

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 (AP)—All we can say at the moment is that it's a good thing Frank Leahy got in there last with a denial of that widely published prediction that Notre Dame could lose seven games this season. . . . some day we'd like to see a good single-wing pro football club like the Steelers execute an attack conceived by Fritz Crisler and drilled by a guy like Leahy or Earl Blaik. . . . so many golfers are expected to take shots at the 1949-50 winter tour that most tournaments will either have pre-qualifying tests or will use two courses for the early rounds. . . . and wasn't it thoughtful of the PGA to look a couple of December events so the boys can pick up Christmas shopping money? . . . when Lou Little hears the customary remark: "Harvard will be good in November." Lou commented: "Harvard had better hurry up; November is almost here."

When Clyde Smith, Indiana grid coach, recently stole a couple of hours from work to drive Mrs. Smith through the hill country for a look at the autumn foliage, he seemed somewhat preoccupied. . . . likely he was expecting to see a wolf behind every tree. . . . finally Mrs. S. rebuked him: "You look out the windows but you don't see trees; you see tackles and guards." "Yeah," mused Smith, "I wish we had some tackle big—but not so green."

Detroit's Billy Evans, who figures Aaron Robinson still is good for a couple more years with the Tigers, says he hasn't seen a good catching prospect anywhere, though he has done a lot of looking. . . . Syracuse, N. Y., will be the scene of 59 college and pro basketball games this winter, which is a lot for a city of that size. . . . seven of the cowgirls now competing in Madison Square Garden rodeo are listed to ride in the ladies' handicap at Rockingham party November 1, and for the first time there will be mutual betting on one of the girls' races. . . . when Louis Prince, Bibbee, Ariz., high school quarterback, missed the team's bus to Globe last week, he set out to thumb his way. After seven rides, Lou made it a half hour before game time. Must have been the best run of the evening.

Wisconsin grid fans, excited over Ivy Williamson's Badgers, still have time to rave about Claude Radtke, Lawrence College end. In 12 games, up to last week, Radtke had caught seven touchdown passes and set up 11 other scores, besides playing a whale of a defensive game. . . . personal nomination for the season's most nauseating nickname: "Trobabes" for the U. of Southern California freshmen. . . . Frankie Parker's main worry about becoming a tennis pro concerns the hours. "Sometimes they're still playing at one a. m.," moans Frank, "and I'm used to being in bed at eleven."

Seek Fish-Trap Ban Clarification

PORTLAND, Oct. 19 (AP)—The state fish commission planned today to ask the attorney general to clarify the fish-trap man in the light of a Marion county circuit court ruling.

The commission reported yesterday it had concluded after studying the decision that traps may be used in the Columbia to catch any fish but salmon. Circuit Judge George R. Duncan had ruled part of the law was unconstitutional. He approved the use of seine nets for salmon but upheld the salmon trap ban.

The commission said this apparently left the way open for use of traps on steelhead, shad and other species.

Correction

James Wright and William Scarth, Klamath Falls weightlifters, scored first and second in that order in the Saturday night's Oregon state AAU weightlifting championships. The published report had them finishing in the opposite order.

Grid Mentors Differ on Reasons for Football Scoring Binge

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (AP)—College football is on a point-a-minute binge, but leading coaches disagreed today on what is responsible for the astronomical scoring trend.

"It's the platoon system," chorused one group of mentors, including Ivy Williamson of Wisconsin, Matty Bell of SMU, Jess Neely of Rice and J. V. Sikes of Kansas.

"The platoon system has nothing to do with it," argued others, such as Earl Blaik of Army, Henry Frka of Tulane and Biggie Munn of Michigan State.

Most of them agreed in an Associated Press survey that the sport

has become definitely "offense minded," that coaches make no special effort to roll up impressive tallies and that the liberal substitution rule plays a big part in keeping the scoreboard busy.

They traced the assembly line point-making also to "eager beaver" substitutes who, thrown into a game to open the gates of mercy, close the gates instead with a hungry effort to make good.

Recently college scores have followed the pattern of the pros, reaching basketball proportions.

"We're getting ten or twelve more plays a game now," said Sikes, whose Kansas team was mauled by Oklahoma Saturday 48-26. "I think the two platoon system is a contributing factor."

Oklahoma's Bud Wilkinson attributed the scoring rise to intricate offensive maneuvers and added: "A defense cannot adequately cope with all formations."

"Not long ago a team would use either the straight single wing, double wing or Notre Dame box," he said. "Then a team prepared a defense for one offense. Now a team will use ten or 12 variations

of one formation. Nebraska, for example, has 14 off the T. A team can't get ready for that many."

Notre Dame's Frank Leahy, whose Irish walloped Tulane, 46-7, said he never believed in running up a big score and always threw in the subs after building up a lead.

"On the other hand," he added, "reserves play hard to become regulars and they can't be told not to run, block or tackle. Against Tu-

lane he used 54 boys, threw one pass after the first half and the regulars took over only once in the second half."

Leahy said coaches generally are concentrating on offensive play and acknowledged he himself worked overtime on the scoring department.

Frka of Tulane dissented. "I don't think the two-platoon system can account for high football scores," he said. "Neither do I think reserves, trying to make a good showing, can be the reason."

"Large scores usually result from the ability of the winner to get there fustier with the mostest, to use Nathan Bedford Forrest's analysis of victory on the battlefield."

Blaik, whose Army forces stormed

over Harvard last week 54-14, big scores, in my opinion, is that the teams beaten were not as good as they were supposed to be."

Pittsburgh—Tommy Yarnoz, 165, Monaca, Pa., and Charley Affit, 160, Pittsburgh, drew, 10.

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Apple-Slinging

Cassill Frowns on Practice

SEATTLE, Oct. 19 (AP)—The University of Washington football squad has two good passers in Quarterbacks Don O'Leary and Don Heinrich, and Athletic Director Harve Cassill doesn't think it necessary that the fans hold a half-time practice session in the stands.

Vic Rabel, Seattle machinery company executive, gathered that impression yesterday from a letter received from Cassill suggesting that Rabel halt his practice of tossing apples to eager fans during the halftime intermission.

It's been a Rabel practice for years, starting with a mere paper sackful but now amounting to about four boxes a game every time Washington plays at home.

Cassill's letter, explained Rabel, said the jostling that went on among the recipients was a possible source of accidents. He said also that some fans had complained they were unable to watch the card stunts in the student section across the way.

"I guess from now on I'll just hand them out in person," Rabel said rather sadly last night. "They're lovely big Delicious apples."



SITTING DUCKS—Terry Thomas of Bellerose, N. Y., gives new self-inflating, non-sinkable rubber decoys a workout before the shooting starts.

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Statistical Leaders

CAL, INDIANS TOP PC GRID MACHINES

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19 (AP)—Undeclared California and twice-beaten Stanford stand out as the statistical leaders in the Pacific Coast conference as the campaign passed the 1949 midway point.

Stanford leads the conference in total offense and rushing, and California's stout Bears is the leader in total defense and rushing defense.

Stanford increased its margin at the expense of Washington last Saturday and now has gained 1264 yards rushing, 629 passing and a total of 1893 in both departments.

Rusher-up is Oregon, with a 1824 total offense, followed by California, Idaho and Southern California.

California has held opponents to 567 yards rushing, 410 yards passing and a net gain of 1007 yards in five games. Stanford has yielded 1096 yards, while rating just behind are Oregon, Montana and Idaho.

Washington's passing offense, at 700 yards, leads in this branch, followed by Montana, Southern Cali-

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