

# Washington, Oregon Wins Needed For Coast Football

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United Press International  
San Francisco—There's nothing wrong with Pacific Coast football that couldn't be cured with a couple of victories by University of Washington and University of Oregon on Saturday.

Only problem here is that Washington meets Ohio State and Oregon tangles with Oklahoma. Oklahoma is the No. 1 team in the nation, while Ohio State ranks third. If the boys from the northwest could pull off a double-header it would take a lot of the sting out of what happened over the past week-end; Michigan State 32, California 12; Rice 30, Stanford 7; Mis-

souri 14, Idaho 10; Northwestern 29, Washington State 28; Michigan 20, Southern California 19, for instance.

**The Old Days**  
There was a day when the representatives of the Pacific Coast Conference walloped the Big Ten and others in big intersectionals—at least in the early part of the season. The Big Ten most always rebounded to win the Rose Bowl. But the feeling of superiority was fine while it lasted.

This year there are only three unbeaten football teams in the West at the end of the first two weeks of play: Oregon, Washington and independent College of Pacific.

## Oklahoma Favored by 21 Over Oregon Duck Eleven

New York—UPI—The nation's 10 top-ranked college football teams will win their Saturday games—most of them with ease—if the oddsmakers are right.

In their weekly quotations, the oddsmakers made top-ranked Oklahoma a 21-point choice to whip visiting Oregon.

Michigan State, ranked second this week by the United Press International board of coaches, is a 13-point favorite for its Big Ten clash with Michigan at East Lansing. Third-ranked Ohio State also is a stout favorite, rating a 21-point bulge over Washington at Columbus.

Fourth-ranked Auburn is so heavily favored for its game with Chattanooga that the oddsmakers took the contest off their boards. The price-makers put seventh-ranked Wisconsin's game with Marquette, eighth-ranked Iowa's game with the Air Force Academy and 10th-ranked Mississippi's Saturday night meeting with Trinity Tex. in the same category.

**Army Choice**  
Fifth-ranked Army is favored over Penn State by 10 points for East feature. Sixth-ranked Notre Dame is a 7-point choice for its visit to Southern Methodist and ninth-ranked Pittsburgh is favored by the same margin for its visit to Minnesota.

Washington State is favored by 7 for its clash with California in Saturday's nationally televised game.

The oddsmakers rate the North Carolina State-Virginia game one of Saturday's closest, calling it a toss-up.

Illinois is favored over Duke by 5, Purdue over Rice by 7, West Virginia over Indiana by 7, Northwestern over Stanford by 14, Baylor over Miami, Fla. by 1 and Texas A&M over Missouri by 6 in other intersectional games.

**East; Brown over Yale** by 2, Holy Cross over Syracuse by 5, Cornell over Harvard by 13, Dartmouth over Pennsylvania by 13, Princeton over Columbia by 13, and Navy over Boston University by 14.

**South: Virginia Tech** over William and Mary by 2, Clemson over Maryland by 5, Georgia over South Carolina by 5, Vanderbilt over Alabama by 6, Wake Forest over Florida State by 8, Mississippi State over Tennessee by 8 and Georgia Tech over Tulane by 9.

**Midwest: Nebraska** over Iowa State by 7, Colorado over Kansas by 2, and Houston over Cincinnati by 8.

**Southwest: Texas** over Texas Tech by 11 and Texas Christian over Arkansas by 18.

**West: Oregon State** over UCLA by 5, and Southern California over North Carolina by 7 in a Friday night game.

## SPORTS

### Auburn Tops Grid Clubs In Defense

New York—UPI—Auburn, the 1957 major college offense leader, is off to a record-breaking start this year, while Oklahoma and Army, perennial leaders, are the early offensive pace-setters.

According to figures released today by the National Collegiate Athletic association service bureau, Auburn's stout defense threw Tennessee's attack for a total loss of 30 yards in their game last Saturday. Tennessee made 39 efforts to move the ball, gaining 19 yards on three completed passes but losing 49 yards on 30 running attempts.

Oklahoma, the country's most successful running outfit for more than a decade, turned to the air for 264 of its 599 yard total against West Virginia last Saturday. Last year the Sooners averaged only 63 passing yards per game, and they never exceeded 250 yards in their 63-year history.

Army also set an all-time school record for pass attempts in its opener against South Carolina. The Cadets, who usually feature a ground attack, took to the air 28 times, three more than their previous high. Army's net offense in the game was 529 yards.

Following Oklahoma a 2nd Army in total offense are Michigan State, College of Pacific and Washington State.

Mississippi State holds the lead in forward pass defense, and Illinois is first in punting.

In individual statistics, Dick Bass of College of Pacific has taken the early lead in total offense and rushing offense. A 189-pound junior halfback, Bass has run for 427 yards in his first two games while receiving just one pass for 52 yards.

Reech Whitley of Virginia ranks first in forward passing, recording 25 completions in 52 attempts for 343 yards and two touchdowns, and Kentucky's Calvin Bird heads the pass receivers with 13 catches.

**Pro Sports TV To Be Probed**  
Washington—UPI—Another congressional committee is peering into the business aspects of professional sport.

Chairman Oren Harris, D-Ark., disclosed Tuesday the House commerce committee is investigating the pay television plans of big league baseball and football teams.

He said his committee plans to open hearings on the matter next January, and possibly earlier.

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# Medford Could Give Bucs 1st Real Test

Marshfield high's Pirates, with three one-sided victories tucked away this season, are still looking for their first real test. That's the word from Coos Bay. And the question of Medford fans is: "Will the Black Tornado provide the Buccaneers that test?"

Medford is host to the Marshfield eleven for an 8 p.m. Friday encounter.

State champion in 1956 after being co-titlist in 1955, the Pirates were edged from District 5 honors last season. This year they are back with what appears to be another powerhouse. The Bucs are listed as basically a young aggregation with lots of potential and they are said to be unpredictable in any particular game because of relative inexperience.

Yet, Marshfield is rated No. 2 in the state in both coaches' and press polls. Medford with more lettermen, lots of depth and hard working squad, has No. 3 ranking in both polls. In the point-totals, resulting from the voting, the Pirates are listed with a substantial margin over the Tornado.

Comparative scores, for what their worth, also give Medford the underdog role in the hassle. The Tornado defeated David Douglas 19 to 0, Hillsboro beat the Scots 13 to

6 and Marshfield laced Hillsboro 39 to 7.

In other games this season the Bucs drubbed Klamath Falls 47 to 0 and Sweet Home 48 to 7. In addition to licking David Douglas, Medford won 21 to 7 from North Salem.

The Marshfield club, although lighter than in the past several years, makes up for weight lack with a high-geared T formation offense.

Crossbucks, quarter back options, pitchouts, and belly series and veer plays are utilized by the Pirates. In the Hillsboro tussle, Marshfield showed that it made its passes click, along with the strong running game, with quarterback Bob Burke usually on the throwing end.

Left halfback Walt Hunter is the only regular returnee on both offense and defense last year. Last year and again this year, he is leading ground gainer and this fall he leads the club in scoring with eight touchdowns. Only returning defensive regular is fullback Les Golbeck.

Following in the footsteps of brothers Jim and Jack is another Shanley on the Marshfield aggregation. He is Dick Shanley who plays both regular Gary Rossi at right half and should see considerable service.

The Buccaneer roster shows 16 men with at least some varsity experience.

Medford goes back into game action after having an open date last Friday. Coach Fred Spiegelberg, crossing his fingers, said that the Tornado squad is in good shape except for a few colds.

Practices have concentrated on team activity with scrimmage and dummy scrimmages rather than drill in groups according to position. The Tornado has sought thereby to perfect its own offense while setting up defense against the anticipated Marshfield attack.

**Beavers Get 6 From Athletics**  
Portland—UPI—Three more players, including outfielder Dave Melton, have been assigned to the Portland Beavers' baseball team by their new major league affiliate, Kansas City.

Melton hit .304 for Portland last season. The other two are pitchers Carl Duser, a southpaw, and Wally Burnette, a righthander. Earlier, three catchers, Joe Astroth, Wilmer Schantz and Ray Noble, were assigned to Portland.

**Press Services Honor Hoosier**  
Indianapolis, Ind.—UPI—A talkative, sandy-haired football player with plenty of bounce to every ounce in his stocky 195-pound frame today was picked as United Press International's mid-western lineman of the week.

He is Bill Kerr, a sophomore guard on the strong side of the Indiana line. Kerr captured the honor by playing "inspired football" for 52 minutes against Notre Dame on Saturday.

**ATHLETICS GET BELLA FROM N.Y.**  
Kansas City, Mo.—UPI—The Kansas City Athletics have completed an earlier trade with the New York Yankees by buying a "real good prospect" — minor leaguer John (Zeke) Bella.

Acquisition of the 27-year-old Bella Tuesday night was the final chapter of a deal that sent Murry Dickson to the Yankees in late August.

Bella, who plays first base or the outfield, hit .399 with Denver this season.

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**HALFBACK READY**  
Seattle, Wash.—UPI—Carver Gayton, the University of Washington's fleet halfback, has recovered from a leg infection and will be ready for action against Ohio State this week end. Coach Jim Owens drilled the Huskies on Buckeye offensive patterns Tuesday and scheduled another stiff session for today. The team will leave for Ohio early Thursday.

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By OSCAR FRALEY  
Sports Writer United Press

Milwaukee—UPI—Big Don Larsen, who went from hero to ham in one swift year, was happy to be sitting on the bench as the World Series opened today.

Two years ago he stood the baseball world on its collective ear by pitching the first perfect game in World Series history against the Brooklyn Dodgers. Last year he was the loser as Lew Burdette won the final game for Milwaukee.

This time around—as the Braves and Yankees go back at it again—Larsen almost didn't make it.

"I looked for a time as if I wouldn't even get on the Yankees' World Series eligibility list," he remembered. "I worried about it a lot. But now I'm in, thank goodness."

And he predicted, he just might have a "pretty good series."

**Had Bad Year**  
Larsen almost missed the boat because of a "tender" right elbow. It kept him out

of action through most of August and early September and, while he still isn't certain just what was wrong he knows he won only nine games this season.

"Coming up toward the end of the season," he recalls, "There were two pitching spots open on the Yankee World Series eligibility list. There were three of us in contention — Tom Sturdivant, Murry Dickson and myself. Well, Virgil Trucks was dropped from the list and we all three made it. But there were moments when I wondered, I'll tell you."

There is a bit of irony to Larsen's ups and downs. When he pitched his famous perfect game against the Dodgers, he used a brand new "no windup" technique.

**Adopted by Turley**  
It was so effective it was adopted by "Bullet Bob" Turley, who used it with sensational success and became the Yankees' leading winner this season.

Now the 225-pound Larsen is thinking of "mixing up" his windups—using the no-windup technique when he has baserunners and winding up "to get a little something extra and a change to confuse the hitters" when there are no baserunners.

Turley is expected to start Thursday's second game against the Braves with the probability that Larsen will pitch the Saturday third game at Yankee stadium. But it wouldn't surprise Larsen if the "old man"—meaning manager Casey Stengel—surprised the Braves and gave him the second game assignment.

**STEELERS ACQUIRE END**  
Pittsburgh—UPI—The Pittsburgh Steelers have purchased offensive end Dick Lucas from the Chicago Bears on waivers and are now asking for waivers on rookie end Jon Evans.

**NAMED TOP GOLF ROOKIE**  
Chicago—UPI—Golf Digest magazine has named Bob Goalby of Belleville, Ill., its "golf rookie of 1958." Goalby, 27, won one tournament and was in the top five in three others to earn more than \$10,000 in his first year on the tour.

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