



Sport Chips

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We do not know if Medford high school has any reconversion building program in mind but one came to our attention at the football "track meet" with Albany last Friday night.

As the several thousand fans who saw the game will recall, it was a cold, windy night with heavy clouds. Near end of the first half the heavens broke loose and showered the field, and spectators who were not fortunate enough to have grandstand seats, in a deluge. Bleacher spectators swarmed across the field and crowded into what little grandstand space was available and gathered under the eaves where the rain dripped down their necks.

We overheard, not one, but several, grid enthusiasts say they would stay home before coming out to see another game in threatening weather when grandstand seats were sold out, as they were Friday night. And we know of several who did not go to the game at all because of threatening rain and lack of grandstand accommodation.

It seems to this department it would well pay the high school to enlarge their present grandstand facilities or, better still, erect a cover over seats on the east side of the playing field. Considerably more grandstand room could be made available by building onto the north and south ends of the present accommodations if school officials chose to leave the bleachers on the east side of the field for student crowds.

No doubt the present seating facilities were big enough to accommodate the crowd when they were constructed but the city and high school has certainly outgrown the seating arrangements. On many occasions we have attended games at Medford stadium when the entire seating arrangement was jammed to overflowing and many hundreds were left to stand along the end zones or sidelines. It is probable that nearly every one who was forced to stand would have kicked through with a little more money to be able to buy a grandstand seat if it had been available.

Football is a business with Medford high school, just as it is with any other institution having teams and it seems to us it would pay dividends in cold cash to spend enough to construct additional seating coverage. Medford's turf field is surpassed by none in the state and it seems a shame to spoil this with inadequate seating arrangements.

Medford is growing and seems destined to become even larger in the near future, which means more spectators will be coming to athletic events at the high school stadium, so why don't school authorities cash in on better seating arrangements?

WE HOPE SO

Medford Pulls No Punches
Coach Al Simpson's Black Tornado is apparently trying to scare its opponents silly this year, but we don't frighten easily on this side of the Cascades. Last year's prep school champs blasted Albany Friday 68 to 0 and a collective "ouch" emanated from every other high school in the state.

CUBS RALLY TO BEAT CARDINALS BY 6-5 MARGIN

Chicago, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The St. Louis Cardinals' three-year reign over the National league was all but ended today.

Buster at their own game, the ability to rally when the chips are down, the Cardinals now can only hang on and hope the league-leading Cubs collapse during the final five days of the season.

The Cubs came from behind to nose out the world champions, 6 to 5 yesterday on a slippery, rain-soaked field before 21,138 fans at Wrigley field, dropping the Cardinals two and a half games behind.

But the league leaders did more than beat the Cardinals by one run. The way they snatched the game out of the fire took something out of the cocky, swashbuckling Missourians who have been sure all season they would win their fourth consecutive National league pennant this year.

Actually, the Cardinals' hope for a world series in St. Louis next week is about as thin as a dream.

The fading champions' only chance would be if the Cubs lose at least three of their remaining six games. Even then the Missourians would have to sweep their remaining five games merely to tie.

Barrett Gets Call
That Herculean task was squarely before them today as Southworth sent Charley (Red) Barrett, 23-game winner, against the Cubs' Claude Passeau in the final game of the regular season at Wrigley field. It is the last time the two teams meet this year.

The Cubs actually fought back twice yesterday to overcome Cardinal leads. In the first inning, the Redbirds opened with two runs. But the Cubs came right back to tie it up in their half.

Again the defending champions went ahead of the challengers. Buster Adams' single in the fifth plus a sacrifice by cleanup hitter George Kurovski and a rifle single by Ray Sanders gave the Cards a 3 to 2 lead.

Mighty Seventh
But came the seventh and the Cubs tore a page out of the Cardinals manual of attack and rallied with four big runs. While this climatic action was taking place here, the Brooklyn Dodgers tightened their hold on third place by whipping the New York Giants, 7 to 4. The only other game scheduled, Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, was postponed because of rain.

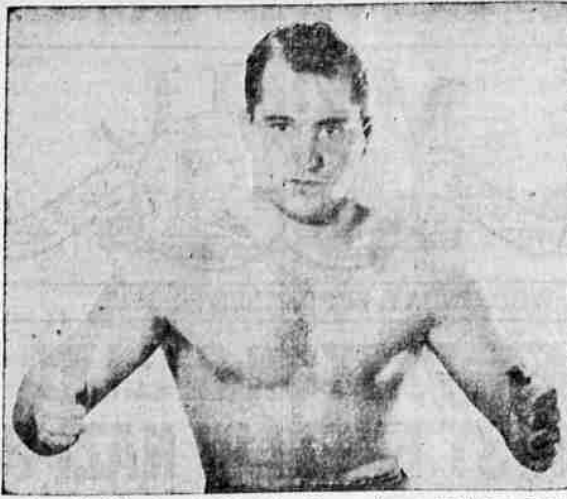
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Sure they're good. Why wouldn't they be with seven men back from last year's startling lineup? We are not trying to minimize the potency of the Tornado, but that little 68 to 0 gem is Simpson's way of serving notice that Medford is out for bear in an effort to scare the pants off all future opponents.

Well, here's one safe bet. Coach Paul Angstead's Pelicans will have their pants on when they take the field against Al Simpson's gang.—(Klamath Falls Herald and News.)

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon Please remember

Davidson On Armory Tussle



Harold (Blood and Guts) Davidson, above, will face Rough Rufus Jones, Negro tough guy, in one half of the double main event wrestling card at Medford armory tomorrow night. Georges Dusette tackles Jack Lipscomb in the other half of the twin bill, resuming their grudge match of last week. As Dusette's request, tape will be banned from Lipscomb's "sprained" hand. Joe Lynam, Redmond youngster recently discharged from the army, meets Gorilla Poggi in the 8:30 opener.

PORTLAND TAKES FIRST CLASH IN PLAYOFF SERIES

Portland, Ore., Sept. 26—(U.P.) The Portland Beavers today held the first victory of a three-game play-off series with the Seattle Rainiers for the Pacific Coast Baseball league Governor's trophy.

Behind the pitching of Jake Mootyn the pennant-winning Beavers clouted consecutive doubles in the sixth inning to win 3-0 from the second place Suds. Seventy-five hundred fans attended the game.

Portland opened up when Larry Barton doubled to second and Charlie English doubled to right field to score Barton. English sneaked to third and came home on Manager Mary Owen's single to left field. Ted Gullic's single to right field and Johnny O'Neil's double to left scored Owens for the third and final run.

Mooty held the Rainiers to three hits, striking out eight men in the process.

Before the game, state and city officials tendered the Beavers a banquet attended by 300

TORNADO DRILLS FOR MARSHFIELD

Medford high's football squad has been undergoing tough drills this week in preparation for their Friday night tilt with Marshfield high school at Coos Bay, Coach Al Simpson said today.

The Black Tornado came through their 68-0 victory over Albany last week without injuries and have been drilling mostly on pass defense the past few days. Several week spots showed up in the Albany game, Simpson said, and steps are under way to iron them out.

Al Kircher, towering end who pulled a tendon from his knee in early-season workouts, is responding better than expected to treatment and might be ready to go in 10 days or two weeks, the mentor stated.

YANKS WIN OPENER

Boston, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The Boston Yanks, who won only two National Football league games all last season, were already half as well off this year today, with only one game played. They made their start a winning one last night, scoring an impressive 28 to 7 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers before 27,502 fans at Fenway Park.

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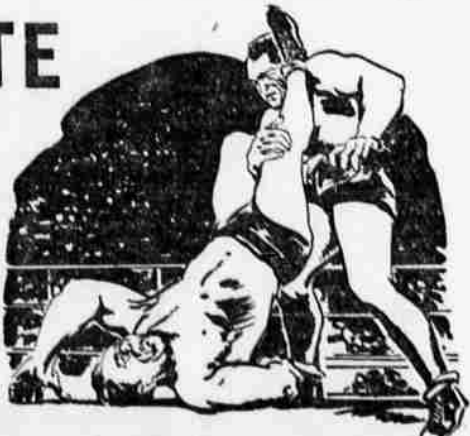
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