

Prognostorials . . .

Walker's Season Avg. Drops to .775

By Fred Walker

To all young men who would aspire to the glorious heights of artful prognostication, we have but one thing to say; "See a psychiatrist, son, you need your head examined!"



Walker

What happened to us last week shouldn't happen to TU (Who are we kidding?) From 56 games predicted, 11 were as wrong as could be, four were ties, and 41 managed to come out right. This gave us the average of .732 for the week. Average that with a previous .784 and .808 and the beautiful seasonal record of .796 plunges to a mediocre .775. This SHOULD happen to TU.

Some of the picks were downright insane. "Dartmouth to take Cornell!" Hah, the Big Red slaughtered them 24-0. "Virginia to upset Tulane by a TD!" How stupid can you get? Tulane managed to squeak by, 42-18. We spent two paragraphs explaining what a tough battle would go on between Oklahoma and Missouri and planned the outcome for Oklahoma to win one of the hardest fought battles of the week. The Tigers were pulverized 41-7.

On the bright side, it was "Montana over Utah State by 30." The final was 38-7. We strung along with "Miami and a TD, but on the strength of a bowl bid for Miami." Miami took it 20-14.

The two that pleased us the most were Navy, that "sentimental favorite", taking Columbia 29-7, and Michigan State, who was "to take stubborn Pitt for about 19," coming through with a 19-0 score.

This Saturday doesn't seem to present any relief as far as "sure things" are concerned, as every part of the country is coming up with at least two games each that could easily go either way.

Big Eastern Game—Penn vs. Cornell

The big game of the East will be the battle between the Quakers of Pennsylvania and Cornell's Big Red from "old Cayuga's waters." This tussle never lacks in color or excitement, and although one or the other is always favored fairly emphatically, this contest has never ceased to be surprising.

This year Penn will control the odds by at least two TD's, especially after a commanding win over a great Wisconsin team last week by the score of 20 to 0. Only twice this season have the Quakers been

Elsewhere in the East: Fordham over New York University by 46 points; Yale over Harvard by 25; Holy Cross over Temple by a TD; Pitt past Penn State by 7; Princeton to finish her first undefeated, untied season since the 20's by taking Dartmouth (and the Ivy League championship) by about 30; and Colgate over Rutgers by 14.

Big Ten In A Muddle

Things are really poppin' in the Big Ten. When The Fighting Illini upset Ohio State last week, they automatically went into a tie for first with that eleven. That game practically insured a trip to the Rose Bowl for Illinois. It was a bitter pill for the Buckeyes to swallow, for it not only swished away the chance for a clean sweep of the title, but also knocked them from the top of the AP roost.

Ohio State will be looking for revenge this Saturday when they play host to the strong Wolverines of Michigan—a team who could take second place in the Big Ten title by defeating the Buckeyes. Though improbable, Michigan could take the title all by themselves if Illin-

California-Stanford Main Attraction

They will have the regular assortment of stuff out on the coast this week, but the eye-catchers will be California vs. Stanford and UCLA vs. Southern California.

Pappy Waldorf's Golden Bears have gone nine straight without a defeat or a tie and the Indians don't seem to have the stuff to stop California's Rose Bowl aspirations. Yet the rivalry between these two institutions has always been great and will long continue to be.

A week ago the odds makers wouldn't have given Stanford very much of a chance, but since the Indian's valiant stand against Army, the odds have dropped considerably. It might be close or it might not, but from here it comes out California to end its season in perfect condition and move into the Rose Bowl, California over Stanford by 14.

The dust-raiser at Los Angeles promises to be one of the roughest, toughest contests of the day. Both teams are fairly evenly matched. On the strength of the Uclan's wins over Stanford and Washington State, teams that Southern Cal could only tie, we like UCLA by 7, narrow points.

Finishing up the West Coast: North Texas State over Fresno State by 14; College of the Pacific over Boston University by 2 TD's; Oregon to beat Oregon State by three TD's; IDAHO TO UPSET ARIZONA STATE AT TEMPE BY

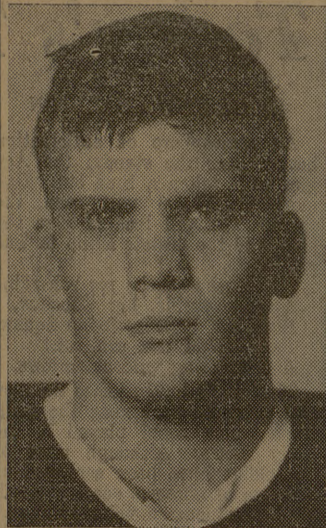
Battleground: Knoxville

The Southern part of the country looks rugged again. Of course the big battle will be at Knoxville, Tennessee where the Volunteers take on the Kentucky Wildcats. Kentucky has won nine straight this year and is currently ranked on the AP Poll as third in the nation.

The Vols will provide the real test for the Wildcats, who so far have yet to meet a top notch eleven. Tennessee has wins over Alabama, North Carolina, Mississippi, Duke and Washington. & Lee to mention a few. Its only loss was to Mississippi State and that game is still considered to be one of the big upsets of the year.

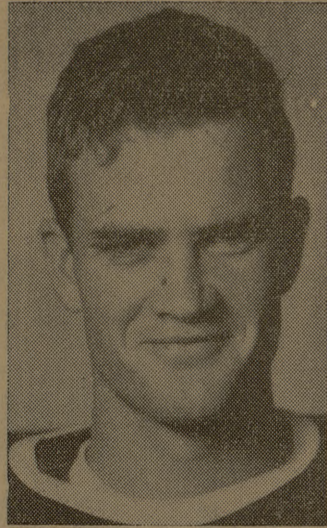
The odds favor Kentucky, but we (See FOOTBALL, Page 5).

Fish Eleven Stars



Johnny Cavileer

Cavileer led the ground gainers yesterday and was largely re-playing the Shortorns on the ground. He gained 66 yards in 14 carries and set up the only Aggie score with a 40-yard romp.



Don Criswell

Criswell played both offense and defense yesterday in the freshman game between the Shortorns and the Fish. The shifty halfback gained 44 yards in ten trips and also returned the ball on a kickoff 18 yards.



New York, Nov. 24—(AP)—No-body ever sees what a tackle does in a football game except his coach and his best girl. . . . But Bill Leckonby, LeHigh's coach, figures they're the key men in his split T attack. . . . Bill was handing out praise lavishly at Tuesday's jamboree for LeHigh's first undefeated and untied team when he came to one of the offensive tackles. . . .

He looked slightly surprised himself as he commented: "You can't be a tackle and be dumb these days. Why, our tackles call more signals than the quarterbacks, and they have less time. . . . It's true of other teams as well in these days of shifting defenses. . . . The quarterback calls a play in the huddle—and has about 20 seconds to do it. . . . But it isn't until the linemen get into position that the tackle can look over positions of the defensive linemen and line-backers. Then in a split second he has to call a signal to indicate the blocking assignment for the guys on the side where the play will run. And at the same time the other tackle calls a signal, too, just to confuse the opposition.

On Franklin Field. Michigan vs. Ohio State. We don't envy Michigan's fate. Against comeback-bound Ohio State. Kentucky vs. Tennessee. We think Kentucky. Had better be lucky. Shorts and Shells. Unconfirmed report from the south says Kentucky turned down an "if" bid from the Sugar Bowl, contingent on a win or tie against Tennessee, but would have accepted a flat invitation before the game. . . . Joe Gallagher, one-time Manhattan College footballer and Dodger baseball player, is studying for his master's degree at Cornell. . . . New England grid fans are touting Andy Robustelli of little Arnold College for one of the post-season all-star games. He's a two-time choice for the little all America and a heck of a pass catcher. . . . LeHigh's ground-gaining twins, Dick Gabriel and Dick Doyno, have been tapped for two of those affairs but are hoping to hear from Andy Kerr about the East-West game. . . .

Dots All, Brothers. Philadelphia claims the all-time pro basketball fan in Ned Stites, Jr. . . . Slated for Army induction, Ned drove all the way to Minneapolis for a final look at the warriors. . . . Two gents who keep the statistics for the Hardin-Simmons U. football team, Dr. William O. Beazley and Dr. Albert Lunday, both hold PhD degrees and are ordained ministers. Who'd dare question their figures? . . . Heavyweight Rex Layne, who debuts in the Garden tomorrow, once played tackle for North Cash High School in Utah. He ain't the first amateur footballer who ever played for Cash.

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Ag Cross Country Team To Defend SWC Crown

By RAY HOLBROOK

Eager to defend its Southwest Conference title, the Aggie Cross Country team will meet all challengers Monday afternoon at 3 on the A&M course.

Barring unforeseen circumstances the Maroon and White harriers, led by SWC Champion Julian Herring, should annex the title for the third straight year with the Arkansas Razorbacks a close second.

Entries for the Cadets will include Herring, John Garmany, Alex Ortiz, Jim McMahon, Charlie Gabriel, and Sophs Marshall Lazarine and Charles Hudgins.

Arkansas will probably be tabbed as the favorites since they bested the Farmers in a dual meet three weeks ago by one point, but the Aggies are just rounding into shape and will rate an edge on their home course. Top runners for the Ozark team will be James Brown, James West, Bill Cairns, Oliver Gatehell, and Tom Hardin.

TU Threat

The University of Texas will be a threat to both the title contenders, but, with only two-or-three top performers, won't be in a position to win the crown. C. A. Rundell, TU's No. 1 man, will give the leaders trouble, and Lowell Hawkins should also be ripe.

The Baylor Bears and the SMU Mustangs are also entering teams and only a lone entry from TCU. Rice isn't entering anyone. Baylor and SMU won't offer too much opposition to the three leading teams but Norman Alsbrook of the Bears may make a high bid in the individual standings. Alsbrook is a former State mile champion.

Individual Honor Race

The race for individual honors should be exciting and the pre-meet favorite will probably be Arkansas' James Brown, who edged Herring in the dual meet with the Aggies. He is also the conference two-mile champion and placed third last fall in the conference cross country meet.

But SWC title holder Herring is the best bet to defeat Brown. He is now reaching his top form after getting off to a slow start and should be ready Monday. Along with the cross country title, Herring also won the mile-run last year.

Garmany to Push

Two others who will be pushing Brown and Herring are Garmany and Rundell. Garmany led the Aggie harriers until recently, and it isn't improbable that he might finish higher than anyone expects him to. Rundell is the chief hope

for Texas, and he may push Garmany, having finished second to the Cadets in the TU-A&M dual meet three weeks ago.

Aggie Coaches Frank Anderson and Ray Putman are saying that this year's Aggie team is the best that A&M has ever had—better than the 1948-49 titlists. But the competition is much keener and, as Col. Andy said it, "That Arkansas bunch is plenty hard to beat."

Should the Farmers win this one, it will leave them with a three-two, won-lost, record for the season.

Border Schools Drop Negro Ban

Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 24 —(AP)—All schools in the Border Conference except Texas Tech have now dropped their ban against Negro athletes, it was learned here Wednesday.

Dr. Floyd Thomas, chairman of the University of Arizona's Athletic Committee, said West Texas State at Canyon and Texas Western at El Paso have agreed to allow Negroes to participate against their teams.

He said the subject was also discussed with Texas Tech officials when their team was in Tucson to play Arizona last Saturday. Whether their policy against Negroes will be changed is still not known, Dr. Thomas said.

The action of West Texas and Texas Western ends what some considered a possible threat to continuation of the Border Conference.

Arizona and Arizona State College at Temple are now free to schedule future grid games with these schools. Arizona is already seeking 1951 dates.

TU Exes OK Price For Cherry's Post

Wichita Falls, Tex., Nov. 24—(AP)—The Longhorn Club of Wichita Falls, composed of University of Texas exes, yesterday formally endorsed line Coach Ed Price as head coach at the University.

Blair Cherry, present coach, is resigning at the end of the current season.

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