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SPORTS

Grid Cards Need To Hold Onto Ball, Keep Healthy To Bid in Pro Loop Race

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

By LEONARD ADAMS
ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Someone jokingly asked coach Wally Lemm of the St. Louis Cardinals if he planned to insure Charley Johnson's right arm with Lloyds of London.

Lemm leveled a glare at the joker.

Dupas on Feet When Counted Out

MILAN, Italy (UPI) — Blond Sandro Mazzinghi of Italy, new world junior middleweight champion, was considering today whether to give angry Ralph Dupas of New Orleans a chance to recapture the 154-pound crown.

Mazzinghi, 21, won the title from Dupas Saturday night on a ninth-round knockout before 10,000 at the outdoor Vigorelli Velodrome.

It was a major upset because Mazzinghi was little known outside Italy and was unranked among the top 10 contenders. Dupas, 28, was favored at 2-1 in the betting.

They fought in a light drizzle. Dupas, weighing 152½ pounds to Sandro's 153, slipped in the first round and fell out of the ring. He was floored by a left hook in the second round and by a short right in the ninth.

Rose at Eight

When Dupas rose at "eight" in the ninth, he staggered helplessly backwards against the ropes. Referee Rudolph Neuhold of Switzerland continued the count to "10 and out." It was the first time in any world title fight that a boxer had been counted out on his feet.

In title bouts, down through the years, when a boxer appeared helpless on his feet, it was the custom for the referee to "stop" the fight — usually after a gesture of agreement from the ring physician — and award the winner a "technical knockout."

Because of referee Neuhold's new safety kayo change, Dupas angrily declared he had been the victim of a "madman" referee's "illegal ruling," and he demanded a return title fight. Late Sunday Dupas flew to Australia to keep in shape by boxing there.

TIE IN TOURNEY

ABERDEEN, Wash. (UPI) — Joe Golis and Ockie Eliason, both of Tacoma, tied for first place in the \$2,500 Grays Harbor Pro-Amateur golf tournament Sunday. Each shot a 142, two over par for 36 holes. Harvey Hixson of Cottage Grove, Ore., was fourth at 144, and Marlow Quick, Astoria, carded a 147 for 10th.

action by a knee injury for at least the first three games of the season, Lemm's comment was the understatement of the month.

Injuries — and fumbles — ruined the Cards in 1962. And here Lemm's key ball carrier is sidelined even before the start of this season.

"We're glad Crow didn't need an operation," Lemm said, "because that means he will be back sooner. But there is still no telling how the knee will hold up in competition."

Fair-haired Boy

Johnson is the fair-haired boy of the Cardinals. He came off the bench in the fourth game of last season and set club records for pass completions (150) and passing yardage (2,440).

Behind him is Buddy Humphrey, who has replaced Sam Etcheverry as No. 2 man. Etcheverry asked for his release during pre-season training because he wanted a starting job and felt he could do better elsewhere.

While Crow is out of action, the rushing load will fall on Prentice Gautt and Joe Childress.

With Sonny Randle and Bobby Joe Conrad as Johnson's prime receivers, the Cards again should have a strong passing attack. Randle and Conrad were ranked second and third among National Football League pass-catchers last season.

Lemm realizes his rushers will have to hold on to the ball better than last season when they fumbled 31 times. Crow fumbled 14 times.

Rookies Look Good

Rookies have been a source of joy to Lemm. Don Brynm of Purdue has won a defensive end post and Larry Stallings of Georgia Tech is another good bet at linebacker. Lemm is also pleased with his first draft choice, defensive back Jerry Smith of LSU; flanker Jackie Smith of Northeast Louisiana; tackle Sam Silas of Southern Illinois; fullback Bill (Thunder) Thornton of Nebraska and flanker Billy Gambrell, who was signed as a free agent from South Carolina.

Another source of pleasure to Lemm has been the comeback of Fate Echols at defensive tackle. Echols was the first draft choice in 1962 but he was temporarily cut from the team because of overweight and slowness. This year a slimmer Echols is giving Don Owens a battle for the starting position.

The defensive backfield will be composed of veterans with rookies pushing at every position. The starters are Hill, Larry Wilson and an ex-Green Bay Packer, John Symank.

Starter Bill Stacy sustained a fractured cheek-bone in Saturday's exhibition game against the Minnesota Vikings, and doctors said he will be lost to the team for one month.

Lemm, in summing up his chances, said, "We think we have a good ball club. Our goal is the division championship and that's all we talk about."

"If only we can stop fumbling and stay healthy," he added.



REST STOPS—Assistant Coaches Jim Tacchini (wearing glasses) and Lloyd Hoffine (standing) discuss the action with the Gold crew during break in the Crater high football intrasquad scrimmage on Saturday. The Gold aggregation

scored the only touchdown. The Comets are adding the final touches this week before opening their season at Central Point on Friday night against the Lebanon Warriors.

Osuna, Bueno Take Crowns In U.S. Net Championships

FOREST HILLS, N. Y. (UPI) — It's a Latin monopoly in

Nicklaus Wins Again In Series

By LEO H. PETERSEN
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AKRON, Ohio (UPI) — Jack Nicklaus did it again.

It was, he said, "my five iron on the 13th hole which did the job" — the job being the \$50,000 first place money in the World Series of Golf.

It was the second year in a row that burly Jack came up with the biggest golf purse of the year.

He shot a final round 35-35-70 Sunday, matching par for the 7,165-yard Firestone Country club course. That gave him a total of 140 — even par — for the two rounds.

Victor By Stroke

It was one stroke better than Julius Boros wound up with. He had a final round 37-32-69, but his late charge left him one shot behind Nicklaus with a total of 141.

Arnold Palmer, suffering from a painful right shoulder, wound up with a 36-36-72 for 143. Bob Charles, the New Zealand left-hander who won the British Open, finished last with a 147, taking a 77 in the final round.

On the key 13th, a par-four 460-yarder, Palmer drove into the trees, hit another tree on his second shot and wound up with a double bogey six.

Nicklaus hit his five-iron second shot — the big one — 12 feet from the cup and sank the putt.

stead of an Australian monopoly on the two U. S. tennis championships today.

Mexico's Rafael Osuna and Brazil's Maria Pueno, graceful as panthers and just as dangerous, swept to the national singles championships at Forest Hills Sunday with straight set victories that signaled the end of Australia's domination and at least a temporary setback to a budding American boom.

Osuna trounced 21-year-old Frank Froehling III of Coral Gables, Fla., 7-5, 6-4, 6-2, and the lithe Miss Pueno climaxed a tremendous comeback by defeating Margaret Smith of Australia, 7-5, 6-4. Miss Smith, reigning Wimbledon queen, won the U. S. title only a year ago.

At this point a year ago Maria was recovering from an attack of hepatitis, and many observers felt she never again would come back to the peak that led her twice to Wimbledon crowns and to the U. S. championship in 1959.

Osuna's victory made it the eighth straight year a foreign player had won the American championship. The previous seven all were Australians.

CORVALLIS (UPI) — Oregon State's football team switched to one workout a day today in preparation for their Sept. 21 opener against Utah at Salt Lake City. The Beavers held a stiff scrimmage Saturday, featured by a 74-yard touchdown run by Charlie Shaw, a fullback currently battling Booker T. Washington and Bruce Williams for the starting job.

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Art Pollard Wins Title

PORTLAND (UPI) — Art Pollard of Medford won the 200-lap Pacific Coast modified auto racing championship at the Portland Speedway Sunday.

Pollard led the race from start to finish before a crowd of 3,896. Donnie Nelson and Jim Roberts of Eugene were second and third, respectively.

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DEFENSE HIGHLIGHTS BRUIN SQUAD FRACAS SATURDAY

ASHLAND — "Defense did too good a job," said Ashland High Football Coach John Gray in looking back on the Grizzlies intrasquad engagement Saturday night.

Gray had divided the Bruins into crews of apparent equal ability. And, that's the way it worked out. The tussle was a scoreless stalemate.

The head mentor, who watched from the stands while assistants Bill Leybold and George Keil handled the teams, was "well pleased" with the tackling, pursuit and rotation of the players but said, "we're going to have to work some more on offense."

"Both teams used standard defense and did a pretty good job stopping our offense. We're going to have to work on out blocking more," Gray remarked.

Need Passing Work

He said also that the Grizzlies will have to spend some more time on their passing. The Ashlanders have good passers in Dave Barger and Dave Lohman but receivers have trouble hanging on to the ball.

Gray was impressed by the mobility of tackle Jack Gruber on defense and by the linebacking of Don Scholer. Roger Atherton and Mike Torresan did good jobs as opposing right halfbacks. While defense held offense mostly to two or three-yard gains, each broke away for a run of about 40 yards. Some fine running and blocking was turned in by Dennis Ekwall at left half.

Both teams looked just about the same, according to Gray, who termed the game "real interesting." He said the kicking game was "real smooth." Three periods of 20 minutes each were played.

Gray said that the grizzlies will practice at 7:30 o'clock this evening and go to afternoon drills on Tuesday in preparation for the Friday opener at Ashland against Shasta High of Redding, Calif.

Speedy left half Ron Boyce is currently laid up with a turned knee. Guard Ron Speece hurt his knee in practice and has been advised to lay out of action this year. He hurt the knee

last spring in a motor-bike mishap then hurt it again in a summer tumble on Mt. McLoughlin. Gray reported that the Grizzlies in workouts have been coming along real well. He said, "I'm well pleased with their spirit."

Joe Raynes, a 190-pound tackle, has joined the squad and is figured to be a real help once he is in condition. His duties are to be primarily defense in the first game.

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