

# Stengel New Yank Pilot; Nevada Offensive Leader

## Two Year Pact Covers Signing

Oaks Give Stengel  
Release to Take Job

BY JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Casey Stengel, one of baseball's most colorful characters, Tuesday returned to the majors as manager of the New York Yankees for the next two years.

Fresh from a pennant and play-off victory with Oakland of the Pacific Coast League, Stengel flew in for a conference with Yankee officials Monday night that won for him one of the most coveted jobs in the game.

No salary terms were announced by President Dan Topping but it was understood that Casey will be paid about \$25,000 a year under a two-year contract.

### Released by Laws

Stengel, freed by President Clarence "Brick" Laws of the Oakland club to negotiate with the Yankees, said he had not made a decision on his coaches, George Kelly, who worked under Johnny Neun and Bucky Walters at Cincinnati, and Neun were believed to be in line.

"The owners have promised to back me up," said Stengel in a press conference shortly after President Dan Topping of the club had announced his new manager. "I'll see what I need but I plan to go slow. You can tear a club down a lot faster than you can build it up."

Now 57, Stengel has been knocking around baseball since he started playing the outfield for Kankakee, Ill., back in 1910. He moved to the big leagues with the Brooklyn Dodgers, a natural for Casey, in 1912.

Stengel's life story is made up of a series in anecdotes involving Casey in a number of bizarre experiences.

In his playing days, he often became involved in arguments with the umpires. Once at Brooklyn he strode to the plate, took a called strike and bowed majestically to his ribs behind the platter. As he doffed his cap, a sparrow winged his way into the bright sunshine.

At the close of his first year as manager, he pulled a Stengel by releasing himself so that he could take a job as boss man at Toledo where he remained through 1931.

Returning to the majors as a coach under Max Carey at Brooklyn in 1932 and 1933, Stengel took over a successor to Carey in 1934. He continued through 1936 and was paid for 1937 while he read about the club in the paper and let Burell Grimes do the work. His contract had another year to run so he was paid off for not working.

### Succeeds Harris

The Braves hired him in 1938 to succeed Bill McKenzie and he held the job through 1943 when he was replaced by Bob Coleman. He took over for Bill Veeck at Milwaukee in 1944 and joined the Yankee organization as manager at Kansas City in 1945. He has been at Oakland, an independent club, for three years.

Stengel succeeds Bucky Harris who did an excellent job in plotting the Yankees to a pennant and world championship in 1947. This season he finished third but had a chance to win up to the day before the end of the season.

## Odell Leaves Hospital Bed But Not to Coach

SEATTLE, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Howie Odell, head football coach of the Washington Huskies, who has been under treatment for a kidney infection, was released from the hospital Tuesday.

Physicians said, however, that he will be confined to his home "for an indefinite period for rest and recuperation."

"We hope it will not be too long," said Dr. Fred L. Scheyer, athletic department medical director.

Odell spent three weeks in the hospital early in August, was released to his home for several days and then went to the hospital on Aug. 28 for extended treatment.

Meanwhile Acting Coach Reg Root set up an entirely new Husky defense for the game with Washington State College at Pullman Saturday.

At the same time, he warned his squad that the Pullman Cougars may be a tougher foe than Coach Bert Labrucherie's UCLA team which Washington bested last week.

"They are a team coming up to a peak. Heaven help Washington if they reach it Saturday afternoon. We have been ready for the last three games. We simply have to be ready for this one."

### DOC HOOKED

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 13.—(AP)—Felix Anthony "Doc" Blanchard, former All-America fullback at the U. S. Military Academy, was married here Tuesday to Jody King, a San Antonio girl, in the home of the bride's parents.

## Greenberg New Cleveland Owner?

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Having you the Indians to win the World Series in six games, Fearless Fraley fingers through leftover scorecards Wednesday to bring you some hits, runs and errors you may have overlooked.

Hank Greenberg, the great home run hitter who stepped down as a player last season, will be the new president of the Cleveland Indians replacing Bill Veeck. That comes from the usual reliable source.

They say in the home of the new world champions of baseball that Greenberg now owns controlling stock in the club and, while he isn't tiffing with Veeck, he has the golden haired promoter ticketed out. Certainly the head greeter in Cleveland was Greenberg, now a vice president, with President Veeck, taking a rear seat in the festivities.

This series should have illustrated fully to Commissioner A. B. Chandler the necessity of a day off between games which necessitate an overnight sleeper jump. The ballplayers hardly had lost their railroad legs after

going from Boston to Cleveland when they had to take to the field without any pre-game practice.

On top of that, they had to stand around the Boston station three hours the night before because a railroad man fell asleep at the switch and forgot to order the special trains made up. . . it hardly was a good advertisement for the New York Central Railroad. . .

The Boston newspapers covered the big baseball event like a circus tent. Their "sportswriters" included such old typewriter spellbinders as Billy Southworth, Freddie Fitzsimmons, Eddie Stanky, Jeff Heath and Red Barrett. . . they all wrote better than at least one guy I know very well, and don't give

me that "I told you so." . .

Fires were frequent in the wooden press stand at Braves Field, where nervous typewriter termines insisted on dropping lighted butts on discarded paper. When the hot copy boys got back from Cleveland the coop was liberally sprinkled with firemen welding hand extinguishers. . . so what happened? That's right. No more fires. . .

The Indian victory made it the first time since 1939 that the American League has won two in a row. The Leagues have been alternating since then. But the happy Indians didn't hold a victory party in Boston, hopping a train right for home instead. Which was just as well. . . there was no joy in Mudville!

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## HIGHCLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

The Cleveland Indians will be lucky to be contenders for the American League pennant next season if the organization continues to hang on to its troupe of second-guessers. . . Twice traveling from Cleveland to Boston and once from Boston to Cleveland with the Indians, their press and so-called well-wishers, we couldn't help but notice the number of critics who could out-guess Lou Boudreau on the first game in Boston and the last one in Cleveland—and one of the most critical was Hank Greenberg, vice-president of the club who is reported to have ambitions to become manager. . . another is Tris Speaker, a very personable fellow and pilot of the 1920 Indians who last won the world's championship.

The organization has some very loyal personnel, too, and two of them are Spud Goldstein, traveling secretary, and Marsh Samuel, public relations director, both of whom helped your little green pea from Oregon do the job of covering the series and Joe Gordon. . .

It's rumored that the deciding factor in getting Chuck Missfeldt, great Milwaukee javelin thrower, to come to Oregon was that contact lenses would be furnished him. . . Without the optical aid Missfeldt is next to blind and doctors say he couldn't even see a football. . . Jim Alken hopes he will become one of the hardest-running fullbacks on the coast. . . Chet Daniels and Jim Berwick both wear contact lenses—unbreakable lenses that fit over the eyeballs and provide the wearer with perfect vision. . .

Bill McKenchie, 61-year-old coach for the Indians and former manager of the Cincinnati Reds, told us that Howard Fox is certain to remain in the majors for some time and that he is a good pitcher with lots of stuff. . . McKenchie, who is considered extremely good with pitchers (although he is a 10-year Major League veteran as an infielder), reports that the only thing that may bother Fox is a spinal injury which doctors have advised leaving alone. . . Fox' record for the past season with Cincinnati is six and nine losses, with 65 strikeouts and 60 walks for a team that was last in team batting and seventh in team fielding.

The final batting records of Joe Gordon and Bobby Doerr follow:

|        | AB  | R  | H   | HR | RBI | Pct. |
|--------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|------|
| Gordon | 551 | 96 | 154 | 32 | 124 | .279 |
| Doerr  | 527 | 84 | 150 | 27 | 111 | .285 |

The 32 homers are two more than Joe's best previous season, which was 30 for the Yankees in 1940. . . And 13 more RBIs than his best previous season, 111 in 1939 with the Yanks. . . Bobby's 27 homers are five more than his best season with the Red Sox, in 1940, but his RBIs are five short of equalling his best season—116 in 1946.

The World Series had provided us with the first chance to see Joe Gordon in action since his final 1935 season with the University of Oregon. . . and his manner of play is extremely different than that of any infielder with the Boston Braves, Red Sox, the Detroit Tigers, or the Indians. . . Gordon is "unlaxed" at every moment except when the pitcher makes his delivery. He stands around talking to the umpire or scratching his head, never squatting with his hands on his knees as most infielders do. But he is set whenever a ball is hit. . . We understand, now, what we were writing about last winter when helping Joe write a book on the "Fielding Faults of Baseball," which will likely not be published until next spring. . .

Why didn't Joe "pickle" more pitches in the series games in Cleveland? The most likely answer was that he was driving at top speed right down the stretch and was very weary by the time the series opened. . . There were bothersome friends and acquaintances "from home," too, for whom he was forced to get tickets. . . It all makes a difference. . .

Basketball practice in the Ivy League starts early because the regular league season opens early in December. . . That's one reason why Hobbs Hobson has his Yale quintet on the practice floor. . . another is that Gord Ridings' Columbia University quintet has already played a series of games in South America. . . As the most personable member of the Cleveland club, our votes goes to Coach Mel Harder—but they're all nice guys.

while, turned up with a new leader. Clyde Scott, University of Arkansas' Olympic star, ripped off 113 yards on the ground in his team's 23-7 loss to Baylor to become the leading ball-carrier in major college games.

He supplanted Fred Wendt of Texas Mines, whose ball-carrying was limited Saturday to 86 yards.

Scott, a hurdler on Uncle Sam's 1948 Olympic squad, now has 453 yards for 54 rushes in four games. Wendt is right behind him with a total of 448 yards in 44 stabs. Scott is only fourth, however, in total offense.

Behind Scott and Wendt in rushing is Wyoming's Walker Jones, who has amassed 400 yards in 43 times with the ball. Then come Jackie Jensen, California's great ball conveyor, with 398 yards and Johnny McKay of Oregon with 385.

Jensen has the best average per try—10.8 yards for every whack at the line. Wendt's average is close—10.2 yards.

Jim Owell of Tennessee is the pass-receiving leader with 18 successful snatches for 249 yards. He has caught two for touchdowns. Rudy Ruppe of Oregon State, last week's leader, dropped to second with 15 caught passes for 169 yards.

Norm VanBroeklin of Oregon ranks seventh in forward passing with 29 completions.

## Samuel Coast Leader, Van Tops Passers

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Don Samuel, Oregon State's smooth working, left handed right halfback, has piled up 491 yards to hold his slim lead in Pacific Coast Conference total offense, PCC statistics revealed Wednesday.

A step behind in yards gained from passing and running was UCLA Quarterback Ray Nagel, with 488. Jackie Jensen, powerhouse fullback from undefeated California, is third with 418 yards.

The crashing Jensen boosted his rushing total to 389 yards in 37 carries for a 10.7 average to maintain leadership in that department.

Oregon's Johnny McKay has gained 385 yards to keep within distance.

Quarterback Norm Van Brocklin of Oregon leads in passes completed with 29 out of 56 for 391 yards. But Nagel's 26 out of 49 has accounted for the most yardage, 484. Southern California's Dean Dill has the best shooting percentage with 20 good in 28 tries for a .14 average.

Other conference individual leaders:

Pass receiving—Ruppe, OSC, 15 for 169 yards; Polsoot, WSC, 10 for 173 yards; Stillwell, SC, 9 for 77.

Scoring—McKay, 36 points; Sarver, California, 30; Johnson, UCLA, Steffen, UCLA, Jensen, California, Twenge, OSC and Samuel, OSC, all tied with 18.

Punting—Brogan, Idaho, 40.5 yards; Durkett, Stanford, 38.9. Pass interceptions—Campbell, Stanford, 4; Malcolm, Montana, 3; Christenson, 3; T. Minahan, California, 3.

## Packers Ask Waivers Fine Players For "Dogging It" in Game

GREEN BAY, Wis., Oct. 13.—(AP)—Unrelenting Coach Curly Lambeau started a reform movement for his Green Bay Packers whom he had penalized for "sloppy play" in an unprecedented pro football action.

Lambeau fined all players one-half of one game's salary and asked waivers on two former star players for the team's "miserable showing against the Chicago Cardinals" last Sunday.

## Trojans Shift Men; Run Through Scrimmage

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Southern California's Trojan's scrimmaged Tuesday in preparation for their important game with Oregon next Saturday in Portland.

Coach Jeff Cravath said that Don Garlin, who has been out with a bad leg, will be ready to spell Don Doll at left half. In Monday night's practice, Ralph Pucci moved to full from right half and Harry Anderson shifted from full to right half.

## Army Gridders Lead Rushing

Last Year's Leaders  
Far Back in Listing

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Notre Dame and Michigan, although their winning streaks are still intact, don't pack the punch they did in 1947—if figures are to be believed.

These two midwestern powerhouses were tops last year in moving the football up and down the field, monopolizing team offensive honors among major college teams.

In the present campaign they have failed to get their steam up, according to statistics of the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau, and trail far back in every attacking department.

Little Nevada remains the nation's No. 1 offensive team, leading both in forward passing and total yardage.

Army, meanwhile, has moved to the front in rushing with a display of land power reminiscent of the great West Point teams during and just after the last war.

Nevada—paced by Stan Heath, needle-threading passer who is the country's leading individual offensive performer—has rolled up an astounding total of 1566 yards in whipping San Jose State, San Francisco and North Texas Teachers.

Against these concededly lower-drawer rivals, the Nevadans have averaged 522 yards a game. They are followed by Wyoming, Miami, University of Ohio and Maryland, in that order, in total offense.

Nevada has racked up 798 yards in passing alone, completing 47 of 90 attempts for an average of 266 yards a game. Heath has thrown 82 of these and completed 43.

Tulsa is second in aerial gains with an average of 209.7 and then come William & Mary with 190.3 and West Virginia with 179.

Army rolled up 401 yards on the ground alone in lashing Illinois last Saturday, 26-21. Now for three games the Cadets have a total of 1063 yards rushing—an average of 361 per contest.

Wyoming, last week's leader, dropped to second place with 1043 for three games—an average of 347.7. Maryland (339) and Texas Mines (307.7) follow.

Michigan is 11th in passing offense and Notre Dame is 13th in rushing. It's their best showing.

Paul Stromberg of Furman is the individual punting leader with an average of 45.2 yards for 29 punts. Charlie Justice of North Carolina has 44.3 for second.

Wyoming is the pace setter in scoring with 149 points, pursued by California with 122, Lafayette 116 and Nevada 113.

The ten leaders in each department include: Total offense—Oregon, 362.5 yards average a game, ninth. Passing offense—Washington State, 172 yards average a game, eighth.

Punting—Brogan, Idaho, 42 yards average a game, ninth.

## Taylor, Hoak Even After 18 for Title

Defending Champion Rod Taylor and Jim Hoak were all even at the end of 18 hole plays Tuesday for the Country Club golf championship. The final 18 holes will be played Thursday. Tuesday Taylor carded a 72 and Hoak fashioned a one-under 71.

George Schweiger became the third flight champion, besting Harold Swartz, 1 up. Clark Endicott took fourth flight honors, beating Ted Wodd, 3 and 2. Charley Gillman won the sixth flight with a 3 and 2 win over Al Potter.

Finals of the other flights will find Joyce Dutton meeting the winner of the Fete Courson-Rod Johnson match for the first flight. Second flight honors will be decided between Dr. Portitt and Bob Goodwin while Lew Swanson will meet Floyd Manville for the fifth flight honors.

## BARNSTORMING AGAIN

BOSTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis is going to barnstorm the country with exhibition bouts in a dozen big cities, Boston fight promoter Sam Silverman announced Monday.

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GEORGE BELL, ace Oregon righthalfback, expresses the effort involved in trying to win from a couple of fanatical Vandals in Saturday's Idaho game, won by the Ducks, 13-0. On the left is Dan Garza (88), Oregon end. (Braun photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

## Ducks Worry About Trojan Ground Power

Following Tuesday's semi-scrimmage, which gave only the linemen and linebackers rough body contact, Coach Jim Alken announced his Webfoots would dress without pads the remainder of the week.

The Oregonians took a rough going over before defeating Idaho 15-8 at Moscow Saturday, but the only questionable starter will be Halfback Johnny McKay, despite the sign he carried around the campus this week: "My knee is okay. I'll be okay for Saturday. Signed—Johnny McKay." Although Halfback George Bell failed to take part in the scrimmage, the big fellow will be ready for the important USC game in Portland Saturday.

Oregon's offense will have added strength in the return to form of Halfback Woodley Lewis and Fullback Ken Maine, who is recovering from a broken hand.

After watching the movies of the Idaho game, the Webfoots went through a long session without spectators. Before sharpening up the offense in the scrimmage, Dick Miller worked with the linemen and linebackers on defensive measures to stop the Trojan's powerful off-tackle and end run plays from its well-function T-formation.

The remainder of the week is expected to be on defensive fundamentals and possibly a variation to the attack especially designed for the USC clash that is expected to be a sellout at Multnomah Stadium.

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