

'Great Rehabilitator' Returns to 'Bama

Four Bryant came from Texas with a football on his knee. And he went to Alabama the Crimson Tide to see. Oh Alabama, oh don't you fret for me. They call me the "great rehabilitator." Now just you wait and see.

By SANDY PADWE

There was a great crisis at Alabama two years ago. The once-proud darling of the football world was wallowing in the cellar of the Southeastern Football Conference for the third straight year.

So one southern gentleman said to another, "Suh it's time we got ourselves a new coach."

An emergency call went out to Bear Bryant, an Alabama alum, who was completing another rebuilding job at Texas A&M and in no time at all Alabama had itself a new coach and a Liberty Bowl bid.

Bryant brought one of the most impressive coaching records in collegiate football to Alabama. Wherever he coached, he lifted the school from mediocrity into a formidable football force. His achievements have earned him the nickname, "the great rehabilitator."

In 15 seasons as a head coach, Bryant has a 103-44-11 record. He began his coaching career at Maryland where he lifted the Terrapins to a 6-2-1 mark.

From there he moved to Kentucky for an eight year stay, then to Texas A&M for four years and now he's back in Tuscaloosa.

When Bryant took over at Kentucky, Wildcat football was in a worse state than it was at Alabama two years ago. But it didn't take long for Bryant to fix things up. After his first season at Lexington, the Wildcats had a 7-3 record.

His best season was in 1950 when Kentucky posted an 11-1 slate, including a 13-7 win over Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl.

At Texas A&M Bryant posted a 1-9 record in his first season. The very next year his Aggies

came home with a 7-2-1 mark. The year after that, they won the Southwestern Conference crown.

This will be Bryant's sixth bowl game. He led Kentucky into four post-season games, Texas A&M, one, and this is his first at Alabama.

When he took the job at Alabama in the fall of '58, Bryant had just a handful of veterans back from a team which finished dead last with a 2-7 record.

He did the best he could and wound up with a 5-4-1 record. Now one season and some heavy recruiting later, 'Bama is right back up there in the national grid spotlight.

The Crimson Tide ranked 10th in the AP poll this year and finished 13th in the UPI poll, Penn State, 'Bama's Liberty Bowl foe, finished 12th in the AP poll and 10th in the UPI poll.

Bryant was an outstanding end during his playing days at Alabama, and played on 'Bama's 1935 Rose Bowl team which whipped Stanford, 29-13.

His teams are widely known for their defensive strength, but he's also turned out some fine offensive players such as quarterback Babe Parilli and Steve Mitinger of Kentucky, and John Crow of Texas A&M.

Crow, the Heisman trophy winner in 1957 now plays for the Chicago Cardinals. Bob Gain, another pro, played for Bryant at Kentucky.

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Bear Bryant

Veella Indicted On Two Count Perjury Charge

NEW YORK (AP)—Vincent J. Veella, Harlem lawyer and politician who holds the contract for the return Ingemar Johansson-Floyd Patterson heavyweight title fight, yesterday was indicted by a New York County grand jury on a two-count charge of perjury. As soon as word of the action reached Goteborg, Sweden, Edwin Ahlquist, advisor of world champion Johansson, said Veella "must be counted out now" from the rematch.

Ahlquist said there is a special escape clause in the contract which declares the pact invalid if anyone in the American promotional group is found guilty of a crime or of associating with unlawful elements.

The Swedish promoter said he was mailing a copy of Johansson's return contract signed with Veella as well as a copy of the contract for the first fight to the office of New York district attorney Frank Hogan.

Johansson won the title from Patterson on a third-round technical knockout at Yankee Stadium last June 26.

The indictments against Veella stem from a double-barrelled investigation by the grand jury and the New York State Athletic Commission into alleged irregularities in the promotion of the June fight. At the same time the authorities stressed there was no question of any skullduggery in the fight itself.

Veella, 45, head of the Rosensohn Enterprises, Inc., fight firm, was alleged by the district attorney's office to have been a "front" for Anthony (Fat Tony) Salerno, an ex-convict and underworld figure, in the June promotion.

George Outslugs Slagle In Action-filled IM Bout

By JIM KARL

A toe to toe slugfest between 150-pounders Gerry Slagle of Phi Delta Theta and William George of Alpha Phi Delta highlighted IM boxing action last night.

From the first bell to the last, both boys tossed ring finesse to the winds and concentrated on throwing heavy leather. George, six inches taller than the stocky Slagle, utilized his height and long arms by firing crosses and uppercuts from long range.

Near the end of the bout, Slagle moved under a right and hammered a blow to the side of his opponent's face. It appeared as though George would fall, but he recovered fast and hung on to win a split decision.

Southpaw Don Paxton of Beta Theta Pi scored a second round TKO over Phi Delta Theta's John Coult in a 176-pound bout after knocking him down in the opening seconds of the first round. Although Paxton connected repeatedly with right jabs and hooks, the TKO was the result of a vicious left which caught Coult directly in the mouth.

William Booker, Omega Psi

Phi, and Beta Theta Pi's Jerry Marshall pounded out wins in the 158-pound division.

Bocker, using an unorthodox bob and weave style, combined a good left jab and ring savvy to win a unanimous decision over Robert McCown of Alpha Zeta.

In a flurry of fists midway in the second round Marshall unloaded a bomb and Theta Chi's Glenn Weishaar found himself sitting on the canvas. Thereafter, Weishaar resorted to hit and run tactics and Marshall was awarded a unanimous decision.

Robert Sutherland and Igor Bak, two independents in the heavyweight division, adhered to the old adage "a good defense is the best offense," because neither boxer emerged from his protective shell. The result was a very uneventful match, with Sutherland, the more aggressive of the two, being handed a unanimous decision.

James Thompson of Delta Tau Delta, last year's fraternity champ in the 135-pound division, forfeited his bout to Phi Delta Theta's Robert Elliott.

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