

Defensive Mark Set By Bruins

LOS ANGELES (U) — The UCLA Bruins, Pacific Coast Conference football champions who scored 264 points against their nine opponents, set a conference statistical record this season defensively.

Coach Red Sanders' undefeated and untied Bruins allowed opponents an average of just 73.3 yards rushing per game. They finished their 1954 state by holding the University of Southern California's vaunted ground attack to a puny 5 yards net.

IMPROVE

Although Southern California, with a game remaining against Notre Dame, might improve some of the marks, UCLA heads the conference in every statistical department except pass offense and pass defense.

California established another conference record by compiling a 61 per cent pass accuracy record, a mark which also eclipsed the national record of 57.5 per cent set by Illinois in 1952.

LIMITING

Oregon heads the pass defense department, limiting foes to an average of 91.9 yards per game. Oregon's George Shaw leads the nation in total offense with 1,336 yards, 286.4; kickoff returns, 20-2; pass interceptions, 26; and punting, 37.4.

UCLA fullback Bob Davenport and Oregon halfback Dick James share the scoring honors, each with 66 points.

Jim Hanifan, California end, posted the second-highest total in conference history to take the pass receiving title with 569 yards on 44 receptions. He scored seven touchdowns. Bill Tarr of Stanford topped the rushers with 729 yards. Jim Withrow of Oregon State led in punting with 40.5.

Joe Perry Holds Lead Over Gridders

PHILADELPHIA (U) — Joe Perry, of the San Francisco 49ers has taken a commanding lead in his quest for a second straight National Football League rushing crown as his nearest competitor, Paul Younger of the Los Angeles Rams, rode the bench with injuries last weekend.

Perry has gained 778 yards in his first nine games this season for an average of 86.4 per game, according to statistics released by the League Wednesday.

The former Compton Junior College back, who gained 1018 yards last season, is averaging about nine yards per game than Steve Van Buren, former Philadelphia Eagles star, when he set the league rushing record of 1146 yards in 1949.

Younger, who has gained 610 yards, is followed by John H. Johnson, of the 49ers, with 552. The injured Hugh McElhenry, of the 49ers, who has missed two games, is fourth with 515 and Eddie Price, of the New York Giants holds fifth spot with 450.

The Rams' Norm Van Brocklin held onto top spot among the league's passers. He has averaged 10.15 yards per pass and has tossed for 10 touchdowns. Jack Scarbath, of the Washington Redskins, is second among the passers with an average gain of 8.70 yards, with Detroit's Tom Dublinski third at 8.12, followed by Bobby Layne, of Detroit, 8.00, and Otto Graham, Cleveland, 8.06.

Pat Brady, Pittsburgh, and Tom Landry, New York, moved into a tie for punting honors with 43.8 yard averages. Van Brocklin, the pace setter for several weeks in this department, is close behind at 43.5 yards.

PGA Announces Record Schedule

CHICAGO (U) — A record-setting \$250,000 winter schedule including two new tournaments was announced Wednesday by the Professional Golfers' Assn.

The tour will open with the new \$25,000 Pan American Open at Inglewood, Calif., Jan. 2-6, and continue through the Masters at Augusta, Ga., April 7.

A \$17,000 increase over the previous year makes the purses the highest in PGA history. In addition to the Pan American, there is the new \$12,500 Miami Beach Open and two returning events after a year's absence.

They are the \$10,000 Tucson Open, Feb. 10-13, and the \$12,500 St. Petersburg Open, March 17-20.

The Bing Crosby Invitational, Jan. 20-23 has been upped from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The Phoenix Open, Feb. 24, will also be \$15,000 instead of \$10,000.

Both the Baton Rouge Open, Mar. 3-6, and the Azalea Open, (Wilmington, N.C.) Mar. 31-April 3, have been raised from \$10,000 to \$12,500.

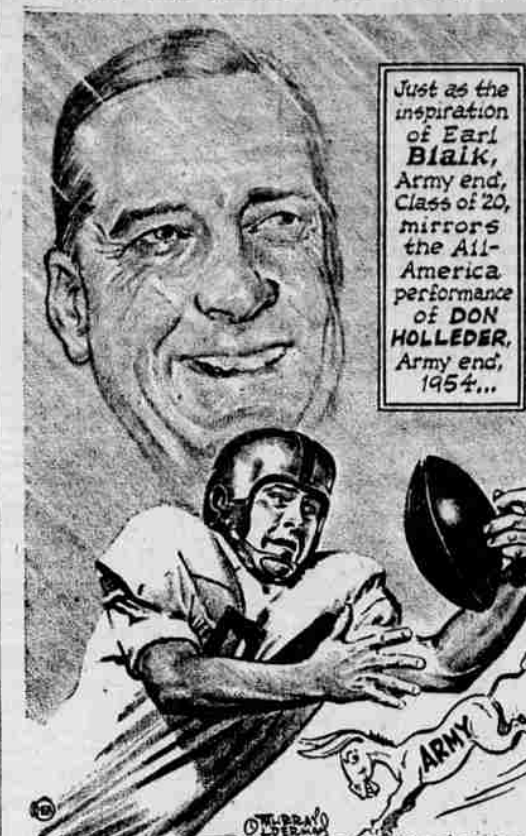
Rounding out the tour are the Convent-San Diego Open, Jan. 20-23, \$15,000; Palm Springs Invitational, Jan. 27-30, \$15,000; Braxley (Calif.) Open, Jan. 27-30, \$5,000; Texas Open, Feb. 17-20, \$12,500; Houston Open, Feb. 24-27, \$20,000; and the Seminole Professional - Amateur, (Palm Beach, Fla.) March 21-22, \$10,000.

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Claassen Picks Irish, Army In Grid Contests

BY HAROLD CLAASSEN

NEW YORK (U) — Saying farewell to the 1954 college football season without too much regret, it was a season of upsets. Perhaps the cockeyed season can best be described by pointing out that four teams qualified for three different New Year's Day bowls last Saturday.

The quartet, won only three games on the final Saturday and the bowlers scored 34 points while having 103 scored against them.

PICKED

Of the 43 games picked last week this corner was correct on 36 and wrong on 7. That's an average of .837. The season's figures are: 24-51 for 724.

The final merry-go-round, Army over Navy. This could be

City League Directors Meet Tonight

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the City League Basketball Association has been called for this evening at the city hall starting at 7:30, according to league president, Everett Metter.

Clearing away final business before the season gets underway is the main job outlined for the board tonight, and all members are urged to attend.

Metter stated that the league is set with four teams already lined up with sponsors and managers. While four other quintets have been organized, but have neither a manager or sponsor. Anyone interested in helping the league this season and will manage or sponsor a group in the league are also asked to be present tonight.

Being that tomorrow is Thanksgiving, Metter stated, there will be no practice sessions at Mills gymnasium for the city leaguers, but practice will probably start again next Tuesday night.

in BRIEF

SPORTS IN BRIEF
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AUTO RACE

JUAREZ, Mexico — Winners of the Pan American road race: Large sports cars, Umberto Maglioli, Italy, Ferrari; Big stock cars Ray Crawford, Pasadena, Calif.; Lincoln; small stock cars, Tommy Dredale, El Paso, Tex.; Dodge; Small sports cars, Hans Hermann, Germany, Porsche and European stock cars, Gonzalvo Sanezi, Italy, Alfa Romeo.

BASEBALL

BROOKLYN — The Brooklyn Dodgers announced that manager Walter Alston will return next year under a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK — Ohio State, Big Ten winner, continued to lead the weekly Associated Press football poll.

RACING

ALBANY, Calif. — Play Possum (\$82.40) took the six-furlong feature at Golden Gate Fields.

BOWLING KNOWS NO AGE

LACROSSE, Wis. — Regular competitors in bowling league play every Monday night in this city are Mrs. Ella Schneberger, 75 years old, and her grandniece Lynell Bailey, 13. Mrs. Schneberger has been bowling for 35 years and has an average of 135.

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Philadelphia Hosts Grid Battle Of Year

By HARRY GRAYSON

NEA sports Editor

PHILADELPHIA (U) — (NEA) — You could start and end a football season at Municipal Stadium, Nov. 27.

That would be, of course, when Army and Navy — both moving along at a thunderous pace — smash into each other before the usual gathering of 102,000 in the vast and gloomy Philadelphia battlepit.

The game itself promises to be, perhaps, one of the very best of the entire series. Army holds a lead, having won 23 to Navy's 23, with four ties. The huge crowd, plus a national television audience reaching into the millions, will get a chance to see if Army can build its lead — or if Navy's Eddie Erdelatz still has the big game magic to beat Red Blaik.

ATTRIBUTED

In four cracks, Coach Erdelatz has come away with three victories, two of which could be attributed in no small measure to the so-called cribbing scandal at West Point. The Cadets won a year ago going away, 20-7.

The sheer talent which runs through the squads makes this a game to see. No college team gets off its mark any quicker than Army and Navy isn't far behind.

On the records, it is tough to pick a winner. Army started slowly with what now appears to be an implausible loss to South Carolina. It came back to slam Michigan in a major surprise and followed up with a shocking victory over Duke. After the opener, there was only one scare, the one-point victory over Virginia.

POWERFUL

Navy swamped Stanford, among others, but was caught in the middle of Pittsburgh's powerful upsurge before being shaded by Notre Dame, against which the Middles fumbled away a touchdown on the goal line. The Sailors were most impressive massacring Duke.

Talent-wise, this edition of the Army-Navy game figures to be a downright war, with the NEA All-America ends, Don Hollender of the Plains and Ron Beagle, showing the way. Their presence alone produces tremendous interest.

The pass — snatching Hollender and Beagle anchor lines which put on a vicious show. Army sends out a first team with three sophomores up front. They are end Art

Johnson, tackle Dick Stephenson and guard Flay Goodwin, forming the left side. On the other side of a senior center, Billy Chance, the Cadets have guard Ralph Chesnauskas, a big bruiser out of Brockton and as tough and rough as Rocky Marciano, and tackle Godwin Ordway and Hollender, the speed boy.

FAKER

The Army backs spin around Pete Vann, the slick faker and devastating passer. Vann's long passes to Hollender have been knockout drops. When not moving back and gives the Soldiers a kicker, Mike Zeigler, Johnny Wing, Pete Lash, Pat Uebel and Dick Murland give Earl Blaik more inside and outside get up and go.

The key to the Army attack, despite this frightening array of backs, is Vann.

Navy's offense, which reached its heights with a 40-point drubbing of Duke and some 60 points rolled up against Columbia, features quarterback George Welsh's passing.

Operating behind Welsh will be a fleet of quick — starting backs, Bill Hepworth, Bob Craig, Jack Garrow, Dick Guest, Joe Gattuso and Johnny Weaver give the Middles striking power. In addition, Navy's fine fullback and captain, Phil Monahan, is healthy for the first time this season.

CAPTAIN

Monahan will be the only captain in action. Army's Bob Farris has been kept out by a detached retina. Monahan hurt his knee in spring practice, has seen only two minutes of work all year.

Navy's backfield does not appear to be equal to that of the Cadets', but its line might have a shade the better of it. With Beagle at end is Bill Smith, a converted quarterback. John Hopkins, 203, and Jim Royer, 208, holds down the tackles. Len Benz and Al Aronis, both short and stocky, are at the guards and Wilson Whitmire is at center.

In total defense this team has an average of 401.3 yards per game. That is the second best mark in the country. Who leads? Army, with a 458.4 mark.

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Walter Alston To Manage Dodgers In '55

OXFORD, Ohio (U) — There was a gathering of the Alston clan in nearby Darrtown Tuesday night but it had nothing to do with the fact Walter Alston had been re-appointed a few hours earlier as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The party was just session of bridge and gabbing at Walter's home.

The quiet Alston took in stride the fact that he again would be at the helm of the Dodgers next year even though the heavily favored Brooks wound up in second place in the National League during the past season. He took some raps, too, from the fans for failing to win the National League pennant.

He was given another one-year contract Tuesday and Walter O'Malley, Brooklyn president, hinted Alston had been given a raise. The best guesses put Alston's 1955 salary at around \$19,000.

O'Malley's announcement was accompanied by comment on rumors the Dodgers franchise might be transferred to Los Angeles. He pointed to the fact Brooklyn has led the league in home and road attendance in the nine-year post war period and said:

"It is inconceivable that the Dodgers should play any place except Brooklyn in light of these figures."

Yoshio Shirai To Defend Crown

TOKYO (U) — World flyweight champion Yoshio Shirai of Japan puts boxing's smallest crown on the line here Thursday night against Pascual Perez, temperamental Latin from the Pampas.

The 15-round outdoor scrap is expected to draw 25,000 to a baseball park.

Shirai rules a 1-2 favorite to retain his 112-pound crown.

BLOOD FOR HORSES

MIAMI (U) — Blood transfusions for ailing horses are common practice today, although it was considered a rare thing only 10 years ago. The normal transfusion for a horse is a gallon of blood.

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Officials To Study Donations

NEW YORK (U) — The State Athletic Commission will determine next Tuesday whether television "donations" were paid to a managers guild by welterweight contender Vince Martinez or his managers.

Bill Daly and Tex Pette, co-managers of the Paterson, N.J. boxer, contend they made \$100 contributions for each of Martinez' TV fights to the New York Boxing Managers Guild out of their own 23.3 per cent share of the fighter's purse.

PURSES

Phil Martinez, brother of Vince, claims that \$800 for eight TV fights, was taken from the full purses and handed over to the NYBMG. Thus, he contends, part of Vince's money was given to the guild as a donation which Phil calls "tribute."

The two managers, who are feuding with the Martinez family, and Phil Martinez, were ordered to produce their financial records for the commission's accountant by Monday.

The commission, presided over by Chairman Ryer, K. Chisenberry, heard the three testily at a hearing Tuesday. The hearing, which followed a two-week inquiry, was adjourned until next Tuesday.

Under state commission rules, a fighter must be given his full purse. Out of that, he pays one-third to his manager or managers.

SUSPENDED

Daly, three other managers, and two officials of the London Sporting Club were suspended last Friday. The suspensions against the managers are still in effect. The other managers are Gus D'Amato, Al Braverman and Lippy Breidbart.

Action was taken against the two London S.C. officials Tuesday. Tex Sullivan, president and matchmaker of the club, was fined \$1,000 and his assistant matchmaker, Angelo Pucel, had his license revoked.

Sullivan was fined for making \$100 TV deductions from the purses of 19 fighters and turning the money over to the NYBMG.

He was ordered to reimburse the fighters. Late Tuesday he paid the fine and handed the commission 19 checks for \$100 each. His suspension then was lifted.



Big Thanksgiving Day Seen For Sports Fans

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Generous portions of college and professional sports will be available tomorrow for Thanksgiving Day fans who plan to take time out from their turkey.

Traditional football games dot the college football map, headed by the 61st meeting between Cornell and Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

Two football television attractions are scheduled, Missouri and Maryland meet at College Park, Md.

TELECAST

ABC will telecast at 1:55 p.m. EST.

At Detroit, the Lions hope to advance another notch toward a third straight National Football League title at the expense of the Green Bay Packers.

The game, on the Du Mont TV network, begins at noon, EST.

There is horse racing plus a full schedule of National Hockey League games, and four games in the National Basketball Assn.

Cornell can share the Ivy League championship with Yale by defeating Penn, and the Big Red will be favored to do just that.

Other games with Thanksgiving tradition include Colgate at Brown, Virginia Tech and Virginia Military at Roanoke, Va.; and Utah State and Utah at Salt Lake City.

Texas A&M plays at Texas, Dayton at Chattanooga, Miami (Ohio)

BURLEY BOWL

Two football bowl games bring together Appalachian (N.C.) and East Tennessee in the Burley Bowl at Johnson City, Tenn., and Hastings (Neb.) and College of Emporia (Kan.) in the Mineral Bowl at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

The four-day Boys Junior and Senior Indoor National Tennis Championships open at St. Louis.

In the NBA, Boston plays at Philadelphia, Milwaukee at Syracuse, Baltimore at Fort Wayne and Rochester at Minneapolis. The NHL games are Montreal at Chicago, Toronto at Detroit and New York at Boston.

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