

Rookies From Nowhere Making Top Pro Stars

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NEW YORK (UPI)—The wonder of the NFL is the annual selection of All-America football teams is pointed up today by the rookies from nowhere, battling for berths in National Football League training camps.

Annually the All-America teams are composed of players from the major football foundries. Those selected come from the big-time head-knocking schools and, if not, even a combination Bronco Natuski-Jim Thorpe couldn't get honorable mention.

It's a payoff on publicity, pure and very simple. The pros, of course, latch happily onto the "name" All-Americans because of the manner in which they can be exploited at the gate. But the NFL rosters are a true indication of player worth and show clearly how the pro scouts bird dog their way through the backwoods in search of true talent.

Receives No Votes
How many All-America votes, now, do you suppose were received last fall by tackle Lucian Reeberg of Hampton Institute? That's right. None. But this six foot, four inch 265-pounder is right there with the Detroit Lions. Along with players from St. Benedict, Huron College and Jackson State.

What about Larry Davis of Whitewater State? Maybe you never heard of him but he's a 250-pound guard up with the Los Angeles Rams, which also has

players from generally anonymous seats of learning such as McNeese State, New Mexico Highlands and Heidelberg.

The odds are that tackle Jerry Wedemeier of Winona State, despite his 255 pounds, never had his name on many ballots but he's right there with the headline boys in the Minnesota Viking entourage. And with him are bruisers from St. Thomas, Southern Connecticut State, Jackson State, Whitworth and Parsons College.

Unless you're a member of his family, maybe you don't know six foot, six inch tackle Ernie DeCourcy of Morehead State. But the San Francisco 49ers knew enough to grab him. Along with fullback Dick Lopour of Huron.

Clay Becomes Top Contender

NEW YORK (UPI)—Mouthy Cassius Clay became top heavyweight contender today in The Ring magazine's latest ratings because of champion Sonny Liston's repeat first-round knockout over ex-champ Floyd Patterson.

Liston was named "Fighter of the Month" in recognition of his 2:10 kayo over Patterson in their return fight at Las Vegas, Nev., July 22. And Floyd was dropped from first to fourth among contenders.

Gross area (land and water) of the 50 states of the Union is 3,615,000 square miles.

and to give you a tip, that's in South Dakota and has 300 students.

Steelers Have Bailey
Alcorn A&M, for your information, is in Lorman, Miss., but its 250-pound Tom Bailey is up with the Pittsburgh Steelers along with such unrecognized All-Americans as players from St. Thomas, Bethune-Cookman and North Central.

And so it goes all the way through the rosters. Ventura Grambling... Santa Monica City College... Allen U... Hampton... Humboldt State... Arlington State... Jackson State... Hastings... Hartnell... Morris Brown... Valparaiso... Philander Smith... St. Olaf... Arnold... East Jackson State... and Clarion.

They just never got the clariion call in the headlines but the pros found them and, usually, tried to hide these backwoods blockbusters from each other until they were labeled in the draft.

It proves rather conclusively that a horde of outstanding players are ignored at All-America time. U.S. Senator Estes Kefauver summed it up rather adroitly when he was running for vice president.

"I was a member of the squad at Tennessee," he said. "When I first ran for office, I found I had been a first stringer. When I ran for the Senate, I discovered I had been all-conference. But I didn't make All-American until I ran for vice president."

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TABLEMATES ARE HOISTED — Ed Budde of Michigan State was so elated at being elected co-captain of the All-Star team that will face the Green Bay Packers in Soldier Field in Chicago Friday night, that he hoisted his tablemates, Jim, left, and Jerry Owens into the air during the All-Star luncheon in Chicago. Budde, 6-5 and 260 pounds, plays offensive guard.

Klamath's Morrison Wins

MEDFORD (UPI)—Mike Miller of Medford defeated Bob Rennie of Eugene with a par on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff to win the junior boys' division in the Southern Oregon Junior Golf Tournament Tuesday.

Miller and Rennie finished with 148s in the two-day, 36-hole event. Doug Olson and Rich Knight, both

of Medford, finished in third and fourth places with 153 and 154.

Miller's brother, Greg, took the boys' division with 153. Stan Smith of Roseburg was second at 155.

Other winners in the tournament

at the Rogue Valley Country Club were Sue Lance, Woodland Hills, Calif., junior girls' division; Barbara Saunders, Grants Pass, girls, and Reed Morrison, Klamath Falls, peewee boys.

College All-Stars Set For Ailing Green Bay

By United Press International
The defensive unit of the College All-Stars should enjoy Saturday morning a good deal more than their predecessors of last year.

That's the day after the rookie pros test the rugged Green Bay Packers in the mid-summer classic. Last year the collegians spent most of the evening trying to restrain the hardest running backfield in the country, and the greater part of the next day nursing their aches and pains.

But this year Paul Hornung has been deleted from the Packer cast as the result of an indefinite suspension, and bruising fullback Jim Taylor is not running up to his usual standard.

Taylor, who suffered a strained knee ligament last Saturday, proved that the injury still bothers him in Tuesday's workout, and is expected to see only part time action against the All-Stars Friday night. Linebacker Ray Nitschke, another doubtful starter, still was in the hospital for a back injury he sustained last Thursday.

Other Packers OK
The rest of the Packers, however, remain hale and hearty, which usually is enough to intimidate anyone.

The Minnesota Vikings did "lots of running" and worked on play execution in preparation for a controlled scrimmage game Saturday night, while Bill McPeak of the Washington Redskins took special notice of his rookies as the "Skins concentrated on fundamental drills. Of particular satisfaction to McPeak was the work of Jim Turner and Randy Hutto.

The Baltimore Colts found rookie fullback Roy Walker back on their doorstep Tuesday after the former Purdue star had gone "AWOL" last Thursday. Walker, who went home without an explanation, gave no reason for his actions. Although coach Don Shula planned disciplinary action against him, Walker was expected to resume practice today.

The Detroit Lions were still experiencing personnel problems. Defensive halfback Dick (Night Train) Lane and Dick LaBeau signed their 1963 contracts, but four veterans, including All-Pro linebacker Joe Schmidt, still are holding out.

Former Oregon Star Is Dead

EUGENE (UPI)—A funeral service was held Tuesday for former University of Oregon football player Irvin F. Schulz.

Schulz, 34, was captain and guard on the 1931 Oregon grid squad. He also played in 1929 and 1930.

A spokesman for the university said the Irvin Schulz Football Scholarship Fund would be established in his memory.

Schulz was in the automotive business here for many years.

The steeplechase originated in England as a diversion from fox hunting.

Meanwhile over in the American Football League, the Buffalo Bills, darkhorse contenders for Eastern Division honors, spent a long time on their aerial game with quarterback Jackie Kemp and Daryle Lamonica displaying excellent precision.

The Denver Broncos, preparing for their first exhibition game of the year with the Houston Oilers on Saturday night, acquired Bill Miller, a 6-foot-5, 262-pound guard, from the Oilers for a 1964 draft choice. The Broncos also released rookies Ken Blair, Jim D'Alesio, and Jim Hilles.

Coach Weeb Ewbank installed two new plays into the New York Jet offense, while sending his squad through light workouts. Passing and pass protection also were stressed.

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