

Packers Favored By Nine Over Cards In Crucial NFL Meeting At St. Louis

By NORMAN MILLER
UPI Sports Writer
The champion Green Bay Packers, just about everybody's pre-season picks to succeed, and the upstart St. Louis Cardinals, who were favored by practically nobody, reach a crisis state in their National Football League goals Sunday.

The NFL schedule-maker who arranged this inter-conference matchup last spring undoubtedly never realized just how important it would turn out.

Both the Packers and the Cardinals have a 1-1 record that puts them runner-up in each division behind the unbeaten Chicago Bears and Cleveland Browns.

Since the Bears and Browns figure to extend their records to 6-0 Sunday, a defeat by the Packers or Cards would leave either in a tough contending position two games behind the lead.

Packers Solid Favorites

The Packers are 9-point favorites for their first regular season visit to St. Louis. Oddly, in the five inter-conference games that have been played so far in the NFL Eastern Division clubs have won every one.

The Bears, Browns, New York Giants and Pittsburgh Steelers all were made one-sided favorites to win Sunday. The Bears were a whopping 17 points over the Forty Niners at San Francisco; the Browns 11 at home over the Philadelphia Eagles; the Giants 10 at home over the Dallas Cowboys, and the Steelers 10 at home over the Washington Redskins.

In Sunday's two other games, the Detroit Lions were 1-point favorites at home against the Baltimore Colts, and the Minnesota Vikings were picked by 6 points over the Rams at Los Angeles.

Aside from a few not-too-serious bruises, the Packers and Cards are in good shape for Sunday's game which was expected to draw about 25,000 fans to Busch Stadium.

Taylor To Return

The Packers had a scare last Sunday when they scored a 37-28 win over Minnesota, but Coach Vince Lombardi undoubtedly will have his men "higher" for the game against

the Cards. Fullback Jim Taylor, held out for a good portion of the Vikings game because of a groin injury, was expected to play full-time Sunday.

The Cards' offense, directed by young Charley Johnson, has generated more yardage (2,656) than any team in the league. Most of it (1,214) has come from Johnson's passes to Bobby Joe Conrad and Sonny Randle. Now, however, the Cards have John Davis Crow back again to supplement the rushing of Joe Childress and Billy Triplett.

On the West Coast, Coach George Halas fretted about his Bears coming up "flat" for their apparent soft-touch against the winless (0-5) Forty Niners. Halas said he also would not be surprised to see the Forty Niners resort to the "shotgun" attack they used with some success two years ago.

Browns Lose Linebackers

Cleveland meets the Eagles in between two meetings with

Boston Gets Nod To Win

By DICK DEW
UPI Sports Writer

You'll need a microscope to figure out the standings if the four American Football League favorites gain expected victories this weekend.

The odds-makers have made the Boston Patriots a four-point choice over the Denver Broncos in Friday night's game at Boston.

The Oakland Raiders, last-place team in the Western Division, were the choice by two points to knock off the Eastern Division-leading New York Jets in their Sunday feature at Oakland.

The Sunday schedule also included San Diego at Kansas City where the host Chiefs were six-point favorites over the Western Division leaders, while the Houston Oilers were five-point picks at home over the Buffalo Bills.

Would Deadlock League

If the predictions hold up, Boston, Houston and New York will finish the weekend locked in a virtual tie for Eastern leadership while Kansas City will have moved to within percentage points of San Diego's Western Division pace.

The Patriots' role of favorite over Denver was obviously based on the availability of quarterbacks. Babe Parilli showed a return to form last week when he passed Boston to a 20-14 win over Oakland.

At the same time, Denver's new-found passer, John McCormick, was injured against Houston and is out of action indefinitely.

Slaughter To Start

Denver Coach Jack Faulkner announced that rookie quarterback Mickey Slaughter would occupy the starting role and rushed San Diego taxi squad quarterback Don Breux into uniform as Slaughter's replacement.

Injuries also keynoted the Buffalo at Houston game. The Bills have lost Wray Carlton, one of the league's best ball carriers, for the rest of the season. Buffalo has moved rookie Roger Kochman into the starting lineup and activated ailing Wayne Crow.

New York, its three-game winning streak snapped by San Diego, hoped to start all over again in the game at Oakland. The Jets, who scored a 10-7 decision over the Raiders earlier this season, were trying to protect a record that includes six wins in seven starts against Oakland teams.

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the Giants and Coach Blanton Collier also warned his men not to look backward or forward. The Browns' linebacking corps was decimated last week by the loss of Mike Lucci and another injury to Galeen Fiss. The Eagles (2-2) are always a threat as long as Sonny Jurgensen and Tommy McDonald are in the lineup.

The Giants face a "must" game against the Cowboys, who showed signs of jelling in their season's first win last Sunday over the Lions. Running back Don Perkins of Dallas and flanker Frank Gifford and offensive tackle Jack Stroud all are doubtful starters.

Bill Howton of the Cowboys can break another of Don Hutson's NFL career records Sunday if he catches six passes against the Giants.

John Henry Johnson of the Steelers, who has been on the threshold of joining the 5,000-yard rushing club for the past few weeks, once again may be delayed in reaching his goal because of injuries. Fullback Don Bossler and defensive back Jim Steffens return to the Redskins.

The Lions, with a 2-3 record that has all but dropped them out of contention, plan to keep a stiff upper lip in their game against the Colts (also 2-3). And the Rams, seeking their first win, will scrap their quarterback shuffle system and play Roman Gabriel against the Vikings (2-3).



DICK DUNN
...ring newcomer

Wrestlers Appear Here On Saturday

Wrestling fans will be in for a treat Saturday when six of the top professionals in the northwest circuit appear at the Community Building of the Fairgrounds in a featured Battle Royal.

Tickets will go on sale at the arena at 7 p.m., with the first match to get under way at 8:30. Headlining the Battle Royal will be the appearance of Mad Dog Vachon. Vachon stops at nothing to best his opponents, and has become a crowd pleaser with his "dirty" ring tactics.

Along with Vachon will be Nick Kozak, Herb Freeman, The Great Dane, Dick Dunn and French Robierre. Kozak is billed as the handsome Canadian who is noted for his scientific skill. Freeman is a long-time crowd favorite who held the Pacific Northwest championship belt for an extended period. The Great Dane is a newly imported mat man.

Dunn is reported to be a smooth wrestling gent from Nashville, Tenn., who has been thrilling crowds throughout the northwest with his stylish shows. Robierre is another meane who works as a brick layer in Portland when not wrestling.

Three preliminary bouts will precede the Battle Royal, with Kozak battling the Great Dane, Vachon meeting Dunn and Freeman wrestling Robierre.

Sutherland JV's Down Oakland

Jerry Tabor's 80-yard kickoff return for touchdown was the highlight of the Sutherland junior varsity's win over the Oakland Oaker JV's when the Bulldog reserves came out on the long end of a 19-13 score.

Sutherland coach Charles Sikstrom pointed out that several errors on the Bulldogs' part prevented them from scoring higher. "The line play was rugged on both sides," the JV manager observed, "but we feel that our line was the better defensively."

Quarterback Dave Sikstrom's passes were an outstanding feature of the game, with one flip to Shorey netting 35 yards.

Coffey's Return Places Huskies In Favorite Roll

By SCOTT BAILLIE
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Another trip toward the inter-sectional grinder and Junior Coffey's amazing return to the Washington backfield highlight this weekend's West Coast football slate.

Southern California, which was upset by Notre Dame last week, meets tough Ohio State Saturday at Los Angeles while UCLA takes its aches and pains to South Bend for a game with the revived Irish.

The Trojans are four point favorites to defeat the Buckeyes but Notre Dame is a 14 point selection over UCLA.

For the record, West Coast teams now have posted five wins, 13 losses and two ties in main inter-sectional games this season.

The big question at Seattle is how much damage Coffey can inflict on Stanford for the Huskies, providing they need him for the Big Six contest.

Coffey's Comeback

The crashing fullback was deemed through for the season after refracturing his foot while making a tackle Labor Day. But he made a sensational recovery and has been working out for the past two weeks.

With or without "Instant," the Huskies, who belted Oregon State 34-7 last week, are 11 point choices to hand Stanford its fourth straight loss. The Indians will be staying with three sophomore quarterbacks and appear outmanned.

In other games Saturday, San Jose State is at California, Oregon at Arizona, and Washington State at Oregon State while the de-emphasized Tiger of the University of Pacific tries its luck at Idaho.

Coach John McKay of Southern California has had the gates locked during most of the week while gearing for an Ohio State team that tied Illinois, 20-20, last Saturday on the field goal kicking of Dick Van Raaphorst.

Notre Dame, which hadn't won a game until it shocked the Trojans, will host a UCLA team which Bruins coach Bill Barnes terms "as a whole in its worst physical condition." But Mel Profit, the UCLA's ace passing-catching end, seems to be in good shape after recovering from assorted bruises.

Spartans Tougher

California is a 13-point selection over tricky San Jose State. The Bears gained a 22-22 tie with highly-regarded Duke last Saturday while the Spartans were upsetting Washington State, 13-8. Coach Marv Levy of the Bears "fears" a tackle eligible play which has added to San Jose's power. And Bob Titchener of that, "this is a better team than we've had for a while."

Oregon, fresh from shoving past Idaho 41-21, meets Arizona and a team that has broken even in four games so far. The Wildcats uncovered a good fullback last week in Si Gimbel who scored both of their touchdowns in their 13-7 win over West Texas.

Coach Jim Sutherland of Washington State was working to give the quarterbacks some needed protection on pass plays. UOP's Tigers go to Moscow seeking to beat Idaho for the seventh time in eight meetings.



TONY LEMA ties into his tee shot to open medal play in the Sahara Invitational Golf Tournament Thursday in Las Vegas. Lema, who last visited Las Vegas in May when he placed high in the Tournament of Champions, shot his opening day round in one-over-par 72. The tournament purse is \$77,777.-77. (UPI Telephoto)

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Probe Deepens In Knox Death

BALTIMORE (UPI)—Weigh-in inspectors Leon Yarneth and Phil Jachelski were scheduled to appear today before the grand jury investigating the ring death of boxer Ernie Knox.

Yarneth and Jachelski are considered key men in the investigation which is concentrating on a mysterious discrepancy of 25 pounds in two reports on the boxer's weight.

Knox of Baltimore, 26, was knocked out in the ninth round by heavyweight Wayne Bethea of New York at the Baltimore Coliseum last Monday night. He died Wednesday morning from a blood clot on the brain.

At Monday's weigh-in, before the fight, Knox's weight was announced as 178 pounds. Bethea's figure was 205.

But the grand jury investigation was touched off Thursday when the state medical examiner's office disclosed that Knox's body weighed only 153 pounds at Wednesday's autopsy.

The grand jury wants to find out whether a 153-pound middleweight instead of a 178-pound heavyweight was tossed into the ring against 205-pound Bethea for a fatal mismatch—through negligence or conspiracy.

The Maryland State Athletic Commission, which appointed inspectors Yarneth and Jachelski, had been scheduled to open its own investigation Thursday night; but it postponed the probe until the Baltimore Grand Jury finishes its work.

Rodriguez 2-1 Pick To Stop Skeet McClure

NEW YORK (UPI)—Unbeaten middleweight contender Wilbert (Skeeter) McClure of Toledo, Ohio, seeks his 15th straight professional victory tonight in a nationally televised fight with ex-welterweight champion Luis Rodriguez at Madison Square Garden.

Their 10-rounder is the first television (ABC) fight at the Garden in eight weeks and the first Friday television bout there in three years.

Despite 24-year-old McClure's victory string, 26-year-old Rodriguez of Cuba is favored at 2-1 to tag the Skeeter with his first defeat. Rodriguez, who won and lost the 147-pound crown this year, is favored because of his speed, stamina, ruggedness and greater experience.

Cuban Luis' record shows 55 fights, many against top flight opponents. A good combination boxer-puncher, he scored 22 knockouts among his 51 victories—and he never was stopped.

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