

Ducks Need Win Over OSC To Insure PCC Crown

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Pacific Coast Conference teams square off Saturday against their favorite opponents, with the championship at stake in a joust at Eugene between Oregon and Oregon State.

Coach Len Casanova, whose Oregon Ducks already have clinched the right to meet Ohio State in the Rose Bowl, said Monday he was sure his club would come up with one of its best games against Oregon State.

"We've been aiming at the championship all year," he said, "and this is the game we must have to win undisputed possession."

Oregon State Coach Tommy Prothro had no game prediction as he took the Beavers in closed practice. The gates will be locked all week, he said, even to the Beaver Club booster organization usually permitted at closed sessions.

Other big games match Califor-

nia against Stanford for the 60th time, Southern Cal against UCLA, and Washington State against Washington.

UCLA practiced defense and USC held light timing and signal calling drill.

UCLA Coach Red Sanders received the news that tailback Chuck Kendall will be sidelined with the torn knee ligaments suffered against College of the Pacific Saturday. Sanders moved Don Duncan to tailback.

USC Trojans came through the Oregon game in fine shape, Coach Don Clark said, and even ailing tackle Monte Clark may be ready to go against the Bruins.

Stanford and Cal mostly counted noses and took it easy during the first practice in preparation for the game that is expected to draw 90,000 fans to Palo Alto.

While the Cal Bears loosened in sweat suits, doctors notified Coach Pete Elliott that Ron Wheatcroft "almost definitely" will not play against the Indians. The 217-pound end injured his knee against Washington Saturday.

The Indians heard a scouting report on Cal and watched movies of the 24-14 drubbing Oregon handed them. Connie Jarvis, Stanford's trainer, said 200-pound halfback Al Harrington will attempt the extra points for the Indians.

But with his jaw wired together he'll do no more than that.

Washington State Coach Jim Sutherland ran a 2½ hour practice and said it would be blocking and tackling fundamentals all week for the Cougars.

"Victory depends on whether the boys have the desire," he said. "If they have that — and I think they do — then we'll do all right."

Grid Upsets Mix Up Bids To Schools

By HAL WOOD

United Press Sports Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — You can't tell the players without a score card — and this year you can't tell a bowl-bound team by its record.

A survey of the possibilities for bids in the four major bowls — Rose, Sugar, Orange and Cotton — shows that nine "probables or possibles" have a record of 61 wins, 12 losses and 3 ties.

There was a day when it took a perfect record to get a major bowl invitation. Those days are gone forever, it appears — under the duress of college politics and the NCAA.

As of now it appears that the champions of the Big Ten and the Pacific Coast Conference will tangle in the Rose Bowl. The PCC title holder may be Oregon, which has a 7-2 record. But the opponent would easily lose to Oregon State (a bowl non-eligible) and enter the game against Ohio State (7-1) with a 7-3 record.

Or how about the Orange Bowl? It just so happens that Oklahoma, with its 7-1 mark, is eligible this year. Otherwise, Missouri, with a 5-3-1 mark, might be playing against Duke, which has 6-1-2. Doesn't sound exactly inviting, does it?

Then there's the case of the Cotton Bowl. Texas A & M, with an over-all record of 8-1, may get the bid. Or it might be Rice, which has won 5, lost 3. They are tied in the conference standings.

One of the service teams, Army or Navy, could furnish the opponent. Army has a 7-1 mark, but was just barely able to squeeze by Utah, which lost to such teams as Idaho, Colorado and Denver. Navy was beaten by North Carolina and tied by Duke. And either Army or Navy must lose in their traditional clash this Saturday.

The Orange Bowl will get Ole Miss, a team with an 8-1 record — the lone loss being to Arkansas, which has lost three of its last four games. The opposition may be Rice or Texas A & M and you've already heard about their records.

But if you think the colleges have crazy, mixed up football records, take a look at the professional standings.

When east meets west for the annual championship clash this year, the western representative may come into the game with a very so-so 8-5 or 9-5 record (yeah, that's right). The extra game or games would come from a play-off after the regular season ends in a tie. The western champion may have a 9-3 or 10-2 mark — or less.

And how come we haven't heard anyone blaming Sputnik for their miserable showings this year?

Net Tickets Moving Fast

MELBOURNE (UP) — Tennis fans in this Down Under continent have gobbled up over 20,000 tickets for the Davis Cup Challenge Round at Kooyong Dec. 26-28, assuring a sell-out.

Only 232 seats remain — and these are expected to vanish momentarily, the Davis Cup Organizing Committee announced today. The committee said 20,287 tickets have been sold.

The winner of the interzone matches between the United States team and the Philippines meets Belgium for the right to dethrone the defending champion Aussies.

Tennis is a big business in Australia. Preparations for the 1957 event began as soon as the last ball was hit at Adelaide in 1956.

Eight committees comprising 100 volunteers plus the officials of the Lawn Tennis Assn. have been in action.

Over 300 youngsters applied for jobs as ballboys and 268 were eliminated. The 32 selected are the fleetest and most alert.

The ballboys now are undergoing rigorous training drills, held to make the boys proficient at retrieving loose balls on the run and stopping at the end of the court without the flick of an eyelash.

DUPAS GETS 90-DAY BAN
NEW ORLEANS (UP) — Lightweight Dave Dupas of New Orleans has been suspended for 90 days by the Louisiana Boxing Commission because of an injured hand which prevented him from meeting Larry Armatstead in a 10-round bout Monday night.



OFF AND RUNNING is OTI halfback Alfonso Everson as he rips off 43 big yards down the sideline and a touchdown against the Centralia Junior College Trailblazers last Saturday night on Modoc Field. Everson tallied one other touchdown on a 14-yard jaunt to share scoring honors with teammate Miles Boardman as the Owls ended their 1957 football season with a 39-0 romp over Centralia.



OTI FULLBACK Gary Riley puts his right foot forward to cross into the end zone standing up and to score the first Owl touchdown of the evening last Saturday night. The Owls went on to add another five touchdowns and paste the Centralia Junior College Blazers with a 39-0 defeat. It was the final game of the season for OTI and gave the Owls a season record of six wins against four defeats.

French Giant's Large Feet Yardley Top Big Problem At Gonzaga Hoop Scorer

SPOKANE (UP) — Hank Anderson, the basketball coach at Gonzaga University, was wailing the big foot blues with a French accent Tuesday.

Anderson was happier than a claim in French wine earlier this year when Jean Claude Lefebvre came to Gonzaga from Paris for study and a bit of basketball.

The 7-foot 3½-inch hoop prospect, a freshman, played on the French national team a year ago and is touted hereabouts as the tallest player in collegiate basketball circles today.

Cousy Slated For Surgery

WORCESTER, Mass. (UP) — Boston Celtics star Bob Cousy had a doctor's appointment to undergo minor surgery Tuesday for a thigh injury suffered in a collision he claims was "not accidental."

Cousy, scheduled to see Dr. Paul V. Shannon at St. Vincent's Hospital to reduce swelling, said Philadelphia center Neil Johnston "put his knee out to get me" in the Celtics 111-89 victory last Saturday.

Johnston said at his home in Philadelphia "I definitely did not injure Cousy on purpose and I believe he knows that."

Cousy, who will be lost to the unbeaten National Basketball Assn. champions for at least two weeks, said he was carrying the ball down court and Johnston "put his knee out to try and stop me instead of playing defense."

"I've had it happen to me seven or eight times since I've been in the league," the all star backcourt ace said. "It is always the big guy who sticks that knee out instead of playing defense and I always get it in the same place — the thigh."

Johnston gave this version of the incident:

"Cousy had the ball and the Celtics were coming up court. Lots of times the ball carrier will stop short and make the guard bump into him. Cousy stopped and I stopped short in front of him."

"He faked one way and went the other and we collided. I thought he charged me but they called the foul on me."

FESTIVAL SET

NEW YORK (UP) — California and Seattle from the West Coast and Dayton from the Midwest will play in the sixth annual Holiday Festival basketball tournament set for Madison Square Garden, December 26, 28 and 30. Other teams to play in the Eastern College Athletic Conference sponsored event are Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Temple, Manhattan and New York University.

Nino Valdes Meets Dyer

BANGOR, Maine (UP) — Crafty Cuban Nino Valdes will be looking beyond formidable Jeff Dyer when the two heavyweights collide here tonight in a 10-round bout.

Valdes, ranked ninth nationally, hoped to make fast work of Dyer, a Springfield, Mass., relative newcomer.

If the Havana fighter gets by Dyer, he is slated to meet Argentine heavyweight hopeful Alex Miteff in Denver, Colo., Jan. 7. The winner of that bout would get a title shot.

Bill Hartack, leading jockey for the third straight year, piloted his Hialeah mounts to a record \$515,820 in purses during the 1957 meeting. He set a mark by riding 62 winners.

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Beavers Boom Joe Francis For All-Americans Honors

By HOWARD APPELGATE
United Press Sports Writer

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UP) — Oregon State's Joe Francis, the jumping jack kid hardly anyone wanted when he played high school football in Honolulu, was being acclaimed today as one of the finest college halfbacks in the nation — and a hot candidate for All-America ballots.

Francis, now 21 and a senior, had his greatest day last Saturday as Oregon State defeated Stanford, 24-14, and stayed alive in its race to tie Oregon for the PCC title.

Great performances have been common for the 196-pound Francis, who is called "one of the most underrated players in the country" by Coach Tommy Prothro.

Francis has gained the top the hard way. When he was in high school, the kid the colleges were after was Al Harrington, a back who ended up at Stanford.

Harrington, who failed to reach the heights expected of him, sat on the sidelines last Saturday with a broken jaw as his old pre-rival knocked Stanford out of the title picture.

Francis was a T-formation quarterback as a freshman at Oregon State in 1954. The next season, Prothro came to the campus and installed the single wing. He saw Francis in practice and said, "That's my tailback."

Francis was the key player in Oregon State's rise from the cellar to a PCC title in 1956. Then he turned in his greatest game last Jan. 1 during a losing cause against Iowa in the Rose Bowl, picking up 203 yards rushing and passing.

This year he has been getting better all the time. He missed the California game Nov. 9 because of the flu and only was able to practice once last week.

But against Stanford he passed for 136 yards on nine out of 10 completions while outshining the highly-regarded Jack Douglas of the Indians. He also ran for 138 yards in 25 carries. Those 138 yards were four more than Stanford's Chuck Shea and the Beavers' Nub Beamer gained together and Shea and Beamer are the two leading rushers on the coast this season.

"I've never seen a better college passer," says Prothro. And Coach Red Sanders of UCLA adds, "Francis is a better tailback than I ever had at UCLA."

The 274 yards that Francis totaled against Stanford was an all-time Oregon State record for one game. His yardage so far this season, with the final game coming up with Oregon, is 1,007. This already is four better than the 1,003 seasonal mark set by the Beavers' Ken Carpenter.

Francis' three year total of 2,994 also is an all-time OSC record.

Said the modest Francis after the Stanford game, "The blocking was awfully good."

Joe is married and will be a father next spring. He wants to be a coach after playing pro ball.

Francis has a knack of leaping over tacklers and also can take care of himself with his fists. He won Oregon State's heavyweight boxing title as a yearling. But after Prothro saw him on the field, Tommy had him hang up the gloves quick.

Prothro hopes he will be in "top shape" for Oregon this week. If he wasn't in "top shape" against Stanford, the Rose Bowl bound Ducks had better watch out. Other games:

California at Stanford, Southern California - UCLA, Washington State at Washington, College of Pacific at Arizona (Tempe) State, Fresno State at Hawaii.

Hugh (Bones) Taylor, former star with the Washington Redskins, is assistant football coach at Florida State.

Aaron Says Ankle Hurts

MILWAUKEE (UP) — Henry Aaron, the Milwaukee Braves' top hitter, says an ankle injury, which still hurts, kept him from sweeping the National League batting honors for hitting average, home runs and runs-batted-in.

The slender outfielder, recently voted the league's most valuable player, wound up with the RBI and the homer titles, but lost his lead in the batting averages.

He was leading in all three departments when he hurt his right ankle in Philadelphia July 17.

"I returned to the lineup about a week too soon," Aaron said Monday. "And I never did regain my stride. That ankle bothered me for the rest of the year, even during the series. I couldn't kick off that right leg the way I used to."

Despite the handicap, Aaron led both the Braves and the New York Yankees in World Series batting with a .393 average.

"I'm doing my own therapy on the ankle during the off-season, with stretching exercises, frequent soaking in hot water and things like that," Aaron said. "It's still tender."

The 23-year-old slugger said it was much too early to set any batting goals for next season. But he said, "If anything, I'd like to get back that batting (average) I had in 1956. It's something I'd like to keep for a while."

Hank won the NL batting title last year with a mark of .328. He finished the 1957 season in a tie for third with .322 but led the league in RBIs with 192 and in homers with 44.

TIME OUT



Prices Set For Light Title Bout

CHICAGO (UP) — A \$10 top was set today for the Joe Brown-Joe Lopez lightweight championship 15-round fight at the Chicago Stadium Dec. 4.

The sponsoring International Boxing Club said the lowest priced seat would sell for \$2.50 with intermediate choices of \$7.50 and \$5.00.

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