

Sports Writers Pick Top Grid Teams

Notre Dame, Wolverines, Texas Selected Top Three

Associated Press Poll Places Georgia Tech, Army, Illinois, Penn, California, Georgia, Vanderbilt On First Ten

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Notre Dame, Michigan and Texas are the Big Three in college football at this early stage of the 1947 campaign in the opinion of more than a hundred sports writers who voted today in the first Associated Press poll of the season to select the top ten teams.

Although both Michigan and Texas sport more impressive records than Notre Dame, the experts placed Coach Frank Leahy's Fighting Irish at the top of the list on the strength of their 40-6 triumph over Pittsburgh in their only performance to date.

Notre Dame also held the No. 1 position in the final poll of 1946, breaking Army's two-year grip on that distinction, and the writers demonstrated their faith in Leahy's ability to build another national champion by reserving the top spot for his South Bend club.

Fifty-two of the 103 writers participating in the first of the season's weekly polls gave Notre Dame their first-place votes and 24 others ranked it second. The Irish were listed on every ballot except one and were no lower than sixth on any of them.

The Irish, who meet Purdue this week, compiled a total of 933 points on the basis of ten points for a first-place vote, nine for second, and so on.

Michigan, which crushed Stanford, 49-13, after swamping Michigan State in its opener, was awarded the No. 2 spot. The Wolverines, who finished sixth in the final poll last year, were picked first on 29 ballots and second on 46 others to amass a total of 857 points.

Texas, the No. 1 team in the first poll a year ago but 15th at the end of the season, landed the third position by humbling North Carolina, 34-0, for its third straight one-sided triumph. The Longhorns drew 15 first place votes and 790 points.

Georgia Tech, unbeaten and unscored on in two starts, was named No. 4, barely nosing out Army, which boasts a similar record, 542 points to 533.

The Cadets, runners-up in the final 1946 poll, drew only one first-place vote despite the extension of its unbeaten string to 30 games. Georgia Tech, which finished in 11th place last year, was placed first on three ballots.

Sixth place went to Illinois, which tangles with Army here Saturday. Fifth in the final standings last year, the Big Nine and Rose Bowl champs collected no first or second-place votes but got enough support in the lower brackets to come up with 454 points.

Pennsylvania, the Ivy League favorite, started off the year in seventh place without a first-place vote, although the Quakers

have had only one outing against a weak opponent.

California landed the eighth spot, while Georgia, which finished third last year, was ninth and Vanderbilt tenth. Georgia recovered from its opening defeat by North Carolina to upset Louisiana State and become a Southeastern Conference favorite once more.

The only real surprises among the first ten are California and Vanderbilt. Neither received a single vote in last year's final poll and both were overlooked in pre-season predictions, but California got off to a good start with victories over Navy and St. Mary's and Vanderbilt turned back both Northwestern and Alabama.

California received one first-place vote, as did Penn State, the 12th team, the Minnesota, which was 17th. Forty-two teams figured in the initial balloting.

Standing in the first ten (100-plus votes in parenthesis; Points based on 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 system):

TEAM	POINTS
1—Notre Dame (52)	933
2—Michigan (29)	857
3—Texas (15)	790
4—Georgia Tech (9)	542
5—Army (1)	533
6—Illinois	454
7—Pennsylvania	454
8—California (1)	454
9—Georgia	533
10—Vanderbilt	454
11—North Carolina	454
12—Penn State (1)	102
13—Duke	454
14—Yale	86
15—Oklahoma	77
16—Rice	52
17—Minnesota	41
18—Mississippi	36
19—North Carolina	35
20—Southern California	26
21—Arkansas	17
22—Southern Methodist	16
23—Louisiana State	14
24—Wake Forest	14
25—Harvard	12
26—UCLA and Purdue	11
27—Alabama	8
28—Indiana	8
29—San Francisco	7
30—Oregon and Holy Cross	6
31—Ohio State	5
32—Washington State	5
33—Wisconsin	4
34—Virginia	4
35—Oregon State	3
36—Toledo and Cincinnati	2
37—Utah	1

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YMCA TO FORM SS CAGE LOOP

The initial 1947 Board of Governors meeting of the YMCA-Sunday School Basketball League will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock in the YMCA clubroom, it was announced last night by Adam Smith, YMCA physical director and advisor of the league.

Smith said that all church representatives are asked to be present if their church is planning on entering the basketball league. Also, he added, any interested party may attend the meeting.

The church league will be divided into three divisions — Junior, Intermediate, and Senior for various ages.

Age limits for the various groups are juniors, 12 to 15; intermediate, 14 to 18; and senior, 17 to 100.

The board of governors will draw up the '47 basketball rules for the league and decide if they want to charge admission to the games and sell season tickets.

51 DEER KILLED IN HOLMAN FOREST

JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 8.—Approximately 400 hunters killed 51 deer in Holman forest Monday, the opening day of the 1947 season according to supervisor James M. Stingley, who today completed a check of the game killed.

Although the forest, 84,000 acre preserve of North Carolina State College, was open to hunting the first two days. There were few if any at all, sportsmen in the forest Tuesday because of a heavy rainfall, Stingley said.

The forest will be open Friday and Saturday of this week for two more hunting days. Stingley reported that the best hunts opening day were in the fork of White Oak river. Horsepen Ridge near Trenton and Wolf Creek near Kellum. Guide Clen Bynum with a party of approximately 65 hunters killed six deer in the White Oak Fork area, and Tom Koonce and a party in Trenton section of 12 hunters killed, dressed and divided three bucks by 8:30 a. m. and then went fishing.

All deer slain were said by Stingley and guides to have been fat and in good condition.

Forest game protector F. D. Shaw and Onslow county game protector Lonnie Koonce arrested 14 persons in the forest on charges of hunting without special forest permits.

Stingley said the small number of deer killed by the large number of hunters is possibly attributed to their being cautious this season in view of the new state statute providing that antlers must be in full view before hunters shoot.

Other leading runners for Tar Heels are Jim Camp, Jack Fitch, Fred Sherman, Bob Kennedy, Bill Britt, Bill Maceyko, and Hosea Rodgers. Wake Forest's best running backs include Bill Gregus, James (Bud) Lail, Harry Dowda, Carl Haggard, Shannon Phillips, Anthony Di Tomo, George Pryor, and Jeffrey Brogden.

All the signs point to a brilliant show on the ground and in the air when these teams square off Saturday afternoon.

YMCA Varsity Cagers Plan Meeting Tonight

Interested members of the YMCA 1947 Varsity basketball team will meet Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in the YMCA clubroom, it was announced yesterday by Adam Smith, advisor and athletic director.

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Spofford To Play Opticians Tonight If It Doesn't Rain

For the third consecutive night the championship series of the Senior Class A softball league was postponed last night. Bert Hawley, city athletic director announced, that the grounds were too wet.

The fifth game will be played tonight, weather permitting, under the lights at 7:30 o'clock with the Spofford Mills club clashing with the City Opticians. Both teams have won two and lost two in the seven game series.

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Interest Mounts In Golf Tourney

Local Enthusiasts Report Progress In Drive To Raise Funds To Sponsor National Pro Golf Tournament Here In 1948

Over 33 pledges have been signed and returned to a group of Wilmington golf enthusiasts, who are seeking to arrange for a National Professional Golf tournament for this city in 1948.

Interested persons gathered at the Cape Fear club last night for the second time to map plans for a drive to raise \$10,500 to sponsor the tournament here.

Allan Marshall, temporary chairman of the group, said he was well pleased with the results of the first week's canvass. Those attending last night also expressed satisfaction with the progress of the drive.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the Cape Fear country club course is ideal for the holding of a PGA meet. The PGA will send a representative to look over the course at least six months before the tournament is to be held. The course is now in excellent condition and since it was laid out by Donald Ross, there is no doubt that it will pass the PGA inspection. Louis Orrell said he was informed by Kirk Bohem, Cape Fear club pro.

It was also learned that a permanent greens keeper has been employed and will report sometime next month. Orrell said a great deal of work is now being done to improve the course and all present agreed that at the present time the course is in much better condition than others in the state where PGA tourneys are held each year.

Local golfing enthusiasts are offered the opportunity to purchase shares in the undertaking for \$100 each with the understanding that if a tournament cannot be arranged for 1948 the money will be refunded. Elsewhere on this page is a pledge blank explaining the plan.

Persons attending the meeting last night were given a list of names to call on in regards to the pledges.

Next Thursday at 8 o'clock all persons in this section interested in golf are urged to meet at the Cape Fear club when reports from the canvassing committee will be heard and plans advanced for the organization of a permanent group to sponsor the undertaking.

CAROLINA VS. WAKE FOREST

Brilliant Array Of Backs To Run In Tilt Saturday

WAKE FOREST, Oct. 8.—Some of the best backs in Dixie and the nation as well will match blocks, runs, passes, punts, and tackles at Chapel Hill Saturday afternoon when North Carolina and Wake Forest collide in the Southern Conference's No. 1 game of the week. The kick-off is set for 2:30 o'clock in Kenan Stadium and a near capacity crowd of 40,000 is expected for the 43rd meeting of these old rivals.

Heading the all-star cast is Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice, the Asheville express and one of the nation's outstanding backs. The Tar Heel tailback ace has turned in many sparkling performances and is the sparkplug of Carolina's defending Southern Conference champs.

Wake Forest's top backfield man is not a triple-threat star but he has few peers as a defensive ace and blocking back. He is Nick Ognovich, two-time winner of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the Southern Conference's best blocker and the favorite to cop it for the third time this fall. Ognovich was also named on the All-America blocking team selected by Wirt Gammon, sports editor of the Chattanooga News, last year. In addition to being a great defensive performer, Ognovich is one of the leading Deacon pass receivers and he is also tops for his team as an extra point kicker.

The No. 2 Carolina back is Walt Pupa, who ranks with the best fullbacks in the country. It was Pupa, who pitched three touchdown passes in only three attempts to lead the Tar Heels to a thrilling 26 to 14 victory over the Deacons at Chapel Hill last fall. Pupa is also a terrific line plunger and is an excellent defensive man.

Tailback Tom Fetzler of Reidsville is another of Wake Forest's top-ranking backs. Fetzler is setting the pace in the strong aerial attack with 13 completions in 22 efforts for a total gain of 262 yards. He threw the touchdown pass that beat Georgetown in the season's opener, 6 to 0, and he also tossed a touchdown pass in the exciting 16 to 14 win over Clemson last Saturday. Fetzler is also Wake Forest's best kicker and one of its best defensive aces.

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HANDBALL TOURNEY SCHEDULED AT YMCA

A single and double handball ladder tournament for YMCA members will get underway October 26 and November 15 respectively on the "Y" handball court, it was announced yesterday by Harry D. Sher, chairman of the handball committee.

The ladder tournament will continue throughout the winter. Classifications for the tournament will be A, B, and C, according to the experience of the players. The ladder will be arranged in A, B, and C order.

Dosher said that the ladder now consists of 11 members and urged that Wilmingtonians interested in handball to contact him or Adam Smith at the YMCA.

There is no shell on a shark's egg. The covering is leathery and as elastic as India rubber.

40 CYCLISTS SET FOR RACES HERE

Over 40 daring drivers are expected to take part in the motorcycle races, to be held at the American Legion Stadium Saturday afternoon, officials of the Wilmington motorcycle club, sponsors of the event, said last night.

Two additional entries were received yesterday. George Thaddeo and Woody Johnson, of Fayetteville, sent in entry forms and they were ready to compete in the three star event.

The races are sanctioned by the American Motorcycle Association and representatives of that group will be present to judge the various events, local officials said. Trial runs are slated to get underway about one o'clock and the first race will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

According to members of the local club, Saturday's race will be the first sanctioned motorcycle race to be held in this county.

NHHS SWIMMERS HOLD WORKOUTS

Members of the New Hanover high school swimming team began their regular swim sessions in the YMCA pool yesterday afternoon in preparation for their meets with various cities in North Carolina.

The team is coached by Adam Smith, YMCA physical director and former representative of the United States in the Olympics.

Members of the squad will hold practice meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 p. m. until 7 o'clock in the "Y" pool.

"We need 20 or 30 more boys to participate on the squad," said Smith, although he said that 12 boys will compose a squad.

The squad will travel to various cities in the state with the basketball team. Methods of transportation have been completed for cities where the NHHS basketball team do not play.

Coach Smith said the team has been invited to the Duke-Carolina Scholastics and if the squad time limit is good enough, that the team will participate in the event.

Also, said the head mentor, "If the team will stick with me and are in good shape, we will go to the National High School Championship." The NHSC are usually held in New York, Chicago, or California.

Other teams that the Wildcats may compete against are Goldsboro, Raleigh, High Point, Kannapolis, Durham, Winston-Salem, and Asheville.

BUSES CHARTERED BY JAYCEES FOR RALEIGH CONTEST

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has chartered special buses from the Carolina Light and Power company to transport Wilmington football fans from the railroad station to Riddick stadium, it was announced last night.

Jaycee officials said arrangements were completed last night with the Raleigh power company officials. The transportation fee from the railroad to the stadium and return will be twenty-five cents.

Williston Tigers Drill For Game With Raleigh Here

The Williston Tigers, under the coaching of Frank Robinson, got in some long hard drills yesterday afternoon in preparation for their clash with the "Little Blues" of Washington high school of Raleigh, here Friday night.

The Tigers are slated to play the Raleigh eleven at the American Legion Stadium at 8 o'clock. The Raleigh aggregation has played two games this season, winning both by close scores. The Tigers dropped a hard fought 7 to 6 battle to Charleston in their first game of the year.

The Tigers will appear for the first time in their new uniforms of Maroon and Gold Friday night.

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Members of Pledge Committee — Louis Orrell, Allan Marshall, G. B. Arthur and Jack Newman.

What's Cookin' By Roy Cook

Monday night Buddy Lewis and his barnstorming crew of Major League All-Stars will play the Whiteville Comets in the Columbus county seat. It will be the first night sports attraction in the history of Columbus county.

The Memorial stadium at Whiteville has recently been completed and outfitted with lights. The stadium is a credit to the fast growing community of Whiteville.

The Major League All-Stars tried desperately to play here in Wilmington, but no playing field was available. Frank Maner, general manager of the Masonboro Ramblers requested the use of the American Legion Stadium for a game here on October 10. The county commissioners, sole holders of the gate strings of the huge concrete stadium said, "No. It would cost too much money to change the field back for baseball," they said in their refusal.

This is probably true. Removable bleacher seats have been erected in the outfield and the screen pulled high into the air and the pitchers mound removed for football. This refusal by the commissioners only leads to the fight we have been waging about another sports arena in Wilmington.

There is only one place in the entire county that is suitable for baseball at night. You guessed it, The American Legion Stadium.

The owners of the Wilmington Pirate baseball club saw the need for another stadium here last summer and started construction on the private project. Shortage of materials held up the work for a while, but the owners say they will complete their park by next spring.

There is no place to stage any indoor sports program and only the Legion Stadium for outdoor sports in New Hanover county. Its a shame for a county as large as New Hanover to be without suitable athletic facilities.

Boxing, Wrestling, Basketball, Handball, Tennis, Baseball, Softball, Football, fans of Wilmington don't seem to bother about the lack of facilities, however they are loud in their criticism of the way the sports programs skip this city.

It has been rumored that soon the New Hanover High school will build a large stadium to take care of its athletic program.

The Pirate baseball club will have their own park. And the American Legion Stadium will be left to rot as time goes by.

But what of the indoor sports? The Veterans of Foreign Wars are planning to stage the Golden Gloves Tournament here in 1948 and more than likely they will have to go back to the Cape Fear Army. Just a good sized dance floor, to hold the matches. Boxing promoters still wonder if Wilmington has made any arrangements for an indoor stadium.

Hundreds of Wilmington basketball fans were turned away from the high school gym last year when the Wildcats played the Greensboro Whirlies for the state title. The fans grumbled about no facilities as nearly 1,800 fans jammed the gym to the rafters. But, what action was taken? ... Two days later the whole thing was forgotten.

Wilmington plans to build a large City Auditorium someday. The plans alone cost more than a large indoor sports arena would have cost. But perhaps that economy. Still Wilmington has the poorest sports facilities of any city its size in the nation.

And no one seems to give a hoot.

Wildcats Get Down To Serious Drills

Brogden Sends Squad Through Long Hard Scrimmage Session

The New Hanover Wildcats got down to serious practice yesterday afternoon at the 13th and Ann Streets drill field. Only one thought at the moment ran through the youthful heads of the players as they buckled down to hard scrimmages and aerial drills — Beat Raleigh.

Coach Leon Brogden as usual had little comment on his club. "We have a couple of boys that need a little special attention," he said. "But I think they will be in excellent shape for the Raleigh game Friday night." He remarked.

Perched right on the top of the Class AA Eastern conference along with Fayetteville and

Raleigh, the Wildcats will be seeking to knock the Caps from the list of unbeaten teams in conference play.

Coach Brogden sent his eabys through some hard scrimmages during the early afternoon with the second and third teams working against the varsity eleven.

Jim Gibson, Jimmy Piner, Johnny Crowley and Homer Brewer looked good in line plunges and end runs. But coach Brogden and Tom Davis spent a lot of time with the lads in perfecting a better "T" formation.

Bunny Hines and Jap Davis stood by the sidelines and after each play they would go out and instruct the linemen and point out errors committed by the various players. Both coaches seemed to be pleased with the results.

During the late afternoon the air was filled with footballs as the coaches switched from line plays to the air attack. Johnny Crowley got off some long heaves to end Lloyd Honeycutt and speedy Jimmy Piner.

Yesterday was the first afternoon the Cats have settled down to hard work this week. Most of Monday was spent in pointing out mistakes discovered in the Friday night tilt with Rocky Mount, and Tuesday the squad was forced to stay indoors on account of rain.

This afternoon they will be sent through another series of scrimmages and passing plays.

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