

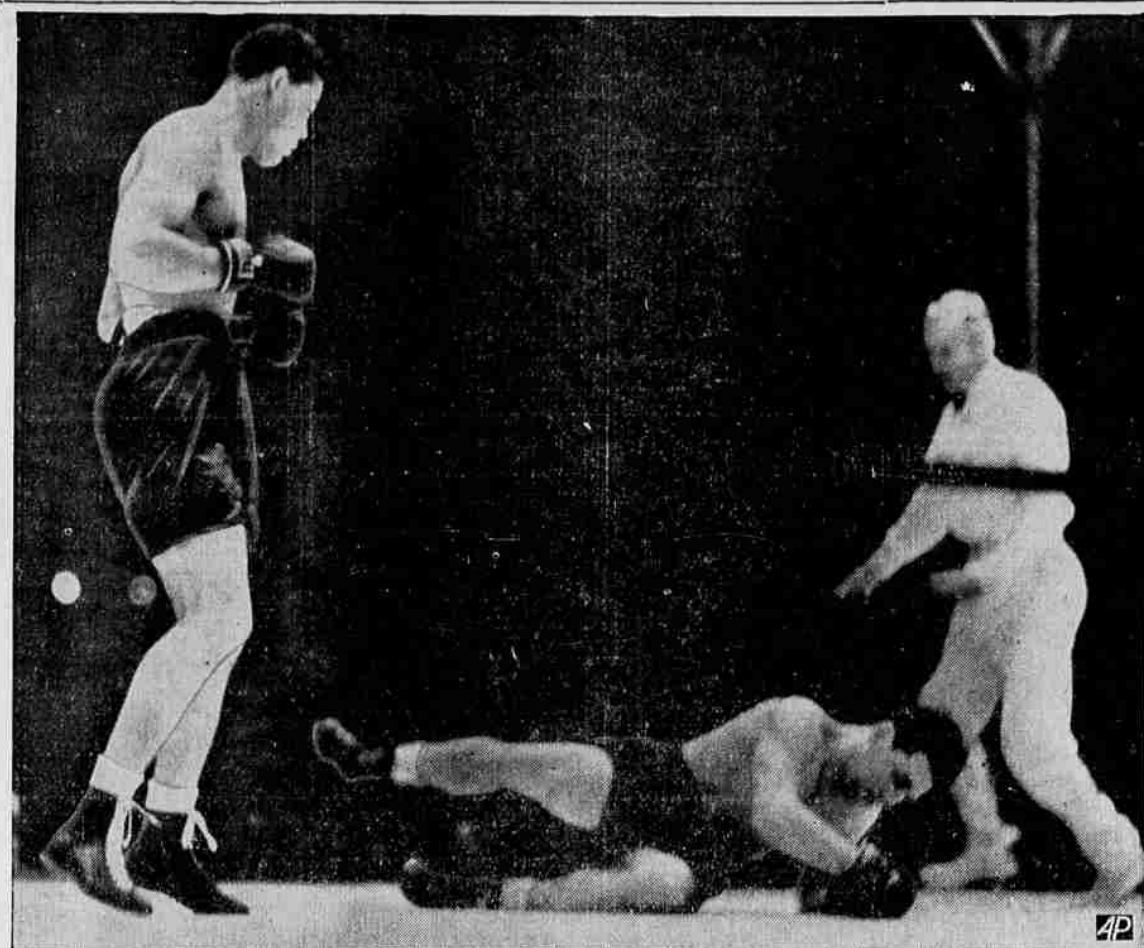
Vikings Preparing for First Game Grid Season Friday

National League Pennant Race to Reach Crucial Stage in Closing Days

Hauk Transfers Yada to Guard, Pearmine Out

Timing may be expected to be considerably off beat and the boys will doubtless get mixed up in their assignments, but the Vikings can be counted on to put up a stiff battle tomorrow night when Salem high makes its initial gridiron appearance of the season. They will take on Jerry Gastineau's band of Braves from Chemawa on Sweetland field at 8 o'clock.

Two days of scrimmaging under a blazing sun have served to bring about a semblance of an organization, but it isn't much more than that. The Vikings have the desire to go places but as yet are a little indecisive as to their directions. Yesterday a pair of guards knocked heads when they tried to hit the same spot simultaneously. Today Coach Harold Hauk planned to spend in teaching his squad signals of the few plays which will be tried out against the Braves.



Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman
Capital Journal Sports Writer

Chuck Wenger is the sole surviving letterman of Coach Tom Drynan's first class grid squad of Park Junior high school, 1939 season. Something along the order of the last of the Mochicans. But if Tom had a half dozen coming up, built like Chuck, he wouldn't need to worry about what is happening out in the south side. Wenger will check in at around 140 pounds when Tom issues the suits into this week or early next. He played end last season, where his six feet, two inches came in handy. Coach Drynan figures he will work well at tackle so that will probably be his spot this season.

What's the hardest spot to fill in junior high football? End? Tackle? Fullback? Nope. It's the center slot. "None of the boys in all my years of experience at Parrish has designated a preference for the center job," Tom says. "There always is absolute silence when I ask 'who wants to play center?' So I have to point my finger at some youngster and say, 'You're it.' That's the way centers are born, at Parrish at any rate." Coach Drynan believes the lack of interest in the ball passing job goes back to sandlot football. "Usually these 'teams' are ruled by big kids who want to do all of the ball carrying, tackling and receiving of passes. They relegate the smaller ones to the jobs they don't want. So when they show up here they want the tackle, backfield and end jobs." Tom believes the center position is one of the most interesting ones on the entire squad. "Defensively the center is in a strategic spot to intercept short passes and crack the offensive ball carriers when he pokes his head through the line."

But to get back to this year's possibilities at Parrish. The boys, as a lot, are a bit smaller than last season. Not quite so rangy or hefty. Tom has one 190 pounder, Vernon Straubach, as a prospect. The rub is, however, Vernon doesn't know whether he wants to play the game. He's going to try it a couple of days and then make up his mind. Then there is a group of lads who were in suit last year but saw little action—mostly 7th and 8th graders at the time. This bunch includes Jim Wenger, Bob Lindley, and half last season; Wesley Miller, halfback; Earl Straubach, fullback; Norman Willig, tackle, and Bud Little, halfback. Newcomers to the squad who look good to Tom are Bob Case, 160 pounder who is built like an athlete; Bill Woelke, another nice looking kid, and Raymond Weathers, 158 pounds. Parrish has equipment for 50 kids and it is probable they will all see service.

Removing dams and reconstructing fish ladders, a job which everybody concerned realizes was in need of accomplishment, is well on the way to being cared for. Ben Claggett, who has had many years of experience in the game and fish law enforcement division, has been placed on the job as "assistant superintendent of fishways, ladders and screens." Blowing out

The Knockout!—Louis Retains Championship Title—Here's the finish of Bob Pastor's game but losing fight against Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis at Briggs Stadium, Detroit. After being dropped several times in the first and second rounds, Pastor came back to stay until the eleventh. But here he goes down for the ten-count after 38 seconds of the eleventh round of the scheduled twenty round bout. Sam Hennessy is the referee. — Associated Press Photo.



Louis Lands A Left—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis crashes a left into the face of Challenger Bob Pastor, ex-New York collegian, in the first round of their bout at Briggs Stadium, Detroit. Louis knocked out Pastor in 38 seconds of the eleventh round to retain his World's Heavyweight championship. — Associated Press Photo.

of a rock obstruction in the Siletz river below Vabets will open that stream to 40 or 50 miles of additional fishing and 60 miles of spawning ground. Two dams have been taken out of the Little Luckanute, three out of the Ricketree and a couple from Butte creek. Ladders, in some cases so narrow that a salmon had absolutely no chance to maneuver, have been found and removed. A start has been made along right lines—let's hope the work continues.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

(By the Associated Press)

League	Player	Team	Points
American League	Batting—DiMaggio	New York	389
	Runs—Rolle	New York	134
	Hits—Rolle	New York	203
National League	Batting—Mize	St. Louis	352
	Runs—Werber	Cincinnati	103
	Hits—McCormick	Cincinnati	189

Hopper Signs For Vet Card

Tuffy Griffith, Oakland middleweight, and Curley Hopper were signed late last night to appear on the Veterans of Foreign Wars boxing club all-star fistic gigantic card at the armory September 27. Griffith, who has met all the best middleweights, and a rough fellow who went the distance with Midnight Bell, will face Logger Jack Hibbard of Klamath Falls in one of the main events. Little Curley Hopper signed his contract to meet the rugged Filipino Mark Diaz of Los Angeles in the other main event.

The Veterans club said they were all set with a northwest lightweight title scrap between Harry Conway of Sureka and Elmer "Buzz" Brown, northwest featherweight and lightweight champion of Portland on the top main event for the title. Leo "The Lion" Turner of Portland, holder of the state middleweight crown, will face southpaw Johnny Peters of Eureka, a stablemate of Conway in the other main go. The four round bout will be announced later. The Vets are trying to sign a pair of heavyweights for this scrap.

Seattle Rainiers Even With Angels

(By the Associated Press)

Los Angeles and Seattle were even today in their half of the post season Shasthiness playoffs in the Pacific Coast baseball league, but Sacramento was two up on the San Francisco Seals.

A five hit, three run blast in the first inning helped the pennant-winning Seattle club to a 5 to 1 victory over the Angels at Seattle last night, while Sacramento won its second straight from the Seals at San Francisco, 5 to 4, in 10 innings.

Seattle's Les Webber had strong fielding support as he let the Angels down with only five hits, two of them in the sixth when Arnold Stata drove in Lou Stringer with the sole Los Angeles tally.

Los Angeles 1 5 2
Seattle 5 12 1

Prim, Flores (1) and R. Collins; Webber and Hancken.

Sacramento 5 14 2
San Francisco 4 13 2

10 innings.

Seals, Smith (10) and Ogdowski, Grik; Stutz, Jorgens (9) and Woodall, Leonard.

Stayton Team Bested

Seo—A Seo foursome, E. J. Holland, J. D. Denmore, Jr., P. W. Schrank and M. D. Zander, bested a Stayton team in 18 holes of golf Sunday on the Bridgeway course at Albany. The Stayton team was composed of Tellison, Bryant, Pendleton and Klecker. A return match at Silverton is planned.

Reds Unable To Distance Card Pursuit

By Judson Bailey
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

Like the break of dawn, it's constantly becoming clearer that the National League pennant race isn't going to be decided until the Cincinnati Reds and St. Louis Cardinals come to grips in the waning hours of the season next week.

For days the two have been separated by the smallest of margins, unable to make a decisive gesture.

This situation was emphasized yesterday as Bucky Walters pitched the Reds to a 3-2 victory over the Phillies and the Redbirds swarmed over the Brooklyn Dodgers, 10-4, to maintain their stern vigil 2 1/2 games out of first place.

Two Tentative Oregon Teams Put on Paper

Eugene, Ore., Sept. 21—Coach Tex Oliver shuffled his University of Oregon football lineup this week with an eye to readying two equally balanced eleven for the Webfoots' opening game against Southern California at Los Angeles September 30.

Barring further changes because of the spirited challenges by sophomore aspirants, the Webfoots probably will line up as follows for the Trojan test:

Center—Jim Cadenasso, senior, 190 pounds.
Left guard—Ernie Robertson, senior, 197 pounds.
Right guard—Oce Walden, senior, 200 pounds.
Left tackle—Jim Stuart, junior, 223 pounds.
Right tackle—Merle Peters, senior, 219 pounds.
Left end—Vic Reginato, senior, 190 pounds.
Right end—Vic Reginato, senior, 190 pounds.
Quarterback—Dennis Donovan, senior, 180 pounds.
Left halfback—Jay Graybal, senior, 158 pounds.
Right halfback—Buck Berry, sophomore, 180 pounds.
Fullback—Frank Emmons, senior, 218 pounds.

Louis, Maul Monarch Without Opposition

By Jack Cuddy

Detroit, Sept. 21 (U.P.)—Joe Louis, monarch of Maul, stood out today as one of the most isolated figures in the history of pugilism—a champion without a worthwhile challenger. Who is there left to fight him, now that he has knocked out brave Bob Pastor in the 11th round before 33,800 fans in Briggs stadium, the 'Tigers' ball park?

Promoter Mike Jacobs had tentatively matched the hard-hitting Detroit negro to fight Tony Galento in Chicago next June, his ninth defense since winning the title from Jim Braddock in 1937. No heavyweight champion in history ever risked his crown so often and so successfully. He has turned in seven kayoes in eight defenses, and there is only Galento left to fight again in June.

Pastor looked great in getting kayoed last night before a crowd that provided a \$347,870 gross gate. He was floored four times in the first round, once in the second, and again in the 11th when he took the 10-count, trying to support his battered, bloody body on his hands and knees.

Six times the former New York U fullback hit the deck, sprawled on his knees, each time by a smashing right to the chin. Most of those starboard blows were crosses that smothered Pastor's left jab. They were double-crosses, because Pastor and his handlers had expected that Louis would concentrate on left hooks, the portside blows with which Louis won the title and his seven previous defenses.

Pastor had evaded those left hooks in his first meeting with Louis in '37, when he lasted 10 full rounds. And he trained eight long weeks to avoid them this time. But the bomber and his wily trainer, Jack Blackburn, crossed up "Bicycle Bob." Joe's left saw little service, out that explosive right flat worked over time.

Nearly 500,000 Boy Scouts are registered in the British Empire.



Coach R. L. Mathews

Mathews to Start Weekly Forecasts

The Capital Journal tomorrow will publish the first 1939 edition of Coach's Choice, a weekly forecast of major western football games by R. L. (Matty) Mathews, football coach at the University of Portland.

Mr. Mathews, former head coach at Willamette, Idaho and Gonzaga, had unusual success as a forecaster last year, and his weekly column will give football fans of Salem and vicinity an expert's view of the major western grid contests of each week.

He will forecast about the games each week, and give the reason for his choice.

Trojan Fullbacks Wage Merry War

Los Angeles, Sept. 21 (U.P.)—The battle for the fullback post at Southern California goes merrily on.

Chief candidates are Jack Banta, Bill Sangster and Bob Peoples, either one of whom could lay claim to a regular berth on many of the country's gridiron aggregations.

Sangster, a senior, may rate first honors because of his class, but the other two are pressing close behind.

Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 21 (U.P.)—The University of California Bears go through their first scrimmage today, two days ahead of schedule, because Coach Leonard "Stub" Allison explained, calisthenics under Trainer "Cap" Pease put the football players in shape earlier than expected.

Salem Skate Club Elects Officers

The Salem Skating club held the first of its regular fall and winter business meetings Tuesday evening at which time the following officers were elected: Don Douris, president; Warren Butler, vice-president; Sally Douris, secretary; Julia Pease, Loyd Sheridan, Wilbur Jory, Milo Syverson, Tom Jaskoski, Warren Butler, Johnny Zurcher, Josephine Burke, Mildred Goforth, Vivian Aspinwall, Frank Sherwood, Charles Espin, Jerry Gregson, George Wagner, Eldon Slavins, Harold Hobbie, Al Kenfield, Bernita Strain and Ray Koch.

THE STANDINGS

(By the Associated Press)

League	Team	W	L	T
American League	St. Louis 11	8	16	inns.
	Philadelphia 8	20	13	inns.
	New York 8	Chicago 4	11	inns.
	Cleveland 7	Washington 2		
National League	New York 4	Chicago 2		
	St. Louis 10	Brooklyn 8		
	Cincinnati 3	Philadelphia 2		
	Boston 1	Pittsburgh 1		
Pacific Coast (Playoffs)	Seattle 3	Los Angeles 1		
	Sacramento 3	San Francisco 1		
Western International (Playoffs)	Wenatchee 2	Tacoma 0		

Final Auto Race For Oregon City

Portland, Ore., Sept. 21—Midget auto racing in the northwest will close Thursday night with the staging of the 100-lap gold cup classic at Kelly field, Oregon City. This the longest of all midget main events to be held this season, was moved to Oregon City because the bowl can accommodate more than 7000 persons in the stands.

Leading Pacific coast midget drivers, including many pilots from the south, will compete. The Oakland and San Francisco tracks closed last week and the top drivers on these tracks came north for the 100-lap gold cup finale.

Time trials will start at 7:30 p.m. and the first race will get under way at 8:30 p.m.

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