



OWL BACKFIELD — A new combination starting in the Owl backfield for the first time this season includes a pair of young freshmen who have demonstrated some real talent. Bud Maupin, of Merrill, and Leland Koepke, of Reedsport, moved into the lineup this week after outstanding efforts during the practice sessions. They'll work with old standbys, quarterback Roy Johnson, the number two passer in the OCC and Stan Glass, the fullback who leads the OCC rushers, easily. Left to right are Maupin, Koepke, Glass and Johnson.

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Welter Champion Don Jordan Occupies Coveted Ring Niche

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Young Don Jordan, welterweight champion of the world, occupies a coveted niche in the game of boxing.

Some say the 25-year-old Los Angeles Negro has yet to realize his real possibilities.

Some say he is only the best of a mediocre crop of 147-pounders. But everybody is wondering why he isn't fighting.

Jordan won the title here last Dec. 5. He has had two fights since, whipping ex-champion Virgil Atkins in a rematch and outpointing a Portland, Ore., novice, Denny Meyer, in July.

He could have fought twice as often for good money.

Instead, Jordan has twiddled the time away. As friends look askance, he spends his evenings in night clubs with Mickey Cohen, ex-gambler whose current means of support is a mystery.

In an interview, Jordan said he will not defend his title, or even box, until he severs a contract

with his present manager.

He added he doesn't know New York's admitted ex-convict, Frankie Carbo. He said the last time he saw a Carbo intimate, Blinky Palermo of Philadelphia, was when Blinky brought Johnny Saxton to the coast four or five years ago.

Of the sensational charges, alleged threats against his managers and subsequent grand jury indictment of Carbo, Palermo and others for purportedly trying to muscle in on his contract, Jordan replied:

"What someone did or tried to do is no problem of mine."

Jordan's open association with Mickey Cohen has puzzled many. Said Don, sipping a small glass of wine:

"Why not? Mickey is my friend. He was my friend when I was struggling along, getting nowhere, long before I won the title."

"Whatever Mickey did, he paid for. He isn't charged with anything now. He's free. He absolutely has no financial interest in me as a fighter."

Cohen's only major conviction and sentence was for income tax evasion.

"I don't see what my personal life has to do with boxing as long as nobody gets into trouble," Jordan added.

Cohen, told of Jordan's sentiments, said:

"That's right. You can say it just the way he said it."

As for his future and his relations with his co-managers, Don Neseth and Jackie McCoy, Jordan declared:

"I'll give him (Neseth) all of my purses in three fights, two non-title and one title fight, if he'll end the contract."

Washington's young and tough Huskies, running on the inside track in the Rose Bowl race, are favored when they host the Oregon State Beavers at Seattle Saturday.

Coach Jim Owens' club has beaten both Oregon and UCLA, considered their top opposition for the Pasadena bowl invitation. Still their next three opponents—Oregon State, California and Washington State—might smash their hopes.

Washington and Oregon each boasts six victories and a single setback.

The Huskies were beaten by Southern California, a club ineligible for the Rose Bowl and one that doesn't play Oregon.

This week the Ducks of Oregon meet victory-starved California at Portland. The other games list West Virginia vs. USC at Los Angeles, UCLA at Stanford, Idaho at Utah, Fresno State at COP and Wyoming at San Jose State.

Washington, led by quarterback Bob Schloredt, bombed UCLA last week. The 195-pound junior who lost the sight of one eye as a youngster has completed 27 of 48 passes without an interception. On defense he has intercepted five enemy aerials.

California, loser to USC 14-7 in last Saturday's controversial battle, travels to Portland hoping to end a six-game losing streak. Coach Pete Elliott named Alex Jamile, a sophomore from Honolulu, as starter at right halfback replacing the injured Steve Bates.

Oregon, with fleet backs and an able quarterback in Dave Grosz, is favored to make it seven straight losses for Cal.

Rezoning was expected to remove the final stumbling block to construction of the ball park.

The Dodgers' fight to build their stadium in Chavez Ravine has dragged on since they arrived here two seasons ago and planted themselves in the Coliseum, one of the finest sports arenas in the world—for football and track.

Although most people in Los Angeles had never heard of Chavez Ravine before the Dodgers came from Brooklyn and made a deal for it with the welcoming city, a howl heard 'round the baseball world came from indignant taxpayers.

A taxpayer suit against the Chavez Ravine project went to the supreme court before it was finally defeated, but that was only part of O'Malley's troubles.

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First Things First

Northwestern, Wisconsin Smell Roses; Weekend Features Top Gridiron Battles

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Northwestern, which hasn't played in the Rose Bowl in 11 years, and Wisconsin, which has the Big Ten's only loss in the current Big Ten-Pacific Coast setup, fight it out Saturday for the probable trip to Pasadena.

However this game must share the weekend's top-billing with the battle for the mythical Eastern championship, between unbeaten

Syracuse and Penn State, at University Park, Pa.

Thus four members of the current Associated Press top ten have at it while top-ranked Louisiana State will have its hands full with Tennessee and third-ranked Texas tries to improve its position in the Southwest Conference title race and subsequent Cotton Bowl berth against Baylor.

The weekend play begins to-

night in Miami's Orange Bowl when North Carolina (3-4) faces Miami (Fla.), which has split six games and whose coach, Andy Gustafson, was hanged in effigy earlier this week.

Northwestern, ranked second with a 6-0 record, faces its biggest obstacle in its run for the roses and for its first undefeated season ever and the first in the conference in the last 23 years.

But it has halfbacks Ray Purdin and Ron Burton, plus quarterback John Talley and fullback Mike Stock to power its oft-injured forces.

Wisconsin, ranked ninth, has its backs to the Big Ten wall since it lost in conference play to Purdue. But a much-improved pass defense, the overall play of quarterback Dale Hackbart and an iron-clad line are the Badgers'

credentials. The Penn State-Syracuse affair is being built up as a 7 to 1 battle — Penn State's quarterback Richie Lucas with his 919 yards in overall offense against the Orange's "Sizeable Seven, a group of linemen who have helped Syracuse to the top nationally in offense and defense.

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Bowl Bid Beckoning

Answer Is No

NFL, AFL Overtures Each Get Rejected

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In each instance, it appears the other side got turned down.

It all started Monday when Hunt, K. S. (Bud) Adams, owner of the AFL Houston franchise, and Bob Howsam, owner of Denver, met with Halas in Chicago.

Hunt said Halas made the suggestion that Dallas and Houston be added to the NFL next year and Minneapolis and Buffalo in 1961. That obviously would wipe out the AFL since only Los Angeles, New York and Denver would be left of the original membership.

At Boston Thursday night it was announced by Harry Wisner, chairman of the AFL Expansion Committee, that that city was in line to receive the eighth franchise. So Boston would also be among those out of the AFL should the merger come about.

Hunt said Thursday "we turned

it down but decided that the other members of the league should be asked if they wanted to accept the suggestion." He added that he had talked to all except Minneapolis and none of the franchise holders wanted to accept.

Hunt did say that he might favor merger with the NFL if all of the AFL clubs were admitted "since that would in fact be creating two leagues."

Then from Chicago Thursday night came a statement by Halas that he had turned down a suggestion that the NFL take in six teams of the American Football League.

Halas said Hunt telephoned him "I told him that was too many." Recently Halas had announced that Dallas and Houston would be admitted to the NFL, thus furnishing competition for the AFL clubs owned by Hunt and Adams. Houston, however, would have to obtain a suitable stadium.

Halas added that his best suggestion "at this time is that the AFL go forward as an eight-club league."

Cal '11 Arrives For Test

PORTLAND (AP) — A 39-man California football team arrives here today a two-touchdown underdog in a game Saturday with Oregon.

Oregon, ranked No. 15 in the nation, holds a 6-1 season record, while Cal is 1-6.

"Don't forget," Oregon Coach Len Casanova pointed out, "California scored 23 points against us last year . . . and we can't honestly say our defense is as strong."

Virtually the same Cal team that beat Oregon 23-6 is back, minus quarterback Joe Kapp. Wayne Crow replaced him.

Oregon's team was in good physical shape for the game after a week that emphasized offensive workouts.

Casanova aimed the offensive workouts as better utilizing Oregon's speedy backs.

Junior quarterback Dave Grosz has come a long way from last year and he has the support of veterans like halfback Willie West and fullback Dave Powell.

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