



Oklahoma To Face Kansas; Spartans, Notre Dame Vie

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The sudden, unexplainable ups and downs of college football already have been vividly displayed this fall. The season has reached the stage where coaches of top-ranked teams are muttering, "Don't let it happen to me."
"It" in this case, can mean either a horrible slump by a good team or an inspired performance by a steady loser. And it could happen this weekend to almost any of the leaders, from Michigan State to Miami.
Oklahoma is expected. It's a bit beyond credibility to imagine the top-ranked Sooners, needing only one victory to set a new major college winning record of 34 straight, blowing the decision to a free-scoring Kansas team which has won only one of four games.
But Michigan State Coach Duffy Daugherty is battling overconfidence as his second-rated Spartans prepare to face Notre Dame.
"They'll be ready. When we tangle with Notre Dame, records mean nothing," Daugherty says.
Injury-riddled Notre Dame will be the underdog in a game for the first time since 1952 and that may be just enough to fire up a team that has lost two of its first three games.
Miami, ranked 11th in the latest Associated Press poll, opens the action tonight against Georgia, which won its first game last week. An upset appears possible but unlikely.
Other Friday night games include George Washington vs. VMI—a pair of Southern Conference title contenders—and Denver vs. Colorado College.
The top 10 teams, except Baylor, all are listed for major Saturday tussles and there are chances that a couple will come out as losers.
Georgia Tech (No. 3) takes on rugged Auburn. Texas Christian (4) meets tied but unbeaten Texas A&M in a game that could be a deciding factor in the Southwest Conference race. Ohio State (5) meets Penn State.
On down the line it's Mississippi vs. Tulane, winner over Navy last week; Tennessee vs. battered Alabama; Michigan vs. Northwestern, the team that blanked Minnesota's husies last week; and Southern California vs. conference leader Washington.

Japanese Team Nips Brooklyn In Opener

TOKYO (UP)—The Yomiuri Giants made burns of the Brooklyn Dodgers in their Japan debut today.
Sixteen Dodgers struck out, three straight in the ninth inning, as they lost 5-4 in the opening of a 20-game exhibition tour to the amazement of 20,000 fans at Tokyo's Korakuen Stadium.
It was a battle of second best—Japan's losing team in the just completed Japan series and the National League champions.
The Japanese outlast the powerful Dodgers even in home runs, 4-2.
Duke Snider struck out three times to pace the Dodgers' faners. He duplicated the three consecutive strikeouts by Mickey Mantle in the second game of the New York Yankees' series here last year.
It was a bad day for Snider. When he did get on base with a walk, first up in the eighth, he was trapped off the bag. He really was safe at second on the rundown when the Giants second baseman dropped the peg from first. But Snider thought he was out, kept running and was tagged at third.

PLANNING PLAYS that may spell upset and victory, academy coach Pete Budig, left, and end Dick Durrall, right, get together for a last-minute huddle before this afternoon's game between Sacred Heart and Merrill on the Huskies home field. Tomorrow afternoon in another Merrill field battle, Malin meets Chiloquin. Tonight at Gem Stadium, Henley meets Phoenix in a District 6-A-2 fracas at 8 o'clock.

Solons Have Season Left At Washington

WASHINGTON (UP)—The club owners by Oct. 31. The Washington American League baseball club will stay here for at least another year.
All available evidence indicates that this will be the ultimate decision of the club's board of directors. This sudden switch developed today as the directors gathered to decide the fate of Washington's 56-year-old charter franchise in the American League.
Their decision—whether to keep the franchise here or transfer it to Louisville, Los Angeles, Minneapolis or San Francisco—is not expected to come today; possibly not for another week.
When it does come it will be made by five men. But it can be stated that, in the final analysis, the memory of a sixth—the late Clark Griffith, baseball's beloved "old fox"—will be the determining factor.
A surge of sentimentality is swinging the decision in favor of Washington and against the lure of the lucrative golden West. Here are the salient sentimental facts:
MR. BASEBALL
Griffith was Washington's "Mr. Baseball" for 44 years until his death at the age of 85 last Oct. 27. He also was baseball's good will ambassador to the White House. The man who in 1912 induced William Howard Taft and every president thereafter to throw out the ceremonial first ball of the season. And he filled an even greater, if lesser known, role—he was "father" to six orphaned nephews and nieces to whom baseball has been kind over the years.
They are Calvin Griffith, who succeeded his uncle as president of the club; Thelma Griffith, who married former pitcher Joe Mauer; now vice president of the club; Mildred Robertson, who became Mrs. Joe Cronin, wife of the Boston Red Sox vice president and general manager; Sherry Robertson, former major league and now an executive of the Washington club; and Billy and Jimmy Robertson, also associated with the club.
Their aunt, Mrs. Clark Griffith, is known to prefer keeping the franchise in Washington for sentimental reasons. The elder Griffith left her his majority stock holdings in the club.

CONTROL VOTES
The Griffith family has two votes on the five-man board—Griffith and Haynes. They will be cast with deference to Mrs. Griffith's wishes. The family also presumably controls two other board votes. But these would not be needed to keep the franchise here because the fifth board member—Treasurer H. Gabriel Murphy—insists that the club remain in Washington and threatens suits in every court in the land to block a transfer.
Some other facts influencing the decision in favor of keeping the team here include:
1. Only Louisville has made a bid for the club, although San Francisco has made a "confirmed" offer. Los Angeles has made the "most lucrative" one, but it has not been "firmed up." A Minneapolis group telephoned an offer Thursday night.
2. Club officials admit they have not been able to work out an American League schedule to include a West Coast team unless all teams fly. And they said, "a few clubs won't fly."
3. Time is running out. Any franchise transfer would require approval of six of the eight league clubs.

SANTA ANITA MATURITY
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