

Cannon Warns Lucas: 'Watch out for 'Bama'

By SANDY PADWE

Soft spoken Richie Lucas sat in front of locker 33 yesterday afternoon with a worried look on his face.

"I just hope Billy's wrong," he said as he unlaced his shoulder pads.

The Billy who Lucas was referring to, is none other than L.S.U.'s Mr. Cannon, Heisman Trophy winner and All-American.

And the statement Lucas was referring to, was one Cannon made about Alabama last weekend in New York where Lucas, and the rest of the All-American football players were gathered for the Perry Como show and the Look Magazine banquet.

"Take the best team you faced this year," Cannon told Lucas, "and Alabama is better. Any team that Bear Bryant coaches has to be good."

Mississippi fullback Charlie Flowers told Lucas the same thing. Although they didn't play against the Crimson Tide this year, both Cannon and Flowers know plenty about the Cinderella team of the Southeastern Conference.

"Aahm just plenty glad we didn't have to meet up with that bunch," drawled Flowers. "they're powerfully good."

But Alabama isn't the only



RICHIE LUCAS

thing Lucas has to worry about these days.

His All-American appearances, while pleasant, have caused him to fall pretty far behind in his school work and two pro-clubs are bickering for his signature on the dotted line.

In fact Ralph Wilson the General Manager of the Buffalo team in the new American football league was in State College yes-

terday, and he wasn't here to buy a 40-cent glass of orange juice at the Corner Room.

"Buffalo gave me a good offer but I still lean toward the Washington Redskins and the NFL," Lucas said.

"I think I could make it both as an offensive and a defensive ballplayer. Washington said if Eddie LeBaron is back next year, they might convert me into a halfback.

"That way they could use me to throw the running pass. It's the same way the Giants use Frank Gifford. But he's Frank Gifford and I'm Richie Lucas."

After the Liberty Bowl game, Lucas has a busy schedule ahead of him. He'll play in the Copper Bowl in Tuscon, Ariz., Dec. 26 and then he'll play in the Optimist Bowl in Phoenix a week later.

January 9, he is scheduled to play in the Hula Bowl in Honolulu. "A week in Hawan is one thing I just couldn't pass up," he said.

Penn State coach Rip Engle will coach Lucas and teammate Charley Janerette in the Copper Bowl. Engle will be in charge of a national all-star team which meets a southwest all-star team.

GRID NOTES—The Lions only took a 35-minute workout yesterday . . . They'll go through a heavy one this afternoon . . . Rip Engle had a couple of dump trucks on the practice field yesterday . . . They left plenty of sawdust for the muddy field . . . Alabama's been having balmy 60 degree temperature the last few days . . . The Lions will take their ripple-sole shoes to Philadelphia next week just in case of frozen ground . . . They'll leave for Phila. Thursday and will stay at the Warwick Hatel . . . Alabama will stay at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel . . .

AFL-NFL TV Battle

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Foss, recently appointed commissioner of the new American Football League, believes the AFL will have to get together with the established National Football League to avert a possible war over television.

Foss, former Marine air ace and ex-governor of South Dakota, made the observation yesterday after hearing Harry Wismer, president of the New York Titans of his league, discuss the TV situation at a press conference.

Larsen, Maris Principals In KC, NY 7 Man Deal

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees yesterday obtained outfielder Roger Maris and gave up Don (no-hit) Larsen in a seven-player trade with the Kansas City Athletics.

The Athletics, who have negotiated 15 deals involving 59 players with New York since moving from Philadelphia in 1955, also received outfielders Norm Siebern and Hank Bauer and first baseman-outfielder Marv Throneberry.

In addition to Maris, the Yanks got shortstop Joe DeMaestri and first baseman Kent Hadley.

The Yanks also announced they signed outfielder Elmer Valo, a free agent. Valo played part of last season with Cleveland.

"We have tried unsuccessfully to trade with other clubs in both leagues," said Yankee General Manager George Weiss. "The Yanks and Kansas City have faith in each other."

Maris bated .273 with 16 homers and 72 runs batted in last season. DeMaestri hit .244 and Hadley .253.

Siebern hit .275 with 11 homers and 53 RBI. Bauer, 37, who bated .238, has spent all of his 11 big league seasons with the Yanks. Throneberry had a .240 batting mark as a part-time performer.

Larsen, 30, hurled the only per-

fect game in World Series history in the fifth game of the 1956 classic against the Dodgers. He has been bothered by arm trouble the past two years and compiled a 6-7 won-lost figure in 1959.

DETROIT (AP) — The executive committee of the Detroit Football Co. recommended Friday that Head Coach George Wilson of the Lions be offered a new one-year contract.

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Student Shopping Days In State College

Ex-Cardinal Great Dies of Heart Attack

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Sunny Jim Bottomley, a blithe spirit whose 12 runs batted in for the St. Louis Cardinals in one game in 1924 still stands as a major league record, died yesterday while Christmas shopping.

The 59-year-old veteran of 15 seasons with the Redbirds, Cincinnati Reds and St. Louis Browns apparently succumbed to a heart attack.

A passerby found Bottomley slumped over the wheel of his car in a downtown parking lot.

Sunny Jim was one of those rare ball players who combined genuine color with honest-to-goodness ability. He was the National League's most valuable player in 1928, a year he hit .325.

Bottomley batted an average .310 and fielded .988 during his 1991-game career, most of which was spent with the Cardinals.

His friendly disposition earned him his nickname. Few knew his given names were James Leroy and Bottomley wasn't about to tell them.

A product of the coal mining region around Ogelsby, Ill., Sunny Jim quit school at 16 and clerked in a grocery store. He

played semi-pro ball on the side, at \$5 a game, walking eight miles each way to get in a game.

A St. Louis policeman saw him belt two home runs and three triples in five trips to the plate in a game on Labor Day 1919 and told Branch Rickey about the kid with the big swing.

Rickey, then the guiding genius of the Cardinals, signed him. The following year Bottomley played for Sioux City, Iowa, and Mitchell, S.D. After stops at Houston and Syracuse, Sunny Jim joined the Redbirds at the end of the 1922 campaign and remained until 1932.

He played with Cincinnati from 1933 to 1935 and wound up his active career with the St. Louis Browns in 1937.

He managed the Browns in 1937 and the Syracuse Chiefs of the International League in 1938.

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