

East-West Tilt Opens Weekend Bowl Play

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than half a million fans are expected to witness the opening of the East-West Shrine Game at San Francisco, featuring an all-star team from the East and a team of college players from the West. The game is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The game will be telecast by NBC starting at 5 p.m., EST. Also on Saturday's bill are the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville with Vanderbilt and Auburn facing off, and the Orange Bowl at Miami with Duke and Wake Forest.

McDonald May Hold Bowl Key

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The hard preparatory work is all over today and Coach Jim Tatum of Maryland will think the difference in the Orange Bowl game Monday could be the extra speed of halfback Tommy McDonald of Oklahoma.

He said he had come to that conclusion from movies of Oklahoma's regular season games and hadn't changed his mind after putting his squad through its stiffest test in Miami this week.

McDonald, the 170-pound Oklahoma left halfback from Albuquerque, N.M., scored 16 touchdowns and averaged 6.8 yards rushing. He also completed 17 of 24 passes for 265 yards.

"The way I look at the game is this," said Tatum.

"If our team played perfect football, all the players did their best and we didn't make too many mistakes like fumbles or intercepted passes, and Oklahoma did the same—McDonald might be the difference."

"That step he has on everyone on the field can break up a ball game. There isn't much you can do to stop it either."

He explained he couldn't afford to build a defense aimed at stopping McDonald.

Coach Bill Wilkinson is too good a quarterback coach probably the best in the country—to be caught napping that way. His quarterback would be ready to try something else.

Maryland has a fine halfback too in Ed Vereb, who has scored the same number of touchdowns as McDonald, but he doesn't have the speed, said Tatum.

Otherwise in general, Tatum gave this analysis of the two teams which were undefeated in their 10 regular games this season:

"I figure the centers and guards are even. We have an edge on the line at tackle and outback them at end."

"Our quarterback is better, although there is adequate for the job he has to do. The rest of the backfield is about the same except for the speed of McDonald."

Movies Open Argument On Series Calls

NEW YORK (AP)—The old argument of the camera vs. the umpire pops up again with the showing of the official World Series movies of controversial plays in Brooklyn's exciting seven-game victory over the New York Yankees.

Many of the baseball writers and guests who watched the movies Thursday thought Billy Martin of the Yankees looked safe at the plate when he tried to steal home in the sixth inning of the first game and Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers appeared out when he stole home in the eighth inning of the same game.

Plate umpire Bill Summers called Martin out and Robinson safe.

Ford Frick, baseball commissioner, quickly came to the defense of the umpires.

"I'm for the umpires," he said. "You've got to remember an umpire is right behind the plate and the cameras are not. I saw two pictures in the papers after the game. One showed Robinson out, the other safe. The umpires are in the best position to see."

Martin wasn't present but Roy Campanella, the Dodger catcher, was in a first row seat. "The umpire called him out," Roy kept repeating.

Yogi Berra, the Yankee catcher who protested so violently when Robinson was called safe, watched the movies carefully. What he saw strengthened his original belief. "I always thought I had him," he said.

Neither play turned out to be vital in the game, won by the Yankees 6-5. Martin tried to steal with the Yankees leading 6-3 and two out. Robinson's came with the Dodgers trailing 6-4, Robinson on third and two out.

Winters Leads PU

PORTLAND (AP)—Jimmy Winters scored 20 points to lead Portland University to a 77-42 basketball victory over Willamette Thursday night. The win avenged an earlier defeat.

A crowd of 36,000 is anticipated at the Gator Bowl. Auburn is a six-point choice.

CBS will telecast at 2 p.m. The Blues (Northerners) have been established a one-touchdown choice over the Grays.

NBC will telecast at 2:30 p.m. There is no national TV or radio scheduled for the Salad Bowl.

Bowl fever reaches its height Monday with four major postseason games and three minor ones on the agenda.

The four big games figure to bring in half a million dollars each with the largest crowd of 100,000 at Pasadena, Calif., for the Rose Bowl set to between UCLA and Michigan State.

Another \$2,985 are expected to sit in on the Pittsburgh-Georgia Tech Sugar Bowl battle at New Orleans. The long-awaited test of Oklahoma's national champion Sooners and Maryland's third-ranked Terrapins will be seen by 76,000 in the Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla. The Cotton Bowl at Dallas will have a turnout of 75,504 for the game between Texas Christian and Mississippi, two teams with identical 9-1-0 records.

The Sun at El Paso (Texas Tech and Wyoming), the Tangerine at Orlando, Fla. (Juniata, Pa. and Missouri Valley) and the Prairie View at Houston (Prairie View and Tennessee A&I) round out Monday's bowl program.

All of the four major games will be televised—the Cotton (2 p.m.) and the Rose (5 p.m.) by NBC, the Sugar (2 p.m.) by ABC and the Orange (2 p.m.) by CBS.

Gates Down As PCL Ends Perilous Year

By UNITED PRESS

The Pacific Coast League survived another perilous financial season in 1955 but not before adding the city of Oakland to the list of the "deceased" as far as baseball is concerned.

It was a rough year all around on the West Coast for baseball teams. Oakland, long a member of the PCL, finally gave up and owner C. L. (Buck) Laws moved the franchise to Vancouver, B.C., for the 1956 campaign.

The league started the season with high hopes after electing Claire V. Goodwin as its new president. But it soon ran into financial difficulties. The league itself forced closed on the Little Corporation, owner of the San Francisco franchise and then sold the club to the Boston Red Sox for next year.

ATTENDANCE OFF Attendance was slightly off all over the West, including the California and Northwest Leagues. Some of this was blamed on inclement weather.

Veteran George Metkovich of the seventh-place Oakland team, won the PCL batting title with a .335 mark. George Munger, another old-timer, annexed most of the pitching laurels for Hollywood. He had the best earned run average at 1.85; and the most games won, 23. Young Bob Barber of Hollywood led in strikeouts with 199.

At the end of the season there was a wholesale shift in managerial talent. Bobby Bragan of Hollywood moved up to manage Pittsburgh in the National League; Clay Hopper went from Portland to Hollywood; Tommy Heath moved from San Francisco to Sacramento; Freddie Hutchinson, who piloted Seattle to the pennant, went up to take over the St. Louis Cardinals; Eddie Joost was named manager at San Francisco; Tommy Holmes at Portland; and Luke Sewell at Seattle.

JOINS PADRES Big names to join the league for next season included home-run slugger Ralph Kiner, who took over as the non-playing general manager of the San Diego Padres; and first baseman Ferris Fain, two-time American League batting champion, who will be playing coach with Sacramento.

The doozy Class C California League had its share of troubles, too. It finally gave up the ghost trying to run a club in the Santa Barbara-Ventura area, calling it Channel Cities. The franchise was moved to Reno, with fair success. One highlight of the league, however, was Salinas. This comparatively new member, with a bad club, finished with a net profit—\$176, to be exact.

In college baseball, the California Intercollegiate Baseball Association crown went to University of Southern California with 12 wins, three losses.

Tech Arrives For Pitt Game

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Georgia Tech's arrival and Pittsburgh's defensive strategy competed for attention today as the two teams began the final phases of their pre-Sugar Bowl drills.

Tech has conducted its workouts in Atlanta for the last several days. The teams arrive today in three special planes. An afternoon practice session is scheduled.

Pitt Coach Johnny Michelosen, undaunted by an injury to regular fullback Tom Jenkins, sent the team through stiff offensive and defensive scrimmages yesterday and ordered lighter drills today.

Tech Coach Bobby Dodd has not outlined his final training schedule. Michelosen said earlier he would not alter his regular season routine and apparently believes rough work helped get his squad into the Sugar Bowl.

He said his plans were fluid on the defensive alignment against Tech's speedy backfield.

Basketball SCORES

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday's Results

FAR WEST

Portland State 63, Pacific Univ. 62
Pacific Lutheran 83, Linfield 64
Portland Univ. 77, Willamette 42
Southern Oregon 55, Lewis & Clark 67

MIDWEST

Kentucky 101, St. Louis 80
Illinois 102, Drake 66
Northwestern 74, Dartmouth 60
Hope 98, Lawrence Tech 67
DePauw 94, Millikin 81

TOURNAMENTS

All-College, Oklahoma City
Tulsa 65, Oklahoma City 58 (championship)
Oklahoma A&M 63, Seattle 52 (for 3rd)

Idaho State 84, Pennsylvania 79 (for 5th)
New Orleans Loyola 70, Texas Tech 63 (for 7th)

Dixie Classic at Raleigh (First Round)
N.C. State 59, Oregon State 54
North Carolina 86, Villanova 63
Wake Forest 87, Minnesota 83 (overtime)

Duke 71, Wyoming 54
Kentucky Invitation
Murray (Ky.) 74, Western Kentucky 69 (championship)

Louisville 99, Eastern Kentucky 79 (for 3rd)
Ohio Univ. 97, Morehead (Ky.) 91 (for 5th)

Bowling Green 92, Arizona 75 (for 7th)
Big Seven at Kansas City (Semifinals)

Iowa State 55, Colorado 52
Kansas 73, Missouri 56
Nebraska 70, Cornell 69 (consolation)

Orange Bowl, Miami Beach (Semifinals)
West Virginia 70, Columbia 60
Miami (Fla.) 86, Tulane 75
Yale 71, NYU 70 (consolation)

Santa Clara 81, Florida State 59 (consolation)
Queen City at Buffalo, N.Y. (First Round)

Xavier (Ohio) 84, Niagara 63
St. Bonaventure 79, Georgetown (DC) 52
Canisius 92, Lafayette 70

Georgia Tech 65, Westminster (Pa.) 56
Richmond (Va.) Invitational (Semifinals)

Cincinnati 82, Wm. & Mary 80
Army 89, Rhode Island 74 (consolation)
Virginia 103, Virginia Tech 85 (consolation)

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans (First Round)
Notre Dame 86, Alabama 80
Utah 89, Marquette 84

Gator Bowl at Jacksonville
Olemiss 94, South Carolina 87 (Championship)
Louisiana State 81, Georgia 86 (for 3rd)

Southwest Conference at Houston (Semifinals)
Southern Methodist 70, Southern California 64
Rice 80, Texas 72
Baylor 67, Arkansas 63 (consolation)

Texas Christian 67, Texas A&M 59 (consolation)
Mid-Winter, College Park, Md. (First Round)

George Washington 68, St. Francis (Pa.) 58
Michigan State 95, Maryland 75
Billings (Mont.) Invitational

St. Johns (Minn.) 93, Rocky Mountain 76 (championship)
Carroll (Mont.) 78, Eastern Montana 74 (for 3rd)

All-America, Owensboro, Ky. (First Round)
Wash. Lee 65, College of Pacific 64
Kentucky Wesleyan 84, Utah State 73

Louisiana Invitation at Shreveport
Centenary 63, Washington State 55 (Championship)
North Texas 69, Louisiana Tech 62 (for 3rd)

New England at Waterville, Maine (Semifinals)
Colby 70, Bowdoin 59
Connecticut 73, Massachusetts 69
Harvard 100, Middlebury 51 (consolation)

Amherst 63, Brown 37 (consolation)
NAIA Tipoff at Omaha (Semifinals)

Western Illinois 78, Texas Southern 74
Gustavus Adolphus 77, East Texas 60
Creighton 71, Regis 64 (consolation)

Southeastern Okla. 74, Omaha 62 (consolation)
Far Western Conference (2nd Round)

Humboldt 49, Sacramento State 42
San Francisco State 96, Nevada 72
Chico State 68, Cal Aggies (Davis) 53

Oregon Prep Basketball
Pendleton 65, West Valley (Spokane) 61
Hillsboro 68, North Bend 66 (double overtime)

Klamath Falls 69, Jefferson (Portland) 64
Roosevelt (Portland) 54, Gresham 47
Central Catholic (Portland) 58, The Dalles 56 (overtime)

Stanfield 50, Pilot Rock 44
Silverton 53, Sandy 43
Williams 37, Oakridge 33
Richland, Wash., 101, Hermiston 65
Elkton 57, Harrisburg 52
Lowell 45, Pleasant Hill 44
Mt. Angel 55, Tillamook Catholic 34

Cottage Grove 58, Central Point 46
Parkrose 51, Washington (Portland) 45
Newport 53, Turner 39
Cleveland (Portland) 55, Medford 52
Franklin (Portland) 57, Grants Pass 49

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West Has Up, Down Grid Year

By UNITED PRESS

It was an up-and-down year for football on the West Coast.

The 1955 year started off with Ohio State beating Southern California in the Rose Bowl and the East beating the West in the Shrine classic. Actually these games were the carry-over from 1954.

But in 1955's regular season, things were looking up. The Pacific Coast Conference displayed some of its best balance in the post-World War II years.

In seven games with the Big Ten, the PCC won four, lost three. On top of that, Stanford, an also-ran in the West, handed the Big Ten champion, Ohio State, a 6-0 licking, and Southern California really clobbered favored Notre Dame.

WINS CROWN The Pacific Coast Conference title went to UCLA, which will play Michigan State in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 2.

Among the smaller schools, the best teams were put out by Whitworth of Spokane, Wash., and Fresno State.

The big names in western football were Jon Arnett of Southern California; Bill Tarr of Stanford; and Sam Brown of UCLA—all backs.

The West Coast coach of the year turned out to be Jim Lounsbury of Whitworth—where he has hung up 18 victories in a row.

On the business side of the game, every team in the Pacific Coast Conference was fined for some type of illegal proselyting. UCLA, as befits the champion, topped all the others with a total of \$3300 in fines. Oregon State, which was runner-up for the title, was second with \$2650.

KIRCHER FIRED The only PCC coach to be fired was Al Kircher of Washington State.

This was a year in which the students took to hanging coaches in effigy and at one time or another Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf of California, Jess Hill of Southern California, John Choberg of Washington, Kircher at Washington State and Len Casanova of Oregon felt the mythical rope around their necks. Nobody, it seemed, was happy.

At San Jose State the students even went so far as to hang head Coach Bob Brosnan's wife in effigy.

In the professional ranks, Los Angeles had a champion and San Francisco a tail-ender. The Rams hired a new coach, Sid Gilman of Cincinnati and he took the club to a divisional title. The Forty Niners fired Buck Shaw and hired Red Strader in his place and Strader's club finished next to last. Strader was fired for his efforts.

Even Without Podres, Bums Team To Beat

By OSCAR FRALEY United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—The impending loss of World Series hero Johnny Podres to the armed forces will be "unfortunate" but the world champion Brooklyn Dodgers still will be the club to beat in 1956, catcher Roy Campanella insisted today.

Campanella, the most valuable player of the National League has three big reasons.

"The National League hasn't improved appreciably," he asserted. "Winning the World Series gave us the ultimate in confidence which at times, we might have lacked. And this is the kind of a club where, when one guy falls down or out, somebody else steps in and picks him up."

The bubbling Campanella, three time winner of MVP honors, added with a chuckle:

"After all, even the New York Yankees played on pretty good without Babe Ruth."

The loss of a pitcher such as Podres would just about flatten any other club but the Dodgers, chubby Roy estimated.

"On most of the other clubs, if one big man falls out they are finished," he said. "But we have the kind of a club which, if it loses one man, always seems to pick up somewhere else. Look, we lost Big Newk (pitcher Don Newcombe) early in the series but we went on to win."

That World Series victory cured the Dodgers of looking at themselves as perennial losers. Campy holds, and such southpaws as Karl Spooner, bonus baby Sandy Koufax and Ken Lehman, coming up from Montreal, will take up the southpaw pitching slack created by the probable loss of Podres.

PORTLAND STATE WINS FOREST GROVE, Ore. (AP)—Jim Perkins bucketed two free throws in overtime Thursday night and Portland State shaded Pacific University, 63-62, in a nonconference basketball game.

Regular play ended with the score tied 53-53. Pacific led 31-22 at the half.

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