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Cubs Have to Win 6 More to Cinch Flag

By CARL LUNDQUIST

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (UP)—This is the week the shaky Chicago Cubs will find out whether they are traveling on the road to glory or the boulevard of broken dreams.

Psychologically and physically at a disadvantage as St. Louis presses ever closer, they must battle the Pittsburgh Pirates in a double header today while the Cardinals rest up for the show down series at Chicago which begins tomorrow.

Play Two

The Cubs were to have been idle today, too, but rain over the weekend precluded that. Victorious, 7 to 3, over the Pirates once yesterday in a game that was much too close for comfort, the second game was rained out. That made two games necessary for today.

Ray Prim and Claude Passeau are to face the battling Buccaners, who will be going all out to win because they still have a chance to take third place away from the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The Cubs now are a game and a half ahead of the Cardinals with seven more to play. They need victories in five of them to clinch a tie if St. Louis wins all of its remaining six. Six Chicago victories will assure them of the pennant regardless of what the Cardinals do.

Needs Rest

The Cubs are saying Hank Borowy, who has yielded only three runs to the Cardinals in three games, for one of the two big tilts, but who will pitch the other game is a guess. Hank Wyse, who went yesterday and picked up his 21st win of the season, would be the logical choice, but usually needs at least three days of rest to be fully effective.

Minnesota, Duke Win by Big Scores

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (UP)—Minnesota and Duke—names that stood for terrific football before the war—ruled the national gridiron heap again today after the first round of peacetime games and it may take the army and navy to dislodge them.

The decisiveness of their opening triumphs overshadowed upset victories by St. Mary's and Indiana, Cornell's resurgence as a football force in the east and Southern California's hurdling of the first barrier.

Burying a well-rated Missouri team under a 34 to 0 count, Bernie Bierman's scamping Scandinavians flashed the old-time Minnesota poise and power. Duke was even more devastating in smothering South Carolina, 60 to 0.

The Cardinals closed out their home season by beating the Reds, 9 to 6, for their seventh victory in eight games. Sylvester (Blix) Donnelly got credit for his eighth win although the Reds chased him to the showers with four runs in the eighth. Emil Verban singled with the bases loaded to start the Cards to a 2 to 0 lead and George Kurowski added another with his 21st homer in the third. Bill Lukeman homered for the Reds.

The Braves got good pitching from Oldster Bill Lee and youngster Jim Wallace to top the Giants twice at New York, 4 to 1 and 7 to 3.

The Dodgers split with the Phillies at Brooklyn, winning 9 to 0, on Hal Gregg's second one-hitter of the season. He was touched only for a second inning single by Remy Montegudo. Gregg didn't walk a man and struck out four. The Phils took the nightcap, 4 to 3.

Joe received the award in a ceremonial presentation at Fort Hamilton Sunday. Maj. Gen. Clarence H. Kells, commanding general of the New York port of embarkation, made the presentation.

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Socialist Party Gains in French Municipal Voting

PARIS, Sept. 24 (UP)—Early returns in France's first municipal elections since 1937 showed a strong swing to the left today.

The socialist party appeared to have won 50 district seats, nearly double its strength in 1937. Close behind, with 48, came the combined radical and radical-socialist parties.

The communist party had clinched 10 seats. The movement republican populaire had won only two seats and all other parties, eight.

It was too early to speak of a landslide, but all indications were the three left-wing parties would win a sweeping victory with the socialists far ahead of both the radical-socialists and communists.

The elections yesterday were regarded as preview for the general elections next month.

Among those elected were Edouard Herriot, mayor of Lyon and former premier of France; Robert La Coste, production minister; Rene Mayer, communications, transport and public works minister, and Rene Pleven, national economy and finance minister.

French Overthrow Nanam Government

LONDON, Sept. 24 (UP)—Reports from French Indo-China said today 300 former French war prisoners overthrew the self-styled independent Annamese government at Saigon, arrested its ministers and raised the tri-color over the city Sunday.

British and Japanese military patrols did not interfere with the French coup. A daily Herald Dispatch from Saigon said the former prisoners were armed with grenades, tommy guns, Bren guns and other weapons by a small French military contingent several days ago.

Striking at 3 a. m. Sunday, the French seized Annamese headquarters in the Saigon town hall. Gunfire broke out and continued at intervals during the morning, but the French reinforced by airmen and sailors, mopped up most Annamese supporters.

Yamhill Woman Dies In Car-Truck Crash

M'INNIVILLE, Sept. 24 (UP)—One person was killed and two others seriously injured in a truck-auto crash on the McMinnville Newburg highway late Saturday night.

Killed was Mrs. Nellie Marie Lang, 41, Yamhill. The injured are her husband, Ralph Leon Lang, and daughter, Barbara Elaine, 18.

State police officers reported the Langs were riding in a wrecker that was struck from the rear and overturned by a coupe driven by Kenneth Paul Bynum of McMinnville. Occupants of the Bynum car were uninjured.

Nine States to Meet To Discuss Loan Job

PORTLAND, Sept. 24 (UP)—More than 600 representatives of nine western states will meet here Oct. 5 and 6 to prepare for the victory loan drive. States to be represented are Oregon, Washington, Nevada, California, Idaho, Wyoming, Arizona, Utah, Montana and Washington, D. C.

Barrett Being 22 - Game Victor, Mort Cooper Having Lame Arm, Make It Typical Cardinal Deal

By HARRY GRAYSON

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (NEA)—As Charles Henry Barrett posted his 20th victory for the Cardinals by making it four straight over the Cubs, Morton Cooper was still nursing the arm from which Dr. Robert F. Hyland removed bone chips after the Red Bird ace of the past three years had been shipped to the Braves in exchange for \$60,000—and Red Barrett.

That makes it a typical Cardinal deal.

Barrett copped a couple for the Beantowners before switching to Sportsman's park, so had 22 victories when he scattered seven hits and let the Wrigleys down with two unearned runs the other night. That matches Cooper's performances of the last three campaigns, and is more games than the tenor of North Hollywood has accounted for since he left Muskogee of the Western Association in 1937.

Cooper basically is a better pitcher than Barrett, but the latter is smart in pitching to weaknesses with his soft stuff, and the lift in moving from Boston to St. Louis was tremendous. The Cardinals go and get 'em, and throw out hitters for their pitchers.

Practically every time the Cardinals make a deal the old saying, "They never die on the Cardinals," seems truer. Everybody knew Dizzy Dean was suffering from bursitis and could no longer break an egg when the Cubs gave Samuel Breadon & Co. \$185,000 for him just before the kickoff in 1938, and tossed in Curt Davis, southpaw Clyde Shoun and outfielder Tuck Stainback.

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Ensign Franklin Howard, 23, son of Mrs. Erma Howard, 1512 Adams Ave., La Grande, who is now serving in the south Pacific.

Ensign Howard attended La Grande schools, Eastern Oregon college, and Northwestern university Evanston, Ill. He received his B. S. degree at Eastern Oregon college. He is a member of Theta Delta Phi, Alpha Psi Omega and a past master counselor of DeMolay.

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

First Lt. Margaret Cavanaugh, army nurses corps who has been serving in England, today arrived in New York aboard the Europa. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cavanaugh of La Grande, she will go first to Camp Beale, Calif., and is expected to arrive here soon.

Sgt. Richard C. Karther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Karther, La Grande, was gunner on one of the six P-61 "Black Widow" night fighters of the 421st night fighter squadron which recently escorted the Japanese peace emissaries back to Japan after their conference with allied military leaders at Manila.

A graduate of La Grande high school, class of 1942, Sergeant Karther was inducted into the armed forces in April 1943. In November 1944 he was assigned to the 418th night fighter squadron overseas. He joined the 421st night fighter squadron in February 1945. The 421st night fighter squadron is now stationed at Je Shima in the Ryukyus group. Sergeant Karther is authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon, the New Guinea campaign star, the Philippines liberation ribbon and bronze stars for the southern Philippines and Luzon campaigns. He has been recommended for the Ryukyus campaign star and a star for the air-offensive Japan.

SUPPORT JAVA STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24 (UP)—Melbourne radio reported today Australian dock workers voted to support a strike by nationalist Japanese seamen who have tied up 11 Dutch ships because they refused to return to Dutch colonial rule in the Netherlands East Indies.

Veteran Doesn't Have to Join to Get Job Back

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (UP)

—Veterans with re-employment rights cannot be forced to join a union to get their old jobs back, selective service ruled today.

In a policy guide to local draft boards, the agency also said during the year in which a veteran is guaranteed his old job, his rights take precedence over any system of seniority.

It also held that: In border-line cases, the question whether a former job was permanent should be resolved in favor of the veteran.

It is the first time selective service has publicly clarified the closed shop issue but spokesmen said the policy has been in effect for some time. In some cases unions and employers have agreed to waive the closed shop agreement.

Your GI Rights Problems of Men In Service

By DOUGLAS LARSEN

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Here are some general questions from men in the service and their relatives:

Q. In a couple of weeks I will be discharged from the army on points. I would like to re-enlist in the navy. Will I have to be re-drafted again and take my chances, or can I enlist directly? A. You can enlist directly.

Q. My brother will soon be discharged from the army. Is there anything to prevent him being drafted again and put into the navy where his points won't count? A. Selective service has ruled that all men who have received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from the armed forces are to be placed in Class I-C. They are not to be reinducted unless they volunteer or unless their reinduction is authorized by the director of selective service.

Q. My son is an air cadet in the navy. He has a chance to get out. If he does get out will he be eligible for the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights? A. This way of getting out of the service will not bar him from the GI benefits. He will be eligible if he meets the other qualifications.

Q. Since the first announcement on the point system I have had a baby and my husband has had a birthday. These things have given him about fifty points. He now writes me, however, that he is going overseas. I thought they weren't going to send me over with more than 45 points. How can you explain this? A. The 45-point limitation was set as of the first May 12 compilation of points. It doesn't make any difference how many he has gotten since then.

Oregon Football Team Welcomes 2 Former Stars

EUGENE, Sept. 24 (UP)—Oregon's football team, strictly an unknown quantity as practice opened, today became a threat for new honors with the expected arrival this week of Jake Leight, one of the nation's top backfield stars.

Leight played on Oregon's freshman team in 1941, then went into the army and blazed to new heights on service teams. He was the leading ground gainer last year for the Randolph field flyers, considered the top service eleven in the nation, and sparked the fourth air force to a win over the night second air force.

Judge Refuses to Believe Drink or Two Aids Driving

LONDON, Sept. 24 (UP)—Some men drive better after a drink or two.

Dr. Arthur Edwin Tate offered that opinion as defense testimony at the Marylebone court trial of William Henry Broughton, 75.

"It is my opinion some men drive much better after a drink or two than they would in a normal state," he told the court. "And I also believe the accused, who has a great tolerance for alcohol, is one of these men."

The plea was in vain. Broughton was fined \$60.

Admiral Has Picture Of Jap Attack Plans

ABOARD U. S. S. Iowa, Sept. 24 (UP)—Rear Adm. Oscar C. Badger, said today he had photographic proof the Pearl Harbor "stab-in-the-back" was a carefully planned action and by no means executed on the spur of the moment.

Badger displayed a photograph showing an accurate scale model of the U. S. naval base built by the Japanese. The model was complete down to five-foot models of battleships floating in the harbor and smaller ships around them. Airfields, hangars and other buildings there were shown in full detail.



SEASON OPENER FLASHES ST. MARY'S INTO GRID LIMELIGHT—Bob Edmonston (27), University of California halfback, cracks center for first touchdown of California Bears-St. Mary's college Gales season opener at Memorial stadium, Berkeley, Calif. St. Mary's Herman Wedemeyer (11), halfback, tackles Edmonston as California Frank Roberts (80), tackle, takes Spoile Cardeiro (7) Gael halfback, out. St. Mary's crashed back into big-time football spotlight as they upset California in crushing defeat of 20-13 before surprise crowd of 70,000.

230,000 Fans See Coast Football Games on Weekend

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24 (UP)—A pair of Hawaiian backfield stars had to share honors with Gus Fan himself in the opening week-end of the first peacetime football season in four years.

These pertinent facts stood out: While the writers had been expecting a post-war sports boom, they forgot that it had already arrived and then got caught with their attendance predictions down.

2—Tiny St. Mary's college, a pre-war grid power of Goliath stature, may return to the top of the heap upon the sensational play of Herman Wedemeyer and Charles (Spike) Cordeiro, Hawaiian importations.

The attendance at three major games on the coast was a surprise to even the ticket sales manager: 50,000 saw USC trim UCLA, 13-6, Friday night in Los Angeles; 80,000 watched St. Mary's upset California, 20-13, Saturday in Berkeley; 62,000 saw Fleet City Navy down Second Air Force, 7-0, Sunday in San Francisco.

As an indication of how the fans fooled the prognosticators, sports writers predicted a "big" crowd of 40,000 for the Gael-Bear game in Berkeley a week ago. Later in the week they saw the hand-writing on the wall and boosted it to 50,000 with some coming out the day before the game and flatly estimating the attendance "might reach" 60,000.

The surprise of the week of course, was the convincing manner in which St. Mary's marched to victory over California and it's new coach, Buck Shaw. Trailing at the end of the first quarter, 0-6, the Gaels beat the Bears into submission upon the great passing, kicking and running performance of Wedemeyer, a star of 1943.

"Wedey" was even more sensational than in his freshman year and his top performance of the day was booting the ball 40 yards—and out of bounds—on the one-half-inch line. Cordeiro, a 160-pound mighty midget, was just about as effective as a seat-back.

Nelson Posts 266 For Wide Victory Over Fellow Pros

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 24 (UP)—Lord Byron Nelson rested atop his golf throne again today after breezing to an easy win over a star-studded field of 37 fellow-pros in the \$10,000 Esmeralda open.

Nelson, record-shattering fairway master from Toledo, O., posted a 33-under-par 266 for his four trips yesterday among the rolling Indian Canyon layout setting an unofficial record.

His final round of 64 capped earlier rounds of 66, 66 and 70 to give him a seven-stroke lead over his gold dust twin runner-up, Harold (Jug) McSpaden, San-Ford, Me.

McSpaden made a spectacular finish in edging Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., for the \$1,333 war bond second money, blasting a six-under-par first-nine 30, one stroke within Ralph Guldahl's all-time P.G.A. low.

Hogan, who had pulled within two strokes of the mighty Nelson at the 54-hole mark, faltered on the greens to a final-round 77 and a tie with Sam Snead at 275 for third place.

Snead, whose temperamental putter sent him off to a shaky start, grabbed medal honors yesterday by unhooking a new course record 63, nine under par.

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TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By OSCAR FRALEY

United Press Correspondent

WEST POINT, N. Y., Sept. 24 (UP)—There's grief and gloom on the picturesque plains at the military academy today because, believe it or not, of what happened to rival Navy's football team last season.

The corps remembers all too well what happened to the kids from Crabtown a matter of some 365 days ago. That would put us roughly at the start of the 1944 football season, when Navy without playing a game was hailed as the unquestioned ruler of the collegiate gridiron.

Lose First

Annapolis had everything, they said, and nobody could stop them. The backs were terrific and a line headed by all-American Don Whitmore was described with Hollywood abandon. This was one of the all-time greats.

So North Carolina Pre-Flight beat them in the very first game, 21 to 14.

And before the season ended for the Middies, and none too soon, they had been manhandled gleefully by both Georgia Tech and Army.

Which brings us back to West Point and the 1945 season—and an Army eleven headed by all-Americans Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, the terrific backs. The line, they say, is incomparable, a cross between a cement mixer and an avalanche.

Tough Rival

The Cadets are opening against a service rival which is loaded for bear. This one, brother, is going to be tough—and maybe with the same result Navy had had against North Carolina Pre-Flight.

Army's foe is the AAF PDC rockets from Louisville, Ky., which stands for personnel distribution command. And from all reports the team is as difficult to stop as its name is to remember. Head man of the Rockets is Capt. Ted Shipkey, former all-American end at Stanford and more recently coach at the University of New Mexico.

The good captain isn't complaining too loudly. That maybe because his college and professional stars make a 200-pounder look like an under-privileged child. And his boys have a tough game under their belts already.

Big Boys

The Rockets have a T-formation, man-in-motion attack built around Jim Castiglia, Georgetown and Philadelphia Eagles star, and Jim Strausbaugh, who helped Ohio State to the 1939 Big Ten title. There are about 25 more of these explosive little packages just to carry that football.

Up front it's a butcher's dream. For instance at ends might be Dick Plasahan of Vanderbilt and the Chicago Bears, a mere 240 pounds, an underfed 218-pound Tom Brown, erstwhile William & Mary and Pittsburgh Steelers' wing. Tackles could be a 265-pound handball named Wyatt McDowell, appropriately from Hugo, Okla., and 235-pound Joe Brunansky, formerly a Duke Blue Devils. Guards include Oregon State's 255-pound Paul Evensen, and UCLA's 220-pound Jack Cohen, while Southern Cal's 225-pound Dick Danche is a fair pivot.

That adds up to a forward wall averaging about 237 pounds per man. For army it adds up to a tremendous headache. Sail ho!

The winners of the two series will meet for the championship late in the following week. San Francisco is the defending champion, having won the 1944 playoffs.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	86	64	.573
Washington	87	67	.565
St. Louis	79	69	.534
New York	71	71	.500
Cleveland	72	70	.507
Chicago	71	77	.480
Boston	71	80	.470
Philadelphia	52	97	.349

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	92	52	.626
St. Louis	91	57	.615
Brooklyn	83	67	.553
Pittsburgh	80	69	.541
New York	77	71	.520
Boston	68	84	.446
Cincinnati	60	87	.406
Philadelphia	46	106	.303

PACIFIC COAST

	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland	112	68	.622
Seattle	105	78	.574
Sacramento	95	85	.523
San Francisco	96	87	.525
Oakland	90	93	.492
San Diego	82	101	.444
Los Angeles	75	107	.412
Hollywood	73	110	.399

LIONS BEAT CARDS

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 24 (UP)—The 1945 national professional football league season opened dispiritedly last night as the Detroit Lions defeated the Chicago Cardinals 10 to 0 at state fair park.

Portland Closes Season With 8 1/2 Games Lead

By United Press

The curtain closing on the Pacific Coast baseball league Sunday proved anti-climatic to the championship race. As far back as the middle of the season it was an almost foregone conclusion Portland would capture the league pennant far ahead of the rest of the field.

Sunday the Beavers swept a doubleheader from third-place Sacramento and closed out with an eight-and-one-half game margin over runner-up Seattle. The scores were 4-3 and 3-2.

Divide Pair

The Rainiers divided a pair with San Diego, losing the first game 4-1 and taking the nightcap, 2-0. San Francisco dropped two games to Los Angeles and missed a chance to finish in third place. The Angels won by scores of 5-4 and 7-4 with Red Adams and Don Osborn hurling the victories,