key to victory in major college football in 1954, final NCAA Service bureau statistics showed today, as unbeaten UCLA and Oklahoma ran one-two in holding back the opposition.

UCLA gave up 73.2 yards a game through the line and Oklahoma yielded 87. Third-place Mississippi, which led in total defense with 172.3 yards allowed, was beaten only once while it swept to the Southeastern Conference title. Clemson was fourth, Eastern Champ Navy fifth, Notre Dame sixth, and Southern conference champion West Virginia seventh.

The Uclans also took scoreboard championship by giving up the fewest points, only 4.4 a game.

The UCLA line allowed only 2.10 yards a try, lowest figure in two seasons, and let the opposition run only 314 plays. Miami, Fla., was the leader with 813 plays allowed, while the next best pre-play yardages were 2.30 for Oklahoma and 2.40 for Mississippi.

The total defense column indicates a defensive battle in the Sugar Bowl between Mississippi and Navy. The Middles placed ninth, but they led until their final game against Army, the country's offense champion. The yardage they yielded in that victory was enough to push them down, but since they also played Notre Dame, No. 6 in offense, their overall defensive record is impressive.

Mississippi won by a narrow margin, yielding 172.3 yards a game to Richmond's 174.4 and Clemson's 176.1.

PILOTS SLOWED

Olympia, Wash.—(U.P.)—St. Martin slowed down the high-scoring Portland Pilots last night, but the Portland club managed to pull out with a 65-53 basketball victory. Dick Bartel paced the Pilots with 18 points.

Alan Ameche Year's Best Footballer

New York—(U.P.)—Alan Ameche, Wisconsin's crashing fullback, today was selected as college football's Player of the Year in 1954 in the annual United Press poll.

Ameche, who made almost every All-America team, received a total of 66 votes from the 336 sports writers and broadcasters who balloted in the poll to beat out Howard Cassady, Ohio State's All-America halfback, by eight votes.

Ameche had beaten out Cassady by three votes, 86 to 83, to win the United Press Back of the Year poll. The Wisconsin fullback also won the Heisman Memorial Trophy awarded annually to the outstanding college football player of the country.

Behind those two backs in the player of the year balloting came two linemen—tackle Jack Ellena of UCLA with 42 votes and center Kurt Burris of Oklahoma with 39 votes. Ellena beat out Burris by three votes, 69 to 66, to win United Press Lineman of the Year honors.

Two Tie For Fifth
Ralph Guglielmi, Notre Dame quarterback, and Paul Larson of Oklahoma tied for fifth place with 22 votes. Ameche, Cassady, Ellena, Burris and Guglielmi were on the United Press All-American team.

Others who received three or more votes in the balloting were:

George Shaw, Oregon back, 14; Dick Moegle, Rice halfback, 13; Bud Brooks, Arkansas guard, six; Bobby Watkins, Ohio State back, five; Max Boydston, Oklahoma end; Don Hollender, Army end; and Bob McNamara, Minnesota back, four each; and Tom Bettis, Purdue guard; Dean Dugger, Ohio State end; Frank Mincewich, South Carolina guard and Pete Vann, Army quarterback, three each.

Cox, Roe Go To Orioles

Baltimore, Md.—(U.P.)—General Manager Paul Richards said today he expected veterans Billy Cox and Preacher Roe to provide immediate improvement in the Baltimore Orioles "while we're waiting for our farm system to take care of the future."

Cox, 35, and Roe, 36, again this year, were acquired from the Brooklyn Dodgers Tuesday for an estimated \$60,000 and minor leaguers John Jancec and Harry Schwegman. Jancec, a pitcher, and Schwegman, an infielder, were assigned to Brooklyn's Fort Worth affiliate in the Texas League.

Box To Be Regular
Richards, who now has swung three big winter deals, said Cox will be Baltimore's regular third baseman and that Roe will be a "starter at intervals and a spot pitcher." Both saw limited service last season last season and have reputations of being relatively frail athletes.

Walter O'Malley, president of the Dodgers, expressed regret over the departure of "these heroes of three World Series," but said the development of young players in the Brooklyn farm system forced his hand.

Week End Encounters May Indicate Tornado Strength

The Medford high basketball team should get a fair idea this week end of its strength in comparison with some of the other quints in District 4.

Medford will be at home for two games, entertaining Eagle Point on Friday and North Bend on Saturday.

Eagle Point, although crippled at the moment, is expected to be the powerhouse among clubs in the Rogue league and the Little Six division of the district. North Bend competes in another area (District 5) but stops off Friday on its way to Medford to play Grants Pass which is a Southern Oregon conference and district rival of the Black Tornado.

Another means of surveying the situation will be provided in the Grants Pass jaunt to Eagle Point on Saturday evening.

Medford gets a roundabout comparison with Ashland. The Grizzlies lost last week end to Fortuna, Calif., which was whipped the week before, 49 to 43 by Grants Pass.

Two players currently are on the sideline list for Eagle Point. Big Bill Caldwell, a top point-maker for the Eagles, rehurt a knee Tuesday. Coach Jerry Mosby feared Caldwell would be out of action a week or two.

Franch Reich, another Eagle regular, last week underwent an operation on a hand injured in football. Mosby said Reich may not be available until late in February and thereby may miss the entire regular season.

It's apparently between Ed Abernathy and Jerry Cave who will start for the Eagles at center against Medford in Caldwell's place. Harvey Nelson may be at one forward and Carl Christian at the other. There's a tough battle going on among Jack Greb, Jerry Tuttle and Ken Bitterling for the guard assignments.

On the Medford practice court the Black Tornado went through a heavy drill last night and more hard work was on the agenda this evening. Coach Frank Roelandt was mum today about the particular preparations the Tornado is making for the Eagles. He scouted the Eagles in their win over Rogue River and indicated considerable respect for the smaller school's team.

Tornado Everett Kastner's groin injury was bothering him some last night but he is expected to be ready to go Friday.

Spokane—(U.P.)—The Spokane Indians Baseball club, Inc., will meet tonight to organize a stock selling plan.

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COACH OF YEAR—Henry (Red) Sanders (above) of UCLA's unbeaten Pacific Coast Conference champions, was named College Football Coach of the Year in annual poll conducted by The New York World Telegram and Sun and associated Scripps-Howard newspapers. Only members of the American Football Coaches Assn. participate in the poll.

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