

Lincoln Team Tops; FAMU, TSU, Hawks Close Behind

R. C. "Overdrive" Owens Prize Rookie Of 49'ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— An unheard-of rookie is one of the key reasons that the San Francisco Forty-Niners are one of the prime threats for the Western Division title in the National Football League race.

In pre-season calculations, R. C. (Overdrive) Owens did figure prominently in Coach Frankie Albert's plans. But Albert is one happy man that he didn't overlook Owens.

To exploit fully Owens' astonishing potential, the Forty-Niners inserted him into the slot back position in the split Y. The 6-3 graduate of The College of Idaho clicked from the beginning.

His clutch receiving produced the deciding touchdowns in San Francisco's first two league victories. Against the Los Angeles Rams, he grabbed an 11-yard heave from Quarterback Y. A. Tittle that gave the Forty-Niners a 28 to 20 decision.

The following week, in the last of his second year, Owens was named the "Person to Person" winner from Tittle while kneeling

in the corner of the end zone to give the Forty-Niners a 21-to-17 over the Bears.

"There are a lot of ends in the league who can't do much more than catch a pass," Albert says. "Owens is a very fine blocker as well."

"The Forty-Niners have an 'all-pop' pass play designed especially for the spring Owens."

"It's a high pass," the young end explains. "I have to jump for it. I've just been out jumping the defenders, that's all."

"I don't think pass catching in pro ranks is much different than that in college, but the blocking and the various pass patterns, sharpness and quickness are No. 1 requirements."

Owens earned his athletic reputation in college as a basketball star, although he was outstanding in football. He was a great rebounder and rebounder for The College of Idaho.



POLISHED — Sugar Ray Robinson, polished performer during his spectacular boxing career, polishes up some of his trophies in his New York apartment. Ray's getting ready for guests when he appears on CBS-TV's "Person to Person" Friday, November 8. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

Sugar Ray Robinson Is Ed Murrow's Subject On Friday's 'Person' Show

NEW YORK (AP)— Two men of action — boxer Sugar Ray Robinson and aviator's Alexander P. De Seversky — will be visited by Edward R. Murrow "Person to Person" Friday Nov. 8 (CBS Television, 10:30-11:00 p.m. EST).

Sugar Ray Robinson, described by sports writers as "the greatest fighter pound for pound" in the history of boxing, will be "at home" with his wife Edna Mae and their 7-year-old son in their Manhattan apartment. Sugar Ray has other interests besides fighting which he admits he hated when he was growing up in Detroit.

He owns real estate, a bar and grill, a lingerie store, a dry cleaning store and a barber shop. When he can manage to get away from these various projects, Robinson likes to spend his leisure time on the golf course.

Alexander P. Seversky, one of the pioneer airplane designers of our age, was an aviator in World

War. I lost a leg in combat, but continued to fly using an artificial limb. He worked with Billy Mitchell in the early 20's developing the first fully automatic bomb sight, and subsequently has been responsible for many of the modern refinements and advances in aviation.

His controversial book "Victory Through Air Power," written in 1942, was a best seller.

Major De Seversky and his wife Evelyn will be visited in their New York apartment.

The partnership didn't last, however, and Tatum recently branched out on his own and formed the Harlem Stars, formerly with the Syracuse Nationals.

"Goose" To Showcase His New Basketball Five Nov. 24 In Missouri

ST. LOUIS (AP)— Beas (GOOSE) Tatum will showcase his newly formed basketball team here Nov. 24.

The team, formed recently by the famous former clown of the Harlem Globetrotters, is the Harlem Stars, which will play the New York Olympians, led by Bill Spivey at Kiel Auditorium on the November date.

One of Tatum's top stars is Jim Tucker, former Duquesne star and

Tatum for several years starred with the Harlem Globetrotters, being its top drawing card. He quit the Trotters several months ago and joined up with Maques Hynes, another Trotter alumnus, as co-owner of the Harlem Magicians.

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the Browns have come up with another stalwart defensive unit. One of the pillars is Lennie Ford, a veteran of 10 seasons in the pro game. Lennie seems more of a pro this season than in recent years.

The San Francisco Forty-Niners have come up with a promising slot player in R. C. Owens. Owens twice this season grabbed spectacular passes to give the Forty-Niners victories and made them the early pacesetters in the Western Division. Cleveland was the leader in the Eastern Division.

For the Baltimore Colts Jim Parker, the former Ohio State all-American, has been doing a tremendous job as an offensive tackle, and Gene (Daddy) Lineberry has been equally tremendous on defense at tackle.

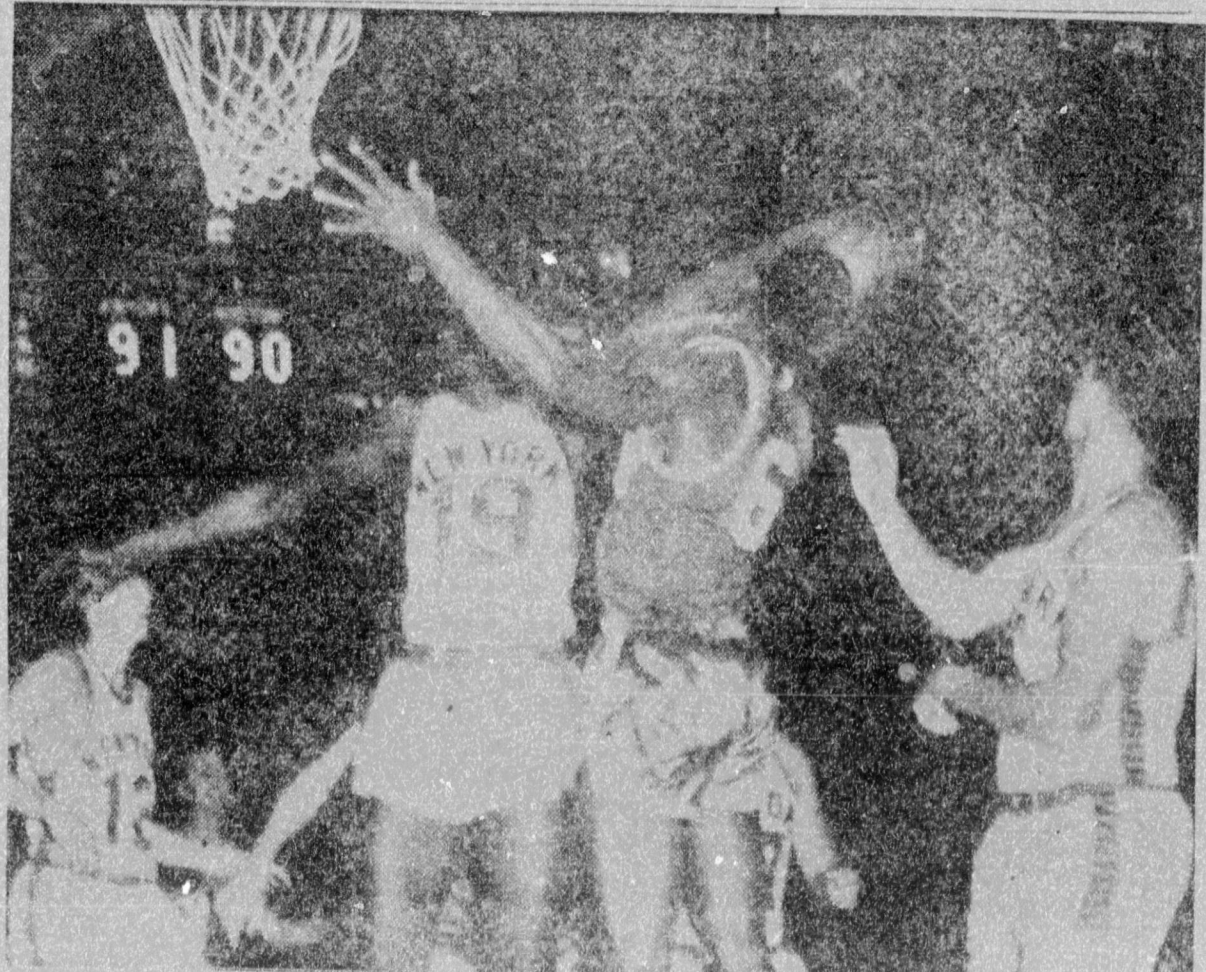
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Tan Players Boost Hopes At Marquette

MILWAUKEE — (AP)— Marquette Warriors bogged down in one of the longest losing streaks of any major college football team, look to tan talent to lift them out of their gridiron frustration.

The Warriors recently dropped their sixteenth straight contest, and haven't won a victory since 1955.

Six tan players are counted on in Coach Johnny Druze's rebuilding program.



WAR IN THE AIR — New York Knicks' center Ray Felix (12) and Boston Celtics' center Bill Russell (6) are up in the air as they try to capture the rebound during the third period of their game in Madison Square Garden October 26th. Boston took this one, 131-121. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

Missouri Gridders Rated Best; Will Clash With Northwestern

Rating teams is a dangerous proposition, but we will try it once more. Ranked at the top is Lincoln (Mo.), which is undefeated under an intercollegiate schedule. The Tigers will play an intercollegiate foe this week, Northwestern Oklahoma, and will win.

Florida A and M, a perennial power, is rated second only because of its schedule. The Panthers have yet to be tested. They face a dangerous foe in A and T, but should have no trouble winning.

Tennessee State, defending mythical national champions, has had a very light schedule this season, but still ranks No. 3. The Tigers face a rugged, once-beaten Southern, and should win.

Maryland State, apparently the best in the CIAA, ranks fourth and maybe higher. The Hawks face rugged Delaware State, but should win. A surprisingly strong Wiley team rates fifth, or maybe higher. The Wildcats battle a weak Langston and should win.

Prairie View rates a close sixth. The Panthers play a tough Texas College squad and will win. The old North Carolina College Eagles rate seventh. Morris Brown ranks eighth. It should not have any trouble with Fort Valley.

Texas Southern, Southern Jackson and A and T round out the baker's dozen huddle ratings. Jackson and Texas Southern will face each other in the big game of the day. Although Jackson has a better won-lost record, TST rates the huddle's nod.

In the CIAA, it looks like St. Paul's is an upset over Lincoln (Pa.) in a battle of weaklings and Shaw over Bluefield in a fight be-

tween title hopefuls. In another must game, Virginia Union will eke by Morgan, Virginia State should rock Fayetteville, Hampton should take Howard, and Johnson C. Smith will edge Livingstone.

Down in the SIAC it will be Philander Smith over Lane, Alabama State rocking Savannah State, South Carolina State edging Alabama A and M, Xavier topping Clark, Grambling over Bethune-Cookman, Alabama State surprising Fisk, Morehouse knocking Knoxville, Dillard over Rust, Benedict over Allen and Tuskegee over Miles.

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Billy Russell Boasts Best Grid Average

DETROIT (AP)— Billy Russell, the senior halfback from Denora, Pa., has recaptured a starting position on the University of Detroit football team.

Russell has proved the Titans best runner in the first half of the season.

His 6.4 average, best on the team, was fashioned on 244 yards in 38 carries.

Beating The Gun

By BILL BROWER

The National Football League 1957 season is moving near its half-way point. From the evidence before us, it seems that the current campaign will prove one of the best from the standpoint of fan players.

A statistical survey showed 20 of our favorites who appeared set with 11 of the 12 pro teams. Only the bias-enriched Washington Redskins were holding out.

The beauty of the picture is that several bright new stars have shouldered their way into the limelight. At the same time, old standbys have been performing with brilliance.

We don't believe that in the 11 years since fan players came back into pro football has there been such a brilliant collection of runners as the game has produced this year.

Foremost among them have been Willie Galimore, who has been positively a sensation with the Chicago Bears, and Tom Wilson, a sophomore halfback with the Los Angeles Rams. Not far behind them is Jimmy Brown, the rookie Bronco from Cleveland.

Established performers like Ollie Matson, the great runner of the Chicago Cardinals, and Lenny Moore, of the Baltimore Colts, have been living up to expectations.

Galimore, even though hampered by injuries, has demonstrated the possibility that he might be the next feared breaker, held runner in NFL history. In a game against the Los Angeles Rams, he scored

four touchdowns to tie a Chicago Bear's record. He makes a difference in the team. His only full-game performance this season has produced the Bears' only win.

Wilson, the early season rushing leader, is one of the hardest men in the league to bring down. He is a perfect combination to the Rams' veteran fullback, Tank Younger. Wilson keeps the defense honest for Younger with his outside dashes.

Matson has been Matson. Enough said.

One of the surprising developments for the Cardinals has been the use of Woodley Lewis as an end. His speed has enhanced the South Side Chicagoans' passing game. Immediately after the first five games, Lewis was the leader in punt returns and kickoff returns. Quite a versatile veteran, this former Oregon star.

The Cards in this book have two of the better defenders in the secondary in Jimmy Hill, the former San Houston star, and Dick Lane, who was coaxed out of retirement this season.

The champion New York Giants are finding the route to a repeat title a bit rough. The team, however, comes among its stars Roosevelt Brown, considered one among offensive tackles in the NFL, Em Tunnell, without an equal as a safety man, and Jack Spinks, a one-time fullback, who has made it surprisingly well as an offensive guard.

Brown is going well for Coach Paul Brown's Cleveland team. But

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