

Blaik Pulls Strings Despite Key Injuries

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WEST POINT, N.Y. (NEA) — Army's first string team broke from the huddle with a loud yell and clap of hands.

The noise they made echoed around the campus and then quickly stopped as Pete Vann, the quarterback, hunched over the center and began to call signals.

"Set!" he yelled, and the white-jerseyed defensive team tipped forward, ready to charge.

Vann took the snap from his center and turned his back. Behind him, his black-jerseyed first string line lunged forward on blocking assignments. They grunted as their legs scraped into the scarred practice field turf.

In front of him, now, were the three other backs. To one charging at the line, Vann offered an arm. Then he handed the ball quickly to compact Pat Uebel, who streaked for the right sideline. The fullback had halfback Tommy Bell and guard Ralph Chesnauskas in front of him as he turned the end. Uebel raced straight down the sideline, then careened to the middle of the field where he ran, shoulder to shoulder, with two teammates as the play went for the distance.

But the run didn't enthrall Earl Blaik. The grim-faced Army boss was standing with a group of players behind the play and he faced the sideline, where Bell had just cut the legs from under the defensive halfback with an all-out, pad-smacking, cross-body block.

"Nice blocking, Tommy," he called out. "Nice downfield block."

Then, he said, quietly: "All right, next team. Let's go."

This was the Army coach in action, trying to use every minute on the clock. He's always done it this way — as does every other top coach — but this team under his command needed all the work it could be given.

It is a team which looked flat

Reynolds Suffers Cut On Right Hand

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Allie Reynolds, the big Indian right-hander who reached the major league heights during an eight-year span with the New York Yankees, may have pitched his last baseball game.

A nasty cut on the right index finger added new fuel to retirement rumors which were already persistent because of his age—he'll be 38 in February—and a chronic back ailment. He cut the finger to the bone in a shower room accident last Thursday in Colorado Springs, Colo., following a deer hunt.

With this development, there are three big question marks surrounding his baseball future:

1. Whether the grafting operation performed after the accident will prevent the crippling of his pitching hand.

2. How his back feels in spring training.

3. Success of his oil business, which will determine whether he wants to pitch another year for the \$30,000 or so he can expect to earn.

Reynolds, who has often hinted at retirement the past two years, indicated he won't make his decision until he sees how the cut actually affects his pitching.

against South Carolina, but then came back with a vicious ground-gobbling attack to shock Michigan, Dartmouth and Duke and ram it into a first-five national ranking.

Seemingly from nowhere, Blaik came up with two typical Army teams. Both, here in this practice session, seemed to have all the credentials a West Point team usually carries.

Middie End Gets AP Honor

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Navy's Ron Beagle, a 6-foot, 185-pound end who rocked Notre Dame on defense and ran the Irish ragged with his pass catches in the Middie's 6-0 defeat last Saturday, was named Associated Press Lineman of the Week today.

It was Beagle, a 20-year-old junior from Covington, Ky., who teamed with quarterback George Welsh in a passing attack that perked up the Navy offense and downed the Irish in the third period.

SNARED — Beagle snared a Welsh toss on the Notre Dame six and had an open path to the touchdown, but the slippery field spilled him as he tried to cut after making the catch. Four plays later the Middies fumbled just a foot from the goal and Notre Dame recovered in the end zone.

Beagle's defensive play matched his offensive work and prompted Edward (Moose) Krause, Notre Dame athletic director, to praise him as "one of the best defensive players I've seen this year. Truly an All America."

An outstanding sophomore last year and the only letterman flanker on the 1954 Navy team, Beagle is the second end to be named in the Lineman of the Week series this season. He joins Tennessee's Tom Tracy, named Back of the Week, as the outstanding players in collegiate football last Saturday.

ALL-AROUND — It was Beagle's all-around excellence that gave him the edge over Notre Dame's Sam Palumbo, who made the bruising tackle that ripped the ball loose in the all-important fumble on the Irish goal line, and Steve Delatorre, Florida's 5-foot-11 center and linebacker, who made 12 unassisted tackles against Mississippi State.

Palumbo hit Navy's Bob Craig with such force the ball popped from his grasp and continued into the end zone, where it was pounced on by Ralph Guglielmi for a touchdown.

Delatorre showed up in 27 tackles altogether as Florida defeated Mississippi State and outplayed the Maroons' Hal Easterwood, last week's top lineman.

OTHERS — Other players nominated this week were Jerry Sazio of William and Mary, Roger Hansen of Yale, Carl Allison of Oklahoma, Jack Ellena of UCLA, Johnny Tatum of Texas, Tom Bettis of Purdue, B. C. Inabinet of Clemson, Bob Bartholomew of Wake Forest, Burdette Hess of Idaho, Hal Reeve of Oregon, Earl Smith of Iowa, Franklin Brooks of Georgia Tech, Don Kovach of Virginia, and Jim Pyburn of Auburn.

They raced recklessly across the flood-lit turf. They threw murderous downfield blocks. The ends strained with every step to get under a lead pass. If they couldn't get to it running, they lunged themselves through the air, trying to get it.

Blaik stood quietly, watching closely. He had on a black baseball cap and jacket, grey-flannel baseball pants, black stockings and a pair of golf shoes.

He turned to his teams and moved them to the goal line where he had Chesnauskas, the guard, place kick under fire.

Chesnauskas got off a couple, then a white-shirted defensive player raced in and blocked two in a row.

"Wait a minute," Blaik said, stepping in. "Where is this boy coming from? Wide end, you say? Well, let's see — of course, there you are, Pete," he said to Vann, who was holding the ball. "You're too far back. Move right up — 10 yards behind the ball. There! Now that man can't possibly get at you. He has no angle. All right, let's run it off. Once more."

This time, Chesnauskas kicked it through the uprights easily, and Blaik, the perfectionist, seemed to nod his head.

The workout was coming to a close and over at the field entrance a player, wearing No. 42, was standing, framed against the blinking lights from the gray barracks across the darkened parade ground. He was Bob Kysky, a fabled soph who was hurt in the South Carolina game.

Red Blaik expects him back for Navy.

There was another, a blond husky guy in sweat clothes, standing behind the kicking team. That would be Bob Farris, the extraordinary linebacker who is kept out by an injured retina.

They would have to pass a law against an Army team with these two boys on it.

Calgary Comet Sparks MSC '11'

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A 20-year-old Canadian aply nicknamed the "Calgary Comet" is helping the undefeated Montana State College football team write the best record in the school's history. It is unbeaten in seven games this season.

Harvey Wylie, 165-pound halfback, has already cracked the school's modern scoring record with 88 points this season. He ran back the second half kickoff against Idaho State last Saturday for 100 yards and a touchdown to highlight the Bobcats capture of the Rocky Mountain Conference Football championship for the first time since 1946.

Wylie was the key figure in MSC's two victories this season over Idaho State, champion of the league for the past two years. He scored 49 of his team's 61 points against the Idahoans.

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Joe Ziegler Named As GM Of Bevos

PORTLAND (AP) — The Pacific Coast League Portland Beavers Tuesday named Joseph W. Ziegler, a veteran of nine years in the International League, as general manager succeeding Bill Garbarine.

Clay Brown, president of a Portland group buying the Beaver franchise from George Norgan of Vancouver, B.C., said Ziegler signed a one-year contract. Salary was not announced.

Ziegler served in the business office of the Coast League Sacramento Solons from 1936 to 1942 and after World War II was general manager at Rochester, Toronto and Buffalo in the International League.

TUESDAY'S FIGHTS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Paul Andrews, 184, Buffalo, N.Y., stopped Bo Willis, 184, Miami, 2.

WASHINGTON — Willie Troy, 164 1/2, Washington, stopped Tommy Thompson, 169, Quantico, Va., 6.

CHICAGO — Tommy Maddox, 147, Chicago, stopped Dan Stepunovich, 148, Pittsburgh, 6.

HOLYOKE, Mass. — Earl Dennis, 145, New York, stopped Young Sharkey, 141 1/2, Holyoke, 5.

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Landau, an English colt owned by Queen Elizabeth, is the probable sentimental choice for this 1 1/2-mile grind on the infield grass course. But the customers are expected to slap the heaviest bankrolls on Banassa from France and Fisherman from the United States.

MUSHY Arguments are a dime a dozen around this beautiful tree-lined course, and the fact that heavy rain produced a soft, mushy course doesn't help in trying to pick a winner.

Fisherman, owned by the New York sportsman C. V. Whitney, became an added starter to the race no American horse has been able to win when the King Ranch's High Gun was forced out by a hip injury. He is an old rival of High Gun, who bested him in both the Belmont Stakes and Jockey Club Gold Cup.

Still, Fisherman is one of the top 3-year-olds in this country, and he'll be piloted by Eddie Arcaro, considered our best jockey.

The foreign contingent swings toward Banassa, one overseas visitor going so far as to rate this 4-year-old filly better than Worden II, who won the 1953 International. In fact, this turf expert believes Norman, another French horse, is the equal of Worden, and might produce a 1-2 French finish.

He could be so right, for a year ago Worden was overlooked despite the same talk that has been going around about Banassa. A record Laurel crowd of 31,100 let Worden escape at 15-1, while the 2-1 American favorite Craft Admiral finished 10th and last.

Banassa is owned by Julien Decrion, Paris and Morocco plantation, vineyard and orange orchard owner, and the filly is ridden by 35-year-old Claude Lalanne.

SCRAMBLE But this is the wide-open scramble where anything can and has happened in the first two runnings. Wilwyn, from England, won in 1952, while Arcaro and the U.S. favorite Greek Ship wound up sixth.

So, it wouldn't be surprising if the Queen's black colt, or some other, would romp home.

American has another pretty

solid performer, Stanley Mikell's Brush Brun, who is an excellent performer on a muddy track and is a veteran turf course operator.

The Irish challenger, Lady Bury's Northern Gleam, revels in the muddy going. Another English contender, Frank W. Dennis' King of the Tudors, is liked by others.

Only Landau doesn't relish the soft track, and trainer Noel Murless states frankly Her Majesty's colt "won't like it."

The other European visitors call Landau "glamour boy," because he has received so much attention, and they don't give him much chance of winning.

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