

From Midfield

By McGILLICUDDY BIRPZ

Know anybody who has seen both Vancouver and Klamath in action this year? Well, we do.

Ed Clark, formerly with Copco here and now Copco's man at Castella, Calif., hailed originally from Vancouver. Ed gets around. He has been back home to Vancouver to see the Trappers play, and he has been back home to Klamath Falls to see the Pelicans play.

He writes us as follows:

"Don't sell Vancouver short because of the fact that Buck Hammer's Longview team won from Vancouver. I saw that game and can honestly say that Vancouver outplayed the Longview team the entire game. As a matter of fact, I think the Longview team made about four or five first downs while the Vancouver team made enough yardage to win the game. You know what breaks a team gets in a game can do to the final score."

"This fellow Allinger is another Mast in a way. Maybe a little less power but shifter. Grant, I believe, is as fast as Foster but not quite as shifty. Given equal lines I would hate to have the job of picking the winner. The Vancouver forward wall is good both on offense and defense."

"I expect the Klamath Pelicans to win the game, not on account of so great a difference in the strength of the starting line-ups as the strength of the Pelican reserves."

"Another point is that Vancouver has some tricky plays and is lucky enough to have a pretty good punter to help out in a pinch."

Not since 1931 had the Klamath Pelicans scheduled a Modoc field game later than Armistice day, until the Klamath-Vancouver game for November 20, 1942, was arranged. The reason: Inability of the weather in late November.

In 1931, the Pelicans and Bend slated a game for Modoc field on Thanksgiving day. The week before the game the weather went bad. Coach Les Avritt of the Pelicans had to drill his men in the school gym, and complained that they were slowing up with the lack of outdoor practice.

The day before the game, Principal Paul Jackson of KUHS called several business men to Modoc field to look the situation over. Modoc was not turfed in those days. Snow and frost had caused the upper crust of the ground to rise. The weight of a man's body on the crust sent his feet crashing through the solid ground beneath.

It didn't take the shivering little group long to decide that the field was no place for a football game. Bend was called long distance, and the game was shifted to the Lava Bear field, where weather conditions were more favorable. The Pelicans lost the next day, 6 to 0, although Fullback Bob Elliott of Klamath went over for a touchdown that was called back.

It was generally agreed then that Thanksgiving day was too late for the safe scheduling of football games here, and since then the Armistice day classic with Bend has been the season winder-upper.

Modoc field can take cold weather better now than it did in 1931. The turf is not likely to raise up in a crust as did then. However the weather goes, a game can be played there. But that conclusion in 1931 is still valid in 1942: when you schedule a game here after Armistice day, you're taking chances with a bad weather break.

Bob Leonard, who used to preside over this column, hailed from the Chicago area, and he always contended football teams and fans out here were spoiled. In his home bailiwick, he said, it was nothing unusual to watch a game in a snowstorm, and he claimed he had bunched up many a time to witness a tilt in sub-freezing temperatures. And mid-western grandstands are usually uncovered.

FRANK LEAVES PUGET

TACOMA, Nov. 18 (P)—The College of Puget Sound will lose Leo Frank, athletic director and coach of the football team, Saturday when he reports at Camp White, Ore., where he will be sworn in as a first lieutenant. Frank was a second lieutenant of artillery in World War I.

AUTHOR GOVERNALI

NEW YORK—Current issue of "Jester," Columbia's humor magazine, contains a well-written short story by Paul Governali, the Lion's remarkable passer.

Drugstore Wolf Sent Up Alley By Ute Gridders

By OTIS J. PUSEY

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 18 (P)—The drugstore wolves who stalked Utah university's veteran Coach Ike J. Armstrong in early October have ducked up the nearest dark alley.

The Utes are entrenched in first place in the Big Seven football conference, assured of at least half of the 1942 title, a bunting they have a habit of winning.

The downtown predators began wailing when the Indians lost their first three games, the first time this had happened since Armstrong came to Utah from his native Iowa (Drake university) 18 seasons ago.

His charges having produced only one touchdown in three games, Armstrong juggled his backfield and tossed some freshmen into the line. The metamorphosis brought five victories over conference foes. Colorado must beat Denver on Thanksgiving to tie the Utes.

Beside The Headpin

By LADYBUG

Wow! Three tough splits, by three good girls, same establishment, same league, same evening. Vernona Ingals picked up the 6-7-10; Jean Johnson the 5-7-10 and "Mommie" Britt the 5-7. Gee! I don't know how they do it, I can't even hit the headpin.

Alma Short rolled a dilly of a game of 209 for high game and Flo An Eaton another whopper of 201. Ruth Newsum rolled a good game too, she had 198 as her game. Hazel's beauty shop had high team series this week with a score of 2481 and Fluhner's bakery was second with 2434. All the teams had good series.

LADYBUG LEAGUE	
Daggett Insurance	
Weatherford	109 144 168 421
Butler	114 116 100 330
Newsum	142 165 198 505
Howard	125 145 136 406
Baxter	129 95 91 315
Handicap	117 117 117 351
TOTAL	736 782 810 2338
Modern Beauty	
Norling	144 125 170 439
Enell	141 145 100 426
Yorkland	163 121 129 413
Storm	155 154 148 457
Ellis	118 117 127 362
Handicap	87 87 87 261
TOTAL	796 729 811 2336

Black and White Service	
Origgs	116 114 164 394
Eyer	115 94 142 351
Abraham	100 100 100 300
Thomas	170 108 142 420
Britt	170 108 142 420
Handicap	124 124 124 372
TOTAL	736 618 821 2365
Hazel Beauty	
Short	169 200 124 493
Hanville	125 145 100 370
Mayfield	107 99 111 317
Johnson	97 194 141 432
Fernigetti	145 125 144 414
Handicap	127 127 127 381
TOTAL	750 895 836 2481

Town Club	
Dickinson	137 137 124 418
Backes	159 136 166 461
Owens	97 122 120 339
Priman	102 133 107 342
Gardner	142 136 125 403
Handicap	107 111 111 329
TOTAL	740 865 795 2390
Cummings Fur Shop	
I. Milne	148 140 102 450
G. Mitchell	115 135 140 390
M. Bellotti	127 130 119 376
R. Faubert	131 137 138 406
G. Gates	121 149 149 419
Handicap	122 122 122 366
TOTAL	774 792 806 2372

Lorenz Company	
Karpasek	141 138 139 418
Bathaly	102 119 110 331
Pratt	125 122 120 367
Truslove	141 137 143 421
McDonald	116 118 168 402
Handicap	117 117 117 351
TOTAL	742 741 838 2321
Fluhner's Bakery	
Eaton	167 190 201 558
Soderstrom	152 139 161 452
Truslove	141 137 143 421
Ingold	99 121 114 334
Puppy	149 138 148 435
Handicap	96 96 96 288
TOTAL	765 842 797 2404

PODD AND PAAR

LEWISBURG, Pa.—Chet Podd and Johnny Paar's soundalike names confuse Bucknell followers almost as much as their aerial efforts confound defenses.

Tough Trapper Thug to Tackle Pelicans



This is Keith Neely, 160-pound Vancouver Trapper guard, who will start against the Pelicans on Modoc field Friday night. Neely was named as all-league guard in Washington last season.

Beavers Sharpen Claws; Webfeet Work on Airways

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 18 (P)—Oregon sharpened its pass defense today in preparation for the annual football clash with Oregon State at Corvallis Saturday.

Coach John Warren said he expected the Beavers to use numerous aerials in an attempt to win a third straight game from Oregon.

Warren predicted the Staters would not have any easy time of it, since he expected his players to shake the lethargy they displayed against Southern California last week.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 18 (P)—Coach Lon Stiner of Oregon State college today began training two right halfbacks for the fullback position in case neither Joe nor Choc Shelton can play in the game with Oregon Saturday.

Both suffered knee injuries last week, and have not been able to participate in workouts this week. Frank Parker, right guard, and George Bain, right tackle, also missed yesterday's scrimmage because of injuries. Lee Gustafson and Bob Leichardt are the halfbacks filling in at fullback. Bill McInnis will be the replacement at right half.

Daddy of 'Em All



As Green Bay Packers smothered Cleveland Rams, 30-12, Don Hutson, their great end, caught three touchdown passes and place-kicked as many extra points to establish a new individual National Football league season scoring record of 103 points.

Nation's Large City Has Saddest Season In Football History

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (P)—There seems to be no explanation for it, but the figures show that the nation's largest city is having its saddest football season in history.

Gotham's two pro clubs, the New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers, and five college teams, Fordham, Columbia, Manhattan, Brooklyn college and City college, have won a total of 17 games and lost 32 for a percentage of .347.

Fordham, with three wins, three losses and a tie, is the only team with an average as high as .500.

Tarnished "Turkey" Thompson Gets Nod Over Gus Dorazio

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18 (P)—"Turkey" Thompson's reputation as a puncher got a bit tarnished at the arena last night in the first eastern appearance of the Los Angeles heavyweight.

The 23-year-old negro floored the veteran Gus Dorazio for a nine count in the fourth round before 6835 paid spectators, but had to be content with a 10-round decision over the Philadelphia he stopped in two rounds a month ago in Oakland, Calif.

Dorazio, a 4 to 1 underdog, made things so hot for Thompson after getting up from the canvas that Referee Irving Kutchner named him the winner. The two judges, Leo Costello and Harry Lasky, both voted for Thompson.

Huskies Warned to "Watch Waterfield" In UCLA Struggle

SEATTLE, Nov. 18 (P)—With a "Watch Waterfield" warning ringing in their ears, the 28-man University of Washington football squad faced a final drill against the UCLA star's passing today before entraining for Los Angeles.

Coach Ralph (Pest) Welch dropped hard body contact work from the week's practice and concentrated on brushing up on an aerial defense. The squad worked out indoors yesterday because the soggy field didn't resemble the turf the Huskies expect to play on in Los Angeles. Throughout the practice, Welch shouted repeatedly at the varsity defensemen: "What does Waterfield do on that play?"

DOWNES DON'T COUNT

BOULDER, Colo., Nov. 18 (P)—Brigham Young university led in first downs, 10-4, but no one ever would guess it from the score. Colorado won the football game, 48-0.

Colorado spurned all slow-and-steady tactics, using long runs and passes, plus one run-back of a punt, for its touchdowns. Scoring plays don't count as first downs.

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Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (P)—Football Isn't All Fun Dept.: A few weeks ago you may have read that when the Woodward, Iowa, high school football coach answered Uncle Sam's call, the town parson took over his coaching duties. . . . Now comes a letter from Rev. "Dad" Krenmyre reporting that after Woodward had a fair season, some one dug up an old rule requiring a coach to teach two other subjects. . . . Since the parson merely was working for nothing, paying someone to take care of some of his other duties and nursing more sore muscles than most people have good ones, he couldn't fill that requirement. . . . As a result, all of Woodward's games were ordered forfeited and even the three teams that beat "Dad's" school lost credit for it when the official scores were changed to 1-0. . . . Maybe rules is rules, but it seems from here that such technicalities had better be disregarded in the interest of keeping football in its place as nothing more than a swell game. . . . In fact, we'd be inclined to use stronger language than Rev. Krenmyre's one-word comment: "piffle."

ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE

Reporting to New York football writers, Adrian Berwick of the O. W. I. said that out of 3000 words of daily news sent to London for army consumption, about half concerns sports and 1300 of the daily 1800 words sent to India for "The Roundup," an army newspaper, also is sports news. . . . and the requests from soldiers are for more instead of less sports news, he added. . . . Branch Rickey is inaugurating weekly "open house" press conferences at the Dodgers' headquarters. . . . Eddie Walker, Chalky Wright's manager, is warning Hartford, Conn., fight fans that The Chalk stopped Lulu Costantino's winning streak at 56 and licked Ray Lunney after Ray had won 39 straight. Hartford's Willie Pep will carry a 53-fight undefeated streak into the garden against Wright Friday.

WITHOUT RESERVATIONS
The transportation shortage, which really has begun to hit the sports business, caused Illinois and the U. of Washington to call off their Christmas week basketball series at Seattle. . . . And did you notice a hockey game at Indianapolis the other night started an hour and a half late because the home team couldn't get home? . . . And Dartmouth's varsity had to play touch football Monday because its equipment hadn't come back from Buffalo?

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Big Bob's Peaceful Parting

Bob Johnson, Philadelphia Outfielder, Goes Hunting

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18 (P)—Connie Mack and Big Bob Johnson, the Philadelphia Athletics' hard-slugging Indian outfielder, came to a peaceful parting of the ways today after 10 long, and sometimes hard, years.

Connie announced that the pride of the A's will be traded at the Chicago major league meeting opening December 1, if a suitable deal can be arranged, and added:

"He deserves a chance to play on a pennant contender."

Johnson went home to Tacoma to hunt and get a war plant job at the close of the 1942 season, announcing that he never again would play "with a team as poor as the last-place Athletics."

Connie replied then that the A's had first call and he either would play for the Athletics or not at all.

Announcing his changed decision, the 79-year old manager commented:

"Bob has been very loyal. He has played fine ball on poor clubs and deserves a chance on a pennant contender. I want him to have that chance. Last year I believed we would have such a team, but we lost too many men the bottom fell out of the club."

"Bob has two or three good years left and he will be able to punch in a lot of runs for some other club."

Johnson, who will be 34 years old November 28, joined the Athletics in 1933 after four years with Portland in the Pacific Coast league. He lined out 44 two-base hits, four triples and 21 homers for a .290 average during his first major league season. The next season he hit .307 and stayed slightly above or below that charmed mark for years.

PIRATES MANAGER

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Nov. 18 (P)—Taking a look at baseball prospects for next year, President Bill Benswanger of the Pittsburgh Pirates says he's sure of only two things—that he will field a team and that Frankie Frisch will manage it.

Benswanger, in announcing Frisch again will head the Pittsburgh entry, refused to speculate on his club's chances next season.

SCRAPPY FOOTBALL

WALLACE, Ida., Nov. 18 (P)—Sheriff A. J. McPhail may ban future Armistice day football games between Wallace and Kellogg high schools.

He said that Robert Townsend, 18, died from a throat injury received in a fight after the game. Five other boys had broken hands, he said, and a sixth needed treatment for a scalp wound.

FIGHTS

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA—Turkey Thompson, 124, Los Angeles, outpointed Gus Dorazio, 124, Philadelphia, (10).

BROOKLYN—Lulu Costantino, 131, New York, outpointed Billy Pini, 129 1/2, Rome, N. Y. (5).

LOS ANGELES—Jack Chase, 157, Denver, outpointed Amado Rodriguez, 159, Mexico, (10).

Warren, Wyo., former student manager at Utah U., claims he never missed a Utah grid game from the time he entered school until he joined the army—and never paid for one, either. . . . Tommy Loughran is slated to become a boxing instructor for the marines when he finishes his training at Parris Island, S. C. . . . Joe Gould, Jimmy Braddock's manager, has lost 20 pounds since he joined the army. Jimmy, when last seen, was holding his own.

Peace-Time Relic



Harry Hopman, captain of team that won it in 1939, inspects Davis cup, emblematic of world tennis supremacy, now stored in Australian bank. Trophy was Australia's during World War I. too.

Leo the Lip "Corking Good Shortstop" Quotes Rickey

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (P)—It won't be long now until Leo Durocher, to say nothing of the rest of the baseball world, will know whether the manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers next season is to be Leo Durocher.

In fact, at exactly 2 p. m. tomorrow, Branch Rickey, the new Dodger president, will have a definite answer for Durocher and a few thousand anxious flatbush fans, as well as anyone else who might be interested.

Branch the Brain and Leo the Lip huddled for something like eight hours yesterday and worked out a number of problems, but the actual managerial assignment wasn't one of them.

Durocher, finding himself matched, if not over-matched, in the art of conversation, had little to say when the conference ended, but Rickey promised he would come to a decision tomorrow.

Perhaps the most significant development to come out of yesterday's confab was an indication that Durocher might be asked to return to the active player list.

"I used to think he was a corking good shortstop," Rickey said in discussing the conference later, "and in my judgment he still is a good player, if he would only think so. That could be a part of the question before us."

as evidenced by the way he calls for somebody else to carry the ball on many occasions when the Pilots are on the opposition one or two yard line and when a Huntersinger plunge would be gilded assurance of a touchdown.

"Also he backs up the line and is a hard sure tackler, with the ability to quickly diagnose plays."

Those paragraphs of praise were compiled by Holly Goodrich, public relations for Portland U. and its football team, but Matty—who does not throw praise around lightly—endorses every word.

"Huntsinger, 21, of South Bend, Wash., weighs 195 and is a senior. He stands 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

"He is the leading scorer on the west coast with 82 points, 11 touchdowns and 16 after-touchdown conversions—fourth highest scorer in the nation.

"Besides the points he has scored, he has pitched several touchdown passes, one that traveled 80 yards, and has set up several others with long runs.

"He does all the kicking for the Pilots, most of the passing, a great deal of the running and all of the signal calling. Huntsinger has played 60 minutes of the Pilots' last eight games, starting with the last two played a year ago.

"Besides the size, Huntsinger has that savvy that goes to make a great athlete. He was a mainstay on the Portland basketball team that won the Oregon intercollegiate title a year ago.

"That he can perform against first-rate players was demonstrated against the star-studded Second Air Force when he pitched a touchdown pass, returned a kickoff 75 yards with little blocking, and smashed the big and experienced Air Force line for an average of better than four yards per try.

"Matty credits Huntsinger's smart signal calling with much of the Pilots' success this year in averaging 36 1/2 points a game. Besides all of these things he can block and is a great team player

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