

Pitts Get Chance At Oklahoma Win Skein

By CARTER BRADLEY

United Press Sports Writer
NORMAN, Okla. (UP)—Oklahoma puts her unbeaten record, which started 20 games and two years ago at Pittsburgh, on the line again Saturday against Pittsburgh at Norman.

The fourth-rated Sooners are given a two-touchdown handicap by the professional odds-makers. They haven't lost or tied a game since Pittsburgh lassoed them, 7-7, in 1953.

Coches Bud Wilkinson, who has led his split-T touchdowns to their sixth and seventh Big Seven Conference championships since that 7-7 squeak, scoffed at the odds. He sees this Saturday's match as a test, mainly, of power vs. agility.

COMPARISONS

Compared with North Carolina, which Oklahoma yearns to defeat, Wilkinson said Pittsburgh has "poise, power and much more experience." Wilkinson normally avoids comparisons, but he has indicated repeatedly he believes Pitt will give his lighter squad possibly its toughest competition of the regular season. Pitt steamrolled California and Syracuse the past two weeks, coming from behind in both games.

Sooner fans, optimistic by habit after all Oklahoma years, see Oklahoma as a sure-fire entry for the Orange Bowl if it slaps down Pitt. No Big Seven team is considered as strong, although Wilkinson already has a hoisted storm warning for the Nebraska game far off in November.

The Sooners, whose only notori-

ous weakness has been their pass defense, have adopted an official attitude: that it's the Pitt line-smashing power plays, while a worry item most. But from behind the canvas of the Oklahoma practice field here have come the clodhopping sounds of a team attempting to build its aerial defenses.

RECEIVERS
Corney Salvaterra, Pitt quarterback, has hit 6 of 11 receivers for 106 yards and two touchdowns.

Nebraska goes against Kansas State, and Kansas journeys to Colorado as Big Seven competition begins to pick up this weekend. Other conference teams play inter-sectionally, with Iowa State at Illinois and Utah coming to Missouri.

Missouri Valley strong points will begin to show up this weekend as Wichita plays at Detroit on Friday night. Texas Tech comes to Stillwater, Okla., to meet Oklahoma A&M Saturday afternoon, and Houston goes to Texas A&M and Tulsa to Marquette on Saturday night.

Edmonds Forsees USC Win

By CHRIS EDMONDS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The pickings were poor on this football line as Wichita plays at Detroit on Friday night. Texas Tech comes to Stillwater, Okla., to meet Oklahoma A&M Saturday afternoon, and Houston goes to Texas A&M and Tulsa to Marquette on Saturday night.

USC over Texas by 13: The Trojan horse is due to slow down slightly from its wild gallop over two PCC foes, but Jon Arnett isn't apt to be lassoed by the Longhorns, regularly even though they're loaded. USC, 27-14.

Ohio State over Stanford by 7: Chuck Taylor says otherwise, but the Indians aren't likely to hobble Hopalong Cassidy all afternoon. He'll have to do to win with their erratic offense. Ohio State, 21-14.

California over Pennsylvania by 1: Somebody should win this inter-sectional battle of have-nots, and the Bears are about due to bounce into the victory column against the clobbered Quakers. Cal, 14-13. UCLA over Washington State by 25: The Bruins move into PCC play after being upset by Maryland and should be in a mean enough mood to smother the Cougars by an adding machine score. UCLA 35-7.

Washington over Oregon by 12: The Huskies, hubbub! Minnesota with the greatest of ease and will be out to show the Ducks just how it was done. Washington, 18-6. Arizona over Idaho by 7: The Vandals have been playing it close to the chest, losing their first two games, and there seems no reason to change the system now. Arizona, 13-6.

Filling the rest of the picking basket:
Pepperdine over Chico State. Whittier over Arizona State (Flagstaff). Arizona State (Tempe) over San Diego State. Missouri over Utah. Brigham Young over Montana. Wyoming over Utah State. New Mexico over Texas Western. Denver over Colorado A&M. San Francisco State over Nevada. Cal Aggies over Humboldt State. Sacramento State over Treasure Island Navy. Los Angeles State over Pomona. Redlands over Cal Tech. Occidental over Santa Barbara. Cal Poly over San Diego State. Fresno State over Williamette.

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Financial Figures
Attendance (paid) 63,869.
Receipts (net) \$412,232.15.
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Players' share \$210,338.40.
Clubs' and leagues' share \$140,158.93.

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Newcombe, Besant (6), Labine and Campanella; Ford, Grim (9) and Berra.
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College Gridiron Briefs

SEATTLE, Wash. (UP)—The end situation at the University of Washington, an early season problem, has apparently shaped up very well, according to Coach Johnny Cherberg.

Big Ed Sheron, a highly regarded lineman who was shifted to end earlier in the season, went back to his old tackle spot. And tackle Don McCurny will be given a chance to see how he can work out of the left guard position.

PULLMAN, Wash. (UP)—The Washington State Cougars will be without the services of first string fullback Bob Miller when they meet powerful UCLA here Saturday.
Miller, a junior letterman who showed promise of being the Cougars' backfield mainstay, suffered a medial ligament strain in his left knee in practice Tuesday. Coach Al Kirsch said he would be replaced by senior letterman Bill Kramer.

EUGENE, Ore. (UP)—Coach Len Casanova took his University of Oregon Ducks behind locked gates today—and he plans to keep them there for the rest of the week while they improve their aerial game.

Casanova said he hoped for a dry field for his featherweight backfield when the Ducks meet the University of Washington at Portland Saturday. He said a wet, slippery field would give the much heavier Husky backfield a decided advantage.

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UP)—The Oregon State Beavers have no game scheduled for this weekend, and nothing could please Coach Tommy Frothro more.

The Beavers are up against the rugged UCLA Bruins on Oct. 8, and Frothro figures they will need all the practice they can get for that struggle. And besides, Frothro will now have an opportunity to scout the Bruins himself.

BERKELEY, Calif. (UP)—The University of California Golden Bears will be after their first win of the season this Saturday when they tangle with Pennsylvania—and the Quakers will be trying to end a two-season, 10-game losing streak.
Coach Lynn Waldorf said the Cal lineup will include: ends Bill Valletton and Jim Carmichael, tackles Ray Young and Don Tronstein, Don Gilkey and Reno Jacuzzi, center Don Mitchell, halfback John Wilson and Ted Granger, fullback Steve Dimeff and quarterback Hugh Maguire.

STANFORD, Calif. (UP)—Four Stanford Indians are "definitely out" of Saturday's nationally televised game with Ohio State, according to Stanford Trainer Connie Jarvis.

Coach Chuck Taylor will be without the services of halfback Gordy Young, with a rib fracture; center Don Geddes; tackle Chris Plain and end Joel Preis. However, sophomore halfback Lou Valitt probably will see action, despite earlier predictions to the contrary.

LOS ANGELES (UP)—The University of Texas arrives here today for its game Friday night in Memorial Coliseum against Southern California. The Trojans went through final lineups on drills today for the Longhorns.

Coach Ed Price plans to have his Texas squad work out at the Coliseum tonight. The Trojans, solid favorites to beat Texas in its first appearance in California, concentrated on pass defense yesterday. Junior varsity quarterback Billy Peterson suited up as Texas passing star Joe Clements, the nation's total offense leader, and hurried passes against the varsity. He completed only four of 13.

Passing Bright, But Defense Key In Pros

By EARL WRIGHT

United Press Sports Writer

The passing stars will get the headlines, but the defense will win the division titles in 1955 — if the National Football League follows its script of the last three seasons.

The Cleveland Browns and Detroit Lions led their respective divisions in defense in 1952-53-54. They also won the division titles and split the championship payoff money for those campaigns.

Cleveland, of course, is the supreme example of the importance of defense in professional football. The Browns, who have won nine division titles in as many tries, had the best defense during the four years of the now-defunct All-America Conference and allowed the fewest points during three of their five NFL campaigns.

AVERAGE
Cleveland allowed a total of 833 points in 60 regular NFL games from 1950 through 1954 — an average of about 14 per contest. Most coaches figure 24 to 28 points will win the average NFL game, so

Cleveland's defensive prowess is the key to its success.

The Browns lost two of their first three games last year, mainly because their defense leaked, and they lost their 1955 opener to the Washington Redskins Sunday because the defense gave up 27 points.

Cleveland led the Eastern Division in defense with 162 points permitted in both 1954 and 1955, 213 in 1952 and 193 in 1951. The Philadelphia Eagles finished third in the East in 1950 although they led the league in defense with 144 points allowed while the Browns were right behind in defense with 144.

LED WEST

Detroit led the Western Division in defense in 1954 with 189 points allowed, in 1953 with 205 and 192 with 192.

The star passers and pass receivers will continue to get the big headlines, but defense appears to be the key to division titles and payoff money now in pro football.

This week's selections with won-lost records in parentheses:

Saturday night: Lions (0-1) over Colts (1-0) at Baltimore; Eagles (1-0) over Redskins (1-0) at Philadelphia; Sunday: Bears (0-1) over Packers (1-0) at Green Bay; Browns (0-1) over Parsy-Niners (0-1) at San Francisco; Giants (0-1) over Cardinals (0-1) at Chicago; Rams (1-0) over Steelers (1-0) at Los Angeles.

Collins Ticked With Hits

(Editors Note) Joe Collins slammed a pair of homers and drove in three runs today to lead the Yankees to a 6-5 victory over the Dodgers in the first game of the World Series. In the following dispatch, he tells how he did it and how it felt.

By JOE COLLINS

As Told To The United Press

NEW YORK (UP)—I was tickled to hit two, but frankly I was trying for three.

Believe me, I was really "going for the downs," as we players say, when I came up for the fourth time in the eighth. But all I could do was fly out to left field. I hit that ball pretty good, too.

Don Newcombe wasn't exactly a stranger to me. I hit against him in 1946 when he was with Montreal in the International League. I was in the same league and I remember I always had good luck against him. Not great, you understand, but good enough to keep me happy.

He's certainly not the fastest pitcher I've faced this year but he's fast enough. Reminds me of the old Wilard Nixon, the guy with the Red Sox who gave me all that trouble this year. Newcombe has good stuff; he's no soft touch in any league.

I don't think they pitched me the same way twice all day today. Newcombe kept the ball inside on me when I walked in the second inning. Then I hit a low fast ball for my first home run in the fourth, and in the sixth, the ball I hit into the bleachers was high and outside.

Give some of the credit to Mickey Mantle. I was using his bats. I picked up a couple of them a few days ago and, I like them, so I've decided to use them. You bet I'll keep using them for the rest of the series.

I've hit two homers in one game twice before during the year, but naturally these two gave me more of a kick. As a matter of fact, I'd have to call this my best day in baseball—as far as thrills go, anyway.

Early Wynn of the Indians and Dick Donovan of the White Sox were the pitchers I hit two homers in the same game earlier this year.

I certainly would have given a lot to have gotten that third one, but you can't have everything, I guess.

Besides, maybe it's a good thing to save one of 'em for a little later, anyway.



GOOD SCORE—Molly Ardrey, with an eye on the football season, dons a referee's shirt and gives the touchdown signal while being towed by an ankle water-skiing at Cypress Gardens, Fla. A very neat trick.

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WITH AN EYE ON THE SEASON'S OPENER for their team, these Chiloquin High School gridironers are ready to meet Henley this Friday on the Hornets' home ground. Pictured above are guard Vic Sisson, right, and tackle Clark Roeder, left, two of the main springs in the Chiloquin line. Both are lettermen and will be counted on heavily by coach Gordon Kuist as the Panthers seek to defend the title that was shared by Chiloquin and Malin last season. Other county action this Friday pits Bonanza against Malin on the Mustangs' field.

Former Wildman Byrne Carries World Series Hopes For Yanks

By OSCAR FRALEY

United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—The New York Yankees gave up on Tommy Byrne four years ago but the wild man who came back from nowhere is their big hope for a second straight World Series victory today.

Byrne is the lean, saturnine Carolinian long hailed as one of baseball's most talented tossers. But while he had million dollar "stuff," his 10 cent control almost knocked him out of baseball just two years ago.

A light heart and a new pitch brought him back — and he'll try to prove just how far against the embattled Brooklyn Dodgers at Yankee Stadium today.

TOUGH CHORE

It's a tough chore the one-time "wild man" from Wake Forest faces. For no left-hander has gone the route to beat the Dodgers this year. Whitey Ford almost did it Wednesday. But while he won, Whitey took the walk to the showers at the end of eight staggering innings.

Now it's Byrne's turn and gray-haired Tommy at 38 will count on control and a new slider to reach the heights he never mounted as a promising youngster.

The promise was always there. That's what caused the admiring Yankees to give him a \$10,000 bonus back in 1940. But in only two seasons, 1949 and 1950, did his blazing fast ball carry him to a respectable total of 15 victories. Eventually the Yankees gave up on him and Tommy began a nerve wracking journey down the baseball trail. He went to the lowly St. Louis Browns and even they passed him along. The Chicago

White Sox gave him a try and yielded him to Washington. Yet not even the Senators had a spot for him, so the discomolate Byrne wound up all the way down with Charleston of the American Association.

It looked like the end of the road as even at such a lowly station he won only one game — and lost six.

IN HAND

Then Byrne took himself in hand. He conditioned himself grimly and learned to throw a slider. Patiently he worked on his control, refusing any longer to depend on that blazing but errant fast ball. And suddenly he had it again.

Tom proved that at Seattle in 1954. He won 20 games; yet, when the club put him on the market, nobody believed in his new-found control and there weren't any takers.

None, that is, except wise old Casey Stengel.

The Yankee skipper can be glad today.

Byrne won 16 games for the Yankees this season and now he goes out with a good chance to

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