Oregon Ducks, California Bears Clash in Grudge Battle

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 11 (AP) — A football game closely akin to being a grudge affair comes off at Berkeley tomorrow when the University of Oregon ties into unbeaten, Rose Bowl bound California.

It's the top game of the week in the Pacific Coast conference, but there's an attractive duel due here when the Bruins of UCLA, whipped but once in conference play and still to be considered a Rose Bowl factor, meet the suddenly dangerout Washington Huskies.

Stanford, tied with UCLA for runner-up honors, entertains Idaho at Palo Alto and should overpower the less well equipped visitors from the potato country.

The big noise will echo from Berkeley's Strawberry canyon, however, and re-echoing will be last year's controversy which arose when California and Oregon tied for the conference crown and the Bears gained the Rose Bowl assignment by conference vote.

The Oregon players shed real tears when word came that they had been voted out of the golden opportunity. There are many of the 1948 Webfoots back this season —Bob Sanders, Ed Chrobot, Sam Nevills, Johnny McKay, to name a few—and revenge over California would be priceless, indeed.

Oregon's able coach, Jim Aiken, isn't one to brood over such a disappointment—not for more than 10 or 15 years, anyhow—and it's a cast iron cinch he will drop a casual reminder or two.

True, too, it seems evident, is the point that all the professional love between Aiken and Cal's Lynn Waldorf could be stored in a capsule.

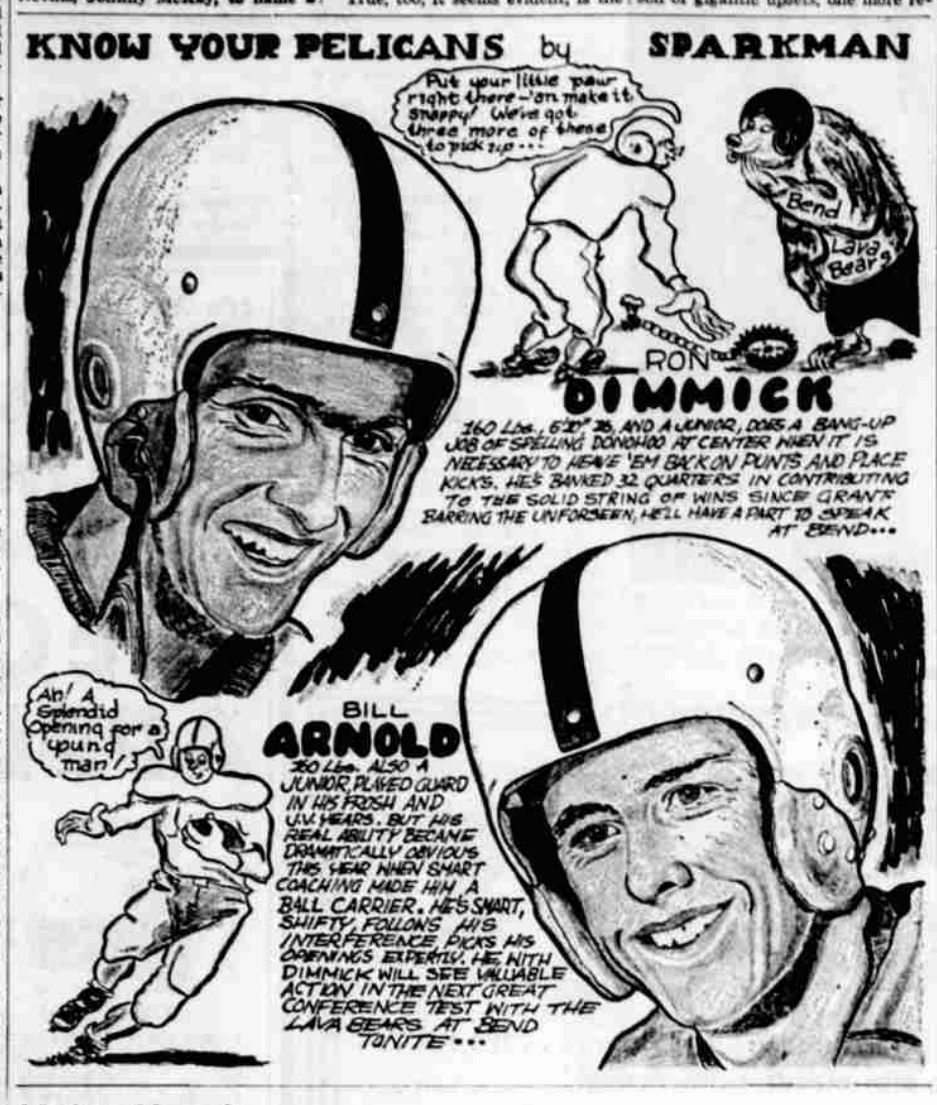
Oregon is clear out of the running this year, and the Golden Bears rightly rule heavy favorites to hand the Webfoots their fourth conference defeat. But, in this season of gigantic upsets, one more reversal of form needn't prove too much of a surprise.

The Washington - UCLA contest looks like a toss-up. Howie Odell's squad has blossomed into a giant killer in recent weeks and tomorrow's game should be one of those high scoring engagements that will keep the fans in an uproar.

Southern California's Trojans are idle this week, same for Montana, while Oregon State asked for and will get a rough afternoon at home when Michigan State drops in.

On the independent side, the Santa Clara-St. Mary's annual collision promises to add another rousing chapter to their bitter series; Loyola's surprising Lions tackle Nevada, and San Jose State invades San Diego State territory in a California Athletic association feature tilt.

Blithely ignorant of rhyme or reason, this harrassed individual picks: California over Oregon, Stanford over Idaho, Washington over UCLA, Michigan State over Oregon State, Santa Clara over St. Mary's, Loyola over Nevada, San Jose over San Diego. Pass the aspirin, please.



RHEVO HEARD by Red Hurd

Herald and News Sports Editor

The Great Atlas

Assorted characters flash across the local wrestling front and the latest is The Great Atlas who disposed of elongated Carl Meyers with dispatch Wednesday night.

Called the Body Beautiful and the All-American Man by various magazines on physical culture, the stocky grappler is just what one would expect.

RED HURD

He's arrogant, vain and wastes little time telling others about himself.

But he should be a good drawing card here. After one look-see wrestling fans will invade the armory in droves to see his muscles over the ring.

During a dressing room gabfest Wednesday night after the matches, your writer was asking if Jimmy Londos, one of the greats of the wrestling ring, ever donned tights again for mat shows.

Seems Jeemy is quite well fixed, thank you, with hotels and restaurants running full speed ahead, but Buck Davidson said he still will meet any wrestler alive.

"All except me, of course," The Great One said in all seriousness.

"And you can put this in print," Body Beautiful gurgled, "There's only one man that has me beat for strength and physique — and he's dead."

Following a lifting of the eyebrows by all assembled, including several of the wrestlers who had appeared on that evening's card, Atlas timed his answer with dramatic force and broke the silence.

"It's Hercules."

The New York muscleman, who looks like he just jumped out of a Flash Gordon strip, emphasized that I record his name in the paper correctly.

"It's The Great Atlas, remember."

"It's not that I think I'm great," he said "modestly," but "my thousands of fans demand it."

(P. S. — Atlas has been signed by Mack Lillard for next week's card. His opponent is yet to be picked.)

Remedy Needed

City league basketball time is near again and I'd like to urge league moguls to make a few changes — or else this year will see the swan song warbled for city cage competition.

Proposals are now in the air to form two leagues, thus weeding out the weaker crews and assuring one good, strong tight loop.

If this isn't done, I predict next year there will be no city basketball at all.

Major trouble in the past has been overstocking the league with too many teams. The inevitable result was three — four at the very most — strong teams and five or six hangers-on that couldn't begin to match baskets with the leaders.

As a consequence, ridiculous, lopsided scores resulted and such games will never draw basketball fans.

There seems to be about enough basketball talent in town to form a six-team league. This would make for fast, close play.

Teams that can't cope with the better brand of basketball could cast their lot with the church league or form a league of their own.

Doing this, there would be two leagues playing in their own class.

Power Index

There was little juggling in the Dunkel Grid Power Index off games of last week.

Notre Dame, Army, Oklahoma, Michigan, Michigan State and California still occupy the top six spots in that order.

Rice, Texas, Minnesota and Stanford fill out the Select Ten.

Platoon Coaches' Godsend?

CHICAGO (NEA)—Not too many years ago coaches and alumni were content to hustle five or six extraordinary lads as the nucleus of a team.

The others came to them.

Now coaches and alumni groups —real and synthetic—round up 20 or 30 terrific kids. They are around, for more football is being played.

The result is that some college coaches, especially in the midwest, actually have too much material, and as a consequence we have something that is likely to become a trend. This sees promising sophomores transferring elsewhere before the firing begins.

The superior athlete wants to play every minute he can get in. "The burning desire to tackle makes good linemen," writes Frank Leahy in his splendid new book, "Notre Dame Football." "The burning desire to gain ground makes good halfbacks."

By the end of three weeks or so ofpre-season practice, a boy has a good idea of just how much he is going to be employed. If it is to be sparingly, he feels strongly about it before it is too late. So he turns what he considers a raw deal into a fair deal by moving elsewhere.

They tell me Notre Dame lost a couple of boys this way this fall, and it is reported that two fine, upstanding Illinois lads went west, young man, to a Colorado seat of learning. When they transfer they get in another year of freshman football by way of circumventing the year's residence rule.

The platoon plan is the outgrowth of this too extensive proselyting.

With offensive and defensive units, several backer-ups for each, a kicking specialist and whatnot, a coach can very easily keep as many as 35 young men busy and happy.

Bob Zuppke, who coached Illinois for so many years, is his old entertaining self discussing the group scheme.

"All this talk about football being anew game," says Zup, "reminds me of the boy who once said to me: 'I want to be a football player when I grow up—a substitute.'

"'Substitute,' I asked. 'Why a substitute.'

"'Oh, so I can play half the game and see the rest of it free.'

"That's the way it is with the platoon system. In a few years they will probably use jeeps to haul the players out on the field to save time. Also to be sure of always having 11 men in the lineup."

Whether or not you like the traffic jams, the unit system is a godsend to coaches, and they'll nevef give it up.

Fall River, Mass. — Harry Villeneuve, 157½, Providence, outpointed Cecil Hudson, 161, San Jose, Calif., 10.

San Diego, Calif. — Bob Jarvis, 145, Kansas City, and Irvin Steen, 148½, San Diego, drew, 10.

Major Hoople

Crystal-Gazer Credits Uncanny Picking To Knowledge of Gridiron Fistic Ability

By MAJOR AMOS B. HOOPLE
Blocker for Willie Heston

Egad! Some of the gentler among my zillions of gentle readers beseech me to put a stop to the fisticuffs being displayed all too frequently nowadays on the gridiron.

It seems there are more good 10-round bouts on the football field than there are in the ring — heh-heh!

Well, in the days when I was blocking for Willie Heston, Jim Thorpe and Walter Eckersall — not to mention tossing forward passes to Snake Ames — we were too numb to notice an occasional friendly uppercut.

But the gladiators' tempers seem to be a bit shorter in these modern times than was true among the giants of that distant era. Today if a ball-carrier is slugged on the beak, it frequently follows that he pursues the offender right out into the open and thwacks him back. One or the other player is continually being ejected from the contest.

This makes for uncertainty in the scoring, and quite a few of this season's amazing upsets, most of which I have predicted flawlessly, may be traced to alterations of personnel due to knockouts, solar plexus punches and left hooks.

I have been able to forecast upsets more accurately than my fellow prognosticators because I have canvassed the pugilistic talent on almost every team.

So now, on to the forecast for November 12, folks:

Army 42, Penn 7
Fordham 20, Boston College 14
Brown 14, Harvard 7
Northwestern 27, Colgate 0
Navy 20, Columbia 12
Cornell 34, Dartmouth 7
Minnesota 27, Pitt 13
Princeton 20, Yale 6
Holy Cross 14, Syracuse 7
Illinois 20, Ohio State 13
Michigan 27, Indiana 12
Iowa 14, Wisconsin 7
Iowa State 20, Nebraska 13
Purdue 14, Marquette 7
Michigan St. 19, Oregon St. 7
Missouri 21, Oklahoma 20
Notre Dame 27, No. Carolina 0
Alabama 14, Georgia Tech 7
So. Methodist 20, Arkansas 13
Kentucky 27, Florida 14
Georgia 19, Auburn 12
La. State 27, Miss. State 6
Mississippi 13, Tennessee 7
Rice 21, Texas A. and M. 7.
Texas 20, Tex. Christian 13
Vanderbilt 19, Tulane 14
California 21, Oregon 6
Washington 14, UCLA 6

Cage Coach Charges Athletes Cheating

LAWRENCE, Kas., Nov. 11 (AP)—Kansas' Phog Allen foresees a crackdown by the internal revenue department of some college athletes.

The 63-year-old University of Kansas basketball coach charged yesterday that many college athletes are cheating on their income tax returns.

"It is known that some amateur athletes are drawing from $10,000 to $20,000," Allen said in Kiwanis club speech. "Junior college athletes in Kansas are now being paid from $60 to $100 a month.

"Those salaries are not now being reported for income taxes."

Several coaches, however, scoffed at Allen's remarks on players' pay.

The talkative coach, who long has advocated a czar for intercollegiate athletics, predicted the internal revenue department would move into the situation within three years.

"Everybody is supposed to at least make a report on an income of $600 or more," he said.

Bruins On Rose Trail

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 11 (AP)—The University of Washington moves into Memorial Coliseum here tomorrow bent on belting the Bruins of UCLA clear out of the Rose Bowl picture.

UCLA, with only one defeat in Pacific Coast conference play, could still qualify for the post season battle with the Big Ten if California and Stanford stumbled into difficulties.

The local hopes are on the dim side, however, and a resurgent Washington team could completely blot out any rosy ideas.

The Huskies gave the University of Southern California a whale of a struggle two weeks ago and last Saturday upset a favored Oregon eleven at Portland.

UCLA was idle last week and bowed to California the week before. Actually, after a fast start, the Bruins have slowed down in their past three games.

Slated for starring roles for the visitors, playing before an expected turnout of 35,000, are Fullback Hugh McElhenny, who gained local fame last year while playing for Compton junior college, and Sophomore Quarterback Don Henrich.

Henrich completed 14 out of 15 passes in the first half against Oregon and set up three touchdowns in a spectacular performance.

Once again UCLA will rely on Halfback Ernie Johnson and Fullback Cliff Schroeder for running and passing, but if Johnson falters fans will see the new Bruin hope, Joe Marvin, a sophomore who seems destined for grid renown.

Washington fields a heavier line, UCLA the heavier backs, but the team average poundage is about equal.

Cagers Meet

An organizational meeting to form the 1949-50 city basketball league will be held Tuesday, 7 p.m., in the city council chambers.

City Recreation Director Sam Smith has asked that all sponsors and managers attend the confab.

Proposals are under way to form two leagues.

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LIP, DAVIDSON MATCH IN MAKING

Wrestling Promoter Mack Lillard announced following Wednesday night's mat show that attempts will be made to get Buck Davidson and Jack Lipscomb together for a match next Wednesday night at the armory.

The tussle is considered a natural following the flare-up between the two grapplers in the wake of the Lipscomb-Yaqui Kid battle Wednesday night.

Davidson, the third man in the ring, was the target for The Lip's wrath when he repeatedly stopped Lipscomb's unorthodox tactics.

Davidson has been signed for the card and Lillard will try to land Lipscomb.

Others inked for an appearance next Wednesday night are Buck Weaver, The Great Atlas, and the two Yaquis, Joe and the Kid.

Pairings have not as yet been announced.

Lillard said that he may try to match Weaver and Atlas against the Sonora, Mexico, pair in a tag team match.

Lillard will announce the full card by Monday.

College Grid Scores

St. Martins (Wash.) 19, Central Washington 0.

Camp Pendleton Marines 54, El Toro (Calif.) Marines 0.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

Brooklyn (Broadway arena)—Tony Labua, 138¾, New York, outpointed Johnny Britenbruck, 148, Brooklyn, 8.

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