

Lions Surge From Behind To Defeat Forty-Niners for Division Diadem

FINAL NFL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T
Cleveland	9	2	1
New York	7	5	0
Pittsburgh	6	6	0
Washington	5	6	1
Philadelphia	4	8	0
Chicago	3	9	0

Team	W	L	T
San Francisco	9	4	0
Detroit	8	5	1
Baltimore	7	5	0
Los Angeles	6	6	0
Chicago Bears	5	7	0
Green Bay	3	9	0

Sunday's Results
 Pittsburgh 27, Chicago Cards 2
 Detroit 31, San Francisco 27
 (Only games scheduled)

By HAL WOOD
 San Francisco — A rolling band of Detroit Lions, who roared loudest all season long when they were behind, girded today for the big money battle against the Cleveland Browns in the auto city next Sunday.

Fresh from a 31-27 "kill" of the San Francisco Forty Niners in the playoff for the Western division title, the Lions are "ready, willing and able" to take on the Browns in the National Football league big game where a win is worth about \$5,000 to each player. The game is rated even.

The Lions, noted for comebacks, spotted San Francisco a 20-point lead early in the third quarter and then came snapping back with one of the great comebacks in football history. Trail by 20 in 3rd.

Behind 7-27 with only 27½ minutes of play left, Detroit scored three touchdowns and a field goal on the brilliant passing of reserve quarterback Tobin Rote and the slippery running of halfback Tom Tracy. Within two minutes they scored two touchdowns midway in the third period as the San Francisco defenses fell apart.

Big comebacks are nothing new for the Detroit club. It has been doing the same thing all season. The Lions trailed the Baltimore Colts by 21 points in the third quarter and came on to win.

But this one had looked like no competition for San Francisco through the first half and early in the third period. It was just about this time that the Lions dug in. "We saw that 'money slipping,'" said Creekmur, "and we decided to claw."

They settled for a San Francisco field goal there that made the score 27-7 — and then they went to town.

Celtics, Hawks Have Wide Leads
 By UNITED PRESS
 Like two racehorses running ahead of the rest of the pack, the Boston Celtics and St. Louis Hawks were matching strides today 8½ games ahead in their respective divisions of the National Basketball association.

SPORTS



JOURNEYING TO TEXAS, Coach Red Sanders, University of California at Los Angeles, and Mrs. Sanders, confer at College Station with officials of Texas A & M who reportedly are offering him \$40,000 annually to take charge of football squad. He now gets \$18,000. (International)

Cincinnati To Have More Versatile Force

(Editor's note: This is the sixth of 16 dispatches on the off-season outlook of each major league team for 1958, written by the managers of each club.)

By BIRDIE TEBBETTS
 Written for the United Press
 Nashua, N.H. — The Cincinnati Redlegs will enter a more versatile attacking force in the 1958 National Baseball league battle. The accent will be more toward pitching and speed.

We have been known primarily as a power team but next year we will not only hit—but move. Our thinking has changed since finishing fourth last season.

The Redlegs are going to be a combination of youth and experience. You might say our theme is to build for the future while we take care of the present.

That might sound like a large order but I believe we have—or will get—the personnel to carry it off. There have been some changes already . . . there will be more before spring training starts . . . and perhaps even more before the first game of the 1958 season.

Correcting Weakness
 Pitching was obviously our principal shortcoming last year so we went out and did something about it right away. Now I believe we have corrected that weakness.

We have already acquired seven new pitchers including good front-liners and solid relief strength. Harvey Haddix, Bob Purkey and Willard Schmidt would be welcome additions to any staff.

In addition to our remaining regulars, we expect a lot of Charley Rabe who pitched well for Seattle last year and there are a couple of promising rookie prospects coming down for spring training who will get a chance.

Grizzly Hoop Quintet Tops Tillamook

Ashland — A wide margin built up in the second quarter and early third period gave Ashland sufficient protection against a Cheesemaker threat Saturday night and the Grizzly hoopers turned back Tillamook high 49 to 42.

The Grizzlies broke away from an early second half deadlock to lead by 12 points at 30 to 18 at halftime. They increased to a 16-point advantage at 34 to 18 as the second half got underway. From that spot the Ashland offensive effort lost stride, Tillamook began to out-gun the Grizzlies from the free line and the Cheesemakers got tough under the backboards.

Ashland by 13 at 43 to 30 by the end of the third canto but with just 1½ minutes to play in the conflict, Tillamook had whittled the Grizzly margin to five points, 47 to 42. Jack Tobiasson closed out the scoring for Ashland with a brace of gift counters.

Maurer, Miner Lead
 Bill Maurer of Ashland with 12 points, all on field buckets, and Barry Miner of Tillamook, also with 10 were high point men for the game.

The Grizzlies outscored Tillamook 12 to 10 in the first quarter, 18 to 8 in the second and 13 to 12 in the third but the north coast quint had 12 to 6 advantages in the final panel. Statistics bear out the boost Tillamook got from its free point making. The team from the land of cheese, trees and ocean breeze shot 12 for 17 at the gift stripe in the second half while Ashland was making five for 15. Ashland had the edge in field goals, seven to six.

Score was tied four times before Ashland kept the lead for good. Two free heaves by Ben Watrus made the score 14 to 12 to establish permanent command.

It was the second win of the week end for Ashland over the Cheesemakers. Friday score was 48 to 37.

BOX:

Team	FG	FT	PF	TP
Tillamook	3	0	3	6
Snyder, f	2	1	2	5
Baty, f	1	0	1	2
Miner, c	4	4	5	12
Trammell, g	1	1	2	3
Kraker, g	1	1	1	3
Giesinger	0	2	1	2
Hartfield	0	0	0	0
Hoffman	1	5	0	7
Vaughn	0	0	0	0
Anderson	0	4	2	4
Totals	12	18	19	42

ASHLAND

Team	FG	FT	PF	TP
Lombard, f	0	1	4	1
Maurer, f	6	0	3	12
Tobiasson, c	2	6	3	10
Hartwell, g	2	0	3	5
Peterson, g	3	0	3	10
Daniels	1	1	1	3
Watrus	2	1	0	5
Murray	1	1	1	2
Totals	19	11	22	49

Giardello Choice Over Tiger Jones

New York — Middle-weight contender Joey Giardello is favored at 3-1 to beat Ralph (Tiger) Jones on Friday in the featured bout of this week's light holiday boxing schedule.

Giardello of Brooklyn, ranked fourth among 160-pound contenders, meets unrated Jones of Yonkers, N. Y., in a TV-radio NBC 10-rounder at the Miami Beach auditorium Friday night. Six of Seven.

Joey, campaigning for a title shot, won six of his seven starts this year and had one no-decision affair with Willie Vaughn. That brought his record to 70-13-5 and Ind. They included 25 kayoes.

Jones also had seven bouts this year. He won three, had a draw with Joe Gray, and then lost three on close decisions to Gene Fullmer, Del Flanagan and Willie Vaughn. His 44-20-4 record includes 11 knockouts.

There will be no Wednesday TV fight since Wednesday is Christmas day.

UCLA Board Talks Offer To Sanders

Los Angeles — One of the top sports cliffhangers of the year may be decided and—announced today when the UCLA board of control meets in a special session that could determine whether football Coach Henry (Red) Sanders stays or goes to Texas A&M.

The thick air of gloom that prevailed here was penetrated only by statements from anonymous sources that Red doesn't really want to go. Sports experts sadly reported it appeared the odds for his staying were growing slimmer.

Sanders, who returned from a conference at Texas A&M over the week end, hinted only that his decision could go either way.

But he let it be known he was interested in moving to Texas and neatly left the next play up to the board of control.

"We exist in a miserable league here on the Coast," he said, adding he thought the Southwest conference was "a very fine organization."

Door Open
 He left the door open to the Bruins by stating he planned to make no proposal on his UCLA contract but that he would "listen if the local school came up with one."

Athletic Director Wilbur Johns held a two-hour conference with Sanders immediately upon his return from Texas, then announced the special board of control meeting.

Johns said Sanders had not told him "what his decision might be."

But board, which is charged with approving all UCLA contracts, presumably will consider making attractive revisions in Sanders' long-term contract. The board would have to receive his resignation if he presented one.

Unofficial sources reported that influential alumni were busy working on ways to woo Sanders into staying at UCLA where he is the Pacific Coast conference's most successful coach. They spoke of "fringe" benefits such as outside business opportunities as well as contract

Sooners To Seek 3rd Bowl Verdict in Row

Editor's note: This is the seventh of 10 dispatches on the football bowl teams. The dispatches will cover the teams in the Gator, Orange, Rose, Sugar and Cotton Bowls.

By BOB HAUGHT
 Norman, Okla. — Now that he's out from under the pressure of coaching the nation's top football team, Bud Wilkinson's main worry is keeping the Oklahoma Sooners in shape for their Orange Bowl date with Duke.

Wilkinson's handling of the team since Notre Dame clipped its 47-game victory string has been relaxed. A perennial pessimist, Wilkinson doesn't even bother to predict defeat now that Oklahoma is a member of the losers' fraternity.

Only Bowl Win to Gain
 Oklahoma has little to gain by beating Duke Jan. 1 at Miami except for a third straight Orange Bowl victory. In 1954 and 1956, the Sooners were determined to beat Maryland to keep

their record-breaking winning streak alive, and they won both times.

In its last bowl contest before the two Maryland clashes, Oklahoma had a 31-game winning streak snapped by Kentucky in the 1951 Sugar Bowl.

Looking toward its battle with Duke, the Oklahoma squad has been going through a variety of practice maneuvers. One day last week, Wilkinson drilled the team on downfield blocking, punts, quick kicks, pass scrimmage, ball carrying and punt return defense.

"We're just trying to keep in shape," Wilkinson said. "We try to make our practices enjoyable and not work the team too hard."

Injured Players Mended
 Wilkinson closed out a 9-1 season with four players, including United Press All-America halfback Clendon Thomas, on the injury list. Thomas didn't miss either of the last two games, however, and all four squad members were running at top speed when the coach opened final home field drills here last week.

Although Wilkinson's creed proclaims that "defense wins football games," he isn't banking on Oklahoma's regular season yield of only 1,347 net yards to win in the Orange Bowl.

Neither is he counting on Oklahoma's tendency to score in the third quarter, as contrasted to Duke's late-game scoring weakness.

"It's like baseball. One good inning can't win the game. It's scoring when you need to score that counts," Wilkinson said.

"Duke is perhaps the best team we've met with the exception of Notre Dame on the day we played Notre Dame," Wilkinson said.

WOMAN BOWLS 84
 Eugene — Now women are taking up marathon bowling. Irma Chamberlain, 43-year-old Eugene housewife, bowled 84 straight games during the week end at the Eugene recreation here with an average of 161 per game. Bus Eaton of Roseburg, who started the marathon bowling fad, rolled up 425 straight games in Portland last month.

Bill Casper Sifford Vie In Play-Off

Chino, Calif. — Young touring star Billy Casper Jr. of Bonita, Calif., and Charles Sifford, former national Negro champion from Philadelphia, tee off today in an 18-hole play-off for top prize money in the Pomona Valley Golf open.

The two powerful stroke makers deadlocked for the \$1,000 first prize money Sunday in an in-and-out session that saw each of them in the lead and finally wind up with 12 under par 294s. The runnerup in today's playoff will get \$500.

Casper had a one stroke lead going into Sunday's round but had to come from behind by registering a birdie on the 17th and par on the 18th to keep pace and walk off with a 70.

Sifford shot a 69, one of five fired over the long 7,100-yard Los Serranos course Sunday.

Ted Rhodes, Chicago, another Negro star, made it tough going for Casper in the early play of the final round.

Rhodes, who wound up third with a 206, overcame a two-shot deficit to pass the hefty Casper after the third hole. But he later blew the round with four bogies on the back nine.

Oregon Quint Victor Over Cougar Club

By UNITED PRESS

Oregon seeks its second victory in a row over Brigham Young at Provo, Utah, tonight while Oregon State, its first loss of the season tallied up, meets Indiana at Bloomington.

Oregon downed Brigham Young Saturday night 63-55 as Bud Kuykendall scored 19 points and Hal Duffy and Dale Herron controlled the backboards. Four Ducks got into double figures. Herron got 15 points while Duffy and Charlie Franklin had 10 each.

OSC Loser in Overtime
 Iowa downed Oregon State 77-67 in an overtime game to make it 78 straight times at home that Iowa has won over non-conference opposition.

Oregon State had won five straight until Saturday.

Dave Gambee of the Beavers led all scorers with 20 while Lee Harman had 15 and Ken Nanson 13.

The annual Far West classic will be held Friday and Saturday at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis. Opening games match Utah against Washington and Oregon State against Yale.



ROSE BOWL FOR DODGERS?—President Walter O'Malley (right) of the National League Dodger baseball club and City Mgr. Don C. McMillan look over plans of the Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena, Calif. O'Malley has indicated that the Dodgers would "probably" play in the Rose Bowl next season, but that there would be no definite announcement made until about the second week in January.

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 Friday—Miami Beach—Joey Giardello vs. Ralph (Tiger) Jones.
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