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HUTSON RETIRES WITH 17 RECORDS IN PRO FOOTBALL

Nine Seasons With Green Bay Produce Feats Unequaled On Pro Gridiron.

By Bob Meyer
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Chicago, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Effective as of now, Don Hutson, left end, becomes Mr. Donald Hutson of Green Bay, Wis., "Solid citizen," Red Cross chairman, Lion's club proxy and favorite son.

When the final gun sounded ending the Green Bay-Phil-Pitt game last Sunday, Hutson closed the book on a nine-year career of professional football. It was all legal, too. For Hutson specified in his contract that he and the gridiron part company after the 1943 season.

However, the "solid citizen" from Pine Bluff, Ark., leaves behind a full page in the football record book.

Under "Hutson's records" reading from left to right:

Lifetime records:—most passes caught, 383; most touchdowns passes caught, 83; most yards gained catching passes, 6,291; most points scored, 641; most touchdowns scored, 86; most consecutive games scoring one or more points, 35; shortest touchdown pass caught, 4 inches. Season records:—most passes caught, 78; most touchdowns passes caught, 17; most yards gained catching passes, 1,211; most points scored, 138; most touchdowns scored, 17. Game records:—most yards gained catching passes, 237 against Brooklyn Nov. 21, 1943. Miscellaneous:—most years named most valuable player, 2; most years leading pass receiver, 6; most consecutive years leading scorer, 4; most records held, 17.

As the above testifies, for a guy who didn't know what pro football was nine years ago, Hutson did all right.

Curley Lambeau, Green Bay coach, talked Hutson into returning to pro ball for one more season last year. But he agreed to Hutson's clause in the contract that this would be the last year. That's worried Lambeau ever since. He can't realize that his boy, Don, is really gone.

Hutson didn't know a football from a toy balloon back in Pine Bluff, where he was a track star and baseball player. But he had a close friend, Bob Seawell, who did know the difference. When Seawell got an offer from Coach Frank Thomas of Alabama to come to college, he said: "Not unless Hutson can come too."

Wondering who this guy Hutson was, Thomas said o.k. and gave Hutson a track scholarship, just to get Seawell. After discovering Don's speed, he made his first string end and three years later Hutson was in the Rose Bowl game.

Favors Holding Not Meet Again in 1944

New York, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Holcombe Ward, president of the United States Lawn Tennis association, told members of the Tennis Writers' association yesterday that he favored holding the national championship tournament again next year.

Ward said, however, that he was voicing only his own views and that the matter of the 1944 tourney would be decided by the USLTA at its January meeting.

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Coopers' Army Bid Recalls Showing After Dad's Death

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Staff Correspondent.

New York, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The news that the greatest brother battery baseball ever has known, Mort and Walker Cooper, soon may be doing their pitching and catching for Uncle Sam, reminds us of another job they once did for another relative—their father.

Walker already has passed his physical and has been accepted for limited service in the armed forces. He is awaiting now only the call to duty. Brother Mort, the pitching ace of the St. Louis Cardinals, has been summoned for his preliminary physical on Monday.

We had the privilege of watching Mort Cooper break his jinx over the American league in the second game of the world series this year. That, in our mind, will go down as one of the most courageous sports victories of all times.

Cooper, mind you, although a great pitcher in his own league, had never, in four previous attempts, been able to master the hitting power of the junior circuit. In two all-star games and in two world series he had been treated with the amount of respect generally shown the rank-and-file rookie out of Peoria.

The victory Mort achieved over the Yanks was great not only because of the American league jinx. A far greater inspiration spurred him on that day.

Only a couple of hours before the Cardinals left their rooms at the New Yorker hotel, the Coopers received word their father—the man who sponsored their baseball careers—had died. Only a few in the vast crowd of nearly 70,000 persons at Yankee stadium were aware of the conditions under which Mort and Walker took the field that day. Manager Billy Southworth left the decision of whether or not to play up to the Coopers, and Mort, after talking it over with Walker said: "We want to play, Billy. We'll win this one for Pop."

The story of how they played and how they won made great copy for the sports writers. Mort allowed but six hits in the only game the Cards were able to salvage out of the series.

LIGHTNER, LEWIS ARE ARMY CAGERS

Al Lightner and Dick Lewis, well-known Medford athletes, are again playing on the Ft. Lewis, Wn., basketball team, which Sunday walloped the Pacific Packards of Portland by the unmerciful tally of 94 to 52, as Gail Bishop, the ex-WSC All-American, tossed 38 points through the hoop.

Lightner crashed into a wall early in the lop-sided contest and hurt himself to the extent of needing hospitalization. The pair were members of last year's Ft. Lewis team which competed in the national AAU tournament in Denver, Colo.

CAMILLI POSSIBLE ACORNS MANAGER

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Oakland baseball club officials were scheduled to confer with Dolph Camilli today on the possibility of the big New York Giants' first baseman taking over the managerial reins as successor to Johnny Vreger.

The club has met with opposition from the Giants in its dealings with Camilli, the major league organization being reluctant to grant him a release. If the Oaks fail to land Camilli, they may attempt to gain the services of Earl Brucker, veteran coach and catcher of the Philadelphia Athletics.

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3 BACKFIELDS GO THROUGH DRILLS FOR WASHINGTON

Seattle Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Three separate University of Washington backfield units went through their paces today as Coach Pest Welch started building a Rose Bowl game offensive around two of the fastest grid stars in the Pacific northwest—Sam Robinson and Al Akins.

Welch did not neglect other departments of the game as practice got into full swing for the Jan. 1 meeting with the University of Southern California, but he continued to emphasize speed—coupled with his own adaptation of the T-formation.

"Speed will be the basis for our offense, and Akins and Robinson, both sprinters, are perfect for that style of play," Welch said. "And Gerry Austen at quarterback has shown an excellent selection of plays to take advantage of their talents."

Akins, Robinson and Austen are classed by Welch as "all-around handymen" in the backfield. Austen and Robinson have plenty of passing ability and Akins and Robinson are both excellent pass receivers. Akins, who joined the Huskies on a transfer from Washington State College, is northwest sprint champion, but Robinson, who is 15 pounds heavier, can outspeed him in a football suit.

Welch's biggest backfield problem is filling the fullback spot.

FLYERS FAVORED OVER STAGG CLUB

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg of College of Pacific announced today he would take 30 players to Los Angeles Friday for the season's finale with the Fourth Air Force Flyers from March field.

Pacific, although the underdog in the betting, will have the services of Lt. Preston Johnson, former Southern Methodist half-back, who did not play during the regular season.

The Tigers have concentrated on several new pass patterns, with Johnston, Jack Verutti and Fred Klemenok doing most of the tossing.

LOCAL INDUCTEES ASSIGNED TO DUTY

Names of men accepted at the induction center in Portland last week for service in the armed forces were released by local Selective Service Board No. 1 today. Included are:

Army, Robert Everett Lee, Earl William Read, Robert Alexander Smoot, William Asher Mansfield and Everett Douglas Bennett.

Navy, Donald Marsh Wilson, Paul Avis Wilcox, Lloyd Marion Cline, Edward Ross Hoover and Richard James Wild.

Marine corps, Poey Holcomb Slivey and Hector Fred Vosika.

BRUINS WINGS TIE

(By United Press)
The Boston Bruins drew to within a single point of a tie with the Chicago Blackhawks and the Toronto Maple Leafs for second place in the National Hockey league last night by scoring four last period goals to gain a 6-6 tie with the Detroit Red Wings.

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Since arrival of the 96th, the younger set and particularly the jitterbug fans have been swept off their feet by the "hot licks" of the two division dance bands. Explanation may be found in the fact that they are made up largely of musicians from nationally known "name bands." These talented artists, incident-

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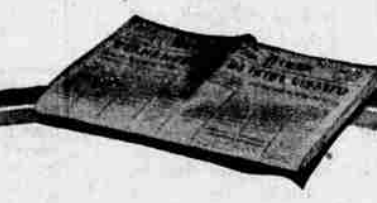
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