

# Atlanta Looks Hopefully At Baseball, Football Major League Franchises

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ATLANTA (UPI) — Sports figures in Atlanta insist today that they are a "solid gold cinch" to have both a major league baseball and a professional football franchise by 1965.

They are hopefully looking at the Milwaukee franchise in the

National League. But, barring that, they feel they have a chance to obtain either Kansas City or Cleveland.

The hub of it all is a stadium seating 45,000 for baseball and 55,000 for football which is promised for completion by April 1, 1965.

Atlanta's top sportsmen are going all out in a drive aimed

at luring both major league baseball and pro football to their city. The rich red earth in the shadow of the capitol, virtually in the heart of downtown Atlanta, is being moved lustily with plans calling for a stadium which would nestle in the center of a network of converging freeways.

Atlanta made a bid for the

Milwaukee franchise this year but its move was blocked because it has only a small park which now accommodates the city's International League team. Milwaukee civic groups met the challenge by throwing their support to the Braves' box office.

"If we had our new stadium, we undoubtedly would

have gotten the Braves' franchise," said one prominent Atlantan who asked that he not be identified. "But we have every reason to believe we will have a franchise in the majors by the time the stadium is finished."

John McHale, president of the Braves, announced after Atlanta's bid failed this year that

"we will be in Milwaukee as long as we are welcome."

But it's surprising how quickly a major league team can feel itself "unwelcome" when attendance drops off. The Braves, who moved out of Boston in 1953 because of flagging interest, started reading the invitation handwriting on other walls last season.

As a novel attraction after their move to Milwaukee, they became the first National League club to exceed the 2 million mark in attendance in 1954. By last season they had dropped to 766,921. This season with new civic activity when the moving van threatened to arrive, they upped that figure a mere 6,160 to 773,018.

It still was the second lowest attendance in the National League.

Cleveland meanwhile drew only 562,507 and Kansas City but 782,264.

Those planning to spearhead a franchise drive at the end of next season point to the new stadium and Atlanta's 1,100,000 population as a sure-fire par-

lay. They admit that they would prefer to have the Milwaukee franchise.

"It's a better balanced club and could be right in the running for the pennant," they point out. "In the American League, the others have a long way to go to catch up to the Yankees."

## Longhorns Jump To First; Sooners Fifth, Ducks 16th

NEW YORK (UPI) — The last time Texas reigned as major college football's No. 1 team — a year ago this month — the Longhorns couldn't stand prosperity, and if last week's upset trend continues they may have trouble retaining their freshly won rating.

Texas received 30 first place votes from the 35-man United Press International Board of

Coaches in this week's balloting. The Longhorns overpowered Oklahoma, 28-7, last Saturday, to replace the Sooners as the top major college team. Oklahoma tumbled to fifth.

Upstarts opened the top 10, leaving only three teams—Texas, Wisconsin, No. 2, and idle Pittsburgh, No. 3—undefeated and untied. None of the 10 elite of last week could hold the

same position this week.

Ohio State jumped three places to fourth despite a 20-20 tie with Illinois, which entered the top 10 for the first time in an eighth place tie.

Georgia Tech, Mississippi and Alabama, all Southeastern Conference powers, followed in sixth, seventh and eighth (tie). Tech returned to the top 10 along with 10th-ranked North-

western after a week's absence. It was the first appearance for perennial power Ole Miss in the first 10 this season.

The Longhorns were on top for only two weeks last October before they fell when Rice tied them. This Saturday they pit their powerful ground attack against Arkansas in Little Rock in their first defense of the No. 1 position. Texas totaled 344 out of a possible 350 points in the ratings, based on points from 10 to one for votes from first place to 10th.

Navy, Penn State and Southern California, all upset last weekend, dropped from the top 10, and the Trojans, defending national champions, fell completely out of the ratings.

The Middies held by the second 10, followed in order by Penn State, Duke, Louisiana State and Oregon. Auburn, the only other ranking undefeated-untied team, was 16th; the Air Force 17th, and Missouri 18th, Syracuse and Notre Dame tied for 19th.

Sisconsin, which received the other five first place ballots, jumped three places to second and was only 40 points behind the Sooners.

Pittsburgh moved up a notch to third to complete the shuffle.

## Dissension Rumors, Looney Dismissal Follows Big Loss

NORMAN, Okla. (UPI) — Coach Bud Wilkinson of the fifth-ranked Oklahoma Sooners dismissed sensational power-running halfback Joe Don Looney from the squad Monday for disciplinary reasons.

The veteran Oklahoma coach declined further comment.

The action came amid rumors of dissension among team members in the wake of Oklahoma's shocking 28-7 loss to Texas Saturday in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas.

Looney, a 6-foot-1, 224-pound speedster from Fort Worth, Tex., was not available for comment. However, a university spokesman quoted Looney as saying he probably would remain in school at Oklahoma.

The spectacular halfback, who played a key role in Oklahoma's return to national acclaim, was playing in his final year of athletic eligibility at Oklahoma. He needs about two more years of classwork for graduation.

The dismissal also followed reports that Looney was involved in a scuffle with an assistant Sooner football coach

last week. Looney was sent to the dressing room and later received a stern rebuke from Wilkinson. However, Looney returned to practice the following day.

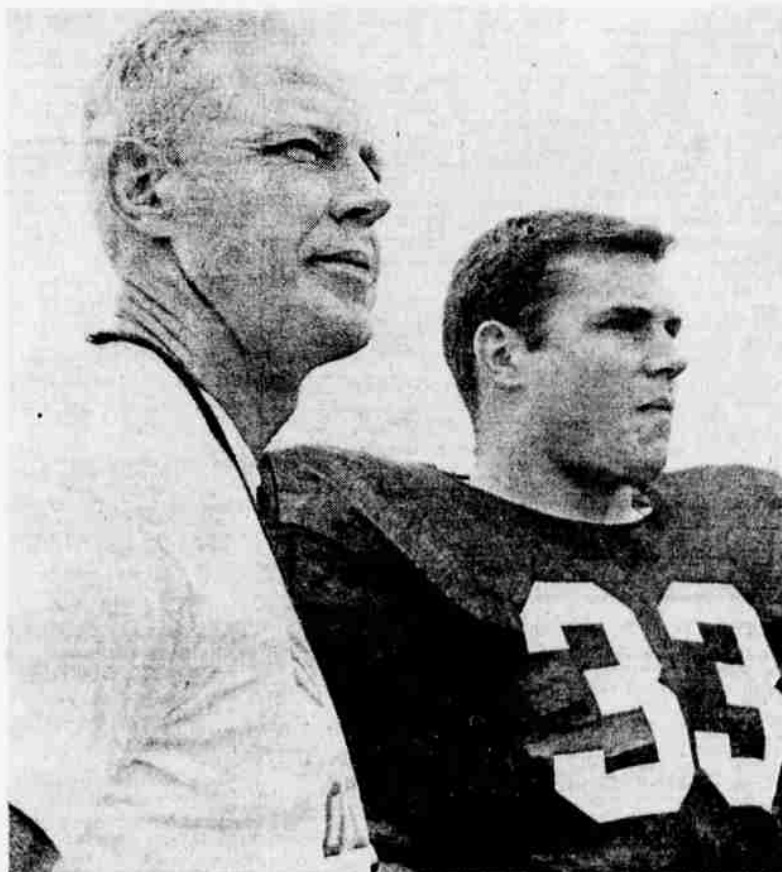
Looney came to the Sooners in 1962 as a transfer from Cameron, Okla., Junior College, where he first earned national attention by leading the school to a Little Rose Bowl victory during the 1961 season. He earlier had attended Texas and Texas Christian University.

Dr. George L. Cross, presi-

dent of Oklahoma University, said there had been, in his opinion, dissension on the team that may have contributed to the Texas loss, which cost Oklahoma its No. 1 ranking.

Cross said the dismissal was a matter of regret, but added, "I have thought that the men were not working together and not getting along."

"I have no specific information but that was my feeling as an ex-football player," Cross said. "Perhaps this will correct the situation."



STAR BACK DROPPED — University of Oklahoma football coach Bud Wilkinson is shown here with star halfback Joe Don Looney, right, who was dismissed from the Sooner squad today for disciplinary reasons. — UPI Telephoto

## Wildcats To Revamp Offense

McMINNVILLE (UPI) — Linfield, which lost its first regular season football game in 24 outings last Saturday, may revamp its offense before meeting Western Washington in a non-conference game here Saturday.

Coach Paul Durham said "We made about every mistake in the book on offense" in the team's 21-7 loss to Lewis and Clark Portland Saturday.

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## 'Louisville Lip' Gets Title Bout With Liston

DENVER (UPI) — Young heavyweight hopeful Cassius Clay will get a chance to fulfill his dream and meet champion Sonny Liston next February, Liston's press aide said Monday.

Denver promoter Milt Willner said Liston, who scoffs at Clay's demands to fight and also his predictions of victory, would fight the Louisville challenger in February, possibly in Chavez Ravine in Los Angeles.

Clay said he would welcome

the fight. "I've been dreaming about this fight — I've been dreaming for a long time. I want that big bear so bad I can taste it," Clay said.

Willner said the site was not definitely determined, but that the home of the Los Angeles Dodgers looked a promising spot for the much heralded bout.

Willner also said former champion Ingemar Johansson of Geneva, Switzerland, and anybody except Brian London of England "will have to wait

in line until after Liston fights Clay."

Swedish boxing promoter Edwin Ahlqvist said today Johansson was training seriously for a possible fight with Liston.

Willner said he expected to hear from London today in response to an invitation to come to Denver this winter and fight Liston. English heavyweight champion Henry Cooper turned down a similar request Monday.

Willner said Liston would not fight Clay or Johansson this year because of tax reasons. But he said the big champion would be ready for Clay in February.

Clay, in Louisville, said he would be ready also. "After we finish," Clay said, "the President is going to send out a proclamation and Liston's jaw will be declared a disaster area."



TITLE BOUT — The press representative of heavyweight champion Sonny Liston (top) said today Liston would fight Cassius Clay (bottom) for the title "sometime in February." In Louisville, Ky., Clay said the proposed fight would be more than welcome. — UPI Telephoto

## Ruling Slows Bid Of Detroit Team

BADEN-BADEN, Germany (UPI) — Detroit officials confessed today that "somebody" in Europe put one over on them by announcing that cities bidding for the 1968 Olympics would not be allowed to do any lobbying.

"When we got here we discovered that all the other cities had scheduled sumptuous receptions and the like," said a spokesman for the Motor City.

"It's too late now for us to match these efforts," he added angrily.

The other three cities seeking to serve as host for the 1968 games—Buenos Aires, Mexico City and Lyons, France — are pulling out all the stops in their lobbying campaigns.

Delegates who will vote on the site Saturday are being liberally entertained, deluged with handouts, and held captive while enthusiastic spokesmen bend their ears with talk of the attractions awaiting them in their city.

And the number of parties and receptions on the calendar keep increasing daily.

Monday's opening session of the IOC included a closed executive committee meeting.

"We just had general talks about the agenda," said Chancellor Otto Mayer. "We will meet with leaders of the National Olympic Committees to day and sound them out for their opinions on what sports should be dropped from the Tokyo games calendar."

Presently, 22 sports are penciled in for Tokyo, but 18 is the maximum permitted. Handball and archery are almost certain to be dropped, according to unofficial reports.

## Tornado Third As Tribe 1st

PORTLAND (UPI) — Roseburg moved back into first place today among Oregon's class A-1 high school football teams in the Journal coaches' poll.

Medford, last week's leader, dropped to third with Grants Pass, another Southern Oregon power, in second place.

Others in the top 10, in order, included: Grant, Pendleton, Cottage Grove, North Salem, Central Catholic, Parkrose and Beaverton.

Others getting votes were Marshfield, Crater and Tigard.

In the class A-2 poll, Phoenix led, followed, in order, by Vale, North Catholic, Bandon, Brookings, Yamhill-Carlton, Seaside, Serra Catholic, Siuslaw and Central and Illinois Valley tied for 10th.

## Ex-Beaver Paul Lowe Tops Rushing Picture In AFL

NEW YORK (UPI) — Paul Lowe sat out last season with a broken arm and there was skepticism that the San Diego Chargers' speedster could regain the form that made him an All-American Football League halfback in 1960.

But today Lowe is leading the AFL in rushing, has gained 396 yards and averaged 7.4 yards per carry, according to statistics released by the AFL headquarters.

Lowe replaced Boston's Larry Garrison, who had led the league in rushing from the opening week of the season.

Len Dawson of Kansas City took over sole possession of the passing lead from the Chargers' Tobin Rote. Dawson has connected for 11 scores through the air. Rote still leads in percentage completed, 62 per cent, and George Blanda of Houston has passed for the most yardage, 1,386.

Art Powell of Oakland is the leading pass receiver, replacing Buffalo's Bill Miller. Gino Cap-

elletti of Boston continued to pace the league in scoring with 47 points on nine field goals, 14 extra points and one touchdown. Charlie Mitchell of Denver leads in kickoff returns, averaging 31.3 yards, and teammate Al Fraser is the AFL's

best punter, averaging 48 yards per boot.

Lance Alworth of the Chargers heads the punt returners, with an average of 20.7 yards per return. Tom Morrow of Oakland has intercepted eight passes, tops in the league.

San Diego sported the best rushing offense and had the best total offensive record. Houston is the AFL's leading passing team.

Boston's Patriots lead in every major defensive department, pass and rushing defense and total defense, allowing opponents 217 yards per game.

## Father-Son Dinner Due

The second annual Father-Son banquet is scheduled by the Pelican Booster Club for Wednesday night at 6:30 at Reames Country Club.

Club president Bob Moore has announced that all fathers of Klamath Falls players will attend the banquet and that the annual affair is open to all fathers and sons.

Plans call for the showing of the film of last Friday night's Grants Pass - Klamath Falls football game plus the regular Pelican Booster meeting.

PLACED ON WAIVERS

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—Phil Jordan of the St. Louis Hawks, a seven-year veteran on the National Basketball Association, has been placed on waivers.

Jordan will be given his unconditional release if no other club claims him. Jordan, 30, played with the New York Knickerbockers before coming to the Hawks.

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## Koufax Named National League's Top Player In 1963

BOSTON (UPI)—World Series hero Sandy Koufax today was named winner of the Academy of Sports Editors award as National League player of the year for 1963.

The star southpaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers, who had a 25-5 record during the regular season, and then blasted strike-out records in beating the New York Yankees twice in the

World Series, was named on 95 per cent of the ballots.

Voting by the academy, which is made up of 109 of the nation's leading sports editors, was limited to those sports editors who covered National League games.

Dick Groat, ace shortstop of the St. Louis Cardinals, was a second in the voting with 74 per cent, followed by relief ace Ron Perrano of the Dodgers (62), outfielder Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves (52), and outfielder Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants (51).

Koufax will be presented with the award at a dinner in New York on Jan. 19.

The poll was based upon performance during the regular season, not including the World Series.

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At Oregon, coach Steve Belko

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## WINTER MADNESS STARTS . . . Oregon State, Oregon Open Cage Workouts

By United Press International

Basketball practice began today at Oregon's three major universities.

At Oregon State, coach Slat Gill began his 38th year as head coach by greeting six lettermen from the team that finished fourth in the nation after winning the Western regional championship last spring.

Heading the list was 7-foot center Mel Counts, the Beavers' leading scorer last year. Other returnees are Rex Benner, Jim Kauers, Frank Petes, Jim Jarvis and Lynn Baxt.

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At Oregon, coach Steve Belko

has forwards Steve Jones, Jim Johnson and Larry Cooley and guards Elliott Gleason and Bob Yates back from last year's team.

Moore Gone

He is faced with the problem of finding a center to replace the graduated Glenn Moore. Sophs Gene Brockmeyer or Lew Patterson, each 6-9, are under consideration.

Other members of a large sophomore crop are forwards John Franz, Ed Vetter and Bill Jennings and guards Wally Palmberg, Don Dushane, Rich Potter, Dave Kaloury and Jim

Barnett. Also on hand is Gary Moye, a transfer from Pacific, and non-letterman Pat Loy, both guards.

Coach Al Negretti greeted what is potentially one of the strongest teams in University of Portland history.

He has seven lettermen, seven sophomore prospects, and two promising junior college transfers.

The lettermen are led by 6-8 Steve Anstett and 6-6 Cincy Powell, and include Tom Nichols, Jim Dorch, Dave Cooper, Dennis Channing and Kent Soldan.

The sophs are Jim Benjamin, Ed Maerz, Travis Gilliland, and Bob Wolmuth, each 6-7; Dan Martin, and Dave Lewis.

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