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SPORTS

Green Bay Packers Pace Pro Grid Loop Statistics

New York—(UPI)—The Green Bay Packers wound up the season as statistical champions of the National Football league and set a new record for first downs that attested to their reputation as masters of ball-control.

Green Bay finished first in 15 categories of team statistics, according to statistics released today by NFL headquarters. The Packers, who met the Packers in the title playoff, Dec. 30, led in three categories, all on offense.

Amass 281 First Downs. During the course of the 14-game schedule, the Packers amassed an all-time high title of 281 first downs. This is clear-cut evidence of how well their methodical, ground-hugging offense controlled the ball en route to a 13-1 record. That total was three higher than the old mark set by the Los Angeles Rams during a 12-game 1950 schedule.

Here are the 10 other offensive categories in which the Packers were tops: first downs rushing (145), net yards rushing (2,460), average yards per rush (4.7), pass completion percentage (60.1), total touchdowns (53), TD's rushing (39), extra points (52) and total points scored (415), fewest passes intercepted (13) and least yards on interception returns against them (122).

On defense, the Packers led in these four phases of football: fewest points allowed (148), the fewest first downs by passing (94), the least net passing yardage allowed (1,746) and most intercepted passes (31).

Giants Lead in Passes

The Giants, defensive champions of 1961, did not lead in a single defensive category this season. They were tops, however, in overall net yardage gained (5,005), touchdowns passes (35) and least yardage lost attempting to pass (139).

Baker Will Start for OSU Quint

Lexington, Ky. — (UPI)—Oregon State coach Slats Gill plans to put All-American football player Terry Baker in his starting lineup here Friday night when the Beavers play West Virginia in the first round of the Kentucky Invitational tournament.

Despite the fact that Baker has had only six days to practice, Gill said Wednesday he will be in the starting lineup at guard, along with sophomore Jim Jarvis.

Gill said he plans to go with his "short" starting lineup. He'll use seven-foot Mel Counts, surrounded by Jarvis at 6-0, Baker at 6-3, Frank Peters at 6-2 and Steve Pauly at 6-4.

Peters was moved to forward from guard this week when Baker turned out, and Gill said he "has done fine."

Gill said Counts and Pauly will have to do most of the rebounding, because he intends to pull the other three back to stop West Virginia's touted fast break.

The team passing championship went to the Philadelphia Eagles with 3,385 yards; while the Detroit Lions won the overall defense crown with a total yield of 3,217 yards, as well as the rushing defense title with a yield of 1,231 yards.

The Chicago Bears had the top pass defense percentage (46.8); the St. Louis Cardinals lost the most fumbles (21); the Bears were the most penalized team (776 yards) and the Pittsburgh Steelers the least penalized (427) and the San Francisco Forty Niners won the punting championship with an average of 45.6 yards for 48 kicks.

Jim Burris Sees Loop Comeback

By GENE MEAKINS

Denver — (UPI)—As far as Jim Burris is concerned his beloved American association is not dead. It's only "temporarily inactive."

"I think we will come back, and probably in 1964," said the 40-year-old Burris, who spent 13 years working for the association, including the past two as president. "A lot of people say this is wishful thinking, but with the death of the Three-I league, the American Association and the Southern Association, there no longer is any baseball league in the middle of the United States."

Burris, who nurtured the league as a one-man office staff to keep it in the black on the financial ledger, fought hard for the survival of the Association at the minor league convention in Rochester, N.Y. But he agrees the final plan drafted on the last day of the convention, Nov. 29, was "the only plan which there seemed to be any sentiment for."

Wiped Out

As adopted, the plan established two 10-team Triple-A leagues, the International and the Pacific Coast, and wiped out the American association.

"If we left the convention with the Association down to five clubs and the Pacific Coast league down to seven we would have jeopardized the player development contract, which was being set up for the improved financial benefit to all the clubs," Burris said.

But he hasn't taken down the American association shingle from his Denver office, which he now uses in his new position as baseball commissioner Ford Frick's liaison man between the minors and the majors.

According to Burris, the "temporary halt" of the 61-year-old association came about because of three things: big league expansion, shortage of Triple-A players and the 6-club setup in the Association last season.

"We were not losing any money in this office," he said proudly.

Jack Faulkner American Loop Coach of Year

By NORMAN MILLER

New York—(UPI)—Jack Faulkner, who made a success of the Denver Broncos on the field and at the box office in his first season as coach and general manager, has been named 1962 American Football league coach-of-the-year by United Press International.

By virtue of good player deals, by installing his pet theories about sound defense, and by boosting the morale of a team that had been an AFL patsy for two years, Faulkner led the Broncos to a second place finish in the Western division.

The Broncos' 7-7 record this year equalled their combined total for their first two seasons in the league. They won four games in 1960 and only three last year.

A panel of 24 AFL writers (3 from each league city) gave Faulkner 14 votes, compared to 6 for runnerup Mike Holovak of the Boston Patriots. Hank Stram of the Dallas Texans received 3 votes and Lou Saban of the Buffalo Bills one.

This was the first head coaching job for the pleasant, 36-year-old Faulkner, who is a protégé of Sid Gilman, present San Diego Chargers coach. Faulkner developed his effective defensive theories while serving under Gilman at the University of Cincinnati, with the Los Angeles Rams of the NFL, and with the Chargers.

Basketball

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE RESULTS

EAST
72 Georgetown 68
Princeton 84 Rutgers 68
Westminster 77 Carnegie Tech 68
Temple 56 Navy 55
LaSalle 103 Maryland 74
SOUTH
Spartan 71 Spring Hill 51
Wake Forest 83 Maryland 74
MIDWEST
Evansville 87 St. Louis 67
Wisconsin 76 Marquette 58
Loyola (Ill.) 106 Indiana 94
Michigan 86 San Jose 32
Xavier 86 St. Bonaventure 77
SOUTHWEST
Texas Western 57 Oklahoma 47
WEST
Weber 92 Gonzaga 82
San Fran. 73 Santa Barbara 38
Portland 60 Carroll 30
Western Wash. 37 Pacific 47
Arizona 37 Idaho State 31
D. Pacific 100 Fresno State 82
Idaho State 81 Oregon 59
San Diego St. 65 Regis 64 (o.t.)
Tennessee St. 97 Hawaii 85
Western Washington 77 Pacific 37
Portland Frosh 76 General Sales 65

HOCKEY

WESTERN LEAGUE
United Press International
Southern Division
W L T Pts GF GA
Portland 18 8 1 37 106 72
San Fran. 15 8 2 32 112 84
Los Ang. 15 8 0 30 87 63
Spokane 13 14 1 27 78 89
Northern Division
W L T Pts GF GA
Seattle 13 12 1 31 88 95
Vancouver 14 10 2 30 87 80
Edmonton 11 21 0 22 98 124
Calgary 7 20 1 15 72 108

Wednesday's Results
San Francisco 6, Seattle 3
Spokane 5, Vancouver 4
Portland 2, Edmonton 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
W L T Pts GF GA
Chicago 13 9 1 37 84 72
Detroit 15 8 2 32 112 84
Toronto 15 10 3 33 92 74
Montreal 12 9 7 31 79 69
New York 19 16 4 24 89 96
Boston 3 17 8 14 73 110

Wednesday's Results
Chicago 3, Boston 2
Only game scheduled.

STANDINGS

(Pro Basketball) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

United Press International
W L Pct.
Boston 21 8 .724
Syracuse 17 12 .583
Cincinnati 17 14 .550
New York 11 22 .333

Western Division
W L Pct.
Los Angeles 24 14 .627
St. Louis 20 14 .588
Chicago 12 23 .343
San Francisco 10 19 .343
Detroit 11 22 .333

Wednesday's Results
Cincinnati 129 Syracuse 120
Detroit 113 Chicago 113
Los Angeles 125 St. Louis 106

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W L Pct.
Kansas City 18 10 .643
Long Beach 14 6 .700
Pittsburgh 9 9 .500
Philadelphia 8 13 .381
Oakland 8 12 .398
Chicago 7 16 .304

Wednesday's Results
Kansas City 117 Philadelphia 82

Game Booklets For Rose Bowl Again Available

Pasadena, Calif. — The official program for the 1963 Rose Bowl game, which matches Southern California and Wisconsin, the nation's number 1 and 2 teams, will again be available to the general public prior to New Year's day.

This unique program service, offered to the public for the tenth straight year, has become popular with radio and TV fans across the country. Those viewing the game can have the same program as will be sold at the Rose Bowl in their front rooms to refer to during this colorful game.

Orders for the program are now being accepted, and will be filled and the program air mailed to the purchasers when the book comes off the presses about Dec. 24. Past history has shown that the Christmas mail rush is over by that time and purchasers have no trouble getting their programs by New Year's day.

New Format

The 1963 program will feature an entirely new format from previous Rose Bowl booklets — larger sized pages, 32 additional pages and a new style of presentation — and will sell for one dollar. It will contain all of the usual game information such as team rosters, players' photos, campus scenes and statistics, plus many stories and pictures featuring the granddaddy of all the bowl games.

To order the Rose Bowl program, fans are asked to send \$1.60 per program to Official Rose Bowl Game Program, Pasadena 1, Calif. The additional 60 cents includes 36 cents airmail postage.

No Linebacker Meeting Friday

There will be no meeting of the Medford Linebackers club this week or next week because of the holiday season. Next meeting of the boosters club will be on Friday, Jan. 4.

Linebackers were hosts last week to the state championship Medford high football team.

Guest "speaker" was Mel Gustafson, Eugene. He posed as Dr. Orvan Torlund, a touring professor from Sweden. Gustafson is a brother of Oliver Gustafson, Medford. The banquet, at North's Chuck Wagon, was conducted as a fun affair.

Sonny Liston-Harold Johnson Fight Negotiations Underway

Philadelphia — (UPI)—Negotiations for the "battle of champions" between heavyweight Sonny Liston and light heavyweight Harold Johnson were progressing rapidly today.

Jack Nilon, Liston's wealthy advisor, disclosed that the proposed date and site are Monday, March 18, at Baltimore's new civic auditorium.

Pat Olivieri, manager of Philadelphia's Johnson, said, "Harold could weigh about 185 pounds for the Liston fight — and be at peak speed and strength. That's only four pounds less than Floyd Patterson weighed in September."

Patterson of Yonkers, N.Y., lost the world heavyweight crown to Liston of Chicago at Chicago's Comiskey Park on a first-round knockout, Sept. 25. Patterson and Liston had a return title-bout contract, providing for Floyd to

Westminster Still on Top in Rating Poll

New York — (UPI)—Westminster College's basketball Titans, unbeaten in five games, solidified their grip as the nation's No. 1 small college team today in the weekly United Press International board of coaches ratings.

The Titans, defending national champions who were picked to win the title a second straight time in the pre-season ratings, drew 23 first-place votes from the 35-man coaching board. It marked the most solid support any team has received thus far in the ratings this season. In addition to their 23 first-place votes, the Titans were named second by seven coaches, third by one, and fourth by three and seventh by one.

Southern Illinois, second a week ago, held on to that spot but by a scant point over Tennessee State, which won two of three games on the West Coast last week. Southern Illinois, like Tennessee State, beaten in only one of five games overall, drew five first-place votes to State's two.

New York — (UPI)—The United Press International small college basketball ratings (with first-place votes and win-loss records in parentheses):
Team Points
1. Westminster 23 (3-0) 126
2. Southern Ill. 5 (4-1) 124
3. Tennessee St. 2 (4-1) 123
4. Prairie View A&M 1 (0-0) 109
5. Grambling 2 (3-1) 107
6. Wittenberg 1 (0-0) 114
7. Evansville 1 (2-3) 113
8. Hobart 1 (2-1) 97
9. St. Mary's (Md.) 1 (3-1) 91
10. Southeast Okla. 1 (7-1) 45
Second 10 grouping—11. Fresno State 41-12 Northern Michigan 30-13 Pacific Lutheran 25-14 (tie) Gannon, Lamar Tech and Southern Missouri 22 each 17. Sacramento State 19-18 Kentucky Wesleyan 15-19 Ball State 14-20 (tie) Indiana (Pa.) State and Orange State 13 each.

Branch Rickey Turns 81 Today

By RUDY CERNKOVIC

Pittsburgh — (UPI)—The calendar says Branch Rickey turned 81 today but baseball's patriarch ignored the date because he has a formula for slipping off the years.

"Talk to me about the expansion of the major leagues and I'm 40 again," said Rickey.

"And when you get me on the subject that professional baseball should awaken to its challenge, I'm 35. Get me to discuss the future of baseball in America — and I'm wearing a uniform once more."

Rickey had just returned to his home in suburban Fox Chapel from a trip to St. Louis where he serves as an advisor to the Cardinals.

"I ignore birthdays now," he said. "A. A. Stagg said 10 years ago on his 90th birthday that very few people die after they reach 100."

Rickey said he was still working "on my darn book." "I write and write. Then I read it over the next day and toss it in the wastebasket," he said. "I write copiously but not well."

He said he planned to put his house up for sale and move back to St. Louis eventually.

Lakers Retain Narrow Lead

United Press International

The Los Angeles Lakers managed to hold onto their slim lead as leader of the National Basketball Association's Western division by beating the St. Louis Hawks 135-106 Wednesday night in the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

Elgin Baylor and Dick Bartlett racked up a total of 64 points. Jerry West, who had been backing up Baylor in the scoring department, was idle because of a bruised left kneecap.

The victory was the Lakers' sixth consecutive win and the second straight defeat for the Hawks.

Bob Pettit scored 29 points for the losers.

In the other games played on Wednesday night, the Cincinnati Royals defeated the Syracuse Nats 129-120 and the Detroit Pistons edged the Chicago Zephyrs 115-113.

London — (UPI)—England's Brian London, former heavyweight contender, probably will fight contender Cassius Clay at Los Angeles March 7 or 8. Los Angeles promoter George Parnassus announced Wednesday in London. Parnassus, scheduled to fly back to California today, said Brian London would head a British professional heavy weight team that would compete with an American team in the Los Angeles show.

SUBMITTS INVITATION
Winnipeg, Man. — (UPI)—A Winnipeg city council subcommittee said Wednesday an invitation may be submitted to stage the 1967 Pan-American games in his Canadian city.

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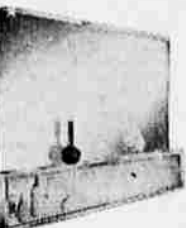
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EAGLE COG — John Linder, above, is a guard for the Eagle Point high school team which takes on Oakridge at Eagle Point on Friday and Saturday nights. He has put in 38 points in four games, coming into his own when he tallied 19 in the contest with Glide last week end.

Eagle Point Tuning for Oakridge

Eagle Point — Eagle Point High Basketball Coach Bates declared that he has been pleased with drills this week as the Eagles tuned for Friday and Saturday night home stands against the Oakridge Warriors.

The Eagles are working hard and "not looking too bad," Bates remarked. He reported spirit high with a lot of hustle and desire and said that he looked for two fine ball games.

One of the practice concentrations has been at moving the ball against various zone defense. The Eagles also have worked toward improvement of their free shooting.

Look Sharp

Looking particularly sharp in workouts have been guards Duane Whaley and John Linder. They likely will start Friday along with Charles Pomeroy, Richard Short and Wilbur Boatwright.

Oakridge is from the Emerald league and Bates expects the games to give a fair indication on how his "rookie" loop team measures up against that circuit. The Warriors don't have great height but rely on average altitude, speed and good depth. They have five lettermen from the past season.

Possible Oakridge starters are John Nelson, Dennis Byerly, Terry Frost, Lynn Schroeder and Wilbur Marshall.

Warrior players will stay with members of the Eagle Point squad.

PILOT FROSH WIN

Vancouver, Wash. — (UPI)—The University of Portland Freshmen outscored the strong General Sales AAU team of Portland 76-65 Wednesday night in a basketball game here. Guard Ken Falkner from Chicago led the Frosh with 23 points, but four other players also scored in double figures.

Eugene — (UPI)—All-America quarterback Terry Baker of Oregon State has been named as the outstanding football player to compete against Oregon during the past season. The selection was made by the Oregon Club.

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