



UP, UP AND AWAY

It won't take a superman to ride Snake at the rodeo at Elgin Sunday sponsored by the Union County Rodeo Association. The rodeo gets under way at 2 p.m. with bareback, saddle bronc, calf roping, bull fighting and cow and bull riding. Stock will be furnished by Marion Stitzel and Morris Beck.

League Leaders Stagger Home Losing More Than They Win

United Press International
Someone please play "show me the way to go home" because the top contenders in both leagues never will make it at this rate.

Talk about the staggers, get a load of this:

San Francisco, The National League leader, has lost five of its last seven games.

Over in the American League, the pace-setting White Sox have dropped three of their last four.

The second-place clubs are stumbling around just as badly. Los Angeles has won only four of its last 11 and Cleveland has lost four of its last five.

That brings us down to the third-place Braves, who lost six of their last nine. But at least they beat the Giants, 5-2, Wednesday night to climb within three games of the top.

Burdette Wins 17th
Lew Burdette won his 17th game by holding the Giants to six hits, including Orlando Cepeda's.

Ollie Matson's Dream Is True: He's A LA Ram

United Press International
Big Ollie Matson, the lad who "always wanted to play for the Rams," sees a six-year dream come true Friday night when Los Angeles hosts the Washington Redskins in a National Football League exhibition game.

A powerhouse with the Chicago Cardinals after his graduation from the University of San Francisco in 1952, Matson was bitterly disappointed when the Rams failed to choose him in a bonus pick. But his "dream came true" when he was traded to Los Angeles for nine players earlier this year.

Matson, returning to home pastures, makes up one-fourth of Los Angeles' power-conscious starting backfield for the Redskins tilt. Coach Sid Gilman's other members of the quartet are Billy Wade, John Arnett and Tom Wilson.

In the Washington training camp coach Mike Nixon must decide soon whether to start Eddie LeBaron or Ralph Guglielmi at quarterback. The entire Redskins squad with the exception of defensive back Burt Zagers, is in good shape for the contest. Zagers was injured in last Sunday's game with San Francisco and will miss this one.

The Chicago Bears will have six new starters for Saturday's game with the Philadelphia Eagles at Lynn, Mass. Coach George Halas plans to start Gerald de Luca, a native of Peabody, Mass., at tackle, Bob Jewett at right half, Bill McColl at right end, John Danmore at center, Merrill Douglas at fullback and Zeke Bratkowski at quarterback.

The other five players, starters against Green Bay last week, are halfback Johnny Morris, tackle Herman Lee, end Harlon Hill, and guards Stan Jones and Abe Gibron.

24th and 25th homers. Del Crandall put Milwaukee ahead to stay with his 15th homer in the fifth.

The Reds beat the Dodgers, 9-4; the Cardinals scored a 10-inning 6-6 victory in the completion of a game suspended on July 12 but lost the regularly scheduled contest, 4-2. The Phillies topped the Cubs, 4-1, in the opener of a two-night twin-bill, then played a 12-inning 7-7 tie that finally was halted because of the curfew.

In the American League, the Orioles whipped the White Sox, 3-1; the Indians snapped a four-game losing streak by defeating the Senators, 5-4; the Yankees finally beat their nemesis, Frank Lary of the Tigers, 10-5, and the Athletics humbled the Red Sox, 6-3.

Cincinnati rallied for seven runs in the eighth inning to beat Los Angeles. Jerry Lynch's pinch single with the bases full was the key blow.

In the completion of the July 12th suspended game between St. Louis and Pittsburgh, the Cards trailed 5-4 when play was resumed with one on and one out in the ninth. The Redbirds went ahead, 6-5, but the Pirates tied the score in the bottom of the ninth. Then, in the 10th, four straight singles off Bob Porterfield brought St. Louis its victory.

Burgess Breaks Tie
Smoky Burgess' sixth inning single broke a tie in the regularly scheduled contest and earned Vern Law his 14th victory.

Gene Conley posted his 12th victory for the Phillies when he fired a three-hitter and struck out nine Cub batters in the opener. The Cubs apparently were on their way to a 7-6 win in the nightcap when Earl Averill homered in the top of the 12th but Harry Hanebrink's pinch triple tied the score in the bottom of the frame just before the game was halted by the curfew.

Swimmers Set For Portland Jr. Olympics
Three La Grande Swim Club members left this afternoon for the Junior Olympics to be held tomorrow at the Woodrow Wilson high school 25-yard pool in Portland.

The La Grande aspirants for places in the Junior Olympic ratings are Stewart Lungren, 11, 12 division, freestyle, backstroke and butterfly; Steve Fedor, 13, 14 division, freestyle, breast stroke and butterfly; and Mike Challis, 15, 16, freestyle and back stroke.

The events are judged on a time basis only, and only one heat in each event is available to the competitor. There are no finals.

The three are going by cars driven by Lew Fedor and Keith Lungren.

BASILIO SPARS 3 ROUNDS
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Carmen Basilio went three rounds Wednesday in preparation for the Aug. 28 NBA middleweight title bout against Gene Fullmer in San Francisco's Cow Palace.

ered in the top of the 12th but Harry Hanebrink's pinch triple tied the score in the bottom of the frame just before the game was halted by the curfew.

Southpaw Billy O'Dell of the Orioles held the White Sox to five hits during the eight innings he pitched and Jerry Walker preserved the victory with a hitless ninth inning. The Orioles scored all their runs during the first three innings off Bob Shaw.

Cal McLish of the Indians was credited with his 15th victory although he needed Larry Locke's help after Bob Allison hit his 18th homer for the Senators in the eighth and Harmon Killebrew smacked his 37th with one out.

The Yankees spotted Lary a 5-0 lead and went on to beat the Tiger right-hander with four-run rallies in the fourth and fifth innings.

Bud Daley pitched a four-hitter and drove in the tie-breaking run in Kansas City's win over Boston. It was Daley's 15th victory against seven losses.

Fight Probe Still Going In New York

NEW YORK (UPI) — Bill Rosensohn, key figure in three investigations of the Ingemar Johansson - Floyd Patterson fight promotion, was scheduled for questioning today by Dist. Atty. Frank Hogan.

This questioning will precede 39-year-old Rosensohn's appearance Wednesday before the "boxing" grand jury, which seeks to unearth any underworld connections with the fight game.

For his own protection, Rosensohn was to have been met at International Airport by detectives from the D.A.'s office. He had been under police guard before he went to Europe. It was Rosensohn's disclosures about being forced out of his own organization — Rosensohn Enterprises, Inc. — that brought about the investigations.

Activities surrounding the Johansson-Patterson promotion are being investigated by the D.A.'s office, the state attorney general's office and the state athletic commission.

Johansson, who knocked out Floyd Patterson for the title at New York in June, said today he had received a "telegram" from Louis J. Lefkowitz, New York state attorney general, asking him to come to New York and tell what he knows about the promotion.

CAGE GIANTS ARRIVE
NEW YORK (UPI) — Two foreign basketball giants arrived here Wednesday on their way to Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., for scholarship studies and court tryouts. The newcomers are George Trontzos, 7-1, of Greece and Hans Albersson, 6-7, of Sweden.

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Shrine Blue Team Dump Golds 20-14

The Blues grabbed a 20-14 victory over the Golds as the East Shrine team banged heads under the lights at Eastern Oregon College last night. The Blues grabbed a 20-7 lead but Del Hall intercepted a Bill Ransom pass and the Golds converted it into seven points.

The Gold team held the Blues for yardage following the TD and tried to tie the scrimmage up. With a first down on their own 2 the Golds gained five on the first play.

A running play was smothered and on third down the Blues' Roy Robinson came charging through to dump Don Shaffer for a big loss. The fourth down pass effort failed as another Blue linemen charged through to deflect Shaffer's attempted pass.

Shaffer and Bob Lorence scored for the Gold team while John Haskins, Charles Myers and Gary Marr counted for the Blues. All the scoring was done on short plays. Several spectacular plays made long yardage in the middle of the field but the Gold defensive backs kept the offensive units from going all the way on the long gainers.

Top play of the night was a Bill Ransom to Dave Hockett pass. Hockett got behind the Gold defenders and Ransom dropped a pinpoint pass into Hockett's hands. Hockett took the ball over his shoulder with a Willie Mays type catch but was tackled immediately.

Most consistent ground gainers of the scrimmage were Dick Ruhl, Bob Lorence and John Haskins. Dick Larson and Jerry Carlson also drew praise from coaches for some outstanding running.

Ransom did a good job at the quarterback spot connecting on several long passes.

Defensively Ruhl drew raves from coaches and fans alike. The 187 pound defensive halfback was making tackles all over the field. He defended well against passes and generally kept the Gold's spirit high.

Ron Robinson, Dave Schreiber and Gregg Johnson were named by line coach Milt Durand as the night's top linemen.

Marc McGowan banged a knee in last night's scrimmage and is on the doubtful list for Saturday's game. Laddie Henderson came up with some bruises but will be ready to go in the Shrine tilt.

Head Coach Al Keck said, "The team is considerably stronger than last year. If we can stop Branson and Pennell, we might be able to win."

"Our spirit is high. If that's what it takes to win we'll be tough to handle," said Durand.

Coaches huddled over the results of the scrimmage last night and named a starting lineup for the game.

Dick Ruhl (187) and Dave Hockett (168) got the nod at the offensive end spots. Carl Banker (190) and Ron Robinson (193) were named as the offensive tackles. At the guards, Gregg Johnson (183) and Dave Schreiber (214) were named. At center Larry Jackson (130) will get the starting assignment.

Named to start at the halfback spots are John Haskins (178) and Bud Maupin (175). Bob Lorence (195) gets the starting assignment at fullback. Lightest man on the offensive team is quarterback Bill Ransom at 165 pounds.

Defensively Don Shaffer (190) and Marc McGowan (172) will start at the ends. Schreiber and Banker will be the tackles and Robinson and Gordon Elder (219) will be the guards.

Johnson and Chuck Myers (168) will be the linebackers with Ruhl and Haskins at the halfback slots. Safety man for the East will be 158 pound Charles Roller.

Rain continued to fall today and coaches scheduled a light practice for morning. The Shrine players will go under the lights again tonight to work on kicking. Kickoffs and punting will be the main items and Keck plans to run the team through its plays in an attempt to get the boys used to playing with a wet ball just in case.

SIGN "BIG TWO"
ST. LOUIS (UPI)—Bob Pettit and Cliff Hagan, the one-two scoring punch of the St. Louis Hawks, signed contracts Wednesday for the 1959-60 National Basketball Assn. season. Pettit, who set an NBA scoring record of 2,105 points last season, was believed to have signed for \$27,500. Hagan reportedly gets \$17,500.

YAZA SCORES THREE
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (UPI) — Jockey Manuel Yaza scored his third triple in the last four racing programs at Saratoga when he booted home Shield Bearer, Saferris and Dead Indian Wednesday.

PENDLETON (UPI) — Four co-captains were selected Wednesday by the West squad for the eighth annual "B" Shrine all-star football clash here.

Bob Pennell of Mapleton fullback and Buck Colleknon, halfback from Tillamook Catholic, were named as co-captains for the offensive unit while the defensive squad will be co-captained by Jerry Reeves, Powers end, and Jason center Ben Harper.

The East squad continued to work out at La Grande in preparation for Saturday's clash here. East coaches expressed displeasure at Wednesday's afternoon drill. The Eastern all-stars were given the morning off.

High School To Issue Gear Friday

Football practice opens for La Grande high school gridders some Monday morning but the excitement starts mounting Friday.

All players who registered for football will be issued equipment starting Friday evening according to Coach Franz Haun. The equipment issue will be by appointment as directed in letters sent to the registered players.

Seniors can pick up their equipment from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Juniors and sophomores will get their gear on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 in the afternoon.

An open call has been issued for persons interested in participating in football. They can pick up equipment at the high school on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Monday morning at 9 the players will get down to the serious business of preparing for La Grande's nine game schedule. The Tigers open their schedule Sept. 11 against Union on the local field.

The second practice of the two-day grind will be held at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. A full game scrimmage is scheduled for Friday and a practice Saturday morning to correct mistakes found in the scrimmage is set for 9.

The Tigers will have three weeks practice before their first game and Haun has 52 registered ballplayers ready to open practice. About half the registered gridders are sophomores. Seventeen lettermen will be back from last year, five of the returnees are backs.

Eight lettermen are gone from last year's squad including five starters. Another player has already been lost to the squad for at least part of the season. Lionel Myers has a broken jaw and isn't expected to join the squad until mid-season.

Jim Cornett a ballplayer from Vale has transferred to La Grande and will join the squad on opening day.

Haun is starting his second year as head coach of the La Grande team.

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