

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (AP)—Rotund Fred Walters, who had to walk a lot farther than usual when he referred to Tulane-Vanderbilt game last week, claims football is getting too rugged for some officials. Fred, whose ordinary business as a baseball manager keeps him on a bench, predicted: "Unless coaches, players and fans undergo a drastic change of attitude, the better officials are going to find easier ways of spending their Saturday afternoons." ... maybe that's the spot to introduce two-platoon officiating — or at least add a knockdown time-keeper to the list. ... and Jim Conzelmann warns that pro football eventually will turn into a wrestling match unless there's stricter interpretation of the rule about handling ends to keep them from getting downfield for passes. ... Jim says the defenders instead of merely checking and hand-fighting until the play develops, are moving laterally to continue such tactics.

Dodger scouts say there were only three "good" picks in the recent major league draft — that is guys who can be expected to stay in the majors next year. ... and they get a chuckle out of the A's choice of Ed Hrabak, who fanned 234 men in the colonial league. ... "Why," guys who couldn't win in the Queens alliance who went up there and won. ... Missouri Baseball Coach H. Simmons is wondering just how well he should perform his football scouting chores. Last year he did such a scouting job on Dick Gilman, the Kansas passer, that Dick played most of the game sitting down. ... came spring and Gilman pitched three times against Simmons' baseballers and beat them every time.

Cliff Coggins Mississippi Southern's pass-catching end who last week made a season yardage record of 930 yards on 45 completions, now is going after Barney Poole's mark of 92 catches in one season. He has two games to go — Alabama and Louisville — before graduation in December. ... and that recalls that Barney Poole finally won a starting job with the Yankees this week. ... Gus Levenich, is opening a haberdashery shop in Fort Lee N. J. ... no doubt he'll have a good stock of gloves.

Cage Loops Hold Sessions

Managers and sponsors of both the city and county basketball leagues are asked to be at the city hall tonight for important organizational confabs.

The meetings of the two leagues will be held independently.

The city league is expected to name officers and draw up a tentative schedule for this year's play.

Poosh 'em Up Tony (Canadeo)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22 (AP)—Big Steve Van Buren has given notice he isn't vacating his spot as season's leading ground gainer of the National Football league without a fight.

Treating the New York Bulldogs as if they were poodles, the Philadelphia Eagles' halfback picked up 174 yards last week-end, to move within 58 of the current ground leader, Tony Canadeo of Green Bay. The Eagles romped to a 42 to 0 victory.

NFL statistics disclosed today that Canadeo has compiled 831 yards on 156 carries for an average gain of 5.3. Van Buren totals 792 in 198 attempts and a 4.0 average. Elmer Angsman of the Chicago Cardinals is third with 619 yards and a 5.9 average.

Karras Voted Most Valuable

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Nov. 22 (AP)—Johnny Karras of Argo, Ill., has been chosen Illinois' most valuable player for the 1949 football season—the first time in the school's history a sophomore has been given that honor.

Karras won the big ten ball-carrying title in record style. School officials said they believed he is the first sophomore to be selected most valuable — an annual honor voted on by members of the football squad.

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Oklahoma Eyed For 3 Bowls

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (AP)—Oklahoma is like a man who has been invited to three Thanksgiving dinners and doesn't know which to accept.

The unbeaten, untied Sooners are top candidates for the Cotton, Sugar and Orange Bowl games and probably would have been in the running for the Rose Bowl if that college football post-season extravaganza wasn't tied up by an agreement between the Pacific coast and western conferences.

With the "official" selection yesterday of Ohio State and California as Rose Bowl opponents, the attention of the football world shifted to Oklahoma.

The Sooners, unbeaten in 19 straight games, held a bowl discussion yesterday but which oval they favored to grace by their presence remained a secret.

Coach Bud Wilkinson said the public could not expect an announcement regarding Oklahoma's desires until after the Sooners' game against Oklahoma A&M next Saturday.

"UP TO TEAM"

Wilkinson said "We have not received a bowl bid. It will be up to the team to decide whether it wants to go to a bowl and which bowl it cares to play in." The general belief was that the players favored a return trip to New Orleans' Sugar Bowl. The Sooners clipped North Carolina there, 14-6, last year.

Dan Rogers, selection chairman of the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Tex., has spread out the welcome mat for Oklahoma to play the Southwest conference champion on January 2.

The Southwest champion will be decided Saturday when Baylor tangles with Rice in Houston.

SOONERS-GREEN WAVE

Down Miami way most of the inhabitants would like to see Oklahoma take on Tulane's once-beaten Green Wave in the Orange Bowl. Other combinations that would be welcomed are Southern Methodist vs. North Carolina, and Kentucky or Santa Clara against the loser of the Baylor-Rice contest.

The New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports association, Sugar Bowl sponsors, will meet today to discuss eligible teams. The association has not announced the teams under consideration but at least one member, Abe Goldberg, is in favor of asking Oklahoma to return.

C O F P INVITED

The College of Pacific's unbeaten and untied eleven from Stockton, Calif., has received invitations to play in the Salad Bowl, Harbor Bowl and Raisin Bowl.

Stanford accepted an invitation to play the University of Hawaii in the Pineapple Bowl. The Indians, beaten by California's Rose Bowl entrant Saturday, defeated the island metropolis eleven in 1946.

Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press

Today a year—Hank Wilson, former Chicago Cub home run king, died.

Three years ago—Illinois won the privilege of representing the western conference in the Rose Bowl, whipping Northwestern, 20-0.

Five years ago—Lieut. Clint Castiberry, ex-Georgia Tech football star, was killed while serving in the armed forces.

Ten years ago—Billy Conn was awarded the Eddie Neil Memorial trophy as boxing's outstanding 1939 competitor.

Dick Wakefield of the Detroit Tigers was the last major league rookie to get 200 hits in his first season — he got them in 1943.

Ninth annual meeting, Western Knights association, Armory, Friday, 25th.

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SEMI-FINAL PREP GRID DATES SET

By The Associated Press

The dates for all the semi-final contests in Oregon's three prep gridiron championships were fixed today: Two of them on Thanksgiving Day, two Friday, and two Saturday.

The Marshfield-La Grande semi-final for the class A championship will be played at La Grande, starting at 8 p. m., Friday night. The other class A battle between Hillsboro and Grant of Portland will be in Portland's Multnomah stadium at 1:30 p. m., Saturday.

Banks and Bandon will meet in the class B playoffs at Forest Grove Thanksgiving morning, at 10 a. m. Malin and Union, the other semi-finalists, will play at Klamath Falls Thanksgiving afternoon, at 1 p. m. Malin defeated Moro, 28-0, Saturday to complete the semi-final B ranks. Bandon defeated Lowell, 18-0. The six-man football playoffs were set for Friday and Saturday. Westport and Mohawk will battle at Astoria Friday night at 8 p. m. and Weston will meet Talent at Central Point Saturday night at 8 p. m.

Gophers, Wolverines Dominate All-Big 10

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (AP)—Co-champion Michigan and third-place Minnesota, with three berths each, monopolized the 1949 All-Big Ten football team selected for the Associated Press by conference coaches today.

Ohio State's Rose Bowl bound Buckeyes, who shared the title with Michigan, took two positions while one spot each went to Wisconsin, Illinois and Northwestern. Iowa, Purdue and Indiana failed to place in the No. 1 lineup.

There was not a single unanimous choice, although Michigan's Halfback Charles Ortmann and Wisconsin's bawling Bob Wilson, converted from center to end this season, missed by one coach each.

Minnesota placed three linemen, two of them—End Bud Grant and Tackle Leo Nomellini—being repeatees from last year's AP honor team along with Michigan's 33-year-old tackle, Al Wistert.

The third Gopher honored was 240-pound center Clayton Tonne-maker, who advanced from second team rating in 1948. Michigan's third all-star was Guard Lloyd Heneveld, who dominated widespread voting at that position. Rounding out a 216-pound line at the other guard was Ohio's Jack Lininger, normally a center but rated too valuable to be left off the first team.

Don Burson, accurate-passing strategist of Northwestern, was named quarterback in a close scrap with Ohio's Pandolf Savic. Rounding out a comparatively light, but high-powered backfield with Burson and Ortmann were Johnny

Karas of Illinois, only sophomore on the honor team, and Ohio State's Gerry Krahl.

Karas, heavily back of the group at 185 pounds, established a conference season ground-gaining record of 732 yards in seven games and was hailed as the finest Illinois back since Red Grange.

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HANK GREENBERG GETS FREE HAND

CLEVELAND, Nov. 22 (AP)—Baseball novice Ellis W. Ryan opened business as the Cleveland Indians' new president today by giving Hank Greenberg a free hand in player transactions.

Then he added: "Some new deals must be made" to strengthen the club.

Ex-Detroit Tiger slugger Greenberg was signed to a three-year contract as general manager of the American league baseball club yesterday shortly after the team was sold to Ryan and other Cleveland fans.

Under the Bill Veeck regime just closed, Greenberg was vice presi-

dent and ran the Indians' farm system.

"Hank and I will work as a team," said Ryan. "But I don't want him to feel that his hands will be tied."

"Greenberg has a fine record with the Indians and we are happy to have him with us. I understand the club never had a farm system of this magnitude until he helped develop it."

A newcomer to baseball, Ryan also has been promised help from Veeck, the man he succeeded as president.

He said Veeck will accompany him to the major and minor league meetings at New York and Baltimore,

respectively, next month, helping out with his trade know-how.

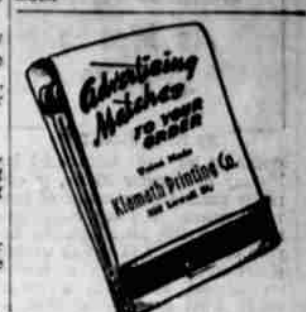
In taking over the tribe, the new owners acquired 40 players on the Indian roster, about 400 farmhands, and League park, onetime site for Indians' games.

A poll of 105 major college football teams shows that almost half are using the two-platoon system of substitution.

Ty Cobb, in 24 years of major league play, compiled a life time batting average of .367.

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