

Football With Leahy— Navy's Best Isn't Enough

Cadets Have Too Much Reserve;
Sooners a Cinch for No. 31

By FRANK LEAHY, Head Football Coach, Notre Dame University
THE NATION'S TOP two teams will be playing traditional rivals in opposite sectors of the country tomorrow and the outcome will provide supporters of both teams with additional fuel for cracker barrel discussions during the coming months. Oklahoma A & M and the Sooners are expected to record their 31st consecutive victory under

one of football's greatest coaches, Bud Wilkinson. In Philadelphia the eyes of the nation will be on the colorful Army-Navy tilt. I am certain that Navy will play its best game of the season and will throw a real scare into the Cadets, but it is my belief that when the shadows begin to lengthen over Municipal Stadium, the Black Knights will have too much in reserve to be stopped by the Middies.

UP IN BOSTON, Holy Cross will be seeking revenge for their 76 to 0 loss to Boston College last fall. At the same time, B. C. will be trying very hard to win the last game for Coach Denny Meyer who has resigned. Such factors set up a natural and we like Holy Cross in a close game. Also in the East, Fordham should complete a very successful season by downing Syracuse.

SUNNY southern skies allow several games in Dixieland. Time honored intrastate rivalries are at stake in most of the contests. Tennessee, Tulane, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and William and Mary are favored over their home state opponents from Vanderbilt, LSU, Georgia Tech, Auburn, Mississippi State and Richmond.

From the standpoint of post-season appearances the Miami, Missouri game carries much importance. A victory tonight would give Miami an undefeated season and considerable post-season drawing power. Missouri is tough, but I think Miami will win. Pre-season favorites who ran into a little bad luck this fall, Maryland and North Carolina, are expected to close their seasons on a harmonious note by defeating Virginia Tech and Virginia respectively.




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Sooners, Other Teams Headed for Bowls Are Solid Favorites

By United Press
The 1950 college football season headed today into its final blazing week-end of action with long-awaited games between traditional rivals holding the spotlight in every section of the country. On tap tomorrow are such annual thrillers as Army-Navy, Notre Dame-Southern California, Holy Cross-Boston College, and Southern Methodist-Texas Christian.

And spicing the program are the final regular season appearances of four teams that are bound for big bowl games—Miami of Florida, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Georgia.

Miami, which will play host to Clemson in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day, starts the week-end's festivities off tonight in a game against Missouri. The undefeated but tied once Hurricanes are a 13-point choice to end the season on a high note before getting set for the post-season classic.

Solid Favorites
The three other bowl teams also are solid favorites. Oklahoma's Sooners, headed for the Sugar Bowl against Kentucky, are prohibitive 28-point picks over their old rivals, the Oklahoma Aggies. The Cotton Bowl's Tennessee is a 14-point choice over Vanderbilt and Georgia, picked for the new Presidential Bowl against the Texas Aggies, rules a 13-point choice in the traditional battle with Georgia Tech.

Texas, which will be Tennessee's New Year's Day foe, completed its Southwest Conference schedule with a perfect record by blasting the Texas Aggies yesterday, 17 to 0. The Longhorns, who have one more regular game to go, scored on a 10-yard touchdown pass by Ben Tompkins, a 19-yard field goal by Tompkins, and a 3-yard plunge by Byron Townsend.

Army and Navy were due to arrive today in Philadelphia, scene of tomorrow's battle. Competing amid an atmosphere of international tension, the men of both service schools were reported rarin' to go, with the perfect record Cadets a 20-point choice over off-beaten Navy. The Middies were pinning their upset hopes on the passing arm of Bullet Bobby Zastrow.

Leahy Bedded Down
Neither Notre Dame nor Southern California is up to the brilliant standard of other years, but their meeting at Los Angeles promises to be every bit as spine-tingling. Chances are the Irish, favored by 10 points, will be without the personal guidance of Coach Frank Leahy, bedded down in South Bend, Ind., with influenza.

Holy Cross and Boston College have had almost equally poor seasons, but the six-point odds quoted on Holy Cross indicated this battle, too, shapes up as a close one.

The Pittsburgh-Penn State traditional battle in Pittsburgh was originally supposed to be played last Saturday. But the heavy snows forced a postponement, first to Monday and then to tomorrow.

Other leading games tomorrow include: Alabama-Auburn, Baylor-Rice, Houston-Tulsa, Maryland-Virginia Tech, Mississippi State-Mississippi, Tulane-LSU, Virginia-North Carolina, Wichita-Kansas State, William and Mary-Richmond, and Fordham-Syracuse.

Canterbury Loses Gipson for Season
DANVILLE, Dec. 1 (UP)—Canterbury College's basketball team has lost the services of veteran guard Trent Gipson for the entire season. Gipson, a fullback on the football team, suffered a knee injury in the gridiron tilt with Indiana Central. Doctors at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis told him that the injury hadn't responded enough to permit his playing basketball this season.

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Coast Table Tennis Team, Stranded Here, Plans to Earn Way Back With Exhibitions

Group, With Korean, At Dearborn Tonight

By JIM HEYROCK

The California table tennis team—including a South Korean stranded in the United States when the conflict broke out in his country—will never again wander far from the west coast in the winter. The four members of the team, which left Los Angeles to participate in the intercollegiate table tennis competition last week in Columbus, O., have been stranded in Indianapolis because of the recent snows.

And 29-year-old Keun Hong Choi, Korean member of the team, not only wants to get back to California—he wants to get back to Korea and his family. The team, led by Bob Edwards, former Indiana and Purdue student, who recently graduated from UCLA, is planning to finance its way back to California through table tennis exhibitions. They're starting here tonight at 8 p. m. with an exhibition at the Dearborn Hotel.

Other members of the team, in addition to Choi and Edwards, are Bob Ashley and Eddie Kantar, both of Los Angeles. Choi's face became tense yesterday as he scanned the headlines in The Times announcing the possibility of using the atom bomb in the Korean war. His opinion on the matter came with the aid of his teammates.

"Many Koreans would be killed," Choi said in his limited English. "We are all Koreans—north and south—and we don't like this war. Communists or Democrats, we are all Koreans and we don't like killing each other."

Came Last March
Choi came to this country last March to participate in the national table tennis tournament in St. Louis. After the tournament he visited friends in Los Angeles and was unable to return to his home when the Korean War started.

Choi's wife and two children remained in Korea. Three weeks ago his wife phoned from Seoul, Korea, and through three minutes of sobbing told him their 2-year-old daughter and his mother and father had been killed.

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Keun Hong Choi, South Korean (seated), looks over The Times' headlines announcing possibility of using the atom bomb in his country as his California table tennis teammates, Bob Edwards, Bob Ashley and Eddie Kantar (left to right), look on.

Choi's 3-year-old son, however, don't like other countries interfering with them. The South Koreans, however, like the United States," he was quick to add. "The people do not like the 38th Parallel. You might divide the land but you can't divide the people."

Choi hopes to get back soon for his wife and baby. But he doesn't want to stay. He has seen too much of the United States.

Choi was born in Kaesong, Korea, five miles south of the 38th Parallel. He attended high school in Pail Chai and then to Kwansai Gakuin University in Japan from 1939 to 1944. He became a clerk with the Seoul Electric Co. in 1945 and was working at that job when the Korean Table Tennis Association sent him to the United States for the tournament.

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Marion's Popularity Won't Win Pennant

Likeable New Cardinal Manager Will Have to Put Size 10 Foot Down

By United Press
Amiable Marty Marion, one of the grandest guys who ever gobbled up a grounder, may prove too popular for his own good. As a brilliant shortstop for 11 National League seasons, the lanky "Slats" made more friends than he could count. As the new manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, he probably will make more. Popularity, of course, doesn't win pennants, a fact that Lippy

Leo Durocher once classically pointed out. It has, on occasion, even cost a manager his job as witness Billy Herman's brief and disastrous tenure at Pittsburgh in 1947.

Marion Managing By Twist of Fate
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1 (UP)—Were it not for a strange twist of fate, Marty Marion might be with the Washington Senators today instead of managing the St. Louis Cardinals.

A Senator scout picked him off the South Carolina sandlots and invited him to try out with Charlotte, N. C., a Washington farm club in the Piedmont League. Marion—reported to the club, and a few days later he asked the club secretary for a ticket to the game for his girl friend. Marty's request was refused so he picked up his belongings, quit the club cold and went home. The girl friend he couldn't get a ticket for that day, today is his wife.

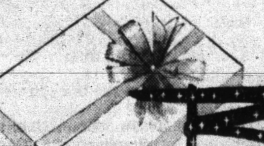
Sure, he can be businesslike. He has proved that in several salary conferences with the late Cardinal boss, Sam Breadon, and he proved it again in his capable handling of the players' pension plan as National League representative.

Essentially, however, Slats is a softie with more inherent baseball ability in one finger than many of his contemporaries have in their entire frame. Another facet of the new Red Bird pilot is that he never kids anybody, least of all himself.

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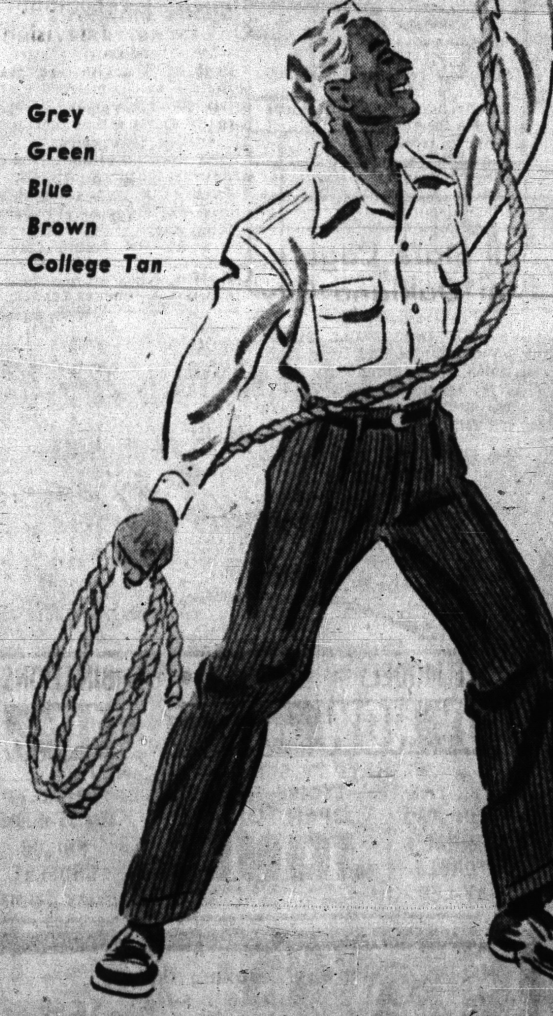


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Bullets Sign Up Otten, 2 Others
BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 1 (UP)—The Baltimore Bullets have announced the signing of three new players including 7-foot Don Otten who was purchased from the Washington Capitols.

Gummed Up
BARRIE, Ont., Dec. 1 (UP)—John Slawson, forward of Guelph's Biltmore hockey team, was feeling "fine" today after nearly choking to death on a piece of gum. Slawson fell to the ice Wednesday night in a game against the Barrie Flyers and stopped breathing when gum he was chewing stuck in his windpipe. He was carried off the ice and the team doctor extracted the gum from Slawson's throat with a fountain pen. Dr. M. M. Laurie said the gum had sealed the windpipe.

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