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Redskins Coach Long on Experience

Washington—UPI—The new head coach of the Washington Redskins is a tough little bantam rooster with a barbed-wire vocabulary and a 15-year-old background in professional football as a back-field coach.

His name is Michael Regis Nixon, 47, who admittedly did a lot of soul-searching before he agreed to replace Joe Kuharich as the new Braves' boss.

Nixon had known for several days that Kuharich had been offered the Notre Dame job. The moment the offer was made, Kuharich went to Nixon and said bluntly:

"If Marshall owner George Preston will let me, I'm going to take it, Mike. The Redskins' job is yours if you want it. You can come with me to Notre Dame or stay here as head coach. It's your choice."

Nixon, perfectly happy as Kuharich's top assistant, at first decided against the Washington job but Marshall, acting on Kuharich's recommendation, urged him to accept under as yet undisclosed terms.

"I didn't sleep at all Sunday night," Mike recalled. "I've always dreaded the pressure of a head coaching job. But at the same time it's a challenge and I finally agreed."

The few Redskins players still in town when Nixon's appointment was announced, cheered the news.

"If we had to lose Joe, Mike would have been our own choice," big tackle Bob Dee declared.

Close To Players

Nixon actually has been closer to the Redskins' squad than Kuharich. He has been Kuharich's "buffer"—sort of father-confessor to the players. It was Nixon who listened first to their gripes, their complaints and their prob-

Iowa Takes Day Off Practice

Pasadena, Calif.—UPI—The University of Iowa football team got Christmas Day off after a vigorous two-day practice schedule for the Rose Bowl contest with California on New Year's Day.

In Wednesday's climax drill, both offense and defense received attention. The first and second teams staged a full contact workout on defense in an effort to solve California plays, but Olen Treadway at quarterback was able to complete four of five passes against the Hawkeye defense.

The prize Iowa offense showed to advantage in a 35-minute session in which the Hawkeyes ran through 68 plays. All-America quarterback Randy Duncan and understudy Mitchell Oglesio, a sophomore, completed 25 of 30 passes.

Coach Forest Evashevski said after the drill the Hawkeyes appeared sharper than at any time since their arrival last week.

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All-Junior College Names Given

Los Angeles—UPI—Santa Monica, Calif., city college, winner of the junior rose bowl, today dominates the 1958 All-Junior College football team selected by the Los Angeles Times-Gridiron Index.

The Santa Monica Corsairs placed three men on the first team while 13 of the 33 men chosen were from the Southern California area where more junior college football is played than anywhere else in the nation. Texas placed five men on the three teams selected.

The selections are determined by a nationwide poll of junior college coaches conducted by the Times and the All-American Gridiron Index of Glendale, Calif.

The first team: Ends; Dave Washington, Santa Monica and Leroy Overstreet, Weber, Utah; tackles Bob Harrison, Hartnell, Calif., and Darrell Vail, Boise, Idaho; guards, Ron Poindexter, Bakersfield, Calif., and David Pitcock, Tyler, Tex.; center Gary Delaney, Mt. San Antonio, Calif.; quarterback, Pat Young, Santa Monica; half-backs, Lloyd Winston, Santa Monica, and Kenny Williams, Arlington State, Tex.; full-back, Bob Gaiters, Santa Ana, Calif.

FIRST LANDING SHINES

Miami, Fla.—UPI—Trainer Casey Hayes said today he was well pleased with First Landing's first workout of the winter at Hialeah Race Track. First Landing, the champion two-year-old colt of 1958, ran three furlongs in 37 1/5 seconds.

The American Legion's national charter was granted by congress in 1919.

Cal Coach Works On Defense

(Editor's Note: This is another of 10 dispatches on the football teams playing in the post-season bowl games.)

By HAL WOOD
United Press International
Berkeley, Calif.—UPI—If the defense holds up, Coach Pete Elliott of the California Bears expects the offensive to take care of itself in the Rose Bowl clash against Iowa on New Year's day.

The blond young coach, pointing out that his team is in fine condition after the unusual winter heat that has blanketed Strawberry Canyon, believes that his offense is "a little bit ahead" of the defense.

"I think our offensive is a bit stronger than the defensive," said Elliott. "But I have to point out that when the occasion arose, our defensive saved us in key situations last year."

Kapp Directs Offense
The offensive is directed by quarterback Joe Kapp, the nation's No. 1 pass-run option man. Kapp ran for 582 yards and completed 56 passes in 97 attempts for 649 yards more.

The statistics bear out Elliott's contention. While winning seven and losing three games, the Bears scored 195 points, averaging 19.5 points a game. The most points scored against California this year was 32 by victorious Michigan State. Iowa is an 18-point favorite.

Elliott is worried about two things:

1.—His line averages only about 192 pounds to the man, compared with 208 for the expected starting line for Iowa.

2.—According to the films, Iowa has a great break-away attack, with many scores coming from around mid-field.

"Their line is too big for us," says Elliott. "But maybe ours will move faster. It will have to in order to contain their break-away speed."

Will Need Speed
"In every game their backs seem to be able to score at least once, oftentimes more often, from 40, 50, or 60 yards away. We'll need a lot of speed to halt that kind of running."

It is possible that California has just the defensive speed to halt the Hawkeye runners. Jerry Lundgren, 185, and Tom Bates, 200, are the Cal ends with speed enough to turn in the end-sweeps.

The Bears' backfield, along with Kapp, is exceptionally fast. In Jack Hart, the Bears have one of the best all-around football players in the West. The other backs trade off positions and each sees considerable service. These include Hank Olguin, Grover Garvin, Wayne Crow, Walt Arnold and Jack Yerman, the latter a member of the California track team. Whether packing the ball or playing defense, these boys can pick 'em up and lay 'em down.

Elliott expects to have a few new tricks to spring on the Iowa defense.

"We'll have a few new things," says Pete. "We are going to need everything we can get to get by their fast men. Maybe we can do it with trickery."

West Coast Sports Boom Hits All-Time Peak in 1958

San Francisco—UPI—The West Coast sports boom hit its all-time peak in 1958 with the addition of major league baseball to such well-established and going concerns as horse racing, pro and college football, boxing, basketball, etc.

The Dodgers moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles, finished a disappointing fifth and still drew nearly 2,000,000 fans into the Los Angeles coliseum.

The Giants traveled from New York to San Francisco, and with a surprisingly fine third-place finish, attracted 1,225,000 into the little 23,000 Seals Stadium.

However, the boom wasn't in baseball alone. It continued its upward-and-upward march in horse racing, too. The major tracks at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park, Golden Gate Fields, Del Mar, Bay Meadows and Tanforan had a record sea- season. So did the county fairs.

There were 285 days of "big time" racing in the state, which accounts for most of

the days of the year except Sundays and the 10 days around Christmas. During those 285 days, 4,858,472 fans went to the tracks and they bet a whopping \$363,344,000.

The big horse to campaign in the West, of course, was Round Table, voted the country's "horse of the year." But the "darling" of 1958 was a horse named Silky Sullivan, who became known as "Mr. Heart Attack." Silky came from 15 to 40 lengths off the pace to win such big events as the Santa Anita Derby. However, he failed badly on the Eastern swing and was given a rest before making a victorious December comeback at Tanforan.

Round Table won the Santa Anita Handicap, the San Antonio Handicap, Santa Anita Maturity, and Agua Caliente Handicap, to name a few.

In tennis, Perry Jones of Los Angeles took over captain of the U.S. Davis Cup team.

The four-minute mile became a matter of common practice in the West. Herb El-

liott of Australia ran it in 3:57.8 in the Coliseum relays; in 3:58.1 in the Compton relays; and in 3:57.9 in the National AAU meet at Bakersfield.

Los Angeles took over as the fight center of the West and staged several championship bouts. In one, Heavyweight king Floyd Patterson kayoed challenger Roy Harris of Texas, as expected. But the big upset came when Don Jordan won a decision and the welterweight crown, from Virgil Akins. The West's top heavyweight hopeful, Pat McMurtrey of Tacoma, retrogressed when he was knocked out in the first round by Nino Valdes at New York.

Archie Moore of San Diego won "fighter of the year" accolades for his comeback against Yvon Durelle. Archie, some place between 40 and 50 years old, got off the deck four times to win by a kayo and retain his light heavyweight crown at Montreal.

Rosburg Wins Trophy
San Francisco's Bob Rosburg won the Vardon Trophy as the lowest-scoring golfer in the country. Frank Stranahan won the Los Angeles Open; Billy Casper the Crosby Clambake; E. J. Dutch Harrison, the Tiquana open; Ken Ventura the Palm Springs and Phoenix tourneys and Lionel Hebert came through at Tucson. At Las Vegas, where first place is worth \$10,000, Canada's Stan Leonard came through.

This was the year the Pacific Coast conference played its swansong in football and the title went to coach Pete Elliott's surprising University of California Bears, who play Iowa in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day.

The PCC basketball crown was won by California, also for the second year in a row.

Johansson Named Fighter of Year By Ring Magazine

By JACK CUDDY
United Press International

New York—UPI—The Ring Magazine today named handsome Ingemar Johansson of Sweden "Fighter of the Year."

Unbeaten Johansson, heavyweight champion of Europe and top contender for the world crown, is only the second foreigner to win the magazine's most coveted award since it was established in 1928.

Max Schmeling of Germany took the trophy in 1930 by virtue of his victory over Jack Sharkey, on a fourth-round foul, for the vacant world crown.

Dark-haired Johansson, 26, won the award for 1958 by knocking out top-ranked Eddie Machen of Redding, Calif., at 2:15 of the first round at Gothenburg, Sweden, Sept. 14. It was Ingemar's 21st straight professional victory and his 13th knockout.

Round of Year
That Gothenburg round, in which Machen hit the canvas several times, was named "the round of the year" by the

ring, and described as "the most important first round knockout since June 22, 1938, when Joe Louis stopped Max Schmeling of Germany."

The magazine's annual review continues: "So vital was Johansson's victory over Machen, so important to the world boxing scheme, and so significant in setting up a rival for champion Floyd Patterson," that the Ring named him "Fighter of the Year."

"It was not just a one-victory year for Johansson," the publication stresses. "On Feb. 21 he stopped Joe Erskine of England in 13 rounds for the European title. Only July 13, he disposed of Heins Neuhaus of Germany in the fourth."

Winning the award, Johansson beat out five candidates—all champions—in the following order: Sugar Ray Robinson, Archie Moore, Don Jordan, Pascual Peres and Hogan (Kid) Bassey.

Moore's dramatic defense of the light heavyweight crown against Canadian Yvon Durelle at Montreal, Dec. 10, was named "the fight of the year."

Sport Parade



By
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New York—UPI—Santa Claus has come and gone but now that the presents have been distributed it can be told that this is what Old Fearless asked him to bring for some of the "kiddies" in the sports world.

Wrapped or unwrapped: Ted Williams—Some of the humility he should have accrued with his years.

Archie Moore—A pair of

brass knuckles to help make things a bit easier in 1959.

Joe Cronin—A little aggressiveness as American League president to make the office mean something.

Warren Giles—He could use some in the National League, too.

Ford Frick — Believe me, Santa, he could use a heap, also.

Roy Campanella—The power which would be a real glory in his case.

Sam Snead—A gold-plated opener in case he ever has to dip into those buried tomato cans.

Floyd Patterson—A couple of legitimate challengers so he can prove his real worth.

Casey Stengel — He needed anything?

The rest of the American League—A few ballplayers to make the whole business interesting.

Jimmy Brown—A hi-fi to play his new record for the Cleveland Browns at contract time.

Mickey Mantle — One full season as "the new DiMaggio."

Tommy Bolt—A little kindness and understanding.

Ashley Cooper—Another big sweep and a fat pro contract.

Eddie Arcaro—A few more banks in his locality where he can stash that race-riding loot.

Elizabeth Arden Graham—The exclusive services of trainer William Molter, which she wanted so badly.

Silky Sullivan—A hypo which can't be detected.

Sylvia Wene—300 in everything.

Rafer Johnson—A huge mantlepiece on which to put that Sullivan Award when he wins it.

Stan Musial — The feeling that he can keep right on rolling along.

Terry Brennan—A coaching spot where he, too, will be given a green light to go out after talent.

Earl (Red) Blaik — A bus ticket so he can, at last, make one visit to the New York football writers luncheons.

University of San Francisco captured the west coast athletic conference championship again.

All in all, it was a fine year for sports in the booming West—with the prospects that 1959 would be even better.

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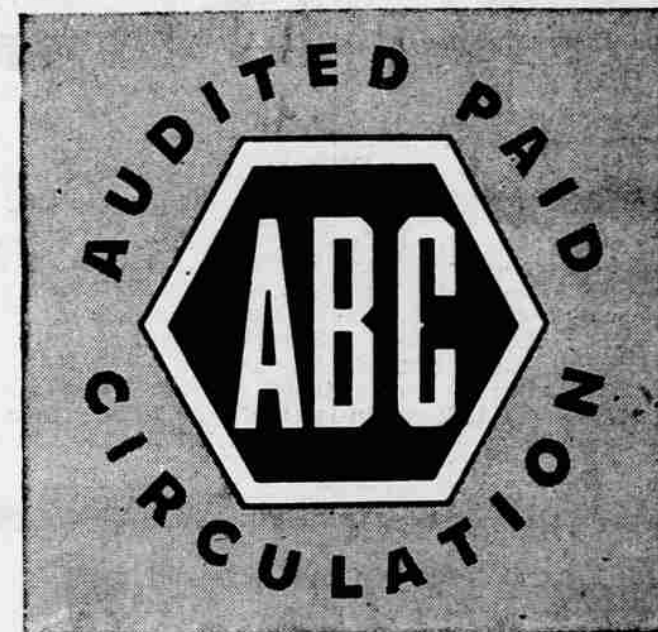
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