

UCLA Bruins See Bowl Bid With Triumph Over Huskies

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The UCLA Bruins, confident a victory over Washington Saturday will open the Pacific Coast Conference gates to the Rose Bowl, are going about their preparations for the Husky invasion in a brisk, businesslike manner.

That's the word from the UCLA training camp, where the Bruins Wednesday spent considerable time on pass patterns and defense. Ronnie Knox, Sam Brown and Gerry McDougall were completing most of their throws.

The Huskies' coach, John Cherberg, gave his team a tough, tough scrimmage session seeking a way to stop the high-unstoppable Bruin attack. There wasn't much confidence along the sidelines that Cherberg had found the answers to his most pressing problems.

The Huskies will arrive in Los Angeles Friday and work out that afternoon.

In Palo Alto, Stanford Coach Chuck Taylor almost made his weekly prediction of success—this time against Oregon.

Oregon Coach Len Casanova said he was pleased with his varsity in a full scale scrimmage against Stanford formations. The 37-man squad leaves for Palo Alto Thursday night by train.

The California Bears went through what Coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf called "a very good" defensive drill in preparation for the game with Oregon State in Berkeley.

Waldorf announced this starting lineup: Center, Don Mitchell; left guard, Don Gilkey; right guard, Carlos Packrell; left tackle, Bob Oliver; right tackle, Ron Wheatcroft; left end, Capt. Jim Carmichael; right end, Bill Vallotton; quarterback, Ralph Hoffman; right half, Ted Granger; left half, John Wilson; and fullback, Steve Dimick.

Oregon State Coach Tommy Prothro tentatively listed Ray Westfall to start at tailback against California in place of the injured Joe Francis. Other backfield starters will be co-captain Ron Siegrist, quarterback, Sam Wesley, halfback and Tom Berry, fullback. The Huskies' Idaho Vandals worked out under the lights and Coach Skip Stahley indicated the Vandals will throw a lot of passes against Brigham Young at Provo Friday.

Coach Al Kircher alternated three backfields as the Washington State Cougars ran through practice sessions on a wet and slippery field. The Cougars play San Jose State at Pullman Saturday, and they fully expect the Spartans to fill the air with footballs.

Sammy Baugh Says Graham Views Wrong

ABILENE, Tex. (AP)—Sam Baugh, who was in professional football longer than any other man, says Otto Graham, the Cleveland Browns quarterback, "views wrong."

Graham, injured in the first half of last Sunday's game with the New York Giants, said football is getting "rougher and rougher" and unless something is done "it will get out of hand."

Baugh, who was quarterback of the Washington Redskins for 16 years but retired two years ago and now is head coach at Hardin-Simmons University, commented that "The quarterback doesn't take the beating that the other guys do up there. If Graham thinks he's got it rough, let him play fullback where he'll carry the ball more. He'll find out that he's got a pretty good deal. Besides, the pros have given him a pretty good living haven't they?"

Baugh told Don Oliver, sports writer for the Abilene Reporter-News, that the opposing line is "supposed" to rack the passer.

"Nobody likes to get the thunder knocked out of him but that's part of pro football and you've got to expect it."

Baugh said in his opinion the pro league officials protect the passers better than college officials do.

"I noticed they try to watch it but in college ranks they don't call it as close after a thrown ball," he explained.

"The people who support pro football by buying tickets expect to see the best football played anywhere. They should see the most vicious blocking and hardest tackling. If they don't they're not getting their money's worth."

Neil Johnson Scoring Again

By UNITED PRESS
Lantern jawed Neil Johnson, the scoring champion of the National Basketball Association for the last three seasons, is on the target again and the Philadelphia Warriors have begun their hopeful quest for a title.

Johnson, six-foot, eight-inch former baseball pitcher, notched only 13 points in the Warriors' opening game loss, but Wednesday night he found the range for 29 points and that helped Philadelphia to a 117-106 triumph over the Minneapolis Lakers.

Paul Arizin, a former scoring champion, added 21 points to boost the Warrior attack while Clyde Lovellette led the Lakers with 21. The Warriors led by only 57-55 at halftime but built the margin to 88-62 at the start of the fourth period and Minneapolis never drew close again. Actually the Lakers had one more basket, but Philadelphia collected 41 free throws to only 28 for the Lakers.

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Herald and News Sports

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PCL Directors Study Offer, Prexy's Future

VANCOUVER, B.C. (UP)—Milwaukee's offer to buy the San Francisco Seals and the future of the Pacific Coast League were the main topics today as the PCL opened its annual meeting here.

The National League club, represented by Braves Vice President Joseph F. Calmes, said it was interested in the debt-ridden Seals. However, Calmes has remained mum on what kind of an offer he has in his pocket and only will disclose it when he and the league's directors are behind closed doors.

Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Cleveland Indians, also made a proposition last month to

run the club but withdrew it when the league asked for more time to study his plan.

Calmes indicated before leaving San Francisco that his offer will be on a take it or leave it basis.

"We're not going to Vancouver to barter," he said.

If this deal falls through, the league may take over the Seals as a charity case and operate them until another prospect is in sight.

But should the league accept Calmes' offer, it would have to junk its "open status" and become a full-fledged minor league again as it was before the winter of 1952-53. It was at that time that the PCL changed its constitution to throw out all major league farm ties. However, the Chicago Cubs were allowed to keep their Los Angeles baseball club.

Milwaukee is all the more interested in San Francisco because it has to find a new farm spot since they are leaving Toledo, O., where the American Association park is being torn down.

Goodwin has no contract with the PCL and the directors merely were to vote whether to retain him for another year or not. He took over as PCL prexy last January after Clarence (Papa) Rowland resigned to return to the Chicago Cubs organization.

Jerry Donovan, executive secretary of the PCL as well as president of the Class C California league, was regarded as darkhorse for Rowland's job last winter and might be hired this time if Goodwin resigned.

The league also was to delve into next year's schedule, which will be on the same 148-game basis but may open two weeks later to avoid the excessive number of games in the North.

It rained out games in the North last year, but this year, with the transfer of the Oakland Oaks franchise here.

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Sports World Shorts

OROVILLE (UP)—Expert witnesses claimed a spinal injury of former minor league baseball player Elbert D. Felts was "apparently aggravated" by an alleged attack by all-time baseball great Ty Cobb.

Felts resumed testimony today in his \$50,000 suit against Cobb after two doctors testified a spinal injury suffered by Felts eight months prior to the charged attack in April, 1954, was "aggravated" on examinations after the alleged blow by Cobb.

Dr. Hollis Carey, Gridley, said Felts was on the way to complete recovery from a fractured vertebra at the time of the attack. Since then Felts had been under constant care, he said.

NEW YORK (UP)—Frankie Ryff, third-ranking lightweight contender from New York, and Paolo Rosi of New York have been matched for a 10-round fight in Madison Square Garden, Dec. 23. Rosi formerly lived in Italy.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UP)—Harvard University will play only one football game, against Tufts, outside of the Ivy League next year. The game against Tufts will be the Crimson's opener.

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—The Philadelphia Phillies will not play any weekday afternoon games next season and have scheduled only 12 single day games for Saturday and Sunday. Nine double-headers are listed for Sundays and the Memorial and Labor Day holidays with the remaining 47 games all to be played after dark.

CHICAGO (UP)—PGA champion Doug Ford today was named winner of the annual award as "Professional Golfer of the Year" by the Professional Golfers' Assoc.

Ford, from Yonkers, N.Y., received 230 votes for the trophy compared to 190 for runner-up Jack Fleck, the National Open champion. Cary Middlecoff, runner-up for the PGA title, was third with 135 and Julius Boros fourth with 106.

Ford won two other tournaments during the year, the All American and the Carling-Sponsors classic. He played 121 competitive rounds during the year more than any other player in history.

NEW YORK (UP)—Jack Kramer will get his international tennis tour underway at Madison Square Garden on Friday night, Dec. 9. The tour featuring newly signed Aussie star Rex Hartwig, finds Pancho Segura meeting Hartwig and Tony Trabert playing Kramer on the initial program.

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Minor's Outlook Improving

EDITORS: This is the first of a two-part series on what the big minor league baseball teams are doing to combat their various problems. Today, the presidents of the International League, American Association and Pacific Coast League, and George Trautman, head of the minors, tell what is being done.

By CARL LUNDQUIST
United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (UP)—Minor league baseball is making a comeback.

A year ago there were doubts in some quarters about its survival. Now the executives of the big minor leagues, which were in the most trouble, feel that they not only will survive but prosper.

"We hear much about the deplorable condition of the minors but the comments are not based on fact," said George Trautman, the national president of minor league baseball.

"I am optimistic. Certainly there is no thought of liquidation. If we have a corpse on our hands, it is a most unusual one because it is alive and kicking."

Ed Doherty, president of the American Association, said "The 1955 season was the best for us since the late 1940's and we figure to do even better next year."

Frank Saughnessy, the veteran head of the International League, said bluntly that "The only trouble with the minor leagues is the majors."

"We would be a lot better off if they would leave us alone," he declared. "Our league is working toward complete independence of the majors. The only exception is Montreal, where Brooklyn keeps the team well-stocked with players. It is the only way. We have enough troubles of our own without worrying about what some major league club is going to do."

PACIFIC COAST
Clair V. Goodwin, who took office last winter as the new Pacific Coast League president, acknowledged that in some spots there was trouble last year, but "the outlook for next season is very good."

"The franchise shift from Oakland to Vancouver in British Columbia will be very beneficial and attendance also should be much better in Portland where the club is shifting into a different stadium," he said.

Goodwin said the chief menace to baseball in the Pacific Coast League was talk of major league expansion, but that because of an edict by Commissioner Ford Frick, baseball people have stopped doing that.

"Talk of expansion by the majors definitely was detrimental to the coast," Goodwin said. "In the first place I don't see where any major league club could play and attendance also would be no facilities for them."

OTHER TRANSFERS
In addition to the Oakland switch to Vancouver, there have been various other transfers in recent years. The American Association now stretches 1,800 miles from Charleston, W. Va. to Denver, Colo. The league's two newest members, Denver and Omaha, Neb., had big years at the gate in 1953. Denver led all minor league clubs with 426,248 paid admissions and Omaha was well up on the list with 318,012.

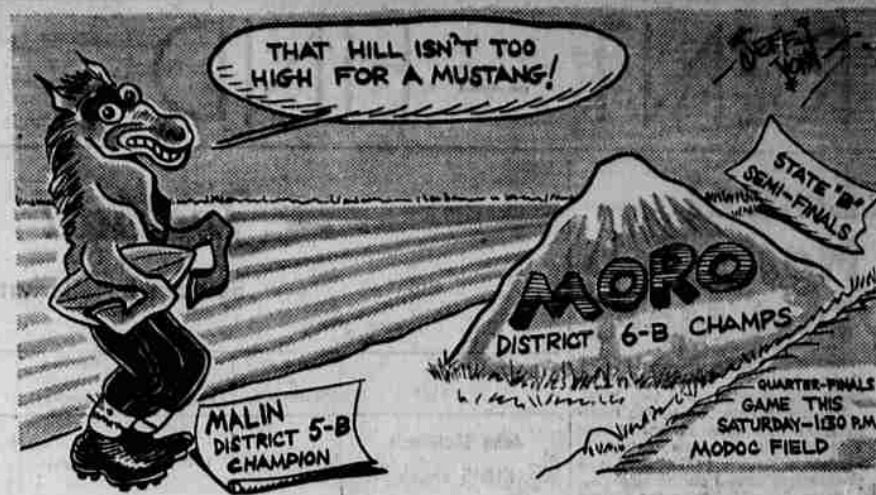
But moving a franchise has not always been a panacea for baseball's ills. Charleston had decreasing attendance year by year since it went to the Association in 1953. And in the International League, Richmond, Va., had such troubles that the government seized the club for tax debts.

Yet at Havana, Cuba, a real baseball hot spot, attendance was good the first year and up 20 per cent last season. Generally, it appears, moving a franchise is helpful to a league—provided it can be moved to the right spot.

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WESTERN LEAGUE
Seattle 5, Saskatoon 3
Edmonton 3, Winnipeg 2
Calgary 3, Regina 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Montreal 1, New York 0
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Pittsburgh 7, Hershey 5
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 8, Indianapolis 2
Toledo-Marion 2, Troy 0

EASTERN LEAGUE
Johnstown 4, Philadelphia 2
New Haven 5, Baltimore 2
Washington 6, Clinton 4



Injuries Vital In NFL Race

By EARL WRIGHT
United Press Sports Writer

The most important question you can ask a National Football League coach after a game is: How many of your players were badly hurt?

The 1953 and 1954 squad lists kept by NFL headquarters show that the most successful teams in those years generally were those which suffered the least injuries.

Last season, the Cleveland Browns won the Eastern Division and league championships. Twenty-six Browns appeared in all of the team's 12 regular season games and four others appeared in all except one.

None of the other 11 clubs had so many members of their 33-man squads play in so many games.

The 1954 Detroit Lions, a team three-deep in talent, won the Western Division crown with 21 men appearing in 12 games and eight others playing in all but one. The second-place Chicago Bears had 26 men who played in all their games and one who appeared in 11.

Green Bay, however, wound up fifth in the Western race last year although it also had 26 men who played in every game and one who took part in 11.

The teams which suffered least from injuries also were most successful in 1953. Detroit won the Western Division and league titles with 21 players appearing in 12 games and seven playing in all but one. Cleveland won the Eastern race with 25 men who played in 12 games and three who appeared in 11. The Philadelphia Eagles finished second to Cleveland with the same figures.

The Los Angeles Rams and San Francisco Forty-Niners were also runners in 1953 and 1954 although both squads were loaded with talent. Both also were hit heavily by injuries.

The record shows that Coach Paul Brown's Cleveland team has had more men appear in 11 or more games than any other NFL club during the past two seasons.

The loss of a star because of an injury may play an important part in Sunday's "big" game between the Rams and Bears at Chicago. The Rams, leading the Western race by one game, may play without end Bob Boyd, a top pass receiver and probably the league's fastest man who is nursing a leg injury.

Malin-Moro Vie Saturday

Quarterfinal play of the state B-high school football playoffs will headline the local sports scene this Saturday afternoon at Modoc Field as Malin meets Moro.

Game time is 1:30. The Malin Mustangs won the District 5-B championship by downing St. Mary's of Medford and Moro is the District 6-B titlist after dumping Manzanita by the wayside. The winner of Saturday's game will meet the winner of the Union-Echo battle. The site and time will be decided early next week.

Coach Ray Howe of Moro reported this week that his ball club is at top strength and will be seeking their second quarterfinal triumph in as many years. Last season, Moro whipped St. Mary's in the first round and moved to the semifinals before being beaten.

Malin's Jim Conroy had good reports concerning the Mustangs' injuries. Conroy said halfback Ray Johnson and fullback Glenn Steynsky are recovering at a fairly good rate, and may be at top strength for the Moro clash. Conroy stated these were the only two injuries that might possibly plague the Mustangs in a bid for the B-championship.

There will be no advance ticket sale for Saturday afternoon's game, but ticket booths will open to the public at 11 o'clock according to A. E. Street, principal of Malin High School. Ticket prices are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

John Saxton Whips Jones

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Johnny Saxton was set today for another shot at the welterweight championship he held for only six months. The slick shooting Saxon, throwing left-handed darts all the way, sped to a unanimous decision over Ralph Jones last night in a 10-round bout. The verdict was never in doubt.

The word before the fight was that Saxton would get a date with the winner of the welterweight title bout Nov. 30 between champion Carmen Basilio and Tony De Marco. Saxton, who won the crown from Kid Gavilan, lost it less than six months later to De Marco.

Saxton gave away 10 pounds to Jones. The former welter titlist came in at 148½ pounds to Jones' 158½.

AMOROS HIT .353 IN 1953

MONTREAL (AP)—Sandy Amoros, whose great catch helped preserve Brooklyn's World Series shutout in the final game, earned his chance to play with the Dodgers by leading the International League in hitting in 1953. He batted .353 for Montreal. His manager was Walter Alston.

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