Bears in Line to Acquire College Football Prizes

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Chicago Bears, world's professional football champions and one of the great teams of all time, today were in line to land the two prize college stars of 1940, fullback John Kimbrough of Texas A. & M. and halfback Tommy Harmon of Michigan, in the National Football League's annual draft meeting.

Kimbrough

By reason of player deals with the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh clubs last year, the Bears acquired the right to the first draft choices of those two clubs. The draft operates in reverse order of the league standing thus Philadelphia, the team with the lowest percentage, gets first pick.

Pittsburgh tied with the Chicago Cardinals for the next choice and those two clubs will flip a coin for the second selection. If Pittsburgh wins the flip, then the Bears can acquire title to the two first choices which are almost certain to be Kimbrough and Harmon despite the fact that both players have announced their intentions not to play professional football.

George Halas, owner-coach of the Bears, has the reputation of being a very persuasive individual and has failed to sign only one college star he ever went after—Jay Berwanger, University of Chicago All-American in 1935. It is understood that Halas already has instructed the Philadelphia club to pick Kimbrough, the 225-pound Texas Aggie battering ram. Halas has a weakness for fullbacks although he already has such talented performers as Bill Osmanski, Joe Maniaci and Gary Famiglietti on his club.

Halas has told intimates that he believes Kimbrough, if he can persuade him to sign a pro contract, can become another Bronko Nagurski, who once was the spearhead of the Bears' attack. How high Halas will go for Kimbrough is a moot question. Some say that $10,000 is not beyond the realm of possibility.

The club owners last night attempted to wipe Halas' deals with the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh clubs off the books, but failed. However, they passed a rule effective in 1941 that no club can sell or trade its first or second draft choices without the unanimous consent of all club owners. To make the rule doubly effective they added a proviso that the championship club or the runner-up could not draft a player until all other clubs had made their selections.

Changes in club ownership were made last night when Art Rooney sold the Pittsburgh Steelers' franchise to a syndicate headed by Alexis Thompson, young New Yorker who inherited a $6,000,000 steel fortune at the age of 15, for an estimated $165,000.

After selling the Pittsburgh club, Rooney bought half interest in the Philadelphia Eagles from Bert Bell for an estimated $80,000. The 51 players owned by the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh clubs will be divided by lot.

Thompson announced that he planned to sign Earle (Greasy) Neale, Yale's assistant football coach, to pilot his team as soon as his contract expires in March. Neale, who formerly coached Virginia, W. & J. and West Virginia, is here and taking an active part in advising young Thompson, whose business connection now is with a drug and cosmetics manufacturing company.

Reports continued to circulate that Thompson will transfer the Pittsburgh franchise to Boston.

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Ft. Wayne Boys On Mitt Card

Elmo Latta, flashy Leeper A. C. 112-pounder, and Bud Thomas of Ft. Wayne have been matched to appear on the all-star amateur boxing card to be staged at the Armory Friday night, according to Matchmaker Fred DeBorde of the Indianapolis Amateur Boxing Association, which is sponsoring the program.

Thomas won the 112-pound title this year at the upstate city in Golden Gloves competition and holds victories over two local boys, Dick Miller, English Avenue Boys Club and Bill Cummings, Leeper A. C.

Two other outstanding Ft. Wayne simon-pures will have places on the card when Red Shaw takes on Buddy Jones, Leeper A. C. 135-pounder, and Bobbie Burns, Golden Gloves champion in the upstate city in 1939 and again this year, tangles with Robert Simmons, of the Hill Community Center.

Runner-Up in Fish Contest

Claude Allison, Strand Theater manager, displays the 7¼-pound black bass that won him second place in the Western Auto Store's big-fish contest. Allison made the catch in Indian Creek about a quarter of a mile from where it empties into Fall Creek. First prize in the contest was won by H. C. Marlowe of Sullivan, Ind., who yanked out an eight-pound four-ounce large-mouth bass.

Ertel Should Go On Day Shift

Times Special

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 10.—A professional basketballer has no business doing outside work at night. Mark Ertel, former Notre Dame star and now a center employee of the Indianapolis Kautskys, is convinced of that.

Last night the Kautskys were playing the New York Celtics here. Before the game both teams agreed to use the outmoded center jump after each field goal. But at the beginning of the fourth quarter, Ertel had to tell his mates goodby and hurry off to his night job at Tipton. That left the Kautskys with little in the way of altitude, and the Celts had their say on the tipoffs.

As it was the Kautskys only lost, 70-69, in an overtime, thanks to a long toss by Bob McDermott in the final minute. After trailing, 32-29, at half time, the Kautskys rallied to take a 52-51 lead at the end of the third quarter. The Celts came back in the fourth period, and the final quarter ended with the score, 68-all.

Accepts Blue Bid

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 10 (U. P.).—Mike Bucchianeri, Indiana University guard, said today he would accept an invitation to play with the Blue team in the North-South post season football game. Eddie Rucinski, Indiana end, previously accepted a similar bid.

Williamson Is High Bowler

Bob Williamson posted high enough totals in his first two games to overcome a slump the third time cut, and as a result his 686 series in the South Side Businessmen's League at the Fountain Square Alleys last night was "tops" among city bowlers.

Williamson started with a hefty 256, sagged slightly to 244 and wound up with a 186. Second place went to Earl Stumph, performing in the Evangelical League at the Pritchett plant. He opened with a 257 and added game scores of 180 and 235.

The "show" man was Bill Behrens, who had a 656 total for his alley efforts in the same league. Behrens had games of 199, 213 and 244.

The list of "600" bowlers:

Bob Williamson, South Side Businessmen's	686
Jim McLaughlin, State Highway	607
Riddle, State Highway	606
Metzger, State Highway	602
Harold Daringer, Transportation	619
John Murphy, Optimist	642
Bob Darnaby, Optimist	613
Joe Argus, Jr., Optimist	609
Greathouse, Optimist	620
Bud Schoch, Reformed Church	615
George Pieper, Reformed Church	652
Gray, Reformed Church	634
Henry Hohlt, Jr., Reformed Church	619
Earl Stumph, Evangelical	672
W. Behrens, Evangelical	656
Bottin, Evangelical	613
Bruce Mitchell, Bell Telephone	626
Claude Miller, McPherson Coal	611
Bill Hanley, St. Joan of Arc	612
Fred Beck, St. Joan of Arc	612
A. E. Smith, St. Joan of Arc	628
Bill Nickols, Fraternal	608
Maurice Wellman, Fraternal	629
W. Schwegman, Fraternal	610
O. Woodard, Fraternal	601
Doc Wilder, Fraternal	654
D. Woodward, Fraternal	617
Fred Tegeler, Fraternal	608
Ted Schoen, Fraternal	606
Guy Porter, Indianapolis Church	651
Len Sylvester, Holy Cross	650
Ezra Stewart, Auto Transportation	611
Fred Holler, First Presbyterian	634
James Zweisler, Court House	607
Charles Phillips, N. Side Business's	623
Weaver, East End Dairies	609

Basketball

Tonight's schedule in the Sportsman's Store Sunday School League at the Brookside U. B. gym:
7:00—Men Builders vs. Brookside C. H. B.
8:00—Englewood vs. Brookside U. B.
9:00—Mormon Meteors vs. Southeastern Union.

Tonight's schedule at Pennsy Gym:
7:30—Eli Lilly vs. Monarch Steel.
8:30—P. R. Mallery vs. Geo. J. Mayer.
9:30—J. D. Adams vs. Beveridge Paper.

Last night's results at Pennsy:
Kingan Knights, 29; National Starch Products, 23.
Pure Oil, 62; Guarantee Oil, 28.
Farm Bureau, 32; Royal Crown, 29.

Pacific Loop Seeks Reprisal

DEL MONTE, Cal., Dec. 10 (U. P.).—Indignant over the Big Ten Conference's refusal to consider an annual football meeting in the Rose Bowl, the Pacific Coast Conference today considered cancelling the annual track meeting between the Conferences.

The Big Ten-Coast Conference track meets have been arranged under two-year contracts, calling for a home and home staging.

Utah and Wyoming Put Colorado's Basket Crown in Danger in Rocky Mountain Race

Second of six sectional college basketball round-ups.

By DON SANDERS
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SIX TEAMS are out to dethrone Colorado as basketball champion of the Rocky Mountain Conference, but it looks like a pretty tough assignment.

Utah and Wyoming are expected to be the chief contenders, with Denver also in the running. The race shapes up as one of the closest in years.

Colorado lost several fine regulars through graduation, including Jack Harvey, rated one of the best centers in the land. Also gone from the squad that ran away with the league title and went on to win national honors are Don Thurman, Gene Grove and Don Hendricks.

But since Forrest Cox left Kansas five years ago to take over the depressed cage situation at Boulder, he has built the Buffs into an outfit of national prominence. And if he finds capable material among sophomores, he's likely to do it again this trip.

Colorado's attack is built around Co-captains Leason McCloud, lanky forward, and George Hamburg, an aggressive guard who stands six feet three inches. They are good floor men who fit into a swift offense.

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HARVEY'S berth goes to a big sophomore, Dean Strain, and another newcomer, Barney Oldham, is crowding several more experienced players at guard.

Pairing with McCloud at forward is Paul Schmidt. Martin Trotsky, a letterman, rounds out the lineup at guard. Most promising reserves are Bob Kirchner, a center; Reed Hannon and Dick Shakeshaft, forwards; Dick Emery and Paul McClung, guards.

Lacking the height of Pacific Coast teams and others in championship ranks, Frosty Cox depends on the fast break and a versatile attack to free a man under the basket.

Utah, which wound up second in the conference last season, starts the year with six lettermen, together with a junior college transfer and several talented sophomores. Lost by graduation were Nick Watts, all-conference forward, Waynard Lowe, reserve forward.

The lineup, with the exception of one forward position, will be the same as last year's—high-scoring Val Sheffield at forward, Vaughn Bennion at center, and Deb Smith and Bill Johnson at the guards. Sheffield was a remarkable sophomore. Mel Atkinson, a letterman, is back as a reserve guard.

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WATTS' FORWARD spot goes to Clair Anderson, a transfer from Snow Junior College, with Kenneth Sowards, a sophomore, a strong contender. Reserves lack experience, but are likely to develop by the time the Conference race opens.

The tallest man on the team is Smith, who stands 6 feet 3½ inches, and the starting five will average about 6 feet 1.

Speed is the key to the Utah attack.

Utah State, which finished in third place last trip, may be forced lower this season. Missing are two great players, Floyd Morris, a forward, and Cal Agricola, guard. Even Baugh at forward and Captain Roland Reading at guard will be key men on the offense.

Wyoming and Denver, tied with Colorado State for last place in the Big Seven last season, have seasoned squads which should show vast improvement.

NEXT—The Southwest.

Dean Strain (above) replaces great and graduated Jack Harvey at center for Colorado.

Mental Attitude Is Big Part of Grid Success, Says Potsy Clark

Football, its success 75 per cent dependent upon mental attitude, is worth while if you play it well, George (Potsy) Clark, former Illinois All-American quarterback, last night told Butler University gridders as they were honored at the Athenaeum.

Robert Roberts and Stanley Crawford, two ends from Columbus, O., received most of the honors passed around. Roberts, a junior, was elected to captain the 1941 squad while Crawford, a senior, received the Sigma Delta Chi "B" blanket as the outstanding player through three years of varsity play. Indianapolis sports writers made the selection. Both men were teammates in high school.

Clark, former Butler coach through the 1927, '28, and '29 seasons, listed the requisites of a football team and added that the willingness to practice is most essential of a football player and that perfection is what makes a good team in addition to physical condition, "hustle," knowledge of football rules, being a gentleman on and off the field, mental poise and abiding by the amateur code.

Butler University's partially filled 1941 football schedule was released today by Athletic Director Paul D. (Tony) Hinkle. The card to date:

Sept. 20—St. Joseph's.
Sept. 27—At Xavier (Cincinnati.)
Oct. 4—Open.
Oct. 11—Open.
Oct. 18—At DePauw.
Oct. 25—Ohio U.
Nov. 1—Wabash.
Nov. 8—Open.
Nov. 15—Open.

Dates still are to be set for games with Washington of St. Louis, Ball State and Toledo.

Roberts and Crawford were included in the list of 25 who received major football awards. Nine seniors, who four years ago were among 35 freshmen receiving numerals, were presented their awards by Coach Paul D. (Tony) Hinkle. They were Henry Abts, Crawford, Doyle Dugger, Harold Feichter, James Garwood, Robert Purkhiser, John Rabold and Ralph Swager.

Hinkle announced that the 1941 schedule will be approximately the same as this year when the Bulldogs, seven time winners of the Indiana College Conference, won four, lost four and tied one. Wabash and DePauw, two of Butler's traditional rivals, again will be met. Two-year contracts will be completed with Xavier of Cincinnati, Washington of St. Louis and Toledo universities. A new two-year contract will be begun with Ohio University. St. Joseph again will appear on the card and possibly Ball State. A ninth contest may be added.

Hinkle said that in addition to the 27 men returning next year, including 16 lettermen, he must have two lines and three backfields from this year's freshman squad.

Eleven juniors and five sophomores also received major awards last night. Earl Mitchell, Anderson sophomore cross-country runner, was honored with a major award for his outstanding performances this year. He placed first in the combined Big and Little State cross-country meet, finished ninth in the national meet and third in the Mid-States and Indiana A. A. U. meet, and won the annual Turkey Day run at Louisville, Ky. He also won first places in eight or nine dual meets. Max Armer and Bob Dreessen, both of St. Louis, Mo., received minor awards for cross-country.

Other major football award winners were:

Juniors: George Blare, Bennie Cohen, Richard Fruechtenicht, Oscar Hillring, Harold Mossey, Elwood Norris, Roberts, Claude Stropes, Lowell Toelle, Dan Zavella and George Zavella.

Sophomores: James Gilson, Charles Metzelaars, Donald Stewart, Zane Powell and Steve Stoyko.

David Woods, Indianapolis, received a major award for his work as senior student manager.

Twenty-nine freshmen were the recipients of sweaters and numerals. They were Barney Askin, Robert Battenberg, John Beck, Harold Benz, Richard Cromley, Steve DeWald, Boris Dimancheff (honorary captain), Leslie Dold, Harry Ent, Ralph Fulk, Frank George, Charles Haenes, Billy Howard, Steve Horvath, Don Kammer, Arthur Leamon, James Markey, James Miller, James Moran, William Murtaugh, Melchoir Perrone, Joe Rodick, John Rudnicky, Tom Sleet, William Wineberg, Harold Wiggam, Andrew Williams and Norman Williams. Freshman student managerial awards were presented to William Neely and Paul Weakley.

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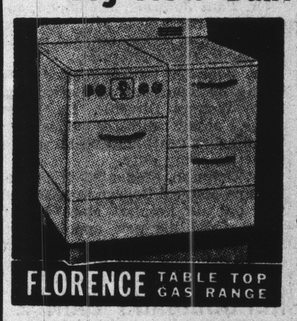

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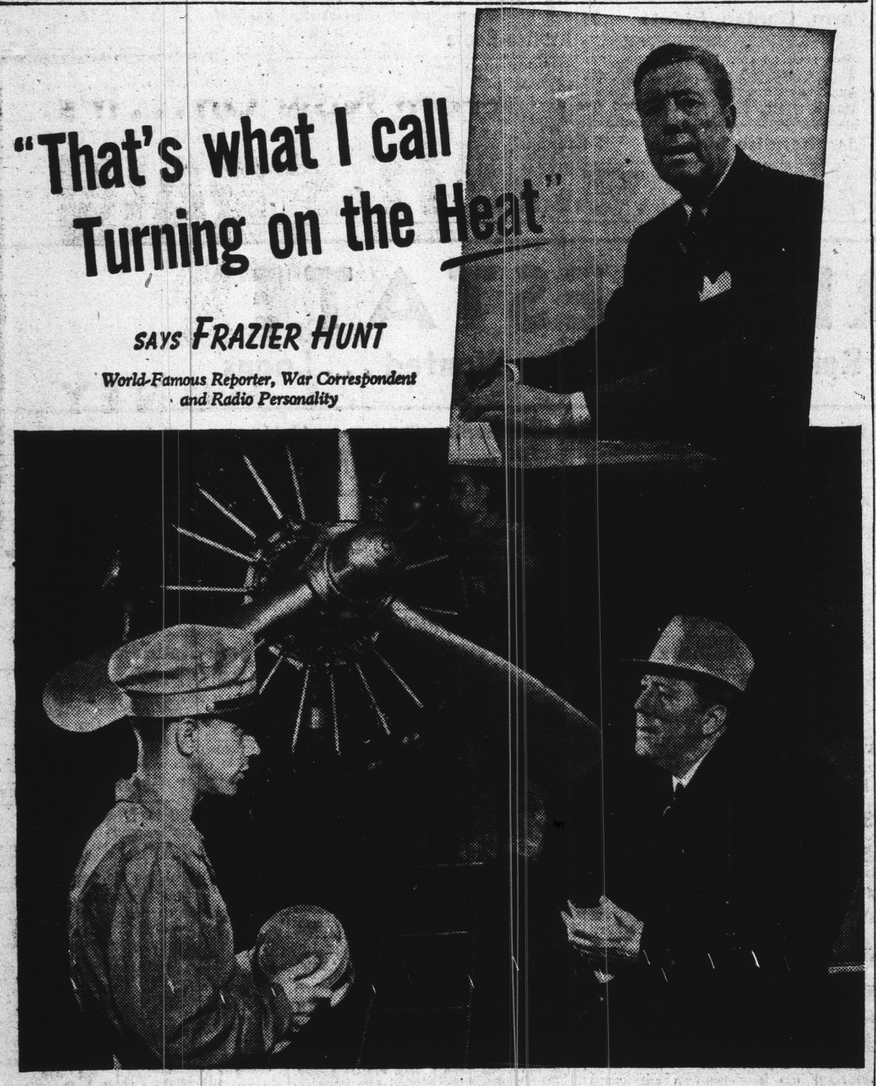

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