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NEA All-America OFFENSE

- JOHN OLSZEWSKI, California, FB
- JACK SCARBATH, Maryland, QB
- BILLY VESSELS, Oklahoma, HB
- PAUL CAMERON, UCLA, HB
- BERNIE FLOWERS, Purdue, RE
- OLIE SPENCER, Kansas, RT
- JOHN MICHELS, Tennessee, RG
- TOM CATLIN, Oklahoma, C
- ELMER WILLHOITE, So. California, RG
- STEVE MEILINGER, Kentucky, LE
- HAL MILLER, Ga. Tech, RT

NEA All-America DEFENSE

- JIM SEARS, So. California, HB
- JOHN LATTNER, Notre Dame, HB
- GEORGE MORRIS, Ga. Tech, LB
- DICK TAMBURO, Michigan St. LB
- FRANK MCPHEE, Princeton, RE
- TOM SCOTT, Virginia, LE
- DONN MOOMAW, UCLA, RT
- STEVE EISENHAEUER, Navy, RG
- HARLEY SEWELL, Texas, LG
- DICK MODZELEWSKI, Maryland, LT
- LOWELL PERRY, Michigan, Safety

Willhoite, Cameron, Olszewski, Sears, Moomaw on NEA All-America Team

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK (NEA)—Since this department inaugurated the two-division All-America football team three years ago, it has been said that the supply of players greatly exceeded the demand, even with the positions doubled to 22.

If the selectors were naming 222, there wouldn't be enough places to satisfy everybody. The unit plan has swelled the number of college football players to more than 29,000. What we really should do is name kick-off and punting platoons and their receiving counterparts, extra-point men and what-not, the way a lot of coaches employ them. That would make so many more young men happy.

Not a few ask what an All-America ever, but this is for sure—nobody else will succeed in making it unpopular with the fans.

And it is amazing how the electorate agrees on the first team men, so here's the 1952 NEA All-America, picked by the country's coaches and sports writers:

OFFENSE

Ends—Steve Meilinger, Kentucky, 212; and Bernie Flowers, Purdue, 195.

Tackles—Hal Miller, Georgia Tech, 225; and Olie Spencer, Kansas, 230.

Guards—John Michels, Tennessee, 190; and Elmer Willhoite, Southern California, 215.

Center—Tom Catlin, Oklahoma, 195.

Quarterback—Jack Scarbath, Maryland, 185.

Halfbacks—Paul Cameron, UCLA, 195; and Billy Vessels, Oklahoma, 185.

Fullback—Johnny Olszewski, California, 200.

DEFENSE

Ends—Frank McPhee, Princeton, 200; and Tom Scott, Virginia, 210.

Tackles—Dick Modzelewski, Maryland, 235; and Donn Moomaw, UCLA, 225.

Guards—Harley Sewell, Texas, 210; and Steve Eisenhaeuer, Navy, 200.

Linebackers—Dick Tamburo, Michigan State, 200; and George Morris, Georgia Tech, 210.

Halfbacks—Jim Sears, Southern California, 165; and Johnny Lattner, Notre Dame, 185.

Safety—Lowell Perry, Michigan, 180.

Also John Ryan, receiver of most of the passes, along with Rex Smith?

Devoting an entire page to the NEA All-America teams for which we are extremely grateful, Editor George Carmack of The Houston Press comments:

"We are delighted that you put J. D. Kimmel of the University of Houston on your second team. 'I know you get letters by the hundreds concerning your picks, but I am a typical fan who dares you to show a better defensive linebacker in the United States than Kimmel.'

WATCH GARR
"Houston also had Paul Carr, as good a linebacker as I have ever seen. He will be a senior next year, and you really should keep your eye on him.

"You will deduce from this that I think Houston had a great team. It did. I don't think there was a better defense in the country. It was also the fastest team I ever saw."

Despite the fact that football is well within the platoon era, the first of the slick-paper magazines to come out with an All-America sticks to the outmoded custom of selecting just one team.

PROOF

Proof that this tends to stress tackling linemen is the fact that six of its seven a-e primarily defensive men. Three of the backs are strictly attackers. The fourth is best known for getting over real estate with the ball tucked under his arm.

I repeat that the supply of players exceeds the demand even with the positions doubled to 22.

If the selectors were naming 222, there wouldn't be enough places to satisfy everybody.

But nobody will ever succeed in making All-America teams unpopular with the customers.

Beefs Always Follow All-America Naming

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK (NEA)—Walter Camp launched the All-America business in 1889, and there have been dissenting votes ever since.

After the All-America squads come the All-American squawk.

This one from Harry E. Kidd is typical.

"I don't know whether a guy is nuts to try picking an All-America team but I guess if you are nuts it might help," writes Sports Editor of The Daily Gazette of Sterling, Ill. "Perhaps I'm nuts, but I don't go in for all-star picks. 'You hurt too many boys,' who because of circumstances are not named, I realize you cannot name them all, but I'd rather pass it all up than hurt just one, and in a nation-wide pick, you certainly hurt plenty of them.

"Besides, many people are ready to cut your heart out.

SLIGHTED

"Personally, I was interested in Max Schmaling, Purdue linebacker from Sterling, Ind. Midwest newspapers and commentators repeatedly said he had not received the publicity he deserved.

"Going into Purdue's final game with Indiana, Schmaling was third in Big Ten yardage, but one yard short of Ted Kress, Michigan halfback, at 443 to 442. He has been a workhorse.

"Schmaling from the start was billed as being of All-America caliber, being up to the billing despite the fact that he was not given the opportunity to score when he repeatedly carried the ball to within the 10 and even the five-yard mark.

UNFAIR

"I'm not even honorable mention. How unfair can a picker be?"

"How about Tom O'Connell, Illinois Quarterback, who broke Western Conference passing marks?"

Champion Thesz Throwback To Days of Gotch, Hackenschmidt

By MURRAY OLDERMAN
NEA Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK (NEA)—Ed Lewis, wrestling's contribution to the fables of the Golden 20s, turned prophet after a routine workout in a St. Louis gymnasium some 18 years ago.

"A black-haired Greek kid just asked me to teach him a few tricks," said the Stranger to his good friend, veteran sports editor Ed Wray. "He's thin and awkward and not very strong. Doesn't know too much. But some day this kid's going to be a champion of the world."

Today Lou Thesz is. He matured to a robust, ample 235-pounder. Wrestling champs are as prolific as panel programs but Thesz is the undisputed best, in an era of freaks, perfumed and marcelled groiners and hair-clutchers.

Lou is one of the few who plays it fairly straight, like Verne Gagne of Minneapolis.

"You could have wrestled with anybody—the Goiches and the Hackenschmidts, Stanislaus Zbyszko, even the old Stanislaus Kaitera, the hardest runner on the mighty Michigan State squad, were added and abetted by magnificent outfits and numbers.

In this day of specialists it is interesting to note that 10 of the 22 first-string men are two-way performers—Catlin, Willhoite, Sears, Perry and at times Vessels and Tamburo.

Meilinger and Cameron are the only juniors on the first offensive team, Lattner on the defensive side.

Meilinger switched from end to split-T quarterback and is regarded as the most formidable all-round player in college. The towering Kentucky deserves special attention for being picked ahead of such tremendous ends as Texas' Stocker, Pennsylvania's Ed Bell, Notre Dame's Bob O'Neill, not to mention Paul Dekker of Michigan State and some more.

UCLA would have little more than an extraordinary defense without Cameron.

Some may take issue with Olszewski, because of Cal's slump, but the NEA operatives elected him by as wide a margin as our linebackers, Tamburo and Morris, so we've placed the UCLA giant at defensive tackle, where he wouldn't exactly crimp any array's style.

Injuries that spelled time out contributed as much as anything else to the fact that such merited combatants as Joe Schmidt, Pittsburgh linebacker, and Al Brosky, Illinois safety man, missed first team plagues.

You don't realize just how many good football players there are in the United States until you start picking an All-America.

But careful screening has given NEA one All-American that can eat up a lot of real estate and another thoroughly capable of hanging on to it.

Madison Square Garden. The 19,000-plus more than doubled. Like combined turnouts of the previous two boxing cards in the Garden.

Boxing has been severely criticized, and in many cases rightfully so," admits Lewis, "but you can't deny its success.

"It has a conscience. It's kept the hoodlums and gamblers out. (Note: water may not be an impulse to wager on an alleged sure thing).

"It also has a soul. During Thanksgiving week, members of the National Wrestling Alliance gave 25 per cent of their gross receipts to Leader Dogs for the Blind of Rochester, Mich."

For the individual, wrestling's not so bad either. Men like Thesz and Gagne drag in about \$100,000 a year.

Toole High For Beavers In OSC Win

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon State and Oregon opened the new basketball season here Monday night with a non-conference overtime game won by the Beavers 72-68.

Officials declared the game tied 63-63 at the end of the regular period after the question was raised whether Oregon forward Ed Halberg's shot cleared the basket before the final gun sounded. Halberg was credited with a single point and the game went into overtime.

OSC added nine points to Oregon's five in the extra five minutes.

Oregon State led 37-35 at the halftime.

Tony Vlastelica, transfer from Grays Harbor Junior College, who is expected to lead the OSC scoring attack, was unable to find the bucket.

Oregon center Chet Noe led the scoring with 17 points. Guard Bill Toole was high for the Beavers with 13.

Michigan State Tops Final AP Grid Poll

BY ED CORRIGAN
NEW YORK (AP)—Michigan State, the only four-platoon team in the land, today reigned as the nation's No. 1 college football team.

Biggie Munn's devastating Spartans, with a 24-game winning streak behind them, captured first place in the final Associated Press poll of the season by a wide margin.

"It is very doubtful whether we will be as good. You can't lose 19 key men and expect very much."

Michigan State will receive the O'Donnell Trophy, awarded each year to the team that takes No. 1 spot in the final poll.

"This is the first such honor for Michigan State and I am thrilled," said Munn. "The honor really belongs to the players and assistant coaches on my staff. The Father O'Donnell Trophy is one we will cherish forever."



BIGGIE MUNN
... his Spartans reign

Rooks Win; Carroll Hits 11 Points

PORTLAND (AP)—Wade (Swede) Halbrook, who won almost every high school scoring record last season, led the Oregon State Rooks to a 47-58 victory over the Oregon Frogs here Monday night.

The former star of Portland's Lincoln High School—he is 7-foot, 11-inch tall—didn't hit his usual scoring stride until the second half.

He sank 12 field goals and two free throws for a total of 26 points.

Jerry Crimmins, who played for Milton-Freewater High School last season, scored 14 points for the Rooks. He holds the state prep single game scoring record of 73 points. Another high scorer for the Rooks was Ralph Carroll of Klamath Falls with 11 points.

Leading scorer for the Frogs was Jerry Ross with 19 points. Don Porter of McMinnville was next with 10.

The Rooks led 24-20 at the half.

Cruze Returns To Vols

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Kyle (Buddy) Cruze, Knoxville, Ky. athlete whose enrollment at Southern Methodist University last fall caused indignant outcries in Tennessee, has deserted the SMU campus.

The fleet, 193-pound football end and basketball player failed to return for classes Monday after spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Knoxville.

Cruze's roommate, Rex Dunlap of Dallas, said the Knoxville athlete had telephoned him and indicated he planned to enroll at the University of Tennessee, which he attended last summer.

Cruze is the son of a Knoxville attorney and a former member of the University of Tennessee's football team.

Others receiving votes: Virginia, Navy, Penn State (1), Villanova, Minnesota, Holy Cross, Houston, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, California, Missouri, Pittsburgh, Mississippi State, Yale, Rice, Mississippi Southern, Michigan.

SPORTS in BRIEF

By The Associated Press FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP)—Michigan State, victor in 24 straight games, took the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press' final poll to win the O'Donnell Trophy, emblematic of the mythical Collegiate football championship.

BASEBALL

PHOENIX—In the smallest player draft since 1945, baseball major leaguers picked only 11 minor league players for \$120,000.

PHOENIX—Birdie Tebbetts was named manager of Indianapolis and Harry Craft manager of the Kansas City club, both of the American Association, Mayo Smith was appointed manager of the Birmingham club of the Southern Association.

RACING

BOWIE, Md.—Skol (\$28,000) won the featured race at Bowie as jockey Tony Desposito booted home only one winner in eight mounts to raise his nation-leading total to 364.

Majors Pick 11 Players

By JOE REICHLER
PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Major leagues Monday selected 11 players from the minors in the annual draft, their lowest total since 1940, when they chose only 10 players.

The total cash outlay was only \$130,000.

Three players were selected from the Pacific Coast League for the \$15,000 price, three from the International League, three from the American Association, one from the Southern Association, and one from the Texas League.

The Pittsburgh Pirates drafted the most players, three, the only club to pluck more than one player.

Other clubs to draft players included Detroit, St. Louis Browns, Cincinnati Reds, Chicago Cubs, Washington Senators and Philadelphia Athletics. Seven clubs passed up the draft altogether.

The Pirates picked Pitcher Bob Hall from Seattle; the Red Sox took second baseman Johnny Merson from Hollywood and Washington got catcher Les Peden from Los Angeles.

Irish Shift Irks Olivar

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Coaches Jess Hill of Southern California and Bud Wilkinson of Oklahoma and Bill Wilkinson of Oklahoma have rapped the Notre Dame shift as an evasion of the spirit of the rules, and Yale's head man, Jordan Olivar, now joins the chorus.

The teams of Hill and Wilkinson lost to the Fighting Irish, but Olivar's club did not face them, Sullivan told the Football Writers' Association Monday that he would resist the shift if it were pulled against my team. It isn't part of football; it's just a trick in which a team is not gaining a fair five yards."

Southern California drew a five-yard penalty against Notre Dame last Saturday that gave the Irish a first down on the four on the "nucker shift," and Don Clark, Southern Cal's assistant line coach, claims the Irish wouldn't have scored except for the penalty, requiring four downs to go across.

Junior Bowl Teams Named

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Undefeated Harnett Junior College of Salinas, Calif., was named Monday to represent the West in the seventh annual Junior Rose Bowl game.

Harnett will meet Beacon Junior College of Muskogee, Okla., the East's representative, in the Rose Bowl here Dec. 13.

Both teams were selected by the sponsoring Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Harnett, champions of the Coast Conference of Junior Colleges, has a 10-0 record for the season and has scored 260 points to 58 for its opponents. A big team, its line averages 290 pounds, backs about 180.

It's the first team from Northern California to represent the West in the inter-sectional. All others have been from Southern California.

Harnett got the nod over El Camino JC and Compton JC, two local teams that have both been defeated once.

Now It's Official

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It will surprise nobody that the University of Southern California has been voted as the Pacific Coast Conference football team for the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena against the Big Ten's Wisconsin.

POCC Commissioner Victor O. Schmidt announced the selection Monday after a telegraphic vote by faculty representatives. The vote was understood to be unanimous.

The Trojans were considered the certain choice after their 14-12 win over UCLA on Nov. 22. UCLA best Wisconsin earlier in the season, 20-7. The Badgers have an overall season record of six: two, and one, while USC won nine and lost only to Notre Dame, 9-0.

LaStarza Cuts Eye in Victory

BROOKLYN (AP)—Roland LaStarza (AP) won moodily ahead to at least two months of inactivity because of a cut right eye and an injured hand.

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Mountaineers Win Again

NAMPA, Idaho (AP)—Northwest Nazarene College, playing its second game of the winter basketball season, suffered its second defeat Monday, bowing 67-63 to Eastern Oregon College of Education.

High scorer for the game was Eastern Oregon's 6 foot, 5 inch center, sophomore Bob Adrian, with 25. The Nazarene's top scorer was Guard Myron Finkbeiner with 18.

OPGA Sets Date For Oregon Open

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Professional Golfers' Association Monday tentatively scheduled the 1953 Oregon Open tournament for May 4-6 and the Pacific Northwest Open for Aug. 3-5.

The tournaments will be held at Portland area clubs to be selected later.

Eddie Hogan, professional at Portland's Riverside Club, was elected to his third consecutive terms as OPGA president.

CHAPL HILL, N. C. (AP)—The football future of Carl Snavely, the University of North Carolina's head coach, may be decided when the school's athletic council meets here Tuesday night.

The status of the veteran grid mentor has been undecided since late in the 1951 campaign, with reports of his ouster or resignation gaining strength during this year's losing Tar Heel performances.

The UNC football forces went through an 11-game losing string, longest in the school's history, this year and last.

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