

Tackling Practice On Week's Bill For Roseburg Indians

Coach "Cece" Sherwood is hearing down heavily with tackling practice on the bill for the Roseburg Indians at Finlay Field this week.

"We found out where we were weak last Friday," Sherwood said, "and we'll try to work it out by the time the Coquille bunch gets here."

Sherwood listed lack of experience as one reason for a poor showing in the opener last Friday. Only four experienced players were in the lineup, and the newer men didn't show much ability in stopping the fast Toronto outfit, according to the coach.

The Senior High mentor warned that Coquille would be a tough squad to play. They have several veteran ball players on the team and their recent 32-0 victory over a rugged Ashland crew is a good indication of the kind of competition the Indians will be up against this weekend.

Sherwood emphasized the team gained valuable experience in playing Medford. "I'd much rather lose to a good opponent than win from a poor one," the coach stated. "You don't learn anything playing pushovers."

Poor blocking by the Indians was given as a reason for not getting at least one touchdown. "You'll have to admit, though," he said, "the Medford bunch were just too fast for us."

Monday's practice put Bob Sanders, Indian quarterback, on the sidelines. He received a sprained ankle, and it is not known if he will appear in this week's lineup.

The Roseburg coach emphasizes practice sessions would continue every day.

Most Valuable Player Award Goes to J. Graham

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21 (AP)—The Pacific Coast League's most valuable player of 1948 is Jack Graham, San Diego Padres' home run slugger.

A \$1,000 cash award and a plaque donated by another, unrelated Graham, the late Charles H., owner of the San Francisco Seals, will be presented to the big outfielder by League President Clarence Rowland at next Sunday's Hollywood-San Diego doubleheader in San Diego.

Rowland said nine of 20 sports writers in Coast League cities gave Graham as their first choice for the award. Jack Robin of San Francisco received six votes, Nick Etten of Oakland, two, and one each went to Gene Woodling, San Francisco; Charley Silvera, Portland; and Dee Moore, Sacramento.

168 persons died in the Hartford, Conn., circus fire of 1944.

Baseball Standings

NATIONAL			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	78	64	.552
Brooklyn	78	64	.548
St. Louis	78	64	.548
Pittsburgh	74	68	.521
New York	74	68	.521
Philadelphia	63	81	.438
Cincinnati	56	88	.388
Chicago	57	84	.404

AMERICAN			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	90	54	.625
Cleveland	80	55	.592
New York	80	55	.592
Philadelphia	63	64	.496
Detroit	71	71	.500
St. Louis	66	68	.484
Washington	51	95	.349
Chicago	49	99	.324

PACIFIC COAST			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Oakland	108	73	.597
San Francisco	107	73	.594
Los Angeles	85	84	.503
Portland	83	80	.509
Seattle	79	83	.488
San Diego	81	100	.447
Hollywood	79	102	.437
Sacramento	74	108	.407

Tony Zale Favored To Defeat Cerdan

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Sept. 21 (AP)—Champion Tony Zale is a solid 2 to 3 favorite to thump Marcel Cerdan, the French challenger here tonight in an attractive middleweight title bout.

The fight has all the markings of a thriller. Zale, a 34-year-old vet who used to sweat it out in the Gary, Ind., steel mills, felled Rocky Graziano in the third round to regain his championship, at Newark three months ago. Cerdan, a willing trader with great stamina, is unbeaten in four American starts.

Expert opinion is divided. Zale's legs are the uncertain factor. Many think he will have to get Cerdan early or not at all. Most agree that it will be Cerdan if it goes the full 15 rounds.

In this corner, it looks like Zale by a knockout in five rounds. Anton Raadik, an unheralded Estonian, had Marcel on the deck three times in the last round at Chicago and he has been hit freely in all four U. S. starts. So far, he hasn't been hit by Zale, who has knocked out 16 of 17 opponents.

Negro Golfers Get Pledge Of Discrimination End

MARTINEZ, Calif., Sept. 21 (AP)—The attorney for three Negro professional golfers barred from the Richmond, Calif., open last January said today he had won a pledge of no further discrimination by the Professional Golfers Association.

Jonathan Rowell, representing Madison Gunter, Bill Spiller and Ted Rhodes, said he was satisfied with yesterday's dismissal of his clients' \$325,000 suit against the PGA in the court of Superior Judge Hugh Donovan.

He said PGA representatives had pledged there would be no rule against Negroes in the future and declared his clients filed the suit not for financial redress but to "break down racial barriers."

They'll Do It Every Time



THESE BOAT RACERS WILL BE SEEN AT THE FINLAY FIELD THIS WEEK.

Joe Louis Easily Bests Comiskey In Slugging Duel

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (AP) Right now, Joe Louis seems more interested in talking baseball than anything else.

He was cornered in his dressing room last night, after he had gone six snappy rounds of an exhibition bout with Pat Comiskey of Paterson, N. J.

Here's what the heavyweight champion of the world had to say: "Man isn't that baseball race somethin'?"

"I've wired Larry Doby (Cleveland outfielder) for tickets to the Cleveland-Red Sox game Wednesday."

Then, after a moment's thought: "Comiskey don't run away like some fellows I know—Joe Walcott and Billy Conn."

Obviously Louis prefers someone who will stand up and slug. And in this Comiskey was his man.

Comiskey could afford to be brave. Both boxers wore 16-ounce gloves. And so he pounded away furiously, particularly in the fourth and sixth rounds.

Yet the best Comiskey could do was to make the champ look like the champ. Using his left effectively, Louis took five of the six rounds by the Associated Press score card. The first round was even.

Oaks Down Sactos to Up League Lead Again

The battle of the pine tar, to be resumed tonight in San Francisco, may settle the Coast League race.

Oakland, defeating Sacramento 6-1 in the only game played last night, will take the field against the Seals a half-game to the good.

And all the Oaks have to do to make the margin a game and a half is hold the 4-3 lead they have in the ninth inning of the replay set over from Aug. 14. The final frame was ordered played over by President Clarence Rowland after the Seals protested the use of pine tar by Oak Pitcher Ralph Buxton.

After the brief retake, the Seals will play the first game of their final series with Seattle. Oakland will rest until tomorrow before resuming against Sacramento.

Graveside Services Set For Myrtle Creek Baby

Graveside services for Denny Francis Patterson, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Patterson, publishers of the Myrtle Creek Mail, will be held at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Myrtle Creek, Wednesday at 11 a.m. Arrangements are in charge of the Long & Orr Mortuary.

Indians Keep At Heels of Bosox In Torrid Flag Race

The fire wagon chase for the American League pennant has reached the win-or-lose stage and Cleveland has picked this opportune moment to catch fire.

While the league-leading Boston Red Sox and the third place New York Yankees are showing signs of faltering, manager Lou Boudreau's Indians are setting the hottest pace in the league.

The Indians scored their sixth straight victory and the 13th in their last 15 starts last night in defeating the Philadelphia Athletics, 6-3. The victory enabled the pennant-hungry tribe to stay a half game behind the Red Sox and a half game ahead of the Yanks.

The Red Sox downed Detroit, 7-2, and the Yanks staggered to an 8-7 triumph over St. Louis.

Boudreau's warriors will rest today before taking on the Red Sox in Cleveland tomorrow night in a game that will go a long way in deciding the flag. The Red Sox tangle with the Tigers again today and a Detroit triumph would enable Cleveland to tie the Sox for the lead.

Major League Baseball Leaders

NATIONAL Batting — Musial, St. Louis, .375; Ashburn, Philadelphia, .333. Runs batted in — Musial, St. Louis, 120; Mize, New York, 118. Home runs — Kiner, Pittsburgh, 39; Musial, St. Louis, and Mize, New York, 37.

Pitching — Sewell, Pittsburgh, 11-3, .783; Chesnes, Pittsburgh, 13-5, .722. American Batting — Williams, Boston, .374; Boudreau, Cleveland, .354. Runs batted in — DiMaggio, New York, 148; Stephens, Boston, 128. Home runs — DiMaggio, New York, 39; Gordon, Cleveland, 29. Pitching — Kramer, Boston, 16-5, .762; Gromek, Cleveland, 9-3, .750.

Season Football Tickets On Sale September 24

A limited number of season football tickets will go on sale in front of J-V Sporting Goods Store Friday, Sept. 24, from 12 to 3:30 p. m., according to Jack Newby, athletic promotion director.

General admission tickets will be sold at the west side of Finlay Field Friday night before the game. Booths will open at 7 p. m. Newby said the east gate would be closed in order to keep the street on that side clear in case of fire, as that is the only route available to homes beyond the field. All persons who intend to see the game are requested to use the west entrance.

The grandstand has been completely repainted, according to Newby. The seats are green, the walkways are painted red and the exterior is white.

SUES TO QUIET TITLE

Suit to quiet title has been filed in Circuit Court by A. Orville and Clara A. Foster and Edward and Estella F. Merrill against Arthur G. Gardner and others. The property specified is lots 4 and 5 block one of Krewson's Addition and a fraction of block six, Gardner's Addition to Drain.

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ahead in the seventh on three singles and clinched the game in the eighth when Joe DiMaggio singled home two runs. Earlier in the game, DiMaggio poled his 30th homer.

Dodgers Gain Ground

The Brooklyn Dodgers broke their tie with the Cardinals for second place in the National League, clipping the Chicago Cubs, 4-2, while the Cards were idle. The victory moved the Dodgers within five and one half games of the pace-setting Boston Braves. The Braves scheduled game with the Cincinnati Reds was washed off the books because of rain.

The Philadelphia Phillies, paced by Del Ennis, took a doubleheader from the Pittsburgh Pirates, 5-3 and 7-4. Ennis cracked his 29th and 30th homers, one in each game, and drove in five runs as the Phils extended Pittsburgh's losing streak to six games.

Gas Allocation Cut Requires Cooperation

SEATTLE, Sept. 21 (AP)—J. E. Pendergast, chairman of the oil industry's Northwest Allocation Committee, predicted yesterday that with continued public cooperation "we can carry through to the end" of the oil strike on the present 75 per cent allocation basis.

Service stations now get only 75 per cent of the gasoline they sold in July. Stocks are being maintained with shipments from Gulf of Mexico ports and other sources, he said.

The industry is seeing to it that essential services, such as



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Slayer of Wife Pleads Insanity

EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 21 (AP)—Prosecutor Phil Sheridan demanded of prospective jurors if they had scruples against the death penalty as Wayne L. Williams, 31, former Tulsa aircraft worker, went on trial yesterday for the stoning death of his young wife.

Lucille Williams, 27, was beaten to death with rocks and their child, Mary Bernice, 4, also severely injured near Mukilteo, south of here, June 17. Both were then thrown over a cliff. The child later recovered from her injuries.

Williams sat between his mother, Mrs. Nora Williams of Seattle, and Tom Warnock, Snohomish county sheriff, as they waited for Superior Judge Ralph C. Bell to mount the bench.

A plea of innocent because of temporary insanity was entered at Williams' arraignment by Arnold Zempel, court-appointed attorney.

Williams, his wife and their four children arrived here from Oklahoma only a few days before the killing. They visited his mother and sister, Marguerite, in Seattle.

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