

# Banks Again Voted NL's Most Valuable

By BOB SALMON  
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Boston—(UPI)—Shortstop Ernie Banks, confirmed as the National League's most valuable player, set his sights today on hoisting his Chicago Cubs out of the second division.

The slugging prize possession of the Cubs, a powerhouse in the field and an automaton in the plate, Wednesday was named to an unprecedented second straight MVP award by the National League writers.

But Banks, who set two fielding records while his team finished in a fifth place tie this season, said he'd get as much of a kick out of seeing the Cubs make the first division or pennant grade as he

Banks clubbed out 45 home runs while carrying the Chicago National League entry this season to beat out another power-hitting infielder, Milwaukee Braves third baseman Eddie Mathews, for the coveted award.

The rangy Banks, who recently signed for an estimated \$48,000 for next season, hit .304, drove in 143 runs, collected 179 hits including 25

doubles, six triples, and scored 97 times.

His fielding broke two National League records, the first for a shortstop with the fewest errors over a season, 12, and the second for the highest shortstop fielding percentage in the history of his league, .985.

## Ravine Battle Seems Resolved

Los Angeles — (UPI)—Walter O'Malley and his Los Angeles Dodgers have apparently won the battle of Chavez ravine today, but only after threatening to leave Southern California.

The Los Angeles city council Thursday voted 9 to 5 to approve rezoning of Chavez ravine after the cigar-smoking O'Malley appeared at city hall to plead for no more delay.

"If these constant delays occur our location in Los Angeles may become untenable and we may accept offers to move somewhere else," O'Malley warned. He declined to say where the "offers" originated.

The actual vote — one more

# SPORTS

## Ducks Eye California Conflict

Eugene — (UPI)—Coach Len Casanova of Oregon again began casting a skeptical eye skyward today. Two weeks ago his speedy Webfoots invaded Portland only to be bothered by rain and Washington's Huskies for their only loss of the season.

But the weather man did not mention rain in his Saturday forecast for the Portland area. "Partly cloudy" was the word.

Casanova was anything but over-confident about the game with six-times beaten California.

"Don't forget," the Duck skipper reminded, "California scored 23 points against us last year, and we can't honestly say our defense is as strong as it was then."

The Bear running attack is real strong and the only reason Pete Elliott's club is 1-6 is the mistakes it has made.

Dedicate to Bates  
The Ducks, 13-point favorites, were expected to have all available manpower ready for the hard-running Bear offense.

Only fullback Dave Powell was not up to par for Thursday's drill. Although still nursing a bad shoulder, Powell will be ready for first-line duty against California, trainer Bob Officer assured.

Quarterback Dave Grossz, apparently healed from an ankle sprain suffered last week in Oregon's 45-7 romp over Idaho, will be ready to lead the Duck offense, which is 8th in the nation.

California is expected to be explosively high for the Multnomah stadium contest, which has already been dedicated to halfback Steve Bates, knocked out for the season last week end by USC lineman Mike McKeever.

than the necessary majority of eight — came after O'Malley told the council members that any further delay might force cancellation of plans for the \$5-million dollar baseball emporium.

Rezoning was expected to remove the final stumbling block to construction of the ball park.

The Dodgers' fight to build their stadium in Chavez ravine has dragged on since they arrived here two seasons ago and planted themselves in the Coliseum, one of the finest sports arenas in the world — for football and track.

# Oregon, Washington, USC Choices in Coast Scuffles

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West Virginia's Mountaineers, who have been belted twice during the past two weeks by top teams in the UPI ratings, are expected to take it on the lug again Saturday when they meet fifth-ranked Southern California.

The Trojans are 21 point choices to remain undefeated

and untied at the expense of the visitors who were thumped by Syracuse and Penn State in that order during the past fortnight.

Washington gets a fine chance to tighten its leverage on the Rose Bowl bid when the Huskies, 13-point choices, meet erratic Oregon State. The Oregon Ducks, just be-

hind Washington in bowl con- sidering, also are 13 point favorites to hand California its seventh straight defeat.

In other Saturday tussles, UCLA is at Stanford, Fresno State at College of the Pacific, and Wyoming at San Jose State. Washington State gets the day off.

Willie Wood, USC's top quarterback, is set to go against West Virginia after recovering from a twisted ankle. Coach Don Clark has indicated he might use Jerry Mollett, a third string jock, at fullback. Mollett turned in an effective job last Saturday as the Trojans were downing California, 14-7, in "L'affaire McKeever."

Washington and Oregon both are 6-1 so far this season but the Huskies have the edge for the bowl bid as a result of a 13-12 win over the Ducks.

Should Coach Jim Owens' aggregation turn back the heat in cold Oregon State, it would be just about home free. After that game comes jousts with California and Washington State with the latter shaping up as the more troublesome.

Bob Hivner, husky quarterback who is recovering from an injured finger, has done some good passing during the week and could team up with Bob Schloredt as a solid one-two punch in their split-T operation. Bruce Hake, regular Oregon State center, returned to duty after being out three weeks with a shoulder injury but the big question is what Prothro may be concocting behind closed gates. So far he only has disclosed that he was "experimenting with the lineup."

Oregon vs. California  
Oregon, which may depend greatly on Dave Grossz' aerials to put down stubborn California, also has worked on stopping Cal's running attack. It's not the worst in the country even if the Bears have lost six straight. Coach Pete Elliott plans to shoot sophomore Alex Jamille into the right halfback spot which had been held down by the injured Steve Bates.

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## Bowl Game Picture Should Get Clearer

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The post-season bowl picture may be jumbled and fuzzy right now, but it should start coming in clearer after this Saturday's big program of college football games.

Northwestern, Washington, Oregon, Louisiana State, Syracuse, Penn State, Kansas, Texas, Air Force, Mississippi, and Georgia all are in position where a big win could put them definitely in focus for one of those golden New Year's Day invitations.

With only three Saturdays left in the 1959 season, here's the bowl situation:

ROSE — Northwestern (6-0) can clinch a tie for first place in the Big Ten and thus put one foot in the bowl by making good as a six-point pick over Wisconsin (if Purdue loses). In the West, Washington and Oregon (each 6-1) are front-running for the bowl berth and each is favored by 13 Saturday, Washington over Oregon State and Oregon over California.

SUGAR — National champion Louisiana State (7-0) is in line for a return appearance but faces a tough assignment as seven-point pick over Tennessee. Mississippi (6-1) remains a possibility, too, despite a 7-3 loss to LSU last week and is a prohibitive choice this week over Chattanooga. Other possibilities are Clemson (5-1) and the runner-up team in the South-western Conference.

ORANGE — There's a report Syracuse (6-0) will get a bid if it beats Penn State (also 6-0) in their showdown for the Eastern championship. Penn State, a seven-point underdog, also is a possibility. Kansas (4-3) can clinch a tie for first place in the Big Eight and put one foot in the bowl by beating Colorado.

COTTON — Texas (7-0) should move closer to host berth by fulfilling 16-point odds over Baylor. The Air Force (4-1-1), a possible foe, is favored by seven over Missouri. Other possibilities — Mississippi, Syracuse, Penn State.

GATOR — Georgia (6-1), a strong possibility, is a three-point pick over Florida. Other possibilities — Mississippi, Arkansas, Syracuse, Penn State.

The Missouri - Air Force game will be seen on television screens in the West. Eastern viewers will see a battle in which Pittsburgh is favored by just one point over Boston College.

Northwestern, Texas, Syracuse, Penn State, and Louisiana State are among seven major teams risking unbeaten and untied records Saturday. The others are bowl-ineligible Southern California, a 21-point favorite over West Virginia, and North Texas State, a heavy choice over Louisville in a night game.

In other games involving conference leaders: Penn is picked by 6 over Yale in a game that will bust two-thirds of the three-way tie for the Ivy League lead, while co-leader Princeton is 3 over Harvard; Atlantic Coast Conference leader Clemson is a 10-point pick over Duke, despite Duke's upset of Georgia Tech last week; and Skyline leader Wyoming steps out of the league for a night game at San Jose State.

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## Forty-Eight Report To Ted Schopf

Ashland — Forty-eight prospects turned out for the first basketball practice this week at Southern Oregon college and more are expected, according to basketball mentor Ted Schopf.

Three lettermen started the practice but only two finished when Punk Biddington was reinjured in a scrimmage. Biddington was sidelined temporarily last year with similar knee trouble but this time an operation is in store to end the injury.

Biddington was a starting forward for the Raiders last year and earned second team Oregon Collegiate conference honors.

Glen Peterson and Don Vannice were the other pair of lettermen reporting and as in years past a definite lack in height was evident.

Peterson stands 6-5 and newcomer John Payne is a shade shorter but lacking in experience except for one year on the jayvees.

From these things break down to heights ranging from 5-5 to 6-3.

All-conference guard Gordy Carrigan and Dick Smith are still with the football team and will not report until Nov. 16.

Schopf's main problem is finding a replacement for Dave D'Olivo, who has graduated with all-conference honors as a center. His rebounding and scoring was a big factor in the Raiders play last year when they gained the NAIA district finals.

Dave Gardner is up from the jayvee squad and he has been working as a guard and forward. Gardner is only 6-0 but his one hand push shots scored many points from the outside for the Junior Raiders last year.

Dennis Conner is new to the squad as a guard and he could be in there fighting for one of the starting guard slots before the season is very old.

Conner was a former Medford high athlete.

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## OSC Might Have Trick Up Sleeve

Corvallis — (UPI)—Coach Tommy Prothro may unload a "secret weapon" on the University of Washington Huskies Saturday in Seattle when his Oregon State College Beavers take the field.

The Beavers, plagued by a miserable 2-5 record this season practiced all week behind locked gates which were carefully patrolled by close-mouthed student guards.

Prothro, who has never known a losing season in his five years at OSC, wasn't saying anything about the practices or the game.

Windows Even Guarded  
"We just polished up what we have been working on," the drawing skipper observed after Thursday's final heavy drill.

During the drill curiosity seekers were even chased away from second story windows in nearby Gill Coliseum.

Nor would Prothro give any indication as to his starting eleven. Thursday the entire squad ran through drills with the single exception of guard Denny Pieters, who is suffering a minor back bruise.

Its anybody's guess what Prothro has up his sleeve for the Huskies, but it is a sure bet that he'll be pulling all the stops to nail down the Beaver's third win of the season.

## Ring Magazine Honors Perez

New York — (UPI)—Littie Pascual Perez of Argentina was named "Fighter of the Month" in the Ring magazine's latest ratings today because of his ninth defense of the world flyweight crown on a 13th-round knockout over Sadao Yaoyita of Japan Thursday night.

The defeat dropped Yaoyita to second place among 112-pound contenders, and boosted Pone Kingpatch of Thailand to the challenger's rung.

Nine changes shook up the welterweight 147-pound rankings. Charley Scott of Philadelphia replaced fellow-townsmen Sugar Hart as top contender because of his kayo victory over Hart, who dropped to third.

Luis Rodriguez of Cuba took over second place among the welters. Denny Moyer of Portland, Ore., remained fourth. Rudell Stitch of Louisville, Ky., rose to fifth because of his win over Ralph Dupas of New Orleans, who sank to seventh.

## Inge Testimony Wanted in N.Y.

New York — (UPI)—The New York State Athletic Commission today revoked the promoter's license of Rosensohn Enterprises, Inc., and indirectly booted the return Ingemar Johansson-Floyd Patterson heavy-weight title out of the state.

New York — (UPI)—The New York state athletic commission hoped to have heavy-weight champion Ingemar Johansson as a witness at the three license-revocation hearings slated for today.

"Johansson is scheduled to arrive from California today," said a commission spokesman, "and we'll try to get him as a witness."

Each of the three hearings is an aftermath of the June 26 fight in which Sweden's Johansson won the title from Floyd Patterson at Yankee stadium.

The three defendants who must show cause why their licenses should not be permanently revoked are:

-Cus D'Amato, manager of ex-champion Patterson, whose hearing opened Thursday and will be resumed today on five misconduct charges that menace his licenses as manager and second.

-Bill Rosensohn, who promoted the June 26 fight, and whose matchmaker's license is threatened by three misconduct charges.

-Rosensohn Enterprises Inc., whose promoting license is threatened by three misconduct charges.

## Conditioning For Life Saving Class Scheduled

Conditioning for the American Red Cross senior life saving class will start Monday, Nov. 9, at the Medford YMCA.

The conditioning is set for Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Both men and women will prepare for the January life saving course.

To be eligible for the class good physical condition is required. To be in the class one must be 16 years of age or over and a student in or above the 11th grade.

Other requisites are ability to make a good standing front dive and swim 440 yards continuously, using the crawl, or any trudgeon stroke, the side stroke and back stroke. Use of the inverted scissors or inverted breast stroke well, is asked.

Also the prospective class member should be able to tread water for one minute, to surface dive to a depth of six feet and swim two body lengths under water and to float motionless or rest in floating position one minute.

Persons interested in a water safety instructor's rating or a current senior life saving card may contact the YMCA concerning the class.

## Rams Scuffle Forty Niners

San Francisco — (UPI)—It'll be the old story of the "irresistible force vs. the immovable object" Sunday when the Forty Niners and Rams battle in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

The Los Angeles Rams, despite their 2-4 season mark, must rate as the powerful force, since they lead all the other pro football teams in total offense. The Rams have rolled up a total of 2,159 yards this year.

But the San Franciscans, under the first-year tutelage of coach Red Hickey, have not been easy men to move this season. The Forty Niners, fifth in total offense, are second only to the Green Bay Packers in defensive statistics.

The oddsmakers aren't too awed by the 5-1 record San Francisco carries into the Ram tilt, and some sources have tabbed the Los Angeles club the slight favorite. The Rams have won the last seven consecutive games against the Forty Niners in the Coliseum.

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## Graves Uses 'Ethics' In Gambling Operation

By MARY T. FORTNEY, Associate Editor—Daily Commercial News

SPARKS, Nev.—A gambling casino-restaurant operation with a clean-cut collegiate-family type of atmosphere has brought a steady stream of customers to this small railroad ghost town three miles east of Reno.

Creator of this unique enterprise is Dick Graves, who has combined money making ability with personal integrity and honesty to come up with Dick Graves' Nugget Casino.

And the Nugget Casino, even when described with restraint, is "really something." Graves, after operating small restaurant-casinos in Carson City, Nevada and Reno, moved out to Sparks a couple of years ago. There he was able to buy enough property to allow for full expansion of his enterprises and to provide parking space for 1100 cars. This was a significant point because of the parking problems faced by downtown Reno casinos.

Graves' first casino-restaurant in Sparks seated 130. By now he's expanded to a seating capacity of 716, and already has new projects underway.

His operation now features, in addition to the usual slot machines, roulette, blackjack, etc., the following restaurants: the Golden Rooster, featuring fried chicken; the Round House, specializing in broiled steaks; the Prime Rib room, used alternately as a dining room and private banquet room; a coffee shop, a snack bar, and Trader Dick's, for Polynesian food. All are under one roof, except for Trader Dick's, which is directly across the street.

New projects include a Pancake Room, to be completed soon and a "Chicken Coop" in downtown Reno which sells fried chicken to take out. This opened last week and was so successful that everyone from Graves on down through his top management were on hand to help the regular kitchen workers keep up with the orders.

MONEY-MAKING  
The above gives a physical description of the Nugget Casino — it doesn't explain why, except for its extraordinary profitability, this restaurant-gambling operation is different from any other.

The difference stems from Dick Graves, a tall rather taciturn family man who would look like a preacher except that he habitually wears a sport shirt. Graves, who started his career in Idaho with a slot machine business, early adopted this gambler's philosophy. "You have to send out winners to get players."

Or, to paraphrase it, "You have to give value for money received." Graves declares, "It doesn't make much difference what kind of a business you're running . . . you have to give value whether with the most liberal slot machine, the best meat for so much money or the best drink of whiskey."

He feels this is particularly so in this economic era, when inflation and taxes have forced people to watch their spending more carefully.

As far as the customers go, Graves gives "value for their money" by serving consistently excellent food at reasonable prices.

This, in combination with the special "Graves" type atmosphere brings in about 6000 diners daily, and resulted in a \$229,000 food business during August. And this is in Sparks, a town of 12,000 population.

The "atmosphere" derives from Graves' policy of (1) hiring young employees, (many of the 650 workers are University of Nevada students while Bill Galt, who directs the food operation, just turned 30) and John Acasuga, general manager, is just 33), and (2) treating them so well that even his dishwasher, Joneste, has been with him for five years. A record in a normally instable occupation. The policy results in happy satisfied workers and remarkably good service for the customers.

PROFIT PLAN  
One of the incentives for employees is a profit sharing plan, the only one set up by a gambling-restaurant operation in Nevada. Under this, the employee puts 2 per cent of his salary, which Graves matches with 10 per cent into a trust fund. By the end of 10 years a worker earning \$5,000 a year will have a fully vested right to from \$9,000 to \$10,000.

Graves, while forthright about his interest in making money, will keep his word even if it means a missed financial opportunity. For example, he would like very much to build a motel but in the early days of his operation he promised local motel owners that he wouldn't compete with them. It puts him in a bad position now but he feels the local motel people have done a lot to help him so he's standing by his pledge.

A FOIBLE  
Graves has only one apparent weakness, and this he hides behind the guise of efficiency — he's a fall guy for gadgets.

Equipment of the kitchen at the Nugget Casino includes a Badrange; a 50-foot long conveyor belt, an electric eye, water dispenser, a flight-type conveyor dishwasher, a can and bottle crushing machine, and Henny Penny fryers that cook a chicken in only nine and a half minutes.

And top management and maintenance men wear FM radio receivers which keeps them in constant touch with the head office, even though the "beeps" occasionally make the Nugget sound like a space ship.

NATIONAL AWARD  
The Nugget recently won the most coveted restaurant prize in the nation: First Award in the national 1959 Food, Service, and Sanitation contest sponsored annually by Institutions Magazine. This is the first time a Nevada restaurant has achieved such national acclaim by the food industry.

## Bearcats Aim For Tie Cincher