

# Bonuses May Be Sliced

## Propose Limit At \$6000

BY RALPH RODEN  
NEW YORK (AP) — Payment of fancy \$100,000 bonuses to untried youngsters to sign with major league baseball clubs may be sharply curtailed in 1953.

Major and minor league clubs, at their joint December meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., will be asked to vote on a proposed new bonus rule that would limit such payments to \$6,000.

The new proposal follows the shelling out of vast sums by major league clubs on green talent during the past several years. During the past 18 months, for instance, the Boston Red Sox spent some \$400,000 for high school and college stars.

**HIGH PAID**  
Two of the highest bonus players are pitchers Paul Pettit and Billy Joe Davidson. Pettit, property of Pittsburgh, received an estimated \$100,000. Davidson reportedly received \$120,000 for casting his lot with Cleveland. Neither has yet made the majors.

The new proposal was drawn up yesterday by a special recommendation committee of the game's Major-Minor Executive Council. Committee members and the council met in Commissioner Ford Frick's office here. Afterwards they declined to say what was discussed, but it was learned that the bonus was the main topic of discussion.

**PROVISIONS**  
The new proposal provides:  
1. Each major league club owner would agree—in a sort of "gentlemen's agreement"—not to offer a bonus exceeding \$6,000 to any player.  
2. Violation of this agreement would subject the transgressor to a year's suspension, a \$500 fine and loss of the player.

3. Minor league clubs would enter into a similar agreement with \$6,000 as the ceiling for open classification, triple and double A loops, \$4,000 for double A and \$3,000 for B, C and D organizations.  
4. All bonus players regardless of the amount they received, would be subject to unrestricted draft or not called up to their major league club within one calendar month.  
5. Clubs would be forbidden to make special payments to parents, friends, relatives or agents in forms of cash, homes or automobiles.

## Trojans Defense Leader

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Unbeaten Southern California and UCLA rank one-two in defensive football play in the Pacific Coast Conference at this stage of the season.

Statistics issued by the conference Wednesday show that USC leads in total defense, permitting foes but 1,055 yards and a game average of 175.8 in gains.

The Trojans lead in passing defense, 417 yards and an average of 69.3.

UCLA is second in total defense, with 1,387 yards and 231.1 per game, and is first in rushing defense, 572 yards and 95.3.

Thus the UCLA game with California shapes up as an offensive defensive duel, because California leads in rushing and total offense, yards and averaged 305 yards per game. Their total offense, coupled with a No. 8 position in passing offense, is 2,343 yards and an average of 390.5.

California has thrown but 60 passes, completed 26 and gained 610 yards.

Washington leads in passing, thanks to Don Heinrich, with 92 completions out of 181 throws for 1,233 yards and an average of 203.3 per game.

**Wheeler Site Of Dog Trials**  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The National Field Trials Club Wednesday announced the national free-for-all field and derby trials will be held this winter at Wheeler, in Northwest Alabama.

The event, second ranking test for bird dogs, had been conducted for the past 18 years at Shuquak, Minn.

J. Goode, secretary of the National Club, said drawings will be held at Courtland, Ala., Jan. 25. The trials usually last about a week.

The free-for-all championship was won last season by Warhoo Jake, pointer owned by Dr. H. S. Longford of Mount Holly, N. J.

**TODAY A YEAR AGO** — Tennessee was in first place in the Associated Press football poll.

**FIVE YEAR AGO** — General Manager Leslie O'Connor of the Chicago White Sox was suspended by Commissioner A. B. Chandler for failing to pay a \$500 fine imposed for signing a high school player.

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**CATCHES**—Capt. Frank McPhee (left) goes both ways for Princeton. Michigan State's Paul Dekker (center) pulls 'em out of the sky. Art DeCarlo makes circus catches for Georgia. They are among the superior college ends.

## Video Problem May be Top Job

BY JOE REICHLER  
NEW YORK (AP) — President Walter O'Malley of the Brooklyn Dodgers is of the opinion that the television problem, rather than the bonus controversy, will be the No. 1 job for the major league owners at the annual winter meetings in Phoenix, Ariz., in December.

"We would like to televise our road games next year," O'Malley said. "In order to do that, I must get permission from the seven other clubs in the league. Sometime ago I wrote to all these clubs. Up to now, not one has given me the desired permission."

Despite capturing the National League pennant with what has been called the best team ever to represent Brooklyn, the Dodgers' home attendance was approximately 800,000 below their record year. "I took a seven-game World Series to put Brooklyn in the black," declared O'Malley.

Contrary to earlier reports, Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox slugger now stationed with the Marines in

Puerto Rico, declared he fully expects to resume his baseball career after his discharge in October, 1953. "A man 34 or 35 years old, who has spent two years out of baseball as I am doing, can hardly come back and show the same effectiveness," he was quoted as saying. "But I expect to try a comeback. If I find I have lost the touch I will retire. I don't want any other position than that of a player."

Trade rumors are flying around again thick and fast. The most logical one involved the Dodgers and Braves with Brooklyn giving up first baseman Gil Hodges, infielder Bobby Morgan and a pitcher for Warren Spahn and first baseman Earl Torgerson. Dodger Manager Charlie Dressen admitted he was seeking a starting lefthanded pitcher and did not deny that the Dodgers and Braves had been in a huddle since the World Series.

Who is the hardest hitter in baseball today? "Mickey Mantle of the Yankees," says General Manager

Charley Gehringer of the Detroit Tigers. "I believe he hits harder than Babe Ruth or Ted Williams. He is the greatest switch hitter I ever saw."

## Pels Plan Grid Fire

A giant bonfire rally will be held before Friday night's Klamath Falls - Grants Pass football game.

The rally will open with a horn-toting parade starting on the west end of Main street. The parade will end on Kit Carson Way where a huge bonfire will be touched off.

Anyone with old tires, magazines, newspapers, cardboard or wooden boxes are asked to call 2-0601 and leave their name and address. Pick-up will be made sometime Friday.

The bonfire is set for 6:30 p.m. Kickoff time is 8 p.m.

## Grid Player Files Suit

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Peter Schultz, an all-city tackle at Miami High School in 1950, has filed suit asking \$25,000 from the State Board of Control for injuries received in football practice at the University of Florida and cancellation of his scholarship.

The suit filed in Circuit Court Tuesday asks \$10,000 for "breach of scholarship agreement" and \$25,000 as a result of the University of Florida's alleged failure to provide proper physical examination or medical attention after the accident that injured his back.

The suit said he was injured during a practice scrimmage on Nov. 15, 1951 when other players "pushed and threw him to the ground with such force that his back was injured."

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## Hoag Is Back Of The Week

NEW YORK (AP) — Charlie Hoag, slashing Kansas halfback whose one-man offensive display dazzled Southern Methodist last Saturday, Wednesday was named the Associated Press' back of the week.

Hoag, the greatest ground-gainer in Kansas history and one of the best all-around athletes in football this year, had the Mustangs going around in circles as he ran for one touchdown, passed for another and was the key man in two more scoring drives in Kansas' 26-0 victory.

**MAIN REASON**  
Hoag was, in fact, the main reason Kansas gained the No. 9 spot in the AP poll after dropping from the top ten last week.

Hoag's all-around one-man show overshadowed the efforts of four fine quarterbacks, Jack Scarbath of Maryland, Tom Yewic of Michigan State, Dal Samuels of Purdue and Worth Lutz of Duke.

Another top candidate for back of the week was Jimmy Sears of Southern California, whose explosive 69-yard touchdown run after catching a punt was the key play in USC's 10-0 upset of California.

**GOOD DAY**  
Another Coast performer, Bill Sutz of UCLA, had a good day as he caught a UCLA pass for one touchdown and intercepted a Wisconsin pass for another score in the Uclans' 20-7 triumph over Wisconsin.

Others nominated included: Paul Cameron, UCLA; Johnny Olaszewski, California; Del Ray Campbell, Utah State; Don Peterson, Utah.

## SPORTS in BRIEF

**GENERAL**  
HARRISBURG, Pa.—The United States civilian team broke Mexico's domination of international competition at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show with a perfect ride to win the pair jumping event.

**GOLF**  
ADELAIDE, Australia — Lloyd Mangrum, Niles, Ill., won Adelaide Advertiser 1,000 pounds tournament with a two-round total of 137, eleven under par.

**FINEHURST, N. C.** — Tom Robbins, U. S. Senior golf champion, beat Al Ulmer, 7 and 5, in first round of North and South Seniors Invitation tourney.

**RACING**  
SAN MATEO, Calif. — Checkout (\$480) won two-length victory in feature at Tanforan.

**FIGHTS**  
By The Associated Press  
LOS ANGELES — Ramon Feuntes, 148, Los Angeles, stopped Johnny LaBroi, 149 1/2, Chicago, 7.  
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Jack Nelson, 185, Salt Lake City, stopped Grant Butcher, 194, San Francisco, 10.  
NEWARK, N. J. — George Johnson, 152 1/2, Trenton, stopped Victor Suarez, 153, Havana, 6.

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## McElhenny Pro Leader

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Two National Football League rookies lead the pro loop in ground gaining and passing.

Hugh McElhenny, the San Francisco line crusher, moved from second to first place in the rushing department, according to official NFL statistics released Wednesday.

The 49-er flash, who moved into the pro ranks after starring with the University of Washington in the Pacific Coast Conference, has gained 427 yards on 43 attempts, a brilliant average of 10.2 yards per carry.

Eddie Price, the New York Giants' pigskin-lugger, who is defending the ground gaining crown he captured a year ago, dropped to second with 358 yards, ten better than Joe Perry, another San Francisco star.

## Michigan State Tops Rushers With 467.6

Jose was cut to 305.5 against 301.2. Oklahoma and Tulsa are next with 294.8 and 294.4 respectively. California was held to 119 yards by Southern California, its smallest one-game ground output since Stanford held it to 107 in 1946.

In passing, things reached a degree of normalcy as Fordham, tossing 96 times in its first two games, threw only 21 against Boston College for 103 yards.

**RAMS LEAD**  
The Rams, who have lost all NEW YORK (AP) — Michigan State, Maryland and Oklahoma undefeated powerhouse terrorizing opponents in and out of their geographical sectors, are three of the five major college teams still "hitting 400" — averaging 400 or more yards gained a game.

Michigan State, polishing off an unbeaten Eastern team for the second straight week, racked up 495 yards against Penn State and stands atop the total offense column with 467.6 yards a game, according to statistics released Wednesday by the NCAA Service Bureau.

San Jose State, idle last Saturday in second with 455.8, Oklahoma third with 434.8, Maryland fourth with 430.3 and Tulsa fifth with 412.4.

**KEEP FIRST**  
In rushing, California kept first place despite its poorest day in six years, but its margin over San three of their games, still lead with a 229.7-yard average, but Illinois, with 211.8 in five, Washington, with 205.5 in six, and Michigan State, with 202.0 in five, are now within reach. These are the only teams

above the 200-yard level. Most attempts have been made by Washington, 181, and Oregon, 174, but the most habitual passing teams have been Fordham, throwing 39 a game, Holy Cross, 32.8, and Washington, 30.2.

**HUSKIES TOP**  
Washington's 92 completions lead that category and the 59.2 completion average boasted by Illinois is best among the leaders. However, Utah has 61.8 (63 out of 102) and Princeton 61.5 (59 out of 94).

Cleanest passing record, however, is Duke's. The unbeaten Blue Devils are the only team in the country completely avoiding interception, and their 28 completions in 53 attempts have produced nine touchdowns.

Most envious of Duke probably is Oregon, which has had 23 of its tosses intercepted.

## McCarty May Be Benched for WSC

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Idaho will be at full strength Saturday for the Vandals' Pacific Coast Conference football collision. How ever, Utah has 61.8 (63 out of 102) and Princeton 61.5 (59 out of 94).

Curman said only center George McCarty was still on the injury list and may not see action against Idaho's longtime Palouse rival. McCarty suffered a throat injury in the Santa Clara game last week.

Tuesday's practice session featured a scrimmage between the Idaho varsity and fresh teams. The Idaho frosh will play the WSO yearlings Friday.

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