

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Tornado Line Is Powerful In Two Games Thus Far

While it is a simple matter to record statistically the success, or lack of it, of your ball-toting backfield performers, it is next to impossible to produce actual figures along the same lines for those individual fellows up there in the forward wall.

It's almost as easy to keep tab on backfield offensive activity as it is to establish a baseball player's batting average. The backs carry the ball a certain number of times, they make so many yards all told, and they made this or that amount of yards per carry.

But with the linemen it is a different story. No system has yet been evolved to keep track of the blocks and tackles missed or made by each individual end, tackle, guard and center; to do so would take a corps of observers, each eyeing a single position from opening kickoff to final gun. Even then, plays would be missed in the mass entanglements and accurate individual records would be impossible.

It follows, then, that to gauge the strength of a line, the line must be taken as a whole. It must be balanced against the offensive statistical figures of the opposition, and its own offensive value must be determined by the figures of its own backfield.

In two games thus far this season, the Black Tornado forward wall has comported itself in what Bill Bowerman would cautiously call a "satisfactory" manner. Not being a master of understatement like Mr. Bowerman, we would simply say that, so far, the Tigers have displayed one helluva front string.

Here are some figures. Weed and Corvallis, in 44 scrimmage shots at Medford's line, gained a total of 92 yards, or an average of 2.09 yards per play. On the other hand the Tornado backs, in 85 rushing maneuvers aimed at openings created by the red and black line, gained 565 total yards, or an average of 6.55 yards per play.

Typical Rally Sends Seattle Into P C L Playoff Finals

On the basis of those figures, it would seem the Medford forwards have been just about three times as effective, both defensively and offensively, as have the Weed and Corvallis linemen. Which even to a non-statistical minded fan appears correct.

We do not mean to intimate that all Medford's success on scrimmage plays has been due entirely to the operation of the line. The backs have performed well, even brilliantly at times, and to tell the truth we have never seen such a wealth of good ball-carriers on one high school squad. Still, the fact remains that that big Tornado line has been cracking open some lousy holes and doing some extraordinarily fine downfield blocking (against Corvallis), all of which hasn't hindered the leather luggers.

So far as the backfield is concerned, no less than seven of the boys have an average of over 3 yards per carry. This explains what we mean by a "wealth of good ball carriers." Steve Dippel, the sophomore understudy for Right Halfback Ike Orr, has the best average, with 114 total yards in 8 tries for a 14.2 yards average per carry. Cato Wray is next with an average of 10.5 yards per carry on 136 total yards gained in 13 times packed. The others scale down in the following order:

	Carried	Yards	Avg.
Glenn	11	81	7.4
I. Orr	15	96	6.4
Mitchell	5	28	5.6
J. Young	3	15	5.0
Stead	5	24	4.8
Adams	6	24	4.0
Jones	11	40	3.6
P. Orr	5	6	1.2
Isaac	4	1	.3

The Tigers also show a statistical advantage over their two opponents in the matter of passing offense, although not to such a marked degree as they do on the ground.

Medford has completed 17 out of 42 aerials for 207 yards, an average of 12.2 yards per completion and a percentage of 40.5 in number of passes completed, while Weed and Corvallis have completed nine passes out of 24 attempted for 97 yards, an average of 10.8 yards per completion and a percentage of 37.5 in number of passes completed.

Federal gasoline tax collections for the first six months of 1941 were \$169,127,079, or 55 1/2 percent higher than during the first half of 1940.

RAINIERS SWEEP TWIN BILL FROM STARS, BOTH 2-0

Cole and Barrett Turn In Shutout Hurling Jobs—Solons Final Opponents.

By the Associated Press

Champion Seattle was in the final round of the Coast League Shaughnessy baseball playoffs against Sacramento today, after staging a rally as spectacular as when it overcame a 16-game deficit to capture the pennant.

The Rainiers went into their double-header with fourth-place Hollywood at Seattle last night trailing two games to three—but blasted the Stars 2 to 0 in both contests to take the seven-game preliminary series and advance to the finals. Sacramento, league runner-up, had already reached the final round by thumping San Diego four games straight.

The playoff for the President's cup and \$5,000 first prize money opens in Seattle Friday night, and will continue through Sunday. The two teams will finish the series at Sacramento next week.

Fallon Homers

A pair of brilliant pitching performances brought Seattle victory in both games of last night's doubleheader, when a single defeat would have knocked the Rainiers out of the playoffs. Ed Cole limited Hollywood to three scattered hits in the opener, while Charley Fallon's home run and Al Niemiec's score on a star error brought in the winning runs in the second inning.

In the seven-inning nightcap, Dick "Kewpie" Barrett yielded only four hits in winning. Dick Gyselman, Rainier third baseman, drove in both runs with singles in the second and fourth innings.

Short scores:
Hollywood..... 0 3 1
Seattle..... 2 5 1

Tost, Bittner and Dapper; Cole and Fallon.
(7 Innings)
Hollywood..... 0 4 3
Seattle..... 2 7 1

Gay and Brenzel; Barrett and Collins.

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press)
Jersey City, N. J.—Ken Overlin, 163, Washington, D. C., outpointed Wild Bill McDowell, 158, Paterson, N. J. (10).
White Plains, N. Y.—Clarence King, 137, Port Chester, N. Y., defeated Leo DuLaine, 136, Worcester, Mass. (8).

SIMON TO ARRIVE FOR FIGHT WITH THOMPSON

Hollywood, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Abe Simon, giant New York heavyweight, is due in Los Angeles tomorrow to wind up training for his 10-round match Monday night against Turkey Thompson of Los Angeles at the Hollywood baseball park.
Simon lasted 13 rounds with Joe Louis several months ago.

Durocher Kissed for Luck



Manager Leo "Lippy" Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers, National league champions, got kissed by his daughter, Nell and Mrs. Durocher (right), just before going into battle against the Phils, which the Dodgers won for their 100th victory of the year. It was the first time in history that the Dodgers had chalked up that many triumphs in a season.

BOWLING

Ladies' league results last night:
Richfield Oil 3, Office Supply 1; Lattrell's 2, Wainwright's 2; Valentine's Cafe 3, Tolly's 1; Gilmore 1. Scores follow:

Tolly's Gilmore	
O'Brien	13 13 13—39
Tollefson	140 131 147—418
Gilman	134 101 142—377
Wilkinson	121 148 105—374
Carbener	143 158 169—470
Totals	685 679 708 2072

Valentine's Cafe	
M. Swape	133 127 150—410
T. Swape	128 133 145—406
B. Morse	101 91 169—361
P. Bush	109 178 144—431
A. Swape	210 180 178—568
Totals	678 704 786 2168

Wainwright's Drugs	
Littrell, M.	37 37 37—111
Fairfield	131 143 134—408
Grimes	131 126 107—364
Gill	152 131 141—424
Simmons	108 141 113—362
Totals	712 690 662 2064

Littrell's	
Wallace	142 128 140—410
Prutt M.	148 145 145—438
Corwin	132 145 97—374
DeVore	150 120 142—412
Frisbie	194 131 129—454
Totals	776 669 653 2098

Office Supply	
Z. Sims	146 130 133—409
F. Colton	120 135 161—416
E. Sample	131 133 117—381
V. Johnson	138 145 145—428
J. Pruitt	137 118 136—391
Totals	682 671 702 2055

Richfield Oil	
R. Cougle	158 151 174—483
J. Phair	72 111 124—307
S. Knox	142 143 179—464
M. Prochnow	185 157 115—457
M. Sherwood	136 170 225—531
Totals	673 742 817 2232

CHICK Baffles BOY
Oklahoma City.—(AP)—When Winston Cleek, a farm boy, hatched what he thought was a guinea hen egg he obtained a chick whose breed he couldn't identify. Finally he took the bird to the county fair and experts said it was a cross between a guinea hen and "the Cleek's old Buff Orpington rooster." Which makes the bird extraordinary.

UP ADDING MACHINE
Butte, Mont.—(AP)—A persevering mouse made his home in an adding machine at the WPA commodities office. Every time he built a nest someone used the machine and tore it up. Finally the nest clogged the machine so badly that a repairman was called. He blocked a hole by which the mouse had entered, and the mouse was out of a home.

BULLDOGGING DEVIL DOG
Butte, Mont.—(AP)—"I'd like to join your outfit," a cowboy announced at the marine recruiting office. "But if I do and a rodeo comes along, I want to be able to bulldog without the judges stopping me just because I'm a marine." The recruiting officer agreed and the cowboy signed up.

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MEDFORD JUNIORS PLAY AT ASHLAND THURSDAY NIGHT

An inexperienced and rather small Medford junior high school football team will open defense of its southern Oregon junior high conference championship against the Ashland Juniors at Ashland Thursday night, and Coach Riney Cook figures his club will be the underdogs to the Al Simpson eleven.

The locals will take the field with an entirely new line from that which operated so successfully last season. Dean Sheldon, only returning letterman line-man, has been out of school for the past two weeks and will not be in uniform.

Coach Cook's starting lineup is expected to be as follows: Jim Cave at center, Duane Davis and Jim Gansfield at the guards, Jim White and Ray Stinson at the tackles, Dale Bruegger and Marvin Doty at the ends, Dean Stead at quarterback, Bob Watson at left half, Earl Barnhart at right half and either Nick Green or Bill Plaskett at fullback.

Reserves who might see action are Darrell Riggs, center, Vernon Cleaves, Glenn Hall and Bob Barry, guards; Bob Morgan, Charles Jones, Alvin Penn and Ken Cearly, tackles; Bob Leavitt, Junior Thomas and Alan Kircher, ends; Jerry Clark and Rolfe Berry, quarterbacks; Dick Fawcett, left half and Lyle Wilson and Earl Stelle, right halves.

L. A. BANDITS MAKE RICH JEWEL HAUL

Los Angeles, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Three masked men held up a jewelry store Tuesday, slugged the manager into unconsciousness, bound and gagged six employees, and looted the safe of what the firm said was more than \$50,000 in diamond and other precious stones.

The robbers entered the rear door of the Paul Plato jewelry store at 8637 Sunset boulevard as a messenger boy delivered a package. A clerk, Irving Derby, was knocked down as he admitted the messenger, and E. F. Garner, manager of the store, was felled by a gun butt as he went to Derby's assistance.

The trio then held up clerks and jewelry craftsmen on two floors of the building, bound and gagged them and opened the safe.

SAWMILL STRIKE WAITS PEACE TRY

Eugene, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Approximately 2500 Willamette valley AFL lumber and sawmill workers postponed today a scheduled strike.

The strike, set for this morning, will be delayed until a U. S. conciliation commission submits recommendations on wages and working conditions, D. F. Pearson, district union secretary, said.

Jesse E. Jacobson, Seattle, conciliation commissioner, arrived last night to begin a fact-finding survey.

The union had demanded a minimum wage of 75 cents an hour and a week's paid vacation.

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By Harold Glasen.

New York, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Everything is "Brooklyn" about this world series. Leo Durocher swears he would keep the New York Yankees guessing to the very last by having not one but three pitchers warm up before today's opening game, thus obscuring the identity of his starter.

Perhaps he remembers the last series Joe McCarthy lost back in 1929. Then Connie Mack kept Marce Joe and the Chicago Cubs in stitches before naming Howard Ehmke—who whiffed 13 of them for a series record.

The special rules promulgated by Commissioner K. M. Landis will handicap the vocal efforts of the Durocher debating society.

Edict No. 1 holds that a manager may visit his pitcher but only during an inning. Another huddle and the hurler must be replaced.

The second rule limits the members of a mound conference to the manager, the pitcher and two infielders. One of the latter may be the catcher.

Mayor LaGuardia added the "Brooklyn" touch to a pre-series broadcast by telling the announcer all his children ate the breakfast food that made possible the radio program.

The series is being aired by a razor blade concern. S. Sidney Levine was being tried before Magistrate James A. Blanchfield on a charge of creating unnecessary noises because his radio strained its rheostats during the recent St. Louis-Brooklyn series.

"Gee, Judge," said the news vendor, "that was the day Wyatt pitched against Cooper and Walker gets the first hit."

"Case dismissed," ruled the magistrate, "I remember that game. I paid a special caddy to follow me with a portable radio."

"I must have two world series seats," one follower of the beloved bums wrote the Dodger office. "I'm 84 years old and can't wait another 21 years."

PORTLAND BANK CLEARINGS JUMP

Portland, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Mounting business activity increased September bank clearings in Portland more than \$50,000,000 above September, 1940. The total was \$221,249,699, compared with \$166,422,589 last year.

Building permits dropped from \$1,219,030 in September, 1940, to \$965,970 this year. Home construction, however, was up from \$431,480 to \$640,860.

Football Briefs

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Coach Tex Oliver stressed pass defense in practice today for the game against University of Idaho here Friday night.

Assistant Coach Manny Vezie, who scouted the Idaho-Utah game last week, reported the Idaho offense was deceptive. "An offense as tricky and varied as that taught by Coach Francis Schmidt takes time to perfect and the Vandals will be a lot tougher with a game behind them," he said.

Seattle, Oct. 1.—(AP)—The University of Washington football squad was drilled intensively today by Coach James Phelan on an airtight pass defense on the strength of Assistant Coach Ralph "Pest" Welch's reports of an almost unbeatable Oregon State aerial offensive.

Corvallis, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Oregon State college gridirons ran through a final scrimmage today before the coast conference clash against University of Washington at Portland Saturday.

Stiner said after yesterday's workout he was pleased with the defensive play of Center Quentin Greenough and Quarterback George Peters. Greenough calls defense signals and Peters was shifted to line-backing duty against U.S.C. last week.

Jacksonville, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Jacksonville high's six-man football team, mythical state champions in 1940, opened their season at Gold Hill yesterday with a crushing 50 to 0 victory over the sextette of that town's high school.

The winners, who used 18 players, scored almost at will, with Bob Smith accounting for four touchdowns, one on a 60-yard punt return. O'Brien, Hardy and LeRoy starred on defense.

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