

Leonard Leads Villanova To Grid Heap Top

Wildcats Rampage Nets Sculps of Three Major Foes

VILLANOVIA, Pa. (NEA)—Villanova's rise to contendership for eastern honors, rated ahead of Cornell and a close second to Army in the Lambert Trophy ranking, is the 1949 football success story.

The surprising Wildcats journeyed to College Station to beat Texas A. and M., upset Penn State in the Nittany Lions' lair, whipped out to Detroit to swamp Detroit U. They were considered a clinch in their first home start against Saint Mary's.

Jim Leonard, who took over the reins last spring, seems to have worked miracles. Leonard was virtually unknown in major college ranks, although he is a product of Notre Dame, and coached the Pittsburgh Steelers for two seasons before the late Dr. Jock Sutherland was hired.

When Villanova engaged him to succeed Jordan Oliver, Leonard was completely out of football and growing potatoes on a farm below Camden, N. J., at Muller's Mills.

The story is that Leonard was hired by Villanova from among 57 applicants because the other 56 wrote in Leonard appeared in person. He is an impressive fellow, standing six-foot one, weighing 230 pounds, with a calm, quiet air of confidence.

Leonard once played at St. Joseph's Prep in Philly, traveling 30 miles every day from Pedricktown, N. J. His coach there was Ank Scanlon, whom he later assisted at Holy Cross after a three-year term as head coach at St. Francis, Loretto, Pa.

His service with the Steelers (then combined with the Eagles) followed that.

At Notre Dame he played two years at fullback and one year at guard, one of three who have done that for the Irish. Leonard played one year under Knute Rockne, three years under Hunk Anderson at South Bend. Following his graduation in 1933, he played four years at fullback for Bert Bell on the Eagles, and called signals.

Leonard uses the orthodox T, as promulgated by George Halas with the Bears, but once in a while shifts into a winged T, and sometimes the split T, spacing his ends wide. His variations are for specific purposes—the split T to get added power in deep enemy territory, the winged T with set flanks to lure the defense into declaring itself.

Leonard found himself gifted with some 19 lettermen, good material and some likely sophomores. He had a lot of morale-building to do, as well as teaching the players his type of T blocks.

His best man, Leonard says, is Ralph Pasquariello, 230-pound smashing fullback. Ralph has speed, hits a line with the same abandon as Bronco Nagurski.

Villanova has a fine veteran quarterback in Steve Romanik, a big fellow who passes superbly, plus a whipfast junior wingback named John Geppi.

The line is not over-large, with four 185-pounders. It is big in one spot, though, where 260-pound John Sandusky operates, at left tackle. John doesn't look footballish, with a big rubber tire around his waist.

But he has amazing speed and agility for a fellow who looks overweight, one of those football rarities like Fats Henry or, more recently, Vern Miller at Harvard.

Intramural OTI Cage Play Opens

OTI—Intramural basketball teams will begin play October 24. Athletic Director Skeet O'Connell will draw up schedules after rosters are in by the October 20 deadline. Diesel will probably rule the favorite because of class size. The gym will be open from 3 to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 10 p. m. for practice drills.

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Notre Dame, Army Tower Over Nation's Grid Teams

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (AP)—Notre Dame and Army, two longtime rivals who decided to quit feuding with each other, towered like a pair of colossi over the college football world today with no immediate date set for a showdown.

Since they don't collide, who is to stop these new, powerized editions of fighting Irish and Black Knights of the Hudson being compared with some of the greatest machines of the past?

Notre Dame has the tougher schedule but it should cause little trouble to the team that man-handled highly-rated Tulane Saturday at South Bend, 46-7.

In breaking the backs and hearts of the Dixie powerhouse, the fourth ranked eleven in the country, Frank Leahy's athletes ran to 32 their string of defeatless games. The looked as if they could go as many more without taking a deep breath.

The Irish rest this week before tackling Navy October 29 in Baltimore. Then comes Michigan State, North Carolina, Iowa, Southern Cal and Southern Methodist in an awesome row.

Army, meanwhile, hurdled the "hump" of its schedule a week ago when it smashed Michigan, the

defending national champions, 21-7. The Cadets won their fourth of the campaign Saturday by blasting Harvard, 54-14.

Both the Irish and Cadets rolled up astronomical scores as if jealously defending their No. 1 and No. 2 positions, respectively, in the national standings, rated weekly by the Associated Press poll.

The Cadets, who now have only Penn and Navy as serious threats to an unblemished campaign, have an unbeaten skin of 15 games.

Army's last defeat was administered October 8, 1947, by Notre Dame, 27-7, shortly after the two

institutions decided the game had "grown too big" and they should lay off a while.

While Notre Dame and Army were improving their national stature, the sectional pictures were getting into sharp focus with the list of unbeaten, united major teams reduced to 13.

These emerged after the first month as the top teams in their sections:

East—Army, Cornell.
Midwest—Notre Dame, Minnesota.
Southwest—Oklahoma, Baylor, Rice.

South—North Carolina, Kentucky, Far West—California.
Minnesota's Gophers established themselves as the likely guest team in the Rose Bowl by routing Ohio State, 27-0, for their fourth straight triumph.

Their big test will come Saturday when they play Michigan at Ann Arbor. The Wolverines, smarting under two straight setbacks that fractured a 25-game winning streak, are expected to bounce back hard in an effort to recapture some lost prestige.

Michigan was one of the victims of "black Saturday" that saw Southern Methodist, UCLA and Villanova rocked from the unbeaten ranks in startling upsets and rearguard Navy battered down by Wisconsin.

The Wolverines bowed to North-

western's twice-beaten Rose Bowl champions, 21-20. The defeat, following on the heels of the Army debacle, may knock them clear out of the first ten.

Rice, with Tobin Rote throwing three touchdown passes and scoring another, shattered Southern Methodist's winning habits, 41-27. Santa Clara stunned UCLA, 14-0. Tulsa squeezed out a 21-19 victory over a Villanova team that had won four straight.

The California Bears nailed a strong bid to the Rose Bowl by whipping Southern California, 16-10. The Bears play Washington this week and then tackle UCLA October 29 in the game that should tell.

Cornell, not on Army's schedule, emerged as one of the powers of the East by subduing Yale, 48-14.

Oklahoma, rated the third best team in the country, kept its escutcheon clean by rolling over Kansas, 48-26. Baylor is unbeaten in the Southwest conference, beating Texas Tech Saturday, 28-7. Rice has lost only to Mississippi State.

North Carolina, paced by Charlie Justice, and Kentucky took over the front spot in the South after Tulane crumbled before Notre Dame. North Carolina won over Wake Forest, 28-14. Kentucky racked up its fifth in a row, beating the Citadel, 44-0.

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Malin and Merrill are still perched atop the county football heap but the Huskies had a narrow squeak over the week-end.

Merrill's Lowell Snapp sliced off tackle for a 35-yard touchdown run, the only counter in Merrill's 6-0 win over stubborn Bonanza Saturday afternoon. Aside from Snapp's stunt, the game was played inside the 20-yard markers.

The Mustangs, meanwhile, had no trouble in downing Gilchrist, 33 to 7 Saturday. Scores for Malin were Richard Drazil, end, who tallied once on an end-around scamper and once on a pass from Ted DeMerritt; Halfback Jerry Smalley; Bob Stevenson who crossed over after tucking in one of DeMerritt's passes; while DeMerritt scored once on a line plunge.

Gilchrist scored first on a pass in the first quarter.

Friday Chiloquin scored a convincing win over the Sacred Heart Trojans, 39 to 12.

Sprint Record

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Oct. 17 (AP)—Daphne Robb, women's sprint champion of South Africa, ran 100 yards in 16.7 seconds yesterday, a tenth of a second better than the listed world record for women.

Marlene Loses

FORT WORTH, Tex., Oct. 17 (AP)—Beverly Hanson of India, Calif., defeated 16-year-old Marlene Bauer of Los Angeles, 3 and 2, yesterday to win the 14th annual women's Texas Open tournament.

KEEPS HIS HEAD
TUSCOLA, Ill. (AP)—Roy Jones, farmer of near here, lost his clothing in a combine accident but he didn't lose his head. After he was stripped naked, Jones put on his best smile and drove his tractor two miles to find additional clothing and medical care.

CHARLES HUNGRY

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 17 (AP)—Ezzard Charles is a money hungry champion with few if any challengers colorful enough to draw a profitable gate. So the NBA heavyweight boxing king opens a busy exhibition schedule here tonight.

He has a tentative schedule of some 25 exhibitions before year-end. He opens against Rex Layne of Lewiston, Utah, here tonight. Three more exhibitions this week are on tap: At Los Angeles Tuesday, Sacramento, Calif., Thursday and San Diego Friday.

Navy Widens Radar Range

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 17 (AP)—The navy has disclosed a new ship-to-air radar set-up that allows ship-borne radar to get around the curvature of the earth barrier.

Pictures of the new Douglas AD-3W Sky-Raider, released yesterday, showed that the versatile single-engine craft carries a bulging plastic radar dome under the wing.

The device allows ship's radar to direct its beam at the air-borne radar which in turn relays the beams to targets over the horizon. It makes ship radar four times more effective than the present mile range from atop a carrier. Radar beams, like television, will not go around corners.

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