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SOUTHERN TEAMS WHIP INTO SHAPE

Both Leading Respective Leagues By Two-game Margin, End in Sight

By Horace C. Renegar
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

ATLANTA (AP)—The big tanks of Dixie football again are rolling up and down training fields in 11 Southern states preparing for a new campaign against old foes.

Prospects of important intersectional victories and a possible undisputed championship crown for the region south of the Potomac, at least, furnishes the impetus to 22 colleges of the Southern Conference.

Three of the five leaders of the conference race in 1927 began early September to drill with more than favorable chances of again clinging to a top position. Georgia Tech, winner of seven conference games and held to a tie in one, found many of the Tornado veterans returning, including the versatile halfback, Warner Mizell, Ed. Hamm, champion broad jumper of the world, also will try for the backfield.

Vanderbilt Strong

Vanderbilt, another 1927 leader—a team boasting five conference victories and two ties last season—expects to again be in the running. Despite the Commodores' loss of "Bounding Bill" Spears, all-America quarterback, they have Jimmy Armistead, the nation's leading point scorer last season, to ram the line from fullback.

Georgia, a team which was prominent in the national ranking most of last season, but which muffed its big chance in the last game of the season by losing to Georgia Tech, will have its famed backfield in readiness for the big games. McCrary, fullback, and Trudley and Hooks, flashy halves, will give the Southern Bulldogs the impetus again against Yale, Alabama, Georgia Tech, Florida and others.

North Carolina State and Tennessee, two other leaders a year ago, are less favored by the critics to repeat. The Raleigh team will be without Jack McDowall, one of the greatest backs ever produced on the middle Atlantic seaboard. McDowall was the mainspring of the attack in the past.

Tennessee will have to rebuild both line and backfield, having lost the flashy Dodson, Derryberry and Elmore from the backfield and Barnhill, McArthur, McKeen and Butcher from the line.

But the other 17 conference members are conceding nothing to the erstwhile leaders. Alabama, conference champion three times in four years, looks to eight or ten lettermen in addition to fine freshmen and reserve material to restore the Crimson Tide to the top. The Tuscaloosa lads will have Dave Brasfield, one of the most promising backs in years, to build around.

Virginia Poly, with Frank Peake returned, appears the strong preseason favorite of Virginia, although Virginia, Washington and Lee and Virginia Military all have a number of veterans back. Peake, the Gobbler offensive light, gained something like 1,800 yards in all games last year, although he was in many of the contests only a few minutes.

Schwartz, great North Carolina center; Banker, versatile Tulane halfback; Owens, Crabtree and Bowyer, Florida backs, and Portwood, Kentucky back, are expected to prove important cogs in the offense of their respective teams.

Louisiana is still in the unknown quantity category, and so is South Carolina.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

Including Games of Sept. 23.
(By The Associated Press).

National:

Batting—Hornsby, Braves, .398.
Runs—P. Waner, Pirates, 127.
Runs batted in — Bottomley, Cards, 128.
Hits—P. Waner, Pirates, 222.
Doubles—P. Waner, Pirates, 51.
Triples—P. Waner, Pirates; Bottomley, Cards, 19.
Homers—Wilson, Cubs; Bottomley, Cards, 20.
Stolen Bases—Cuyler, Cubs, 23.
Pitching — Benton, Giants, won 24, lost 8.

American.

Batting—Manush, Browns, .378.
Runs—Ruth, Yanks, 153.
Runs batted in—Ruth, Yankees, 135.
Hits—Manush, Browns, 236.
Doubles—Manush, Browns, and Schulte, Browns, 45.
Triples—Combs, Yankees, 21.
Homers—Ruth, Yankees, 50.
Stolen Bases—Myer, Red Sox, 26.
Pitching—Crowder, Browns, won 19, lost 4.

BASEBALL ENTERS ITS FINAL SPURT

Two Contenders Remain in Each League With Season to End Sunday

By Herbert W. Barker
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

With the wire and pennant victory in full view, baseball's thoroughbreds, responding gamely to whip and spur, gallop down the major league home stretch in a driving finish so hot and furious that even at this late stage the naked eye cannot, with certainty, discern the ultimate winners.

Of the field of 16 that started so confidently in the spring, only four real contenders, two in each league, remain. The rest are also-rans more or less content to finish this race without undue effort and wait for the next to roll around.

With only a week to go, the pennant struggle in each league has developed into a duel rather than a general free-for-all engagement.

Four Left in Race

In the National, the fight lies between the St. Louis Cardinals and John McGraw's New York Giants with the Chicago Cubs still mathematical contenders. Only a game separates Bill McKechnie's club in first place from the runner-up Giants while the Cubs trail New York by three and a half games.

Two games ahead of the Philadelphia Athletics, their sole rivals, Miller Huggins' New York Yankees are odds-on favorites to win their third American league pennant in a row. Overwhelming choices have lost before, however.

Although all of these contenders were in action yesterday there was no change in their relative positions.

Giants Hard Pressed

The Giants had the closest escape. They were carried to 14 innings before they could pass out the Cincinnati Reds, 2 to 1 in one of the finest games of the season at the Polo grounds. Joe Genewich, who came to the Giants from Boston with the reputation of being an iron-man, was very much "in" yesterday. He held the Reds to five hits during the entire game.

The Cardinals met the Giant victory with one of their own over Brooklyn, 7 to 4. Jesse Haines held the Robins to three hits and the game really was decided as early as the third inning when Jim Bottomley sailed his 20th homerun of the season over the right field with two men on base. That blew tied "Sunny Jim" with Hack Wilson of Chicago for the league's home run leadership, and gave the Cards a 5 to 0 lead.

Yanks and A's Win

The Yankees and Athletics kept step in the American league, the champions defeating Cleveland 5 to 0, while the A's were defeating Dan Howley's St. Louis Browns, 11 to 7.

Waite Hoyt pitched his 20th victory of the year for the Yankees, giving the Indians only four hits. The Yankees, on the other hand, pounded Joe Shaute for 11, two of which went to the well known George Herman Ruth, who has been in a terrible slump for a week.

Ruth nailed up home after running out a single in the eighth inning and had to retire.

A four-run rally in the ninth gave the A's their victory over the Browns, three of them riding home on a home run by Jimmy Dykes.

Manush Hits Four Times

Heinie Manush took advantage of some ineffective pitching by George Walberg and Eddie Rommel to get four hits out of five times up.

Lena Blackburne's Chicago White Sox moved up into a tie for fourth place with Washington by turning back the Senators in the first game of the series, 8 to 2. Ted Lyons pitched effectively while Marberry was being slashed for eleven hits that came to bunches.

At Detroit, Phil Page, eastern league recruit, won his second major league victory in as many starts when the Tigers beat Boston 4 to 1. Page allowed seven hits, four of which went to Buddy Myer. Six double plays and seven errors showed in the box score.

Major league standings today follow:

	W.	L.	Pct.
American League			
New York	96	51	.653
Philadelphia	94	53	.639
St. Louis	79	69	.534
Chicago	71	77	.480
Washington	70	78	.472
Detroit	67	81	.453
Cleveland	60	87	.408
Boston	53	94	.361
National League			
St. Louis	89	57	.612
New York	89	58	.606
Chicago	85	61	.582
Pittsburgh	82	64	.565
Cincinnati	77	71	.520
Brooklyn	70	74	.497
Boston	49	99	.331
Philadelphia	42	105	.286

Baker, Wallowa Elevens Battle To 6-6 Deadlock

BAKER, Ore., Sept. 24 (Special)—Playing on fairly even terms throughout the greater part of the game, the Wallowa and Baker high school football teams battled to a 6 to 6 tie score here Saturday afternoon in the opening game of the season for both elevens.

Neither scored in the first part of the game. A forward pass gave Baker its starter while Barrett, of Wallowa, contributed the visitor's touchdown with a beautiful run.

Wallowa	Lineups	Baker
Hansen	LE	Baker
McGinnis	LT	Grant
Smith	LG	Osborn
Conch	C	Crockett
Hersey	RG	Marshall
Crawford	RT	Chaffin
Hawkins	RE	Stoddard
Posey	QB	Thomas
Clark	RH	Nelson
Barrett	LH	Vaughan
George	FB	Carson

Substitutes—Wallowa, Ruhr for Smith; Baker—Reddick for Osborn, Holcomb for Stoddard, Osborn for Holcomb, Calder for Carson, Carson for Calder.

Three Clubs In Close Race For Coast Pennant

Pacific Coast League Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Sacramento	54	35	.607
Hollywood	54	35	.607
San Francisco	53	38	.596
Mission	48	40	.554
Oakland	46	43	.517
Portland	39	57	.427
Los Angeles	34	55	.382
Seattle	28	61	.315

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By The Associated Press.

Portland has laid permanent claim to the sixth place position after taking six of the seven games from Los Angeles who was seventh until lately. The Beavers had early leads to win twice yesterday 4 to 1 and 8 to 4. Batteries: First game, French and Whitney; Peters and Hannah; second game, Goodred, Knight, Tomlin and Whitney; Weatherby and Norton.

The Missions struck twice yesterday and pushed Sacramento into a tie with Hollywood for the league leadership while the Seals took a twin bill from Seattle to land one game behind the leaders. Ten days are left to decide the honors for the second half. The Senators held a 2 to 1 lead until the ninth when Hurtt picked up a homer with one on to give the Reds victory at 3 to 2. Ernie Nevers held the Solons to one hit in the afternoon and the Missions won 8 to 0. Batteries—First game, Nance and Baldwin, Brenzel Ying and Brenzel, Kneisler; second game Nevers and Sepulveda, Kuns, Gould and Koehler.

Hollywood took a double-header from Oakland 2 to 1 and 7 to 5. They got only one hit to win the opener, wildness of Acorn changing being responsible. Hollywood got 5 in the first inning of the second game and added another two in the third. Batteries: First game, Shellenback and Hasslet; Boehler, Young, Arlett and Read; second game, Craghead, Dupuerath, Boehler and Baker; McCabe and Cheney; Acres.

Dutch Ruether and Hollis Thurston, San Francisco veterans, won easily from the Indians 11 to 5 and 7 to 3. The Seals got early leads in both games and were never headed. Batteries — First game: Ruether and Varner; Edwards, Sullivan and Ainsmith; second game: Thurston and Spencer; Cate and Cole.

REMAINING GAMES FOR MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

With the major league schedules to end Sept. 30, the following games contract the leaders in both

American League

Philadelphia Athletics: 8 pl. 24, 25—St. Louis at St. Louis; Sept. 27, 28,29 and 30—Chicago at Chicago.

New York Yankees: Sept. 24, 25—Cleveland at Cleveland; Sept. 27, 28, 29 and 30—Detroit at Detroit.

National League

St. Louis Cardinals: Sept. 24, 25, 26—Brooklyn at Brooklyn; Sept. 27, 28 and 29—Boston at Boston; Sept. 30—New York at New York.

New York Giants: Sept. 24, 25—Cincinnati at New York; Sept. 27, 28, 29—Chicago at New York; Sept. 30—St. Louis at New York.

She Bosses Dartmouth Grid Boss

Jess Hawley bosses the Dartmouth football team, and you see his photograph in newspapers often, but here's a photograph of the Dartmouth boss and the person who bosses the Dartmouth boss—Mrs. Jess Hawley. He is one of the most prominent eastern coaches and his team of this year is expected to be an outstanding one. From the stern look on his face here, the boss must have just asked him for a new fall wardrobe.

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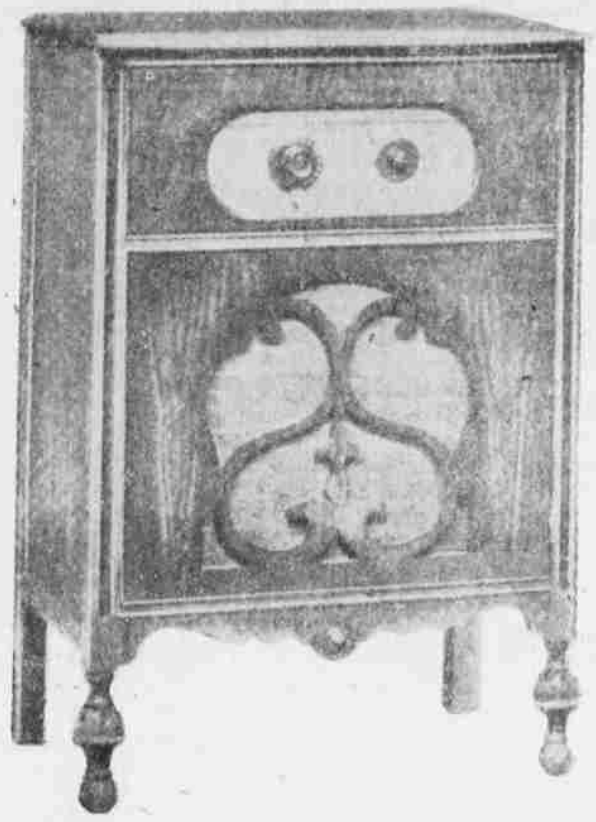

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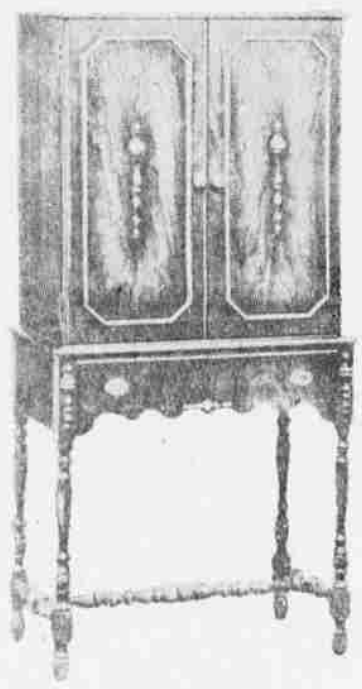

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JESSE, RAGAIN ON GRID SQUAD AT UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Sept. 24—(Special)—Norman Dudley Jesse and Kermit Victor Ragain, guards, of La Grande, are two of the 46 candidates out for the University of Oregon football team, which opens its season Saturday against Pacific here.

Oregon has 14 lettermen available, but the success or failure of this year's team will not altogether depend on them, Captain John J. McEwan, football coach, said. In fact, the incoming freshmen will carry the brunt of the attack.

McEwan is building his team around the veterans who are: center—George Stadleman; guards—Merrill Hagan, Bob Kramer, Everett McCutchan; tackle—Tom Weston; ends—Ted Pope, Harry Wood; quarter—Ira Woodie; halves—George Burrell, Dave Mason, Arthur Ord, Bobby Robinson; fullbacks—Coffey Gould, Charles Williams.

The first conference game will be against Stanford here October 6.

A victim of amnesia in New York City suddenly recovered her faculties and remembered her name was Gliernaghelli. She must have been a sick person, indeed, to forget a name like that.