

Sport Parade



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NEW YORK (UPI) — The chunky blond man stood motionless in the cavernous vastness of Yankee Stadium, blue eyes staring eight years into the past. Johnny Podres was playing it all over again in his mind. The big one which will be his mark of immortality in the baseball history books.

Pittsburgh Heads Pros In Defense

NEW YORK (UPI) — Buddy Parker, coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers, cites defense as a team's most important asset and today his Steelers are leading the National Football league in that category.

The Steelers' coach says, "defense is the biggest thing in football. Winning simply comes down to having a defense."

To confirm Parker's theory, the Steelers have allowed only 34 first downs in their three games. Just eight of the 34 were gained on the ground and they are tied with the world champion Green Bay Packers for the least yardage allowed in rushing at 254. And, while the Chicago Bears haven't allowed a rushing touchdown, the Steelers allowed just one and are tied with the Browns with 31 points scored against them.

Experience

Coach Parker attributes this year's defensive difference to experience.

"Sure, we had to have a replacement at defensive tackle," says Parker, "but Lou Cordileone was with us last year, and the only other new man, John Baker a defensive end, had been around a while and was able to step in."

Parker adds, "no coach ever turned out a real winner if he had to make a lot of defensive changes. Defense is easy to teach. Defense takes time."

The NFL's leading rusher, Jim Brown, who has gained 493 yards thus far, will be trying to crack the Steelers' defense next Saturday night when the teams meet in Cleveland. The Browns lead the league in total offense with 1273 yards. The contest will be Pittsburgh's stiffest test to date.

Tornado Grid Mothers Will View Movies

Mothers of Medford high football players will have opportunity on Thursday, Oct. 3, to see films of this season's Black Tornado football games.

They will be shown at 1:30 p. m. at Cubby's drive-in.

All mothers of Tornado gridlers and other ladies interested are invited.

The movies will be shown by Lee V. Ragsdale, supervisor of physical education for the Medford schools.

Podres, one of the last of the old Brooklyn Dodgers, came back to the present and smiled slowly.

"What else?" he asked. What else, indeed, as one more time this young-old left-hander, who is one of the few Dodger survivors of the shift to Los Angeles, prepared to go back to the same mound against those same old rivals.

It's a route he's been before. He lost one game against them in 1953. But he got even in 1955 after the Yanks had won the first two games and were talking of a four-game sweep. Podres revitalized the Dodgers by winning the third game, they battled all even through six games, and then Johnny—only 23 then—marched out to the mound at Yankee Stadium and beat the Bombers 2-0.

Scores Third Victory They were the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the opposition was the White Sox, when he scored his third series victory in 1959 for a second Dodger world championship. So he's had a hand in the only two championships they ever won.

But 1955 was the big one. Until, maybe, this time.

He is regarded now, at 31, as a veteran from whom the endurance and flexibility of youth has flown. And he jarred the Dodgers' bright hopes for a repeat out of the past when he was battered badly by the Phillies last Saturday night in his final regular season appearance.

The Phillies, who do not even faintly resemble the Yankees, cannoned Johnny for 12 hits and eight runs in one and two-thirds innings. It proposed a question as to Podres' sharpness going into his second game start at the stadium on Thursday.

"I'm not worried about being hit by the Phillies like that," he said, admitting with a trace of admiring amusement that "they couldn't have hit me any better if I'd told each hitter what I was going to throw him."

Explains Theory There was no trace of an alibi in his tone as he explained his theory for that shelling.

"I made a special appearance early that day at an automobile agency. For over an hour I signed autographs in 100 degree heat. I wouldn't have done it except that we had the pennant clinched.

"And I won't be doing that during the World Series," he pointed out.

Saturday is gone from the mind of Johnny Podres. He remembers those October days eight years ago and looks forward eagerly to Thursday.

"Johnny always comes up for the big ones," said manager Walter Alston.

The question is whether history will repeat itself.



TAKES ON PITCHERS—Mickey Mantle, New York Yankees power hitter, takes on three powerful pitchers during Tuesday break in practice session in Yankee Stadium for World Series.

Maury Wills To Be Running in Series

By MILTON RICHMAN
NEW YORK (UPI) — Maury Wills will be running — just in case the Yankees had any doubt.

Without issuing any defiant boasts or threats, the quiet but keyed-up Dodger speedster made his World Series intentions perfectly clear today by saying "when I stop being aggressive I won't be Maury Wills anymore."

Translated quickly that means the Yankees can try to stop him — if they can.

Yankee catcher Elston Howard never has down-graded Wills, nor has he put him up on any special pedestal.

"I know he can run," Howard says simply. "He stole 104 bases last year and 40 this year but we have some fast fellows in our league, too, and none have run wild against us. For Wills or for anyone, I'm gonna play my natural game."

Suits Him Fine That suits Wills just fine.

"I'm going to play my natural game, too," he says, without any cockiness. "I'm not saying I plan to do this or I plan to do that but of course I have my own ideas."

"I've read what Howard has said. I read the papers all the time and it helps me. You can go to school on what you read."

"A couple of years ago I read every word in a story about what the Pittsburgh pitchers had to say about me. You have no idea how much it helped. If you look it up, I think you'll find I have a pretty good average against the Pirates."

Chiefly because of Wills and Willie Davis, the Yankees openly acknowledge the Dodgers' superior speed. But they also keep repeating the hoary old baseball axiom that they have to get on base before they can steal.

Wills Isn't Bothered "That's obvious," says Wills. The possibility that Howard may cut him down trying to steal doesn't particularly faze the slender Los Angeles shortstop.

"Even when you're thrown out

GIANTS CARDS TRADE ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Only one day after the baseball season had ended, the St. Louis Cardinals and the San Francisco Giants participated in the first post-season trade of 1963. The Cards traded 29-year-old pitcher serve catcher Jim Coker.

FOOTBALL HALL POPULAR CANTON, Ohio (UPI) — Since the National Professional Football Hall of Fame opened three weeks ago more than 10,000 persons have visited the shrine.

attempting to steal, you still accomplish something by trying," he says. "Nothing ever is really wasted. Even if you bunt and foul the ball off you still can break a pitcher's rhythm."

The Dodger shortstop confesses he has been treated "wonderfully" by the press but still is sensitive about some of the things written about him. It obviously hurts when he reads that some think he's slipping on defense.

"Until I lost my wallet this spring," he said, "I kept a clipping that quoted Dick Groat. He said I was the best shortstop in the league and that I made all the plays."

Ed Machen Ranked 8th

NEW YORK (UPI) — Eddie Machen, who celebrated his return to boxing with a knockout of Ollie Wilson, was ranked eighth today among the heavyweights in Ring Magazine's latest ratings.

Machen was out of boxing for a year following a nervous breakdown. Before his illness, Machen was one of the top contenders for the heavy weight crown.

Gregorio Peralta of Argentina was ranked 10th among the heavyweights following his upset over light heavy weight champion Willie Pastrano. Machen and Peralta replaced Robert Cleroux of Canada and Henry Cooper of England on the list.

The only change in the light-heavyweight ranks found Wayne Thornton of Fresno, Calif., moving from eighth to sixth place. He replaced Bobo Olson, who has been inactive.

Italy's Sandro Mazzinghi took over 10th place in the middleweight class following his knockout of Ralph Dupas. He replaced Denny Moyer of Portland, Ore.

Japan's Hiroyuki Ebihara, who scored a one-round knockout over Pone Kingpetch for the world's flyweight title last September, was named Ring's "fighter of the month."

Washington Adopts New Game Rules

OLYMPIA (UPI) — The state game commission Tuesday made it illegal for game processors to accept game animals for processing without an accompanying tag showing the owner's name and address or a seal or tag issued by the department.

The rule was one of a new set of regulations adopted by the commission to be effective Jan. 1, 1964. The rules replace 58 regulations rescinded by the commission to make its prohibitions "easier to understand."

The commission added a provision in its game shipping requirements that will allow individuals to transport game animals, fish or birds for other persons if the catch is properly marked.

But to prevent hunters and fishermen from using the transportation clause as an excuse to have more than their limits, the commission ruled it illegal for anyone to "claim ownership" of a larger number than fixed by possession limits.

Ownership claim was substituted for "possession" to free processors from prosecution. Under the old rules a processor was technically liable for prosecution if he had more animals, fish or birds in his "possession" than the limit allowed, a spokesman explained.

MH Harriers Down KF

Medford high grabbed the first two places yesterday in edging Klamath Falls 27 to 30 in a cross country race on Huemul hill.

Greg Swanson was first in 10:06 for the 1.8 miles. Duane Mallams took second place for the Tornado.

Bob Scholl was third for Klamath and Mike Miller fourth for Medford. Then in order for Klamath, fifth, sixth and seventh were Mike Sweek, Dave Vaagen and Gary Maw.

Doug Eakin was eighth for Medford and Ralph Totten ninth for Klamath Falls.

Bob Carte, Medford, was displaced to 12th by KF's Terry Metler and Merkel Britt. The two KF runners did not figure in the scoring since only the points of the first five runners of each school are tabulated.

Medford will entertain Crater high harriers on Thursday.

SPORTS

Bud Wilkinson Selected Coach of Week by UPI

sp—BUD WILKINSON—2 col hd NORMAN, Okla. (UPI)—Oklahoma's Bud Wilkinson, the silver-haired football strategist whose golden touch paid off in a stunning 17-12 upset of defending national champion Southern California today was named United Press International "coach of the week."

"On behalf of the team and coaching staff I appreciate the honor paid to them all," Wilkinson said as he prepared to study films of Oklahoma's most important victory in years.

"We felt we had to control the ball to win the game — it was no super-strategy," Wilkinson said of the Southern California victory, which probably sent the Sooners soaring to their greatest heights since their heydays of the mid-50s.

New Series Southern California might quarrel with Bud's modesty about strategy, because Oklahoma unveiled a new series of double-reverses, which included passing, to go with its storied ground game and bone-rattling defense that had the Trojans off balance.

Oklahoma's ball control tactics hogged the game while they built up a 17-6 halftime lead.

Chief Frosh Defeat EP

ROGUE RIVER—Rogue River high's freshman football team overcame a two-touchdown halftime deficit here last night to trim Eagle Point 21 to 13.

The Chieftains tabulated on end sweeps of 20, 40 and 45 yards by Dewey Young. He ran two conversions and Larry Martin one.

Eagle Point scored on a 60-yard pass play, with Terry Smith catching, and on a 20-yard run. One conversion was packed over. Rogue River led 14 to 13 at the end of the third quarter.

Penalties cost the Chiefs two touchdowns in the first half. They reached the EP two-yard line and were penalized five yards. They got inside the 15 and were set back 15 yards.

Ragsdale Tops Big 6 In Scoring

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Unsung Clarence Williams of Washington State leaped to the top of the Big Six rushing statistics after a big day against Iowa last Saturday.

Williams, a junior, has churned 163 yards to top all rushers. Others with over 100 yards for two games include USC soph Mike Garrett (130), Stanford's Dick Ragsdale (124), and Cal's Jim Blekeney (104).

Dave Mathieson of Washington State leads passers with 21 completions, while Pete Beathard of USC is the total offense king at 162 yards.

Other Leaders Other leaders include Ragsdale, who has scored 39 points; Gerry Shaw of Washington State with seven pass receptions and USC's Ernie Jones, who has kicked for a 43.6 average.

Team statistics are dominated by USC, Washington State, and Stanford.

Stanford leads in total offense with 234 yards per game, and in rushing offense with 230 yards. USC is tops in total defense (226) and pass defense (27). Washington State leads in pass offense (112) and fishing defense (127).

In over-all games, the conference has a disappointing 3-3-1 record after a tough two weeks of mostly inter-sectional clashes.

LAKERS WIN HILO, Hawaii (UPI) — The Los Angeles Lakers Tuesday night handed the San Francisco Warriors their third straight defeat in a National Basketball Association pre-season tournament, sending them down 99-89.

Ducks Lose Doug Post

EUGENE (UPI) — Second string Oregon quarterback Doug Post was ruled out for the rest of the football season today after undergoing knee surgery.

Post suffered torn ligaments in the Ducks' victory over Stanford last Saturday.

Coach Len Casanova ran the Ducks through a short scrimmage session Tuesday in preparation for their game against West Virginia at Morgantown, W. Va., Saturday afternoon.

Oregon will leave here by plane Thursday morning for Morgantown.

Court Ruling Appeal Filed SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The California industrial accident commission has appealed to the state supreme court a ruling that a recipient of a college football scholarship is a state employee.

The ruling was made by the district court of appeal in Los Angeles in a suit brought by Karen Taylor Van Horn, widow of one of 16 Cal Poly players killed in an Ohio plane crash in 1960.

The district court held in effect that Van Horn was being paid for playing football because he received \$50 a month and that his widow therefore was eligible for death benefits under the workmen's compensation act.

In asking a hearing Tuesday, the commission protested that the decision put "the stamp of professionalism on persons receiving athletic scholarships. It even speculated that the ruling might make athletes ineligible in international amateur events such as the Olympic Games.

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