

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Tornado Fails To Impress Bowerman In Opening Game

As expected, the Black Tornado opened its 1941 season with a decisive (38 to 6) victory over a smaller Weed, (Cal.) eleven here Friday night, but despite the size of the score and the fact that the Cougars were outclassed in every department, Headman Bill Bowerman of the locals was far from satisfied with the performance of his big red and black machine.

"The downfield blocking was simply non-existent," Bowerman recalled in his post-mortem. "Several times, especially on T-formation plays through quick-opening holes in the line, the ball carriers were sprung into the secondary, but from then on it was all up to them. The blocking in the line was good, but nobody was knocking down the defensive backs and as a result more than one play that should have gone for long gains or touchdowns was held to short bursts."

"This week we are going to spend considerable time on downfield blocking—and another thing. If the team doesn't show more fire and aggressiveness before long, some other club is going to pop up and give us a lesson on how to win football games."

Steve Dippel, the 154-pound substitute sophomore right halfback who scored three touchdowns after catching passes; Bob Stead, blocking quarterback and Bill Wall, giant veteran end, were among the players receiving praise from the coach for better-than-average performances. Bowerman especially liked the blocking of the 181-pound Stead, a two-year letterman.

No fault was found with the Tornado's defense against Weed's running attack. The Cougars, in 21 scrimmage plays, gained 46 yards, an average of 2.2 yards per play. That's a pretty good imitation of a stone wall, and the mentor was quick to recognize and approve it accordingly.

We have no way of knowing, of course, but we'd wager several heads of lettuce that Life magazine, since Sept. 12, has received enough mail from baseball players, ex-baseball players, fans and citizens even remotely connected or interested in the game to put the U. S. postal department in the black for the fiscal year.

Week before last's issue of the pictorial mag published a series of pictures purporting to prove that there is no such animal as a curve ball, that every horsehide the moundman tosses plateward is straight as a string, and that the so-called "curve balls" are only optical illusions, to the batter, the umpire, the defensive players, the customers and the pennant vendors.

One sports columnist, Will Connolly of the "Frisco Chronicle," has taken a crack at the Life feature, and there have probably been many other scribes print their opinions of the subject in no uncertain language.

So far as we are concerned, not being a scientist or a photographer capable of photographing the flight of a pitched ball to disprove Life's "proof" that the spheroid can't be made to bend, there is actually little that we can say on the subject. Expect that it's rather disheartening to learn, after all these years, that we used to strike out on "optical illusions" with uncanny regularity. Instead of on what we would have sworn were those blasted "curve balls."

Regardless of whether anybody ever comes up with definite scientific proof that a baseball can be made to change its course in mid-air, Life magazine or any other magazine will never be able to convince baseball men and fans that the curve ball is a myth.

Some interesting observations on the subject were made to us the other day by Allen D. Koch, a traveling man from Portland an ex-player and currently as rabid a fan as you will find outside Flatbush.

"I feel that somehow the camera failed to register actually what took place as the ball traveled from the pitcher's hand to the catcher," Koch protested. "If the ball does not curve, how come some fair country hitters are able to rattle the boards off fast ball pitching, but can't get a loud foul when dished up a 'curve'?"

Continued Koch: "There are

Brooks Lead By Game As Final Week Of Race Opens

CARDS CUFF CUBS TWICE TO REMAIN ON DODGER HEELS

Futile Phils Surprise By Dividing Twin Bill With Leaders—18 For Riddle.

By Sid Feder (Associated Press Writer)
This is "if" week in baseball. The little word looms larger and larger as the big leagues start the final week of their season and the Brooklyn Dodgers still lead the St. Louis Cardinals by the skinny edge of one game in this nerve-wrecking National League pennant chase.

The Dodgers have only five games left to play after their unexpected split with the Phillies in yesterday's twin bill, and the Cards still have six to go after knocking off the Cubs twice.

And, reading from left to right, here is how the little "if" gets bigger and bigger the rest of the way home:

If the Dodgers win only one of their five games, the Cards have to break at least even in their six to grab the flag.

If Brooklyn takes two, the Cards must click in four out of six.

If dem Bums win three, the Cards have to take five.

If the Gallants of the Gowanus grab four and lose only one, the Gas Housers need to sweep six.

Naturally, if Brooklyn goes through without a loss—well, that's all, brother.

Allen Takes Opener
Yesterday the phanting Phils refused to phant again in the nightcap. The Dodgers took the opener, 8-3, behind the five-hit elbowing of Johnny Allen, the fugitive from the American League, as a crowd of 35,000, an all-time National League high in the Quaker city, looked on.

In the second game, however, Luke Hamlin brought his boom-boom ball along and served it up to Danny Littwiler right in the first inning with the bases loaded. The last seen of the apple, it was riding in among the paying customers—and Phils were scampering around the bases like the horses on a merry-go-round. From there, the Phils coasted home, 6-3.

Meanwhile, the Cards won their opener the hard way, 6-5. The surprise-package rookie, Stan Musial, turned in a snappy base-running job in the ninth to score the game-wrecker by coming home from third when Cub Catcher Clyde McCullough left home plate unprotected to make a play at first. Young Howie Pollet took complete charge of the nightcap by tossing an eight-hitter and fanning seven for a 7-0 St. Louis win.

On the rest of the National League Sunday card, the Cincinnati Reds and the Giants did the winning. Elmer the Great Riddle chalked up his No. 18 for the season with a six-hit 2-0 whitewash job against the Pirates.

Sox Clinch Second
Mickey Harris' six-hit hurling and a set of three homers gave the Boston Red Sox a 4-1 win over the Yankees. That clinched second place in the American league for the Sox.

The Washington Senators took a sole lease on the dizzy heights of sixth place by flogging the Philadelphia Athletics twice, 6-5 and 6-2.

St. Louis and the Indians traded shutouts, Cleveland grabbing the opener, 14-0, and the Browns clicking in the second act, 3-0, as Denny Galehouse muffled his old mates with two safeties.

Tommy Bridges led the Detroit Tigers to a 6-3 win over the Chicago White Sox in their first game, but the second ended in a 14-inning 1-all deadlock.

LONG WAY AROUND
Goldsboro, N. C. (AP)—All in one afternoon a young man persuaded his girl friend to drive with him to Virginia to get married—where they found a three days' notice of intention was required—and turned around and drove back down to South Carolina, where they were promptly hitched by a justice of the peace.

millions of us who will take the oath that baseballs can be made to curve, and it is hard to believe that the batter, the catcher, the umpire "God bless him" and the fans in the stands, all of us, suffer this "optical illusion" at the same time.

"Until Life's photographer takes a picture of the magician showing that he didn't pull the rabbit from the hat, I maintain that the boys can curve that ball."



TROJAN TWOSOME—Sam Barry (left), who stepped into the Southern California football coaching post to succeed the late Howard Jones, faces the 1941 season with the expert services of Capt. Bob de Lauer, who plays right tackle.

Few "Breathers" For Major Grid Elevens Next Week-End

New York, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The football season already has started as fast as a fighter trying for a one-round knockout, but the action scheduled for next week-end will make this look like the beginning of a snail race.

Last Friday and Saturday saw a dozen or so major teams, mostly in the south, playing season openers. This week only a few die-hard conservatives, such as the Big Three and a few of the Western conference teams, will remain out of competition. And the schedule for many early starters demands their best efforts.

With such games as Minnesota-Washington, Stanford-Oregon, Navy-William and Mary, Louisiana State-Holy Cross, Tulane-Boston college and Purdue-Vanderbilt (to name just a few) on the slate, there's no talking about September push-overs.

So far, the only upset has been Saturday's scoreless tie between Davidson, one of the lesser members of the Southern conference, and Rollins. Tennessee, threatened in advance with trouble from a strong Furman team, calmed the Purple hurricane to a zephyr by winning its 33rd consecutive regular-season victory, 32 to 6.

Louisiana State tuned up for its meeting with Holy Cross by whipping Louisiana Tech, 25-0, and Boston college had a work-out under game conditions before staving south, swamping St. Anselm, 78-0.

FREE YOUNG STEELHEAD IN RIVER AT GOLD HILL

Gold Hill, Sept. 22.—(Spl.)—Around 45,000 young steelhead were released in the river near the highway bridge last week by the Oregon state game commission.

The Swedish government has banned citizens from enlisting in any foreign military service except the Finnish.

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WONDER WORKER—Pulled from the Cardinals' Houston farm in August to bolster team's pennant drive, Pitcher Howard Jones, pronounced "Fah-let," is rated best rookie prospect since "F" by Dean. He doesn't talk as much. A New Orleans kid, Fallet, 20, is a fast ball artist; his earned runs-a-game record was 1.03.

NATIONAL NOTICE GIVEN J'VILLE'S 1940 GRID TEAM

Athletic Journal Prints Article By Steve Epler On Six-Man State Champs.

Jacksonville, Sept. 22.—(Spl.)—Achieving national recognition on the heels of their 1940 state wide fame, the Jacksonville six-man football team again breaks into the news.

In the September issue of the Athletic Journal appears an article on "Six-Man Football" by Dr. Stephen Epler of Southern Oregon college of Education, the originator of the game and chairman of the rules committee.

"Although once the metropolis of southern Oregon—back in the gold mining period of the past century—the town of Jacksonville has shrunk to a tenth of its former size," Epler wrote. "Its state champion six-man football team of 1940 brought back some of the glory that had departed. This team, coached by L. A. Patterson, rode roughshod over its opponents to win the Southern Oregon Conference championship. It accepted the challenge of the strong Monroe team, undefeated in the north, and trounced the Monroe sextette 51-6. In 15 games of six-man football (two years of play), Jacksonville scored more points (555) against their opponents, than did its basketball team in 16 games (537) points. Incidentally, the basketball team was district champion."

System Explained
"In this article the writer will attempt to present some of the experiences, methods and system of this successful Jacksonville high school team. Such an overall view should be useful to coaches who are teaching six-man football for the first time, and perhaps helpful to experienced coaches in comparing notes on what another coach is doing. Coach Patterson makes no claim to have originated all the methods and ideas he used. Like all coaches he picks up ideas wherever they may be found, keeps those that work and throws out those that do not."

"Let us take a look at Jacksonville's plays. Some coaches are inclined to have too many plays and to over-emphasize them at the expense of fundamentals, defense and other aspects of the game. But the plays may just as well come first, as most of us look at them first regardless of their position in the article."

Dr. Epler continues in his article by describing Jacksonville's basic formation and gives the diagrams and explanations of nine of Jacksonville's plays as well as the names of the fellows who did particularly well in executing them.

HOW THEY STAND

Pacific Coast (Final and official)

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Seattle	104	70	.598
Sacramento	101	75	.574
San Diego	101	75	.574
Hollywood	85	91	.483
San Francisco	81	95	.460
Oakland	81	95	.460
Los Angeles	72	98	.424
Portland	71	97	.423

National League

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Brooklyn	96	53	.644
St. Louis	94	53	.639
Cincinnati	84	64	.568
Pittsburgh	78	69	.531
New York	68	76	.472
Chicago	68	81	.456
Boston	60	88	.405
Philadelphia	41	105	.281

American League

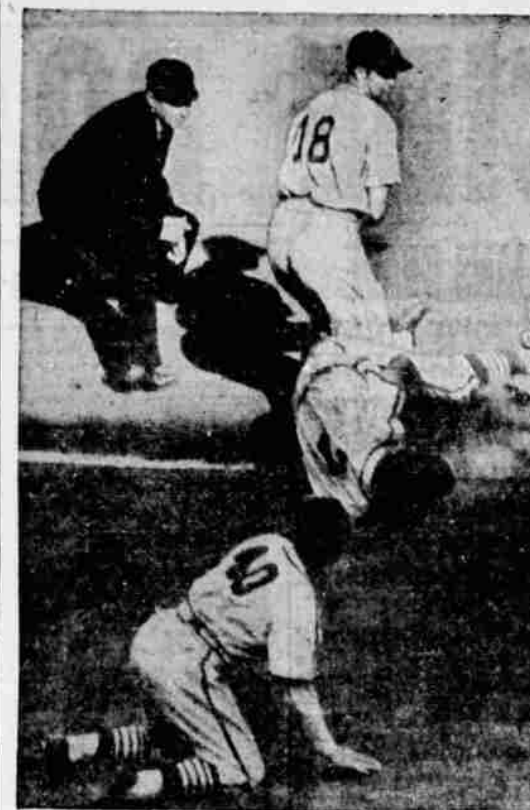
	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	88	50	.662
Boston	80	68	.541
Chicago	74	73	.497
Cleveland	73	73	.497
Detroit	72	76	.486
Washington	67	80	.456
St. Louis	66	81	.449
Philadelphia	62	87	.416

FARM CREDIT DIRECTOR

Washington, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Appointment of Walter J. Robinson, Pomeroy, Wash. as third district director on the farm credit board of Spokane, Wash., was announced today by the farm credit administration. He succeeds the late Ervin E. King and will serve until December 31, 1943.

The bureau of the census reports that the nation's construction industry employed 1,073,693 persons in 1939 and did work valued at \$4,919,794,000.

Drama At Third Base



When Frank Crespi, Cardinal second baseman, started for third in the fifth inning of the last of a three-game series with the Brooklyn at St. Louis he was struck in the back by a throw from "Doc" Wee, who had taken Marion's drive. Here is how Crespi tumbled into the bag. No. 18 is Lew Riggs, Dodger third baseman. Billy Southworth (No. 40) is setting away from the spill. The umpire is Lee Ballafant. The Dodgers won, 1 to 0, and retained their National League lead.

PACKERS PUNISH RAMS, 24-7 AND TAKE LOOP LEAD

By Tom Siler

Chicago, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The Green Bay Packers, national champions oftener than any other team you can name, are riding the crest of the National league again.

But just how long they can maintain this exalted ranking depends entirely on the powerful and sometimes brutal Chicago Bears, who have been swelling their coffers with exhibition tilts while the others prepared for the title campaign.

The Bears begin defense of their championship next Sunday against the fleet Packers at Green Bay. The game has been a sellout for weeks.

On the same day the Washington Redskins, eastern champions, make their seasonal bow against the streamlining New York Giants, now tied with Brooklyn for sectional leadership. These two contests should answer a multitude of questions on the comparative team strength of the four perennial title contenders.

Green Bay's second victory in as many starts was racked up yesterday at Cleveland's expense, the Rams' first loss in three encounters. Holding a slim 7-9 edge going into the final period, the Packers uncorked a sizzling ground attack that netted 17 points and an ultimate 24-7 triumph.

Brooklyn, starting the second season under Jack Sutherland, got away victoriously with a 14-7 edge over Detroit.

Greasy Neale's Philadelphia Eagles reached the 500 mark by whipping Pittsburgh, 10 to 7, on Len Barnum's 43-yard placekick. Lou Tomasetti scored the Eagle touchdown and Boyd Brumbaugh counted for the Steelers.

The three Sunday clashes drew 52,162 customers.

4 Vets Return for Action at J'Ville

Jacksonville, Sept. 22.—(Spl.)—Four veterans, Bob Smith, Marion Hardy, Bud LeRoy and Ed McGinty, are expected to prove the nucleus for Jacksonville high's 1941 six-man football team, 1940 state champions. The Redskins lost five lettermen from last season's unbeaten and untied squad.

Others turning out for the team are Bill Campbell, Ned Mellott, Ken Knapp, Bob Hyde, Ed Hinkle, Jack Swaryck, Don O'Brien, Don Sanford, Russ Johnson, Clarence Gibbons, Ray Corbin, Archie Kitchen, Ed Hamilton, Dick Rians, Bud Jensen, Al Kendall, Del Hackert, Ken Thomas, Kindred Thomas, Gordon Thomas, Walt Huener and Don Harris.

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\$1,000 First Prize In Salmon Derby Won With 26-pound Fish

Seattle, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Almost any housewife would say that \$2.37½ an ounce is too much to pay for salmon but the Seattle Times will pay Frank Sevigny, of Seattle, a navy yard worker, that much Tuesday for the 28 pound 5 ounce salmon he caught in Elliott bay.

Sevigny, winner of this year's Times' fishing derby, caught the \$1,000 first prize winner a few minutes after the contest opened at sunrise and tried unsuccessfully all day to land another larger one.

Second prize fish, good for a new automobile, was a 25 pound, 15 ounce salmon caught by Paul S. Vearrier while a 25 pound, 9½ ounce fish won an automobile for F. J. Phillips. M. G. Miska and two women, Mrs. R. L. Fuqua and Mrs. Billie Sunderland, also caught salmon which won new autos for them.

No out of town fishermen won prizes of importance in the contest, which saw 153 fish brought in by the 727 finalists. An elaborate boat and shore patrol watched contestants to prevent a recurrence of the fraud which last year marked the derby when several contestants were awarded prizes for entries purchased before the contest.

Scores Yesterday

National
Chicago 5-0, St. Louis 6-7.
Brooklyn 8-3 Philadelphia 3-6.
Boston 0-4, New York 4-15.
Pittsburgh 0, Cincinnati 2.

American
St. Louis 0-3, Cleveland 14-0.
Detroit 6-1, Chicago 3-1 (2nd game called 14th, darkness).
Philadelphia 5-2, Washington 6-6.
New York 1, Boston 4.

Pacific Coast

Seattle 9-5, Los Angeles 2-6.
Oakland 6-0, Sacramento 10-3.
Hollywood 3-0, San Diego 9-6.
Portland 6-3, San Francisco 1-10.

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SEATTLE CHAMPS FACE HOLLYWOOD IN PCL PLAYOFFS

Padres, Sacs Clash In Other Semi-Finals — Beavers Finish In Last Place.

By the Associated Press
Seattle's third successive Pacific coast league championship was history today, as four first-division baseball clubs prepared for the lucrative Shaughnessy playoffs.

The Rainiers were followed into the two-week scramble for \$10,000 in prize money and the president's cup by Sacramento, San Diego and Hollywood. Seattle will open the playoffs tomorrow against Hollywood on the Stars' home diamond.

Sacramento and San Diego, which wound up their 176-game schedules tied for second place, will meet at San Diego to decide runner-up spot in the league standings. The game also will count in the playoffs.

Winner of the playoffs will receive \$5,000 in prize money and the president's cup. \$2,500 will go to the second team, and \$1,250 each to the other two.

This is the second time in Coast league history that a club has captured the pennant three years in a row. Vernon accomplished the feat in 1918-19-20.

White Beamed

A head injury suffered in yesterday's double-header with Los Angeles may cost the services of Outfielder Joyner (Jo-Jo) White in the playoffs. White was hit in the temple by a foul tip in the last inning of the nightcap, and taken to a hospital, semi-conscious. Physicians said he probably did not have a concussion.

The champions dropped both of their final games to the Angels, the opener 2 to 0 and the nightcap 6 to 5. The victories pulled the Angels out of the cellar.

San Diego climbed into second place in final standings by trouncing Hollywood in a doubleheader. The Padres smashed out 17 hits in the opener to win 9 to 3. In the nightcap, Woody Rich limited the Stars to six hits in winning a 6 to 0 victory.

Sacramento split with Oakland, winning the first game 10 to 6, while the Oaks took the second 6 to 3. Portland knocked out a 6 to 1 victory in its opener with San Francisco, but the Seals came back in the nightcap to win 10 to 3.

PENDLETON PUG IN MAIN TUSSELE

Seattle, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Harold Hoshino, Pendleton-born Japanese, will box Black Joe, Filipino newcomer, in one of two ten-round main events on Promoter Nate Druxman's next fight card at the civic auditorium, September 30.

Druxman said he was seeking opponents for Tacoma's Dave Ward, welterweight, and George Hansford, Los Angeles feather. Hansford wanted another shot at Hoshino, who kayoed him here recently, but couldn't make 128 pounds. Black Joe recently lost a close decision to Richard Lemons, feather champ, at Fresno.

WEATHER

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