

# Senators Muff Chance To Tie Loop-Leading Detroit

New York, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—No major league team ever won the pennant by finishing in second place, a fact that was becoming all too realistic today to the Washington Senators, who have been trying for exactly three months without success to dislodge Detroit from the American league lead.

Washington never had a better opportunity to close in than last night, but the Senators, dog-tired after weeks of doubling up on the schedule, couldn't make the grade.

The Tigers had divided a doubleheader at Boston and when the Senators won the first game with the Chicago White Sox, 10 to 4, they were within a half game of the lead. A second triumph would have put them into a virtual first place tie. For a time it looked as if they would get the job done.

**Senators Lead**  
Giving Marino Pieretti a 3 to 0 lead, they set the pace until the fourth but then Chicago, after six losing starts, led off on Pieretti and Santiago Ullrich for seven hits and six runs, 12 men batting during the inning. The Senators, who had a winning string of seven games, never had a chance thereafter, and lost 9 to 4.

Dave (Boo) Ferriss, the Red Sox rookie star, sidetracked the Tigers 9 to 2 with a doubly-brilliant performance in which he gave up only eight hits and hit two doubles and a single, driving in two runs. The Tigers won the second game, 2 to 1, when Ed

Mierkiewicz, subbing for the injured Hank Greenberg, doubled home Rudy York with the winning run.

**Keller Gets Homer**  
Charley Keller's bases-full homer and Ernie Honham's five-hit pitching gave the Yankees a 5 to 1 victory over the Indians at New York and put them into third place. Nick Etten also got a Yankee homer.

The Browns dropped to fourth by dividing a pair at Philadelphia. They won the opener, 3 to 2, on Vern Stephens' 21st homer, which gave Jack Kramer the decision over Russ Christopher. The A's took the second, 5 to 3.

The Cardinals cut Chicago's lead to two and a half games in the National with a 2 to 1 victory over the Giants at St. Louis. Harry Bretchen won his 12th game, a six-hitter.

**Cubs Shut Out**  
Rookie Ed Wright of the Braves shut out the Cubs, 2 to 0, at Chicago, handing them their third shutout in five games.

Brooklyn won an abbreviated game at Cincinnati, 3 to 2, rain cutting it short in the eighth and causing postponement of the second game of a scheduled double bill.

The Pirates won another rain-shortened game in seven innings, to move into fourth place, beating the Phillies at Pittsburgh, 9 to 5. Nick Strincevich won his 15th game despite yielding 15 hits. Jim Wandell hit a Philadelphia homer.

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Boston	68	72	.478
Philadelphia	47	89	.346

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	W.	L.	Pct.
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Brooklyn	74	59	.556
Pittsburgh	75	65	.536
New York	73	65	.529
Boston	59	77	.437
Cincinnati	54	80	.403
Philadelphia	42	95	.307

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# CONN BACK FROM OVERSEAS DUTY; WANTS LOUIS GO

New York, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Cpl. Billy Conn came home from Europe today for an army discharge and a title bout with Heavyweight Champion Sgt. Joe Louis and was greeted with a kiss and a hug from Promoter Mike Jacobs when he stepped off the transport plane.

Jacobs, who took advantage of the occasion to reveal that plans were about complete for a title bout between Conn and Louis, probably in New York next summer, made no secret of the fact that he was delighted to see one of the principals in what may make the biggest fight gate in history.

"Boy, but it is great to be back in this country," Conn said. "I want to get home and take a look at that new kid of mine and then start getting back into shape. It should take me around two months and then for Louis, I'll take him this time."

The Pittsburgh corporal, wearing a combat jacket and carrying his overseas cap, arrived early this morning at Laguardia Field in a C-54 transport. He said he weighed about 190 pounds, about seven more than his fighting weight.

Eligible for a quick discharge because he has 91 service points accumulated in three and a half years in the army, 15 months of the time in the overseas service, he will report later today to Fort Totten, N. Y., for final assignment.

Army officials said that Conn would be sent for mustering out to a separation center near his home in Pittsburgh.

**Sport Chips** BY  **Harry Chipman** Mail Tribune Sports Editor

It is usually practice for the men who make up football schedules to stick in a breather, at least as the first game of the season. Because it is usually customary to want a breathing spell during the middle of a season, an open date is generally set aside sometime during the middle of October.

But in scanning over the gruelling schedule facing the Medford high school Black Tornado this fall, we can't find a breather in the eight games and no open dates. At least no one can say Medford has picked an easy schedule in an effort to build up an outstanding record.

Al Simpson sends his kids against Albany on the Medford stadium turf a week from Friday night in the season's opener. While Albany is not quite as large as Medford and does not have the student enrollment, they are nevertheless a tough football lot and have a number of large and experienced veterans back for this season.

The following week the Tornado travels to Coos Bay to engage Marshfield high. The Pirates also have a number of returning lettermen and boast a large club (in poundage). The boys from the coast visualize an unbeaten season and will be gunning for a chance to square accounts for the 33-0 setback dished out by Simpson and Co. last year.

Medford travels to Eugene Oct. 5 and will remain there overnight to see the Oregon-Idaho game Oct. 6. The Axe men always are a potent club and advance publicity has them tabbed as potential material to succeed Medford for the state grid crown.

Eureka, long a Medford foe, comes here Oct. 12 and never has been a pushover. They are said to average about 175 pounds and are reported to be fast ground and possessors of a sharp passing attack.

The most important game

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on the Medford schedule, if one can be classed more important than another for defending champions, is the fracas with Klamath Falls at Modoc Field Oct. 19. The Pelicans will have a large turnout, as always, but lacks veterans. Paul Angstead, who will handle the Pelican coaching reins in place of Marble Cook, will have to build almost from scratch. Klamath Falls isn't expected to be too powerful as a whole but always play their hearts out against Medford.

Grants Pass will host the Tornado Oct. 26 and are rated as an extremely dangerous club. They will be padded by lettermen and will field a powerhouse, besides having advantage of their own turf.

Bend, coming here Nov. 2, lost most of last year's club but advance hope says they have plenty of material to build around and expect to be considerably stronger than last season.

Ashland winds up the season here Nov. 12 and, while we were watching them work out the other night, heard them favorably discussing the possibilities of whipping Medford. Under the guidance of John Roberts, who had an undefeated club at Ashland junior high last year, the Grizzlies look exceptionally good in early-season workouts. Leonard Williams will carry the bulk of their attack and will be capably backed with the assistance of Jim Jandreau, Bob Frazier and Ed Beare in the backfield and a heavy and fast-charging line.

We'll doff the skimmer to anyone who can find a breather in that schedule. Of course, Medford won't be shy material and defense of their state championship will be sort of a personal matter as well as concern for the South Oakdale institution for most of the Tornado squad also wore the red and black last year. The kids will be good, there's no denying that, and they know it but they're football players, too.

If any high school club in Oregon has eyes on the state title they will first have to reckon with a club that will be every bit as classy as last years Medford outfit, probably not as heavy but faster and more "heady."

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# COAST PLAYOFF SITES REVEALED

(By United Press)  
Pacific Coast league baseball competitors swung into the final stretch of the season today as it was announced in four league cities that final playoffs had been scheduled Sept. 25 at Seattle and Sept. 26 at Portland.

Tentative schedules for the playoffs call for games between the Seattle Rainiers and the Portland Beavers to begin in Seattle and finish in Portland over the week-end. The first three games between the Sacs and the Seals will be played at Sacramento and three week-end contests to be held at San Francisco. If necessary, a seventh game will be played Oct. 1.

**Games this week:**  
The Beavers, who have a 6 1/2 game stranglehold on the top spot, play host to the sixth-place Seattle Pilgrims in the third place Solons at Seattle. Los Angeles, in seventh spot, invades Oakland and the San Francisco Seals travel south to play the cellarite Hollywood Stars.

**Football Briefs**  
Eugene, Ore., Sept. 11—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon Webfoot football squad today was awaiting arrival of Charles "Spike" Cordeiro, triple-threat halfback from Honolulu, and Ray Blatchley, letterman blocking back from the 1942 squad, to bolster the backfield.

The only returned letterman present on the 45 man tryout squad at its workouts yesterday was Halfback Bobby Reynolds, ace triple-threat of the 1942 team.

Vaugh Corley, regular varsity line coach, just recently discharged from the U. S. naval reserve, joined the coaching staff.

Corvallis, Ore., Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Oregon State held its first football workout of the season yesterday with 65 men reporting to Coach Lon Stiner.

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terman, Bill Biggs, Hood River, Ore., high school athlete, and Johnny Becharas, former ASTR player on the campus.

Seattle, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—The University of Washington today began three weeks of tough workouts in preparation for the opener against Oregon here Sept. 29.

An 85-man squad turned out for the inspection of Coach Pest Welch. Only five lettermen were on hand but Coach Welch thought he found two future stars—Halfback Norm Sansregret of Bellingham and Guard Alf Hemstad, former Seattle prep star.

Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 11—(U.P.)—The University of California Bears scheduled a practice session today as the squad prepared for the opening game of the season against St. Mary's College on Sept. 22.

Los Angeles, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—A three-ply casualty list confronted Coach Jeff Cravath today as he put his charges through the paces for the Trojans' opener Sept. 21 against their cross-city rivals, the University of California at Los Angeles grid men.

University of California football injured include John McGinn, a first guard, who will be out for a week with a strained ligament in his knee.

Left Tackle J. 'kie Musick's minor head injury will bench him for another two days and Right Tackle Joe Bradford, second stringer, is out for 10 days with a dislocated elbow.

**Luckman, Baugh To Spark Grid Clash**  
Chicago, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Sid Luckman and Sammy Baugh hook up in another one of their famed passing duels tonight when the Chicago Bears make their 1945 gridiron debut against the Washington Redskins in a National football league exhibition game at Soldier Field.

The Bears, with Luckman back on a full-time basis since being discharged from the military service, will be playing their first game of the season. The Redskins were soundly trounced in their first warmup start last week-end by the Cleveland Rams, 21 to 0.

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# Oakland Arranges Working Agreement With Idaho Falls

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 11—(U.P.)—The Oakland Aacorns have entered into a working agreement with the Idaho Falls, Ida., Redskins, of the Pioneer league, it was announced today by General Manager Vic Devincenzi.

The Oaks had sought to purchase the Idaho Falls franchise in the class C league, but when only 50 per cent of the stock was offered for sale, compromised on the working agreement whereby the Pacific Coast

league club will furnish players. The Pioneer league is expected to resume operation in 1946. It discontinued play at the end of the 1942 season after four years of successful competition.

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