

'All Done With Football' Says Rams' Van Brocklin

By HAL WOOD
Los Angeles — Norm (Dutch) Van Brocklin of the Los Angeles Rams, for nearly a decade one of the most feared passing quarterbacks in the National Professional Football league, has retired. A question and answer interview:

Q. Have you retired for keeps?
A. I've taken a job as a sales representative for a pipe coating company and as far as I'm concerned right now, I will not come out of retirement.

Q. Did you quit because of a reported feud with Coach Sid Gillman of the Rams?
A. Absolutely not.
Q. Would you play again if traded to some other club?
A. No sir. I'm all through. Playing pro football is hard way to make what they call "easy money."

Indians To Attempt To Finish on Top of New York Yankees

Editor's note: This is the 15th of 16 dispatches on the off-season outlook for each major league club for 1958, written by the managers of each club.

By BOBBY BRAGAN
Manager Cleveland Indians
Havana — I have, as Cleveland's new manager a great challenge, bigger than when I signed with Pittsburgh. But I will have better players and better men around me. Our objectives are to win the pennant and to make the Indians a good drawing card.

the American league. Minoso to Help Indians
One of the players who will help me a lot, not only in the field but also as a drawing card, is Minnie Minoso. He is one of the best defensive outfielders in the league and one of the top run producers. He played 153 games last season and is the type who plays despite minor aches and pains. This fact is one of great importance to a team. Minoso is the type player who always gives his best in the field. He will be, no doubt of it, the sparkplug of the Indians.

Q. Where are you going to live?
A. I'm moving to Portland, Ore., where I will be Northwest sales representative for Plifcoflex, Inc.
Q. What are you going to do between now and then?
A. Rest, visit with my family. And on Jan. 28 I fly to Phoenix to appear at the annual sports award banquet of the Phoenix Press Box association.

Q. Can I definitely say that there is absolutely no chance of your returning to professional football?
A. Well-I-I...

West Rates Over East In Betting

Los Angeles — The West was a 3-point favorite over the East today in early odds on the annual All-Star Pro Bowl Game Sunday in Memorial Coliseum.

However, guesses of the "experts" didn't seem to worry Coach Buddy Parker of the East, who enthused Monday that his team was "undoubtedly one of the best."

Parker ran his team through a long practice and named Ollie Matson, Chicago Cardinals, and Jim Brown, Cleveland, to start in the backfield along with Ray Renfro and quarterback Earl Morrall.

Both the East and West squads were reported in good shape physically and "coming along fine."

Coach George Wilson called for another workout for the West today at Gilmore Field. Y. A. Tittle was reported to be hitting with fine passing in Monday's drills.

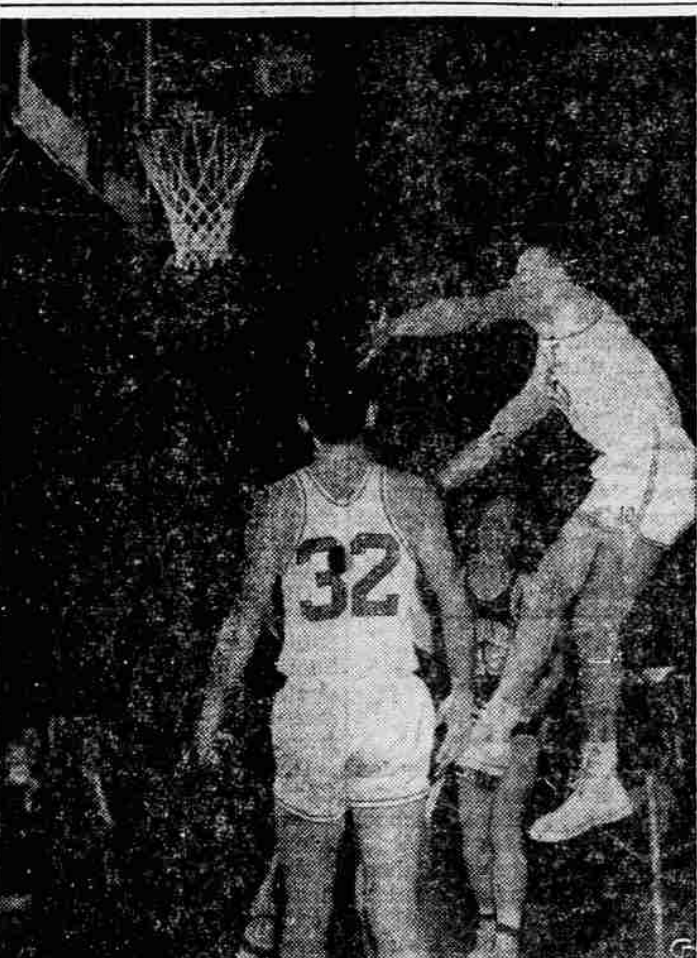
Willie Mays Signs Contract For '58 Season
San Francisco — Willie Mays, the "say hey" kid who has patrolled centerfield for the Giants off and on for six years, was the third highest paid player in baseball today on the strength of his "\$65,000 plus" 1958 contract.

The former Alabama field hand showed all the polish of a veteran sports personality Monday as he posed with his boss, Giants owner Horace Stoneham, at a mally-bally-hoed contract signing ceremony.

Man, you can say I like this contract," the National League batting star said. "Mr. Stoneham gets his money's worth."



SMASHING A RIGHT UPPERCUT into Johnny Busso in the ninth round at New York, Paolo Rosi won a decision in a torrid 10-round battle. (International Soundphoto)



LEAPING HIGH during game with University of California, Tink Van Patton, Temple, scores two of 13 points he rolled up in 63-59 victory at New York. (International)

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Tornado, Axemen Clash; Rogue League Will Open

A heavy schedule of basketball conflicts for high school quintets of this area furnishes convincing evidence that the holiday season is over.

A total of 16 games are on tap this week for members of three conferences in this corner of Oregon. Bulk of the action will be counting tangles in the A-1, A-2 and B circuits but one non-loop series will be of principal interest to Medford fans.

The kings-x encounter will bring top South Eugene to Medford for Friday and Saturday night appearances. Medford's associates of the A-1 Southern Oregon conference all will engage in league contention. Klamath Falls will be at Ashland for a two-game week end stand. Grants Pass will tackle Crater Friday at Central Point and the two clubs have a Saturday date at Grants Pass.

Rogue Loop Begins
Formal contention begins this week in the A-2 Rogue league. Illinois Valley vies at Phoenix, Rogue River at Glendale and Eagle Point at Brookings Friday. The campaign is expected to be a battle among Phoenix, Brookings, Glendale and Eagle Point.

Two Jackson County B league frays are this evening with Butte Falls at Jacksonville and Prospect at Talent. Prospect comes to St. Mary's.

Webfoots Prep For LA Games
Eugene — Coach Steve Belko worked out his Oregon basketball team today in preparation for a two-game invasion of Los Angeles.

Oregon meets UCLA and Southern California Saturday night.

The Ducks lost their lone conference game by a 64-58 count to UCLA after going into a deep freeze for nine minutes after being nine points ahead.

West Virginia Moves Into Top-Rated Spot In Basketball Poll

By NORMAN MILLER
New York — West Virginia's two-point-a-minute Mountaineers, undefeated in 10 games, took over first place in the United Press college basketball ratings today, with Oklahoma State and Oregon State this week's newcomers in the top 10 group.

Oregon State, kingpin of the Pacific Coast Conference, expanded its record to 10-1 and advanced one notch to 10th place.

Crawford Bout Bids Received After TV Meet

New York — Welterweight Mickey Crawford displayed so much speed and skill in his New York TV debut Monday night while upsetting Chico Vejar, promoters were bidding for his services today.

Kansas, which has topped the ratings for the two previous weeks, dropped to second place, followed in order by North Carolina's defending national champions, San Francisco and Kansas State.

Yardley Holding Scoring Lead In NBL Games

New York — George Yardley found a new challenger for the National Basketball association's top scoring honors today in Adolph Schayes, the ex-New York University star who is playing his ninth season for the Syracuse Nationals.

West Virginia, however, survived the upset siege. Coach Fred Schaus' sharpshooting Mountaineers, who snapped North Carolina's streak at 37 victories two weeks ago, have averaged 85.4 points in their 10 triumphs.

Beavers' First-Sacker Retires for Teaching

Portland — Ed Mickelson, who hit 308 and .309 in two full seasons with the Portland Beavers, is retiring from baseball.

Mickelson told manager Tommy Heath he was under a doctor's care for a nervous condition which led to his leaving the team in mid-season last year. Mickelson plans to take a public school teaching job in Richmond Heights, Mo.

Heath had hoped Mickelson would return to handle the first base job for Portland.



Anthony, Durelle Top Ring Slate

New York — A return bout between light heavyweight contenders Tony Anthony and Yvon Durelle tops this week's boxing schedule.

New Yorker Anthony and Canadian Durelle are slated for a nationally televised and broadcast NBC 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Slick but somewhat fragile Anthony is favored at 8-5 over the rugged but awkward champion of Canada, although Durelle is ranked a notch higher among contenders by both the Ring Magazine and the National Boxing association.

SOLONS SIGN SISTI — Sibby Sisti (above), 37, former Milwaukee Braves infielder, has been named manager of the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League. He succeeds Tommy Heath.

Retriever Club Practice Trial On January 26
Rogue Valley Retriever club will open 1958 activities with a picnic or practice trial on Sunday, Jan. 26. Vicinity of the military bridge is tentative site.

Plans of RVRC lead up to its annual American Kennel club field trial on March 21, 22 and 23.

The club will hold a series of five picnic trials this season. These events are conducted under AKC rules and are to accustom handlers and dogs to the procedures followed in all licensed trials.

Members of RVRC have extended an invitation to the public to watch the picnic trials. There is no charge. Attendance has been good in past seasons.

Charley Miller is new president of the club. Other officers are Bob Morris, vice president; Weldon Kline, secretary-treasurer, and Ken Denman, Hillman Miller, Charles Stelle and Ira Parrish, directors.

COLTS SIGN NICELY
Baltimore — Joe Nicely, a 228-pound guard from the University of West Virginia, has been signed to a 1958 contract by the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League. Nicely is a native of Rupert, W. Va.

Drew Last Time
Durelle, rated third by Ring and second by the NBA, is unbeaten in his last 11 bouts although he includes his surprise draw with Anthony in their 10-rounder at Detroit, last June 14. Anthony, in his only start since then, was stopped by champion Archie Moore in the seventh round of their title fight at Los Angeles, Sept. 20. Durelle of Baie St. Anne, N.B., hopes that a victory over Anthony will clinch a title shot at Moore.

Incidentally, 42-year-old Moore is scheduled for a non-title bout with Luiz Ignacio at Sao Paulo, Brazil, Friday night.

Wednesday's TV bout will bring together welterweights Sugar Hart of Philadelphia and Larry Baker of Indianapolis at the Chicago stadium. Hart is favored at 12-5 because of his punch. They are slated for 10 rounds.

The week's boxing schedule includes:

Tuesday — Los Angeles — Davey Moore vs. Manuel Quijano; Oakland, Calif. — Kenny Lane vs. Johnny Gonsalves; Revere, Mass. — Joe Devlin vs. Dick McCarthy.

Friday — New York, Garden — Yvon Durelle vs. Tony Anthony; Sao Paulo, Brazil — Archie Moore vs. Luiz Ignacio, non-title.

Saturday — Hollywood, Calif. — Alfredo Escobar vs. Gil Cadillac.

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Old Pro Money Winners Come Through Again

Los Angeles — Muscular Frank Stranahan, who already has more money than most people have troubles, heads for the \$50,000 Bing Crosby tournament at Pebble Beach today — convinced that weightlifting is the key to golfing success.

Stranahan, heir to sparkplug millions in Toledo, got off on the right foot for 1958 Monday when he captured the \$7,000 first prize in the \$40,000 Los Angeles Open. He had a 72-hole total of 275 — nine under par for the distance.

The handsome shotmaker, who had not won a tournament since capturing the \$15,000 Eastern Open at Baltimore in 1955, was elated with his victory.

"I won more money in this tournament than I did in all of 1957," he said. "I won something over \$5,000 last year — which doesn't pay expenses in this game."

Great as an amateur for many years and winner of just about every major sinner pure title except the U.S. Amateur crown, Stranahan at 35 has been a flop as a professional.

Instead of this giving him added incentive it apparently affected his game. While he beat most of the pros as the way of hard cash. Usually he was a threat — and that ended it.

But in the Los Angeles Open he finished to whip runnerup E. J. (Dutch) Harrison by three strokes.

Harrison won \$3,750 for second place and young Gay Brewer, of Cincinnati, the third-round leader. Finished third with a 279. His finish was good for \$2,600. Bill Casper, one of the country's top money winners, last season, game in 4th with a 280 and collected \$2,200.

Five Break 25 Straight Birds

Five men broke 25 straight Sunday in trapshoot practice at Medford Gun club.

They were George Jantzer, Harry Tonn, Everett Gibson, Earl Hvall and Ray Coleman.

Final practice before the Jan. 19 Red and Blue team shoot will be held next Sunday, Jan. 12 also will be the final day for shooters to cast votes for team captains.

QUICO RETURN TRIP

Hartford, Conn. — Twenty-four hours after being released from a hospital, Michael McCarthy was back again when a tanker truck rammed a car in which he was riding.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK — Willie Marshall of Hershey, although sidelined last week with a shoulder injury, still leads the American Hockey League in scoring.

The 25-year old center has scored 22 goals and 32 assists for a total of 54 points, but his lead over teammate Dunc Fisher has been narrowed to three points. Fisher tallied four times last week to boost his total to 48.

MONTREAL — Dickie Moore, who has long played in the shadow of such Montreal super stars as Maurice Richard, Jean Beliveau and Bernie Geoffrion, is the national Hockey League's new leading scorer.

Bowling

CLASSIC BOWLING LEAGUE Standings: W. L. Sewing Machine Center 44 27 1/2 Morse Motors 40 31 1/2 Lampport's Spig. Goods 39 32 1/2 H. Mann Co. 39 32 1/2 Oak Knoll Golf Course 39 33 Henry's Broiler 37 35 High Real Estate 36 35 1/2 Hillier Oil Co. 35 36 1/2 Trail Creek Lumber Co. 29 43 Sam's Sporting Goods 20 52

Results: Trail Creek Lumber Co. 4 (Stan Straus 551) 2,580; Sam's Sporting Goods 0 (Frank Chapman 544) 2,469. Hillier Oil Co. 3 (Norm Hillier 553) 2,586; Morse Motors 1 (George Clark 543) 2,519. E. H. Mann Co. 2 (Marshall Brown 586) 2,632; Sewing Machine Center 2 (Walt Daigle 591) 2,658. Henry's Broiler 4 (Bill Blunt 604) 2,701; High Real Estate 0 (Frank Kirk 596) 2,599. Oak Knoll Golf Course 4 (Ray Wise 593) 2,686; Lampport's Sporting Goods 0 (Harold Vessey 542) 2,445.

CHAMBERLAIN SIDELINED
Lawrence, Kan. — Wilt Chamberlain, seven-foot All-American center, will be sidelined tonight when Kansas opens its Big Eight Conference season against Oklahoma. Chamberlain also missed the Kansas game with Oklahoma State last Thursday when the Jayhawks, then unbeaten and No. 1 in the country, lost, 52-50.

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