

Lions Overwhelm Browns for Pro Gridiron Toga

59-14 Rout Climax to Dizzy Season

By JACK BERRY
Detroit—(P)—Abandoned by a coach who called them "dead" just four and a half months ago, the Detroit Lions bested bad fortune's every obstacle to finish with a 59-14 rout of the Cleveland Browns Sunday for the National Football league championship.

Quarterback Tobin Rote, adding lustre to the year's top football trade — the swap that brought him from Green Bay in July — faultlessly led the Lions to their astonishing victory.

Rote rifled four touchdown passes and scored once himself. In one second half stretch, Rote completed seven straight passes, three of them for touchdowns.

Junker Scores Twice

Rookie end Steve Junker, who didn't want to be drafted by Detroit because he didn't think he'd make the team, grabbed two scoring aeriels and gained 109 yards on five passes.

Fullback John Henry Johnson, former San Francisco Forty-Niner and a key man in the title drive, turned in a superb job of blocking while Rote picked out the receivers.

The Lion defense, headed by captain Joe Schmidt, continually spotted the Browns plays and pierced the defense, causing five pass interceptions and recovering two Browns fumbles.

The landslide was a fitting end to one of the dizziest seasons in Detroit football history.

Lions Called Uncoachable

It was a season that started with former coach Buddy Parker labelling the Lions "dead" and uncoachable" just 48 hours before their first exhibition game.

Blasted 3-14 in the opening regular season game with Baltimore, the Lions then engaged the Colts and San Francisco Forty-Niners in the tightest Western conference race in history.

Every week there was a "must" game building up to the playoff in San Francisco where Detroit fought back from a 24-7 halftime deficit for a heart-stopping 31-27 victory.

Meanwhile, the Browns had it comparatively easy, clinching the Eastern title Dec. 7.

Detroit's title hopes certainly took a downward plunge Dec. 8 when quarterback Bobbie Layne suffered a fractured ankle.

The Lions overcame adversity and Rote came through, leading the Lions to consecutive victories over the Browns, the Chicago Bears, the Forty-Niners and for all the chips Sunday.

It was sweet revenge, over Parker and over the Browns who had pummeled Detroit 56-10 in the 1954 title game.

Bill Russell Unanimous

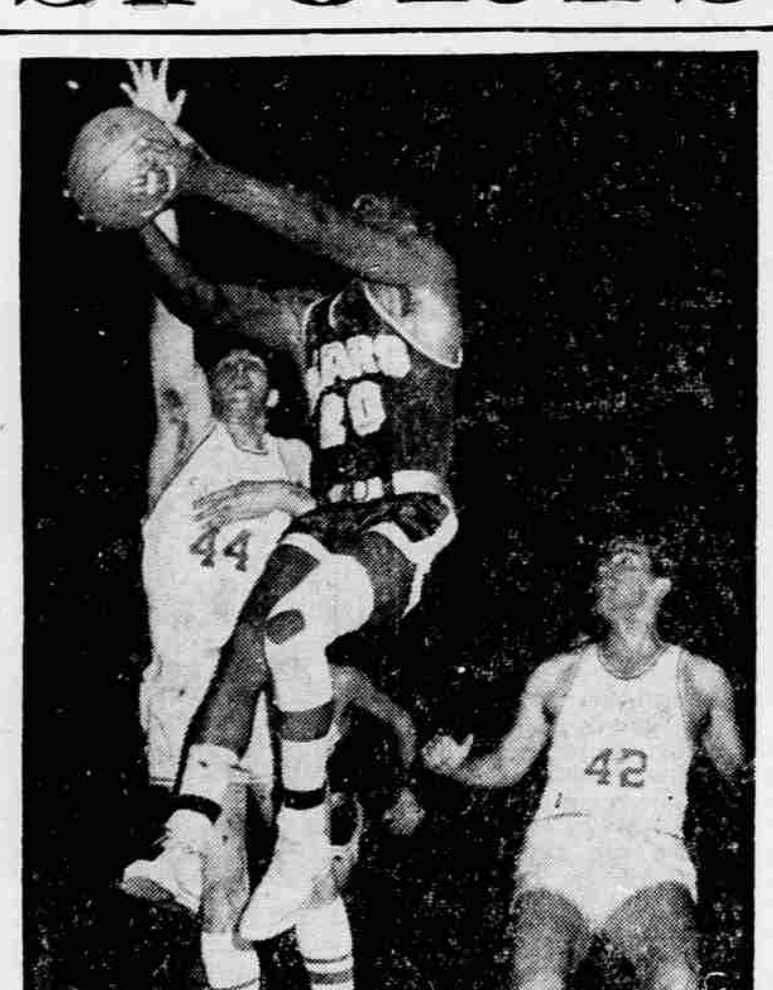
New York—(P)—Bill Russell, the Boston Celtics' shooting, rebounding and shot-blocking star, was the only unanimous choice on the East-West teams announced today for the annual National Basketball association All-Star game at St. Louis, Jan. 21.

Named with Russell to the East squad were Boston teammates Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman, plus Adolph Schayes of Syracuse, and Willie Naulls of New York.

Picked on the West squad with Pettit were Hawk team-mate Slater Martin, George Yardley of Detroit, Dick Garmaker of Minneapolis, and Maurice Stokes of Cincinnati.

McQUINN MANAGES TOPEKA
Topeka, Kan. (P)—George McQuinn, former first baseman for the St. Louis Browns, Philadelphia Athletics and New York Yankees, was named manager today at the Topeka club in the Class A Western League.

SPORTS



LEAPING HIGH to grab ball, California's Earl Robinson evades blocking of New York U's Mike Dinapoli (44), during first half of game at New York. Berkeley squad out-classed opponents, 96-65. (International Soundphoto)

Coquille Red Devils Crush Crater 67-42

Control Point — Coquille's Red Devils "hit just like the pros" here Saturday night to thump the Crater high basketball quint 67 to 42.

While the Devils swished the hump at a torrid clip, the Comets of Crater controlled the backboard but their shooting was just too cold to match points with Coquille.

The Devils buzz-sawed to a 19 to 9 first quarter bulge, moved out to 37 to 20 at halftime and were in command by a more than comfortable 52 to 28 after three stanzas.

Jim Jarvis, the freshman sensation of Coquille, again was high scorer for his team with 18 markers. Three Red Devils had more points than the leading Crater scorers.

BOX: Coquille: Klamath Falls 56, Tigard 45, Grants Pass 50, Waldwette 37, The Dalles 57, Seaside 56, Medford 52, Astoria 49 (Overtime), Coquille 67, Crater 42.

West Linn 54, Hillsboro 46, Port Vancouver 62, Tillamook 38, Knappa 62, WyEast 45, Corbett 50, Echo 48 (Overtime), Boise 37, Ontario 33, Vale 46, Parma 38, Payette 66, Nyssa 34.

Upset Kills Speedboater
Miami Beach — (P)—Italian speedboat champion Ezio Selva's pre-race statement "this is my last race" became a prophecy Sunday when his sleek, high-powered hydroplane carried him to instant death in the annual Orange Bowl Regatta's International Grand Prix.

The cheers of a crowd of 20,000, including Selva's 20-year-old son, turned to horrified screams as the 56-year-old driver's 800 kilowatt Moschietter made a daring run for the lead then went into a crazy death dance on Bascayne Bay direct-hat in front of the judges stand.

Apparently a wave threw the nose of the red-hulled speedster up and it spun along on its tail at 100 miles per hour for what seemed agonizing seconds. Then it somersaulted forward, rolled onto its side and knifed hob first into the water.

Selva apparently was struck by the cowl and engine as the boat hit the water with tremendous impact. Only then was his lifeless body thrown free. A rescue boat found the body floating face down in a pool of blood about 50 feet away from the wreckage.

Dr. M. T. Harrington, A&M president, said Sunday night that he didn't have anyone in mind.

FANGIO MAY RETIRE
Buenos Aires, Argentina (P)—Juan Manuel Fangio, world driving champion, said Sunday he may retire after competing in three more races during the Argentine International season.

PEP, TIBBS SIGN
Boston (P)—Former featherweight champion Willie Pep has signed to meet Tommy Tibbs of Boston in a 15-round bout, Jan. 14, at Mechanics Building.

Consumption of food on a per capita basis in the U.S. amounts to 1,600 pounds in a normal year.

Medford High Hoopmen Nick Astorians 52-49 in Overtime

Medford high hoopsters made up for a ragged and erratic first half with a strong third quarter to barge ahead of Astoria Saturday night but were forced into an overtime period before gaining a 52 to 49 nod over the Fighting Fishermen from the mouth of the Columbia river.

Bilbe Lane swished a jumper from foul line range 30 seconds into the added session and Tom Hamlin plopped in a free bucket with 15 seconds left for Medford's margin of decision. Astoria was scoreless in the extra panel.

The win gave Medford a series sweep over the Fishermen. Tornado players nicked the Astorians 56 to 55 on Friday.

Behind by as much as nine points in the early portion of the game, the Tornado fought to a seven-point 40 to 33 command by late in the third quarter. However, Darrell Isaacson sank a driver goal and Gordon Scott a rebounder and a gift toss for Astoria to slice the Medford edge to 40 to 38 at the end of the canto.

Margin Hacked
Astoria cut it to 40 to 39 on a gifter by James Johnson and, after Lane's goal off a recovery, Arnold Curtis sank two free points for 42 to 41. Medford upped the gap to four points on a foul heave by Frank Albert and two by Lane but Isaacson's long jump pusher whacked it to two points, 45 to 43. Albert scored on a "fast" break for Medford and Curtis retaliated for the Fishermen of an interception. Then Johnson tied the count at 47-all on two free shots with less than a minute to play in the fourth quarter.

The Fishermen threatened when Brian Paaso swiped the ball but Lane performed a steal and put in a lay-in counter. With 28 seconds left in regular playing time Isaacson canned a mid-range jumper from the side. That sent the game into extra time at 49-each.

After Lane's goal in the rough and tumble overtime,

Medford got the ball on Astoria's violation of the three seconds-in-the-slot rule. In a mad scramble for a loose ball Johnson was charged with grabbing Albert by the arm but the Medford forward missed his free chance. Curtis missed a Fishermen shot and Medford got the ball out-of-bounds.

Curtis Has 21
The Tornado went into a control game. Hamlin and Johnson piled up together in a scrap for the ball and an infraction was toted on Johnson. The Medford forward made his first free try

but missed the bonus. With four seconds to play Don Peek drew a trip to the gift line for Medford but missed the chance.

Curtis of Astoria led all shot-makers with 21 points. Lane was the top gunner for Medford with 18 and also headed the rebounding with nine retrieves. Johnson had eight rebounds for the Fishermen.

Despite ragged floor play, the Tornado was hot in its field goaling with .538 average on 21 for 39. Astoria had the better of it in free shooting with 17 of 24 to Medford's 10 of 24 attempts. The Astorians had a slim edge of 18 to 16 in back-boarding for the first half but Medford had a 19 to 9 advantage for the second half and 35 to 27 for the game.

Lane collected four of his eight field goals as Medford out-scored the north coast quint 17 to 9 in the third quarter. Hamlin hit twice from the field and Lowell Dean once in the period while the Fishermen were held to two buckets and picked up five tallies on free tosses.

Nine-Point Leads
Curtis with eight points, paced Astoria to a first quarter lead of 15 to 7. The Fishermen were ahead by nine points at 13 to 4 and 14 to 5 in the session. Medford, which got the first goal of the evening, did not lead again however, until Lane's jumper put it on top at 31 to 30 in the third stanza. But, the Tornado did knot the game in the second chucker at 18-all with Dean and John Harvey each contributing two field goals in the rally.

Astoria, with Curtis getting six points in the spurt, went back in front 27 to 20 and was leading 29 to 23 at the halfway break.

In the opening part of the third quarter Dean hit on a driver and Hamlin on a corner shot and close jumper while Isaacson got a free marker for Astoria. Medford lagged only 30 to 29. Lane put the Tornado ahead but free shots by Curtis and Johnson restored Fisherman lead at 32 to 31. Lane then came through with a fairly long jumper for 33 to 32 Medford. The Tornado was never behind after that.

Dean of Medford fouled out early in the fourth quarter and Scott went out by the same means a bit later.

The Medford Black Tornado next faces the formidable Klamath Falls team. Games will be on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 3 and 4, at Klamath, opening the Southern Oregon conference.

Dons Bolster Cage Status
By UNITED PRESS
The mighty University of San Francisco Dons, sporting two tough tournament victories in the past seven days, open their West Coast Athletic conference campaign next Saturday at San Jose State — and seem headed for another spot in the NCAA tournament.

Coach Phil Woolpert's hill-toppers won the All-College tournament at Oklahoma City last Saturday by downing the hosting Oklahoma City Chiefs, 60-45, as Fred La Cour led the scoring with 17 points.

This victory capped a 62-55 win over Louisville in the finals of the Blue Grass tournament of the previous week end and showed that the Dons had more than bounced back from an upset loss to Stanford.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL LEAGUE
By United Press
George Lefty Wilson, a former minor league goalie and now an assistant trainer with the Detroit Red Wings, hasn't lost his touch as a puck-stopper.

The portly, 38-year-old Wilson was pressed into emergency serving Sunday night at Detroit when Don Simmons of the Boston Bruins suffered a dislocated shoulder in the first period and helped the Bruins gain a 2-2 tie against the Red Wings.

In other Sunday games, Montreal Canadiens edged the New York Rangers, 4-3, and the Chicago Black Hawks nipped the Toronto Maple Leafs, 2-1.

RACE ODDS CUT
Agua Caliente, Mexico (P)—Round Table, the winner of his first stakes start at Santa Anita Saturday, has been cut from a 3 to 1 choice to 2 to 1 in the Caliente future book on the Santa Anita Handicap.

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Philadelphia Willing To Trade Off Roberts

Editors: This is the 10th of 16 dispatches on the off-season outlook of each major league team for 1958, written by the managers of each club.

By MAYO SMITH
Written for the United Press
Lake Worth, Fla. (P)—First let me answer the question everyone is asking about the Phillies: Yes, we would trade Robin Roberts.

And, second, let me make this clear: We think Robin is going to bounce back with a fine season in 1958 and we're not going to trade him unless we get a tremendous player in return.

In fact, we think we went a long way toward pennant contention at Colorado Springs when we acquired Wally Post. We had to give up a first-class pitcher in Harvey Haddix but Post is the type hitter who will help our club. He hit 40 home runs a couple of seasons ago and 43 is the most anybody ever hit for the Phillies.

Phillies Lacked Power
It's no secret around the National league that the Phillies lacked power hitting. Post has to help us in that department. And, we'll deal for another power hitter if we get the chance.

Roberts had a bad year in 1957. His won-lost record was 10-22 and his earned run average was up over the four runs a game. But I'd say that a 16-16 record would have been a much more accurate guide to the work he did for us. That's why I'm optimistic. Many a great pitcher has rebounded from a .500-season.

I don't believe in predicting pennants in December. But I'll say the Phillies definitely will be in the first division. And that one more power hitter could put us in a position to go all the way.

Braves Team to Beat
I'll go along with most of the managers in the National League and concede that the Braves are the team to beat. But I can't see them running away from the rest of us. And, make come August 1, there'll be four or five teams only three games behind just like last season.

The thing about the National League you've always got to remember is its competitive balance. A sixth-place team like the

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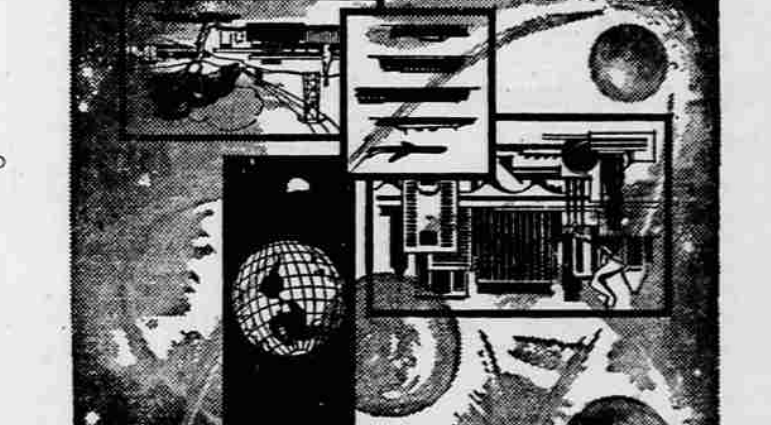
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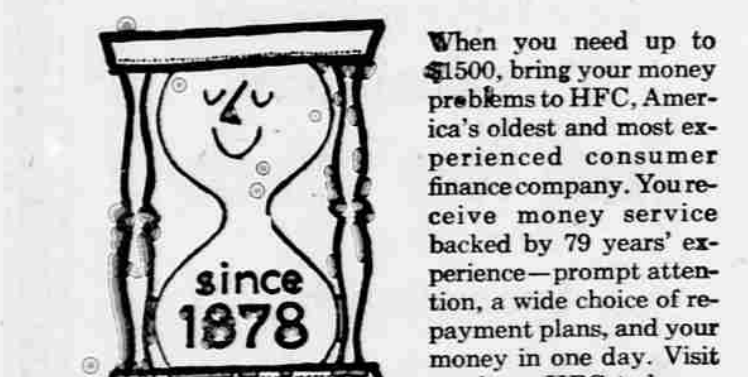
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