

Title Dream Blown for 1931 Season

Present Klamath Team Advances Far; Ray Frisbie Wants Match With Anderson.

By JOE PIGNEY

Although the dream of an undefeated Klamath high football team has been scattered, for 1931 the dream while it lasted, was a real one. It perhaps came closer to actuality than any other Klamath gridiron hopes of the past.

There should be no grief over the loss of a possible championship. On the contrary, there should be something of joy that the Klamath school has shaken off its depressing habit of defeat and after defeat, and marched on to the success it has had all season.

The pit of defeat—especially a Medford defeat—becomes a difficult one to gulp when it is remembered that Klamath came within one foot of making a touchdown.

The Pelicans had an unfortunate time all Medford game. Fumble after fumble to say nothing of Medford's stunning passing and lateral passing formations—kept down the scoring opportunities.

But everything wasn't clear sailing for Medford, and Klamath's big chance in the first period really came after the Tiger safety had dropped a punt. But the Pelicans turned right around again and fumbled the Tigers out of danger.

It's not easy to build something out of nothing. The records of past football seasons are by no means complimentary to Klamath Falls, so what Leslie Avritt has done is nothing in less than one season approaches a miracle.

Ray Frisbie, the original wildman wrestler from Medford, wants a chance to meet Roy Anderson in an elimination to select an opponent for Gus Sonnenberg here next month. But Mr. Frisbie is a little late.

It is not that Ray would make an unworthy opponent for the former champion. The Medford grappler has sufficient willpower and sufficient cleverness to stand up under the greater weight and experience of Sonnenberg, but Anderson had the first claim to the belt.

More than ten days ago Bill Elliott, promoter, announced Sonnenberg would come to Klamath Falls in November to take on the winner of the Roy Anderson-Jack Wallace match. Roy Anderson was the winner and a decisive winner, too, and in the face of the original arrangements it would be almost impossible to ask him to stand up for another elimination round.

And Ray Frisbie didn't win his last match with Bill Sandel of Dorris. His claims to a match with Anderson haven't been made just at the right moment.

Owner of Chicago White Sox Dies at Camp

COMISKY ONE OF BASEBALL'S REAL FIGURES

EAGLE RIVER, Wis., Oct. 26. (AP)—Baseball's old Roman is dead.

Charles A. Comiskey, 73-year-old owner of the Chicago White Sox of the American League, died early today at his camp refuge here.

He had been in failing health for several months. He rallied, however, when his club won the city series with the Chicago Cubs of the National. Shortly afterward, however, he began slowly sinking toward death.

Lived at Forest Tract The colorful old warrior whose life story was synonymous of the rise of professional baseball in America had taken refuge during his declining days in the quiet fastness of his Forest Tract here.

His home stood out in its spacious beauty against acres of untouched wilderness, much of it was overgrown by animals which scurried through tangled underbrush as they did long before the white man came.

This latter home of his was not so far from that 600-acre tract which, in other years, was the camp at which the Woodland Bears, the famous White Sox rooting association, gathered for their autumnal feasts.

Played on Sand Lots Comiskey's body today will be forwarded to Chicago where the "Old Roman" wrought his achievements.

Comiskey, who "fought for every point because, through bitter experience I early learned that one lost decision may mean the loss of a pennant," began life on the sand lots of Milwaukee. His father, a politician, wanted to make a plumber out of him; but Charles Albert insisted on sneaking off to the ill-provided diamonds to play third base at \$50 a month for a team entitled the Alphas.

Played League Ball He was 17, then, and he was graduated from Milwaukee to Elgin, Ill., as a pitcher. He won every game he played that year. At 19 he joined Dubuque of the Northwestern league, and changed four years later, to the St. Louis Browns of the American association.

Comiskey became a famous figure in the baseball world long before he established his White Sox in Chicago. He was a known fighter, a free spender, and loyal to those who were loyal to him.

Wrecked Ball Club After having built up the Sox from the beginning of the American league into an organization known the world over, the battling "Old Roman" caused a sensation when in 1920 he wrecked his machine on finding that the 1919 world series had been thrown to the Cincinnati club.

At one sweep, he suspended seven of his stars, losing contracts worth a million dollars.

"Old Roman" Fought On Recovering from the shock, he gathered around him another team. For one player from the minor leagues he paid \$100,000, the highest figure ever paid for a minor league player up to that time.

That was the price he paid for Willie Kamm of San Francisco.

The White Sox never quite recovered from their 1920 slump, but to the end of his days, the "Old Roman" fought on, hopefully, untriflingly.

Canal Covering Will Be Studied

E. M. Bubb, B. E. Hayden, E. A. Thomas, E. W. Vannice and E. M. Hammond have been appointed as the chamber of commerce committee on investigation of the covering of the government canal.

This committee is studying all phases of the situation, and will prepare a report which will be submitted to Senator Frederick Steiwer in the near future.

Chaplin Attends Political Confab

LONDON, Oct. 26. (UP)—Charlie Chaplin left his derby, stick and oddly mated shoes at his hotel last night and attended a conservative election meeting disguised in a cap and Harold Lloyd spectacles. He was not recognized by the audience.

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Klamath, Stung by 6 to 0 Defeat Saturday, Starts Work for Grants Pass Tilt

Klamath Union high school's football team, stung by Medford's 6 to 0 victory Saturday, began working Monday for next Saturday's battle with Grants Pass on Modoc field. Avritt's Pelicans whipped the Cavemen a few weeks ago on their home territory, and intend to repeat the performance, in spite of the fact that their championship hopes were blasted by the Tigers Saturday.

The score which removed the Klamath team from the possibility of a state title was but a single touchdown margin, 6 to 0. Two thousand fans saw the game.

The high-strung Pelican boys, never once behind in any game this season, passed into the defeated column in the second period. The Pelicans, wallowing deep in their own territory, punted out to the Medford 40-yard line where the Tigers turned loose a passing attack, bringing in the yardage for a touchdown.

Scheel in Long Run Red Scheel, mighty Tiger back, started the scoring drive with a 20-yard run off the Pelicans' right tackle. A nicely timed pass into the open territory to the left of the Klamath defenders from George Harrington to the yardage making Scheel placed the ball on the Pelicans' 10.

Scheel ripped over center 2, and Clyde Fichtner pounded his way to the 5-yard line with a lunge over left tackle. Fichtner tried the same spot for three yards more, driving the Klamath team back to its own 1. This big, fast stepping Fichtner was hot after a touchdown and on the next play he bombed the left side of the line for the score.

Speed, Weight Count Elmer Zumburn, halfback, failed to convert the point.

The speed of the Medford line and the weight of the backfield practically ruined the Klamath boys right there. Bob Estes, left tackle, over whom Fichtner passed for the score, valiantly made an almost one-man stand against the Tiger thrusts, but even the best player in defense in the world would have been of little use against the Tiger thrusts.

Accident Spoils Chance The power and intelligence of the Medford team fought for a deserved victory, but still the breaks were against these heretofore undefeated Pelicans of 1931. A heart-breaking accident in the first period spoiled an opportunity for an early lead which might have led to either a tie or an outright victory.

After being rushed off its feet in the opening play of the game when Harrington and Shreeve, a brilliant passing combination, worked the ball into Klamath territory following the kickoff, Norman Tabor, substitute for Bob Elliott, fullback who was out of the game after the kickoff, stopped the air attack with an interception on his own 39.

The Pelicans punted back into Medford region, and White, Tiger tackle, dropped the ball, Taylor recovered for Klamath on the 26.

Reverse Works Bob Laurensen, on that same simple reverse which won for two touchdowns against Ashland two weeks ago, pulled the entire Medford team to the left and then skipped around right to the 21-yard line.

The Medford line dug in and stopped the Pelicans for the next three plays. In that last desperate attempt to make up 10 yards on the final down, Mayhew tossed a pass to Laurensen who was tackled one foot short of the goal line.

It did appear as though the Pelican attack was still as efficient as in its previous victories. With but one foot to go and four downs to do it in, there seemed little question about the score.

Tabor Fumbles But the old bugaboo, unexpectedness, introduced himself into the contest on the third touchdown play. Norm Tabor's signal was called for the plunge, but he messed up the score with a fumble.

That was the first and last time the Pelicans presented a scoring threat.

The scoreless second half opened with Klamath strengthened by the return of Bob Elliott, big fullback who was taken out after he had kicked off at the start of the game. Elliott, despite his bound-up hand, carried the ball past the 50-yard line on three plays. The rush

stopped there, and Elliott was forced to punt over the Medford line.

The third and fourth periods simmered down to defensive duels, with each team punting for the breaks.

Tigers Attack As in the first half the Tigers again led in the attacking. A sensational forward-lateral pass combination forced the Pelicans. It was worked successfully twice, but on the third attempt it brought a dispute between the officials and Leslie Avritt, Klamath coach. The Tiger on the receiving end of the lateral pass fumbled the ball and Klamath recovered. The referee, however, ruled that the lateral had been passed forward and the play was called back.

The hunky Medford backs began to plow hard in the final period, approaching the Pelican goal line as far as the 15-yard line. The possibility of a score was spotted by a 15-yard penalty for holding.

After the penalty Medford again released the passing attack which bewildered the Klamath team all through the game. The Tigers worked their way back to the Klamath 22, but were again prevented from scoring. This time it was intercepted by Hamaker. Hamaker took the ball on his own 20-yard line and ran it back to the Medford 45. The game ended on the next play.

Signoff Stars Clemon Sigford, the little 155-pound guard was the leader of the Klamath line. For Medford Fichtner and Shelly in the backfield, Greeve at end, and White and Cave in the line, were the outstanding players.

The summary: Medford (6) Allen L.E. Parker Klamath (0) White L.G. Sigford Nineair C. Bradley Cave C. Taylor Glen R.G. Estes Cunningham R.E. Knight Greaves R.H. McAlister Harrington Q. Hamaker Scheel L.H. Hamaker Zumburn R.H. Laurensen Fichtner F. Elliott

Score by periods: Medford 6 0 0 0—6 Klamath 0 0 0 0—0

Scoring touchdowns: For Medford, Fichtner.

Officials: L. L. Deal, Grants Pass, referee; Fred Plock, Klamath Falls, umpire; Marshal Shields, Ashland, head linesman.

Trojans Top Coast List AFTER 6-0 WIN

By RUSSELL NEWLAND (Associated Press Sports Writer)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26. (AP)—A football season that has barely passed the halfway mark today found Southern California's Trojans perched at the top in the battle for Pacific coast conference honors, with every indication they will continue on to win the 1931 championship.

The Trojans posted their fourth conference victory by snatching a 6-0 game from California Bears Saturday after a great struggle that saw a supposedly weak Bear eleven times threaten to score from inside the five-yard line.

Next Two Weeks Without a game scheduled for next Saturday, the Trojans will have two weeks to prepare for their November 7 contest with Stanford's Indians. On its record to date, Southern California will be favored to take Stanford down the line, while two later rivals, Montana and Washington, are not expected to offer serious opposition.

Stanford stock dropped somewhat following Saturday's scoreless tie with Washington, a team defeated earlier in the season by Oregon. Next Saturday, Stanford will meet the University of California at Los Angeles, taking the Bruins in stride, and meanwhile pointing for the Trojan clash a week later.

O. S. C. Meets W. S. C. The only other conference engagement listed for next Saturday's activities will pit Oregon State against Washington State, at Portland.

Defeated, but not disgraced last week end, California will enjoy a "breather" in a game with Nevada. The contest will serve as a warm-up for the Bears, preparing for the Berkeley invasion of Washington on the following Saturday.

Washington, likewise has a non-conference contest scheduled, with Whitman college furnishing the opposition. Idaho and Montana also will play non-conference games, the former meeting Gonzaga, at Moscow, and Montana taking on an old-time gridiron rival, Montana State.

St. Mary's Meets Brones Members of no conference, but outstanding team of the Far West by right of merit, St. Mary's college will face its keenest gridiron rival, Santa Clara university, in San Francisco, Sunday. Some 65,000 fans are expected to crowd into Kearney stadium for the battle. St. Mary's is the only undefeated and untied major team on the coast.

The Gaels defeated Southern California, 13-7; California, 14-0; West Coast Army, 21-7; U. of San Francisco, 14-6, and Gonzaga, 13-7 on successive week ends. Santa Clara lost its opening game to California, 6-2, but has shown steady improvement. A week ago it defeated the San Francisco Olympic club, 19-6, whereas earlier in the season the club team held Stanford to a 6-0 tie.

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Football

California 9, U. S. C. 6. Washington State 13, Montana 0.

Oregon 0, North Dakota 0. B. Y. U. 31, Western State 0. Colorado Aggies 19, Colorado U. 6.

Penn 27, Wisconsin 13. Michigan State 6, Georgetown 0.

Northwestern 10, Ohio State 0. Lafayette 21, Washington-Jefferson 0.

Harvard 35, Texas 7. Dartmouth 20, Lebanon Valley 6.

Brown 33, Lehigh 0. Purdue 13, Carnegie Tech 6. Wesleyan 14, Amherst 0.

Columbia 19, Williams 0. N. Y. U. 13, Colgate 0. Pitt Frosh 33, Penn State Frosh 0.

Navj 15, Princeton 0. Providence 24, Norwich 0. Nebraska 6, Kansas 0.

Washington 0, Stanford 0. Oberlin 14, Wooster 13. Mass. Aggies, 3; Worcester 0.

Yale 6, Army 6. Western Reserve 20, Hiram 0. Hamilton 18, Susquehanna 7.

Franklin-Marshall 20, Swarthmore 0. Syracuse 7, Penn State 0.

Ohio Wesleyan 12, Miami 7. Minnesota 34, Iowa 6. Holy Cross 27, Rutgers 0.

Michigan 33, Illinois 6. Iowa State 20, Missouri 0. Johns Hopkins 20, St. John 13.

Fordham 46, Drake 0. Georgia 9, Vanderbilt 0. Morningside 18, South Dakota 0.

Arkansas 6, Louisiana 13. Case 13, Akron 7. Colby 32, Bowdoin 6.

Indiana 52, Chicago 6. Ohio U. 13, Cincinnati 7. Monmouth 7, Cornell college 0.

New Hampshire 43, Vermont 0. Maryland 41, V. M. I. 20.

Virginia State 32, Shaw 0. Notre Dame 25, Pittsburgh 13. Wilberforce 25, Tuskegee 6.

W. & L. 18, Virginia 0. Tulsa 28, Creighton 0. Tufts 7, Connecticut Aggies 7.

Tulane 33, Georgia Tech 0. Tennessee 7, North Carolina 0. Oglethorpe 8, Furman 0.

Otterbein 20, Ohio Northern 0. Parris Island 20, South Georgia Tech 0.

Alabama 22, Sewanee 0. Maine 0, Bates 6.

Marquette 7, Boston college 0. Columbia 14, Western Union 6.

New Mexico 14, Occidental 0. Utah Aggies 12, Wyoming 0.

Kentucky 20, V. P. I. 6. Knox 7, III. Coll. 7.

Mississippi 20, Southwestern 0. Nebraska 6, Kansas 0.

University of California at Los Angeles 40, Pomona college 0.

University of Southern California Frosh 13, Stanford Frosh 0.

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