

# The Sporting Page

## TROJANS FACING EARLY TRIAL OF PIGSKIN METTLE

### College of Pacific in Opener—Huskies Second—Jones More Optimistic Than Usual Before Season

By Robert Myers.  
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Loyal following of the gridiron fortunes of University of Southern California won't have to wait long this fall to find out if Howard Jones has a football team.

Last year the Trojan supporters rolled along in high glee through Oregon State, Oregon and Illinois before they pulled up and the thundering herd began to pant for breath. Washington State held Troy to a scoreless tie and two weeks later California applied a 13 to 7 defeat as a dismal warning of further trouble ahead. The warning was well founded and S. C. wound up the season with two defeats and three ties.

Stagg Team in Opener.  
This year the agony, if there is to be any, won't be delayed. Headman Jones, who hasn't seen the inside of the Rose Bowl, except as an ordinary spectator, since 1934, sends his lads against Alonzo Stagg's College of the Pacific in the opener, and then runs smack into the powerful Washington Huskies.

If the Huskies aren't enough, Ohio State comes to town the next week. If the boys survive these two, watch out for Troy.

What has S. C. got this year? About one hundred head of material, of which 10 lettered in 1936. Chief among the missing are graduates Davis, Davis, sparkling of the offense, and Capt. Bill Kuhn, center and mainstay of the line.

Jones, picking California, Washington, Stanford and U. C. L. A. much in that order as the teams to beat in the Pacific coast conference, is a mile more optimistic at this stage of the season than last year. He won't go so far as many Trojan friends, however, who definitely think S. C. is destined for greater things.

Strong Front Wall.  
Long an exponent of power plays, Jones believes his front wall, averaging around 200 pounds, has more physical strength than last year. This would indicate that Troy will play much the same brand of football as of yore, vague promise of a more wide-open attack notwithstanding.

The Trojan backfield, as presently contemplated, will average around 186 pounds or less. Chief figure promise to be Ramblin' Amby Schindler at quarter, with a durable sophomore, Bill Sangster, likely to win honors at fullback in view of a bum knee owned by the regular man for the job, Angelo Picciatti.

All told, Jones has a well seasoned aggregation with abundant reserve strength. Whether it will be good enough to stand the strain of the conference's round-robin schedule remains to be seen but you can get an early peep along about dusk on October 2 when the Husky-Trojan race is posted on the board.

## RACES TO FEATURE DEL NORTE'S FAIR

Featuring three days of horse racing with legal pari-mutuel betting, the Del Norte county 41st district agricultural fair will open in Crescent City, Cal., September 23 and last through Sunday, September 26. One of the finest agriculture exhibits in years is expected, with \$3400 in cash premiums to be paid winners September 25. There will also be a livestock parade on the opening day of the fair.

Daily, between horse races at the fairgrounds, there will be chariot, Roman and novelty events. Following a mammoth fireworks display at 8 p. m. Saturday at the fairgrounds, sponsored by the Shell Oil company, dancing will be enjoyed at the Memorial hall. A carnival will be a success to add the proper atmosphere to this year's festivities.

The Crescent City high school band will play during duration of the fair.



### LITTLE SPLASH IN A big pond is good diving. This is how Ruth Jump won the platform event at the A.A.U. championships in San Francisco.

## HOW THEY STAND

(By the Associated Press.)

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
<b>Coast.</b>			
Sacramento	100	72	.581
San Diego	95	77	.552
San Francisco	95	77	.552
Los Angeles	87	85	.506
Portland	86	85	.503
Oakland	78	94	.453
Seattle	77	94	.450
Missions	69	103	.401
<b>National.</b>			
New York	80	52	.606
Chicago	79	55	.588
Pittsburgh	72	63	.533
St. Louis	72	62	.537
Boston	68	67	.504
Brooklyn	59	74	.444
Philadelphia	54	80	.403
Cincinnati	50	80	.385
<b>American.</b>			
New York	89	45	.674
Detroit	80	54	.597
Chicago	76	59	.568
Boston	71	60	.542
Cleveland	71	62	.534
Washington	63	71	.470
Philadelphia	42	80	.341
St. Louis	40	94	.299

## Scores Yesterday

(By the Associated Press.)

Team	R.	H.	E.
<b>Coast.</b>			
Oakland	2	5	2
Portland	9	14	0
Douglas, Oids and Volpi, Lisks and Cronin.			
<b>R. H. E.</b>			
Sacramento	5	3	1
Seattle	9	11	2
Pippen, Stout, Murray and Franks; Barrett and Spindel.			
<b>(11 innings):</b>			
San Diego	2	11	1
Missions	3	12	1
Salvo and Detore; Teat, Babich and Sprinz.			
<b>R. H. E.</b>			
San Francisco	10	14	1
Los Angeles	0	9	2
Gibson and Monzo; Berry, Overman, Garland and Collins.			
<b>National.</b>			
At Pittsburgh 2-6, New York 12-2.			
At Cincinnati 2-2, Brooklyn 4-11.			
At Chicago 0-2, Boston 9-4.			
At St. Louis 9-1, Philadelphia 8-0.			
First game 14 innings; second called in fifth, darkness.			
<b>American.</b>			
At Washington 6, Detroit 11.			
At Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 11.			
At New York 17, Cleveland 5.			
Only games scheduled.			

## YANKEE TRACK SQUAD EMBARKS FOR HOME

TOKYO, Sept. 15.—(P)—After a successful Japanese campaign, a picked American track and field squad was homeward bound today on the Taiyo Maru.

## PESEK SCOUTS CLAIMS OF MARSHALL, NAGURSKI

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Sept. 15.—(P)—John Pesek told the National Wrestling Association today he was ready to defend his heavyweight title within 90 days against Everett Marshall and boasted he could pin the challenger twice within 30 minutes.

Pesek was named champion by the association at its convention here with the National Boxing association, on the condition that he meet either Marshall or Bronko Nagurski in a championship match within six months.

The Nebraskan, through his manager, Al Haft of Columbus, rejected Nagurski as an opponent. He said: "He is a trust manipulated wrestler who cannot wrestle his way out of a paper bag."

At the concluding session today, the boxing association took up for final action a resolution asking Joe Louis to signify his willingness to defend his heavyweight title against Max Schmeling or have the throne declared vacant.

An unofficial poll of members at the opening of the meeting shows a majority of the members favoring this resolution:

"Resolved, that Joe Louis be given 30 days within which to submit his willingness to defend his title against Schmeling at a time and place under such conditions as the national body shall direct, failing in which that his title shall be declared vacant."

## BEAVERS DRAW NEAR FIRST DIVISION WITH 9-2 WIN OVER OAKS

(By the Associated Press.)  
Thanks to five-hit pitching by Ad Liska, Portland 1936 Pacific Coast league champions, were a half game from the first division today with the title playoff only a week away.

As the fifth place Beavers were handing Oakland a 9 to 2 trouncing, the San Francisco Seals and San Diego, the league's top hurler, were blanking fourth place Los Angeles, 10 to 0.

San Francisco's victory put it into a tie for second place with San Diego, which dropped a 3 to 2, 11-inning game to the league's most consistent looser, the San Francisco Missonians. Sacramento retained its five-game lead although it dropped a 9 to 5 game to the in and out Seattle Indians.

Last night's win was the 22nd of the season for Liska. He fanned six and walked four, Portland nipped two Oakland hurlers for 14 hits, including three two-baggers by Nino Bongiovanni. Portland staged a six-run uprising in the sixth to put the game on ice.

## GERMANS PULL EVEN IN TENNIS LAURELS

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—(P)—The German doubles team of Baron Gottfried and Hanner Henkel and America's great combination of Don Budge and Gene Macko were all square today in their tussles this season.

The Germans pulled up even yesterday by whipping the Wimbledon and Davis cup winners, 6-7, 2-6, 7-5, 7-5, in the top event of a series of exhibitions at the Onwentsia club.

Von Cramm and Henkel scored their first triumph over the Americans in winning the U. S. championships at Brookline, Mass., two weeks ago.

## Joe Brown's Son Hurt In Smashup

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15.—(P)—Don Brown, son of Comedian Joe E. Brown and substitute lineman on the University of California at Los Angeles football team, was put on the shelf indefinitely today by injuries in an automobile accident.

The strapping youth suffered a broken rib and a bruised knee. He will miss the season opener with Oregon and possibly the Stanford game, much to the regret of his sports-loving father.

## Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

### Bowerman Expects Weak Defense and Strong Offense

Big and vital things are happening each and every afternoon out at Medford high school, where Head Coach Bill Bowerman and his two assistants, Russ Acheson and Ed Kirtley, are pounding plenty of football into some 40 candidates for this season's edition of the Black Tornado.

After attending a two and a half hour and man-sized pigskin practice yesterday, and getting Head Man Bowerman's personal slant on the whole business, it becomes apparent to this informer that there have been seven major developments in the Tiger situation since opening day of practice. Said developments are here by listed, though not in the order of their importance:

(1) Coach Bowerman is worried about his defense.

(2) Coach Bowerman is not worried about his offense.

(3) The boys really socked each other for the first time yesterday.

(4) The unexpected return of Hubert Santo increases the available lettermen to nine.

(5) The unexpected failure of Bob Wilson to report for practice apparently decreases the available lettermen to eight.

(6) All variety positions are still wide open. (Bowerman is getting a few ideas, however.)

(7) The team spirit is so good as to be almost unbelievable.

Taking those seven developments in order, we come face to face with the fact that Bowerman is very far from satisfied with the way his line has been acting up. He is wondering whether it will stand up under a concerted attack from such ball-packers as Giovanni of Klamath Falls and Steve Fowler of Ashland.

"Development of a strong defense line will be our major problem," the coach said. "So far, the line has not looked so good. They all have a lot to learn. They are not charging low enough, and if they don't get down there they will be rooted right off the field."

So far as pass defense goes, there is little worry in the coaching staff. With the lightning-fast backfield, the Messrs. Bowerman, Kirtley and Acheson are not afraid of aerial. It's strictly defense against running plays that is causing gray hairs.

That same backfield is the cause of optimism among the coaches in the matter of getting touchdowns. "We'll be able to score this year, and that's a cinch," Bowerman pointed out. "If we can get more touchdowns than our opponents, everything will be fine. However, unless the forward wall gets tough on defense, we are liable to be outscored, good backfield notwithstanding."

For the first time yesterday, honest-to-goodness bodily contact was the order of the day. Bowerman used two lines and two sets of backs in strong-side offensive maneuvers, and the boys really blocked and tackled. One set of ball-carrier consisted of Santo in the blocking quarterback post, Jack Bowman in the mail-packing left halfback position, Jack Hill at right half and Bill Newland, sophomore, at full. Then, Ettinger relieved Bowman, Eldon Grow went in at full, and Todd and Shorty Campbell alternated with Hill and Santo.

One line spread out with Root and Miller at the ends, Ehrhart and Baker at the tackles, Eri and Linberg at the guards and Stevens at center. The other forward wall saw Thurman and Miller at the ends, Barrow and Bill Howard at the tackles, Childers and Archibald at the guards, and Prentice at center. Hibert and Dale Howard were also used in the guard slots and Benford saw action at a tackle berth. Dickey and Monseith relieved at end. The two lines alternated in defending against the backfield thrusts.

Big Hubert Santo, who last year earned a letter at tackle and wasn't seriously expected to return to school, is back, however, and Coach Bowerman is working him at the blocking quarterback position. Fast and tough, the coach expects him to fit in nicely back of the line.

Bob Wilson, two year letterman at end and last season selected on the all-conference eleven, checked out a suit at the beginning of practice, but has not yet worked out. Whether he will be able to do service this year is doubtful, Bowerman said, because of work which interferes with practice hours.

Although the coach has begun to notice outstanding performers in the week the squad has been working out, he stated yesterday that all positions were still wide open, and would go to the best ball players regardless of past reputation. Several sophomores and newcomers were

looking good, the coach said, and would undoubtedly see action if they continued the pace they have been setting.

The Tigers won 8, lost 3 and tied 2 ball games last season and one of the best indications that their stock is on the upswing is the remarkable spirit the entire squad is showing at practice. Yesterday, after a downright savage workout, the grimen swarmed into the dressing rooms and figuratively raised the grandstand roof with loud songs and staccato chatter. It was the real winning team spirit, and it brought a large grin to Bowerman's face.

"When they can go through a tough workout like today and still have enough left to engage in the present brand of horseplay," Sir William stated, "I'm not worrying about the team spirit and morale."

So ended yesterday's workout of the 1937 Tigers who, this department fully believes, are going to be a pretty salty gang of footballers before this season is finished. As a parting shot, it might be well to mention that Bobby Ettinger, the two-year letterman halfback, and Jack Bowman, who may develop into the finest back of them all, were doing some sweet passing yesterday. Also, that Jack Hill, from his right halfback post, was doing some nice receiving. So it looks like the locals will have something to offer upstairs as well as on the ground floor.

## NEW RECORD SET FOR MILE AND HALF TROT

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 15.—(P)—The world's new champion mile-and-a-half trotter, five-year-old Greyhound, went through his training paces with unusual verve today in preparation for an assault here Saturday on the world's mile trot record.

The gelding, owned by E. J. Baker of St. Charles, Ill., and handled by Sep Palin of Indianapolis, sped the mile-and-a-half route at the Indiana state fairground track yesterday in 3:02½, shattering the record of 3:14½ set by Rosalyn at Syracuse, N. Y., recently.

The mile record of 1:56½ was set by Peter Manning at Lexington, Ky., in 1922.

## CLEVELAND GIRLS WIN SOFTBALL TITLE AGAIN

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—(P)—Mary Rich and her teammates took the women's national softball championship trophy back to Cleveland for the second consecutive year today. The men's title moved to Detroit.

The Cleveland team last night retained its title by defeating Detroit, 7 to 1, before 20,000 spectators at Soldier Field.

Detroit succeeded Rochester, N. Y., as men's titleholders as 23-year-old Eddie Figeiski turned in a three-hit pitching performance to defeat Sulpis, Okla., 1 to 0. The new champions made six hits off Frank Tuppen and Carl Hart, and scored the only run of the game when Peiper reached second on an error, moved to third on a hit and stole home.