

# Bucky Walters Voted Most Valuable Player in National League

## REDS' PITCHING STAR FAR AHEAD OF JOHNNY MIZE

Derringer and McCormick Finish Third and Fourth—Curt Davis in Fifth Place

By Judson Bailey.  
New York, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Coralling 303 of a possible 336 points, William Henry (Bucky) Walters, Jr., the prodigious pitching star of the Cincinnati Reds, today was named the most valuable player in the National League.

His selection, more or less expected, was made by a committee of the Baseball Writers' Association of America and entitled him to a trophy offered by the Sporting News.

Wins 27 Games.  
The 29-year-old righthander, whose talent for years was buried under a bushel while he masqueraded as an infielder, led both major leagues in victories with 27 during the regular campaign and was instrumental in lifting the Reds to a pennant in his first full season with the club.

He appeared in 39 games, starting and finishing 31 of them and losing only 11.

Second place went to Johnny Mize, the St. Louis Cardinals' slugging first baseman, who won the hitting championship. He received 173 points, including one first-place nomination.

Four points behind him was Paul Derringer, Cincinnati's strong-armed veteran who pitched the Reds to 25 victories and lost but seven during the red-hot senior league circuit race. He received two votes for first place but missed second place ranking in shuffling of secondary votes, which ran his total to 174.

Another Cincinnati hero, Frank (Buck) McCormick, rated 159 points and fourth place.

Davis Polls 106 Votes.

The only other player to get more than 100 votes was Pitcher Curt Davis, the workhorse of the St. Louis Cardinals, who was given 106, although no first place consideration. The one other star given a first place ballot was James Robertson (Jimmy) Brown, the Cards' classy infielder, whose total went to 99.

Other point gatherers, based on a ten-place rating, were:

- Joe Medwick, St. Louis, 81;
- Leo Durocher, Brooklyn, 52;
- Harry Danning, New York, 33;
- Luke Hamlin, Brooklyn, 32;
- Mel Ott, New York, 21;
- William Jurges, New York, 20;
- Dolph Camilli, Brooklyn, 20;
- Billy Myers, Cincinnati, 18;
- Stan Hack, Chicago, 17;
- Augie Galan, Chicago, 15;
- Terry Moore, St. Louis, 15;
- Morris Aronovitch, Philadelphia, 10;
- Linus Frey, Cincinnati, Bill Lee, Chicago, and Enos Slaughter, St. Louis, 8 each;
- Bill Werber, Cincinnati,

## Medford Anglers Enjoy Luck In Lower Reaches of Chetco

That the salmon are biting well in Chetco river and showing promise of furnishing even better sport for fishermen as the cold weather sets in can be vouched for by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilstrap and several other Medford persons who spent a portion of last week angling at Brookings.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine and the latter couple's wedding trip the latter couple's wedding trip last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the coast town, caught and landed three beauties—two chinooks and one silverside. The salmon, three of nine caught Wednesday, ranged in weight from 25 to 40 pounds.

**Bride Gets One.**  
To Mrs. Gilstrap, bride of a day, went the day's honors, for she hooked and landed, all by herself, her very first salmon. It was a chinook weighing 35 pounds, and it was caught on a number three nickel spinner and a very small hook. The party were trolling from a boat in the mouth of the Chetco when Mrs. Gilstrap experienced the thrill of catching her initial salmon.

Not to be outdone by his bride, the former Velma Severson, Mr. Gilstrap hauled in a 40-pound chinook. And to complete the successful fishing foray, Mr. Valentine landed a 25-pound silverside.

The four Medford people reported perfect weather in Brookings and gracious hospitality by citizens of that town. They left here Tuesday, following Mr. and Mrs. Gilstrap's wedding, and returned Friday evening. En route home they tried their luck at several points along Rogue river, south of Grants Pass, but were not successful.

**Sport to Improve.**  
Mr. Gilstrap reported that salmon seemed fairly plentiful in the Chetco and that sportsmen there expected fishing to improve later this month and in November.

About a dozen Medford persons visited Brookings last week,



Above are Mrs. Jimmy Valentine (left) and Mrs. Bob Gilstrap (right) displaying the results of a fishing trip to the Chetco river last week with their husbands. Mrs. Gilstrap is shown holding the first salmon she ever caught, a 35-pound Chinook.

including Mr. and Mrs. Chick Conway and Bob Ward, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Valentine and Mr. and Mrs. Gilstrap.

## GERMAN DEFEATS DUDE CHICK FOR 6TH WIN IN ROW

Promoter Mack Lillard is rapidly running out of opponents for Hans (Hitler) Schulz, the 218-pound German terror.

Last night in the Medford armory the Nazi badman got rid of his sixth straight local opponent, and this time it was Cowboy Dude Chick, capable ex-junior heavyweight champion, who fell before the onslaught of the cruel Hun.

Schulz made amazingly quick work of Chick, who was expected to furnish much more competition than he did. The German won the match with two straight falls, inside of 15 minutes, and the only time Chick threatened to whip on his devastating airplane spin was at the very beginning of the brawl and at the tail end.

At the opening bell Chick managed to hoist Schulz to his shoulders and start the spin, but the latter grabbed for the ropes and foiled the maneuver. At the finish Chick once more lifted Schulz skyward but the attempt ended in disaster for the cowboy. Schulz, wiggling, kicking and squirming, threw Chick off balance and Dude fell over backwards and landed on his head. The blow stunned him sufficiently for Schulz to pin him with a body press for the second and windup tumble.

The German grabbed the first fall in nine plus minutes, using a leg-trap and a body press. During this heat there was considerable slugging on the part of both men, started, of course, by Schulz. Once or twice Chick drove Schulz to cover with rights and lefts, but the German had the better of the milling. He seemed to be stronger than Chick, and shoved him around almost at will.

Pete Belcastro took two straight falls from Speed LaRance in the middle event in a match which provided most of the evening's excitement. Pete used dropkicks and punches to the button to obtain his falls in the second and fourth rounds, during which Referee Earl Yoakley became entangled in a couple of hot sessions on the canvas that resulted in his white trousers being ripped up the back. Earl retired to the dressing room between the third and fourth rounds and reappeared in wrestling trunks.

It was a grueling match, with Belcastro slugging and biting for all he was worth and LaRance returning the blows with gusto and doing a little eating on Belcastro on his own behalf. Belcastro moaned long and loud when LaRance nipped his ear, and during most of the match cried to the referee that Speedy wasn't playing fair.

El Pulpo and Dave Levin battled to a fall apiece draw in the opening event, El Pulpo taking his fall in the fourth round with body scissors and shoulder press and Levin evening the score in the fifth with a series of reverse body slams and a press. The last four minutes of the sixth round were fast and furious as Levin, enraged at a painful wrist bend applied by El Pulpo, started to toss punches. The big Mexican fired them right back and the entire house was in an uproar when the struggle ended.

The hairy Ainus of Japan are a primitive race occupying a position comparable to that of the Indian in America.

## Eureka Game Shows Up Weak Points in Tiger Grid Team

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of weekly articles by Bernie Hughes, dealing with high school football games in southern Oregon. Today he writes of the Medford-Eureka game of last Friday night, won by Medford, 24 to 12.)

(By Bernie Hughes.)  
The Medford-Eureka game turned out to be a good test for Medford, due to the fact the Tigers had not played a team of Eureka's caliber before, with the result that the game turned up a few weaknesses in the local aggregation.

The Medford backs were weak on tackling after the Eureka ball carriers had passed the line of scrimmage. They were hitting them too high rather than socking them low and knocking them off their feet. They also showed a little weakness on passes over the middle, about 10 yards deep, although Newland did intercept one and run for a touchdown.

The Medford line was caught sleeping several times in the first half when Eureka was running its quick-opening plays. ever, the Tiger forwards pulled themselves together in the second half and did a pretty good job of stopping the Logger attack.

Medford's offense looked very good at times, especially in the last half when the team got organized. During the first half nobody was doing a very capable job of knocking down the Eureka line backers, who turned in excellent exhibitions.

All in all, I think the Medford boys turned in a good ball game. By knocking off a few rough edges, they should give Klamath Falls a nice little party next Friday night.

Eureka had several boys who looked very good, especially Louie Tomanovich, their right guard. He is the best line-backer I have seen this year.

## GONZAGANS DRILL FOR TILT WITH WEBFOOTS

SPOKANE, Oct. 17.—(AP)—With unexpected victories over Texas Tech and University of Idaho safely tucked away, the Gonzaga university Bulldogs pointed this week for the University of Oregon Webfoots, whom they meet Saturday at Eugene.

The closest Gonzaga ever came to beating Oregon was in 1932 when they wound up on the short end of a 13-6 score. Two years ago the Webfoots gave the Bulldogs one of their worst trouncings, 40 to 6, in the Gonzaga stadium.

## Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press  
Washington, D. C.—Pat Comiskey, 197, Paterson, N. J., stopped Joe Hill, 194, Los Angeles (8).

Chicago—Tommy Pallatin, 145, St. Joseph, Mich., outpointed Johnny Barbara, 152, South Bend, Ind. (8).

Milwaukee, Wis.—Wesley Ramey, 135, Grand Rapids, Mich., outpointed Wishy Jones, 137, Louisville, Ky. (10).

New York—Mickey Farber, 135, New York, outpointed Frankie Terranova, 140, New York (8).

Still in the wreck of the Fannie & Jennie, Confederate blockade runner lying off the beach at Wrightsville, N. C., is a gold and jeweled sword sent to General Robert E. Lee by British sympathizers.

## Pitt Ranked Number 1 Grid Team; Oregon in 11th Place

New York, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Pittsburgh's Panthers, the team supposed to be de-emphasized, deflated and demoted from top-flight national ranking this season, was given No. 1 position today in the first Associated Press gridiron poll of the season.

Victor over Washington, West Virginia and Duke this season, Pitt again is riding high in the esteem of the public and of the 102 experts who contributed their ballots to this inaugural election. Though the Panthers were outgunned by untried Tennessee, 24 to 19, in number of first-place votes, they gained enough support all along the line to get a total of 709 points. This put Pitt, only eastern eleven to crash the first ten, in front by 79 points over Notre Dame, which also has won three games, but took them all by the narrowest of margins.

Michigan and Ohio State opened their Big 10 campaigns impressively last Saturday and are rated favorites for the conference title; Southern California, with eleventh-place Oregon, out on the west coast, and Texas Aggies drew most of their ballots on the strength of their 33-7 thumping of Villanova last week-end.

The standings of the teams (points figured on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis, first-place votes in parenthesis):

Team	Points
1—Pittsburgh (19).....	709
2—Notre Dame (16).....	630
3—Oklahoma (9).....	538
4—Tulane (13).....	523
5—Tennessee (24).....	512
6—Michigan (10).....	472
7—Southern Calif. ....	408 1-7
8—Alabama (2).....	372 9-14
9—Texas A. & M. (5).....	365 1-7
10—Ohio State.....	322

Team	Points
11—Oregon (2) 183 1-7; 12—	
Cornell (1) 172; 13—Duke, 117	
1-8; 14—North Carolina, 77; 15—	
Carnegie Tech, 68; 16—Ne-	
braska, 53; 17—Mississippi, 36;	
18—Southern Methodist, 30; 19—	
Baylor, 28; 20—St. Mary's, 24.	
Also ran—Louisiana State 15,	
Pennsylvania 12, Harvard and	
Navy 8 each, Oregon State 7,	
Dartmouth 6, Kentucky 4, Ford-	
ham, Utah and Indiana 3 each,	
U.C.L.A. 2, Auburn 1-7.	

## DAM ENGINEERS STUDY DISTRIBUTION HOOKUP

Portland, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Bonville engineers are studying a plan to connect all northwest power distribution systems with the Bonneville system. Administrator Paul J. Raver told the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers last night.

Such a plan, he said, would insure abundant and dependable cheap power that would attract metal industries to the region and bring economical energy "practically to the mouth of every important mine in Oregon and Washington."

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**No Steel Slump**  
Portland, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Steel men do not expect another business slump in 1940. Vice-President Donald B. Gillies of the Republic Steel corporation said here yesterday. Depleted inventories stimulated steel business before—and despite—the war, he declared.

## JOE GORDON ON PHEASANT HUNT

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Joe Gordon, member of the New York Yankees, world champions, returned to his adopted home here last night, but remained just long enough to pack his shotguns and head toward eastern Oregon for bird shooting.

The former University of Oregon baseballer, considered by many experts as the greatest second-baseman in baseball today, said he had a "pretty fair season"—actually he was the defensive star of the Yankee infield and boosted his batting average in his sophomore year in the American league some 30 percentage points above his average of last year.

Gordon, who plans to build a home here this winter with his world series winnings, will return to Eugene early in November. He plans to take graduate work at the university and hunt and fish during his spare time until spring training starts.

## OREGON STATE WARNED OF DESPERATE HUSKIES

Corvallis, Oct. 17.—(AP)—"After losing three games, Washington will be desperate, and if they click they have enough stuff to beat any team."

That warning was passed on to the Oregon State football squad yesterday by Beaver Scout Jim Dixon, who saw the Washington-W.S.C. game Saturday. The Oregonians are working for Saturday's battle with the Huskies at Seattle. Coach Lon Stiner tried several different combinations during Monday's workout.

## EDDIE HOGAN TO TAKE PROFESSIONAL STATUS

Portland, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Eddie Hogan, former P.N.G.A. open and amateur champion and a ranking Portland amateur since 1928, announced last night he would become professional at Portland's Riverside Golf club November 1.

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## PICHE WILL PLAY AGAINST KLAMATH

Billy Piche, regular right halfback who was out of the Eureka game last Friday with a leg injury, will be fit to see action against the Klamath Falls high Pelicans next Friday evening in Klamath Falls, Coach Bill Bowerman of the Medford Black Tornado announced today.

Piche's leg has almost entirely healed and he will probably open the game at his regular position, the coach stated.

There were no serious casualties in the tough Eureka battle, and with the exception of several cases of "charley horses" the team came through the thriller in fine style, Bowerman explained.

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