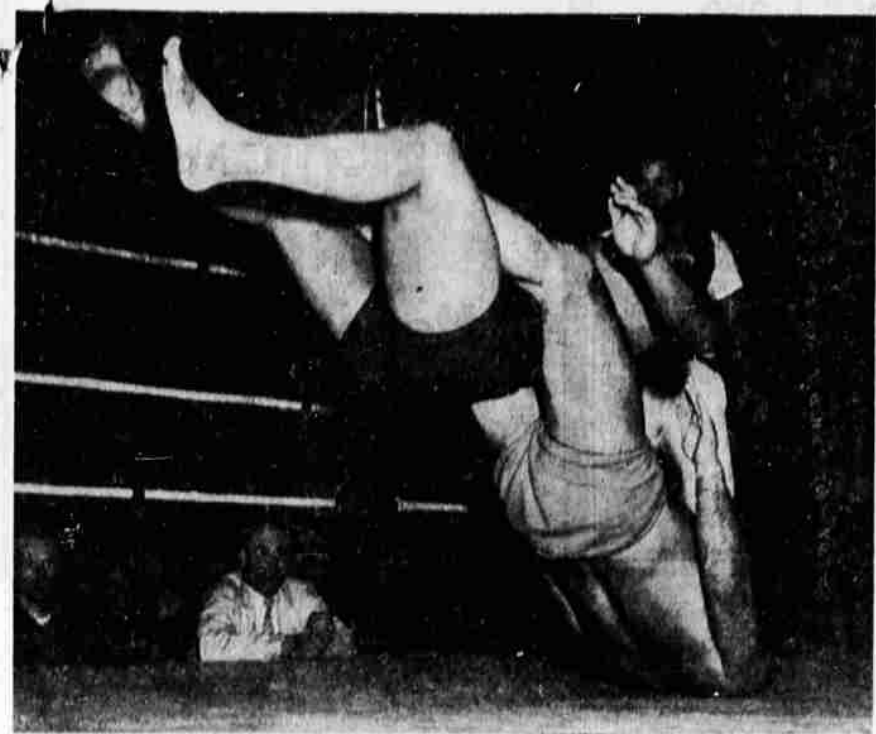




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Bruins, Trojans Ease Up

LOS ANGELES (U.P.) — The football teams at Southern California and UCLA eased down a bit in workouts today and, barring the unforeseen, will go into their Pacific Coast Conference championship game in Memorial Coliseum Saturday in near-perfect condition.

The possibility that Southern California's great tackle, Bob Van Doren, may not be able to play cast a pall of gloom in the Trojan camp. Dr. Willis L. Jacobus, team physician, said Van Doren has not progressed satisfactorily from a mild concussion suffered in last week's game against Washington.

"It is quite doubtful whether he will be ready by Saturday," said Dr. Jacobus. "X-rays and brain wave tests showed no serious injury, but the big defensive tackle has been complaining of headaches all week."

EVEN UP
The battle, with the winner heading on to Pasadena and the Rose Bowl engagement with the Big Ten representative, still shapes up as an even struggle between a pair of teams unbowed and untied in eight games apiece.

It either has an advantage, it is Southern California's greater reserve strength.

The UCLA coach, Red Sanders, while conceding nothing to the Trojans, either on offense or defense, did admit this:

"Well, they do have more football players than we do."

An injury in the game to one of Sanders' starters, say halfback Paul Cameron or blocking back Lewis Williams, or linebacker Dennis Moonaw, would work an extreme hardship.

Trojan coach Jess Hill conceivably would not be harmed too much by injuries. There isn't much to choose between his first and second platoons on either offense or defense.

PROBLEMS
One of Hill's problems, it would appear, has been deciding which of his various combinations in the backfield might be the most effective. He has about five fullbacks, headed by Jimmy Sears.

The game, to be witnessed by millions of television fans and a sellout crowd of 101,043 on the scene, will feature a duel between 187-pound Sears, No. 32 for the Trojans, and rangy, 180-pound Cameron, No. 34.

Cameron has completed 30 out of 80 throws for 429 yards and eight touchdowns, with three interceptions. He has gained 150 yards in the 60 times he's run with the ball.

Sears has completed 30 out of 80 throws for 328 yards and seven touchdowns, and four have been intercepted. He has a rushing gain of 298 yards in 103 tries.

Retriever Trials Open
WELDON SPRING, Mo. (U.P.) — A field listing 32 of the nation's top retrievers, including the 1951 champion, takes to the brush Thursday to open the four-day national championship retriever trial.

All the entries are winners, advancing to the national from regional tests throughout the nation.

But the ranking leader in the four of the August A. Busch Memorial Wildlife area here is the 1951 champion, Ready Always of Mar-ianhill, a golden retriever owned by Mahlon B. Wallace of St. Louis.

The national usually consists of 12 land and water tests, with an extra series on the final day if needed to determine a winner.

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Oklahoma To Stay In Big 7

NORMAN, Okla. (U.P.) — Oklahoma's brief flirtation with post-season football appeared to be a dead affair Thursday with bowl fever cooled by the team, university president and regents chairman.

The formal end to the strange episode was expected to come the same way it started—at a meeting of the Board of Regents.

The official attitude was that a New Year's Day game, like the Orange Bowl which had an invitation ready, would be nice—

TOO HIGH

But not at the price of disciplinary action by the Big Seven Conference for violating its ban on post-season athletics, or severing ties with the loop altogether.

The 24-hour bowl binge, touched off by a student demonstration Tuesday night, reached its climax Wednesday when the decision was dumped into the player's laps.

REFUSED

The Sooners, No. 5 in the AP poll, voted to accept a bowl bid but only if the Big Seven relaxed its restrictions, which it refused to do a week ago.

Players balked at taking action which would jeopardize, or even end relations with the conference, and thus have far-reaching effect on every school sport.

Heart Attack, Fatal To Ex-Fighter

VANCOUVER, B. C. (U.P.) — Hector McDonald, 43, who fought as a boxer in the United States and Canada in the 1920's, died Wednesday of a heart attack.

McDonald, a one-time pal of Jimmy McLarin, who later became a world welterweight champion, turned to refereeing after he quit the ring. He died in the ring—slumping to the canvas at Vancouver College just after giving a lecture on clean living.

He fought a number of fights in Seattle in the Wildcat Carter era, although he never fought Carter. Friends said he also appeared on several Madison Square Garden Cards.

Sala, Olson Mix Tonight

SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.) — Larruping Lee Sala, a converted southpaw who has stopped 48 of his 74 opponents, pits his punching power against superior boxer Carl (Bobo) Olson here Thursday night in a 10-rounder, bringing together two of the top ranking middleweights of the country.

The winner figures to be close in line for a shot at Sugar Ray Robinson's crown. There is some talk that Sugar Ray, who made his debut recently as a night club solo dancer, may hang up the gloves. In such an event, both Sala and Sala expect to be in the scramble for the vacated title.

A decision win for either undoubtedly will establish the foremost contender.

PROSPERITY
It's been roughly 20 years since the noble science enjoyed its last big prosperity here. Back in 1931-32, when the apple sellers stood in every block, Jim London, the Golden Greek, packed them into the Garden week after week and the police had to fight off the overflow.

Then all of a sudden something happened. The crowds quit coming, and Jim and all his colorful fellows disappeared into the shadows.

It has long been taken for granted that razzing would never come back to the Garden. The customers of another generation might have fallen for the histrionics of the big, puny fellows, but their sons had long since caught wise. It goes to show how wrong you can be.

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LOOK ALIKES. Julio Boros (left) frequently is mistaken for James Mason (right), the British actor. Boros of the Mid Pines, N. C., Golf Club played his part well winning the United States Open and Chicago Tam O'Shanter World Championships and more than \$37,000 to be the Professional Golfer-of-the-Year.



Nations' Top Teams Boast Rigid Defense

NEW YORK (U.P.) — Football fans who have been grieving about the over-emphasis on offense in football can take heart by comparing the list of four unbeaten teams and the best teams on defense.

Here's what they'll find:

Michigan State, top ranked team in the country, has the best defense against rushing with an average of 87.3 yards per game.

Georgia Tech, No. 2, has the best total defense against both rushing and passing with a figure of 166.8 yards per game.

UCLA and Southern California, ranked third and fourth respectively, are tops, with Oklahoma, in pass interceptions and also have yielded the fewest points per game.

The fans crowding Los Angeles Coliseum and watching over their television sets will see two crack pass defenses in Saturdays UCLA-Southern California duel.

UCLA has picked off 35 opposition passers, tops in the country, and USC's stalwart defensive platoon has grabbed 25 for a tie with Oklahoma for second. Southern California, incidentally, has scored seven of its 33 touchdowns on pass interceptions.

When it comes to scoring, Southern Cal has given up 3.3 points per game, and UCLA 5.1. Georgia Tech, the only team which has yet to yield a touchdown on a pass, has a 4.8 average.

Although Des Koch of Southern California has the best individual punting average in the country, the best team average per game belongs to Colorado with 42.3. That's exactly a yard better than Southern Cal's 41.8.

Whitney Ford Mustered Out

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J. (U.P.) — Edward "Whitney" Ford, the rookie pitcher who had a big hand in the New York Yankees' 1950 pennant push, was mustered out of the Army Wednesday.

Ford, just turned 24, left the Signal Corps center here for his home in Jackson Heights, N. Y., where his wife, Joan, and eight-month-old daughter, Sally Ann, were waiting for him.

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