

The Sporting Page

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:
Tie Forseen For Southern Oregon Conference Title

As a result of that 0 to 0 tie turned in by Medford and Klamath grid teams in Klamath Falls Friday night, it appears almost a dead certainty the 1939 Southern Oregon conference championship will be divided equally between the Tigers and the Pelicans.

Unless the unforeseen happens and Grants Pass upsets the Klamathites or Ashland rises up to lick Medford, both Klamath Falls and Medford will end the league schedule with two wins, no losses and one tie. As it stands now Medford has beaten Grants Pass and tied Klamath, and has only Ashland to get over on Armistice day to obtain a co-championship. Klamath Falls has beaten Ashland and tied Medford, and faces Grants Pass next Friday in what should be a breather.

If the remainder of the loop race runs true to form—Klamath beats Grants Pass and Medford takes Ashland—the Pelicans and Tigers will be tied for the championship, marking the first time in years and years an undisputed title-holder hasn't been determined. In fact, we can't remember of any previous season the championship was held by two teams. Two years ago Klamath and Medford battled to a scoreless tie, but Ashland deadlocked the Pelicans the same season, 6 to 6, to give Medford the crown.

Ties are always disappointing, especially those of the scoreless variety, and it is no secret that everyone here in Medford—fans, players and coaches—are not exactly pleased with the outcome of the Tiger-Pelican fracas. Quite a chunk of Medford money was dropped on the encounter, on those one-point spot-wagers, and some of the boys who lost a fin or a ten are rather free with their criticism of several aspects of the game.

For one thing, there is dissatisfaction over Medford's choice of plays when the team reached Klamath's five-yard line in the fourth quarter and had four downs in which to score a touchdown. The grandstand quarterbacks are claiming the Tigers should have thrown Sausberry straight ahead for at least three plays, basing their reasoning on the fact that he had been ripping the Klamath

line to shreds just prior to Newland's forward pass to Piche, which put the ball on the five-yard stripe.

We are bold to disagree, and to remark that, in our opinion, Quarterback Louie Thurman called the correct plays. On the first play Thurman sent Sausberry into the middle and the Klamath line, drawn in for the goal line stand, tossed the Medford fullback for a one-half yard loss. On the next play Thurman called Medford's best offensive maneuver, the play that all year has proved the mightiest ground-gainer the Tigers possessed—Piche on that reverse around his own left end.

This was certainly the logical play for it had been tested under fire time after time and had never before failed. That it did on this occasion—for a three-yard loss—doesn't prove it was the wrong play by any means. So then, with third down and eight and a half yards to go, Newland threw a pass to Piche which gained one yard. On this play, as on the preceding one, what better tactic was available? Should Medford have sent Sausberry straight ahead again, with the ball eight and a half yards from the goal line, on third down, and the Klamath line bunched to batter down just such a play? We think not.

Then, on fourth down and the goal seven and a half yards away, there was only one logical play, a pass, and it was completed from Orr to Thurman and the latter was brought down on the one-foot line. That ended Medford's big scoring threat.

More than one local fan is sincerely certain that Piche scored a touchdown on that forward pass from Newland; that he didn't step out of bounds on the five-yard line. Perhaps he did, it was might close and from the press box it looked like he DID score. But Referee Jean Eberhart ruled Piche's foot off the field at the five-yard marker and that's good enough for us, and also for Coach Bill Bowerman of the Tigers. After the game Bill remarked that, so far as he was concerned, "the officiating was excellent."

L. Picken raised his batting average 46 points to .374 over the week-end, calling eight games correctly, missing three and seeing one end in a tie—Medford-Klamath. The prognosticator is rapidly moving toward the charmed .600 circle and expects to make it by 1987.

Correct picks were UCLA-Montana, California-Washington State, Idaho-Utah, Tennessee-Alabama, Notre Dame-Navy, Northwestern-Wisconsin, Ohio State-Minnesota and Texas A. and M.-Texas Christian. Misses were Oregon State-Washington, Oregon-Gonzaga (who didn't) and New York U.-Carnegie Tech (also, who didn't!).

The current average looks like this:

Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
27	20	7	.574

TENNESSEE VOTED BEST GRID TEAM IN WEEKLY POLL

Irish In Second Place, Oregon State Ranked 14th And Oregon is Also Ran.

By Bill White.
New York, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Little Mercer college of Macon, Ga., has one consolation at least—it's going to be beaten next Saturday, barring grid-drom's greatest upset, by the best team in the nation, the Volunteers of Tennessee.

By a margin as wide as from here to Mars, the Vols stand acclaimed today as the finest college football crew in the land. In the second weekly Associated Press national ranking poll, the talented southern juggernaut received 93 first place votes out of a possible 131 to roll up a total of 1203 points.

Dominates Picture.
Seldom, if ever, has one team so dominated the picture. And not only did the nation's press box experts pile their plaudits on the team, but no less a personage than Dr. John Bain (Joek) Sutherland told metropolitan football writers yesterday he considered the team "one of the most perfect I have ever seen." He added he didn't think any team in the country could score on Major Bob Neyland's crew. Let alone beat them!

If there is any team that could beat the Vols, in the opinion of the writers, it would be Notre Dame. The Ramblin' Irish got 13 votes for first place and a total of 923 points for second place in the weekly rankings.

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

First Ten.	
Team—	Points
Tennessee (93)	1,203
Notre Dame (13)	923
Michigan (8)	777
Ohio State (5)	714
Texas A. & M. (6)	714
Oklahoma (4)	554
Cornell (1)	489
Southern California (0)	393
Tulane (1)	244
Nebraska (0)	164

Second ten: Duquesne 140; North Carolina 132 1-2; Duke 120; Oregon State 95; Mississippi 90; Pennsylvania 66; Southern Methodist 55; Pittsburgh 48; New York U. 25, and Alabama 20.

Also ran: San Jose 17, U.C. L.A. 16, Kentucky 14, Louisiana State 13, Purdue 13, Oregon 11, Yale 8, Minnesota 5, Dartmouth 5, California 4, Carnegie Tech 3, Holy Cross 2, Utah 2, St. Mary's, Texas Christian, Cath-

Portable Radios Banned From Grid At Northwestern

Chicago, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Portable radio sets were banned today from football games at Northwestern university. Speculators lugged all sorts of funny looking boxes into the stands at the Wisconsin Northwestern game Saturday and listened to blaring descriptions of races at horse tracks and accounts of other football games, much to the annoyance of nearby fans. Ted Paysour, ticket manager, received so many squawks that he decided portable sets henceforth must be left at home.

BOWLING

Classic league bowling results in the Medford alleys last night follow: Zoric 3, Gates' Ramblers 0; M and M. 3, Studebaker 0; Maid-Rite 2, Active club 1. Scores follow:

Gates' Ramblers	
Cannon	160 178 164-504
Proctor	147 134 148-429
Green	165 138 168-471
Gates	123 164 126-413
Reiterna	188 182 189-559
Totals	846 822 794-2482

Zoric Cleaners	
Handicap	30 30 30-90
Bean	161 160 181-511
Fabrick	174 153 157-484
Lyons	172 158 189-519
Saylor	169 147 181-497
Dixon	169 169 115-453
Totals	876 826 850-2551

M. and M.	
Reingstorff	154 187 211-552
Adair	227 166 163-556
Daws	182 177 150-509
(Simmons)	172 172 172-516
Hemstreet	207 184 180-571
Totals	949 886 876-2704

Studebaker	
Handicap	32 32 32-96
Paske	155 136 180-471
Sanderson	154 150 128-432
W. Pruitt	151 145 150-446
Stark	167 188 177-532
Eads	173 166 175-514
Totals	811 845 842-2498

Maid-Rite	
Handicap	25 25 25-75
Hagen	163 130 242-535
Lewis (Dick)	146 170 146-462
Gabel	170 168 184-522
Wilkinson	188 140 145-473
Belt	185 174 192-551
Totals	877 836 934-2647

Active Club	
Moore, Jas.	184 166 199-549
Lisson	132 177 159-468
Porterfield	146 159 182-487
DeVore	192 171 182-465
Stina (Earl)	189 205 178-572
Totals	823 878 850-2551

olie U., Santa Clara and Gonzaga 1 each.

BELCASTRO LASTS ONLY 3 MINUTES WITH BIG GERMAN

Hans (Hitler) Schulz ran his winning streak to seven straight in the Medford armory last night by Boston crabbing Pete Belcastro into submission in three minutes, the Italian from Weed being unable to continue wrestling after receiving the back-breaking hold.

As a result of last night's match, a blood-and-thunder affair while it lasted, the big German has completely exhausted the current competition and stands all alone at the head of southern Oregon's brigade of brown.

With nobody left to wrestle; nobody, that is, who would stand a chance to give him a battle, Schulz is looking forward to meeting King Kong Clayton of Birmingham, Ala., a 200-pound colored boy rated one of the best in the country. It was announced last night that Clayton would positively appear here next week, after a popular vote of the "mixed bout" angle. Promoter Lillard said he would try to match the Negro with Schulz.

Belcastro put up a whale of a fight while it lasted, which was quick. He shelled the Nazi with everything in the book for the better part of the three minutes, but finally went down when Schulz landed a crushing haymaker behind the ear and clamped on a crab hold.

The match got under way while the boys still were purportedly listening to Referee Earl Yonkley's instructions. Schulz took a swing at Pete before the bell and Belcastro immediately swung into action, after hurriedly doffing his pretty bathrobe. He attacked Schulz in the latter's corner and gave him the works. The German failed to land a blow for quite a spell as Pete hammered him to the canvas time after time and sent him reeling through the ropes twice.

It was the second trip through the hemp that built up the climax. Pete knocked Schulz outside the ring and as the latter was staggering around on the ring apron Pete got brave and attempted to haul Hans back into the arena. Hans fired his first blow, a terrific club that caught Pete back of the left ear,

and Belcastro hit the carpet. Like a ten-ton tank, Schulz entered the ring, and when Pete arose Schulz leveled him again, then flipped him over and clamped on the crab business. That was all there was to it, as Pete was too far gone to continue.

Davie Levin managed to do something few wrestlers have done—he recovered sufficiently from a Dude Chick lariat spin to come back for more. However, it was a futile gesture, for Chick immediately body-slammed Levin for the second fall and the match.

Chick grabbed the first tumble in the fifth round, after both boys had displayed some great grappling. He gave Dave 13 revolutions of the whirl. Dave staggered to his feet as the sixth round opened but lasted only five seconds as Chick picked him up and dumped him to the mat.

El Pulpo won the opener from Speed LaRance, two falls to one, taking the first tumble in the first round with a rolling body scissors and the decoder in the third with his pet octopus maneuver. LaRance used a Canadian grapevine to grab a fall in the second heat.

INJURED BISCUIT TO TRY COMEBACK

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—(AP) Charles S. Howard's great thoroughbred Seabiscuit today to start training for a comeback which might make him the greatest money-winner of all time.

The six-year-old stake star, the champion of American turfs last year with his brilliant triumph over War Admiral, came down with a leg injury last winter on the eve of the \$100,000 added Santa Anita handicap.

Seabiscuit likely will be entered in one of the Tanforan handicaps next month, and if he rounds into shape might be pointed for the 1940 Santa Anita handicap.

The son of Hardtack has earned \$340,880 in his years of racing.

The world alphabet is derived from the first two letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Beta.

ARMSTRONG'S TITLE ON BLOCK TONIGHT

Los Angeles, Oct. 24.—(AP)—"Hammerin' Henry" Armstrong, a local boy who made good in the big time, puts his welter-weight boxing crown up tonight for clever Jimmy Garrison of Kansas City to shoot at.

Both were expected to weigh in well under the 147-pound limit—Armstrong at about 143 and Garrison at 139. The bout will be 10 rounds.

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