

Unheralded Soph Tailback Paces Arkansas Grid Team

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)—A stocky 21-year-old tailback who supposedly had too many weaknesses for a top caliber Southwest Conference football player is pacesetter for the Arkansas Razorbacks in total offense this year.

The performance of Buddy Benson, a 175-pound sophomore, has been one of the major factors in the Razorbacks' five-game winning streak.

At the start of the season, Benson was picked to run the second unit because of definite weaknesses as a passer and a kicker. Another sophomore, George Walker, got the starting call, and still is running with the first unit.

But the colorful Benson, a fast, elusive runner, is leading Walker in all offensive departments with the exception of punting, in which Walker leads the Southwest Conference with a 42.4 average.

Benson has carried the ball like everyone expected him to, and his passing has surpassed every Arkansas fan's fondest expectations. While trailing Walker as a punter, the little tailback still has a respectable 37.8 average.

The rise of Benson to the status of a college star has been both long and difficult. The 21-year-old tailback was Arkansas' outstanding quarterback at DeQueen.

He won both All-State and All-Southern honors, and later was named as the outstanding player of the annual high school All-Star game at Memphis.

Benson, who wanted to play quarterback on a split "T" team in college, chose to enter the University of Oklahoma in 1952. Shortly before the Sooner Frosh were to play their first game, Benson suffered a broken leg in practice, and never played a minute in a Oklahoma uniform.

Oklahoma had attempted to convert Benson to halfback to take better advantage of his blinding speed, but he wouldn't go along and transferred to Arkansas in 1953.

Under Southwest Conference rules, Benson had to sit out a year, and he spent the 1953 season scrimmaging with the scrubs against the Arkansas varsity.

Last year, Arkansas had one of its all-time great players, Lamar McHan, now of the Chicago Cardinals, at tailback, and everyone expected this year's team to be considerably weaker at the position.

But the play of both Walker and Benson have more than made up for the loss of McHan.

The performance of Benson has been particularly surprising. He never had played the single wing before, and Coach Bowden Wyatt believed that Benson never would be able to pass or kick well enough to help the squad.

However, Benson has worked hard to earn his job, and both his passing and kicking have shown astonishing improvement.

Benson has connected with eight of 13 passes for 176 yards and two touchdowns. That's a completion average of .615.

In total offense, he's accounted for 411 net yards gained and one touchdown, and boasts a rushing average of 4.8 with 235 yards in 48 carries.

Benson reached a high point in Arkansas' 6-0 victory over Ole Miss, which previously had been undefeated. With less than four minutes to play and deep in Arkansas territory, Benson rifled a perfect 35-yard pass to blocking back Preston Carpenter, who scored untouched. The play covered 66 yards.

Benson is majoring in physical education, and probably will try his hand with the professionals when he graduates.

RUSSIA AND U.S.

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Soviet Russia and the United States will shoot it out on the plains of Poligono Coney Blanco. No, it's not a "hot war" but merely the world's rifle championship to be held Nov. 14-29 under the auspices of the International Shooting Union.

Th U.S. is sending a team of 36 marksmen. Russia will have 50 of its top shooters ready.

More than 500 men from 30 nations will be competing for individual and country honors in rifle, pistol, skeet and deer range events.

Two new records were set on opening day at Delaware Park race track this season. The crowd of 19,517 was the largest opening day affair and the \$1,005,198 wagered through the mutual machines topped all previous first day betting records.

SPORTS

Change Of Athletics May Injure Senators

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—Clark Griffith, the aged owner of the Washington Nats, wasn't just being cantankerous when he fought the transfer of the Philadelphia Athletics to Kansas City right down to the bitter end. The "Old Fox" might well have been battling for the very life of his club, and the fact that he lost gives a sad side to the big baseball transaction.

AGGRESSIVE When the 1955 American League season opens, the aggressive Baltimore Orioles will be in business as an Eastern team only 40 easy miles from Washington. It will be a natural alignment, in contrast to last year's silly situation in which the Orioles were members of the Western tier of teams. But it also could prove a mortal blow to the Washington franchise.

For a long time now—longer than baseball people like to recall—the Nats have been able to scrape along under Griffith's penny-pinching policies only because they ran the only wheel in town. It will be different now with the Orioles matching them on home dates and cutting into the television and radio swag, and it will be pure murder the first season the Baltimore owners come up with a contending team.

PROMISES The cut in TV revenue promises to be serious enough right from the start. The Nats are bound to take a substantial whack. The same beer sponsor operates both from Washington and Baltimore, and he cannot reasonably be expected to slip each club its former figure.

League President Will Harridge, determined that the scrapping owners should reach a decision at their meeting here two days ago, overrode Griffith's stormy protest on this angle with the statement that it was a matter for the two teams and the sponsor to thresh out among themselves. The Orioles, now comparatively well healed, probably can afford to shrug it off, but it won't be that simple for the Nats.

UNBEATEN Included in the present West Point average are such items as a 409-yard blast against previously unbeaten Duke last Saturday, 436 against Yale and 344 against Michigan.

Army has more total offense yardage in seven games than the No. 2 team has in eight, 3,174 to Arizona's 3,163. The Cadets' bulge is more modest in rushing, 329.9 to 307.1 for UCLA and 308 for Colorado.

UCLA is tops in scoring, averaging 41.6 points a game. Army is second with 38.6 followed by Arizona 38.3, Wichita 37, Boston U. 33, Miami (Fla.) 31.6, Mississippi 30.4, Cincinnati 29, Denver 29.9 and Navy 29.3.

UCLA took a band in the passing race, knocking Oregon out of first place for the first time in three weeks by holding George Shaw and his mates to 47 yards, allowing only four completions in 15 tries.

YARDAGE That let Purdue take the lead as it raised its yardage per game to 187.9. California is second with 117.6 and Mississippi third with 116.6. Oregon now is fourth with 167.1.

Purdue also has the most touchdowns, 14, but California has a good claim on overall efficiency. The Bears have the most completions, 117, and a completion record of 62.9 per cent—an all-time record if maintained. All this is through the courtesy of Paul Larson, the country's top individual passer. Oregon and Washington have thrown most often, 195 times each.

Jack Maulsby, North Carolina's 22-pound tackle, is the catcher on the Tar Heel baseball team.

Michigan State freshman half-back Glenn Burgett is a real Spartan. He hails from Sparta, Mich.

Duke University assistant football coach Carmen Falcone also coaches the varsity wrestlers.

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College Grid Briefs...

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Offense was the keynote at the Oregon football practice session Tuesday as Coach Len Casanova readied the Ducks for the Pacific Coast Conference game here Saturday with Washington State. Casanova ran the team through an intensive running and passing drill.

SEATTLE (AP)—Scrimmages are out at the University of Washington for the balance of the 1954 football season.

Coach Johnny Cherberg, who has lost the equivalent of an entire football team through injuries, and scholastic and other difficulties, said Tuesday he doesn't want to risk losing additional players on the practice field.

"We reserve the right to change our mind," the coach said, "but right now we feel the squad has thinned down to a point where we can't take chances."

Washington plays Southern California at Los Angeles Saturday and ends its season against its traditional foe, Washington State, Nov. 2.

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—Coach Al Kircher drilled the Washington State Cougars in pass defense Tuesday to prepare them for the aerial game expected from Oregon in their Pacific Coast Conference football meeting at Eugene Saturday.

Quarterback Bob Iverson suffered a concussion in last week's game with Michigan State and Frank Sarno and Duke Washington, still are recovering from injuries received in earlier contests.

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—The Idaho Vandals, hopeful of their third straight football win in Saturday's game here with North Dakota, took to the practice field Tuesday despite a heavy rain.

Coach Skip Stanley, who guided the team to upset victories over Washington State and Utah, ran his charges through a pass offense drill with a wet ball.

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Joe Perry Passes M'Elhenny

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Joe Perry has replaced his injured teammate, Hugh McElhenny, as the top ground gainer, and Philadelphia's Bobby Thomson is challenging Norman Van Brocklin for passing honors, the latest National Football League statistics disclosed Wednesday.

Perry, defending ground gaining champion, has gained 570 yards in 85 attempts for an average of 6.7 yards per carry. Paul Younger, Los Angeles Rams' ball carrying ace, is second with 523 yards on 87 efforts for a six yard average.

McElhenny, who suffered a shoulder separation last week and probably is out for the season, held third place with his eight yard average compiled on 515 yards gained in 64 runs.

Van Brocklin, who connected with 16 of 18 passes to help the Rams defeat San Francisco Sunday, held on to his passing lead with a 10.9 per cent average. The Rams star has thrown 163, completed 94 for 1,791 yards and 9 touchdowns. Thomson ousted Otto Graham from second place with an 8.7 average compiled on 52 completions for 97 passes, 852 yards gained and 9 TDs. Graham is third with 83 of 136 for 1,138 yards, 10 TDs and an 8.4 average.

Danny Williams, West Virginia University fullback, is president of the senior class.

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FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS KANSAS CITY — Willie Troy, 162 1/2, outpointed Jesse Turner, 159 1/2, St. Louis, 10.

MIAMI BEACH Fla. — Bobby Woods, 135, Spokane stopped Armando Lopez, 138, Havana, 7.

DETROIT — Carlo Sarlo 147 1/2, Chicago outpointed Alan Kennedy 147, Bay City, Mich., 6.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 129 Torreon Mexico outpointed Forest Mathis, 134, Tucson, Ariz., 10.

SEATTLE — Vinnie DeCarlo, 157, Seattle, stopped Ray Louis 158 Los Angeles, 3.

HOLYOKE, Mass. — Calvin Davis, 147, New York, outpointed Barry Allison 145 Westover AFB 8.

POITTSVILLE, Pa. — Bob Provizzi, 161, Freehold, Pa., outpointed Joe DiGuardia, 166 1/2, New York 8.

BIRMINGHAM, England — Bobby Dawson, 159, Moultrie, Ga., stopped Abe Quarry 159 1/2, Africa Gold Coast 3.

BIRMINGHAM, England — Les Allen, 162, England, outpointed Giulio Rossi, 164 1/2, Italy 8.

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IBC Accused Of Holding Monopoly

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government was set to try Wednesday to convince the Supreme Court that two major boxing clubs and two big names in fight promotion are involved in an illegal conspiracy to violate the antitrust laws.

What the government is seeking is a Supreme Court ruling against the International Boxing Clubs of New York and Illinois, Madison Square Garden, James D. Norris, head of the New York and Chicago boxing clubs, and Arthur M. Wirtz, who shares ownership of the Chicago Stadium and its subsidiary.

The boxing people base their case chiefly on the legal "barrier of state decisions," which courts sometimes set up to disturb settled matters.

The "settled matter" cited in this case is the relationship of professional baseball to the nation's antitrust laws. Last November, the Supreme Court ruled that baseball does not come under the antitrust laws.

The crux of the argument involves television. The government maintains at least 25 per cent of boxing income—and in some cases more than 50 per cent—come from rights to put on nationwide television shows. This, the Justice Department argues, puts boxing squarely in interstate commerce.

More so than baseball, the lawyers reply. They argue baseball collects 10 times as much from TV and radio as does boxing.

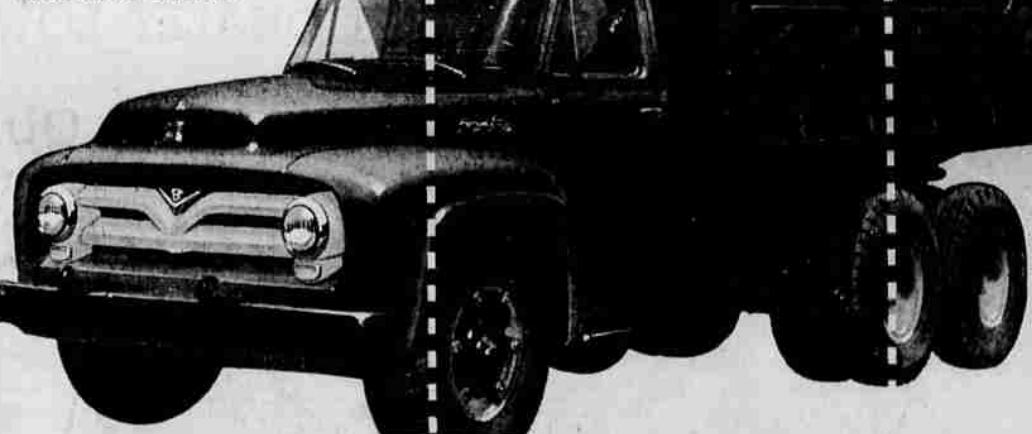
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