

Teamwork Praised As Pitt Awaits Georgia Tech Fray

By JOHN CARROLL

PITTSBURGH (UP) — Last spring, Johnny Michelson picked up a telephone, called a sporting goods supply house and ordered bright new gold and blue uniforms for his Pitt Panthers. He wanted to give the team a psychological lift.

Pittsburgh plays in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 2 against Georgia Tech, but John admits it took more than new uniforms to get the Panthers there.

It took the fine end play of Pitt's "terror twins," John Paluck and Joe Walton — alias Arsenic and Old Lace — because they were 430 pounds of defensive poison all season.

It also took the determination of a couple of veteran backs named Pete Neft and Lou Cimarrone, who just wouldn't give up. Next, a senior quarterback, wasn't even listed on pre-season publicity releases. But once he took over, the Panthers won five of their last six games, including upsets over Duke and West Virginia.

JOINED NAVY

Cimarrone led all Pitt scorers as a sophomore halfback in 1951 and then encountered classroom trouble. He joined the Navy and returned two years later but was

Willie Mays Wins Second Slugging Title

NEW YORK (UP) — Willie Mays, the New York Giants' brilliant centerfielder, today officially became the first player in a decade to win the National League's slugging crown two consecutive years.

Figures released by the Elias Baseball Bureau revealed that the 24-year-old Mays compiled a .659 slugging percentage and a 1.150 topped the circuit in total bases with 382. Duke Snider of the Brooklyn Dodgers ranked second in slugging with .628 while Ted Kluszewski of the Cincinnati Redlegs was second in total bases with 358.

Mays, who also led the circuit in slugging with a .669 in 1954, is the first National League player to win two straight slugging crowns since Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals did it in 1943 and 1944. Other National League players who have won the slugging crown in consecutive campaigns were Johnny Mize, Chuck Klein, Rogers Hornsby and the late Hans Wagner.

Mays, who played in 152 games, compiled his 382 bases in 580 official times at bat. He collected 185 hits, including a league-leading 5 home runs, 13 triples and 18 doubles.

Snider compiled his .628 percentage with 338 total bases for 538 at-bats. He had 166 hits, 42 homers, six triples and 34 doubles. Kluszewski amassed his 358 total bases on 192 hits, including 47 homers and 25 doubles, but failed to hit a single triple.

Musial ranked eighth in slugging with .566. His 318 total bases marked the 11th time he passed 300 in his career—an N. L. record. Eddie Mathews of the Milwaukee Braves, who ranked third with a .601 slugging percentage, led in bases on balls with 109. Richie Ashburn, the league's batting champion, ranked second with .585, while Kluszewski's 25 intentional passes were tops for that department.

Outfielder Don Mueller of the Giants struck out only 12 times for the best showing in that category. On the other extreme, Cincinnati's Wally Post fanned 102 times. Pee Wee Reese of the Brooklyn Dodgers hit into the most double plays — 22 — and Bill Bruton of the Braves into the least — two.

Bob Hopkins Breaks 3000 Point Mark

NEW YORK (UP) — College basketball today hailed a new all-time high-scoring champion — six-foot, nine-inch center Bob Hopkins of Grambling College of Louisiana. Hopkins became the first player in history to score more than 3,000 points in his college career during the past week when he scored 18 points in Grambling's 78-58 victory over Wiley College. He tallied 51 points the next night against the same team to run his all-time total to 3,062 points in 109 games.

The Grambling star already had passed the all-time record of 2,959 points, set by Carl Hartman of Alderson-Broadus in a four-year career ending last year.

Hopkins' 168 points in five games (through Dec. 10) puts him atop this year's small-college race, with an average of 33.6 points per game, in small-college statistics released today by the NCAA. He's closely followed by Chester Webb of Georgia Teachers with 31.8. Al Meyer of Illinois Normal with 31.3, and Joe Girlando of Case Tech with 30.0.

Jerry Traux of Wheaton leads in field goal percentage, sinking .639 of his shots, and Dick Ondacker of Akron and Frank Davis of Middle Tennessee State are tied for free-throw honors, each sinking 16 out of 17 for a .941 mark. Ralph Moore of Erskine is the top rebounder with an average of 24.8 per game.

dropped from the squad for disciplinary reasons last year. Many thought he was through.

Lou turned up at spring practice and fought his way back to lead the team in rushing with 301 yards on 46 carries for a 6½-yard average.

Basically, Pittsburgh is a running team, operating from the split-T. Michelson once said "passing teams lose — running teams win."

Now that Pittsburgh is going to a bowl game for the first time in 19 years, what is the reaction on the campus?

"At first we took the bowl invitation with indifference," one student leader said. "But now it's the biggest thing out here, even bigger than our holiday vacation."

Meanwhile, signs were up all over the campus reading "Wreck Tech" and "Go, Go, Panthers." The student body threw a party for the team this week, but the guests of honor failed to show up. They were busy practicing.

A mile-long telegram containing the names of 40,000 students and Pitt followers was being compiled "at a quarter a name." It will be sent to the team the day of the big game.

And a post-game rally was planned to welcome home the "victorious" Panthers.

Willman, champion in 1945-46, continued his excellent sniping Thursday during the opening day's four four-game matches and held a 3.15 Petersen Point lead over youthful Dick Weber of St. Louis.

Willman, of suburban Berwyn, moved into the top at the end of the third match, displacing Weber.

In marching to the front, Willman won 13 of the 16 games. He defeated Stan Thaden, Chicago; Harry Smith, Detroit; Weber and Tom Hennessey, Detroit, in that order. He piled up 79.34 points to Weber's 76.19.

Only in one match was Willman outscored—in the Thaden match when Stan bowled 823 to Willman's 797. Willman, however, won on points, 18.47 to 17.48, as he took three out of four games. Willman swept four games against Hennessey.

Eddie Lubanski, of Detroit, last season's runner-up, collected the most pins, 3,553 as he fished his third. His pinning was 19 more than Willman.

Defending champion Steve Nagy of Detroit, plagued by an injured second finger on his throwing hand, won eight games out of 15 for 72.14 points and 10th place. 7.20 points. Nagy, from the Detroit Tigers, was the top pitcher.

Former champions Don Carter of St. Louis, and Dick Hoover, Akron, Ohio, were in fifth and sixth places, respectively. Carter rolled the day's best series, a 908, as he blasted John Quinzi, of East Rochester, N.Y., in the day's third match. Carter's games were 173, 257, 267, 211.

Miss Cantaline, a bowling instructor, stole the thunder from the other 15 feminine contestants as she roared into the lead at the end of the first session and held it through the first session. Her leading total was 39.05 points.

Cagers Plan County Play

Malin's Mustangs go after their fourth straight basketball win tonight at Henley in one of the two county high school cage meetings scheduled.

The Mustangs will be meeting with A-2 Hornets for the first time this year after rolling to wins over Merrill, Bonanza and Bly in action so far. Henley has won two of their three games to date.

The two B teams will open the evening's cage fair at Henley tonight at 7 o'clock with the varsity game following.

In the other scheduled contest, Sacred Heart's Trojans travel to Bonanza in an effort to pick up their second win in three starts, while the Antlers are striving for win number three in four tries.

Saturday night, Chiloquin travels to Talent to do battle with the Jackson County B-League favorite. Chiloquin presently holds an even up record of 1-1. Another Saturday battle pits Malin against Tulelake on the Honkers home court.

Casanova Leaves For Shrine Post

EUGENE — Len Casanova, Oregon football coach left Thursday night for San Francisco and his duties as a member of the West's Shrine game football coaching staff.

He will join Jess Hill of USC, head coach, and Del Ward of University of Colorado.

The coaches will huddle until the West players arrive at San Francisco Sunday to start preparations for the annual classic at Kezar Stadium Dec. 31.

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Top NW Teams In Road Tilts

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With three of five major Pacific Northwest college basketball teams on the road, it's a skimpy menu for the hometown hoop fans this weekend.

Washington, Washington State and Idaho are traveling, and Oregon and Oregon State will be idle until Tuesday.

Washington State will be playing closest to home. The Cougars play at Montana University Friday night, and move to Salt Lake City Saturday to tackle Utah.

Idaho is farthest from its home base and has the toughest assignment.

The Vandals are in Lexington, Ky., on their road trip and Saturday night play Adolph Rupp's Kentucky Wildcats, 12th ranked in the latest Associated Press poll.

Idaho opened the tour with a loss to Dayton, Ohio, University, ranked No. 7 Wednesday.

Washington, with two wins and two losses on its record, will be in Manhattan, Kans., Saturday night to play Kansas State. The Huskies dropped a pair to Stanford to open the season but came back last week to beat Baylor University twice.

Oregon and Oregon State return to action next Tuesday, playing Northwestern and Michigan, respectively at Corvallis.

Reed Leads Victory
SALEM, Ore. (UP) — Stan Reed posted in 27 points Thursday night as Willamette University defeated Whitier College, 68-58, in a non-conference basketball game.

It was Whitier's second loss on its visit to Oregon. The Californians lost, 68-66, to Southern Oregon Wednesday night.

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