

Iowa is Nine Point Favorite to Stop Oregon State; 101,000 Expected

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 Pasadena, Calif.—(U.P.)—Oregon State and Iowa, a pair of perennial also-rans in big time football competition, headline the 42nd Rose Bowl show today—with the versatile Hawkeyes a nine-point favorite to continue Big Ten domination of the Pasadena classic.

A capacity crowd of 101,000 is expected to jam the huge saucer under sunny skies and a temperature of around 70 degrees.

It's the first appearance in history for Iowa in this oldest of all post-season grid shows; and only the second time for Oregon State. But this year both these small schools came up with their finest football teams that netted conference championships.

Beat Beavers Earlier
 One of the reasons for the Iowa favoritism is that the boys from the corn belt administered a 14-13 licking to the Beavers earlier in the year. It is the first time since the Big Ten-Pacific

Coast Conference pact signed 10 years ago that there had been a rematch on a regular season game for the bowl.

This will be a battle of wing formations with much less passing to be expected than when T-formation teams are playing. Coach Tommy Prothro of Ore-

gon State uses the single-wing; Coach Forest Evashevski of Iowa uses the winged-T balanced line and single-wing blocking.

Both clubs boast powerful forward walls. The anchor man for the Beavers is All-America tackle John Witte—a 232-pounder chosen by opponents as one

of the great linemen of the year. The most respected man on the Iowa line is Alex Karras, also a tackle, who was chosen All-Big Ten.

Iowa Coach Uncertain
 The Iowa coach still can't make up his mind about who will start in the backfield—and won't make the announcement until the men line up for the kick-off.

It will be Ken Ploren at quarterback and Don Dobrin at left half; but at right half it may be Mike Hagler, who has been on the second string; or Bill Hepple, the regular; and at full, Evashevski can't make up his mind between regular Fred Harris or second stringer John Nocera.

The Oregon State backfield will be the same as it has been for the last seven games: quarterback Gerry Laird; left half Joe Francis; right half Earnel Durden and fullback Tom Berry. Indications are that this will be a low-scoring game.



SECRET WEAPON—The un-heralded Oregon State passers limber up their throwing arms during a practice session in Santa Monica, Calif., for the Rose Bowl game against the Santa Monica Hawkeyes. The Beavers don't pass much but possess a secret weapon in Jot Francis (left) and Paul Lowe (right) who both have a 500 per cent or better record.

Coast Teams Unimpressive In UP Poll

New York—(U.P.)—West coast basketball teams don't look too tough to the United Press Board of Coaches. In this week's poll only UCLA from the West coast could make it into the top ten and only four other Pacific coast schools even rate mention. Kansas, with Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain living up to all the notices, continued to head the list of basketball powers. Behind the Jayhawks were such familiar names as North Carolina, Kentucky, Southern Methodist, Louisville and Illinois.

Oklahoma A&M and Manhattan joined UCLA to round out the top 10 teams in the minds of the coaches from across the country.

Oregon State drew mention this week but picked up only three votes and was far down in the list of vote getters that failed to make the first 20.

Washington also missed the top 20 but California was named to the No. 16 spot and Seattle to the 17th place in the poll.

Bowl Game Lineup

By UNITED PRESS
 Here in capsule form is the lineup of New Year's Day bowl games:

Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.: Iowa 8-1 vs. Oregon State 7-2-1; NBC radio and TV, starting at 5 p.m. EST; expected attendance, 101,000.

Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Tex.: Texas Christian 7-3 vs. Syracuse 7-1; NBC radio and TV, starting at 2 p.m. EST; 65,000.

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, La.: Tennessee 10-0 vs. Baylor 8-2; ABC radio and TV, starting Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla.: Colorado 7-2-1 vs. Clemson, CBS radio and TV, starting at 2 p.m. EST; 70,000.

Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex.: Texas Western 9-1 vs. George Washington 7-1-1, starting at 3:30 p.m. EST; 15,000.

Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Fla.: West Texas State 7-2 vs. Mississippi Southern 7-1-1; starting at 8 p.m. EST; 12,500.

Jockey Injured In Race Is Recovering

Salem—(U.P.)—A 21-year-old jockey who was injured in a fall during the Oregon State Fair racing program, has virtually recovered completely from the accident.

Friends here said they had received word from Caldwell, Ida., that Dewey Henshaw, who remained unconscious for more than a month in a Salem hospital after the accident, is now nearly well.

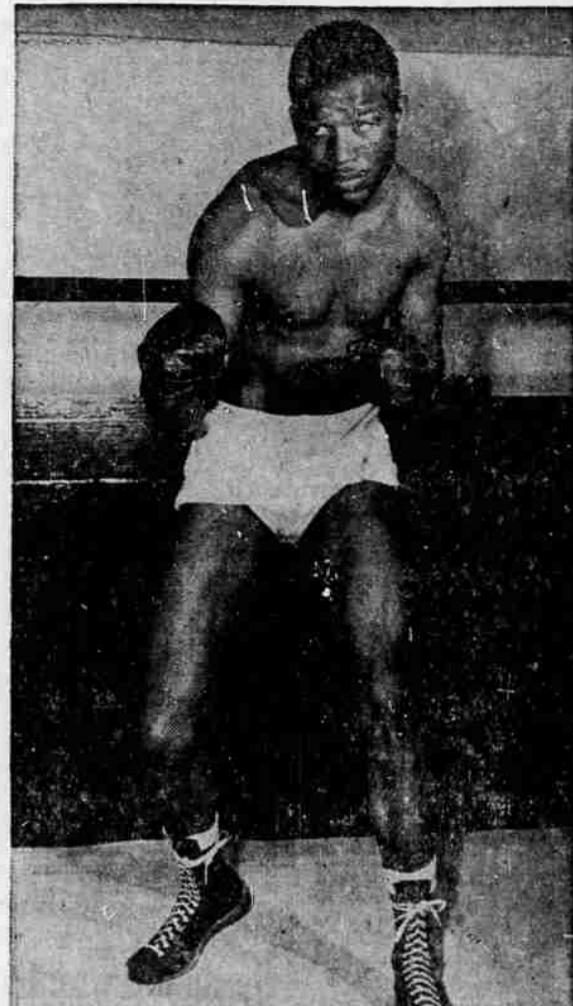
Henshaw said he planned to give up his career as a jockey and serve as a trainer.

BOXERS SIGN

New York—(U.P.)—Bobby Courchesne of Holyoke, Mass., and Johnny Busso of New York have been signed for a 10-round, widely televised lightweight bout at St. Nicholas arena, Monday, Jan. 7.



TITLE BOUT—Sugar Ray Robinson, right, will defend his middleweight crown against challenger Gene Fullmer, left, in a 15-round title fight Wednesday, Jan. 2 at Madison Square Garden. The fight will be broadcast at 7 p.m., over KYJC.



Sugar Ray, Fullmer Clash Wednesday



SOARING HIGH ABOVE THE HEADS of his Notre Dame opponents, Melvin Wilkes of Brigham Young snatches the ball from four Irish players. Notre Dame won the game in Madison Square Garden 91-66. (International Soundphoto)

Basketball

By United Press
 East St. Bonaventure 70 Creighton 60
 South All-American Tournament At Owensboro, Ky.
 Semi-Final New Mexico A&M 45 Maryland 43
 Consolation Montana St. 75 Georgetown 71
 Georgia 69 Florida 62
 Midwest Loyola Ill. 57 Western Mich. 55
 Northwestern 73 Yale 63
 Akron 75 Toledo 60
 Southwest Ohio, City U. 74 Oregon 52

PRINCETON GUEST

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—Princeton, Ivy league champion three times in the past seven years, will be the guest team in the 1957 Big Seven conference pre-season basketball tournament, it was announced today.

THE BLUES

Kalamazoo, Mich.—(U.P.)—The Perennial State Fair homecoming champion, Mrs. John L. Holt, has the blues. She has been patching together her prize ribbons in a quilt, but the color scheme is unbalanced because of all the blue ribbons. She needs reds, yellows and whites, to liven up the pattern but hasn't figured out how to prepare a second-best cake or third-best preserves.

Cleveland, Ohio—(U.P.)—When Willard Burton took his stepson, Roger Pennington, fishing in Lake Erie here and was overdue nine hours, he didn't need an alibi. Mrs. Burton, who had notified police when they failed to return, was surprised when her husband showed up with more than 200 white bass. Burton said they were biting so good, he just could not leave.



RETIRING—Artie Gore, 48, baseball umpire for 20 years, 10 in the minors and 10 in the National League, has hung up his gear to retire to Lexington, Mass. home. Gore was released by National League President Warren Giles to make room in the league's umpire ranks for two younger men.

Referee Rebuffs Warnings

New York—(U.P.)—Julius Helfand today rebuffed the suggestion of Sugar Ray Robinson's co-managers that the referee be officially warned against Gene Fullmer's possible butting and hitting low in Wednesday night's middleweight title fight at Madison Square Garden.

Chairman Helfand of the New York State Athletic Commission said, "I've never issued any warning or special instructions to a referee yet, and I won't start now. Whoever referees the fight will know his job and do it."

Because of challenger Fullmer's headlong attack, Sugar Ray's co-pilots—Ernie Braca and Harold Johnson—announced they would ask Helfand Wednesday "to issue storm warnings against head collisions and low blows, even though unintentional."

They recalled that Robinson suffered a deep brow cut in a head collision with England's Randy Turpin at the Polo Grounds in September, 1951, shortly before knocking out Turpin in the 10th round.

"And if Ray hadn't belted out Randy just when he did, Ray probably would have lost on a technical knockout," Braca said.

Thirty-five-year-old Robinson, who was very impressive in his final two rounds of sparring Monday, rested today and declined to comment on the butting angle. "I'll let my managers handle that," he said.

And no comment came from 25-year-old Fullmer, still incommunicado in a midtown hideout.

Carlos Ortiz Takes 19th Straight Win

New York—(U.P.)—Unbeaten young Carlos Ortiz of New York, fresh from his 19th straight victory, resolved today: "I'll break into the top 10 lightweight rankings this year."

Ortiz climbed off the canvas at St. Nicholas Arena in the first round Monday night and gave young Gale Kerwin of Valley Stream, N.Y., a body beating for a lopsided 10-round decision. Carlos weighed 135½ pounds; Kerwin, 139.

Clarksville, Ark., is believed to be the nation's smallest community with a symphony orchestra. The population by the 1950 census was 4,343.

14 Shooters Fire At Targets Sunday

Fourteen shooters fired at 1,300 targets Sunday at the Medford Gun club with highs in 16 yards.

George Jantzer scored 96 hits out of 100, Ed Pease had 50 out of 50, Bert Peack, 47 out of 50; and Bob Langhoff and Harry Elden had 25 straight.

Ed Pease and Harry Tom were high in the handicaps with 24 hits out of 25 each. In skeet shooting Everett Gibson was high with 45 hits out of 50 and Bert Peack had 44 out of 50.

There will be shooting each Sunday throughout the winter with programs as shooters desire, club members have announced.

The annual team shoot will be Feb. 10 and the membership meeting and dinner Feb. 13. The same team captains are expected to be in charge.

FARIA SURPRISE WINNER

Sao Paulo, Brazil—(U.P.)—Manuel Faria of Portugal was the surprise winner of the St. Sylvester long distance run of about 4½ miles today through the streets of Sao Paulo. Strifof Drago of Yugoslavia was second and Herbert Schade of Germany third in the traditional race which begins one minute after midnight on New Year's day.

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McCormick Voted Top '56 Amateur

New York—(U.P.)—Pat Keller McCormick, the greatest woman diver in history and mother of a 9-month-old son, today was voted the James E. Sullivan award as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete of 1956.

The 26-year-old Mrs. McCormick, who now has retired from competition to become a full-time housewife in Lakewood, Calif., was the only diver ever to win two Olympic gold medals in each of two successive Olympiads.

The pretty California star won the Sullivan award, the nation's most coveted amateur prize, by a wide margin over decathlon star Rafer Johnson of Los Angeles and sprinter Thane Baker of Elkhart, Kan., with the rest of the field far behind.

"It's the greatest thing that ever could happen to me," said Mrs. McCormick in Lakewood. "All athletes dream of winning the Sullivan award, and I've always thought about it. It's the greatest honor an athlete can get."

"I was nominated for it twice before, I believe," she said. "So it was a thrill today to hear that I've finally won it."

The Sullivan award, named in honor of a founder of the AAU, goes annually to the amateur athlete "who, by performance, example, and good influence, did the most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship during the year."

Mrs. McCormick was only the second woman to gain the award in its 27-year history, the first being swimmer Ann Curtis in 1944.

The new winner, wife of U.S. Olympic women's diving coach Glenn McCormick, won both the women's springboard and platform diving at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, Finland. She repeated in both events at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne.

Fernandes Whips Norm Perry in Net Tourney

Miami Beach—(U.P.)—Young Carlos Fernandes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, whipped Norman Perry of Los Angeles for the singles crown in the Orange Bowl junior tennis tournament Monday, then teamed with him to win the doubles championship.

Fernandes, a smooth-stroking player who outdid Perry both at the net and in the back court, won the singles title, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4. It was his first tournament appearance in this country.

Huskies, UCLA Named As PCC Teams to Beat

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—University of Washington and UCLA were named today as the teams to beat in the Pacific Coast conference basketball race by the Southern California Basketball Writers association.

Of 11 votes cast, Washington received seven, UCLA four and a lone vote went to Oregon State.

Medford Jr. Rifle Club Plans Meeting

The Medford Junior Rifle club will hold its annual meeting and election of officers at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 at the Medford YMCA building.

Plans will be made for this year's shooting program, it was announced. Club members have reported that it is important all those intending to shoot this year be present.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Tournament Denies UM Color Bar Claim

Owensboro, Ky.—(U.P.)—The University of Mississippi's claim that it was "guaranteed" no Negro players would compete in the Kentucky All-American City Basketball Tournament was flatly denied today by tournament chairman Gus E. Paris.

Mississippi withdrew from the tournament Sunday rather than play a consolation bracket game against Iona College of New Rochelle, N. Y., which has Negro guard Stan Hill of New York City in its starting lineup.

At the time, University President Dr. J. B. William and Athletic Director C. M. Smith issued a joint statement in which they said, "When we accepted the invitation to that tournament, it was with an understanding there would be no Negroes in it."

Smith said he couldn't think of the name of the person who gave him this assurance but "it was the tournament manager or director."

Paris, a professor at Kentucky Wesleyan College, insisted that no such assurance ever was given Mississippi.

"The question of Negroes was not discussed with University of Mississippi officials, and absolutely no guarantee was made that there would be no Negro players in the tournament," said Paris.

In the absence of Mississippi, Iona automatically advanced to the finals of the consolation bracket and tonight will play Montana State. A special comment.

The Hudson river is 306 miles long.

Howe Nears Pro Hockey Point Lead

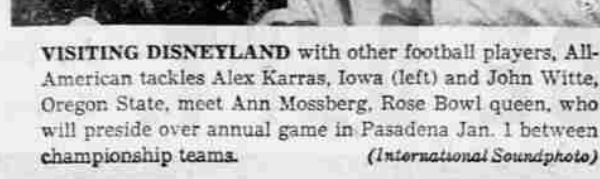
Montreal—(U.P.)—Gordie Howe of the Detroit Red Wings moved to within six points of Montreal's Jean Beliveau for the lead in the National Hockey League scoring race during the past week.

Including games played last Sunday, Beliveau had 19 goals and 33 assists for 53 points. Howe picked up three goals and five assists in three games last week to increase his season total to 46 points.

Howe had 23 goals, tops for the league, and an equal number of assists in 33 games.

Ted Lindsay of Detroit held third place with 43 points, while linemate Norm Ullman had 35 points, two more than Montreal's Bert Olmstead.

In the goalie statistics, the Montreal duo of Jacques Plante and Gerry McNeil boasted the lowest goals-per-game average—2.14. Glenn Hall of Detroit was second with a 2.30 mark.



VISITING DISNEYLAND with other football players, All-American tackles Alex Karras, Iowa (left) and John Witte, Oregon State, meet Ann Mossberg, Rose Bowl queen, who will preside over annual game in Pasadena Jan. 1 between championship teams. (International Soundphoto)

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