

Wide Gaps Overcome In Pro Loop

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Sometimes no lead is big enough in the National Basketball association.

Take Tuesday night for instance.

The St. Louis Hawks, winners of nine straight on their home court this season, built up a 19-point halftime lead over the visiting Boston Celtics, the 1959-60 NBA champions, and lost, 119-109.

The Detroit Pistons, hotter than firecrackers in the first half, blew an 18-point lead and dropped a 118-107 decision to the New York Knicks.

The Celtics overcame the huge St. Louis lead by outscoring the Hawks, 39-18, in the third period and then piled it on in the final period to win going away. It was the Eastern division leaders' eighth straight victory and seventh without a loss on the road. Tom Heinsohn was their big man with 25 points, while Bob Pettit led the Hawks with 31.

In the first game of the St. Louis doubleheader, the Syracuse Nationals defeated the Cincinnati Royals, 129-105. The Royals, who have now lost 10 of their last 11 games, played without Oscar Robertson, who is ill.

The Knickerbockers, experimenting in the first half with some of their newer players, junked the idea in favor of their more established stars in the second half and it paid off in their third straight victory, the longest winning streak for the harried New Yorkers in almost a year.

Ken Sears, Richie Guerin and Willie Naulls, plus playing coach Carl Braun literally ran the Pistons off the floor in the second half, scoring nine straight points at the start and five-in-a-row at the end to earn the cheers of a "home" crowd of 14,037, most of whom had come to see a scoring duel between Philadelphia's Wilt Chamberlain and Los Angeles' Elgin Baylor.

Baylor Has Cold
The duel between the league's two top scorers never came off because Baylor sat on the Los Angeles bench with a heavy cold. Chamberlain, though, whipped in 44 points to lead the Warriors to a 122-121 victory and close the scoring gap between himself and Baylor to a mere point. Baylor has 758 points in 21 games, Wilt has 757 in 20 games.

Even without Baylor, the Lakers, playing for the eighth consecutive night and the third-in-a-row with the Warriors, battled gamely and almost pulled it out, mostly because of the red-hot shooting of Rod Hundley, who finished with 30 points, and Jerry West, who had 24.

Huskies Top Big 5 Figures This Season

San Francisco—UPI—Washington's Rose Bowl-bound Huskies completely dominated the Big Five in team statistics this year, according to figures released today and including all but next Saturday's UCLA-Duke game.

The Huskies lead the team marks in standings, total offense, rushing offense, rushing defense.

Coach Jim Owens' club, which finished the season with a 9-1 record, losing only to Navy, allowed only 112 yards per game rushing by its foes; and on offense rolled up 219 yards by the same method. The Huskies also have chalked up 319 yards per game in total offense.

UCLA leads in total defense with 268 yards to 269 for Washington. The Bruins also were second in total offense with 317 yards; in rushing offense with 191 and rushing defense with 159.

Stanford, which didn't win a game all year, led in passing yardage with 131 yards per game, and California had the best pass defense, allowing only 107 yards per tilt.

Kuharich Begins Work for 1961

South Bend, Ind. —UPI—Joe Kuharich, whose 1960 Notre Dame football team equaled the worst gridiron record in 72 years of competition by the Fighting Irish, already has begun work to prepare for the 1961 campaign.

With a simple explanation that "the situation is status quo," I'm coaching Notre Dame," he ended speculation that he would quit to return to pro football.

The Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, executive vice president of the university and chairman of the faculty board in control of athletics, also ended speculation that Kuharich would be discharged with the statement that "Notre Dame has between 300 and 400 prospects to screen for 1961."

Oregon State Choice For Gotham Tussle

By DICK JOYCE

New York—Ever hear of three teams playing in one football game?

It almost happened to Gotham Bowl's Bob Ready Tuesday and yet today—he doesn't know for sure if he'll have two clubs for the contest.

The confusing situation reached its peak around 6 p.m. (EST), Tuesday when Oregon State, Colorado, and Holy Cross all thought they would be playing in New York's annual bowl game at Yankee Stadium, Dec. 10.

Withdraws HC Invitation
Ready, director of the bowl game committee, in his hurried effort to salvage the game, thought he solved the problem when he withdrew his invitation to Holy Cross only 25 minutes before the team was to vote whether or not to accept.

That paved the way, Ready thought, for the unlikely Oregon State-Colorado match—yet a game which might satisfy the fans and charter members who had pledged \$80,000 for the bowl game.

But then Colorado pulled the rug from under Ready and announced it had rejected the invitation. Colorado officials said "numerous injuries" caused their decision. They didn't think their 6-4 record warranted the bid.

Players Accept Invitation
Earlier, Oregon State players voted unanimously for the Gotham Bowl, worked out Tuesday and scheduled another drill for today in anticipation of the post-season action.

At Corvallis, Ore., Athletic Director Spec Keen said details, mostly involving financial arrangements, were still to be worked out with the bowl committee. An official decision could be expected soon, said Keen.

So, that left Ready, who had three teams on the line only one team at midnight.

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FIGHTS
TUESDAY HOOT
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Los Angeles—UPI—Neal Rivers, 163, Los Angeles, outpointed Lee Owens, 164, West Jordan, Utah (10).



Kentucky Wildcats Just One of Host In Southwest Loop

By DAVID M. MOFFIT

Atlanta—UPI—A wide open basketball race is expected in the southeastern conference this winter with the Kentucky Wildcats, who used to stand head and shoulders above the rest of the Dixie Dozen, merely one of a host of contenders for the 1961 crown.

The Wildcats, winners of 19 conference titles over the past 28 seasons, are expected among the front-runners again. But they'll have defending champion Auburn, Georgia Tech, Mississippi State, Georgia and possibly a few others to ward off if they hope to win No. 20.

Kentucky's 18-7 record last season, which most teams in the nation would like to have had, was the Wildcats' worst in 20 years and their second worst in the 30 years that Adolph Rupp has been at their helm. Rupp isn't pleased about prospects. All-America candidate Billy Lickert has never fully recovered from a leg injury and Rupp's still looking for a replacement for rebounding Ace Don Mills who was graduated. A couple of Junior college hot-shots may provide the answer.

Georgia Tech has high-scoring Roger Kaiser, a second team All-America, and five other lettermen back from last year's team that posted a 22-6 mark, losing out in the N.C.A.A. regionals to national champion Ohio State. In addition, the sophomores look like the best group of newcomers Tech has had. The only serious loss was flashy Dave Denton but added rebounding strength and sharp shooter Keith Weekly should make the Jackets even tougher this time around.

Accurate Shuffle
Auburn, winner of 50 of its last 55 games and 19-3 last season, has four starters back and new height among its sophomores. The Tigers will stick to their accurate shuffle and glue-like defense to make up for backboard weakness. The big loss was guard Henry Hart.

Mississippi State, 24-1 two years ago with All-America Bailey Howell in the fold, slipped to 12-13 last season. But the Maroons were just waiting for last year's freshmen to become this year's sophomores. Those frosh won 21 straight and averaged better than 88 points per game. Only two lettermen graduated but the word is that 6-6 Jerry Graves, who averaged 18.6 last year, may be the only non-sophomore to start.

Georgia, which hasn't had a winning campaign in a decade, also was only 12-13 last year. But the Bulldogs were plagued by injuries and lost some heart-breakers. Their top nine players return, making Georgia the most experienced team in the league. Key to the Bulldogs' success should be whether Gordon Darrah returns to his 1958-59 form.

Tennessee and Vanderbilt

Hockey
AMERICAN LEAGUE
United Press International
The Hershey Bears, who are starting a strong drive to the top, have pushed the stumbling Quebec Aces a little farther downhill in the American Hockey League.

The Bears downed Quebec, 4-1, for the Aces' seventh loss in a row. The Aces who were strong contenders for first place earlier in the season, look like a good bet to join Providence down in the cellar.

WESTERN LEAGUE
Portland—UPI—The Portland Buckaroos' hockey team returns home for a long stand tonight with a game against the league-leading Calgary Stampede.

Portland concludes its long home stand Christmas night. In Tuesday night's only game Calgary dropped a 6-4 decision to Vancouver.

NAMED PENN CAPTAIN
Philadelphia—UPI—Guard Mike Natale, the only player to start all nine games for Pennsylvania this season, was elected to captain the Quaker football team in 1961. A junior from Uniontown, Pa., Natale played a total of 402 minutes and made 38 unassisted tackles this year to lead his team in both departments.

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Navy Back Gets Heisman Trophy

New York—UPI—Joe Bellino is going to need his own private battleship if he plans to take his football awards with him on sea duty.

The 22-year old Navy senior, who was picked for the Maxwell Trophy on Tuesday, carried off two more honors today.

He was named winner of the annual Heisman trophy as the "outstanding college football player of the year."

And he was named to the United Press International All-America backfield.

Bellino, who scored 18 touchdowns this season, was an overwhelming victor in the Heisman voting with 1,793 points to 731 for runnerup, Tom Brown.

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Collegiate Hoopsters Will Start

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Oregon's three major college basketball teams, Oregon, Oregon State and Portland, were all set today to open their 1960-61 seasons.

Portland's Pilots get things started Thursday night with a game against coach Joe Cipriano's Idaho Vandals at the Memorial Coliseum.

Oregon plays host to Portland Saturday night in Eugene.

Oregon State, meanwhile, opens its season on the road. On Friday night the Beavers meet strong New Mexico State at Las Cruces and Saturday night play Arizona State at Tempe.

Coach Slats Gill's men wind up the road trip Monday night against the University of California at Santa Barbara.

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Joe Bellino, Tom Brown Big Guns on UPI All-American; West Shut Out of First 11

By LEO H. PETERSEN

UPI Sports Editor
New York —UPI—United Press International today presents the finest 11 collegiate football players in the land, its 1960 All-America team.

Chosen by the ballots of a record number of 402 sports writers and broadcasters from all parts of the nation, these are the players selected as the best at their positions this season.

Ends: Mike Ditka, Pittsburgh, and Dan Larose, Missouri.
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Quarterback: Jake Gibbs, Mississippi.

Halfbacks: Joe Bellino, Navy, and Ernie Davis, Syracuse.

Fullback: Bob Ferguson, Ohio State.

Bellino and Brown are the big guns on the mythical eleven, the answer to any football coach's dream. The Navy halfback received a total of 4,010 points to lead the balloting in the annual UPI poll, which this year set a record for the number of participants. The previous highest number of voters was 354 last year.

Bellino was named on all but 27 of the ballots, receiving 352 first team votes and 23 for second. Brown rolled up a total of 3,263 to lead the linemen by a wide margin. Eleven points are awarded for a first-place vote and six for a second.

East Dominates Team
For the first time since World II seasons, when Army was the national gridiron power, the East dominates this all-star team with three players—Davis and Ditka in addition to Bellino.

The Midwest, Southwest and South are represented by two players each while one player each was chosen from the Rockies and the Midlands.

Only the Far West of the seven geographical sections of the nation was shut out.

Brown and Ferguson are from the Midwest, Lilly and Holub from the Southwest, Rice and Gibbs from the

SECOND TEAM:
Ends—Marlin McKeever, Southern California, and Tee Moorman, Duke; tackles—Jerry Beabout, Purdue, and Kurt Gagner, Washington; guards—Vanderbush and Pat Byr, Georgia; center—Wayne Harris, Arkansas; backs—Bill Killemer, UCLA; Ed Dyer, Auburn; Ron Bull, Baylor; and Roman Gabriel, North Carolina State.