

Big Five Clubs Face Each Other

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco—UPI—The Big Five football teams start playing each other on Saturday and it's the best thing that ever happened to them.

In 14 games played so far, the AAUW teams have been beaten 10 times, won three and tied one.

So what else is new? The Saturday pigskin picks, that's what.

College

Washington over Stanford—Probably the easiest pick we'll have all year. The Huskies will be fighting mad over the one-point loss to Navy; the game is being televised and they'll be wanting their high rating back. And Stanford doesn't have a line to stop them. By 40.

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Oregon over San Jose State—Webfoots can handle this type of competition and thus will knock over one of the few remaining perfect-record major teams in the West. Spartans have a 1-0 record. By 13.

Oregon State over Indiana—The Beavers get even in the Big Ten. Their only loss was to Iowa—but that was no shame. By 8.

Villanova over College of Pacific—The easterners finally win a game and the Tigers drop their third in four starts. By two.

Arizona State over Hardin-Simmons—Sun Devils roll along against Cowboy team not up to usual standard. By 19.

Colorado over Arizona—But the Wildcats could surprise as they did last week in licking Wyoming in the closing seconds. By one.

Also: Montana State over Cal Poly; San Diego State over Long Beach State; Los Angeles State over Santa Barbara; Sacramento State over Santa Clara, and Fresno State over Abilene Christian.

Professionals

Dallas over Oakland—Raiders already have found out they can't handle this kind of talent. By 20.

Los Angeles Chargers over Boston—Chargers favored to win nearly every game this year. This one they should take easily. By 16.

San Francisco over Detroit—If the Forty Niner offense rambles—and the injury jinx doesn't hit too often. By 4.

Baltimore over Los Angeles Rams—Nobby has yet found a way to stop Johnny Unitas. By 17.

Sport Parade

By OSCAR FRALEY
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SPORTS

Iowa Slight Choice In Tussle With MSU

New York—UPI—Lowa, upset winner over Northwestern last Saturday, was a one-point choice today to beat dangerous Michigan State Saturday in one of the top games of this week's college football program.

Illinois, ranked fourth in the nation this week by the UPI Board of Coaches, one rung behind Iowa, was made a four-point choice to beat Ohio State in another leading Big Ten Conference showdown. Ohio State is ranked fifth.

Top-ranked Syracuse, meanwhile, is such an overwhelming choice to beat Holy Cross, that oddsmakers are not quoting a point-spread. Second-ranked Mississippi is picked to defeat Vanderbilt by at least 20 points and Navy, which climbed to sixth in the ratings this week following its upset victory over Washington, is a 13-point choice over Southern Methodist.

Pittsburgh—UPI—Fraleley's follies and the weekend football "winners"—a punt and punt daily double while picking the Pirates to win the World Series in four games.

Game of the Week

Iowa over Michigan State—The Hawkeyes have demonstrated more speed than Vernon Law's fast ball. The momentum they generated in murdering North West State should carry them through a tough ball game.

The East

Syracuse over Holy Cross—This could be a pitchers' series.

Princeton over Penn—The parks are big enough to put homers at a premium.

Pitt over Miami—And the hurling edge goes to the Bucs.

Penn State over Army—The blueplate special.

The Midwest

Illinois over Ohio State—The American league has gone back.

Purdue over Wisconsin—And the Nationals no longer play dead.

Michigan over Duke—I don't think the Yanks would have won the NL.

Minnesota over Northwestern—But the Pirates did.

The South

LSU over Georgia Tech—Sure the Yankees have a power edge.

North Carolina over Notre Dame—But don't sell those Bucs short.

Mississippi over Vanderbilt—They're young, strong and unafraid.

Navy over SMU—And the years are beginning to show on the Yanks.

The West

Washington State over California—Dick Groat could be the big man.

USC over Georgia—Along with Law and Friend and Mizell.

Missouri over Air Force—They'll have to nuke the Yankee bats.

Washington over Stanford—With Elroy Face as the ace in the hole.

The Southwest

Baylor over Arkansas—The biggest Buc threat is over-eggsness.

Texas over Oklahoma—They'll have to keep from kicking it around.

Rice over Florida—If they play it cool they'll be tough to beat.

Texas Aggies over Houston—And if they win the first three, they can do it in four.

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7th Grade Players Vie

Medford seventh grade intramural football schedule will open Thursday, Oct. 6, with encounters at 4 p.m.

Hedrick Reds will vie at McLoughlin Whites and McLoughlin Blacks at Hedrick Blues.

The league slate will conclude on Oct. 27 and 28 when the top two teams in the standings will play each other and the bottom two clubs will collide.

Players were coached as single units at each school until Sept. 25. Squads were divided at that time.

Quarters will be of eight minutes. Players must wear tennis shoes.

At Hedrick Marty Ramp coaches the Reds and George Cooksey the Blues. McLoughlin seventh grade tutors are Jack Burg for the Blacks and Bill Esselstyn for the Whites.

PASSING DRILL

Stanford, Calif.—UPI—Stanford drilled on passing Tuesday in a light drill in preparation for its nationally televised contest against rough Washington.

One chunk of good news for the hard-pressed Cards is the return of flanker back Mac Wylie, who missed the team's first three games because of a toe injury.

UPI Honors Navy Tutor

Annapolis, Md.—UPI—Any Navy coach with a perfect record against Army 1-0 is already a success, but Wayne Hardin seems to be just starting to build a career.

No coach in the country ever stepped into a tougher spot than the red-haired, then 32-year-old Hardin occupied when he replaced Eddie Erdelatz last season after Erdelatz had rejuvenated Navy gridiron glory with his "teams named desire" for nine years.

But Hardin is carrying on Erdelatz' success story and his latest triumph, a 13-14 upset of Rose Bowl champion Washington, the nation's third-ranked team, last Saturday today earned him honors from United Press International as college football's "coach of the week."

Intangibles Credited

No Erdelatz team ever showed greater fight than Hardin's Sailors last Saturday when a recovered fumble set the stage for Greg Mather's winning 32-yard field goal with 14 seconds left.

Hardin, the second youngest coach in Navy history, credits the win over Washington to "intangibles like self sacrifice and extreme loyalty, and the team's willingness to put out."

The native of Smackover, Ark., graduated from College of the Pacific in 1948 where he won a school record of 11 varsity letters and learned football fundamentals from the famed Amos Alonzo Stagg. After graduation, Hardin coached at Ceres High school in California and College of the Pacific. He joined Navy, as an Erdelatz assistant, in 1955.

Huskies Assume Firmer Control In Statistics

San Francisco—Washington took a firmer control of Big Five team statistics during the third week end of the season, but the news probably won't be much comfort to the shocked Huskies.

Despite losing to Navy 15-14, Washington took over the lead in another statistical category and now leads in team scoring, total offense and total defense, and rushing offense and rushing defense.

UCLA lost the total defense lead to the Huskies, but despite being idle the Bruins clung to the passing offense lead and regained the passing defense lead.

California slipped to second behind UCLA in passing defense, reversing the switch between the two of a week ago.

Washington permitted Navy only 69 yards on the ground and kept its rushing defense average at an amazingly low 47 yards per game.

Its pass defense continued to be the worst in the Big Five and led to the Husky downfall.

In total offense, rushing offense and passing offense, the standings remained exactly the same as last week. In rushing defense the only change was SC dropping from third to last.

Conference Proposition Brings Mixed Reaction

Eugene—UPI—The prospect of Oregon and Oregon State joining a new athletic conference brought mixed reaction on the two campuses.

Athletic director and faculty representatives from eight schools met in Salt Lake City Monday and decided to turn possible formation of a new conference over to presidents of the institutions.

Oregon, Oregon State and Washington State, former Pacific Coast conference members who are now independents, were represented at the meeting along with Utah, New Mexico and Brigham Young of the Skyline conference and Arizona and Arizona State of the Border conference.

Leo Harris, athletic director at Oregon who was at the meeting, said "I personally think it's a good idea but the ultimate decision is for the presidents."

Harris said younger alumni had generally favored the new alignment but that some of the older alumni had expressed themselves as in favor of remaining independent or returning to a conference with members of the current Big Five.

Harris said Oregon's football schedule was full through 1965 and that its basketball schedule was full for the next two seasons. But he said this was no reason for not forming a new conference—"if you don't get a definite decision soon, schools will go ahead with their 1967 and 1968 schedules."

A spokesman at Oregon State said it would be up to the school president to consider "whether our people favor it one way or another."

He indicated the idea originally was met with enthusiasm on the Covallis campus but that there had been some swaying of opinion.

Oregon State's football schedule also is full through 1966.

One source said that at present, outside of Washington, members of the Big Five were not doing well either at the gate or in the won-loss column in football.

There also was some feeling that alumni of the two schools are not familiar with forward strides being made by other prospective members of the new alignment.

Packers' Taylor Presses Brown

New York—UPI—Jim Brown, who has topped the National Football league's ball carriers for the last three years, is being pressed by Jim Taylor of the Green Bay Packers for the early season lead.

The Cleveland Browns' flashy fullback totaled 240 yards rushing in his first two games while Taylor rolled up 234.

The passing leader was ageless Bobby Layne of the Pittsburgh Steelers, who has completed 30 of 46 attempts for 584 yards and six touchdowns. He has a 65.2 per cent completion mark for an average gain of 12.7 yards and an interception mark of 4.3 per cent.

Johnny Unitas of the champion Baltimore Colts ranks second with 31 completions out of 62 attempts for 539 yards.

Purdue Picked

Seventh-ranked Purdue, which humiliated Notre Dame, 51-19, is a five-point favorite over Wisconsin in their Big Ten meeting, the Air Force Academy is a 1/2 point pick over eighth-ranked Missouri, and 10th ranked Arkansas is a five-point favorite over Baylor.

The odds on other major Saturday games by sections:

East—Pittsburgh 6 over Miami Fla., Princeton 2 over Penn, Dartmouth 7 1/2 over Brown, Army 6 over Penn State, Yale 7 over Columbia.

Midwest—Michigan 2 over Duke, Kansas 6 over Iowa State, South-Georgia State.

South—Georgia Tech 6 1/2 over LSU, Notre Dame 1 1/2 over North Carolina, North Carolina State 4 over Maryland, Wake Forest 1/2 over Virginia Tech.

Southwest—Florida 1/2 over Rice, TCU 9 over Texas Tech, Houston 4 over Texas A&M, Texas 6 over Oklahoma.

West—Washington 15 over Stanford, California 2 over Washington State.

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