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SPORTS

Football TV Plan Opposed By Big Ten

KANSAS CITY, Mo., UP — An NCAA television plan permitting telecasting of just one top game each week was awaiting approval by member colleges today, but almost immediately drew a protest from the powerful Big Ten.

The Big Ten said it was "deeply disappointed" in the TV proposal. The plan was worked out here by a special NCAA committee and was submitted by mail to the membership Monday. It will become effective upon approval of two-thirds of the NCAA's members.

The principal difference in the plan from the 1953 program is that it will not allow any panorama telecasting — in which portions of several games were shown. Another is that the new plan carries no provision for telecasts where high interest has resulted in a stadium being filled to capacity.

The 12-man committee which drafted the plan said that persons who bought tickets to sell-out games resented their outlay after discovering the game was to be telecast.

The Big Ten said in an official statement Tuesday night it was recommending that member institutions vote "no" on the proposal. It said it was "deeply disappointed" in the lack of regional coverage, as opposed to televising of one game nationally.

The new plan provides that:

1. A national game of the week shall be telecast on the 12 Saturdays between Sept. 18 and Dec. 4 inclusive. On Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day, regional games may be telecast as desired.

2. Of the 12 Saturday games, at least one shall originate in each of the eight NCAA geographic districts, with no more than three from any one district. Preference will be given to teams which did not appear on television in 1952 and 1953.

3. Small colleges may telecast at will.

4. Member colleges may appear

on "live" television only once in 1954.

5. Sponsors will make TV arrangements directly with competing colleges.

6. Member colleges may arrange for "live" telecasting of their games on any basis desired on Friday nights, Saturday nights and holidays, with the exception of Thanksgiving Day, provided the one-appearance rule is observed.

The committee said the nation's colleges and universities spend about \$3 million dollars a year on intercollegiate, intramural and athletic programs and said gate receipts usually run only about \$40,500,000. The difference must be made up from educational funds, and the committee said TV restrictions were necessary to keep the deficit at a low level.

Walt Byers, executive director of the NCAA, said ballots on the new plan must be returned by April 9 and that results would be made public soon after that date.

Odds Shortening On Olson-Gavilan Bout

CHICAGO UP — Kid Gavilan's zest and confidence at the finish of training today tightened the odds for Friday night's "battle of champions" with Bob Olson.

The "price" favoring Olson to keep his middleweight crown shortened from 8-5 to 7-5.

Olson did nothing to hearten his supporters in Tuesday's final five rounds of sparring. He was cranky and sniffing as if from a head cold during the lack-luster performance at Rainbo Arena.

However, manager Syd Flaherty denied emphatically that Bobo did have a cold.

Welterweight champion Gavilan was slated for his last leather-tossing drill of four rounds at the Midwest gymnasium today. He again featured left hooks during four sparkling rounds with Junius Washington and Andy Figaro Tuesday.

Before today's wind-up, Manager Angel Lopez said, "The Kid has been with me for seven years. Now he is the most confident I ever saw him."

The smiling 28-year-old welter champ from Cuba said, "I know I ween. Thees time I'm strong man at humnert fealty two maybe fealty t'ree poun's. Last year I starve to make humnert fortyseven for Davey and Bratton, and not strong like now. You watch. I bean Olson — no trouble."

Olson, 25, was scheduled for light gymnasium exercises today. No more boxing.

Roland LaStarza Beaten By Cockell

LONDON UP — While British promoters spoke hopefully of matching victorious Don Cockell against heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano "at least by next spring," the manager of Roland LaStarza declared today that Cockell beat the New York fighter by a 10-round decision over LaStarza Tuesday night at the Earl's Court Arena.

"Cockell should have been thrown out of the ring," said manager Jimmy De Angelo. "If my boy had landed two, he would have been thrown out on his ear — and that's what they should have done to Cockell. We were warned so many times about low blows — that LaStarza was afraid to throw a body punch — but Cockell did everything we were told not to do and got away with it."

Cockell, beefy London blacksmith who holds the British heavyweight title, was warned four times by referee Gene Henderson for low blows but there was no indication that the Briton had been penalized in the scoring for these offenses. In Britain, the referee is the sole judge, scoring the bout on points, and his scoring is not announced.

LaStarza was warned once by Henderson for a kidney punch and was booted by the highly-partisan crowd of 18,000 at the end of the bout when he kept fighting after the final bell.

Cockell entered the ring with a 21½ pound weight advantage at 21 pounds to LaStarza's 18½, and the odds at fight time had dropped to even money.

On the United Press score sheet, Cockell won five rounds, LaStarza three, and two were even.

LaStarza, who said he thought he had won, blamed his defeat on "leaving my finish until too late."

By UNITED PRESS

The defending champion Montreal Canadiens berthed safely to day in the final round of the Stanley Cup hockey playoffs, and the Detroit Red Wings are in position to join them by winning just one more game Thursday night.

The Canadiens completed a 4-0 sweep of their semi-final series against the Boston Bruins by blanking the Bruins, 2-0, at Boston Tuesday night. Meanwhile, the Wings were taking a commanding 3-1 lead over the Toronto Maple Leafs by beating them, 2-1, at Toronto.

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If Noren, who has been hitting poorly this spring, doesn't measure up, Stengel may shift Collins to the outfield. Otherwise, Bob Cerv, who hit .317 at Kansas City last season, may get the job.

Favor Yankees To Take Sixth Straight Flag

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., UP — The world champion Yankees haven't been denting many fences with their hitting in spring training, but the betting is that they will be ready when the bell rings on April 13 and will go on to win their sixth consecutive American League pennant.

"He landed at least 20 low blows," asserted De Angelo. "If my boy had landed two, he would have been thrown out on his ear — and that's what they should have done to Cockell. We were warned so many times about low blows — that LaStarza was afraid to throw a body punch — but Cockell did everything we were told not to do and got away with it."

But manager Casey Stengel figures he took up that slack by getting pitcher Harry Byrd and first baseman Eddie Robinson from the Philadelphia Athletics.

Those two, together with rookie pitcher Bob Grim, are likely to be the only new faces on Stengel's club this season.

From his work this spring, Byrd rates as the No. 1 man on the starting pitching staff with Ed Ford, 18 and 6 in 1953, Ed Lopat (16-4), Allie Reynolds (13-7), Johnny Sain (14-7) and Tom Morgan the other starters. Lopat will go only once a week, while Reynolds and Sain will be used to start against certain clubs and in relief against others.

Right now, Grim, just out of service, may win a starting spot. Other possibilities are Jim McDonald (9-7), Tom Gorman (4-5) and Bob Kuzma (6-5). The chances are they will be the three ranking bullpen hurlers, although Stengel may occasionally spot them as starters. Rookie possibilities include Bill Miller, 2-1 with the Yankees and 5-5 with Kansas City last year; Art Schalock, 9-3 with Kansas City and Bob Wiesler, 8-7, also with Kansas City.

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Andy Carey, who could make most of the other teams in the league at third base, and either Jim Brideweser or Willie Miranda will be the infield spares.

And in those few games in which Berra will not be catching it will be either Charles Silvera back of the plate, with Gus Triandos, who hit .368 at Binghamton last season before the Yankees called him up, the leading candidate for the

No. 3 catching spot. The Yankees must keep Frank LaJa, the \$60,000 bonus player. He is a first baseman, but probably will see only limited duty as a pinch-runner and pinch-hitter.

Former Geneva Man Dies At Muncie

MUNCIE, (UP) — Services will be held Thursday for William A.

Redding, 105, former resident of Geneva. Redding was a plasterer and contractor in his earlier days. He died Monday night in Ball hospital after an illness of 10 days.

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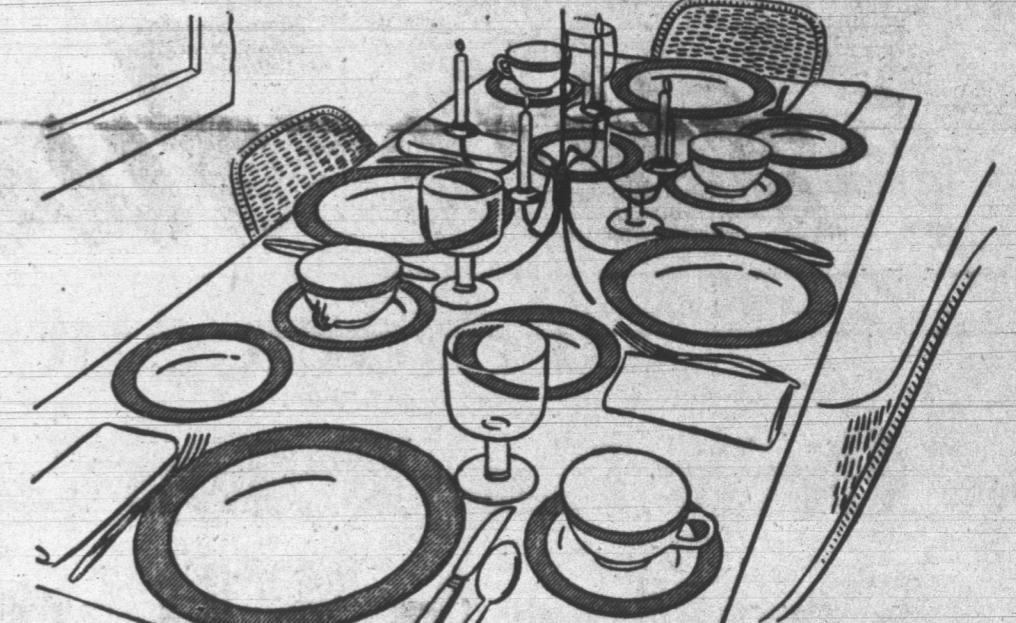
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