

Outlook For AFL Rosier As Fourth Season Opens

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Color the American Football League's outlook rosier — and not with red ink.

The adolescent AFL opened its fourth season last night with two games.

Four teams open their season today.

The New York Jets, rebuilt and retrained, travel to Boston to face the Patriots before 20,000, and the Buffalo Bills tackle the Chargers at San Diego, where a near-capacity crowd of 30,000 is anticipated. The Bills had the best pre-season record among Eastern division teams; the Chargers are rated by many as the team with the best chance of dethroning Kansas City.

Joe Foss, the league commissioner, estimated that advance

ticket sales as of two weeks ago were up at least 25 per cent over a year ago.

"At Kansas City, the advance season ticket sales are higher than those of 13 of the 22 teams in pro football a year ago," he said.

"What's more, the players' clubs have cut this season are the kind that would have been first-stringers three years ago," Foss added. "Only three of our clubs New York, Denver and Oakland have taken a look at any players cut by other clubs in either league."

SPORTS

Landry Broadens Shuffle To Strengthen Defensive Unit of Dallas Cowboys

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of dispatches sizing up the prospects of professional football teams for the 1963 season.)

By ED FITZ
DALLAS (UPI) — The Tom Landry shuffle has taken on new indications for the Dallas Cowboys this season.

The term "shuffle" originated with Landry's use of alternating quarterbacks on each play.

But this season Landry, recognized around the National Football league as "a defensive genius," has had to broaden the scope of the shuffle in an effort to shore up one of the NFL's weakest defenses.

If Landry's prospecting among a flock of promising defensive backs plans out, the Cowboys conceivably could make "geniuses" out of the daring pre-season observers who pick Dallas as successors to the New York Giants as Eastern Division champions.

There will be little or no change in the Cowboy attack, which generated enough momentum last season to rank No. 2 in the league in total yardage and scoring.

The offense again will rely heavily on the shuffling quarterbacks, Eddie LeBaron and Don Meredith, the ground gallop of Don Perkins and Alamos Marsh, the fine receiving of Bill Howton and Frank Clarke and the excellent kicking of Sam Baker.

Defense A Problem

While the offense isn't creating any new gray hairs on the 39-year-old Landry's head, the defense often makes him want to tear out big gaps in his thinning head cover.

For the first time, Landry feels he has as fine a line backing corps as the club will need — now and for the future. But he still isn't sure who is going to play where — except that slower Jerry Tubbs will be the middle man.

Chuck Howley played creditably at the weak — side post last year and seems a fixture along with Tubbs — except that he may wind up as the strong-side line — backer because of his experience, size and speed.

That would mean the Lee Roy Jordan, the Alabama rookie prize, would get the weak-side job, since he's lighter and also had the knack for coming across to meet a play.

Then, there is Harold Hays, a 1961 future from Mississippi Southern, who may be better than any of the others — as the swing man. If Jordan can't make it, Hays will go to the strongside, Howley back to the weak side.

Even Bigger Problem

The secondary is even more of a problem. That is where the opposition probed deeply for its big scores last year.

Two of last year's rookies, responsible for many of the lapses which cost deep — strike touchdowns, have impressed Landry so well in the pre-season games they have just about shunted a pair of veterans out of their jobs. They are Mike

Gaechter at safety and Cornell Green at the left halfback spot. Green, particularly, has shown so much savvy he has veteran Jim Riddle, obtained in a trade from San Francisco, running with the second unit, while teaming with veteran Don Bishop at the corners.

Jerry Norton, another veteran defensive man, also has dropped back to the second unit behind Gaechter and Warren Livingston, the latter a brilliant rookie in 1961 until he broke an arm.

The two front lines, however, seem set. On defense, Bob Lilly and George Andros at ends and John Meyers and Guy Reese at tackles will be back at their old stands. On offense, former Cleveland Browns all-star Jim Ray Smith will be at one guard and Dale Mularic at the other, with Bob Fry and Ed Nutting at the tackles and Mike Connelly at center.

And at every position there is a mixture of seasoned hands and a sprinkling of rookies to give Landry depth, an ingredient missing up to now.

Gilliam Shines As LA Wins Opener From SF

By SCOTT BAILLIE
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Jim Gilliam, a key reason why the Los Angeles Dodgers are leading the National league looked like a hot candidate for the most valuable player of the year award.

And he's a guy who usually comes to training camp slated for the ash heap.

"Gilliam has been our most consistent player all year," Manager Walt Alton said Friday night following the Dodgers' 5-2 victory over the careening San Francisco Giants.

Gilliam helped Sandy Koufax rack his 22nd win of the season by scoring four times and collecting three hits, including his sixth homer of the season.

Koufax, now 22.5, struck out eight men while working the first eight frames. Then he began to stiffen up and Alton replaced him with relief ace Ron Perranoski, who kept the Giants scoreless in the final frame.

Manager Alvin Dark of the losers wasn't around to discuss the club's skid into fourth place. Alvin disappeared out a side door along with the Giants' pennant dreams after setting a new record for getting dressed. But Orlando Cepeda still was around.

"It looks bad, but you never know," Cepeda grunted, while munching an ear of corn.

BOWLING

TUESDAY MIXED:
Couple's mixed league to bowl in a Tuesday mixed league will meet at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Medford lanes. Each team will have two men and two women.

BOWLING BIDDIES:
A meeting of Bowling Biddies will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 9, at Medford lanes. Any women interested are invited.

EMPIRE LEAGUE:
Empire league will begin its season of bowling at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at Medford lanes. A meeting has been called for 12:45 p.m.

RAINBOW LEAGUE:
Host Owl Logging (7-1) 3, Clarence 1574 514, Rogue Valley Hosp. 141 (6-2) 1, Jerry Stocker 487.

Keen Oregon Greens (6-2): Gordon Layton 356, Grater Lake Machinery No. 1, (2-1) 511, 2, Jim Carrigan 469.

Squirt (4-2) 311: 1, Ernie Duker 476, Grater Lake Machinery No. 2, (2-1) 511, 2, Jim Carrigan 469.

Beichold Chemicals (4-4): 1, Len Thrin 485, Harry & David (0-4) 0, Gary Couch 482.

Don Perry 206, Wayne Archer 104, Horn Southwick 195, Hoot Owl Logging 228.

Butte Falls Shell (0-1): 3, Dale Smith 323, Electrical Products (1-1) 3, Joe Kantor 322.

Brocourt Brothers (2-2): 2, Tom Stanton 361, Brookhurst Subdivision (2-2) 2, Roy Wilkes 346.

M & A Logging (2-2): 2, Larry James 363, First Christian Church (2-2) 2, Marnie Olson 332.

Applegate Investment (2-2): 2, Glenn Hunter 316, Miller Oil (2-2) 2, Don Penwell 423.

Roy Burehett 278, Neil Ferris 234, Frank Solomon 3, Specialty Contractors 289.

MT. PITT LEAGUE:
Mann's Store (1-0) 1, Rich Vance 307, Buskirk Const. (0-4) 0, Bob Warriner 497.

Trowbridge and Flinn (4-0): 4, Charles Hirschman 448, Telephone Employees Assn. (0-4) 0, Bob Duescher 432.

Table Rock Lumber (4-0): 4, Lee Corey 321, International Harvester (0-4) 0, Bob Jones 468.

Nesley - Nelson Lumber (4-0): 4, Lee Ziesmer 300, Team X (0-4) 0 (Forfeit).

Rogue Ply (2-2): 2, Dave Rodker 437, Fir Ply (2-2) 2, Ralph Davis 473.

Mann's 2392.

CARDS RECALL WITHROW
ST. LOUIS — (UPI) — Ray Withrow, a 26-year-old power-hitting outfielder, has been recalled from Denver by the St. Louis Cardinals. The Cards said Withrow, who hit .253 with Denver, would report immediately.

Cards' Chances Suffer Blow

By United Press International

With due respect to the sizzling fast balls of Sandy Koufax, the one that really ended the National league pennant race may have been thrown by Don Cardwell of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

It was a whistling pitch Friday night that struck Dick Groat, shortstop and sparkplug of the St. Louis Cardinals, on the chest.

The pitch forced Groat's removal from the first game of the twilight — night doubleheader, won by the Cardinals, 5-1. But the Pirates took the second game, 5-0, and enabled the Los Angeles Dodgers to stretch their first 5-2 triumph over the San Francisco Giants.

Without Groat, battling to win his second NL batting title and the acknowledged leader of the Cardinals' late-season drive, the Dodgers' flag worries would appear to be over. Indications are that Groat will miss at least a few games and, in any event, may play several below par during a period when the Cardinals need him most.

U.S. Team Winner of Links Cup

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI)—It wasn't a comeback victory because they never trailed, but United States golf stars showed stretch speed to win the American Cup from Canada and Mexico for the seventh time without defeat.

Led by captain Billy Joe Patton, the U.S. players won 14 of a possible 18 points on the final day of play to tally 26½ points of a possible 38 in the biennial international tourney, pulling away from Canada, totaling 19½, and Mexico, with 8.

Patton Takes Charge

Canada, trailing by 1½ points midway through the two-day event, could pick up only 8½ points in the final team and singles matches, and Mexico knocked out the Canadians by winning 3 points in team play and 4½ for the day.

Patton, who did not play in the singles matches on the first day, took charge Friday, defeating both of his rivals, Bert Ticehurst of Canada, 3 and 2, and Jose Ortega of Mexico, 6 and 3, to run his American Cup record to 12 wins and no losses. But youthful Dick Sikes was

equally impressive, defeating his American Cup record four wins and no losses in his first appearance on the team.

The third double winner for the U. S. was Dr. Ed Updegraff, who sat out the team matches but came through in the singles with a 4 and 2 decision over Tomas Lehman of Mexico and 3 and 2 over Bill Wakeham of Canada.

Soriano Stands On No Replay Decision

SEATTLE (UPI) — Dewey Soriano, Pacific Coast League president, said Friday he will stand on his decision that a postponed game between the Portland Beavers and the San Diego Padres will not be replayed.

The Houston Colt .45s, parent club of the Oklahoma City 88ers, threatened Friday to go to court to overturn Soriano's decision.

Soriano said Houston's action was interesting and that he had "no objection whatsoever" if the club decided to press court action.

"I made the ruling on what I thought was just and fair to all concerned," he said.

Soriano said the umpires called the afternoon game because the field was not in condition for play, although the sun was shining.

RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR
BELLINGHAM (UPI)—Western Washington State College Board of Trustees Friday accepted the resignation of Athletic Director Charles Lattenbusch. Lattenbusch will remain at the school in a teaching capacity. The trustees also announced the merging of the physical education and athletic departments under the PE department chairman, Dr. William Tomaras.

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Sept. 27	— N. Salem	Salem
Oct. 4	— S. Salem	Medford
Oct. 11	— Crater	Medford
Oct. 18	— K. Falls	K. Falls
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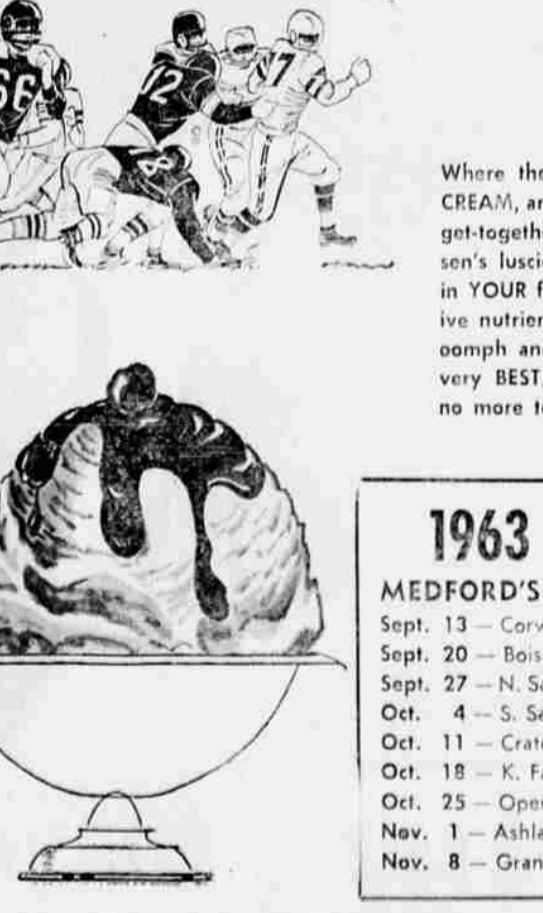
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