

UP Selects Oklahoma Sooners As National Football Champs

New York—(U.P.)—The final United Press 1955 college football ratings with first-place votes and won-lost-tied records in parentheses:

1. Oklahoma	24 (10-0) 323
2. Michigan State	7 (8-1) 269
3. Maryland	2 (10-0) 270
4. UCLA	2 (9-1) 253
5. Texas Christian	(9-1) 165
6. Ohio State	(7-2) 148
7. Georgia Tech	(8-1-1) 144
8. Notre Dame	(8-2) 87
9. Mississippi	(9-1) 62
10. Auburn	(8-1-1) 57
Second ten—11. Pittsburgh, 33; 12. Southern California, 24; 13. Michigan, 21; 14. Texas A and M, 12; 15. The Army and Duke, 8 each; 17. West Virginia, 5; 18. Miami, Fla., 4; Iowa, 3; 20. The Navy, Stanford and Miami, Ohio, 2 each.	
Others—Tennessee and Kentucky 1 each.	

New York—(U.P.)—Oklahoma's slick Sooners, who exploited speed, savvy and spirit for a perfect record and a berth in the Orange Bowl, were chosen the 1955 national college football champion today by the United Press Board of Coaches.

In the final balloting of the season, 24 of the 35 leading coaches who make up the United Press rating board picked Oklahoma best in the land. On a point basis, the Sooners received 323 out of a possible 350 for a 14-point margin over Rose Bowl-bound Michigan State.

Coach Bud Wilkinson's split-T powerhouse, which averaged 36.5 points in 10 games for the highest scoring record among major college teams, was voted the nation's No. 1 team for the second time in the past six seasons.

The coaches—the men who know the game the best—ranked Michigan State, Maryland, UCLA and Texas Christian in order behind Oklahoma. Ohio State, Georgia Tech, Notre Dame, Mississippi and Auburn rounded out the top 10 teams.

Seven For Michigan State
Michigan State was the No. 1 choice of seven coaches, while Maryland and UCLA each was picked by two. Of the 11 coaches who did not vote Oklahoma tops, six picked the Sooners second, one third, two fourth, one seventh and one eighth.

The Orange and the Rose bowls thus corralled the nation's top four teams. Oklahoma and Maryland, the only undefeated and untied teams in the major college ranks, collide in the Orange Bowl, while Michigan State and UCLA meet in the Rose Bowl.

Cotton Bowl Teams
The Cotton Bowl also will present an attraction between two teams in the top 10, with fifth-ranked Texas Christian pitted against ninth-ranked Mississippi. Georgia Tech, ranked seventh meets Pittsburgh rated 11th in the Sugar Bowl.

With points distributed on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3, and 2 and 1 basis for votes from first to 10th place, here is how the top 10 was aligned: Oklahoma, 323; Michigan State, 309; Maryland, 270; UCLA, 253; Texas Christian, 165; Ohio State, 148; Georgia Tech, 144; Notre Dame, 87; Mississippi, 62; Auburn, 57.

Eighth Year For Crown
Oklahoma was not a heavy-weight team by big-time football standards, but it more than made up for that by its overall speed and the sound football and tremendous desire perennially instilled by popular Wilkinson. During their perfect-record campaign, the Sooners won the Big Seven crown for the eighth year in a row under Wilkinson, ex-Shaw-Brocklin Duel.

Prompts Special Trip
Eugene—(U.P.)—The lure of a passing duel between George Shaw and Norman Van Brocklin has prompted 25 football fans here to charter a plane for next Sunday's pro football game between Baltimore and Los Angeles in Los Angeles.

Both Shaw and Van Brocklin are former University of Oregon quarterback greats. Two weeks ago Baltimore and Los Angeles, both of whom are still in title contention, played to a 17-17 tie.

IN OLYMPICS
Cortino D'Ampezzo, Italy—(U.P.)—Spain, Holland, Turkey, Bulgaria and Romania filed entries in the winter Olympic games Monday only 48 hours before the deadline for national applications. Turkey will be competing for the first time.

The UN estimates 35,000,000 persons were added to the world population in 1954.

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Waltonians Seek Screening At Dam at Savage Rapids

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Other actions supported construction of the John Day dam on the Columbia if fish migration is protected, urged continuation of Red Hat day and condemning two-way communications for location, pursuing and slaughtering game. Waltonians voted to request that congress provide funds for planning, construction and maintenance of needed recreation, public health and safety facilities in future appropriations for Hill Creek and Cougar Creek dams.

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An initiative petition which would close all Oregon streams south of the Columbia river to commercial netting of salmon and steelhead also got support of the Oregon division.

Dr. John Rayner, chief of operations of the fisheries division of the Oregon game department, told delegates that there are more fall run chinook salmon in Rogue river now than ever before. He reported that high water temperatures in the Rogue are very detrimental to salmon, causing bacterial infections.

Reservation Marshes
Tom McAllister, Portland Oregon Journal outdoor editor, presented data on the Klamath Indian reservation marshlands. Fear has been expressed that sale of the reservation will put the marsh area in private hands and the IWL interest is in keeping it intact. McAllister described the 150 square miles as the largest untouched marsh in the northwest. He said that the area produces more Canada geese than any other in the northwest United States.

Dr. Walter Hansen, chief of wildlife management of U. S. forest service region 6 told Waltonians that deer population has increased 5 times since 1921 and elk population 5½ times. Dr. O. Lloyd Meehan, assistant chief of the fish and wildlife service stated that America's "wetlands" have been reduced from 140,000,000 acres to 74,000,000. He said that there are only 22,000,000 acres of wetlands of high quality for waterfowl.

FIGHTS
By UNITED PRESS
New York—(St. Nicholas Arena)—Tony Johnson, 174, New York, stopped Billy McNece, 171½, Central Islip, N.Y. (8).

Denver—Corky Gonzales, 130, Denver, outpointed Paul Smith, 130, Denver (10).

Providence, R.I.—Bob Bolton, 167½, Providence, stopped Lou Pampanelli, 164½, Providence (3).

More than 97½ per cent of the atmosphere lies below an altitude of 90,000 feet or approximately 17 miles, the highest level yet attained by man.

Steelers Get Glick In Pro League Draft

Philadelphia—(U.P.)—The Pittsburgh Steelers, whose tough line begrudges every inch of ground gained, had added help in the secondary today in the surprise selection of quarterback Gary Glick of Colorado A&M as their bonus choice in the National Football League draft.

The Steelers won the "bonus" pick at the league's 21st selection meeting and passed over such offensive football players as Howie (Hopalong) Cassidy of Ohio State and Earl Morrall of Michigan State in favor of Glick, one of the top defensive backs in the nation.

"We drew to our weakness," Coach Walt Kiesling said as he explained why the Steelers took Glick as a sleeper choice. "He's a do-everything ball player, and while we plan to use him on the defense, we could send him to quarterback on the offense."

The surprise selection of Glick set the pattern of the owners who all but ignored All America collegians as they made the first three rounds of the draft at the earlier than usual date to avoid any possible legal action with Canadian promoters.

Only four of the 1955 All America first team were picked up in the three rounds of selections, a total of 37 players drafted.

Cassidy went on the first round to the Detroit Lions, and Bob Pellegrini, center from

Maryland, went on the first round to the Philadelphia Eagles. Tackle Bruce Bosley, of West Virginia went to San Francisco and tackle Norman Masters of Michigan State to the Chicago Cardinals, both as second round choices.

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Company A Wins, Prospect Edges YMCA In MIBL

Company A of the National Guard whipped Moose lodge, 95 to 36, and Prospect edged the YMCA, 99 to 92, in an overtime, in Medford Independent Basketball league games last night at McLoughlin Junior High school gymnasium.

In the second game, the score was tied at 86-86 at the end of regulation time.

Two games will be played tonight. Headquarters company meets Hawthorn Tire Tread at 7 p.m., and YMCA meets Moose lodge at 8:30 p.m.

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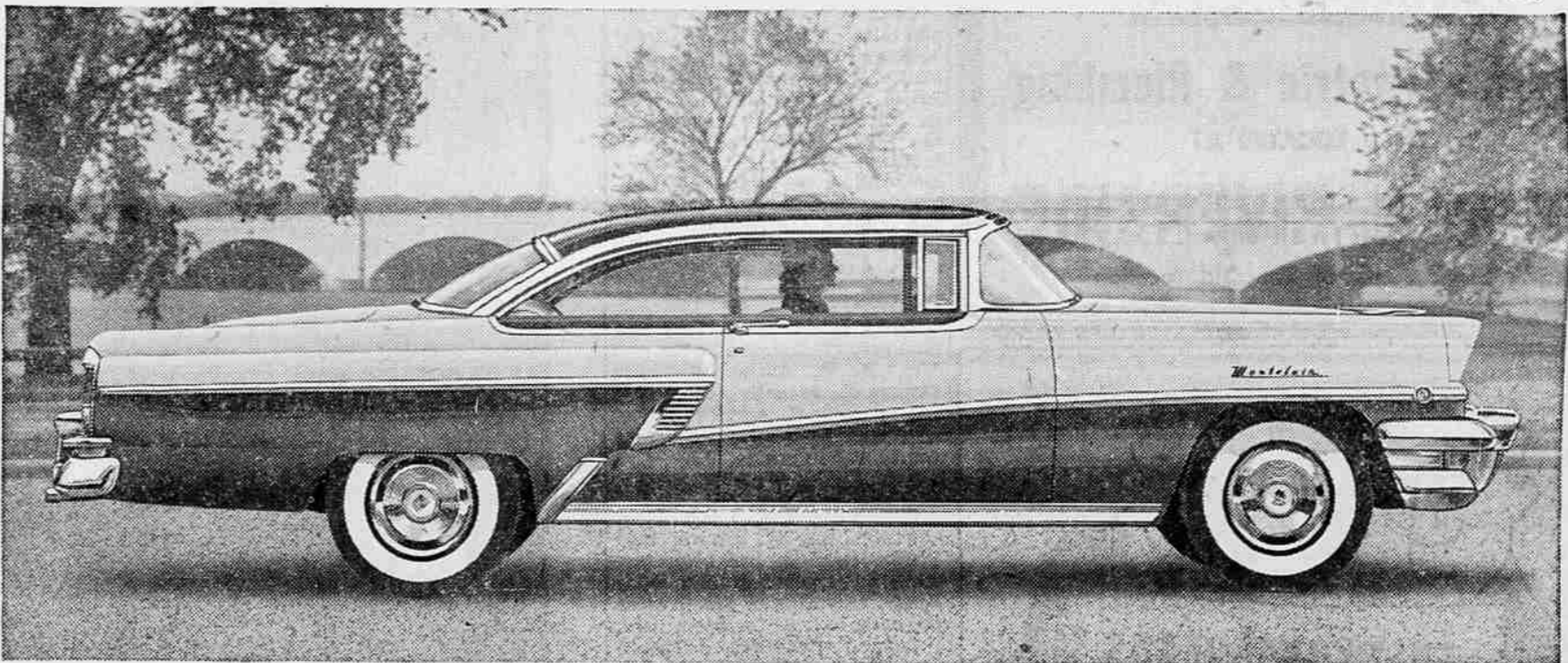
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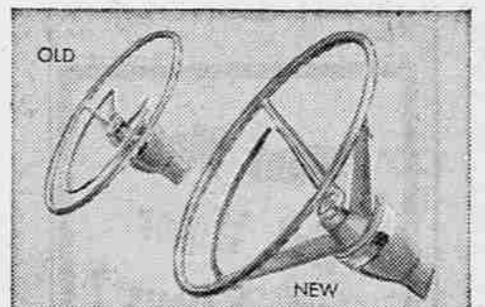
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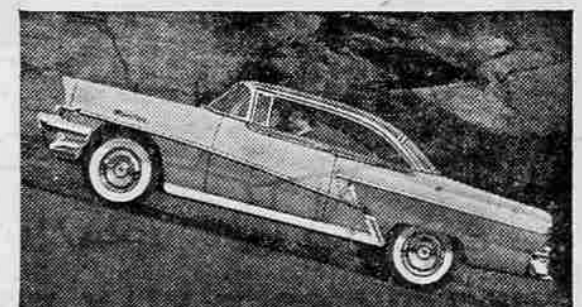
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