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Browns' Share of 1st Spot Only Normal Sight in Pro Loop; Five Upsets Scored

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The Cleveland Browns own a share of first place today to provide the only familiar sight in a topsy-turvy national football league campaign in which the odds have stood up just once in the first 18 games.

True, the Browns—the defending league champions—share the Eastern division lead with the Washington Redskins, Chicago Cardinals and Pittsburgh Steelers.

But Cleveland's appearance in first place is the first "normal" sight in the standings in the first three weeks of play. The "have-nots" have been having a gay time battering the clubs which dominated the last few seasons.

Five more upsets this week end left the surprising Baltimore Colts and Los Angeles Rams tied for the Western division lead with the only perfect records, 3-0. Baltimore upset the Green Bay Packers Saturday night, 24-20, and Los Angeles whipped the Detroit Lions, defending Western division champions, 17-10, in one of five Sunday games.

Four-Way Tie
The four-way first place tie in the Eastern race was produced when the Cardinals handed Washington its first defeat, 24-10; the Steelers downed the New York Giants, 30-23; and the Browns rallied to edge the Philadelphia Eagles, 21-17.

The San Francisco Forty-Niners (1-2) nipped the Chicago Bears (0-3) in the other Western Division game, 20-19.

The Packers, Lions, Bears, Redskins and Giants—all losers—were the favorites. The odds didn't hold up in the other game either because the Browns were favored by 4½ and won by four.

Staters, UO Lick Wounds Of Defeat

Staters 10 sport ...
Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon and Oregon State football teams licked their wounds from beatings over the week ends and prepared today for more underdog roles in games coming up next week end.

Oregon, 13-6 loser to Colorado at Eugene Saturday, takes on California's Golden Bears Saturday night in Portland. Oregon State, 38-0 loser to UCLA last Friday night, travels to Stockton, Calif., to meet the powerful College of Pacific Tigers under the lights.

Coach Tommy Prothro said six of his Beavers were on the injured list. Ed Norm Thiel appeared worse off with a badly sprained ankle. Other Oregon State injured were backs Joe Francis and Ray Westfall and linemen John Witte, Howard Buettgenbach, Bob de Grant and John Sniffen.

Chapman Shines
Oregon suffered wounded pride against Colorado, losing the ball six times on fumbles which cost the Ducks a chance to win. The Webfoots outgained Colorado 366 to 199 net yards.

James was the star for Oregon, picking up 144 yards in 18 rushing plays.

Oregon used Norm Chapman and Nick Markulis, both centers, to back up the line and both were in on many tackles.



DIDN'T GO FAR—Colorado fullback John Bayuk is hoisted down for just a yard gain by Oregon end J. C. Wheeler in the first quarter at Eugene, Oregon. An alert Colorado team, taking advantage of eight Oregon fumbles, drove to two first half touchdowns to defeat the Webfoots, 13-6, on a muddy field before 12,500 fans.

Forty-Niners Win 20-19 Over Cards

Chicago — (U.P.) — Coach Red Strader said today "It's about time" his San Francisco Forty Niners won a ball game, even if it was only because the team was "lucky."

"But we'll take them any way we can get them," he beamed. "We got a lot of breaks, but it's about time they started coming our way. We've been fighting uphill battles all year."

The Forty Niners' 20-19 victory over Chicago yesterday was the season's first for the San Francisco club after two losses.

Strader said he planned no protest but it did seem to him that the team played a "61-minute ball game." He was referring to the agonizing final minutes when the Bears, desperate for their first win in three tries, fought hard for another score.

George Maderos Hero
The hero of those moments was undoubtedly rookie half-back George Maderos, who recovered a fumble that ended the Bear threat once and for all.

What the 45,256 fans in the stands did not know was that Maderos was hurt on the eighth play of the third quarter. His left hand was split open from the tip of his finger to the wrist. He received 12 stitches to close the cut. And he played the rest of the game.

Early in the fourth quarter, with the score 20-17 in favor of the visitors, Chicago worked its way to the San Francisco 18. Maderos snagged a pass there and broke up one scoring threat. Then the stage was set for the heart-rending final minutes.

Took a Safety
Quarterback Y. A. Tittle, believing there were only seconds left in the game, deliberately took a safety to kill time. But the clock continued to run long enough after that to let the Bears run a half dozen of so quick plays.

Finally, Chicago halfback John Hoffman smashed into the left side of the Forty Niner defensive line on a second down play with 10 yards to go. Leo Nomellini dove low and tackled him. As Hoffman went over backwards, the ball flew out from his arms.

Maderos pounced upon it on the Forty Niner 19. That saved the game.

Howard Fox Dies; Victim Of Stabbing

San Antonio, Tex. — (U.P.) — A 22-year-old man was being held today in connection with the fatal stabbing of former major league pitcher Howie Fox outside his tavern here early Sunday.

Fox, 34, played for the San Antonio Missions of the Texas League last season. Previously, he spent seven years with Cincinnati before moving over to Philadelphia Phillies in 1952. He went from Philadelphia to Baltimore in the International League.

When Baltimore joined the American League, Fox went with the deal and won one and lost two games with the Orioles before being shipped to San Antonio in 1954. For the Missions last season, he pitched a total of 104 innings in 29 games, winning three and losing eight.

Strickland Booked
Fox was stabbed outside the "Club House," a tavern he owned here, John Strickland, 22, of San Antonio, one of three youths he was fighting with, was booked at police station for Fox's murder. Martin Belton, 23, and Jack Allen, 21, also from San Antonio, were held as material witnesses.

Robert Dardeman, 17, a musician employed at the Club House, told Detectives Steve Salas and David Cisneros the three young men took a table at the tavern and tried to cut in on two 16-year old girls dancing together.

Fox went to the table and told them to leave. They protested, left and threw stones and bottles at the tavern, Dardeman said. When Fox and a bartender, Tex Callahan, went outside, the fight started.

Fox was knifed three times.

OREGON ATHLETE
Eugene — (U.P.) — Howard Fox, 34-year-old former major league pitcher who was stabbed to death in San Antonio, Tex., yesterday, was well-known Oregon athlete.

Fox was a star basketball player at now-defunct Thurston high school in the late 1930's and was named to the second all-state team in 1938 when Thurston competed in the tournament with the class A teams. That team, called the Pansies, was coached by a woman, Mrs. Genevieve Beaman. Howard Fox was one of several brothers who played on the team.

Fox later played basketball at Oregon College of Education and Southern Oregon. He pitched baseball in the old Cascade league in 1942 and broke into organized ball with Birmingham of the Southern Association the following year.

Washington Steals Show In PCC Play

By SCOTT BAILLIE
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Experts who nodded politely when Washington announced it would settle for fourth place in the Pacific Coast Conference this year stared in amazement today as Coach Johnny Cherb's crew sat atop the PCC standings with an undefeated record.

The amazing Huskies "mushed" to their fourth straight win and third conference triumph on Saturday by toppling highly-regarded Southern California 7-0 in a Seattle downpour.

Struggle Brewing
That stole the show as far as West Coast football was concerned, and converted the Nov. 12 Washington-UCLA game from just another pushover for the Bruins to what could be a titanic between the Southland and the Northwest for the Rose Bowl bid.

UCLA, which belted Oregon State 38-0 Friday night, meets a Stamford team next Saturday that took a 38-14 lacing from Michigan State in East Lansing.

In other games, California and Washington State tied 20-20, Colorado clipped Oregon 13-6, College of Pacific downed Idaho 20-0 and undefeated San Jose State overcame Arizona (Tempe) State 27-20.

Second Loop Win Scored By Pioneers

By UNITED PRESS

Lewis and Clark's powerful football team racked up its second Northwest Conference victory over the week end by downing the Linfield Wildcats 47-7. Coach John Huston's first team scored five times against Linfield while the second team gathered 13 points.

The Pioneer's second string saw action in the second quarter after a 21-0 first period lead set the trend for the game. Thriller of Oregon Collegiate Conference play was a 21-20 victory by Eastern Oregon over the Southern Oregon Red Raiders.

Other Northwest conference action Saturday saw Willamette use a field goal for a 10-0 win over Whitman. It was the Bearcat's first victory of the season. Windy Sequiera went over standing up for the first-period score and Benny Holt booted the field goal in the final quarter.

In Monmouth, Oregon College of Education took revenge for last year's drubbing at the hands of Portland State by scoring a 46-14 triumph over the staters. Last year's Portland State victory was the first time in five years of OCC play that the Wolves had been tripped up.

In other college games, powerful Compton Junior College ground up Oregon Tech 60-7. Tech was the first team to score on the Californians this year, but Compton scored just about at will.

In Forest Grove, Pacific University came to life for its first win of the season over Pacific Lutheran of the Evergreen conference, 13-0. The Badgers ran to TDs in the second and fourth quarters.

Betty Jameson Champ on Links

Richmond, Calif. — (U.P.) — Members of the Women's Professional Golf association scattered to their homes throughout North and South America today after trailing veteran Betty Jameson of San Antonio, Tex., to the wire in the final tournament of the season — the \$5,000 Richmond Open.

The tourney here, which concluded the 1955 campaign for the feminine shotmakers, ended with Miss Jameson making up a two-stroke deficit to edge Mary Lena Faulk, Thomasville, Va., for the championship. Miss Jameson had a 220 total for 54 holes after firing a one-under-par 71 on the final round as Miss Faulk took a 74 for 221.

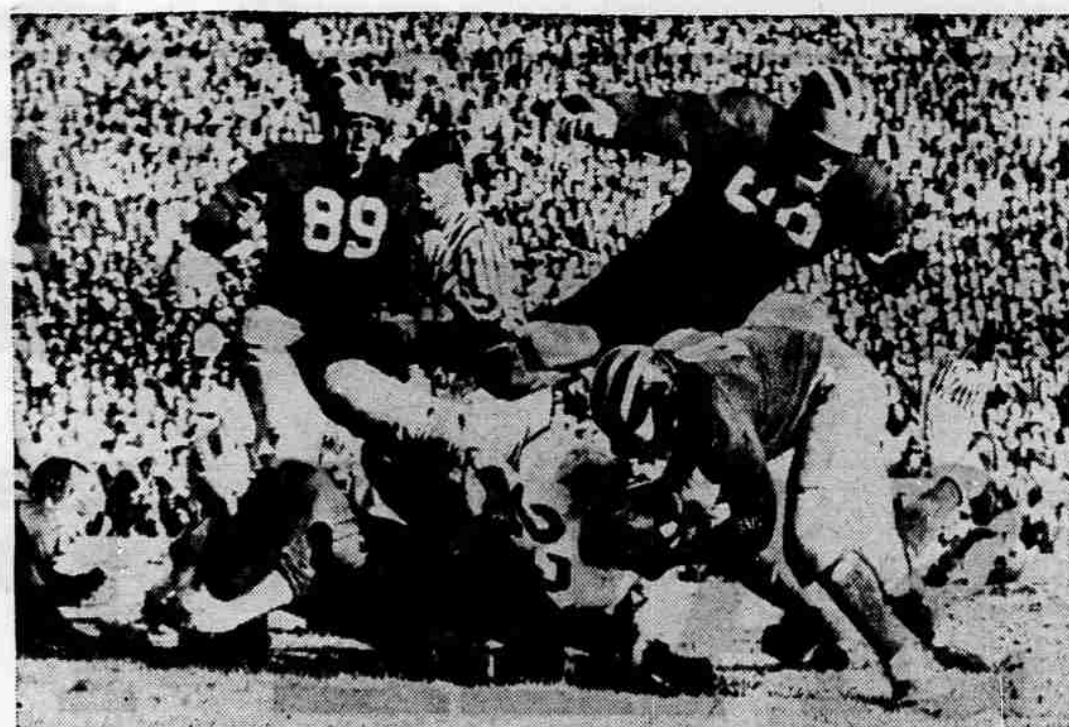
Veteran Patty Berg became the first woman in history to win the money-winning and scoring-average titles the same year.

While Patty finished far down in this tournament she topped the money winners for the year with \$16,492.34, and the scoring averages with 74.47 strokes per round.

Babe Returns to Links For 9-Hole Practice

Tampa, Fla. — (U.P.) — Babe Didrikson Zaharias is "back in there swingin'" today — only three months after her second cancer operation.

Mrs. Zaharias, felled twice by cancer in the last two years, served dramatic notice Sunday that she intends another comeback when she slipped out of her house to play nine holes of golf. The Babe crossed the street from her house to the course with Betty Dodd of Atlanta, Ga., and looked surprisingly like her old self.



JUST FUN-LOVING BOYS—Army's Turner Gauntly is stopped by University of Michigan's James Maddock (on ground under him) and Terry Barr (41) who appears to be giving him a headlock in the second quarter of game at An Arbor, Mich. Piling on for good measure are Michigan's Charles Brooks (89) and John Peckham (59). The Wolverines also swamped the Army to the tune of 26-2.

Crusaders Subdue Talent For Sole Lead in B League

JACKSON COUNTY
B LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Mary's	2	0	1.000
Talent	1	1	.500
Rogue River	1	1	.500
Prospect	1	1	.500
Jacksonville	0	2	.000

St. Mary's high's Crusaders, minus their usual sparkle and snap, ran up six touchdowns despite their listlessness to double opposition efforts and overcome Talent 39 to 20 in a Jackson County B League football engagement here Saturday night.

The win gave the Medford parochial school sole leadership in the circuit.

It was strictly an offensive battle. Neither team showed much strength on defense. After a lethargic first quarter St. Mary's scored on all but two occasions that they got its hands on the ball. Fumbles mainly kept Talent from matching the SM effort. Talent's offense was at its best of the season and the Bulldogs threatened the Crusaders with an upset until the Medfordites broke out with three touchdowns in the third quarter.

The clubs fought a scoreless battle in the first quarter. Second period ended in St. Mary's favor 14 to 6 and after three cantos the count was 33 to 13 for the Crusaders.

Jones Goes 51
St. Mary's halted a Talent drive on the 16-yard line after the opening kick-off and had one of its own run out in midfield before making the first successful bid. The Crusaders took over again on the 16 late in the initial stanza and six plays later had a touchdown. A 15-yard run by huge Jim Jones, nimble-footed for all his bulk, was the payoff. He ran over the extra point.

Talent then lost the ball on the SM 37 and the Crusaders launched a goalward surge which again required six plays. Laval Meunier ran the last 14 and Jim Darland kicked the extra for a 14 to 0 spread.

The Bulldogs rallied with a 64 yard surge in 12 plays for a touchdown and a 33 to 20 standing. Rice went the last three and Walker bucked over for the conversion.

71-Yard Surge
Halftime then stopped St. Mary's and its parade of touchdowns. But the Crusaders zoomed to the end zone 71 yards in four plays right after the second half boot off. Meunier

Miller Clings to Hope For San Francisco Seals

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Damon Miller, harassed president of the San Francisco Seals, clung to the hope today that "something will work out" although this town apparently has turned its back on the financially distressed club.

Latest rumblings are that the Milwaukee Braves may buy the staggering Pacific Coast League franchise—once the wealthiest in the PCL—and revive it with members of its farm system. In the meantime, Miller says he is just "marking time."

New York — (U.P.) — Nail, a mud-loving gray colt from the stable of Mrs. Anson A. Bigelow, splashed to an impressive one and one-quarter length victory Saturday in the 66th running of the \$125,125 Futurity Stakes at Belmont Park.

Boros Tops Pro Earnings

Baltimore, Md. — (U.P.) — Julius Boros of Southern Pines, N. C., who won the "world title" and golf's biggest single payoff in a playoff with Cary Middlecoff, was the leading money winner among professional golfers this year.

Boros, who received a check for \$50,000 by beating Middlecoff in Chicago last Aug. 14, won a total of \$63,121.55 on the circuit this year. Middlecoff, the golfing dentist from Memphis, Tenn., was second with \$39,567.27.

The final standings of money winners, announced after the Eastern Open tournament ended the 43-event tour Sunday.

Boros \$63,121; Middlecoff \$39,567; Doug Ford \$32,098; Gene Littler \$28,974; Mike Souchak \$26,864; Ted Kroell \$25,117; Freddie Haas \$20,852; Sam Snead \$20,942; Jerry Barber \$18,865; Tommy Bolt \$18,385; Bob Rosburg \$16,689; Billy Maxwell \$16,546; Art Wall Jr., \$17,215; Jack Burke \$14,966; Dow Finsterwald \$14,313; Fred Hawkins \$14,994; Bo Winingar \$13,230; Marty Furgol \$13,138; Ed Oliver \$11,894; Bud Holscher \$11,199; and Chandler Harper \$10,354.

Lulu Perez Opens Ring Comeback

New York — (U.P.) — Lulu Perez of Brooklyn, former featherweight contender, will start his comeback tonight as a lightweight in a 10-rounder with dynamic young Bobby Courchesne of Holyoke, Mass., at St. Nicholas Arena.

Although Lulu hasn't fought since May 27, when outpointed by Carmelo Costa, he is favored at 6½ to 5 to lick Courchesne, unbeaten in his last 15 bouts that included one draw.

THOMPSON RACE WINNER

Lehi, Ark. — (U.P.) — Speedy Thompson, of Monroe, N.C., won the NASCAR 300-mile championship race for late model stock cars Sunday. Marvin Panch of Oakland, Calif., was second, two laps back of the winner, and Jim Massey of Charlotte, N.C., finished third.

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