

Choices In Grid Play Told

NEW YORK (UP) — Based on the early "line," college football's top teams should enjoy easy pickings this weekend.

Of this week's top 10 teams, 9 of them are picked to win by at least two touchdowns. The top ranked Oklahoma Sooners drew the biggest "spread," being picked by 35 points over Kansas in their Big Seven game at Lawrence, Kan.

Fifth-rated Texas Christian was expected to be given the toughest battle. The Horned Frogs were picked by eight points over Texas A&M for their Southwest Conference battle at College Station, Tex.

In the pre-season forecasts, this week's meeting between Michigan State and Notre Dame shaped up as one of the games of the year.

UNDERDOGS
But the Irish have dropped two of their first three contests, so will go into Saturday's game at South Bend, Ind., as 14-point underdogs against the second-ranked Spartans.

Third-ranked Georgia Tech, rambling along in old-time style, was picked to defeat Auburn by at least 13 points in their Southeastern Conference Ohio State game, while fourth-ranked Ohio State was a 15-point pick over Penn State for their intercollegiate clash at Columbus, Ohio.

In other games involving top ranked teams, Tennessee (No. 6) was 21 over Alabama at Knoxville, Tenn.; Michigan (No. 7) was 21 over Northwestern at Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mississippi (No. 8) was 14 over Tulane at Jackson, Miss., and Southern California (No. 9) was 13 over Washington at Los Angeles. Tenth-ranked Baylor is idle.

CAL PICKED

The only "pick 'em" game on this week's quotations was the intercollegiate meeting between Pittsburgh and Duke at Norfolk, Va. Brown was picked by one point over Arkansas, and California was one over UCLA.

Here are the point-spreads on other major games Saturday:

East: Harvard 10 over Columbia; Holy Cross 4 over Dartmouth; Princeton 6 over Colgate; Syracuse 4 over Army; Yale 14 over Cornell; Navy 17 over Cincinnati.

South: Maryland 8 over North Carolina; Kentucky 6 over LSU; Vanderbilt 7 over Florida.

Midwest: Missouri 14 over Kansas State; Minnesota 7 over Illinois; Purdue 7 over Wisconsin; Indiana 4 over Nebraska.

Southwest: Houston 7 over Oklahoma A&M; Southern Methodist 5 over Rice.

Far West: Oregon State 13 over Washington State; Stanford 8 over Oregon.

Matson Tops NFL Rushing

PHILADELPHIA (UP) — Olympic speedster Ollie Matson of the Chicago Cardinals is off and running at an olympiad pace in the National Football League with 306 yards gained in three games.

Matson, who returned a kickoff 105 yards against the Washington Redskins last weekend, held a 29 yard edge over second-place Rick Casares of the Chicago Bears, who posted 277 yards. Matson picked up his yardage in 45 carries for a 6.8 yard average. The Cardinal back also is second in kickoff returns.

Eddie Brown of the Bears was the early pacemaker in passing, with an average of 9.59 yards gained for every pass thrown. Brown, who was runner-up to Otto Graham a year ago, completed 26 of 39 for 374 yards and four touchdowns. Billy Wade of Los Angeles, who had a 291-yard game against San Francisco two weeks ago, was in second place.

Sports World Shorts

WASHINGTON (UP) — Calvin Griffith, president of the Washington Senators, has been invited to a meeting with Los Angeles County supervisors to discuss the possibility of shifting the American League franchise.

Griffith received the invitation Tuesday from a group headed by supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who met with him during the World Series. Hahn also discussed the proposal with Walter O'Malley, president of the National League champion Brooklyn Dodgers.

NEW YORK (UP) — A special committee will review more than 350 track and field, swimming and weight - lifting records set by American athletes during the past four years when the National AAU convenes for its annual meeting at Los Angeles, Oct. 3 - Nov. 2. It is the largest number of records submitted for review in the 69 year history of the AAU.

LAUREL (UP) — Career Boy, back in the U.S. after his foray to France where he finished fourth in the Arc de Triomphe, will be one of America's representatives in the \$100,000 Washington, D.C. International at Laurel Nov. 12.

CHICAGO (UP) — Shortstop Luis Aparicio, the Chicago White Sox' candidate for American League "rookie of the year" honors, has signed his 1957 contract at a "substantial increase," Vice President Chuck Comiskey announced today.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (UP) — The Chattanooga Lookouts today sold catcher Bob Oldis to Denver in the American Association. Oldis, 27, had a .286 batting average this year.

DETROIT (UP) — Middleweight Moses Ward of New York was permanently suspended by the Michigan State Athletic Board of Control today because his poor record in the last 18 months led the board to believe he might suffer permanent injuries if he continued to fight.

Parker Gets Line Laurels

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UP) — Jim Parker, the Goliath guard with the Ohio State Buckeyes, became a papa last week and he really celebrated.

The celebration consisted of blasting big holes in the Illinois line at Champaign Saturday afternoon.

Parker, like all expectant papas, was a bit jittery and didn't play up to snuff until last week. But when Mrs. Parker presented him with a youngster, big Jim went out and did himself proud.

Parker's outstanding play in Ohio's 26-6 triumph over the fighting Illini won him the United Press' mid-west lineman of the week honors.

Through the Nebraska and Stanford games, the coaches were worried about big Jim's play.

But after watching his performance last week, they're fretting no more.

Ford, Burdett Top ERAs

NEW YORK (UP) — Whitey Ford of the New York Yankees, a consistently brilliant pitcher, and Milwaukee's Lew Burdette, who came out of a slump on the final day of the season, won the earned run titles in the major leagues in 1956.

This was disclosed today with the release of the final averages compiled by The Associated Press. Ford topped the American League with a 2.47 mark while Burdette headed the National League with 2.71. The championships were the first for both.

With a 19-6 record, good for the highest junior circuit percentage of .760, Ford becomes the seventh pitcher to lead in earned run average and won-lost percentage the same year. The others to do it were Bob (Lefty) Grove of Philadelphia and Walter Johnson of Washington (four times each) and Spud Chandler, Lefty Gomez and Ed Lopat of the Yankees and Stan Coveleskie of the Senators, once each.

Burdette saved his earned run crown on Sept. 30 when, after five ineffectual performances, he held the St. Louis Cardinals to two runs in 8 and two thirds innings. In all, the Braves' right-hander yielded 77 earned runs in 256 innings while winning 19 games and losing 10.

Herb Score, Cleveland's sophomore southpaw, and Warren Spahn, the Braves' veteran left-hander, were right behind the leaders. Score finished with an earned run average of 2.57, resulting from 71 earned runs in 249 frames. Spahn, like Score a 20-game winner, permitted 67 untainted tallies in 281 innings for a 2.79 ERA.

Early Wynn of Cleveland finished third in the American League with 2.69. He was followed by Bob Lemon, also of the Indians, with 3.04, Frank Lary of Detroit with 3.06 and Jack Harshbarger of Chicago with 3.09.

Johnny Antonelli of the New York Giants was a close third in the National at 2.86. Then came Sal Maglie of Brooklyn with 2.87 and Don Newcombe of the Dodgers with 3.09.

Portland Buys Four Moundsmen

PORTLAND, Ore. (UP) — The Portland club of the Pacific Coast League Tuesday announced they had acquired four new pitchers, all right-handers.

Moving to the Beavers from St. Paul of the American Assn. will be Glen McMin, 23, who had a 14-11 record last season, and John Jance, 25, whose record was 11-8. From Fort Worth of the Texas League the Portland club acquired Ralph Mauriello, a 7-10 pitcher last season, and Dick Hanlon, 23, who won 14 and lost 10.

GENERAL

CAMDEN, N.J. — Swaps, famous race horse, "not in any immediate danger," says trainer after new cast is put on fractured left hind leg.

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SEVERAL KLAMATH BASIN HIGH SCHOOL graduates will be returning here this Saturday afternoon with Southern Oregon College as the Raiders meet the Oregon Tech Owls in an Oregon Collegiate Conference football game slated as Tech's Homecoming for 1956. Above, left to right, Jim Tacchini, formerly a Henley High prep, Modesto "Mighty Mo" Jimenez, a 1955 grad of KUHS, and Norm Oliva, a leader in Malin's great athletic year last season, will all be seeing action for SOC on Modoc Field Saturday afternoon. Jimenez and Oliva were members of the shrine "A" and "B" all-star teams last August.

Wilkinson UP's Weekly Coach Pick

NORMAN, Okla. (UP) — The way things are going, his first-stringers may have trouble winning their varsity letters because they're on the bench most of the time.

And he says he won't really know how great a football team he has until "we're behind by one touchdown in the final quarter."

That may never happen because his helmeted legions overpower every team they face. He's the United Press Coach of the Week, Bud Wilkinson of those unbeaten, untied, unscored upon, and still unextended Oklahoma Sooners.

It wasn't simply that they swamped a well-rated Texas team last Saturday, 45-0, because they were strong favorites. It was because Wilkinson's warriors were close to perfection in every phase of the game.

They stopped the Longhorns like four-strand barbed wire fence whenever they had the ball. Texas could not penetrate beyond the Oklahoma 24. The Sooners intercepted five passes and recovered two fumbles. They piled up 369 yards rushing and another 133 by passing. They rushed Texas kicker so aggressively the Longhorns had a punting average of only 23.8 yards whereas Oklahoma, which had to kick only twice, had a 55-yard booting average.

The Sooners have dominated the Big Seven Conference so completely that every game with a league team becomes a breather, and should any of them defeat Oklahoma it would rank automatically as the upset of the year. In fact, Oklahoma, which has tied a collegiate consecutive game winning streak with 3 in a row, probably will breeze to another perfect record season since the only team left that figures to be troublesome is Notre Dame and the Irish are sub-par this year.

TIME OUT



"Where'd he go?"

Teeing Off

WOMEN'S GOLF

This Friday, October 19, the Reames Auxiliary will play for the low net and low gross honors, weather permitting. There will not be any scheduled pairings, instead the groups will be made at the first tee Friday morning.

Pro Coaches Voice Views In Radio Use

MILWAUKEE (UP) — Coaches Sid Gillman of the Los Angeles Rams and Lisle Blackburn of the Green Bay Packers differed sharply today over the advantages of using electronic devices to pass signals to their teams.

Gillman, whose Rams meet the Packers Sunday, is wholeheartedly in favor of the gadgets, which were used by four of the 12 league teams last Sunday.

As long as they continue to fire coaches for failing to win, then I'm in favor of putting the responsibility of winning or losing entirely in their hands. Let them call all the plays from the bench," Gillman said.

"Ridiculous," Blackburn characterized the move toward the "electronic brains."

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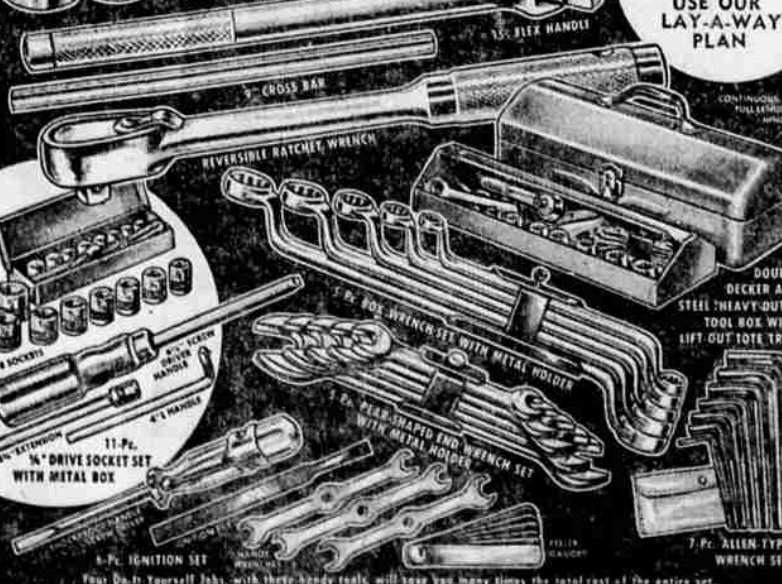
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Boxers Seek Berths On US Olympic Team

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — The honor of representing Uncle Sam on the U. S. Olympic boxing team and a possible career later in professional ranks go up for grabs starting tonight when 105 of the nation's best amateur boxers open their bids for 10 berths on the squad.

Eliminations will run through Friday when head U.S. coach Milton W. (Dubby) Holt of Idaho State expects to have the 10 mill-men in line who will seek to uphold this nation's boxing prestige against foreign competition.

Plenty of experience and power seems to prevail among the entries who have come from around the nation and its outposts to battle for places at the Cow Palace.

REAL CHAMP

One top-flight performer is Paul Wright of Flint, Mich., who won the light-middleweight title at the Pan-American Games last year and now holds the armed forces crown along with the AAU diadem which has been his for two years.

Wright generally is regarded as the simon pure with the best chance of emulating Floyd Patterson, a 1952 Olympic winner who meets Archie Moore for the world heavyweight crown Nov. 30.

Another solid entry is light-welterweight Joe Shaw of St. Louis, who has dropped two fights out of 35. Jerry Gray, his fellow townsman who also is entered, has been fighting as an amateur for seven years.

The University of Wisconsin's

powerful boxing team has no fewer than four fighters representing the Badgers in the battle for spots. Light middleweight Vince Ferguson, son of New York fight manager Ed Ferguson, heads the list with an undefeated record for 51 bouts.

OTHER BADGERS

Other belters from the Madison campus are light heavyweight Orville Pitts, welterweight Dick Bartmen and flyweight Dean Plimmons.

In the heavyweight division (over 178½ pounds) are such pounders as Army Lt. Tom Rademacher of Grandview, Wash., Jim McCarter who formerly played football for the Washington Huskies and Harold Epsey, the NCAA champion from Idaho State.

Puerto Rico's Jose Torres, the armed forces light middleweight king, shapes up as a hard nut to oust in that division. Other key representatives from the territories are flyweights Philip Ortiz and Francis Okuda and bantamweight Ernie Fujiwara, all of Honolulu.

Bouts are scheduled for three rounds of three minutes apiece. The judging will be done by three ringside officials. The referee has no vote.

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