

Nation's Top Teams Battle For Bowl Bids, Titles

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The scrambled college football picture should get a little clearer this weekend and set up some terrific showdown battles next week.

But these showdowns are going to be preceded by a lot of tugging and pulling tomorrow as teams like Louisiana State, Northwestern, Wisconsin, Texas, Georgia and Washington battle for prime bowl spots or conference titles, and in some instances both.

The weekend gets off to a rousing start tonight with South Carolina (5-2) meeting Miami (4-3) in the Orange Bowl, and Atlantic Coast Conference member North Carolina State (4-6) travelling to

Los Angeles' Coliseum to face UCLA (2-3-1). Buried beneath the wealth of top games Saturday is the nation's No. 1 team in the current Associated Press poll, Syracuse, who faces upstate New York rival Colgate, with a 1-6 record. Syracuse (7-0), a prime bowl participant, tops the nation in offense, defense and scoring.

Texas (No. 2), with its 8-0 mark, can nail down at least a tie for the Southwest Conference title, and put a foot in the door as the Cotton Bowl host, if it gets by tough Texas Christian (5-2). In case Texas fails, Arkansas, ranked 20th, could take the conference lead with a victory over

Southern Methodist. Third-ranked LSU, 7-1, shorn of its top rating last Saturday by Tennessee's 14-13 victory and relegated to a contender for the Southeastern Conference and Sugar Bowl race, faces weak Mississippi State (2-5). LSU will be without quarterback Warren Rabbs and halfback and place-kicker Wendell Harris.

The SEC will have two other whipping good games as 5-ranked Mississippi (7-1) gets its chance at Tennessee (5-1-1) (No. 9), LSU, Ole Miss and Tennessee are tied for third in the SEC with 3-1 records. The runnerup, eighth-ranked Auburn, 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the SEC, is ineligible for a post-season

game, but hopes to derail first-place Georgia's title ambitions. A Georgia (7-1) victory gives it the SEC title with a 6-0 record, and the inside to the Sugar Bowl.

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The other two members of the top ten, Southern California (No. 4) and Penn State (No. 10) have formidable opposition. Southern Cal (7-0) meets Baylor. Penn State (7-1) knocked down from the unbeaten ranks by Syracuse last week but still prime bowl material, takes on tough Holy Cross (6-1).

Here's how the other conference races stack up: Ivy: Penn (4-1) can clinch a tie for the title by beating Columbia (1-5). Yale (3-2) plays Princeton (3-2) in a renewal of their ancient rivalry. Southern: The Citadel (4-0) faces VMI (3-1) and Virginia Tech (2-0) meets West Virginia (2-0) in a battle of the loop's top four.

Atlantic Coast: Clemson (5-0) can win its second straight title against Maryland (1-2), and

then wait for the bowl representatives. Big Eight: Leader Oklahoma (4-3) meets Army (4-2-1) in a prime intersectional game. The Sooners can't return to the Orange Bowl as hosts but the three contenders — Iowa State, Kansas and Colorado — are putting in a lively battle. Only Colorado (3-2) faces conference competition, meeting Nebraska (1-3). Far West Five: With leader Southern Cal meeting an outsider, runnerup Washington (2-1) hopes to advance its Rose Bowl hopes against California (0-2). Southern Cal is banned from post-season competition by the NCAA.

Skyline: Wyoming (5 - 0) can clinch its title against New Mexico (4-1), but can't go to a bowl because of last month's NCAA action.

Missouri Valley: North Texas State (3-0), and one of nation's unbeaten at 6-0, goes after the title against Tulsa (1 - 1). Television viewers can watch Notre Dame at Pitt and Illinois at Wisconsin both over NBC.

Other top Saturday games include: Boston College at Boston U; Harvard at Brown; George Washington at Navy; Villanova at Rutgers.

South: Georgia Tech vs. Alabama at Birmingham; Wake Forest at Duke; William & Mary at

Florida State; Xavier (Ohio) at Kentucky; Virginia at North Carolina; Vanderbilt at Tulane; Furman at Richmond.

Midwest: Marquette at Cincinnati; Michigan at Indiana; San Jose at Iowa State; Oklahoma State at Kansas; Kansas State at Missouri; Iowa at Ohio State; Minnesota at Purdue; Drake at Wichita.

Southwest: Texas A&M at Rice; Houston at Texas Tech. Far West: Arizona vs. Air Force at Boulder, Colo.; Brigham Young at Arizona State; Utah State at Denver; Hardin-Simmons with New Mexico State; Stanford at Oregon State; Colorado State U. at Utah; Oregon at Washington State.

Floyd, Ingo To Try 'Early Next Year'

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) —

Former heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson, who ought to know, says his rematch with Ingemar Johansson will be held "early next year."

Patterson, who is training here in a determined effort to regain boxing's richest prize, expects the bout will be held "any place but New York."

The 24-year-old Negro fighter claims up about details, however. But if the fight is going to be held early in 1960, the size of the expected crowd and weather conditions would dictate a Southern or Pacific Coast outdoor site.

At New York Thursday, Johansson said he would prefer to fight next spring in New York. In Göteborg, Sweden, Edwin Ahlquist, Johansson's adviser, also put in a pitch for New York.

Meantime at Miami, Fla., promoter Vincent J. Vella said he would sue to attach every avenue of Johansson's income if the champion refuses to fight Patterson in Miami's Orange Bowl, March 1.

Sports Editor Don Sharpe says in the Danbury News Times today that the ex-champion is unhappy about New York and the personal treatment he (Patterson) received there in his title bout.

Losing the crown and taking a right hand pasting from Johansson last June in the Yankee Stadium isn't exactly what Patterson means.

There's more to it than that, he told Sharpe. Here again, but toned his lips.

Patterson and his manager, Gus D'Amato, have moved into a former roadhouse here, high in the

Beavers Rate Slight Edge Over Indians

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Oregon State and Stanford clash here Saturday with Oregon State a slim favorite.

Oregon State last week fought powerful Washington, and lost 13-6 as Stanford was whipped 55-13 by UCLA.

Both teams have similar 2-6 records, including 3 close losses apiece.

Oregon State, in addition to the Washington loss that was fed by 10 State fumbles, lost 15-14 to Texas Tech and 7-5 to Nebraska. Stanford fell 16-14 before Wisconsin, currently on top of the Big 10; 28-27 to Oregon; and 30-20 to Southern California, an unbeaten that dropped Oregon State 27-6.

Dick Norman, Stanford quarterback and the nation's top passer, will lead Stanford's primarily passing offense.

Coach Tommy Prothro of Oregon indicated he might spring new. He did against Washington, an unbalanced line with the weak side end switching to the strong side and leaving only two men on the other side of the center.

Prothro can use any of four tailbacks. Dainard Paulson usually starts. He is a good punter and the team's workhorse.

Behind him are Larry Sanchez and sophomores Earl Harbin and Don Kasso. All three can throw the ball.

Connecticut Hills, where the fighter is training.

He says he wants more than anything else to regain the title and to restore D'Amato, currently under suspension in New York state, to good standing.

Floyd says that Johansson's right hand blow that floored him the first time last summer was not a lucky punch.

"Like most others," explains the ex-champ, "I thought that Ingemar's well publicized right was highly overrated, if it existed at all."

Marshfield, Medford Tiff Feature Test

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The Oregon Class A high school football playoffs get underway Friday with Medford, the state's No. 1 team in the Associated Press poll, meeting Marshfield, ranked No. 3, in the feature game.

Medford, a Class A-1 playoff finalist in 1958, beat Marshfield decisively in an earlier contest. But Marshfield, known in past years as a late starter, has come on strong to win all its games since then. The game will be played at Coos Bay.

Jefferson, No. 2 in the poll and state champion the past two years, will be after its 33rd straight victory when it meets unranked Sandy in the Jefferson field.

David Douglas of Portland, ranked No. 8, will be host to St. Helens, the poll's No. 10 team.

All of these games will be at night.

In the afternoon, sixth-ranked South Salem will play at the home of Pendleton, the No. 4 team.

In the Class A-2 playoffs, Willamina will be at Seaside, Coquille at Reedsport and Phoenix at Junction City, all in night contests. Saturday afternoon Woodburn will play at Vale.

The Class B playoffs also start Friday with Yoncalla at Harrisburg, Wallowa at McEwen of Athena and Jefferson at Knappa. Saturday afternoon Sherman of Moro will be at St. Mary's of Medford.

The six-man playoffs open Saturday afternoon with St. Paul at Westfir and lone at Sisters.

Basketball Meeting

An important meeting of the Klamath Falls Basketball Association will be held in the city hall at 7 o'clock tonight, according to Gary Dawes, city league president.

Arrangements for the coming season play will be made. All persons interested in playing, managing or sponsoring teams are urged to attend.

MINORS FRACTURES WRIST

HAVANA (UPI) — Outfielder Minnie Minozo, a .302 hitter for the second-place Cleveland Indians last season, suffered a small fracture of the left wrist Thursday while playing in the Cuban Winter League.

A spokesman for the Marianos club said Minozo will be sidelined about two weeks as a result of the injury.

Herald and News SPORTS

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'Get Even' Sunday Looms For Pro Clubs

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This is "get even" Sunday in the National Football League. All six games match teams which have met before this season. Sweeping the home-and-home series with a rival during the season is one of the league's toughest tasks.

That means six coaches are "running scared" Sunday and five of them have teams in the thick of the division races.

Coach Red Hickey's San Francisco Forty-Niners, two games in front in the Western Division, provide a typical example of Sunday's setup in their clash with the Bears at Chicago. The Bears (3-4) seek revenge for a 20-17 defeat suffered last month at San Francisco. The oddsmakers figure they'll get it, tabbing the Forty-Niners (6-1) two-point underdogs.

Paul Brown's Cleveland club visits Washington and is favored over the Redskins (3-4) by 7½ points. The Browns whipped the Redskins at Cleveland, 34-7, but Washington upset the Colts last week and may be tougher to handle this time.

Coach Weeb Ewbank's Baltimore Colts, defending league and Western Division champions, are closest to San Francisco. The Colts (4-3) are 9½ point favorites to down the Green Bay Packers (3-4) at Milwaukee. The Packers

lost recently at Baltimore, 38-21. Coach Jim Lee Howell's New York Giants (6-1) must whip the Pittsburgh Steelers (2-4) to assure themselves of maintaining their one-game lead over the Cleveland Browns (5-2) in the Eastern race. The Giants are 7½ point choices to defeat the team they had to sweat to edge at Pittsburgh, 21-16.

Coach Buk Shaw's Eagles (4-3) are two games behind the Giants and entertain the Chicago Cardinals (2-3) at Philadelphia. The Eagles rallied for a 28-24 triumph over the Cardinals at Minneapolis and are four-point choices to down the Chicago club again.

It's the same story in the other game. The Los Angeles Rams (2-5) visit the Lions (1-5-1) and are 2½ point choices to revenge the 17-7 defeat Detroit handed them in California.

Defense, as usual, rules the league and the Forty-Niners, Giants and Browns will throw three of the top defensive units at their Sunday foes.

The Bears, who won their last two games after losing four of their first five, will try to dent a San Francisco defense that has allowed only 88 points. The Forty-Niners lead the league in scoring with 189. They began a rugged road trip last week by winning at Los Angeles and play in Baltimore and Cleveland after Chicago before ending their regular season with two home games.

New York has allowed only 35 points in sweeping its last five starts and the defensive platoon may get another stiff workout against Pittsburgh. New York's top quarterbacks, Charley Conery and George Shaw, are hampered by injuries.

Cleveland has allowed only 86 points, the league's best mark. The Browns have been clicking offensively in recent games and face a Washington defense that has allowed more points than any other club, 195. Don Bosseler, Washington's fullback, is injured.

The Cardinals lost to the Eagles last month after building a 24-0 lead. Norm Van Brocklin's passes to Tommy McDonald pulled the Eagles from behind in that game. That 1-2 punch figures to provide most of the Cardinal problems again this time.

Watkins has good speed but he lacked the desire to play fullback because of the spinner play—so vital to the Iowa State single wing offense.

The 22-year-old native of Arkansas started his football career as a guard at Chicago Wonder High

school, but hopes to derail first place Georgia's title ambitions. A Georgia (7-1) victory gives it the SEC title with a 6-0 record, and the inside to the Sugar Bowl.

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Wintery Weather Predicted At WSU For Cougar, Duck Saturday Tussle

PULLMAN (AP) —

Except for the guy who can't keep his hands in his pockets, the game between Washington State and Oregon Saturday should be a lot of fun to watch.

If the weather bureau's prediction of temperatures in the 15-25 degree bracket at the 1:30 p. m. (PST) kickoff time at Rogers Field holds up, there may not be too many fans in the stands, despite a homecoming weekend celebration at WSU. About 17,000 had been expected.

But if you can take the cold, and Oregon maintains its season pressure (a 7-1 record), look for the Cougars behind a touchdown or a couple points more at the final gun.

Jim Sutherland brings his Cougars into a Rose Bowl important contest with a 5-2 slate, giving up games to Oregon 14-6 and California 20-6. The Ducks squeezed by Cal last weekend 20-18.

WSU needs three straight wins to finish tops in the Coast Rose Bowl race. Oregon needs the win to keep pace with the Huskies from Washington.

Washington State has picked up four straight wins since bowing to Oregon at Eugene on Oct. 3 and Sutherland boasts: "Anyone who has seen us play the last three games will know that we have improved greatly since we last met Oregon. We have been able to maintain better ball control and our over-all play has been much more consistent."

It may well have to be to go anywhere against an Oregon

squad ranked 13th in the nation. Sutherland spells it out: "Any team that has power up the middle, speed around the ends and enough passing to keep the defense honest, is a tough team to beat. Oregon is that kind of team."

Squad condition might make a difference.

Merrill Fans Honor Players

MERRILL — An estimated 400 persons attended a community reception honoring the Merrill High School 1959 football squad and coach Al Fairchild. The event was held at the Merrill Recreation Hall on Tuesday evening, November 9, beginning with a potluck dinner at 6:30.

Wilbur Brickner, master of ceremonies, introduced coach Al Fairchild who in turn introduced each member of the team giving class year and position. Brief speeches were made by co-captains Bill Beasley and David Andrieu.

A short address was also made by John Mathis, school principal.

The Merrill football team had a record this year of eight wins and one defeat.

Potatoes for the dinner were donated by A. Levy and J. Zentner and baked by Marks Cafe. Other dinner donations were ice cream and milk, Klamath Falls Creamery; butter, Merrill Lions Club; coffee, Hodges Grocery and Griggs Superior Foods.

Casanova had his Ducks out for another long drill Thursday before a trip Friday to Pullman, where the playing prospects of two regulars will be studied. Bob Peterson and Dave Urell jogged a bit to test legs they injured in the Cal game. But Casanova and trainer Bob Officer still were going with Joe Clesceri and Mike Rose at the center and right guard spots.

Oregon has held with same lineup all fall, a Casanova brand and fullback Dave Powell is expected to continue big in his coach's success scheme. Powell played a major role in Oregon's 14-6 win over the Cougars in the first meeting and leads the Ducks' ground game with 385 yards. He's followed closely by Willie West with 258, Dave Grosz with 270 and Harry Needham, the reserve fullback, with 266.

West leads in scoring with six touchdowns.

Cleveland Jones, the little man with the big catch-the-ball talents tops Duck receivers with 15.

Grosz is boss of the passing department with 57 completed on

107 attempts for 757 yards. Washington State enters the contest, according to Sutherland, in top physical shape. "The players have reached a fine edge," he said.

Cougar tackle Dick Farrar will be back in action after nursing a bruised knee. Vel West, who had been playing behind Farrar, will be in uniform. Both missed the first Oregon game. "We'll be in much better shape, there, Saturday," Sutherland said.

Quarterback's Mike Agee and Mel Melin will be fit and Keith Lincoln promises to be running a lot, although Oregon held the big fullback to 42 yards at Eugene.

Leroy Rath, Perry Harper and George Reed will be in the backfield for WSU as well on Sutherland's two "first" squads.

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