

Oregon Tech In Bremerton

Uclans Favored By Grid Picker

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK (AP)—If the geography experts ever remap the United States they will have to include a wide canyon, running from coast to coast and from border to border. It will be identified as Upset Gulch.

It will be partly filled with football forecasters and teams who can't keep up with the facts in this oh me, oh my season.

LOWEST
Last week this corn had 31 correct calls and 22 wrong for a .587 average, the lowest percentage ever registered during 11 years of picking supposed winners. The season's figures are 197 right, 85 wrong for .695.

A's Fate Seems Befuddled

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP)—Oddsmakers were reported at a late hour still to be offering 24 points, or the equivalent of three touchdowns and a field goal, that no one could prophesy what the American League club owners would do about the franchise of the ambulant Philadelphia Athletics at their scheduled meeting here today.

BEFUDDLED
It could happen, of course, that the befuddled magnates will have pulled themselves together and made a firm decision of some kind almost by the time this reaches print, but the odds plainly were against anything as simple as that.

To the lay fan, the choice might look like a fairly simple one. They either could approve the sale of the A's to eight Philadelphia businessmen who wished to keep the broken-down club in that city, or they could insist that the buyer be Arnold Johnson, who wants to give Kansas City a big league club, if that is the proper designation.

But that, unfortunately, seems to be only a piece of the badly muddled picture.

COMPLICATION
The seemingly insurmountable complication lay in the fact that the seven other clubs were almost solidly in favor of moving the A's to Kansas City. The only active dissenter has been Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators. The Old Fox's plan that the shift of the A's out West would automatically transfer Baltimore in to an Eastern club and give him tough competition from only 30 miles away is considered shortsighted by most of his colleagues.

The other clubs, including the New York Yankees, who own the minor league franchise at Kansas City, are convinced that if they do not get the Athletics out of Philadelphia now they are courting disaster. They are ready to believe Johnson when he predicts that the team would not draw 300,000 fans to Shibe Park next season after all that has happened. So far as civic pride is concerned, they know by now that it doesn't pay player salaries.

Del Flanagan Rates Saxton Over Harper

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—"Maurice Harper is a good welterweight prospect, but champion Johnny Saxton will beat him because Harper doesn't have enough experience."

That's the way Del Flanagan, of St. Paul, the world's No. 2 contender, sized up Harper after he dropped a 10-round split decision to the little known boxer in their nationally televised fight last night.

Harper, of Oakland, Calif., weighed 140½, Flanagan 150.

Flanagan declared Saxton, the newly crowned champion, before he won the crown.

Last night's fight was not thrilling. The two clinched, wrestled and butted many times. There were no knockdowns and neither boy was in trouble or suffered any damage.

Here are this week's picks:
Ohio State over Northwestern; Northwestern has nobody, but nobody to compare with Howard (Hopalong) Cassidy.

Oklahoma over Colorado: John Bayuk, Colorado's famed fullback, will find that Oklahoma line too tough.

UCLA over California: Too much Uclan power but Paul Larsen of the Bears may keep it from becoming a rout.

Arkansas over Texas A&M: But with full warning that many strange things have happened under a Texas moon and this game is a night affair.

LONG WAY
Army over Virginia: The Cadets have come a long way since dropping that South Carolina opener.

Notre Dame over Navy: The first odds this week had Navy a 12-point favorite but off their games with Pittsburgh, the Irish are 35 points better than the Middies.

West Virginia over Pittsburgh: The all-winning Mountaineers meet their second test of the season—and it could be tough.

Iowa over Wisconsin: The Hawkeyes, by statistics, have the best pass defense in the land. They are the pick in the belief they can also stop Alan (The Horse) Ameche.

Penn State over Penn: Your television attraction, in which the defeated Penn Staters start with their comeback.

Skipper over the others without comment.

FRIDAY
George Washington over Richmond, Marquette over Detroit, Denver over New Mexico, Wofford over Citadel.

SATURDAY
EAST: Boston College over Xavier, Boston University over Bucknell, Cornell over Columbia, Harvard over Ohio University, Brown over Lehigh, Colgate over Princeton, Rutgers over Temple, Holy Cross over Syracuse, Yale over Dartmouth.

MIDWEST: Purdue over Illinois, Michigan over Indiana, Iowa State over Drake, Kansas State over Kansas, Michigan State over Minnesota, Missouri over Nebraska, Oklahoma A&M over Tulsa, Houston over Wichita.

SOUTH: Miami (Fla.) over Fordham, Mississippi over Louisiana Duke over Georgia Tech, Auburn over Tulane, Florida over Mississippi State, Kentucky over Villanova, North Carolina State over Furman, Maryland over South Carolina, Tennessee over North Carolina, Florida State over Virginia Military, Virginia Tech over William & Mary, Wake Forest over Clemson.

SOUTHWEST: Texas Christian over Baylor, Texas over Southern Methodist.

PACIFIC WEST: Cincinnati over College of Pacific, Montana over Colorado A&M, Montana State over Idaho State, Southern California over Oregon State, Stanford over Washington State, Brigham Young over Utah State, Utah over Idaho, Oregon over Washington.

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Proper Forward Pass Said Hard To Defend

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor
NEW YORK (NEA)—Bob Zuppke believes that many college coaches have overlooked the fact that all games are won on defense.

Zup is speaking about the ability to tackle effectively and defend against forward passes.

"The teams that have a strong defense, notably Wisconsin in college competition and the Detroit Lions in the professional ranks, are leaders in their fields," points out the fabulous Dutchman, who coached Illinois for so many years.

CREDITABLE
The highly creditable defense Wisconsin carried into the big one at Ohio State is traced to spring practice. Ivy Williamson is reported to have spent most of the 30 days allotted by the Big Ten to defense.

While the Badgers' defense is excellent, Coach Williamson stresses that "there is no defense against a pass properly thrown to a good receiver."

For example, have you ever tried to figure what to do against an end who runs straight for the sideline and takes a pass over his head? To get in front of the end, the defender would be out of bounds. Trailing him gets the defender precisely nowhere if the pass is thrown high over the receiver's head.

Superior receivers are fine actors. They must decoy defenders off balance and have a pronounced change of pace because they have to be able to turn on the juice for the final approach. A swift and agile receiver following the pattern properly and taking the ball from an accurate pitcher is next to unstopable.

That's why the pros throw the ball all over the lot.

Abe Martin is more convinced that teams beat themselves.

"Look at our games with Arkansas and Southern California," says Texas Christian's coach. "Against Arkansas, we fumbled and had a poor pass intercepted. We lost, 20-13. Against Southern Cal, we didn't lose the ball a single time and won, 20-7. A team that plays sound ball and doesn't make mistakes is tough to beat on all occasions."

LETDOWN
After the Texas A. and M. score, Coach Martin no doubt agreed with Art Lewis, who, when West Virginia wobbled to a 13-7 victory over George Washington, insisted that he didn't know a coach who could stop his team's letdown after winning an important game.

West Virginia was fresh from wallowing South Carolina, 28-6, while the Gamecocks were still celebrating their 34-20 surprise victory over Army.

"I don't care where you play," Coach Lewis asserted, "high school, college or professional, the week after you win a big game is the week you get bumped off or look bad."

Football is a game of strong emotions.

It's difficult for a coach to keep even hardened professionals "up" week in and week out.

Brought to a pitch for the big one, they'll let off steam like high school and college kids.

It takes a solid jolt to snap them back on their game, and frequently it is costly.

Man of the Year
CLEVELAND (AP)—Bob Avila, the American League's batting champion, was elected the Cleveland Indians' Man of the Year Wednesday night by unanimous vote of the Cleveland chapter of the Baseball Writers Assn. of America.

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Owl '11' Faces Olympic

Oregon Tech's high flying Owls left today for Bremerton, Washington, and a chance to make or break a string of four straight victories should they get by a stubborn Olympic Junior College team tomorrow night.

The Mile High Campus crew have worked their way back on to the ground level after sinking into the basement of the win-loss column early in the season as Coach Rex Hunsaker's gridders have established three straight victories after losing the same in the first three contests of the year.

After taking lickings at the hands of Compton, Boise and West Contra Costa JC, currently ranked 4-5-6 among the nation's top junior college football teams, the Owls have bounced back in spirited fashion and rode to a string of wins over Eastern Oregon, Lower Columbia and last week over the strong Portland State team.

This week's game is a non-conference game, but it is known throughout the state of Washington as the outstanding junior college football game of the season and is being put on by the state's Shrine clubs.

Olympic owns a better season record than the Owls, but they have not played teams such as the three to stop Hunsaker's charges early in the season, as they have compiled three wins against a single loss and one tie in five outings. In conference play, they hold a 3-0-1 record.

This game proves to be another tough one for the Owls if comparative scores mean much, as Olympic has dropped a game to Boise 28-6 while the Owls opened against them losing by a 35-7 margin, giving the Washington JC a six point advantage in comparative figures.

On the other hand, OIT walloped Lower Columbia by a 52-19 score and OJC topped the Red Devils by a 34-13 decision. This comparison gives the Owls the nod by 12 points, indicating that this Friday night's game for the Owls should be an uphill climb all the way.

Leading the Olympic offense against the Owls will be the running of halfbacks Art Bushnell and Dick Mitchell two of the best backs that the Mile High Campus eleven

in BRIEF

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
GOLF
PINEHURST, N.C. — Medallist Tommy Robbins of New York defeated J. H. Ackerman of Princeton, N.J., 5 and 4 in the second round of the North and South Seniors Invitation Tournament.

RACING
NEWMARKET, England—Minstrel, a 66-1 longshot, won the 112th Cambridgehire Handicap in a four-horse photo finish.

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Willie Shoemaker booted home four winners at Tanforan and boosted his season total to 347.

U.S. Hoop Team Victor

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—One upset was recorded and three favorites had battles on their hands before winning in the opening play of the final round of the second World Basketball Tournament.

The United States, represented by the Peoria (Ill.) Caterpillars, won Wednesday night as expected of the tournament choice but met stiff resistance before downing the Philippines 56-43.

France produced the upset by downing Uruguay 57-49.

Brazil had a tough nut to crack

in downing Nationalist China 61-44.

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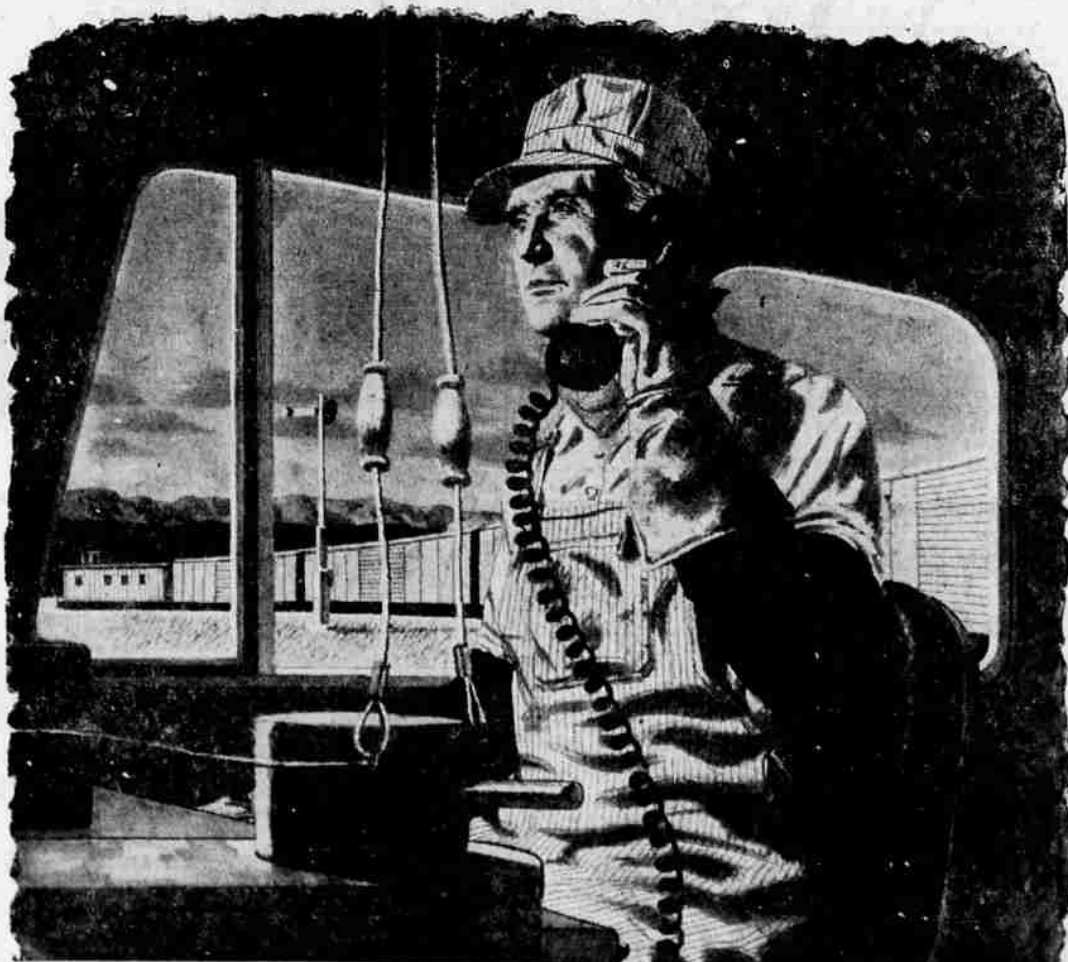
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