

INS Honors

Sooners Top Last AP Ballot

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The Associated Press
Undeclared Oklahoma, winning at the polls in the same whirlwind fashion that it won most of its games, today captured the 1955 national college football championship and the Father J. Hugh O'Donnell Trophy in the 20th annual Associated Press poll.

The bowl-bound Sooners amassed 3,581 points in the season's final AP poll of sports writers and broadcasters. It topped Michigan State by more than 300 points. Maryland, Oklahoma's opponent in the Orange Bowl Jan. 2, finished third.

Oklahoma succeeds Ohio State, Big Ten champion for the second straight year, as winner of the national championship trophy. It is the second time the Sooners have taken the award, named in honor of the late Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, former president of Notre Dame. They also finished first in the 1950 poll. It must be won three times to gain permanent possession.

ONE BALLOT
The Associated Press poll was established in 1935. Each newspaper or radio or TV station may cast one ballot, rating the teams from first to tenth. Points are awarded on the basis of 10 for each first-place vote, 9 for second, etc.

In the final 1955 balloting, Oklahoma was first on 218 of the 394 ballots cast, second on 109 and third on 35. It was one of the heaviest voters in the 20-year history of the poll.

Michigan State, with 88 first-place votes, polled a second-place total of 3,204 points and Maryland, with 55 firsts, received 3,074 points. Others finishing in the top 10 were UCLA, which will meet Michigan State in the Rose Bowl, Ohio State, Texas Christian, Georgia Tech, Auburn, Notre Dame and Mississippi.

PREVIOUS WINNERS
Other previous winners of the O'Donnell Trophy were Michigan, Notre Dame, Tennessee, Michigan State and Maryland.

Oklahoma, leader of the weekly polls for four weeks preceding the final ballot, wound up its season with a 53-0 walkover against Oklahoma A&M, its 10th victory of the season and 20th in a row.

TCU will oppose Mississippi in the Cotton Bowl, Georgia Tech will play Pittsburgh (rated 11th) in the Sugar Bowl and Auburn will play unranked Vanderbilt in the Gator Bowl.

The leaders, with first-place votes in parentheses:
1. Oklahoma (218) 3,581
2. Michigan State (88) 3,204
3. Maryland (55) 3,074
4. UCLA (9) 2,837
5. Ohio State (4) 1,980
6. TCU (6) 1,941
7. Georgia Tech 1,901
8. Auburn (6) 854
9. Notre Dame 796
10. Mississippi (1) 708

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Oklahoma Garner UP Award

By NORMAN MILLER
United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (UP)—Oklahoma's slick Sooners, who exploited speed, savvy and spirit for a perfect record and a berth in the Orange Bowl, were chosen the 1955 national college football champion today by the United Press Board of Coaches.

In the final balloting of the season, 24 of the 35 leading coaches who make up the United Press rating board picked Oklahoma best in the land. On a point basis, the Sooners received 323 out of a possible 350 for a 14-point margin over Rose Bowl-bound Michigan State.

Coach Bud Wilkinson's split-T powerhouse, which averaged 36.3 points in 10 games for the highest scoring record among major college teams, was voted the nation's No. 1 team for the second time in the past six seasons.

The coaches — the men who know the game the best — ranked Michigan State, Maryland, UCLA and Texas Christian in order behind Oklahoma. Ohio State, Georgia Tech, Notre Dame, Mississippi and Auburn rounded out the top 10 teams.

CHOICE
Michigan State was the No. 1 choice of seven coaches, while Maryland and UCLA each was picked by two. Of the 11 coaches who did not vote Oklahoma tops, six picked the Sooners second, one third, two fourth, one seventh and one eighth.

The Orange and the Rose bowls thus correlated the nation's top four teams. Oklahoma and Maryland, the only undefeated and untied teams in the major college ranks, collide in the Orange Bowl, while Michigan State and UCLA meet in the Rose Bowl.

The Cotton Bowl also will present an attraction between two teams in the top 10, with fifth-ranked Texas Christian pitted against ninth-ranked Mississippi. Georgia Tech (rated seventh) meets Pittsburgh (rated 11th) in the Sugar Bowl.

With points distributed on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis for votes from first to 10th place, here is how the top 10 was aligned: Oklahoma, 323; Michigan State, 209; Maryland, 270; UCLA, 253; Texas Christian, 165; Ohio State, 148; Georgia Tech, 144; Notre Dame, 67; Mississippi, 62; Auburn, 57.

BIG-TIME
Oklahoma was not a heavyweight team by big-time football standards, but it more than made up for that by its overall speed and the sound football and tremendous desire perennially instilled by popular Wilkinson. During their perfect — record campaign, the Sooners won the Big Seven crown for the eighth year in a row under Wilkinson, extended their victory string to 29 games, and brought to 109 the number of consecutive games in which they have scored.

The Sooners started the season slowly, with a 13-7 victory over North Carolina. But they gathered momentum the following week with a 26-14 triumph over Pitt, and then successively trounced Texas, Kansas, Colorado, Kansas State, Missouri, Iowa State, Nebraska and Oklahoma A & M.

Pitt topped the second 10 group, followed in order by Southern California, Michigan and Texas A & M. Army and Duke were tied for 15th, trailed by West Virginia, Miami (Fla.) and Iowa. Navy was tied with Stanford and Miami (Ohio) for 20th place. Tennessee and Kentucky tied for 23rd.

NEW YORK (UP) — The final United Press 1955 college football ratings (with first — place votes and won-lost-tied records in parentheses):

1. Oklahoma (24) (10-0)	323
2. Michigan State (7) (8-1)	209
3. Maryland (3) (10-0)	270
4. UCLA (2) (9-1)	253
5. Texas Christian (9-1)	165
6. Ohio State (7-2)	148
7. Georgia Tech (8-1-1)	144
8. Notre Dame (8-2)	67
9. Mississippi (9-1)	62
10. Auburn (8-1-1)	57

Second ten-11, Pittsburgh, 33; 12, Southern California, 24; 13, Michigan, 21; 14, Texas A and M, 13; 15 (tie), Army and Duke, 8 each; 17, West Virginia, 5; 18, Miami (Fla.), 4; 19, Iowa, 3; 20 (tie), Navy, Stanford and Miami (Ohio), 2 each.

Others — Tennessee and Kentucky, 1 each.

Sports World Shorts

LOS ANGELES (UP) — Coach Red Sanders of UCLA says it will not be known for two weeks whether Ronnie Knox, the Bruins' passing tailback, will see any action against Michigan State in the Rose Bowl.

"It all depends upon how his broken leg looks when the cast is removed," Sanders told the Southern California Football Writers Assn. Monday.

Sanders said if a poll of the nation's coaches were taken, Michigan State undoubtedly would be chosen the No. 1 team. "We are going to prepare for them like they are, anyhow."

In commenting on Southern California's showing against Notre Dame, compared with its defeat by UCLA, Sanders said: "For the purposes of identification, if nothing more, it was the same team against a different opponent. I'd have to say that in fairness to my boys."

DETROIT (AP) — Internal Revenue authorities Monday filed a second tax lien against Joe Louis, former world heavyweight boxing champion.

The government claims Louis owes a total of \$307,610 in back taxes and interest for the years 1949-50-51.

Louis also has been facing claims totaling \$651,771 in taxes from 1946 to 1949.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — It was roundup time for several minor league managers and a major league coach at the annual baseball convention Monday.

To report to the International League signed Bruno Betzel as a replacement for Luke Sewell who left to manage Seattle in the Pacific Coast League.

Betzel, a veteran minor league manager, had served under Sewell as a coach for two years. Lou Kahn, a St. Louis Cardinal coach last year, was signed to coach Toronto.

Clay Hopper took over as new manager of Hollywood in the Pacific Coast League, succeeding Bobby Bragan who moved up to become manager of Pittsburgh in the National League.

PITTSBURGH (UP) — Honus Wagner, considered by many as baseball's all-time great shortstop, is gravely ill, a member of his family said Monday.

The 81-year-old former Pittsburgh Pirate player, has been bedridden since a fall in his home about two months ago.

A family spokesman said Wagner is semi-conscious most of the time and that his heart is growing weaker.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League, as part of the deal which sent pitcher Lou Kretlow and catcher Joe Ginsberg to the Kansas City Athletics after last season, Monday acquired outfielder Joe Taylor.

Taylor had a very respectable .323 batting average with Ottawa of the International League during the 1954 season. He batted .295 last year in the first part of the 1955 season and finished up with Toronto of the IL.

At Toronto, incidentally, Taylor played under Luke Sewell, who succeeded Freddie Hutchinson as manager of the Rainiers after Hutch moved up as field boss of the St. Louis Cardinals.

SEATTLE (AP) — The University of Washington board of regents will not step into the school's boiling player-coach dispute before its regular meeting set for Dec. 10, the university vice president said Monday night.

OTI Owls Open Year With OJC

Oregon Tech's basketballing interests swing into high speed this week as coach Wally Palmberg grooms his cagers for their season's first action this Friday and Saturday night at OTI.

The Mile High Campus quintet meets Phil Pesco's Olympic Junior College Rangers in a double weekend of court play to open a 26-game season.

Olympic and Tech have met five times, with the Owls winning three, and the Rangers two. Last year Tech split with the Bremerton cage crew, winning 79-68 and losing 59-74.

This weekend's meeting between OTI and Olympic may very well be an early test of what is to come in the Regional Junior College Tournament, Palmberg's Owls have already been invited to attend the JC meet, and on three different occasions, Pesco's Rangers have entered the nationals after whipping past regional foes.

Olympic will be led by one of the finest junior college prospects in Pacific Northwest case circles (this year). The acquisition of 6-2 forward Bernie Findlay has given the "small" Rangers a definite scoring punch. Findlay graduated from Onondaga (New York) High School last spring after compiling over 1500 points in four years of prep play.

One of Findlay's scoring marks is expected to stand for some time. His record of 26 field goals in one game.

Findlay is being considered as one of the future prospects by University of Washington basketball scouts. The Olympic star was an Upstate All-Star last season.

Findlay and center Jerry Hathaway are the tallest first-line cagers for Pesco at 6-2, but reserve center Truman Williams stands at the six foot-three inch level.

TIME OUT

Coach Don Peterson's Klamath Union High School Pelicans make their first public appearance tonight at Pelican Court as they participate in a basketball rules clinic under the direction of the Klamath County Basketball Officials Association. The clinic starts at 8 o'clock.

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SF Franchise Purchased By Boston Sox

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—The Boston Red Sox have bought the San Francisco franchise for \$150,000 in a deal calculated to strengthen the Pacific Coast League and are negotiating the sale of their Louisville farm in the American Assn.

Joe Cronin, Red Sox general manager, surprised the minor league convention last night by buying the Coast League outfit as Cleveland's Hank Greenberg sat back and waited for the club to fall into his lap.

Assured the Red Sox would do "everything possible" to have a contending club in San Francisco, the league's directors approved the sale.

In addition to the franchise, the Red Sox acquired the contracts of 19 players, including veterans like Gene Bearden, Wally Judnich and Bill Serena and who have had a whirl in the majors.

The league assumed all obligations of the former owners, the San Francisco Seals, Inc., headed by Damon Miller. It had declared the franchise forfeited by Miller's group at a special meeting at Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 11. Out of the \$150,000 must come \$50,000 to pay a note due the leagues and \$60,000 in back salary to former manager Tommy Hayes. After all debts are paid, the remainder will revert to Miller's group.

Cronin revealed a deal to sell the Red Sox's Louisville farm was in "the taking stage." He said negotiations were under way with a "group" but he declined to name names.

OCC Co-Champs Top HN-KFLW Star Team

Three members from each of the co-champion Oregon Collegiate Conference teams shared the main billing in the first annual Herald and News — KFLW Oregon Collegiate All-Star football game.

Oregon College of Education, Eastern Oregon and Southern Oregon College headlined the conference star team with nine of the eleven positions. Oregon Tech's winless Owls from the Mile High Campus, and Portland State's fourth place Vikings each gained one spot on the newspaper-radio "dream team."

Oregon Tech's pint-sized guard Olen Ragan was awarded one first place position along with PSC's Jack Knudson at the other guard slot.

'Mo', Sword, Riley Lead All-Star Vote

Modesto "Mighty Mo" Jimenez, Gary Riley and Phil Sword led the balloting in the Medford Mail-Tribune's 1955 Southern Oregon Conference all-star team. It was announced recently by Dick Jewett of the Medford newspaper.

Jimenez, a Klamath Falls guard, Riley, Medford's speedy fullback, and Sword, Ashland four-year letterman center, were all unanimous choices of coaches, sports writers and sportscasters in the four conference cities.

Members of the first team were ends Dick Coppel of Medford and Bill Badorek of Klamath Falls. Tackles Neil Plumley of Medford and Arnold Slaven of Grants Pass, guards Jimenez and Monte Holst of Medford, and center Sword.

In the backfield, Riley teams with Lee McGill of Klamath Falls, Dave Filipe of Grants Pass and Harry Johnson of Ashland. Members of the second team backfield included Donu Taucher and Butch Kilmington of Klamath Falls, Mike Hawkins of Medford and Larry Gorb of Medford's district championship team.

The Pelicans nailed down two line positions on the second unit with Bob Harsharber gaining a tackle post and Cal Tichenor winning out at center. Ends on the second team were Gene Parent of Ashland and Larry McFarland of Grants Pass, while Jim Dean of Grants Pass and Jack Gregory of Medford were honored as the second guards. Gary Krause of Grants Pass teamed with Harsharber at tackle.

Among the honorable mention gridders were end Larry Heaton and guard Roy Ropp of Klamath Falls.

Repeaters from last year's Tribune all-star team were Parent, a '54 first team choice, Harsharber, Krause, Dean, Holst and Johnson all second teamers. Sword and Hawkins were honorable mention last year.

Wenatchee JC Shuns Ban, Accepts Offer

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. (AP) — The Washington Junior College Conference may discipline Wenatchee J.C., the league's 1955 football champion, for accepting a bid to play in the Potato Bowl at Bakerfield, Calif., conference officials said Tuesday.

The undefeated Knights Monday accepted an offer to meet Bakerfield in the bowl game next Saturday, despite a conference ban on members competing in post-season games, except the Junior Rose Bowl, after Dec. 1. The ban planned to leave Wenatchee for California Tuesday.

Dave Duvall of Skagit Valley J.C., here, president of the Junior College Athletic Commission, said the commission will meet at Longview next Saturday to consider any protests over Wenatchee's accepting the Potato Bowl invitation.

Everett Junior College sources said the Trojans have turned down bowl games in the past because of the conference rule.

In agreeing to the game Monday, Dr. James Starr, Wenatchee J.C. president, said the school was accepting because of "circumstances surrounding the bowl bid."

There is tremendous community pressure to go to a bowl game," Dr. Starr said. "I felt obliged to bow to that pressure since, after all, the junior college is a community school."

He added the commission had been asked to poll its members to learn their attitude on Wenatchee accepting an offer if one was received, but no poll was taken.

Wenatchee won seven games this season and tied Grants Harbor J.C. to capture the league title.

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FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK — Tony Johnson, 174, New York, stopped Billy McNece, 171½, New York, 8.
QUEBEC — Fernando Garmon, 118, Quebec, outpointed Paul Smith, 120½, Denver, 10.
MONTREAL, 117, Montreal, 11, Jerry Simpson, 117, Montreal, 11.
NOTTINGHAM, England — Artie Towne, 168, New York, defeated Yvon Durelle, 173, Canada, 7 (Durelle disqualified for "rabbit punch").
PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Bobby Bolton, 167½, Providence, stopped Lou Campanelli, 166½, Providence, 4.
DENVER — Corky Gonzales, 129½, Denver, outpointed Paul Smith, 120½, Denver, 10.
ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands — Idrise Dine, 170, outpointed Bep Van Klaveren, The Netherlands, 10, (welterweights).

Sports Notes

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UP) — End Tom Maentz, 200-pounder from Holland, Mich., was named today to Captain Michigan's 1956 football team. He succeeds Ed Meads at the post.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UP) — Jacksonville, Fla., New Orleans, Erie, Pa., and Colorado Springs, Colo., have bid for the 1956 minor league baseball convention.

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