

# Sooners Keep Lead

## UP Ballot

NEW YORK (UP)—Oklahoma's powerhouse picked up needed support as the No. 1 college football team in the United States today when it won a week to decide the mythical national championship.

Bud Wilkinson's Sooners kept an impressive victory over Oklahoma A & M in their finale next Saturday to further their claim to the national title. If successful, it will mark the first time since 1950 that the Sooners will claim to the national title. Successful, it will mark the second time in the past five years that Oklahoma wins the top honor. Only two of the 35 leading teams who comprise the United Press board picked the Sooners as the No. 1 team this year. Second-ranked Michigan attracted six first-place votes, followed by Maryland and UCLA, which each had three first-place votes and seventh-ranked Texas received one.

State's 17-0 upset victory over Michigan produced the big upset in this week's top result. The Buckeye team's two notches to the No. 6 behind Notre Dame, Michigan led the ratings for four weeks, dropped out of the top 10 for the first time. Winning Texas Christian retained the No. 7 rating, followed by Texas A & M, Georgia Tech, Navy, each advancing one spot from last week. The Midway returned to the top 10 in the absence of two weeks, though they were idle last week.

Orange and bowls thus correlated this week's first teams. Oklahoma and Maryland met in the Orange Bowl, Michigan State and UCLA headed for the Rose Bowl.

Sooners who retained the top spot for the third week in a row, extended their lead over Michigan State from 15 to 34 points. Oklahoma's first-place vote was four more than last week's. Wilkinson's Marauders extended their winning streak to 28 games, their 10th consecutive championship with a triumph over Nebraska.

Points distributed on a 6-6-4-3-2-1 basis for votes first to 10th places, here is the top 10 lined up: Oklahoma 345; Michigan State 283; Maryland 245; Notre Dame 210; Texas A & M 171; Texas Christian 152; Navy 131; UCLA and Notre Dame exchanged the rankings they held last week. Auburn advanced one notch to the "second 10" teams, following by Michigan, Pittsburg and Stanford, West Virginia, Mississippi were tied for 15th place, Washington and Duke led the No. 17 ranking; and Iowa, Iowa and Iowa tied 19th place.

NEW YORK (UP)—The United States college football ratings (with place votes and non-voted records in parentheses):  
Oklahoma (22) (9-0) 317  
Michigan St. (6) (8-1) 283  
Maryland (3) (10-0) 268  
UCLA (3) (9-1) 245  
Notre Dame (8-1) 210  
Texas A & M (7-2) 171  
Texas Christian (1) (8-1) 152  
Navy A & M (7-1-1) 131  
Navy (6-1-1) 131  
Georgia Tech (7-1-1) 79  
Iowa (11) Auburn, 25; 12; Michigan, 24; 13; Pittsburg, 12; Stanford, 5; 15 (tie); West Virginia and Mississippi, 4 each; 17; Washington and Duke, 3; 19 (tie); Southern California, Iowa, 2 each.

## TIME OUT



"We're leading 68 to 6 at the half... we should sit around the dressing room sucking lemons!"

## Blaik Says WP Defense Tops Middies

By ED CORRIGAN

WEST POINT, N.Y. (UP)—Army Football Coach Earl Blaik, who has spent almost as much time ministering to his athletes in the hospital as on the field, announced today that:

1. Army has a better defensive team than Navy.

2. He doesn't think Army will be invited to a bowl game.

3. "This has been a trying season."

Blaik leads his three-times-beaten force to Philadelphia Saturday to play once-defeated, once-tied Navy in the 56th meeting of the service schools. Navy is a slight favorite.

"I think we've got a better defensive team than Navy," said Blaik before sending his cadets through a real two-listed workout, "and I'll be surprised if we don't show it Saturday."

"I know Navy is even more dangerous than last year (the Middies won that one 27-20) because their passing has improved, but they'll have to touch all the bases to beat us."

Blaik apparently is in no position to say what action Army would take on a post-season game if the Cadets lick Navy. While nothing official has been said, there doesn't seem to be much doubt that either the Sugar or Cotton Bowl would like the winner.

Army prohibits post-season play, but Navy broke its rule against bowl games last New Year's when it plastered Mississippi in the Sugar Bowl.

"We've lost three games," said Blaik, "and I don't think anyone would consider us. Would we like to play one more game after Navy? One more game of what? This has been a very trying season."

Right now, Army is in about as good shape as it has been all season.

"With one thing and another," said Blaik, "we never have been able to put a backfield together that we could call our own even though Pat Uebel has played well all season and Don Hollender, to my mind, has done remarkably well."

## AP Ballot

By RIP WATSON  
The Associated Press

With only one week of the season remaining, Oklahoma has a firm grip on first place among the nation's college football powerhouses today and a good chance of repeating its 1950 national championship.

The Sooners, who boast the longest major college winning streak, 25 in a row, were so far ahead in the next-to-last Associated Press poll of the season that most interest centered on the battle for second place between Michigan State and Maryland.

Oklahoma was No. 1 on the ballot of 114 of the 209 sports writers and broadcasters, piling up a total of 1,899 points. Michigan State squeezed past Maryland into second place by a bare six points, 1,683 to 1,683. Points were awarded on the usual basis of 10 for first, 9 for second, etc.

The voters apparently were more impressed by State's 23-0 rout of Marquette than by Maryland's performance in beating George Washington 19-0. Maryland, the early season leader, had been second and Michigan State third a week ago.

Both teams have concluded their seasons, although Maryland will meet Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl and State will play UCLA, No. 4, in the Rose Bowl.

Oklahoma is expected to wrap up victory No. 29 and its second perfect season in a row against so-so Oklahoma A & M Saturday. Several other members of the top 10, notably Georgia Tech and Auburn, will be gunning for bowl bids as well as a higher spot in the rankings.

Tech, No. 9, goes against the University of Georgia and Auburn, a newcomer at No. 10, meets Alabama.

UCLA, which moved past Notre Dame after a workmanlike 17-7 victory over Southern California, also has concluded its schedule. The Irish, who had to battle to pull out a 17-14 win over Iowa, get a chance to grab the No. 4 position back this week against that same Southern California club.

Ohio State, the 1954 national champion, placed sixth behind Notre Dame after winding up its operations for the year with a 17-0 victory over Michigan.

Michigan, sixth a week ago, fell to the No. 12 spot and Ohio climbed three notches from ninth.

Texas Christian held seventh place while clinching a Cotton Bowl berth with a 35-0 drubbing of Rice, while Texas A & M continued as No. 8. The Aggies wind up against Texas as Thursday and TCU will finish against Southern Methodist Saturday.

The leaders with first-place votes in parentheses:

- 1. Oklahoma (114) 1,899
- 2. Mich. State (39) 1,683
- 3. Maryland (35) 1,683
- 4. UCLA (6) 1,374
- 5. Notre Dame (3) 1,255
- 6. Ohio State (5) 1,025
- 7. TCU (3) 994
- 8. Texas A & M 531
- 9. Georgia Tech 309
- 10. Auburn 245
- 11. Navy 219
- 12. Michigan 102
- 13. Pittsburg (1) 90
- 14. Miami (Fla.) (2) 79
- 15. Mississippi 73
- 16. Miami (Ohio) 45
- 17. Stanford 29
- 18. Duke 23
- 19. Vanderbilt 18
- 20. Syracuse 16

## Sports Notes

Navy has beaten William and Mary 18 times in 21 games of football. The Indians won two and played a tie with the Middies whom they last defeated in 1942 by 3-0.

Three Phoenix construction men working near Flagstaff found the price of illegal wild turkey mighty high. They were fined \$200 each.

Seven of the University of Wyoming's 12-man basketball squad are 6 feet 3 inches or taller.

Since the Southeastern Conference was formed in 1933 Alabama is the only school to have three unbeaten and untied teams—1934, 1937 and 1945.

Dick Kazmaier, Princeton All-America halfback of 1951, is the League history. He completed 172 of 289 passes, 35 going for touchdowns.

Willie Hartack rode 15 winners in four days the second week of the Laurel meeting.

# Sports World Shorts

## CORVALLIS (UP)—Oregon State's all-opponent football team, selected by OSC players Monday, is dominated by UCLA with seven players. UCLA beat Oregon State 38-0 this year.

Tackle Fred Robinson of the University of Washington was the top vote-getter, however, with 32 of 33 votes. Then came Stanford fullback Bill Tarr who got 30 of 33 possible votes.

Dick James of Oregon was picked as one back and Jim Houston of Washington was named at an end. The Uclans making up the rest of the 11 were backs Sam Brown and Bob Davenport; guards Jim Brown and Hardeman Coverton; center Steve Palmer, end Rommie Loud and tackle Gill Morena.

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Coach Woody Hayes of Ohio State has been voted the "Ham of the Week."

This is no joke — Hayes gets a real ham for Ohio State's victory over Michigan last Saturday. Each week veteran sportsman Gene Doyle, self-named executive director of the Farmers Market Monday Morning Quarterback Club, awards a big ham to an outstanding coach. Hayes was the current choice.

Red Sanders, whose UCLA team won and goes into the Rose Bowl, was not forgotten. He gets a turkey.

EUGENE, Ore. (UP)—The University of Oregon football team Monday named halfback Dick James as the most valuable player of the Ducks' 1955 season.

James, a graduating senior who will play for the West in the Shrine game at San Francisco Dec. 31, was awarded the Vern Hoffman trophy given annually by a former Oregon athlete.

The team elected Phil McHugh, a junior end from Portland, as captain for 1956.

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y. (UP)—Sugar Ray Robinson will resume boxing today for his title bout with middleweight champion Bobo Olson at Chicago, Dec. 9. The ex-titler weighed 161 pounds Monday after a six-hour trek through the woods surrounding his training camp.

NEW YORK (UP)—Bill White, a 21-year-old first baseman who hit .298 with Dallas of the Texas League last season, has been invited to work out with the New York Giants at their Phoenix, Ariz., training camp next spring.

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Sandy Saddler, world featherweight champion, will meet Davey Gallardo of Los Angeles in a 10-round, non-title bout here Dec. 12. It was announced today. Gallard is unranked in the featherweight division but holds decisions over Lulu Perez and Percy Bassett.

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Texas won the Southwest Conference cross-country championship Monday for the second straight year. Texas A & M finished second and Arkansas was third.

CLEVELAND (UP)—Outfielder Al Smith has been named as the Cleveland Indians' "Man of the Year" by the Cleveland Chapter of the Baseball Writers Assn. of America.

DUCK ON THE WELL. HOMINY, Okla. (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Turner have had their first wild duck dinner of the season without having to lift a gun or go hunting. While Mrs. Turner was drawing a bucket of water from the family's farm well, a large mallard crashed through the branches of a maple tree and dropped at her feet. It had been wounded by four shotgun pellets but held out until it got over the Turner farm.

Frank G. Mitzel is the 42nd president of the American Bowling Congress. Active in bowling for more than 30 years, Mitzel is secretary of the Detroit Bowling Assn.

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# Pros Eye Large Gridders

By OSCAR FRALEY  
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—Professional football really separates the men from the boys, and if you don't believe it, take a look today at the pro weight requirements posted by Coach Jim Lee Howell of the New York Giants.

The ideal pro players would have to meet these weight requirements:

Ends — Offensive, at least 195 pounds; defensive, 225 pounds.

Tackles — Offensive, 235 pounds; defensive, 240 to 250 pounds.

Guards — Offensive, 225 pounds; defensive, 240 to 250 pounds.

Centers — Offensive, 220 pounds; defensive, 230 pounds.

Backs — 200 pounds, with fullbacks at 220 pounds.

These are the ideal professional figures, Howell hastens to point out. There are instances where the backs can be as small as 150 pounds, as in the case of passing quarterback Davey O'Brien, or 170 pounds, as in the case of Eddie LeBaron.

"But weight, and the ability to move it, are the big things in pro football," Howell insists.

Cases in point are those of such All-Americans as J. D. Roberts of Oklahoma and Crawford Mims of Mississippi, a pair of guards who were rated the best in collegiate play in 1953 and couldn't get to first base as pros.

"A guard who weighs only 200 or 210 pounds just can't take the week after week pounding," says Jim Lee. "At the end of the season they are simply overpowered, beat down to the point where they no longer are physically able to offer resistance."

As example, when a 300-pounder big in college ranks, plays a few games against a 260-pound end like Len Ford of the Cleveland Browns, he can hold his own for a while. But eventually the muscular toll is too great.

"You can't fault those players," Howell insists diplomatically. "They just don't hold up."

There are, of course, exceptions to any rule. One such was Luther Kinard who, for several seasons, was an all-pro league tackle despite his flyweight 215 pounds.

"But, on the whole, they just can't take that pounding," Howell asserted.

There are any number of collegians, Howell points out, who can make the pro grade even though at the moment of their collegiate graduation, they don't have enough pull in the weights.

"Some boys in college may be 6-foot, 2-inches and weigh only 210 pounds," he illustrated.

"Give them a few years' and they'll pack a lot more poundage on their frames. But we shy away from the guys 6-foot and under who weigh 210 now. Their chances of growing aren't too good."

Complicating the problem are those schools which "fake" the sizes and weights on their rosters to exploit rivals' weaknesses or lure their opponents into hitting at mouse-trapped spots. But the pros aren't "suckers."

"We have to know they are big—and still will grow," he grins. And when he says "big," that's exactly what he means.

# BOWLING

## LADY BUG LEAGUE

There will be no bowling for Lady Bug League members this Thursday evening because of Thanksgiving. League play will continue on December 1.

## MOOSE MA'S LEAGUE

W L  
Evan's Grocery 26 18  
Women of the Moose 27 21  
Suburban Flower 24 20  
Hyde's Jewelry 22 22  
Southern Oregon Music 22 22  
Hing's Cafe 19 25  
Klamath Flower 17 27

Last night's results:  
Southern Oregon 4 Schneider's 0  
Evan's Grocery 3 KJ Flower 1  
Sub. Flower 3 Hing's Cafe 1  
Women of the Moose 3 Hyde's 1

High team game—Klamath Flower 748  
High team series—Women of the Moose 197  
High individual game—Ruby Hawley 197  
High individual series—Lafayette Harris 533

## TRANSPORTATION LEAGUE

W L  
Kalmine "A" 32 17  
Klamath Lumber and Box 27 17  
Moose-Big Supply 27 17  
KPLW 23 17  
Kalmine "B" 22 17  
Interstate Waterboys A and B 22 17  
Herald and News 20 20  
K Amusement 20 20  
Aime's Caterette 19 23  
Macdoel Tavern 18 23  
Klamath Jets 8 26

Last night's results:  
Kalmine "B" 3 Interstate 1  
Kalmine "A" 3 Macdoel Tavern 1  
K Amusement 2 Herald-News 2  
Herald and News 4 Aime's Caterette 0  
KPLW 4 Klamath Jets  
Makeup Game:  
K Amusement 4 Macdoel Tavern 0

High team game—Kalmine "B" 963  
High team series—Kalmine "B" 2708  
High individual game—Ki Carrier 244  
High individual series—Ki Carrier 642

# Taylor Sees Sparts Stronger Than UCLA

By SCOTT BALLIE  
United Press Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Coach Chuck Taylor, whose Stanford Indians had the distinction of losing to both Rose Bowl opponents this season, rates Michigan State over UCLA for their clash at Pasadena.

"Michigan State was a little stronger than UCLA," Taylor said at Monday's final meeting of the year of the Northern California Football Writers' Association.

"They seemed faster all around although there isn't a better football player than tailback Sam Brown of UCLA."

## Women's Basketball Meet Slated Tonight

An important meeting of all women interested in playing winter basketball has been called for tonight at the city hall, starting at 7:30.

Mary Martin, president of the Klamath Falls Women's Softball Association, the body that is also supervising the basketball play, said any one interested is urged to turn out to this evening's meeting.

If there are some wishing to play winter basketball, and can't attend the meeting, they are asked to call Mary Martin at 5725 before 7 o'clock.

Only senior on the Rice Institute team is a foot 7 Joe Durrenberger of Houston.

The Spartans and Bruins belted Stanford on successive weekends in which the Indians' morale was given its sternest test. Michigan caught them in East Lansing, 38-14 and UCLA followed with a 21-13 triumph.

"Michigan state has more power on offense and UCLA is better on defense," is the way Taylor summed things up.

Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf of California, who may wind up as the Bears' athletic director in the wake of their worst season in eight years, sounded like a man as he reviewed the entire sports year.

"This has been a low point in practically all our sports, as well as football," Pappy said. "But I think it is past. We are looking ahead."

Bob Bronzan attributed injuries as a big factor in the decline of Sam Joe State. Pollo struck two linemen and injuries shelved two others.

"When people ask what happened to us I sometimes wonder also what happened to Michigan," Bronzan said.

Jack (Moose) Myers of College of the Pacific said that Texas Tech "hit harder" than any team COP met this year while grinding out a 15-7 win over the men.

"But we did well this year," Myers said, noting that some experts had picked COP to lose six of nine games. The Tigers finished 5-4.

"We'll have a better team next year and Purdue, UCLA and Stanford won't be on the schedule," Myers declared.

# Dupas Faces Suspension From Boxing

SAN JOSE (UP)—Ralph Dupas, third-ranked light-weight contender, faces suspension from the ring today for withdrawing from a scheduled 10-round bout with Star Gony of the Philippines.

Willie Ritchie, district inspector of the California Athletic Commission, said he will recommend that Dupas be suspended pending another physical examination within the next two weeks and until he fulfills his San Jose contract.

Dupas, formerly of New Orleans and now of Stockton, was supposed to have fought Gony last night. He withdrew because of a sore back.

His place was taken by Jorge Macias, leading Mexican light-weight, who dropped a 10-round decision to the Filipino boxer.

Dr. A. G. Badami, a member of the Athletic Commission, examined Dupas yesterday and said he had a "tender" spot on the right side of his back. Badami recommended that Dupas not fight again without a further examination, including X-rays to determine the exact extent of his back injury.

Matchmaker Babe Griffin accused Dupas of "running out" on the fight. Promoter Abe Acquistapace said he "didn't like" Dupas' action.

"I don't know how a fellow of Dupas' caliber could appear so fine in training and then suddenly complain he can't fight," Acquistapace said.

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# NFL Talks of Replacing punt Return

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—Commissioner Bert Bell of the National Football League says the NFL will propose a change in its rules to require that a punter be at least 10 yards behind the line of scrimmage.

Bell said Monday the purpose of the proposed change would be to encourage more punt returns by cutting down on the number of fair catches.

Present, punters usually stand 15 yards behind the line of scrimmage, a distance which gives them time enough to get off a kick and permits their men and ends to get down field simultaneously with the ball.

Arrival of ball and would-blockers at the same time has the effect of encouraging safes and discouraging would-be returners — faced with an awkward belting from the opposition.

The 10-yard limitation in kicks would have to be gotten more hurriedly and offensively would have to block for their kicker, enabling position safety more time to the ball — and with less risk of being tackled while not able to avoid the anchoring.

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