

Hugh DeVore Named Eagles Head Coach

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Hugh DeVore, football coach at Dayton university for the past two seasons, bounced back into the National Football League today as new head coach of the title-starved Philadelphia Eagles.

His acceptance of the job over the telephone from his home in West Orange, N.J., late Monday was a complete switch from his intentions only 24 hours earlier.

DeVore explained that he "had just about made up my mind to stay at Dayton as of Saturday night," but reconsidered after discussing the matter further with Philadelphia officials, NFL Commissioner Bert Bell and Rev. Charles Collins, S.M., dean of Dayton.

"I reconsidered in the best interests of my children," said DeVore, father of seven. "I enjoyed the pro league while with Green Bay in 1953 and look forward to a fine relationship with the Eagles."

DeVore added he "is not too familiar with the Eagles' personnel although, of course, I heard a great deal about the team while with Green Bay."

It was believed general manager Vince McNally dangled more than \$15,000 a season before him in a final offer. Club officials admitted DeVore was the "only man considered seriously" since Trumble got the ax the day after the Eagles lost their 1955 season finale to the Chicago Bears.

There was no immediate announcement of the length of DeVore's contract, but the Eagles scheduled a formal signing and press conference for noon today.

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SPORTS

Southern Teams Move Into Top Ten; Dons Remain In Top Spot

New York — (U.P.) — The United Press college basketball ratings with first-place votes and won-lost records through Jan. 7 in parenthesis:

Team	Points
1. San Francisco 30 (11-0)	343
2. Dayton 3 (11-0)	308
3. N. Car. State (11-1)	225
4. Kentucky (7-1)	149
5. Illinois (7-1)	130
6. Indiana (8-1)	75
7. Southern Meth. (12-2)	73
8. (tie) Vanderbilt (8-2)	60
8. (tie) Duke (9-2)	60
10. North Carolina (8-2)	51

Second 10 teams: 11, Holy Cross, 48; 12, Utah, 45; 13, Louisville, 44; 14, Temple, 40; 15, Ohio State, 38; 16, Iowa State, 29; 17, UCLA, 26; 18, tie, St. Louis, 1, and Marquette, 19 each; 20, Michigan State, 17.

New York — (U.P.) — San Francisco remained the nation's No. 1 college basketball team for the sixth straight week today, but the United Press ratings had a distinct southern accent with five Dixie schools in the top 10.

Vanderbilt and Duke moved up among the leading 10 teams in a tie for eighth place, joining

North Carolina State, Kentucky and North Carolina as the South's representatives in the select group.

Dayton, which like San Francisco, is undefeated in 11 games this season, gained a few points on the top-ranked Dons as it clung to the No. 2 ranking. Indiana was another newcomer among the top 10 teams in the weekly ratings of the 35 leading coaches who make up the United Press board.

Shooting for Record
San Francisco, which now has won 37 consecutive games and is shooting for a new all-time major college high of 40, was the top choice of 30 coaches this week. The Dons also received three second-place votes and two for third place, giving them 343 out of a possible total of 350 points.

Dayton attracted three first-place ballots and one each went to 13th-ranked Louisville and 18th-ranked St. Louis. Dayton's Flyers reduced San Francisco's first-place margin to 35 points from last week's 49.

North Carolina State remained in third place, even though it lost its first game of the season; and Kentucky, slowly making its way back among the best in the land, jumped two places to fourth.

Illinois held fifth; Indiana vaulted eight places to No. 6; Southern Methodist moved up three notches to No. 7; Vanderbilt and Duke made tremendous leaps to share the No. 8 ranking, and North Carolina dropped from fourth to 10th place. Duke ranked 18th last week—before upsetting N.C. State Saturday night; and Vanderbilt was 22nd.

The coaches based their ratings on games played through Saturday night, Jan. 7. The South, a Johnny-come-lately as far as college basketball is concerned, thus supplied half of this week's first 10 teams with Louisville in 13th place.

San Francisco now has led the United Press ratings for 11 consecutive weeks, including the last five of the 1954-55 season when it won the national championship. No team ever has been on top that long.

The Dons can tie the major college winning record of 39 straight this week by beating Santa Clara tonight and Fresno State on Friday night. Then they take a two-week break for mid-year examinations before taking on California.

Mallen Quits Dons; Team Seeks 38th

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The University of San Francisco Dons go after their 38th straight basketball victory tonight—just one game short of the all-time mark for a major college.

Although the nation's No. 1 team is expected to have little trouble with its opponent, Santa Clara, the Dons got bad news from within their own ranks.

Yesterday Mill Mallen, 6-foot, 3½ inch, 230-pound alternate forward, announced that he decided to quit the squad so he could devote more time to studies.

Forward Alternate
Mallen alternated with Carl Boldt and Mike Farmer at forward this season to help the Dons win 11 straight. He was the hero of the Holy Cross semi-final game in the Holiday Festival Tournament at New York.

Coach Phil Woolpert announced Mallen's withdrawal at the weekly meeting of the Northern California Basketball Writers.

Santa Clara goes into tonight's game at Kezar Pavilion without a chance, statistically. The Broncos have a record this season of 2 wins and nine losses—but they have a habit of being "up" for the Dons.

The two teams tied for the California Basketball Association title in 1953, Santa Clara edged USF by one game for the title in 1954, and the Dons took the cup last year on their way to the national collegiate championship.

TV Group To Meet Today

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The NCAA's Television Committee was slated to hold a roundtable discussion at its 50th annual convention today on the televising program for collegiate football during 1956.

In addition, the NCAA council was expected to vote on whether to lift the probation ban imposed on the University of Miami for granting excessive financial aid to athletes.

During Monday's session, the NCAA's outgoing TV committee recommended continuation of controlled television broadcasting of football on the combination national and regional basis of 1955.

The television report will be placed before the full convention on Thursday for action. If the 1955 program is voted down, the NCAA's 1956 TV committee, as yet unnamed, will draft a new plan for submission to a mail referendum in mid-March.

The 1955 program called for the televising of 13 games, eight nationally and five Saturdays to be devoted to regional telecasts in the various sections.

WALTON MEETING
Cole Rivers, Oregon State Game commission fish biologist, will discuss the proposed 1956 angling rules at a meeting of the Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton league tonight. The meeting will be at 8 p.m. at Hight's real estate office, 221 North Central ave.

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Willamette Hands Whitman Defeat

Walla Walla — (U.P.) — Willamette University handed Whitman College its second Northwest conference defeat of the season here last night by edging the Missionaries 65-61.

Willamette came from behind with only minutes remaining to tie the score at 59-59 and then went on to win.

Vic Backlund, a Willamette forward, led all scorers with 22 points. Whitman Guard Del Kliecker led all Missionaries with 14.

Willamette led at halftime 33-32.

Washington, UO Meet Tonight

Eugene — (U.P.) — Oregon and Washington basketball teams meet here tonight in a non-conference game.

Washington already has played two Pacific Coast conference contests, splitting with Stanford at home last week end. Oregon opens its PCC season here this week end with a pair of games against California.

Coach Bill Borchert said that Ed Bingham, a top reserve, would be lost to their team for at least 10 days with a bad leg reinjured Saturday night against Portland.

Young Players Join Indians; Others Sign

By UNITED PRESS
The Cleveland Indians are wasting no time bringing their 1956 campaign.

General Manager Hank Greenberg revealed yesterday that Al Smith, perhaps the American League's most versatile player, had signed for an estimated \$18,000. Rookies Rocco Colavito and Rudy Regalado also came to terms, joining the young pitching trio of Herb Score, Ray Narleski and Don Mossi in the fold.

Valuable Player
Smith, who finished third in the "most valuable player" award voting, hit 306 last season. He played all three outfield positions and also appeared at shortstop, second base and third base. He was the only Cleveland player to appear in all 154 games of the season.

Elsewhere:
The Chicago Cubs reported that pitcher Paul Minner and catcher Harry Chitt have signed, giving them a satisfied list of 11 players. Minner had a 9-9 record last season while Chitt

hit .231 in 113 games.
First baseman Preston Ward and pitcher Bob Purkey came to terms with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Ward hit .212 in 84 games last season while Purkey had a 2-7 record before he was optioned to New Orleans.

Dodger Signers
The Brooklyn Dodgers revealed that outfielders Geno Cimoli and Bob Wilson had returned their signed contracts and also certified pitcher Sandy Koufax's holdover two-year contract. Cimoli and Wilson will be among eight candidates for Brooklyn's regular left field post. Koufax had a 2-2 record last season and will be studied carefully next spring because southpaw Johnny Podres is headed for Army service.

The Dodgers also said they will meet the Indians in an exhibition game at their Jersey City "home away from home" on the night of April 30. The Dodgers will also play seven regular league games in Jersey City.

Habitat Improvement Jobs Busy Game Commission Crews in 1955

Portland — Without food, water and shelter no bird or animal can survive.

Working on this premise, habitat improvement crews of the Oregon Game commission had a busy year during 1955 in providing or improving homes for wildlife to make better hunting for Oregon citizens.

During the year, 66 agreements, making a total of 208, were signed with private landowners for wildlife habitat improvement projects. Development projects were carried out on 45 farms in the Willamette valley and on 80 farms in the Columbia basin. Development sites on these farms averaged about three acres per site.

Sixty-four of the 66 farm owners joined the program year to allow hunting by permission on the 47,413 acres of land they control. More than 200,000 acres of land are open to such hunting according to the agreements.

In the northwest region, an estimated 10-3 miles of multi-flora rose, using 40,000 seedlings, were planted for hedges to provide escape cover for upland game birds. Approximately 315 acres were planted in sudan grass, rye grass, amber cane, and other commercial crops for wildlife use. Twenty concrete cistern type water developments or "guzzlers" were constructed to provide watering places for game and other animals. Three hundred wood duck boxes were constructed and erected to provide additional nesting sites for the colorful woodie.

In the coast range on 26 logged or burned areas, 3,725 pounds of seed, mostly grasses and legumes, were sown on approximately 900 acres to provide a food source for big game and other animals.

In the Columbia basin, a total of 127,648 woody plants of 22 species were planted on 82 sites averaging about three acres per site, and various grasses were sown on 82.5 acres on 40 sites on waste areas, waterways, and guzzler locations.

49 quail roosts were erected and 2,194 rods of fence were built to protect guzzler sites and wildlife food plantings.

Other improvements and developments were the distribution of 1,000 pounds of sago pondweed for waterfowl food crop planting, the seeding to grasses of approximately 165 acres on the Wenaha big game winter range, and the cooperative reseeding with the Forest Service of an estimated 500 acres of burned deer range on the Fremont national forest.

The habitat improvement crews also established several trial plot plantings at Warner Valley, Summer Lake, and the North Fork John Day game management areas. At the North Fork, some bitterbrush seeding trials were begun.

Lloyd Mangrum Wins LA Open

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — With the "most satisfying" victory of his long and brilliant career tucked under his belt, Lanky Lloyd Mangrum looked forward today to a full campaign on the touring pro circuit—health permitting.

Mangrum headed north for Pebble Beach and the Bing Crosby clambake, with \$6,000 in his pocket after winning the \$30,000 in Los Angeles Open Monday.

Leading from wire-to-wire, Mangrum beat the star packed field by three strokes. It was his fourth victory in this 30-year-old event.

Mangrum took 272 strokes for the 72 holes — 12 strokes under par for the distance. He finished three strokes ahead of a fast-closing Jerry Barber; and four ahead of Tommy Bolt.

Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy — (U.P.) — Olympic officials showed marked concern today over the lack of snow for the winter games here later this month. There was a light snowfall early last night but most of the slopes remained almost snowless.

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