

SPORTS

TIGER GRIDDERS IMPROVE DESPITE LACK OF GUARDS

Coach Simpson Pleased Over Progress of Squad — Players Like T-Formation

Except for a dearth of experienced guards and reserves at other positions, Medford high's football squad, one of the smallest numerically in many years, is coming along nicely in preparing for its opening game against Weed here the night of Sept. 22.

Coach Al Simpson has thus far devoted most of the nightly practice sessions to giving the squad of 30-35 "T" formation plays, and expresses himself as pleased over the way the lads are responding. Although most of the players work all day and are rather tired when they report for the two-hour drills, they are showing increasing enthusiasm for the deception and quick-hitting maneuvers embodied in the "T" system.

Three lettermen are likely to be in the backfield that opens against Weed, the mentor said. He has Bob Watson at the ball-handling and forward-passing quarterback spot; Marvin Doty, an end last year, at fullback and Jerry Clark at right half. All won their monograms last season. At left half slot is Glen Bostwick, fastest man on the squad.

Sophs On Squad
An alternate backfield finds three sophomores and one letterman on hand. The sophs are Ken Lindley, quarter; Earl Stelle, left half and Nick Greene, right half. Earl Barnhart is at full.

The squad is strong at the flanks, with Darrell Riggs, Bill Plaskett and Al Kircher, lettermen, and Howard Whillcock, up from junior high. Tackles are Dean Sheldon, a letterman, and Lynn Bessonet, Bob Porter and Glen Kircher. The guard posts are still wide open, he said.

At the center position is Jim Cave, a letterman and LeRoy House.

COAST SCHEDULE ENDS THIS WEEK

By United Press
The Los Angeles Angels today needed but a single win or a Portland Beaver defeat to clinch their second consecutive Pacific Coast league pennant, as final eight-game series got underway.

The Angels entertain Seattle in the closing week festivities, while the Beavers, eight games behind, play at Oakland. San Francisco closes at San Diego and Hollywood at Sacramento.

With Los Angeles and Portland regarded as favorites for the four-team post-season play-off for the Governor's cup, four other teams were still in the running.

San Francisco and Seattle were tied for third, 11 games behind Los Angeles, with Oakland two games and Hollywood 3½ games out of the first division.

BOWLING

In classic league games at the Medford Bowling Alleys last night, Murray's Maid-Rite defeated Jim's Super Service, 2 to 1 (Sims 536, Sims 198); Rolling Pin defeated Signal Oil, 3 to 0 (Eads 594, Jamison 223) and Domestic Laundry defeated Medford Feed and Seed, 2 to 1 (Ryerson 592, Merriken 212).

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CARDS MAY RIVET PENNANT IN SET WITH PITTSBURGH

New York, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The National league, completely over-shadowed recently by the tightness of the American Circuit Pennant race, took advantage of an off-day in the Junior loop today to regain the stage as the St. Louis Cardinals open a series with the Pittsburgh Pirates which may clinch the pennant for the Red Birds.

The Cards, with 85 victories already tucked away, have reached the point where they need only six wins to clinch their third straight pennant. Any combination of that figure, so far as the Pirates are concerned, would nullify the bunting to the pole in Sportsman's park. Thus, if St. Louis should win three of its four game series with the Bucs in scheduled night doubleheaders today and tomorrow, the Senior circuit world series representative would be settled.

If the Cards do win the pennant in this series, it will be the earliest flag-clinching in a 154 game season in National league history. The record now is held by the Cardinals of 1931 who wrapped up the pennant on Sept. 18.

Cincinnati figured in the only Major league game played yesterday and defeated the Chicago Cubs, 6-5 in 10 innings. Iron Man Ray Mueller was the big gun of the Cincinnati attack as he drove home four runs during the day and scored the winning counter himself in the extra inning.

FOMER TIGERS REACH HONOLULU

Honolulu, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Lyn "Schoolboy" Rowe, former Detroit and Philadelphia pitcher, and Virgil Truck, lately of the Detroit Tigers, were reportedly in Honolulu today to take part in the "army-navy world series," beginning Sept. 22.

The pair, who recently played with the Great Lakes team, will join a host of other navy stars for the seven-game series. The navy team includes Mize McCoskey, Joe Grace, Walter Masterson, Arne Anderson, Verne Olsen, Pee-wee Reese, Al Brancato and George Dickey, probably will be managed by Bill Dickey, formerly of the New York Yankees.

The army team has such stars as Joe DiMaggio, Joe Gordon, Dario Lodigiani, Mike McCormick, Red Ruffing, and Johnny Beazley, all of the army's seventh AAF.

SCHMIDT IS APPOINTED TEMPORARY GRID CZAR

Los Angeles, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Victor O. Schmidt, Los Angeles attorney today began his duties as temporary athletic commissioner of the Pacific Coast Conference.

Conference officials said Schmidt's appointment will expire at the end of the year when a permanent commissioner will be named.

Schmidt served as assistant to the late Edwin N. Atherton, former commissioner, since 1940.

EX-A'S MOUND STAR REPORTED PRISONER

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Phil Marchildon, former Philadelphia Athletics' pitching star who enlisted in the Royal Canadian air force in 1942, was reported a prisoner of war in Germany by officials of the Philadelphia club today.

Marchildon had been missing in action. He pitched two seasons for the A's and led the mound staff in 1942 with 17 victories. His home is at Penetanguishene, Ont. Can.

BURLY SCORES TKO OVER CHASE IN 12th

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—California State Middleweight Champion Charley Burley battered Challenger Jack Chase to the floor three times to score a technical knockout in the 12th round of their 15-round fight before 6,000 fans at Civic auditorium last night.

The San Diego titleholder led on points, and put the Denver boxer down for counts of eight and nine with rights to the jaw before the final knockdown.

Bruin Backs Bound for Bow' Bid?



Here's a 1944 U. C. L. A. Bruin backfield that stacks up well against the 1942 gang that wound up in the Rose Bowl. Pictured here during opening fall practice session on Los Angeles campus are, left to right: Cal Rost, 175-pound right halfback; Jack Myers, 200-pound fullback; Bob Waterfield, 190-pound quarterback, and Jack Boyd, 165-pound left halfback.

Lull In American League Activity May Hurt Yanks

By Jack Cuddy

United Press Staff Correspondent.

New York, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Marse Joe McCarthy, although somewhat calloused to the tension of pennant strife, must be breathing maledictions upon American league schedule makers who permitted the current lull before the big stretch storm.

This lull—in which only one game will have been played from Sunday to Friday by an American league flag contender—may work to the disadvantage of McCarthy's leading Yanks, a comparatively poor road club which must finish its season away from home.

Meanwhile, the lay-off is expected to favor the second-place Detroit Tigers, generally rated the Yanks' most dangerous rivals.

The Yanks meet the Athletics at Philadelphia tomorrow night for the lone contest of the lull—a period of idleness which resulted from the over-zealousness of schedule makers in arranging a batch of early-season doubleheaders, just in case the campaign might be abbreviated by the war.

After tomorrow night's contest, the Yanks will be idle until they entertain the Athletics at Yankee Stadium for single contests on Saturday and Sunday. Thus, in seven days the Yanks will have had only three games—hardly sufficient activity to keep McCarthy's half-dozen rotating pitchers in form. McCarthy has been trying to rotate Hank Borowy, Ernie Bonham, Walter Dubiel, Mel Queen, Bill Zuber and Floyd Bevens.

None of the other contending clubs enjoys such a rounded mound staff—Detroit, St. Louis or Boston. Each has welcomed off-days to rest their over-worked, aces. This applies particularly to the Tigers, for whom Dizzy Trout and Hal Newhouse have been trudging to the mound in workhorse fashion, both as starters and relievers.

An important factor in the Yanks' rise to the top during the past month has been McCarthy's ability to achieve some sort of rotation among his hurlers—providing the happy balance of work and rests that keeps a flinger in peak shape for his turn. They'll certainly need that edge next week, because they play their last game at home Sunday (unless they get into the world series). They open their final western invasion in a "crucial" three-game series with the Tigers at Detroit Tuesday; after which they tangle with Cleveland and Chicago and wind up the season at St. Louis.

WEATHER

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Rockets Will Start Same Team Against Hollywood Rangers

Portland, Ore., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Coach Matty Mathews of the Portland Rockets will send the same starting eleven against the Hollywood Rangers Sunday that dumped the Los Angeles Bulldogs 30-7 here last week in the first big upset of the American Professional league.

The Rockets will be underdogs come Sunday—just as they were when they took the field against Los Angeles. The Rangers defeated the highly-touted San Diego Marines last week by the lopsided score of 31-6, and in addition, displayed a smooth "T" formation built around Merle Hapes, a lad who made quite a record for himself in the University of Mississippi backfield a few years ago.

Portland will depend on Howard Manson and Jimmy Caine to lead the attack against the southern invaders. Manson, the former Idaho university Vandal, showed plenty of pitching accuracy while Caine is already being heralded as one of the shiftest backs in a league loaded with All-American ball carriers.

A break in the schedule gives the Mathewmen a full week of rest, while unbeaten Hollywood will meet the strong Seattle Bombers Friday night.

Sgt. McCullach Of Ashland Vicinity At Mustang Base

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England—Staff Sergeant Donald J. McCullach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln McCullach of Route 2, Ashland, Ore., is a crew chief in the Eighth Fighter Command's well trained army of aircraft specialists, and is one of the men whose work contributes to the great aerial offensive against Germany.

Assigned to a P-51 Mustang fighter base, Sergeant McCullach and his men help keep the swift combat planes in perfect condition for long-range bomber escort missions, ground strafing operations and low level bombing attacks behind enemy lines.

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NEW, OLD CHAMP WILL GRAPPLE ON THURSDAY CARD

The new and the old Pacific Coast light-heavyweight wrestling champions will match grips with tough foes in the armory Thursday night as Promoter Mack Lillard's matmen resume local activity after a month's lapse.

The new light-heavy king is Jack Kaiser of Vancouver, Wash., one of the flashiest operators in the game, who lifted the crown from Finnish Paavo Kotonen in a title-struggle in Salem recently.

Kaiser, a mere youngster as champion wrestlers go, is slated to face Milt Olson of Milwaukee, Wis., in the one-hour main event. Olson is the same type matman—spectacularly fast and with a brilliant array of legitimate holds. The bout should be a thriller.

Katonen will appear here for the first time in the role of ex-champ when he meets Pat O'Dowdy, an uncouth individual, in the four-round center engagement. The former titlist is expected to handle O'Dowdy.

Elton Owen and Buck Davidson will vie in the three-heat curtain-raiser.

Foots Creek

Foots Creek, Sept. 12.—Friends here of Jack Pickard were sorry to learn he is confined to his home in Medford with a badly injured ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Weaver have sold their property here, the former Ed Guelzaff place, to Mr. and Mrs. Dowell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Moschkan and three children moved last week to the cottage on the Dr. Freeburger place. Mr. Moschkan and his brother-in-law Mr. Cimfi are employed at Azalea, Ore., in the woods.

Mrs. H. Bennett returned Sept. 4 from a few days' business trip to Kelso, Wash. The Bennetts' son Douglas is joining the merchant marine.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Woods had as guests recently Mr. Woods' brother and family of near Los Angeles. They have bought property in Grants Pass and will make their home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolgemott and son Donnie of Tillamook spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wolgemott. They were accompanied by their son Bill, who had spent a week with them. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Howell and daughter Janet of Phoenix, Ariz., also visited the Wolgemotts Sept. 4. They were former neighbors in Tillamook.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davidson, former owners of the Curly Auto Court at Savage Creek on Highway 99 have bought the Wilson home, which is part of the former Riviera Plantation. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will move to their new home which they built on their adjoining property.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lunbeck of Grants Pass called on friends here Sept. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLallen are moving from the Davis place to Mrs. White's property, the former Galliger property. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller of Grants Pass visited relatives and friends here Sept. 5.

A large crowd attended the auction sale at the John M. Poyner place Sept. 8.

The broadcast recorded by United Press at San Francisco

Jap Diet Pledges New Indignation On Ruler's Appeal
By United Press
Both houses of the Japanese diet today passed all bills submitted by the government and members of the lower house responded to an appeal from Emperor Hirohito by adopting a "victory resolution" promising to "renew our indignation," Tokyo radio reported.

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