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Walt Alston Chosen NL Manager of Year

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Walt Alston, the strong silent man from Darrrtown, Ohio, who led the Los Angeles Dodgers to the National League pennant and an unprecedented four-game sweep of the New York Yankees in the World Series, was named NL manager of the year today by United Press International.

The selection of the 52-year-old Alston was made by a com-



ON MAT CARD — Luther Lindsey, above, talented Negro wrestler, will be seen in the semi-windup of tomorrow night's grappling card at Medford armory. He faces Don Duffy, San Diego ruffian. Tough Tony Borne clashes with Nick Bockwinkle in the main event and Boom Boom Mahalk takes on Dick Dunn in the opener, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Lamport's Sporting Goods store.

Craig Morton Paces Big 6 in Total Offense

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Big Six football teams are having a hard time winning so far this year, but some of the league's individual stars are having a good year.

Latest league statistics after four games showed Cal's Craig Morton tops in two departments. The Bears' junior quarterback has clicked on 44 passes for 581 yards and picked up 533 yards total offense to lead both departments.

Although Morton is well ahead in the passing department, he is getting a battle in the total offense category from USC's Pete Beathard (460) and UCLA's Larry Zeno (424).

Clarence Williams of Washington State leads rushers with 350 yards gained, while USC soph Mike Garrett is in second place with 291 yards.

Kloke Heads Receiving

Washington State's Dennis Kloke has grabbed 18 passes for 233 yards to lead in that department while Southern California's Ernie Jones is averaging 41.1 yards per boot to top kickers.

Stanford's Dick Ragsdale is the top scorer with 30 points.

In team statistics, Washington averages 293 yards per game rushing and 284 yards total offense to top both departments. Washington State has held foes to 115 yards per game rushing and 237 yards total offense to rule the roost there.

California's 145 yards per game passing and Southern California's 46 yards per contest passed against are the leaders in those departments.

The league as a whole has a 7-15-2 record with USC's 2-2 record the best in the conference.

mittee of 24 baseball experts representing every city in the major leagues. Seventeen of the experts chose Alston and the other seven named Johnny Keane of the St. Louis Cardinals.

A long-time Dodger "organization man" who struck out in the only major league appearance he ever made at bat, Alston now has led the Dodgers to the only three world championships in their history. He piloted them to their first and only title in Brooklyn in 1955 and led them to their first world championship in Los Angeles in 1959.

Most Satisfying Season

But Alston himself is the first to admit that 1963 turned out to be the greatest of his career. "My most satisfying season," he called it in what amounts to a Ciceronian address for him.

Alston started the season under the black cloud of the Dodger collapse in 1962 which led to reports that he might be booted out as manager. It was essentially the same team in 1963 as it had been in 1962 except for the acquisition of first baseman Bill Skowron, who turned out to be little help until the World Series.

Alston's primary problem was defense — how to maintain reasonable offensive punch without creating so many leads in Dodger defense that even superlative pitching couldn't overcome it.

The Dodgers led through most of the season — by as much as seven games at times — but the Cardinals won 19 of 29 to pull within a single game of the front-runners on Sept. 15. Then the Dodgers swept the Cardinals in a critical series, Sept. 16-17-18, whirled on to the pennant and crushed the Yankees with magnificent pitching in the series.

Retirement Of Cousy Has Effect

By United Press International

The retirement of just one man has changed the whole outlook of the National Basketball Association which opens its 18th season Wednesday night with three games.

That man is Bob Cousy, the former Boston Celtic superstar who left pro ball last April for a career as a coach at Boston College.

With Cousy gone, the whole NBA race has tightened, especially in the East where Philadelphia and Cincinnati are expected to challenge Boston for supremacy.

At Baltimore

Just how much Cousy meant to the Celtics should be known beginning tonight when Boston plays at Baltimore. Philadelphia travels to Detroit and Cincinnati plays in St. Louis in the 1963-64 opener.

NBA owners also anticipate a better year at the box office because with Cousy gone, the Eastern Division race will be a lot closer and games in both sections will be more important to each team.

In the West, the Los Angeles Lakers, with Elgin Baylor and Jerry West, are expected to take the championship again. But they face strong competition from a veteran St. Louis club and a vastly improved Baltimore team.

Webfoots Given Blocking Drill

EUGENE (UPI) — Coach Len Casanova drilled his Oregon Webfoots on blocking Tuesday.

Casanova said the Ducks have failed to open up the opponents defenses as much as desired on the ground.

However, Oregon will take a 392-yard total offense average into Saturday's game at Arizona.

Collegiate Passing Led By Staubach

NEW YORK (UPI) — Navy's Roger Staubach is sailing on a collision course but the only things likely to be smashed are a couple of college football's most impressive records.

The slick quarterback of the Naval Academy currently is leading the nation in total offense and forward passing, according to statistics released today by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau.

What's more, however, Jolly Roger is a few steps ahead of the record paces of Johnny Bright of Drake and Don Meredith of SMU, who set two glittering standards back in the fifties. In four games Staubach has gained 1,024 yards, or 76

ahead of the pace set by Bright when he established the record of 2,400 total yards in 1950. Should Staubach's production rate continue, his total at the end of the season would be 2,560 yards.

Heads Completions

The Navy signal-caller's 55 completions place him first in the country in that department but even more impressive is his completion percentage of .714. The current record of .696 was set by Meredith in 1957. Not only has no one previously cracked 70 per cent for a season but no one had ever done it through four games before the

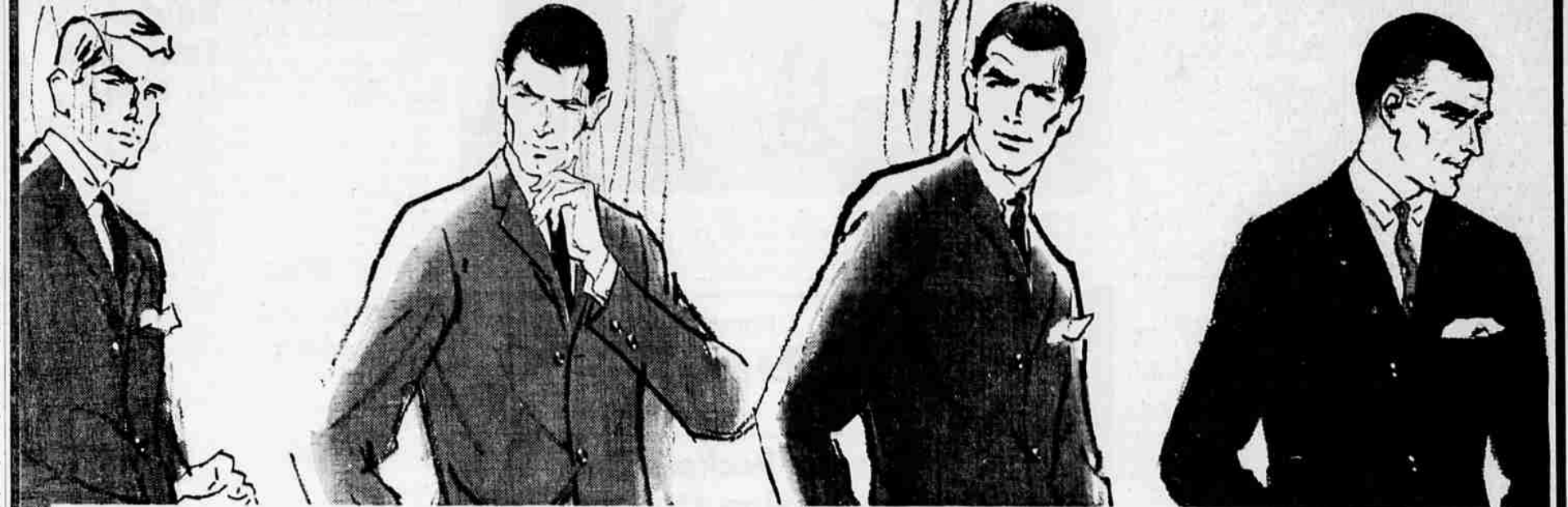
advent of Staubach.

Although Staubach has outdistanced the field in total offense, he is being hard pressed in the passing category. Don Trull of Baylor, who led the nation's passers last season with 125 completions and has the opportunity of becoming the first to pace the aerialists two years in a row since Davey O'Brien of Texas Christian 25 years ago, is only four completions behind although he has played one less game.

Auburn representatives have zoomed to the top in two other departments—rushing and punting.

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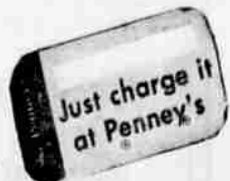
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