

Cleveland, Red Sox, Yankees Triumph

(Associated Press) 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 In-

dians are setting the hottest pace in the league. The Indians scored their sixth straight victory and the 13th in their last 15 starts Monday 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 staggered Detroit, 7-2, and the Yanks dogged to an 8-7 triumph over St. Louis in day games. Boudreau's warriors will rest Tuesday before taking on the Red Sox in Cleveland Wednesday night in a game that will go a long way in deciding the flag.

The Yanks also were forced to come from behind to nip the Browns, trailing 5-3 going into the sixth, the Yanks scored twice to tie the score. They moved 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 39th homer.

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

Zale's Crown Risked Tonight

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Sept. 21—(U.P.)—Champion Tony Zale and Marcel Cerdan, gold-toothed French mauler, were scheduled to match their dynamite and durability Tuesday night in a 15-round bout for the world middleweight crown at Roosevelt Stadium.

And the weather forecast of "fair and cool" indicated that the schedule would be carried out. Despite rumors that a "flood" of western money was being plunked down on Zale of Gary, Ind., the betting price had lengthened only half a point in 24 hours. Zale was favored at 8 to 5.

Wagering was heavy, and the French challenger from Casablanca, Morocco, was well supported. Each veteran was known to be a willing, destructive socker. It was a fight between the world champion and the champion of Europe.

Hopes for \$300,000 Promoter Andy Niederreiter did not expect the crowd to exceed 25,000. He hoped for a gate of \$300,000; but many skeptics doubted that it would reach \$250,000. If it fell below \$230,000, Niederreiter's outfit—the Tournament of Champions, Inc.—would lose money on its second promotional venture.

Zale will receive a guarantee of \$120,000; Cerdan, a guarantee of \$40,000. Both Zale and the promoter are protected against the 160-pound title going abroad permanently should Cerdan upset the champ. Their contract provides for a return bout within six months under T. C. promotion. It also provides that, in case of victory, Cerdan's \$40,000 will be held in escrow by Abe J. Greene, president of the National Boxing Association, until the Frenchman grants Zale a return title shot.

Zale Rugged Cerdan, 32, was making the first foreign challenge for the world's undisputed middleweight crown since Tommy Milligan of England was knocked out by Mickey Walker of the U. S. at London in 1927.

Because of his punch and ruggedness, Zale was favored to make a successful first defense of the crown he recaptured from Rocky Graziano at Newark, N. J., last June 10. That Newark bout was the T. C.'s first promotion. Zale, 34, is an explosive puncher—both to body and head. During his 14-year professional career he won more than half of his bouts by knockouts—46 kayoes in 86 bouts. He was stopped three times in his career. The last time was by Graziano at Chicago in July, 1947.



MICKEY HARRIS Keeps Boston Ahead

Tiders, Saints Ready for Game Thursday Night

Ray Hendrickson is tapering off his University High gridders for their opening game Thursday night at Civic Stadium. The Tiders went through their final heavy workout Tuesday prior to taking on the St. Mary's Gaels.

For Father J. J. Linehan's Gaels, Thursday's appearance will be their third. They have played two good games, though losing both. The first was a 19-6 loss to Eugene. Last week, Cottage Grove won 12-0.

Junction City and Elmira are readying for opening. Junction travels to Toledo in an inter-districtal Tri-County clash, while Elmira becomes the first opponent for Lowell in history. Lowell, though a "B" school, is playing the eleven-man game for the first time this season.

Eugene High and Springfield vie in a Big-Six clash game at the Stadium Friday night. Other Friday games see Cottage Grove at Sweet Home and Lebanon at Albany.

Santa Rosa Grabs One-Game Margin In Far West Playoffs

(United Press) The Far West baseball league President Cup playoffs adjourn to Klamath Falls Wednesday with the Santa Rosa Pirates holding a one game edge after Tuesday night 7 to 6 win over the Klamath Falls Gems.

Santa Rosa won its third game of the best-of-seven series behind the splendid relief hurling of Southpaw Larry Jones who went in after the Gems had scored three runs in the first inning.

Joe: He Talks Baseball

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—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:

Doesn't Like Runners "Man isn't that baseball race something?" "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." Using Heavy Gloves 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 out of six rounds by the Associated Press score card. The first round was even.

Elmira to be Stronger Than in '47

Services Take Two Regulars From Backfield

By BILL LOVE ELMIRA, Sept. 14—The "call of the colors" put a definite crimp into Coach Jim Mulvahill's plans as he prepares his 30-man Elmira Falcon squad for the opening game Thursday at Lowell.

Mulvahill, in his second year at Elmira—which is also Elmira's second year in the eleven-man football field—had counted on having most of last year's players for his nucleus. He does have eight lettermen returning, but gone are two backfield regulars expected to be key men in this year's grid campaign.

Quarterback Ralph Dinnell, pass flinging co-captain, selected a year in the marines instead. Fullback Larry Hollis, a 150-pound junior, joined up with Uncle's naval forces.

Halfbacks Strong Despite these losses, Elmira has five lettermen as backfield candidates. Wayne Mason has been given the quarterback assignment vacated by Dinnell.

Dick Sisson, non-letterman Wayne Smalley have the inside track for starting halfback berths, although three other lettermen are also making definite bids for starting assignments—Rusty Briles, Bill Aukerman, and Richard Wilson. Harold Clark, an inexperienced junior, will probably open at fullback.

The first-string ends are well taken care of with lettermen Tom Brown and Bob Bates playing their final year of the high school sport.



AN ELMIRA HALFBACK COMBINATION that will see plenty of action Thursday in the opener at Lowell is composed of Rusty Briles (left) and Bill Aukerman. (Staff photo, Wiltshire engraving).

Elmira Grid Roster

ENDS	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Bob Luttrell	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.
Tom Brown	16	122	5'	Sr.	1	Dave Bates	15	134	5'9"	Jr.	0
Bob Bates	17	142	5'11"	Sr.	1	Wayne Mason	16	142	5'10"	Jr.	0
Dale Christiansen	16	137	5'9"	Sr.	0	Rusty Briles	15	139	5'7"	So.	1
Louie Plumley	17	135	5'2"	Jr.	0	Dick Sisson	17	126	5'8"	Sr.	1
						Richard Wilson	17	132	5'7"	Sr.	1
						Wayne Smalley	16	151	5'10"	Jr.	1
						Keith Harper	16	151	5'7"	So.	0
						Roger Shorack	13	119	5'7"	Fr.	0
TACKLES	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	QUARTERBACKS	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.
Aaron Garber	17	194	5'8"	Sr.	0	Wayne Mason	16	142	5'10"	Jr.	0
Eddie Hanson	15	151	5'11"	So.	0	Rusty Briles	15	139	5'7"	So.	1
Eugene Wilson	17	145	5'11"	Jr.	0	Bill Porter	15	125	5'7"	So.	0
David Jones	15	127	5'2"	Fr.	0						
Rodney Gutman	15	145	5'10"	Jr.	0	HALFBACKS	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.
						Bill Aukerman	16	136	5'8"	Jr.	1
						Rusty Briles	15	139	5'7"	So.	1
						Dick Sisson	17	126	5'8"	Sr.	1
						Richard Wilson	17	132	5'7"	Sr.	1
						Wayne Smalley	16	151	5'10"	Jr.	1
						Keith Harper	16	151	5'7"	So.	0
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GUARDS	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	FULLBACKS	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.
Bob Harrington	17	159	5'10"	Jr.	1	Harold Clark	15	162	5'10"	Jr.	0
Lyle Melhorn	15	150	5'10"	Jr.	1	Chuck McKinney	15	157	5'9"	Jr.	0
Dale Kelley	16	132	5'11"	So.	0						
David Jones	15	127	5'2"	Fr.	0						
Joan Mason	13	135	5'7"	Fr.	0						
CENTERS	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.						
Dave McKee	15	147	5'9"	So.	1						

Jones Boys to Get Together Saturday

Farmer Jones, the barefooted hillbilly from Arkansas, made the most auspicious wrestling debut of any grappler in local history at the Eugene Army arena Saturday night when a capacity crowd cheered him on to a spectacular victory over tough Tony Ross.

Jones, who raises pigs eight months of the year and does his "scufflin'" (wrestling to everyone but Jones and his hillbilly neighbors) from one end of the nation to the other for the remaining four months, has been booked against another "one of the Jones" boys for this Saturday night show—Rufus "Puddin' Head" Jones, the formidable Detroit Negro.

The Farmer, who uses his feet like people use their hands, raised "holy ned" when he learned he would be facing a Negro. "I do my scufflin' for fun," the Farmer first said, "but then again, maybe it will be fun to kick that nigger around a bit."

Rufus Jones may prove to be tougher than the pig man realizes—especially if he can get close enough to employ his head-butt. Matchmaker Don Owen is anticipating a gigantic crowd, possibly the largest in local history, and will set up as many seats as can be crammed into the pavilion.

Three other outstanding matches will also be booked, the personnel to be announced later in the week. In the meantime, fans are warned to make early reservations at the Club Cigar agency.

Polio Outbreak Forces Cancellation of Game By Eastern College

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 21—(U.P.)—Springfield College was forced to quarantine its whole football team and cancel Saturday's season opener against Cortland (N. Y.) Teachers when Sheriff Shaw, first string guard, was stricken with infantile paralysis.

College physicians ordered all of Shaw's teammates confined to the field house while they underwent medical examinations. School authorities said the quarantine would last about two weeks and might result in the cancellation of the scheduled Oct. 2 game here against New York University.

Woodcock, Oma Vie Tonight in London

LONDON, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—Bruce Woodcock, who was knocked out in training by a punching bag, predicted he would kayo Lee Oma in his ring comeback tonight.

Oma, the Detroit playboy who trained in a Piccadilly Gym near the bright lights he loves, said "This is my seventh fight this year. Maybe I'll be lucky."

Duke Iversen Released

NEW YORK, Sept. 21—Duke Iversen, outstanding blocking back for the University of Oregon a few years ago, was released along with four other players as the New York Giants of the National Pro League cut their roster to the 35-player limit Tuesday.

The Fightin' Irish in High Gear



FRANK LEAHY LOST JOHNNY LUJACK, among several other key men from the defeated team, but the above quartet is only part of what the Irish mentor will have to face. Stepping high are Coy McGee, Red Sitko, Mike Swistowicz, and Frank Tripodis.

Acorns Assume Half-Game Lead

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—The celebrated, bitterly protested "pine-tar" game of Aug. 14 will receive a brief but just burial Tuesday night when the Pacific Coast League-Leading Acorns meet the San Francisco Seals for half-inning replay.

The miniature game will begin with the bottom of the ninth with San Francisco at bat and trailing 3 to 4. If the Seals score, the contest will continue until a decision is reached.

The replay was ordered by League President Clarence "Pants" Rowland, who upheld Skipper Lefty O'Doul's protest that the umpires should have cleared the field of both Acorn hurler Ralph Buxton and his alleged pine-tar glove.

The Acorns pocketed a half-game lead Monday night by trouncing the Sacramento Senators 6 to 1 behind the eight-hit hurling of Right-Hander Jack Salvson. Harry Lavagetto, who slammed his third homer of the year, and Mel Duezabou sparked the Acorns hitting attack.

The Seals will play Seattle after Tuesday night's replay, Portland will battle Los Angeles, and the Hollywood Stars will meet the San Diego Padres. Oakland and Sacramento will not play Tuesday night.

Score: Oakland..... 000 200 031—6 10 0 Sacramento..... 000 000 001—1 8 0 Salvson & Lombardi; Nagy & Castino.

SKET CHAMPION LAS VEGAS, Nev., Sept. 21—(U.P.)—Pete Read, San Angelo, Tex., was skeet-shooting's champion of champions, defeating Ben Di Iorio, Utica, N. Y., 225 to 224, for the title.

Weather to Play Important Role in Canadian Tour

VANCOUVER, B.C., Sept. 21—(U.P.)—Weather was expected to be the deciding factor in the \$10,000 Canadian Open golf tournament Sept. 22-25 at Shaughnessy Heights as a class field of 139 linksmen from the U.S. and Canada prepared for the Wednesday opener.

The cream of golfdom will battle it out for the money. The Seagram Cup and the Canadian title. Top-name golfers entered in the tourney include leading money winner Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago, Johnny Palmer of Baden, N.C., Skip Alexander of Lexington, N.C., and Fred Haas, Jr., of New Orleans.

Ed Oliver, winner of a sudden death elimination in the hectic \$12,500 Tacoma Open, was expected to arrive here today, accompanied by the San Francisco team of Cary Middlecoff, Chuck Condon, and Ghezzi, Englander.

Bud Ward, great tear after winner of D'Alene Open last year for 54 holes, leading in the "you gotta be Shaughnessy" match under par 71 the round.

WINS BY TWO SAN FRANCISCO—Art Aragon won a fast, tight match here with Francisco, in their scheduled round.

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HIGHCLIMBER By DICK STRITE

Most Oregon football followers are now convinced that in Johnny McKay, Woodley Lewis, Jim Alken, Jr., and Bunny Easter, the Webfoots have adequate replacement for the left-halfback position left vacant by the graduation of Jake Leicht.

"We've never lived on the west banks of the Mississippi, but we're still 'from Missouri.'" We want to see the Webfoot backs function against a gang of linemen that do more than grab for the belt straps of charging backs—and we want to see Tommy Hines work behind a strong line. We'll grant the enthusiasts one point—that all of the Oregon left-halfback candidates possess more final punch than Jake.

Easter, the tiny Nebraskan, promises to become the "darling" of the fans. He certainly stole their hearts Saturday when making a spectacular 48-yard gallop through most of the Santa Barbara team. It appears doubtful that Alken cared particularly about rolling up such a high score—but you can't have a successful football team pull its punches without deadening spirit. Actually, four of the eight touchdowns Saturday were on breaks—three on recovered Gaucho fumbles; one on an intercepted pass. But it is an alert ball club that makes those breaks and takes advantage of 'em.

Some fans speculated on the size of Saturday's score against previous Oregon steamroller point-manufacturing. . . . The highest Oregon score was a 114-0 victory over the College of Puget Sound in 1910, and others follow in order: 97-0 over Willamette in 1916; 35-0 over Portland in 1898; 70-0 over Pacific University in 1902; 81-0 over Willamette in 1914, and 58-0 over Pacific in 1929. . . .

Oregon has been on the short end of adding-machine totals, too. . . . Remember "Pearl Harbor" and the 71-7 loss to Texas in 1941; the 53-0 loss to Southern California in 1931, and one many would like to forget, the 39-2 loss OSC in 1942.

Bob Reynolds, the talented Oregon halfback of two years ago, has returned to school and is enrolled in the law school. . . . Asked if he would like to play with this year's team, Bob said, "I don't think I could make the club."

The new four-sided basketball scoreboard has arrived and will be installed in McArthur Court soon. . . . It's quite a piece of equipment, with a gigantic time clock and large illuminated numbers on each side, and a signal for timeouts and the end of playing time. . . .

And that's about the best Oregon will be able to do in improving the Igloo this year. . . . The bids for construction of the 3000-seat balcony were far beyond the budget. . . . and the same thing holds for construction of the concrete stands at the south end of Hayward Field. . . .

Henry Ewald of the Santa Barbara News-Press, speaking of the lack of public golf facilities in the California city, has this to say: "As a means of comparison, I offer the following example of another city. Eugene, Ore., is a city of about 25,000, considerably less than Santa Barbara. There are three golf courses in Eugene, one, the Eugene Country Club, is exclusive, yet has rates for the public which are less than the Montecito Country Club. The other two are open to the public. . . . Most encouraging was the great number of youngsters who play golf in Eugene. . . . Most of the high schools in this area have golf teams."

Thanks to John Elder, we quote the following from one of Grantland Rice's columns: "If you want a tough game, and a most important one, don't overlook that Michigan-Oregon meeting on Oct. 2. The hope is that Oregon has a man-killer this season, a much better team than either California or Southern California. You may recall that Oregon finished 1947 with six straight wins."

Oregon State isn't going to sit back and take the second-division position rated the Beavers by the experts. . . . In fact, Spec Keene is interested in a game between OSC and Hawaii, only if OSC is not in the Rose Bowl. . . . We are convinced that OSC, with the possible exception of Michigan, will be Oregon's toughest opponent of the season. . . .

If you're interested in a good baseball film, available for club meetings, etc., the Portland Beavers will be happy to provide a 16mm film, "Around the Diamond," a 35-minute movie featuring Coast League stars, for the asking. . . . Write the club at 2409 N.W. Vaughn St., Portland.

Baseball

AMERICAN	W	L	Pct.
Boston	90	54	.625
Cleveland	89	55	.616
New York	89	55	.616
Philadelphia	83	64	.565
Pittsburgh	71	71	.500
Detroit	68	76	.472
St. Louis	66	86	.432
Washington	51	95	.299
Chicago	48	96	.334

NATIONAL	W	L	Pct.
Boston	74	58	.562
Brooklyn	73	64	.532
St. Louis	73	64	.532
Pittsburgh	72	67	.520
New York	68	73	.485
Philadelphia	65	81	.443
Cincinnati	58	82	.414
Chicago	57	84	.401

COAST	W	L	Pct.
Oakland	108	73	.597
San Francisco	107	73	.593
Los Angeles	96	84	.533
Seattle	91	90	.503
Portland	87	93	.484
San Diego	81	100	.448
Hollywood	79	102	.437
Sacramento	74	108	.407

Major Leaders

NATIONAL	G	A	R	H	Pct.
Musial, St. Louis	48	50	115	215	.373
Ashburn, Philad.	117	48	78	154	.333
Dark, Boston	128	80	78	164	.327

AMERICAN	G	A	R	H	Pct.
Williams, Boston	126	47	118	176	.374
Boudreau, Cleveland	142	52	108	186	.348
Mitchell, Cleveland	131	56	78	180	.333

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