

Ameche Near Pro Ground Gaining Toga

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Alan (The Horse) Ameche, who works like a horse for the Baltimore Colts, was in prime position today to become the first rookie in 13 seasons to win the National Football League's ground gaining championship.

Ameche, the busiest back in the league, had a total of 932 yards in 197 carries for an average gain of 4.7 yards per carry. With only one game left, he was 133 yards ahead of second-place Fred Morrison of the Cleveland Browns.

Morrison had 799 yards, three more than third place Howie Ferguson of the Green Bay Packers. Defending champion Joe Perry of San Francisco was fourth and Ron Waller of Los Angeles, in a hike from eighth place, was fifth.

Otto Graham, who won the passing championship in 1953, held a comfortable 1.05-yard average gain over Ed Brown of the Chicago Bears in that department. Graham averaged 9.25 yards gained for each pass thrown and Brown's average was 8.20.

Pete Pihos of the Eagles, with 10 receptions last Sunday, took over the lead in pass receiving, with 51 catches, Billy Wilson of San Francisco was second with 49.

Doak Walker of Detroit led the scorers with 85 points; Norm Van Brockton was the top punter; Ollie Matson of the Cardinals the leader in punt returns; Al Carmichael of Green Bay the leader in kickoff returns and Willard Sherman of Los Angeles the leading interceptor with 11, three off the record for a season.

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RIDING BOTH WINNERS, Jockey Bernie Sorenson is aboard Advice, winner of second race at Pimlico, which brought record daily double payoff of \$5,932.20 to lucky holders of \$2 tickets. Fourteen collected big stakes. (International)

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HOPALONG CASSADY CHOSEN GRIDIRON PLAYER OF YEAR

New York — (U.P.) — Howard (Hopalong) Cassidy, the brilliant halfback who led Ohio State to a second consecutive Big Ten championship, was named the United Press "Player of the Year" today in a nationwide poll of 307 sportswriters and broadcasters.

The 21-year-old Cassidy, a two-time All-America and winner of the Heisman Trophy this year, was voted the honor by an overwhelming margin. He received 134 votes—more than were received by the next eight players in the balloting.

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Ez Charles Wins Over Toxie Hall

Rochester, N.Y. — (U.P.) — It's still too early to count Ezzard Charles out of the heavyweight picture.

The former champion kept his comeback hopes alive Tuesday night when he rounded out a unanimous 10-round decision over Toxie Hall of Chicago that avenged a loss to Rocky Marciano's stablemate last month.

Charles took command of the bout at the outset and seemed to get stronger as it progressed. There were no knockdowns but Charles stunned the stubby Hall with a right to the jaw as the bell sounded ending the eighth round.

OUTSTANDING HORSE

Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — Misty Morn, who finished out of the money only seven times in 22 trips to the post this year, has been named the outstanding three-year-old filly of the year by the Thoroughbred Racing association.

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Linfield Downs SOC 42-33 to Even Series

Ashland — Linfield college split its basketball series with the Southern Oregon college Red Raiders with a 42 to 33 decision last night in a scuffle featured by Wildcat ball control offense and tight defensive play by both clubs.

The engagement contrasted sharply to the high-scoring

hassie on Monday which Southern Oregon had won 93 to 62. Both clubs last night utilized a tight jamming, choking zone defense, a tactic which had enabled the Raiders to hold down Linfield with sufficient effectiveness in the series opener.

Linfield, helped principally by long range cannonading, grabbed the lead in the first half. Southern Oregon, with a rally begun late in the initial half and carried over into the second, pushed on top. Then the Wildcats cracked the SOC zone for close in shots to go back on top. Free shots in the final minutes boosted the McMinnville team's final margin.

Half-time score was 18 to 15. Didn't Get Shots

Southern Oregon couldn't find the hoop with the regularity of Monday night, nor did the Wildcats give the Raiders the shots they had in the previous portion. And the Raiders didn't show quite the drive of the first engagement.

After establishing their lead in the final half, the Wildcats played for the sure shot in semi-stalling tactics. The Raiders came out of their zone to get the ball. More often than not they got it, but erratic play and missed shots spoiled the chance to overtaking the visiting quintet.

Bill Machamer of the 'Cats was the game's high point man

with 12 counters, eight on free shots. Russ Koffard of Linfield put in nine tallies and Dale Bates of SOC and Don Porter of Linfield each night. The Raiders' Bill Hollingsworth, who had 29 on Monday, was held to six.

SOC was in front 2 to 0 and 4 to 2 in the opening minutes of the fray. Linfield went on top 5 to 4 on Porter's field goal and free shot. Hal Titus knotted the game at 5-all. Porter's tip in bucket, two free heaves by Machamer and Van Dolah's key shot gave the 'Cats an 11 to 5 spread but Titus and Bates combined shots to cut it to 11 to 9.

SOC Goes Ahead

After 15½ minutes of play Linfield was up to an 18 to 11 margin. Shots by Lloyd Hoffine and Bates from fairly close in the last moments of the half brought the count to 18 to 15.

Pairs of free shots by Hollingsworth and Bates and jumper from the side by Bates shoved SOC ahead 21 to 18 in the second half and two more free goals by Hollingsworth made it 23 to 18.

Koffard and Hollingsworth traded buckets. Then Linfield's rally through the SOC defense began. With Porter working the post well, with other players driving and with some good rebounding, the Wildcats worked up to a 31 to 25 bulge with nine minutes left to play. Ted Tenney scored for the Raiders

on a fast break for 31 to 27 but the Raiders never got any nearer.

Linfield ran the margin to 36 to 27 before the Ashland club could again score. Widest spreads for the visitors during the night were 39 to 29 and 41 to 31.

LINE-UPS
Linfield 42
Van Dolah 2
Koffard 9
Porter 8
Machamer 12
Marshall 4
Substitutions—For Linfield, Collins 2; Harms, 2; Small 3; for SOC, Biddington, Lowrance, Munsell 2.

Oregon State Plays Baylor

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Baylor University invades Gill Coliseum tonight for a game against Oregon State's young Beavers who have dropped two straight basketball games.

Baylor is considered a contender for the Southwest Conference title this winter with seven returning lettermen headed by Jerry Mallett, a tall forward.

Coach Slat's Gill indicated he plans to start sophomore Dave Gambee at center. Gambee, leading Beaver scorer so far, has been starting at forward.

SNEAD VICTOR

Miami Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Sam Snead looked confidently toward the \$12,500 Miami Open golf tournament today as a chance to pick up a little more "vacation" expense money. None of some 74 golfing "tourists" was close when Snead picked up a \$500 down payment on his annual winter visit to Florida Tuesday by shooting a six-under-par 65 to win the La Gorce Pro-Member tournament.

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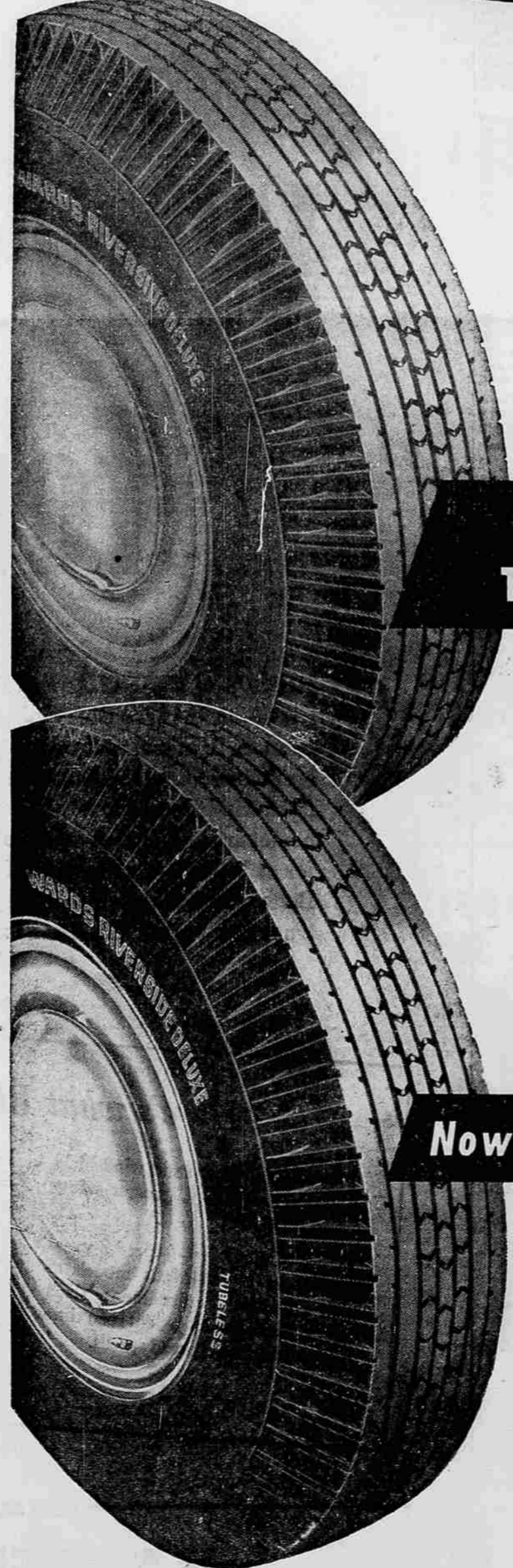
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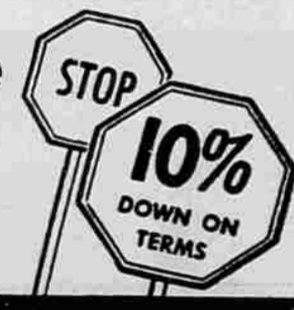
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