

California Alumni Pressuring Waldorf

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEW YORK (NEA) — If the National Collegiate Athletic Association believes it has stamped out pressure football, its committee on rule infractions might take a look out California way.

It is there that Lynn Waldorf is sinking in the Southern Seas, which is the nom de plume of a Golden Bears Southern California alumni organization of 40 members.

The wolves really started howling when Oregon outlasted the

Berkeley Bruins after they had been repulsed by Oklahoma and Ohio State.

Coach Waldorf, it is reliably reported, was told to beat either Southern California or UCLA or be fired. The latter would call for his being paid off on the two remaining years of a three-year contract.

SEEKING
If they really are seeking rule violations, the NCAA investigators could dig into a case much less promising than that of Ronnie Knox. The latter youngster is the most widely publicized back in the far west without ever having played a college game.

Young Knox, reputed to be a superior passer, was switched from one southern California high school to another until an adult stepfather found a coach with patterns to please his pride and joy.

It was the Southern Seas who sent Knox to California to spearhead the trouble for Waldorf. It didn't take more than spring practice to convince Stepanko that Waldorf and his aides would not do right by his boy.

Away went passer Knox to UCLA, the newest switch costing him a year of eligibility.

A spokesman for the Southern Seas is quoted as saying that after he moved to Westwood, Knox indicated he again might change his mind and return north.

"We told the California coaches that a telephone call would bring Knox back to Berkeley," the quote goes. "The call never was made."

Among the charges against poor Waldorf is that California is making no attempt to check the flow of southern California talent to Southern California and UCLA, a good share of which formerly wound up in Berkeley.

DIFFICULT
"We find it difficult," a Los Angeles spokesman asserts, "to tell a player what he can expect at California. He finds the coaching staff unwilling or unable to follow through."

The Southern Seas contend that Waldorf and his assistants don't precisely see things alike.

Waldorf has been criticized by Ed Manske, a long time assistant now in business in San Francisco. Old Blue and Golds have taken potshots at the head man.

A check of the players found them as confused as they appeared in the heat of combat. The line was to blame. The backs were at fault. The backs and line combined had gotten nowhere. There was no spirit. Nobody had tried. There was so much spirit that mistakes were made through over-zealousness. The anxiety was nothing but the normal disturbance of a losing team.

The last analysis told the story in a sentence.

California was suffering the normal aches and pains of an institution playing pressure football with a losing team.

in BRIEF
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FOOTBALL
NEW YORK — Ohio State replaced Oklahoma as the No. 1 team in the weekly Associated Press poll.

GOLF
FORT WORTH, Tex. — Betsy Rawls of Spartanburg, S. C., fired a 4-under-par 71 to capture medal honors in women's Texas Open tournament.

RACING
SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Wee Willie Shoemaker finished first with four of his six mounts, including Double Reigh (\$250) in the feature at Tanforan. He was disqualified out of another first place.

Grants Pass Driver Entered In Road Race
MEXICO CITY (U.P.) — The entry list for Mexico's fifth annual road race, longest in the world, promises to be only half or last year's record 201. So far only 103 cars have been entered for the 1968 mile race to be held Nov. 19-23.

Of the 10 entries in the big sports class, four are Ferraris. One of them is scheduled to be driven by Protiro Rubirosa, who placed at Sebring last spring. Two Kurtiss Krafts are entered, one by Robert Christie of Grants Pass, Ore., who drove a Ford last year, and the other by Jack Ensey of Indianapolis, who piloted a Kurtiss Kraft in 1953.

BOWLING SCORES

FRATERNAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Eagles	21	7
Morning Fresh	18	12
U. S. National	16	14
Elks "A"	15	15
Sons of Italy "A"	14	16
K of C	13	17
Sears Roebuck	12	18
Riles Candy	11	19
Griggs Foods	10	20
Moose	9	21
Elks "B"	8	22

Last night's results:
Moose 2, Elks "B" 1
Griggs 2, Sears 1
Elks "B" 2, Bates 1
Sons "A" 2, Sons "B" 1
Eagles 4, K of C 0
Morning Fresh 2, U.S. National 2

First place Eagles continued to roll fast and furious in the Fraternal League in last night's action as they collected the high game and series scores to top team play at Lucky Lanes.

Their team high game was 970 pins, while they also rolled the second high game with their 943 score. Series totals included Eagles' 2924 and the U.S. National's 2902. Third high game went to Sons of Italy "A" with a 934 total.

Al Hakenwerth had the high individual series lead with his three line total of 602, while the high individual game honor went to Mel Robinson with a 225 score. Runner-up series laurels were taken by Ugy Maziar with a 587 pin score, and a 217 rolled by Mel Douglas took second high game position.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Oregon Tech	18	10
Weyerhaeuser	18	10
V. F. W.	18	10
Griggs Foods	16	12
Ellington Lbr.	16	12
Ricks	14	14
Shelton Rustlers	12	16
Pepsi Cola	12	16
Calhoun	12	16
Superior Troy	12	16
Carl's Meats	9	19
Great Northern	8	22

Last night's results:
Superior Troy 4, Carl's 0
Ellington 2, Great Northern 2
Oregon Tech 4, Ricks 0
V. F. W. 2, Calhoun 0
Griggs 4, Pepsi Cola 0
Weyerhaeuser 1, Stukel 2

Vinnie DeCarlo, Al Williams Score KO Wins

KENNEWICK, Wash. (U.P.) — Vinnie DeCarlo, 151, Seattle, and Tiger Al Williams, 151, Los Angeles, made quick work of their opponents in scheduled six-round main events of a boxing card here Tuesday night.

DeCarlo toyed with Sammy Bohn, 156, through the first round and put the stopper on the Spokane boxer in the second. Williams went four rounds before stopping Oscar Gould, 152, Spokane.

Other bouts:
George Molter, 158, Seattle, outpointed Bill Huff, 153, Spokane, 4.
Gary Lynch, 135, Seattle outpointed Craig Keifer 137, Spokane, 4.

Freddie Brown, 191, Seattle, stopped Joe Thomas, 190, Pittsburgh, 4.

Nevada Back Leads Rushing
TUCSON, Ariz. (U.P.) — There are a few football coaches around the West and Southwest who wish Arizona's Art Luppino had stuck to his first love—baseball.

The 19-year-old sophomore tailback of the University of Arizona Wildcats enrolled at Arizona because of the school's baseball program.

But he turned out for football. And if he keeps going the way he has, he'll probably shatter one or two national collegiate records.

Luppino—the name means "Little Wolf" in Italian—leads the nation in rushing with 713 yards in five games. He's scored 15 touchdowns and kicked 10 extra points for 100 points—also high in national rankings.

The national rushing record is 1,570 yards for a 10-game season, set in 1948 by Fred Went of Texas Western. The national scoring record is 197 points set by Bobby Reynolds of Nebraska in 1950. Reynolds and Wilford (Whizzer) White of Arizona State at Tempe each scored 22 touchdowns for a national standard in 1950.

Art ran for 218 yards and four touchdowns against New Mexico A&M. He picked up 117 and five against Utah, 178 and three against Idaho and 106 and three against New Mexico, Colorado, the only team to beat the Wildcats this year, kept him from scoring. He gained 84 yards in that game.

American League Club Owners To Decide On A's

PHILADELPHIA (U.P.) — Barring unforeseen developments, today marks the final hours of the Black baseball dynasty—a half century of Philadelphia Athletics ownership by Cornelius J. McGillicuddy.

Tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. the owners of the other seven American League clubs gather in New York to vote on sale of the A's stock to an eight-man Philadelphia syndicate.

BESTOWED
If their vote is favorable—and Arnold Johnson notwithstanding, there appears little chance it will be otherwise—the only Mack contact with the Athletics will be a one-ninth share in the club retained by son Roy Mack, and the title of honorary president bestowed on Connie Mack Sr.

Johnson, Chicago businessman who "almost" bought the A's earlier this month and then lost out to the Philadelphia group, announced yesterday he planned to attend the league owners meeting in New York tomorrow and stated he was "still interested in buying the Philadelphia franchise for transfer to Kansas City."

However, League President Will Harridge, in announcing the meeting, said the owners would consider the sale of the franchise to the Philadelphia syndicate. He made no mention of Johnson.

Whether Johnson will make an effort to be heard at the New

York session—and whether such an effort would be successful—will have to wait until tomorrow for answers.

DESTINED
The general feeling in Philadelphia last night was that the long, hard struggle was nearly over, with the Athletics destined to remain in the city where they were first fielded as an American League entry by Connie Mack at the turn of the century.

If the owners approve the sale to the syndicate, there will remain only the formality of exchanging the syndicate's cash for the A's stock.

Connie Sr. will be handed—probably at a meeting in Philadelphia Friday—\$604,000 for his 328 shares. Another son, Earle, is to get \$45,000 for his 128 shares, and Roy will receive \$200,000 cash and retain a one-ninth interest in the club.

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Branca Looking For Work

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (U.P.) — There was an item on the sports page the other day which said that Ralph Branca, at 28 years of age, had been waived out of the big leagues, a washed-up pitcher who didn't know which way to turn next. Immediately three pictures came to mind of this tragic young athlete who only a few years ago appeared destined for greatness.

In the first picture he was sitting all alone on the Brooklyn Dodgers bench, a brilliant but nervous kid of 21, waiting to start the first game of the 1947 Series against the New York Yankees. He had won 21 games during the season and was, perhaps, Manager Burt Shotton's logical choice to face the Bombers in the opener.

ORDEAL
But just sitting there and waiting while his teammates took their pregame practice obviously was an ordeal for the dark, intense youngster. A reporter, we recall, commented quietly that he doubted Branca would get two balls over the plate. He was wrong, though.

The kid got it over and the Yankees raked him up. In all, he pitched 2 1/3 innings in the Series and was ganged for 12 hits and 8 earned runs.

Some might say that the experience burned itself into Branca's mind, and they could be right, for he never again was to be quite the pitcher he had been at 21. The most games he ever won after that was 14 the following year, and by 1951, when he threw the most famous gopher pitch in baseball history to Bobby Thomson of the Giants, his won-lost mark was down to 13-12.

MIRACULOUSLY
The second vivid picture that comes back to do, of course, with that fatal pitch which the big fellow delivered in relief. The Giants, just miraculously catapulted into the World Series on Thomson's blow into the stands, were indulging in a maudlin scene around home plate. We recall watching the stricken pitcher stuff his glove into his hip pocket and bow his head and slowly begin the long, long walk out to the Polo Grounds dressing room.

The third picture was the night of the annual baseball writers show only a few months later, and the ballroom of a local hotel was filled to the highest level with figures of the national game. And suddenly there in the spotlight on the big stage were both Branca and the man who had laid him low, Thomson. You never heard such a commotion as went up, most of it out of sincere admiration for the boy from Brooklyn.

Branca sang his lament in a good tenor voice, with scarcely a quiver, and Thomson, the hero of the skill, thanked him in kind for having tossed up exactly the ball he wanted. It was easily the highlight of the show, and there were some misty eyes around a previously jolly gathering when the last note of the duet had died.

EXPRESSED
The incident about convinced the baseball world that Branca had the heart of a lion, just for having shown up nothing else, and we heard the belief expressed more than once later in a long night that he finally was ready to take up again where he had started four years before.

But it wasn't to be. The next year there was arm trouble and Branca got into only 16 games. Two seasons ago, in '53, Manager Charlie Dressen permitted him to work in only seven innings before he gave up on him for good, and in July of that summer Branca was waived out of the National League. Detroit took a chance on him, then the Yankees. But now Branca, who should be right at the peak of a great career, is looking for a job again.

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49ers Backs Top Rushing Department

PHILADELPHIA (U.P.) — Two hard running San Francisco backs—Hugh McElhenry and Joe Perry—are battling for the ground gaining leadership, while Los Angeles' great passing ace, Norman V. Brocklin, tops the passers in the National Football League.

The latest league statistics show McElhenry has wrested first place in the running department from teammate Perry as the league heads into its sixth week of the campaign.

McElhenry, former University of Washington All American, who finished seventh among the ball carriers last year, has gained 437 yards on 52 carries, an average of 8.8 per run. Perry is second with 407 yards on 63 attempts, an average of 6.5. Floyd (Breezy) Reid of Green Bay held on to third place with 311 yards, followed by the third of San Francisco's devastating trio, John Johnson, with 294.

Van Brocklin maintained his passing leadership, although he is being pressed by the veteran Otto Graham of Cleveland. Van Brocklin has a 10.7 yard average gain. He has thrown 124, completed 69 for 1,331 yards and six touchdowns. His percentage of completions is 55.6. Graham has an average of 9.4 yards with 93 throws, 61 completed, 876 yards and eight touchdowns.

Van Brocklin tops the punters with a 46.6 average, followed by Pat Brady, Pittsburgh, 45.4, and Jug Girard, Detroit, 45.

Ben Martin, assistant football coach at Navy, is a former Middle star. He played in every Navy game from 1942 through 1944 as either halfback or end.

Every swimming record for the Texas A.A.U. outdoor championships was broken this year in both the men's and women's divisions.

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