

OSC's Joe Francis Said Unwanted By Colleges When in High School

By HOWARD APPLEGATE

Corvallis, Ore. — Oregon State's Joe Francis, the jumping jack kid hardly anyone wanted when he played high school football in Honolulu, was being acclimated today as one of the finest college halfbacks in the nation — and a hot candidate for All-America ballots.

Francis, now 21 and a senior, had his greatest day last Saturday as Oregon State defeated Stanford, 24-14, and stayed alive in its race to tie Oregon for the PCC title.

Great performances have been common for the 196-pound Francis, who is called "one of the most underrated players in the county," by Coach Tommy Prothro.

Francis has gained the top the hard way. When he was in high school, the kid the colleges were after was Al Harrington, a back who ended up at Stanford.

Harrington, who failed to reach the heights expected of him, sat on the sidelines last Saturday with a broken jaw as his old prep rival knocked Stanford out of the title picture.

That's My Boy

Francis was a T-formation quarterback as a freshman at Oregon State in 1954. The next season, Prothro came to the campus and installed the single wing. He saw Francis in practice and said, "That's my tailback."

Francis was the key player in Oregon State's rise from the cellar to a PCC title in 1956. Then he turned in his greatest game last Jan. 1 during a losing cause against Iowa in the Rose Bowl, picking up 203 yards rushing and passing.

This year he has been getting better all the time. He missed the California game Nov. 9 because of the flu and only was able to practice once last week.

But against Stanford he passed for 136 yards on nine out of 10 completions while outshining the highly-regarded Jack Douglas of the Indians. He also ran for 138 yards in 25 carries. Those 138 yards were four more than Stanford's Chuck Shea and the Beavers' Nub Beamer gained together and Shea and Beamer are the two leading rushers

on the coast this season.

"I've never seen a better college passer," says Prothro. And Coach Red Sanders of UCLA adds, "Francis is a better tailback than I ever had at UCLA."

A Few Records

The 274 yards that Francis totaled against Stanford was an all-time Oregon State record for

one game. His yardage so far this season, with the final game coming up with Oregon, is 1,007. This already is four better than the 1,003 seasonal mark set by the Beavers' Ken Carpenter.

Francis' three year total of 2,594 is also an all-time record. Said the modest Francis after the Stanford game, "the block-

ing was awfully good."

Joe is married and will be a father next spring. He wants to be a coach after playing pro ball.

Francis has a knack of leaping over tacklers and also can take care of himself with his fists. He won Oregon State's heavyweight boxing title as a yearling. But after Prothro saw him on the field, Tommy had him hang up the gloves quick.

Prothro hopes he will be in "top shape" for Oregon this week. If he wasn't in "top shape" against Stanford, the Rose Bowl bound Ducks had better watch out.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Sides Forming in PCC On Round-Robin Issue; Meeting Due Dec. 1

Los Angeles — Round robin scheduling, a subject which has threatened to rip apart the Pacific Coast conference, may be fought out at the winter PCC conference beginning Dec. 1 in San Francisco.

Indications of a possible showdown on the much-debated, controversial issue were contained in an agenda of the winter meeting released Monday by PCC Commissioner Victor Schmidt.

Members of the conference may consider petitions of some members "for release from playing any scheduled games or scheduling any specific member institutions for a specified period of time," the agenda stated.

California, UCLA and the University of Southern California have threatened to withdraw from the conference if forced to continue scheduling which requires them to play some schools whether they want to or not.

The three big California schools have stated that after this season they will feel free to schedule whomever they please

because current contracts will be fulfilled.

Also to be considered, according to the agenda, are policy statements in which California, UCLA and USC outlined their stands on scheduling, aid to athletes, scholastic standings of rival schools, and self enforcement of an athletic code.

Regents of the two state schools adopted a five-point policy statement on the issues. Southern California formed an eight-point program.

Listed for discussion was the "proposed restoration of eligibility to student athletes who as freshmen incurred a one-year penalty for receiving prohibited aid."

Future basketball schedules, reports of radio-television and Rose Bowl committees, recommendations of the presidents' council and special petitions from students also were included on the agenda.

Medford Ladies Second in YMCA Volleyball Meet

Medford YMCA's women's volleyball team won honors last week end at the annual Jamboree in Longview, Wash.

Seven teams competed in a round-robin, playing six games each.

Medford women won three of their six games, defeating Longview, Aberdeen and Seattle and winning second place tournament award. The Medford women lost to Longview Ds, Portland NE, and Portland Pushers.

Sprained ankles were sustained by Mrs. Lanell Wilkes and Mrs. Diane Heuer during the fifth game of the series. They played the sixth game however, losing to the Portland NE branch.

Attending the jamboree were Mrs. Wilkes, Mrs. Jerri Hutton, Mrs. Vi Lewis, Mrs. Jo Kidd, Mrs. Heuer and Mrs. Charlotte Wheelodon.

Next tournament for the women in northwest competition will be held in Vancouver, BC, in March.

Frenchman Plans States Campaign

Paris — Frenchman Charles Humez, middleweight champion of Europe, planned today to campaign in the United States in early 1958 because of his impressive technical knock-out over Andre Drille, champion of France.

Humez, 30, floored Drille three times before the referee stopped their non-title bout, just as Drille's handlers were preparing to throw in the towel. It was at 1:30 in the third round of their scheduled 10-rounders.

Ducks Gird For OSC Final Clash

Eugene — The University of Oregon Ducks, already assured of a Rose Bowl berth, will have to defeat the Oregon State Beavers Saturday to gain their first PCC title in 37 years.

If they lose, the Ducks will have to share the title with their arch foes—but Coach Len Casanova will settle for a title clinching tie in this one.

Davidson, Jones Victors In Tag Wrestling Tussle

It was reminiscent of old times last night as professional wrestler returned to Medford after something like a couple years absence.

Action at the Esquire theater saw the villains of the evening take the opening engagements and their adversaries come back to even the score in the tag team finale.

Buck Davidson, Klamath Falls, and Ken Jones, Eugene, teamed up to dump Yogi Hussane, Turkey, and Lou Franco, Roseburg, in two out three falls. The evening conclusion was over after 38 minutes of antics, gymnastics and verbal banter when Davidson downed Hussane with a couple of dropkicks then backflipped with his rival and pinned him.

Yogi had taken the opening fall over Davidson at the 18-minute mark after a number of body slams. The tying fall came just three minutes later when Franco said "uncle" to a hammer lock applied by Jones.

Francis Two Straight In the opener, mainly an entertainment match in which the scuffling began while referee Ben Graves was giving the instructions, Franco took two straight falls from Jones. Best wrestling of the evening was presented in the Hussane-Davidson embroilment in which the Turkish villain won two of the three tumbles.

Francis took his first fall with a Japanese arm bar in 15 minutes. The winning pin was on an arm lock and arm scissors after 23 minutes in the ring.

Davidson took an opening fall from Hussane in 14 minutes when the Turk said "uncle" to terrific punishment to his left arm. Buck gave the limb a considerable twisting and Hussane gave up to a hammerlock. Yogi then worked over Buck's head on the ropes. Davidson came back with retaliatory cuffs but after 12 minutes of contention Hussane took a fall with a piledriver.

Fought With Bear A hammerlock and choking tactics were applied by Hussane and he wound up battering Davidson into submission by stomping on Buck's arm with his knee. The entire bout went for 35 minutes.

Before the tag match Franco playfully grappled with Cynthia, a small bear which stood up on her hind legs and made like a wrestler. Part of the cuffing was done with Franco on his knees

Mulloy Rates Cup Chances As 'Slim' For U.S. in 1957

Sydney, Australia — The United States' best hope for regaining the Davis Cup from Australia is the selection committee that will pick the Australian team, according to U.S. player Gardnar Mulloy.

"They might leave out your best player," Mulloy joked to Australian reporters on his arrival here today. "They've done it before."

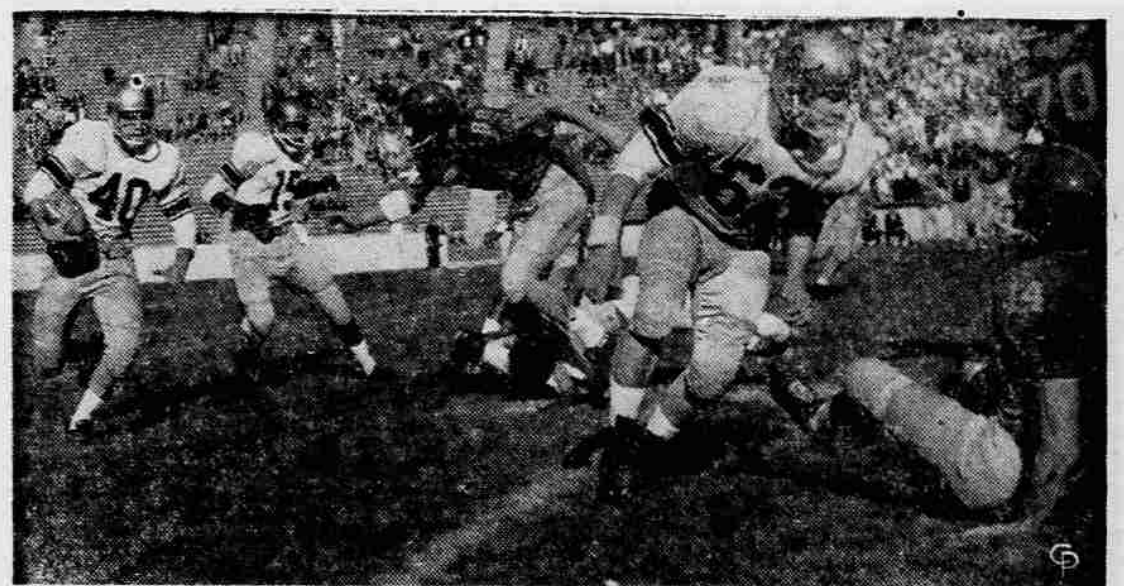
Mulloy predicted that the United States will defeat the Philippines "comfortably" in the inter-zone semi-finals at Adelaide, Dec. 5-6-7, because the Philippine players, while "tops" on clay courts, are "not tall enough for the international grass court game."

The U.S.-Philippines winner will meet Belgium in the inter-zone finals at Brisbane, Dec. 12-13-14. The inter-zone winner will meet cup-holding Australia in the challenge round at Melbourne, Dec. 26-27-28.

NW Rodeo Management Group Presents \$1,000

Kennewick — Officials of the Northwest Rodeo Management Association, holding their annual meeting here, Monday presented a \$1,000 check and a trophy buckle to Jim Roesser, Caldwell, Idaho, making him saddle bronc rider champion of the Pacific Northwest.

President Eddie McMurdo, Walla Walla, made the presentation on the basis of total number of points won at 19 member rodeos throughout the Pacific Northwest this year.



TAKING A KICKOFF at Berkeley, Washington's halfback Don Millich, No. 40, races for a 30-yard return against California. Driving for the tackle is California end Mike White, No. 88. Washington's Whitey Core, No. 62, leads the interference after bowing over Cal's halfback Hank Olguin, No. 14. (International Soundphoto)

Washington Pass WSC Center Suits Down Defense Sharpens

Seattle, Wash. — The University of Washington Huskies worked on pass defense Monday as Coach Jim Owens prepared his squad for Washington State's Bob Newman, who has completed 90 of 163 passes this year—including 11 good for touchdowns.

Owens gave the Huskies a light workout but warned them that they can expect a heavy one at the hands of the Cougars.

Pullman, Wash. — Center

Gail Strait, who broke his ankle several weeks ago, suited up with the Washington State Cougars Monday — but Coach Jim Sutherland said it was doubtful that the team captain would see action against the Washington Huskies Saturday.

Senior fullback Dick Windham, who hurt a knee in the game against Idaho last week

end, missed Monday's short in-door session.

DUPAS GETS 90-DAY BAN

New Orleans — Light-weight Dave Dupas, New Orleans, has been suspended for 90 days by the Louisiana Boxing Commission because of an injured hand which prevented him from meeting Larry Armstrong in a 10-round bout Monday night.

Upsets Shake Up Gridiron Ratings; Oregon in 12th

New York — The United Press college football ratings with first-place votes and won-loss records in parentheses:

Team	Points
1. Michigan St. (13-7-1)	310
2. Ohio State (7-7-1)	283
3. Auburn (14-8-0)	278
4. Texas A&M (8-1)	190
5. Oklahoma (7-1)	166
6. Mississippi (8-1)	137
7. Navy (1-7-1-1)	119
8. Iowa (6-1-1)	113
9. Notre Dame (5-2)	70
10. Army (8-1)	62
Second 10 group—11. Duke, 58; 12. Oregon, 41; 13. Rice, 30; 14. (tie) Wisconsin and Arizona (Tempe) State, 20 each; 16. Tennessee, 12; 17. Michigan, 5; 18. North Carolina State, 3; 19. (tie) Clemson, Dartmouth, Penn State and UCLA, 2 each.	
Other—Purdue, 1.	

Semi-Final Playoff Action Due on Friday

Portland — Oregon high school semi-final football playoff dates and sites were set today with most of this week's action coming on Friday night.

Springfield will be at South Salem and Jefferson at Beaverton in class A-1. In class A-2 Seaside will be at Willamina and Vale travels to Eugene to play Elmira. All of these are Friday night games starting at 8 p.m. Powers will be at Tillamook

Catholic and Stanfield at Merrill Saturday with the Powers-Tillamook Catholic game in the evening and the other in the afternoon.

The six-man title game between Alsea and Sisters will be played Saturday afternoon at Sisters. The OSAA disallowed a protest by Irrigon of its loss to Sisters.

The A-1 championship game will be played at the Multnomah stadium here Nov. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Rogue Snowmen To Have Session

Rogue Snowmen will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the Girls Community club.

The session is open to all interested skiers and a color movie on skiing will be shown.

The ski club recently elected Bill Moffat president. He succeeds Myers Jones. Other new officers are Bill Brooks, vice-president, and Miss Virginia Larson, secretary-treasurer.

First outing of the Snowmen was held Sunday at Crater Lake National park. There was three feet of snow on the ground with a fine, dry, powdery surface ideal for skiing. Some 25 to 30 members were on hand for the activity.

DAUGHERTY TO COACH

Miami, Fla. — Hugh (Duffy) Daugherty, head coach of the North team in the annual College All-Star Game to be played in the Orange Bowl Christmas night. He will be assisted by Illinois coach Ray Eliot.

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NFL GAME SOLD OUT

Detroit — Next Sunday's National Football League game between the Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions is considered a "guaranteed sellout" today after 7,000 bleacher seats and grand stand locations behind poles were sold in an hour and a half Monday morning.

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Sport Parade



By OSCAR FRALEY Sports Writer United Press

New York — The professional basketball season is barely under way today but already the Boston Celtics are making a shambles out of what must laughingly be described as a "race" because of a guy named Bill Russell.

The six-foot, 10-inch Russell is not the greatest player in pro basketball. He can't drive like Tom Gola and as a shooter he couldn't carry George Mikan's over-sized scoring slippers.

But because of his absolutely amazing defensive abilities he may wind up as the most valuable player in the history of pro basketball.

This is Russell's first full season in the National Basketball association. He joined the Celtics in mid-December last season, after leading the United States to triumph in the Olympic Games, and quickly became one of the main reasons why Boston romped to a mop-up victory.

This season, if you listen to the raves from all quarters, Russell is going to come fully into his own as the Celtics run off and hide from the rest of the league. Is Fantastic Defender

"In an era of 100-point-plus games, Russell's defensive talents are going to cost the opposition 20 points a game," explained one rival coach. "He's absolutely fantastic."

They've been using that adjective on the 220-pound 23-year-old for several years now. As an undergraduate at the University of San Francisco he was everybody's All-American as he led the Dons to two straight NCAA championships.

He can run everlastingly, and with great rapidity. As an example, Bill did the 400-yard dash in 50 seconds. On top of which, he can jump like a kangaroo with a hot foot. After all, he did six feet, seven and one-half inches in the high jump.

Last year, in his first pro season, he fitted exactly into the needs of a Boston club which has two great sharpshooters in Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman but needed strength under the boards. Cousy and Sharman averaged 20.6 and 21.1 points per game respectively over the season.

Russell, in 48 games after he joined the club, averaged only 14.7 points. But he gave the club the defensive strength it needed. Leads NBA Rebouders

Consider, as a case of point, the playoffs. In 10 games, Russell picked off 244 rebounds. The closest man to him on his own club was Tom Heinsohn with 117. The closest rival, also in 10 games, was Bob Pettit of the St.

Denver U Skater Injured on Ice, In Serious Shape

Denver — George Congrave, 21-year-old Canadian hockey player at the University of Denver, remained in "serious" condition today from a brain injury suffered in a freak accident on the ice.

Congrave was struck in the left temple by the tip of a teammate's skate Sunday night during a Denver hockey team practice session at the University arena. The sharp skate punctured his skull, and an emergency operation was performed immediately at St. Luke's hospital.

His physician reported that Congrave was possibly over the critical stage, but that only time would reveal complete results of the operation.