

Auburn Southeast Choice But Banned from Bowls

(This is another dispatch on college football prospects.)

BY DAVE MOFFITT

Atlanta —UPI— The Auburn Tigers, rated among the nation's best a year ago, are expected to growl as loud again this fall. But, while those growls should keep the Tigers on top in the rugged Southeastern conference, they'll only sound like meows so far as any bowl bid is concerned.

Auburn posted a brilliant 10-0-0 record in '57, but was kept out of bowl consideration by an NCAA action for alleged

recruiting violations. The Tigers' bowl hopes were struck down again this spring when the NCAA added three more years to the ban because of alleged inducements offered quarterback prospect Don Fuell.

With Auburn forced to the post-season sidelines, the top bowl prospects in the SEC are expected to be Sugar Bowl champion Mississippi, 8-1-1 last season, and Billy Stacy-paced Mississippi State, which was 6-2-1.

Auburns Offense Good
Figure Auburn, Ole Miss and Mississippi State to run 1-2-3. Florida, Georgia Tech, Kentucky and Georgia, all with two full teams of returning lettermen, should battle for fourth. The remaining five, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Louisiana and Tu-

lane, bring up the rear. Auburn's defense is hardly expected to match 1957 when no opponent scored more than one touchdown and all 10 totaled only 28 points. But Auburn's offense should be as good with standout performances expected from end Jerry Wilson, center Jackie Burkett, quarterback Lloyd

Nix and halfback Tommy Lorino. Tiger faithful say Wilson, a 225-pound senior who played last fall in the shadow of All-America Jimmy Phillips, may be the best end in the nation this season. Ole Miss lost nine of last year's starters. But the second and third teams return in-

act, bolstered by a promising group of sophomores. The strong point will be in the middle of the line bulwarked by fast-rising junior Ken Kirk and '57 regular Milton Crane. **Key To Title**
Mississippi State is building its attack around Stacy, all-SEC the past two seasons. State plays both Auburn and Mississippi, which don't meet, so may be the real key to the 1958 SEC title.

Florida has most of its key players back, although triple-threat star Bernie Parrish has turned to pro baseball, and is eyeing a repeat of its 6-2-1 season in '57. Val Heckman at tackle, Don Flemming at end and Jimmy Dunn at quarterback are the make-or-break men. Georgia Tech has 14 members of its first two teams back and expects to improve on last year's break-even rec-

ord, first time since 1950 the Jackets have been that low. Junior center Maxie Baughan is being touted as possibly better than All-America Don Stephenson whom he understudied last season. **Should Improve**
Kentucky lost All-America tackle Lou Michaels, but should improve this fall as what was mainly a sophomore squad adds experience. Georgia, with 26 lettermen and a

less rugged schedule, should improve record-wise. Tennessee and Vanderbilt both lack experience. The Vols, 7-3 and Gator Bowl champs last year have only 16 lettermen back; Vanderbilt only 15. Alabama has Paul Bear Bryant and 25 lettermen. But the poor showing in '57 offers little hope for '58. LSU and

Tulane may find their head-on finale will determine which ends up in the SEC basement. The Wizardry of little 148-pound quarterback Fran Curci and the return of nine regulars point to the Miami Hurricanes as the op independent in the Southeast. Miami and Florida State, a lesser-regarded independent, both play almost full-scale SEC schedules.

SPORTS

Bruins Should Field Colorful Contingent

Following is another in a series on Pacific Coast Conference football prospects.

By ALEX KAHN

Los Angeles —UPI— Despite the untimely death of Coach Henry (Red) Sanders and the illness of his successor George Dickerson, UCLA will field a well drilled and colorful football team this year.

With 25 lettermen back, UCLA would appear to be an experienced squad. That holds true for the five games in which seven seniors will appear. But when their eligibility is over under conference rulings, UCLA may be in for tougher sledding.

Most pickers rank UCLA just below Oregon State in the conference and if spirited action in pre-season practice is any indication then the confidence may be justified. But it will take some doing for the Bruins to equal last season's record when they finished 8-2 and second in the conference.

Some Gaps
A lot depends on whether the UCLA staff can fill the gaps when men like tailback Don Long, quarterback Steve Gertsman, end Dick Wallen and interior lineman Bill Leeke, Jim Dawson, Clint Whitfield and Dick Butler finish their five-game eligibility.

But during the five games they play, the Long-to-Wallen passing combination may get UCLA off to a big start. Then it will be up to Chuck Kendall, Jim Steffen and junior college transfer Bill Kilmer, a flashy runner, to fill the tailback gap.

In fact, UCLA was so loaded with tailbacks, that kicking star Kirk Wilson, an alternate, was shifted to fullback. Gertsman's departure will leave 169-pound Dave Peterson as the top blocking back. But at wingback the Bruins will have Phil Parslow and John Davis to alternate while Ray Smith and Skip Smith, no relations, will understand at fullback.

The chief losses from last season were fullback Barry Billington and center Dan

Peterson. With Butler the only experienced center back limited to five games, UCLA has a problem there.

Pre-season practice indicated UCLA will be passing more this season than in past year, especially when Kirk Wilson is in the lineup at fullback. A good long ball passer, Wilson will add deception to the aerial attack.

The team seems to have dedicated the season to the memory of Sanders and with that incentive might go on to be a "vow" squad. Only time will tell.

THE SCHEDULE

- Sept. 20 Pittsburgh at Los Angeles
- Sept. 27 Illinois at Champaign, Ill.
- Oct. 4 Oregon State at Corvallis, Ore.
- Oct. 10 Florida at Los Angeles
- Oct. 18 Washington at Seattle
- Oct. 25 Stanford at Los Angeles
- Nov. 1 Washington State at Los Angeles
- Nov. 8 California at Berkeley
- Nov. 15 Oregon at Los Angeles
- Nov. 22 Southern California at Los Angeles

Gavilan Will Quit Fighting

Havana —UPI— Kid Gavilan, who came out of the sugar fields of Cuba 16 years ago to hammer his way to the world's welterweight title, has retired again.

Only this time the "Keed" apparently means it. Gavilan, 32, announced Thursday night he had decided to quit fighting and accept an offer from Jorge Antonio to teach boxing to the Argentine millionaire's four young boys.

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Philadelphia —UPI— The Philadelphia Phillies have signed infielder Norman Gigon of New Milford, N. J., to a contract with their Williamsport affiliate in the Eastern league.

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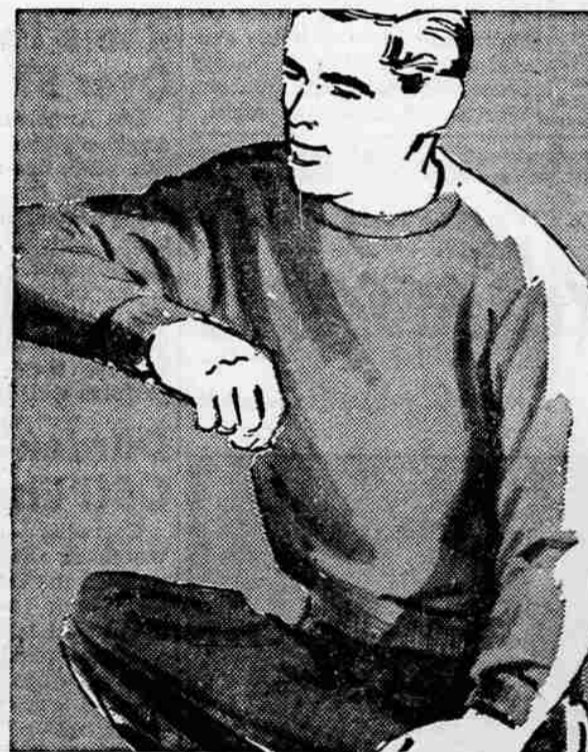
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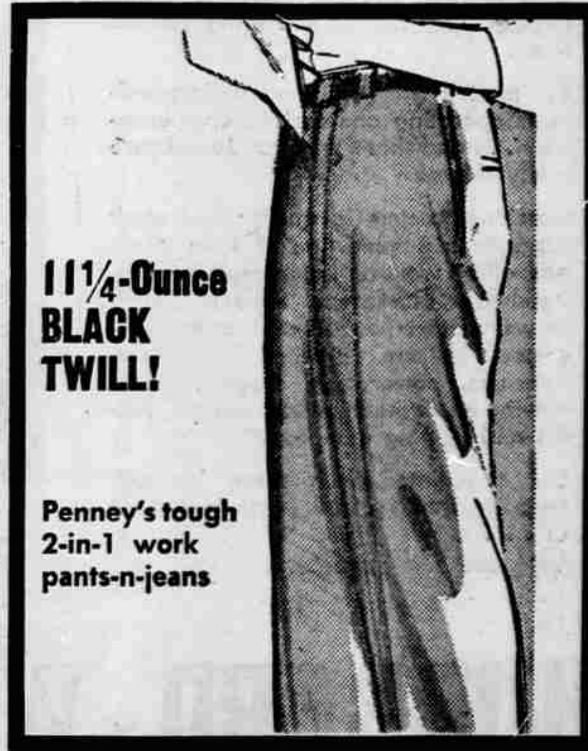
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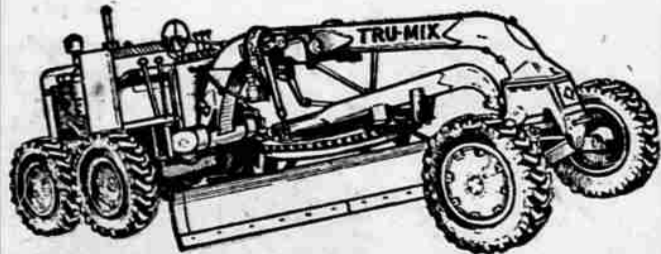
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