

West Coast Football Not Up to Midwest Standards

Sports Writer Chooses Outstanding Pacific Coast Grid Talent to Date

By RUSS NEWLAND
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1 (AP)—You pick 'em! Football swings into the November stretch drive and you will hear talk of 1944 All-American team candidates whether you think selection of all-star elevens is an interesting by-product of the sport or a waste of effort.

Some are for it, some against it but either way fans argue over it and we aim to please.

There are strong indications west coast college football does not measure up to the best variety offered in the middle west and on the east coast this year

but we have some candidates out this way, nevertheless... This piece deals exclusively with the college possibilities.

Having watched all of the major college clubs on the coast in action now, we'll list the players who have made the most impression on us thus far and as follows:

Centers—Gordon Berlin, (Seattle) 215, University of Washington; Roger Harding, Walnut Creek, Calif. 190, California; Russ Antles (Porterville, Calif.) 200, Southern California.

Guards—Bill Hachten, (Huntington Park, Calif.) 195, California; John McGinn (Colorado) 195, Southern California; Jim McCurdy (Seattle) 195, Washington; John Simons (Los Angeles) 180, UCLA; Bob Levenhagen (Olympia) 180, Washington.

Tackles—John Ferraro (Bell, Calif.) 235, USC; Jim Turner (Oakland) 212, College of the Pacific; Henry Borghi (Decoto, Calif.) 185, California; Bill McGovern (Tacoma) 205, Washington.

Ends—Jim Callanan, (Los Angeles) 185, USC; Dave Hirschler (So. Pasadena) 180, California; Russ Tauschek (Hayward, Calif.) 215, UCLA.

Quarterbacks—Jim Hardy, (Fairfax, Calif.) 180, USC; Bob Zech, (Seattle) 175, Washington; Dennis O'Connor, (Berkeley) 163, St. Mary's college.

Left Halfbacks—Gordon Bray, (San Francisco) 190, USC; Dick Ottele (Long Beach, Calif.) 200, Washington; John Roach, (Berkeley Hills) 160, UCLA; George Callanan, (Los Angeles) 180, USC.

Right Halfbacks—George Quist (San Francisco) 185, California; Dick King (Seattle) 175, Washington; Milford Dreblow (Santa Ana) 170, USC; Cal Rossi (Santa Barbara) 175, UCLA.

Fullbacks—Jack Meyers (Ventura) 200, UCLA; Keith Decourcy (Corvallis, Ore.) 187, Washington; Duane Whitehead (Bonita, Calif.) 190, USC.

(Editor's Note: From this group will come most of, if not the entire, all-Pacific coast eleven. One of them, possibly two, will win all America rating.)



SPORTS EDITOR'S NOTE—The American game of baseball has taken England by storm, both literally and figuratively, since the arrival of the Yanks. To the reserved Englishman, the vociferousness of the opposing players and the fans no doubt seems odd and here is a story that came over the wire that we found amusing—

An Englishman's view of baseball appeared today in a clipping mailed to Heppner, Ore., by Frank Hale, a Britisher who spent several years in Heppner.

The sports story, carried by The Associated Press, taken from a recent issue of Hale's home town paper at Leighton-Buzzard, England:

"Baseball has come to Leighton-Buzzard, and judging by the immense crowd the game drew to the Bellcose on Wednesday evening, it is likely to be popular."

"The USA service teams, calling themselves the Boston Red Sox and the Brooklyn Dodgers, played a seven innings match which was full of big hitting, spectacular catching, noisy barracking and occasional arguments with the umpire, punctuated with loud speaker comments by an American officer. There was, in fact, a total absence of the leisurely serenity of an English cricket match.

"The game differs in many other ways from cricket. The pitcher throws the ball at express speed toward the batter, making it rise, fall or swerve at will in an attempt to cross the home base plate anywhere between the striker's shoulder and knee without being struck. The rules are designed to prevent the stonewalling and careful play of which cricket critics complain. The bat is round and the batter is out if he fails to hit three correctly thrown balls. Thus it becomes a game of low scoring and many innings. The moment the batter hits the ball into the longfield, he throws down the bat and runs to the first base 30 yards away and another player takes his place. The outfielders return the ball with amazing speed and accuracy and the making of a round of the four bases, which counts as a run, is difficult.

"A curious feature of the game to English minds was the way in which the fielding side spouted encouragement to their pitcher and derided the batter. This by-play is regarded as a morale factor in winning the game. Most of the Wednesday's players have played semi-professionally or professionally in America. The Dodgers' captain, Johnny Green, played in the American Southern league at 16, and held his place for three years.

"The Red Sox batted first and in their first innings scored two runs from a terrific hit by Hogan (center field) which got another man home. Radel, fielding deep in the left field for the Dodgers, made strenuous efforts in the three succeeding innings to level up the score, but clever field work stopped their plans. In the fourth and sixth innings the Dodgers drew level, but fierce hitting by Bradley for the Sox made the score, 5-2. The Dodgers went in again to get these three runs—or, better still, four—but tricky pitching by Blackwood for the Sox, and smart field work combined to make the final score, Sox 5, Dodgers 2. Brilliant work was done by the pitchers and catchers standing behind the batter.

Blimy, chappies, it must have been a very fierce game, what?

NAMED BOSTON COACH

BOSTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—Del Bisontie yesterday was named coach of the Boston Braves to replace Tom Sheehan, who resigned. Bisontie managed Hartford in the Eastern league last year.

Slammin' Sammy Snead Back On Trail of Fairway Gold

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1 (AP)—Ex-Gob Slammin' Sammy Snead says "with a little streak of luck" he's "liable to win some p'n" on the winter golf circuit.

He doesn't believe two years in the navy will handicap him in getting back into form.

"Course, it'll take a while," Snead said—he peeled off a four-under par 66 in a Sunday exhibition match here.

Asked if he expected to make inroads on the Byron Nelson-Harold (Jug) McSpaden combine, Sammy replied:

"I used to beat Nelson and McSpaden sometimes, I don't know how come I couldn't do it again."

Grid Coach Favors Another Change In Football Rules

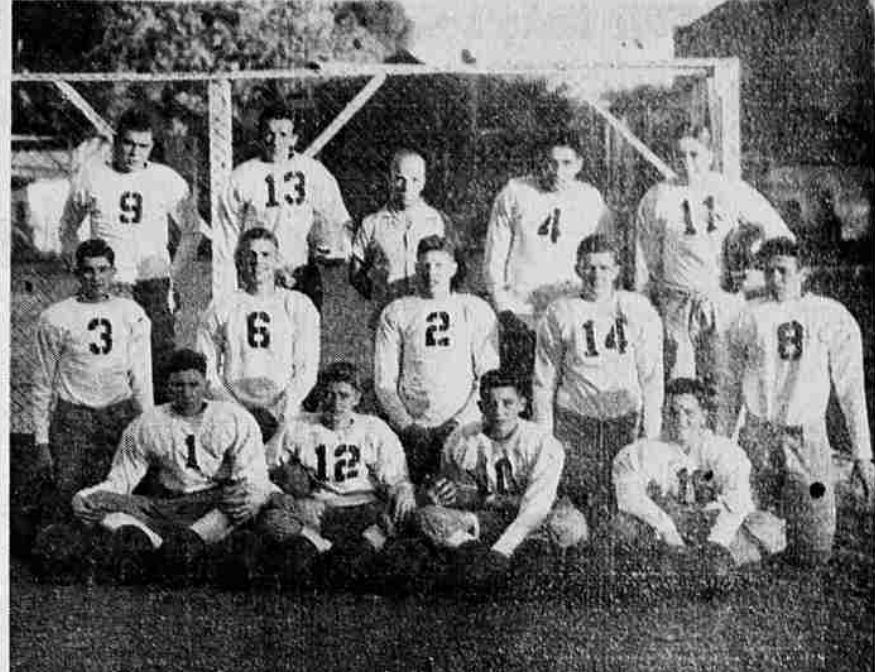
ITHACA, N. Y., Nov. 1 (AP)—Carl Shavely, Cornell coach, is in favor of adopting the professional rule that permits a back to continue going after he has been tackled even if his hand or knee has hit the ground.

"It adds a lot of first downs to a team's attack and makes for better continuity," he explains.

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Sacred Heart Academy Football Squad



Shown above are 13 boys who compose the grid squad of the local Sacred Heart academy with their coach, Bud Case. This is the initial year of football for the academy boys. From left to right, back row: Dean Abbot, Paul Newman, Bud Case, (coach), Paul McChesney, John Keane. Middle row: Earl Wisecarver, Bob Heup, Bill Colbert, Ed Willitts, Bill O'Keefe. Front row: Art Palmer, Bill Pickett, Jim Manning, Mike Colbert. Missing from picture is Don Palmer.

Earl Malone Set to Meet Tony Ross in Mat Opener

The opening go at the armory Friday night will bring together Meanie Tony Ross and a newcomer to northwest mat circles, Earl Malone. Malone hails from Toledo, O., and is reportedly a clean, aggressive grappler. This should make an interesting contrast to Tony who prefers to give his opponents the old business in order to gain his decisions. Earl has been around, however, and should know how to protect himself against Tony's rugged tactics.

This bout rounds out an A-1 card that features a return battle between Ernie Piluso and the "Grey Mask," as the headline event. Ernie came within a hair's breadth of downing the Mask last Friday and this time may turn the trick. Of course, close ones only count in horse-shoes but Piluso's previous match with the hooded heel gave him valuable experience as to how to handle his opponent and what to expect, and that may be all Ernie needs to score a triumph over the masked villain.

In the semi-final clambake Paavo Katonen will meet the one and only Bulldog Jackson, who prefers to be called Yukon Jake for reasons best known to himself, has little respect for any of his opponents and will probably give the clever Finn a very, very exciting evening.

This card will begin at 8:30 p. m. sharp and rassing fans should be on the dot so as not to miss any of the thrills and spills that will undoubtedly take place.

Net Receipts of War Relief Ball Games Announced Tuesday

CHICAGO, Nov. 1 (AP)—The 16 major league war relief baseball games last season netted a total of \$328,010.61 for the national war fund and the American Red Cross, the office of Commissioner K. M. Landis announced yesterday.

An additional contribution of \$1,544.86 from the Southern association increased the total to \$329,555.47, shared equally by the charities.

The American league's eight games last season netted \$205,740.37, as against \$122,270.24 for the eight National league contests. The New York Yankees led in receipts, \$34,587, while the \$23,832.55 receipts at the St. Louis Cardinals' benefit tilt was tops in the senior circuit.

Ball Player to COP

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—Jake Powell, outfielder of the Washington Senators, scheduled to be sworn in today as a member of the Montgomery county (Md.) police force, is expected to quit baseball.

Snead's return to golf, Jug commented, "is what the game really needs, more and stronger competition."

McSpaden, one of the nation's leading golfers, said "it is with extreme regret that I leave the country club but the offer was too good to turn down."

Marines Drill For Current Cage Season

Leatherneck basketballers at the Marine Barracks here are starting early to prepare for the opening of the 1944-45 cage season. Their first game is with Klamath Union high school and is scheduled for December 8 in the post gym.

Two other games for December, both with the University of Oregon, have been slated by Lt. Francis Hagan, athletic officer. One tilt will be staged here and the other at the university's home court in Eugene, but dates have not been definitely set.

More than 60 men reported for early practice to Sergeant Les Israel, coach, and some outstanding cage talent has been uncovered. Standouts thus far have been Cpl. Joseph Dimitroviich, guard or forward, PFC Arthur Rankin, and Sgt. Leonard Burkland, forwards, and PFC John Reed, guard.

Reed has had one year of semi-pro cage experience, and the others are ex-collegiate players. A round robin schedule with the better teams in this section is being planned by marine athletic officials.

Annual Major League Baseball Draft Wednesday

CHICAGO, Nov. 1 (AP)—Major league baseball officials, many short of outstanding stars by virtue of Uncle Sam's draft measure, were ready for their own draft business today—taking their picks of minor league talent—admittedly scarce.

The minor circuits have been quite thoroughly drained of big time material ever since Pearl Harbor and major league talent scouts haven't evinced much enthusiasm of the material offered at today's third wartime draft meeting. Some owners, however, were ready to lay cash on the line at draft prices—in efforts to bolster wobbly lineups.

"There doesn't seem to be much left that is worth \$7500," said the veteran Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics, referring to the price tag on any player drafted from a class AA league. Previous drafts and the military draft have weeded out just about all of them," he added.

Watson Jones New Light-Heavyweight Champ of California

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1 (AP)—California's new light-heavyweight boxing champion is Watson Jones, who has had an up and down career with the gloves in recent years.

A 2 1/2 underdog, the Los Angeles negro surprised a big turnout at Olympic auditorium last night by knocking out Fitz Fitzpatrick, of Cleveland in the first round of their scheduled 15-rounder. The previous titleholder, Red Nibert, Los Angeles, failed to defend the crown within the required six months.

Crowd Expected At Hollywood Park for Racing

INGLEWOOD, Calif., Nov. 1 (AP)—Despite gray skies and a threat of rain, thousands were expected to flock to Hollywood park today to welcome back horse racing, banned in southern California since Pearl Harbor.

Main event was the \$10,000 Hollywood premiere handicap at six furlongs. Twenty-five were nominated and 14 remained to-day, although the weather and the slow track may chase some out. Heading the list were Coward and Dupuy's Appleknocker, conqueror of some of the middle-west's best sprinters last summer in Chicago, and Charles S. Howard's Civil Code, which will pack top weight of 123 pounds, two more than Appleknocker. Civil Code has won his last three races.

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College Grid Attendance Increases This Season

Southwest Heads Country In Crowd Turnouts; Far West Least Increase

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 (AP)—Attendance at college football games has increased nearly 25 per cent over 1943, a national survey by the Associated Press showed today.

Reports from 72 colleges disclosed that with the season only half over an aggregate of 3,237, 830 fans have ringed gridirons compared to 2,604,091 at same period a year ago. This is an increase of 633,749.

The top percentage increase is in the southwest with 62 per cent, followed by the east, 43.4 per cent; 29.3 in the midwest, 16.5 in the far west.

Southern California, with turnout of 195,000 for five games, heads the list of 72 colleges. The University of Pennsylvania is second with 189,000 for four games followed by Ohio State at 182,200. Other colleges with 100,000 or better, listed are Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, Northwestern, California, UCLA and Pitt.

Two of the low schools show a decrease over last year: Michigan and Washington.

Western attendance by school: Washington, 12, 10,000; Colorado Col., 13, 15,500; Colorado Univ., 14, 14,500; Denver, 15, 12,000; California, 16, 145,000; UCLA, 17, 195,000; 18, 193,271; 19, 192,000; 20, 90,000; 21, 90,000; 22, 90,000; 23, 90,000; 24, 90,000; 25, 90,000; 26, 90,000; 27, 90,000; 28, 90,000; 29, 90,000; 30, 90,000; 31, 90,000; 32, 90,000; 33, 90,000; 34, 90,000; 35, 90,000; 36, 90,000; 37, 90,000; 38, 90,000; 39, 90,000; 40, 90,000; 41, 90,000; 42, 90,000; 43, 90,000; 44, 90,000; 45, 90,000; 46, 90,000; 47, 90,000; 48, 90,000; 49, 90,000; 50, 90,000; 51, 90,000; 52, 90,000; 53, 90,000; 54, 90,000; 55, 90,000; 56, 90,000; 57, 90,000; 58, 90,000; 59, 90,000; 60, 90,000; 61, 90,000; 62, 90,000; 63, 90,000; 64, 90,000; 65, 90,000; 66, 90,000; 67, 90,000; 68, 90,000; 69, 90,000; 70, 90,000; 71, 90,000; 72, 90,000.

'Cats Blast Tulelake Grid Eleven 26-0

The Wildcats ducked the Tulelake Honkers Tuesday afternoon in a high-scoring spree at Tulelake by the count of 26-0. The Tulelake eleven was no match for the aggressive 'Cats and the game saw the local boys score in the first, second and third periods to take a decisive victory.

Edwards tallied the initial touchdown for the Wildcats in the first stanza and Coleman converted the extra point to put them out in front 7-0.

Mocabee and Craig both scored in the second quarter and the half ended with the score 19-0 on the right side of the ledger.

In the third frame Sweden marked up the final counter and a pass, Selby to Edwards, was good for the extra point to make the final count 26-0.

This Friday night the 'Cats will tackle the strong Merrill eleven under the lights at Modoc field. Merrill has also sent the Honkers down to ignominious defeat and this tilt should be one of those ball games you read about.

Husky Cagers Start Basketball Practice

SEATTLE, Nov. 1 (AP)—The fight for positions is on. Coach Hee Edmundson warned his University of Washington Cagers tonight as he called the first civilian-naval trainee turnout of the year.

Basic training and physical conditioning have occupied squad drills for the past week.

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