

Stanford Favored as Conference Forsee Clean, Bleak Season

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San Francisco—(U.P.)—College football, as played on the West Coast this year, will have to stand on its own merits.

There will be no pre-season boasting, no post-season alibis—if they are needed.

The storm of cleanliness that swept through the Pacific Coast Conference during the summer months has eliminated Southern California, Washington and UCLA from the Rose Bowl or any other post-season contest for the next couple of years, at least.

Traditionally, these three teams were the major powers that kept the West even with other regions in intercollegiate play. Only California and Stanford, among the others held their own with the big-time competition from the Big Ten, Southwest conference, Army, Navy, etc.

As things stand right now, Coach Chuck Taylor's Stanford Indians are the heavy favorites to go to the Rose Bowl. Even if the PCC purge hadn't ousted other powerful clubs, there is the possibility that Stanford would have been the first choice for the New Year's Day assignment against the Big Ten entry.

Taylor has the makings of his best club since the team that won the PCC title in 1951—then got clobbered in the bowl.

The Indians are well stacked in all positions—and much above average for an aerial campaign.

The feature act in the offense will be quarterback John Brodie passing to ends Carl Isaacs and Gary Van Galder. Taylor also has 17 other lettermen back on the squad, including most of the regulars from a good 1955 team.

Fine Running Attack
However, Stanford doesn't have the only club with a chance to go to the Rose Bowl. Oregon, under Coach Len Casanova, is reported to have the finest running attack in western football and the Webfoots might make

Ram Eleven, Steelers Vie At Portland

Portland—(Special)—Make way for the Los Angeles Rams! One of professional football's most colorful teams, perennial favorites of Oregon fans, and defending champions of the Western division of the National Football League, the Rams take on the Pittsburgh Steelers here at Multnomah Stadium Saturday night, Sept. 22.

This game, scheduled for an 8:30 p.m. kickoff, is a rematch of last year's touchdown thriller, which the Rams won, 35 to 24. Of all the colorful pro classics played in Portland since 1952, this one caught the fancy of most fans, and Oregon Sports Attractions was quick to sign the teams for a return appearance.

Coach Walt Kiesling, whose Steelers were leading the Eastern division for the first half of the season last year until injuries put them out of contention, will bring one of the strongest running attacks in the game to Portland.

Familiar Cast
Heading the cast are halfbacks Lynn Chadnols and Ray Mathews and fullback Fran Rogel. All are veterans and all three turned in sparkling performances in Portland last year.

Coach Sid Gillman of the Rams will employ a familiar cast of veterans headed by the incomparable Norm Van Brocklin at quarterback and by such renowned runners as Ron Waller, rookie of the year in '55, Skeel Quinlan and Tank Younger. Great ends, a Ram tradition, include Elroy Hirsch, Bob Boyd, and Tom Fears.

In addition, the Rams will unveil Joe Marconi, a rookie fullback stamped with greatness and Ron Miller, a rookie end whom Van Brocklin labels "incredible."

This will be the final shake-down for both teams before the start of league play.

Reserved seats, with plenty still available, are on sale here at J. K. Gill's, S.W. 5th and Stark.

FIGHTS

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New York—St. Nicholas Arena—Johnny Sullivan, 157½, Jersey City, N.J., outpointed Willie Tiro, 160½, Washington (10).

Holbrook, Mass.—Sammy Walker, 157, Springfield, Mass., outpointed Andre Tessier, 163½, Springfield (10).

Stanford, Conn.—Chico Vejar, 153, Stamford, Conn., outpointed Ramon Fuentes, 152, Los Angeles (10).

Toronto—Joe Miller, 146, New York, outpointed Arthur King, 147½, Toronto (10).

New Orleans, La.—Ralph Dupas, 139½, New Orleans, knocked out Al Varese, 140½, Calverton (5).

Tijuana, Mex.—Gasper Ortega, 158, Tijuana, outpointed Hardy Smallwood, 160, Brooklyn, N.Y. (10).

the grade. They have the backfield talent, led by Jim Shanley, to go all the way—if the line will clear the way.

The California Bear, a push-over for the last three years, has shown signs of awakening and Coach Lynn Waldorf is exuding confidence—which is a new twist for the portly wise walrus. Pap-

py has the finest break-away back in the West in the person of Jerry Drew. He claims that his untired quarterback, Gus Giannulus, may be the best he has had at California; and the line should be one of the biggest and fastest in the West.

That about concludes the list of teams with a chance to go to

the Rose Bowl. Oregon State and Washington State are rebuilding—and Idaho doesn't play enough PCC games to be eligible.

The defending champion UCLA Bruins may come up with another good club despite the loss of all except three standouts from last year's club. Ronnie Knox, of course, has turned professional. Quarterback Bob Bergdahl, fullback Bruce Ballard and center Jim Matheny are key men returning. With many of the seniors on the club available for only five games, it could be a rough season for Coach Red Sanders.

Southern California's chances hinge on the play of Jon Arnett, the talented halfback; fullback C. R. Roberts; guard Laird Willett and center Karl Rubke. The club will be playing its final season under Coach Jess Hill, who has had only mediocre success with the Trojans. Hill says this team is stronger than last year's—but 13 seniors on the penalty list who will be able to play only five games are bound to cut the power.

Washington has a new coach, Darrell Royal, who is expected to do a good job of lifting the Huskies out of the doldrums—but the bans on the club may hurt the morale. The standout, if the club goes anywhere, probably will be Credell (Incredible) Green, the Husky fullback.

Rocky Tells of Spinal Disc Rupture in Post Story of Ring Career

Rocky Marciano, retired heavyweight boxing champion, disclosed today that he has had a ruptured spinal disc since August, 1949, and an arthritic right elbow ever since 1951, just before the Joe Louis fight.

The revelations are made in Part One of the copyrighted story, "I Fought All the Way," in the current (Sept. 15) issue of the Saturday Evening Post, in which he also reveals that his own physical troubles were rather a secondary consideration in his decision to retire last April 27.

With the assistance of co-biographers Milton Gross and Al Hirschberg, Marciano relates that boxing was good to him and gave him financial security, but it prevented him from leading a normal family life and kept him completely under the domination of Al Weill, his manager, who even told him when he could get married.

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DOPE IN BULLETIN
September bulletin of the Oregon School Activities association is packed full of information of interest to prep athletic fans. It lists district memberships and committee-men and football play-off dates and plans.

In this area Districts are No. 6 for both A-1 and A-2 and No. 5 for B schools, the same as last year. This districting is for football, basketball, baseball and track. Lone change in District 6 A-1 is the addition of Crater, Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and Klamath round out the area for eliminations in the four sports. Committeemen are Frank Thomas, Grants Pass, chairman, Charles Carlson, Klamath Falls, and Arthur Streus, Crater.

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MH Gridders Drilling for Milwaukie

The Medford high school football squad began preparations for the Milwaukie Mustangs with two drills yesterday afternoon and Coach Fred Spiegler said that the Black Tornado will have once per day practice sessions on the field from now on.

Medford and Milwaukie collide here next Friday evening. Tornado gridders worked out without pads yesterday morning. In the afternoon they started defensive drill against Mustang plays. Third and fourth stringers who saw little game duty against Jefferson on Friday got into some scrimmage activity yesterday.

Players were to have a chalk talk and view game movies before 4 p.m. practice today. Timing on plays, line assignments and pass defense are getting particular attention this week.

Mustangs Fast Clever
Advance information indicates that the Tornado will be up against a fast and clever club when they face the Mustangs. The Milwaukie club is a T formation crew. From its play against Oregon City it appears to hold close to a ground offensive although it does have a passing threat.

Milwaukie is said to have a bigger team than Jefferson of Portland which Medford played last week. There's some good heart, reportedly on the defensive unit. The offensive line is a bit lighter than Medford's but the Mustangs seem a bit heavier in the backfield. They have a 195-pound halfback.

Activities Urged For Red Hat Day

Elden Corthell, Ashland Red Hat county chairman, has urged farm organizations, civic and church groups, sportsmen's clubs and others to plan some special events for Sept. 21 or in the week following in observance of Red Hat days.

He said, "Such events can serve not only to publicize Red Hat days, but can be a means of raising money." Corthell suggested several ideas used last year including dances, potluck dinners, special movie shows, red hat sales, and exhibits.

The Red Hat program is a state wide movement to bring about a better understanding between hunters and land owners, to get hunters to exercise more care in using fire arms, and reduce the number of hunter-caused fires.

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Promising Fall Hunting Picture Painted for Scattergun Artists

Impressive build-up of waterfowl in the western Canada prairie region is elating the spirits of shotgun artists. . . . Saskatchewan is producing the prize duck crop of the year, Manitoba reports "the best duck population in 15 years" and Alberta will match its 1955 production despite a large drought area in the south.

With these facts highlighted in the September issue of the Ducks "Duckological," Chief Naturalist Bert W. Cartwright paints a promising fall hunting picture for the legion of North

American waterfowlers. Some measure of production is offered by figures resulting from the annual Ducks Unlimited Kee-man brood count, conducted in each of the three prairie provinces. Counters in 63 districts tallied 5,852 females with broods. Total young amounted to 37,387 for a brood average of 6.74. Figures for 20 Manitoba districts were, in the same sequence, 1,340, 7,922 and 5.91. Alberta's 19 districts showed 1,222, 7,278 and 5.93.

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Tacoma catcher Jack Johnson doubled against the right field wall in the bottom of the tenth to score Bob Maquinez with the winning run, and drop the Portland club into the loser's bracket.

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