

Bengals Roar Into First Place

Tigers Claw Indians Twice As Browns Split With Sox; Yankees Loze Twice to A's

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If baseball history repeats, the Detroit Tigers, who surged into first place yesterday, should win the American league pennant this year.

The present scramble is following the identical pattern of the closing days of the furious races of 1938 and 1940. On each occasion, three teams came roaring down the stretch neck and neck with only two games separating them. On each occasion the Tigers finished first.

The 1908 Tigers took over first place on September 27 and did not clinch the pennant until the last day, October 6, when they defeated the Chicago White Sox, who dropped to third, one and a half games behind. The Cleveland Indians were second, a half-game away. In 1940, Detroit moved to the top on September 20 and clinched the pennant on the third from the last day of the season. Again the Indians wound up second, a game behind, while the New York Yankees finished third, two games in the rear.

Not to be overlooked is the important fact that Detroit jumped to the top on Sunday by beating Cleveland twice without having to use their pair of aces, Dizzy Trout and Hal Newhouser, who have notched 49 of the Tigers' 78 victories. It was Stubby Overmire and Rufe Gentry, a couple of in and outers, who turned in a pair of brilliant pitching performances, as the Tigers copped 7-2 and 3-0. Overmire hurled eight scoreless innings in the opener, giving up only three hits until the ninth. Gentry had a nohitter for eight innings in the nightcap, yielding a pair of safe blows in the final frame.

The Tigers' two big guns, Rudy York and Dick Wakefield, took care of the hitting. York hammered out four hits and drove in three runs in the opener, and Wakefield laced out three hits and batted in a tally in the finale.

After momentarily staving off the onrushing Tigers by winning the opener from the Chicago White Sox, 5-1, with the help of Vern Stephens' 19th homer, the Browns lost their hold on first place by dropping the second game, 8-2. Joe Haynes was the stopper for the Sox, while Nelson Potter gained his 16th triumph in the opener.

Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics dealt the Yankees a severe jolt by winning a doubleheader from the McCarthys, 6-4 and 2-1. The double defeat dropped the Yankees into third place, two games behind the Tigers. A former Yankee, Larry Rosenthal, gained sweet revenge when he hit a pinch-hit homer with one on in the ninth to win the opener for the A's.

The Red Sox dropped a costly decision, in losing to Washington, 7-6, with Joe Kuhel driving in four of the Nats' runs, three with a base clearing double in a big six-run second inning.

The Chicago Cubs delayed the St. Louis Cardinals' pennant clinching by taking both games by 2-1 scores. Andy Pafko's two-run homer in the seventh won the nightcap for Claude Passeau after Hank Wyse won the opener from Max Lanier.

Pittsburgh and Cincinnati divided their twin-bill, Rip Sewell winning 1-18 for the Pirates 7-1 in the opener, and the Reds taking the nightcap 2-1 in 10 innings.

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1944 Klamath Union High School Football Squad



Here are the Pelicans for the 1944 gridiron season which starts September 22 at Modoc field when the Grant Generals invade Klamath Falls in an attempt to overthrow the Pelicans. From left to right, Top row, Arnold Ellis, Bud Biehn, Jim Palmer, Bob Perkins, Scott Reed, Roger Vanderhoff, Jim Pope, 2nd line: Lyle Hicks, Jim Clabby, Bob Selby, John Foster, Don Hearth, Harry Tindall, William Sari, Harold Wirth, 3rd line: Don Gourley, Bill Dalrymple, Rolly Berry, Dee Nelson, Jim Noreen, Earl Hannen, Lloyd Chidester, Jerry Hicks, Stub Ringstead, Bottom row: Bill Abbey, Tom Bessonette, Dan Brown, Bob Redkey, Bill Wilson, George Long, Dean Mason, Ben DeVore and Chuck Thurman. Monroe Kimsey, another Pelican, is not in the picture.

Bevos Drop Double Bill To Acorns

Padres Knock Over Seals Twice in Double-Header; Angels Split With Seattle

By The Associated Press

The Oakland Acorns battled their way into the upper division by taking a doubleheader, 5-4 and 1-0, from second-place Portland as the eight-member Pacific Coast league wound up its regular 1944 season yesterday.

Oakland's spurt tied the Acorns with San Francisco for third position and knocked the northern contender—Seattle—into fifth spot. The championship Los Angeles Angels split with the Rainiers, 2-6 and 4-3, to settle the upper bracket issue.

The four top teams now point for the two-week post season Governor's cup playoffs. The first week of the best-in-seven series finds Los Angeles entertaining Portland and Oakland taking on San Francisco at Emeryville starting Wednesday night. The series winners open the final playoff in the city designated by the club having the highest percentage at the end of the regular season.

San Diego's cellar Padres topped San Francisco twice, 4-1 and 2-0, and Hollywood and Sacramento divided their doubleheader, the Solons clinching seventh place in the opener, 6-3, and the Stars rallying to win the nightcap, 6-4, as Frank Kelleher hit a three-run homer in the sixth.

Oakland's last minute feat was accomplished behind the pitching of Manuel Salvo in the first game and Jack Lotz in the second. The wins gave both pitchers their 18th victories of the year.

Frankie Dasso notched his 20th win in the opener between San Diego and San Francisco.

Rangers Win Over Rockets In Grid Play

By The Associated Press

Five thousand spectators in Portland's Multnomah stadium saw point-a-minute play as Hollywood's ranger swamped the Portland Rockets, 56-22, in the standout game of the new American Professional Football league Sunday.

Merle Hapes, ex-Mississippi State player, and Ned Mathews, former UCLA ball paker, sparked the Rangers to their fourth victory of the season, piling up 13 first downs and 292 yards by rushing to no first downs and minus nine yards for Portland on a wet field.

Kenny Washington, UCLA's great negro player, came into his own again as he led the San Francisco Clippers to a 20-13 victory over the Wildcats at Los Angeles. Jack Mulkey, from Fresno State, scored two of the Clippers' touchdowns.

With two and one-half minutes to go, Coach Ed Storm booted a field goal from nine yards out to give his San Diego Gunners a 9-7 triumph over the Oakland Hornets, making their first appearance after two byes.

Roosevelt Gridders Down Corvallis 13-0

CORVALLIS, Sept. 18 (AP)—Portland's Roosevelt high gridgers downed Corvallis, 13-0, in the season opener for both teams Friday night.

The visitors tallied in the opening quarter after a march from midfield, Don Walton going over. Fullback Dick Gray scored their second touchdown in the final period following a poor Corvallis punt.

Pelican Varsity Eleven Downs Reserve Team 14-0

1944 Pelican Grid Schedule

Sept. 22, Grant here
Sept. 29, Salem there
Oct. 6, Ashland there
Oct. 13, Grants Pass here
Oct. 20, Medford there
Oct. 27, Eureka here
Nov. 3, open
Nov. 11, Bend here

The Pelican varsity took on the second string eleven Saturday morning at Modoc field in a warm-up game for the forthcoming battle with the Grant Generals this Friday night.

The boys showed up much better on defense than they did when they had the ball and it was obvious that the offense will need plenty of polishing

Company "B" Keglers Set New Record

Smashing the pins for a new three-game high of 888 in the Marine Bowling league at the post alleys, Company B continued its undefeated string this week.

However, Company D kept pace in the undefeated ranks, clipping three games from Company G.

PFC Hosea Fowler's 212 was the best single for the evening, while GySgt. James Stevens rolled the top series, 543. Aside from Fowler, only three men were able to ring up better than 200 games. They were PFC Joe Cashmere, 203; PFC Robert Whittaker, 204; and PFC Arthur Burkhardt, 202.

League standing:

	W.	L.	Pct.	Best Game to Date
A Co.	12	0	1.000	888
B Co.	12	0	1.000	833
C Co.	11	1	.917	854
D Co.	9	3	.750	884
E Co.	6	6	.500	774
F Co.	6	6	.500	869
G Co.	6	8	.430	891
H Co.	3	9	.250	764
I Co.	3	9	.250	887
H & S	1	11	.083	750
Officers	0	12	.000	686
Disp.	0	12	.000	684

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up before the opening contest with the Portland school.

The varsity won the ball game 14 to 0, but there really wasn't a great deal to choose from between the two teams. The regulars scored a safety in the first quarter when Jerry Hicks was trapped behind the goal line by Tom Bessonette after receiving a bad pass from center, and just before the half ended Bill Abbey chucked a pass to Rolly Berry in the end zone for six points. Jim Palmer's attempted placekick was made.

The first string scored again in the third quarter when players recovered a fumble on the reserve's thirty yard line, and with Bob Perkins and Bud Biehn carrying the mail, Biehn drove over for the final count. Perkins' pass to Berry for the extra point fell short.

One bright feature of the game was bunting. Both Hicks and Abbey got off some nice kicks, and it seems this is one department Coach Marble Cook won't have to worry too much about.

The boys showed plenty of scrap and another week of rigorous practice will make a lot of difference in the club.

The line-up:
PELICAN VARSITY PELICAN 2D TEAM
W. L. Pct. W. L. Pct.
Jim Palmer, 150 L. E. Jim Pope, 150
Dean Mason, 172 L. R. Vanderhoff, 157
L. Chidester, 168 L. G. Bill Sari, 172
Ben De Vore, 164 C. Don Hearth, 160
Bill Wilson, 153 R. G. Harold Wirth, 162
George Long, 178 R. T. Scott Reed, 185
T. Bessonette, 155 R. C. Thurman, 161
Bob Perkins, 137 R. H. Tindall, 157
Rolly Berry, 156 L. H. Bob Redkey, 148
Bill Abbey, 156 R. H. Earl Hannen, 154
Bud Biehn, 164 F. B. Jerry Hicks, 146

JUBILO IS WINNER

GRESHAM, Sept. 18 (AP)—Jubilo won the \$500 inaugural handicap at the opening of the Northwest Jockey club's 12-day fall meeting at Gresham Downs Saturday night.

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from MIDFIELD

By PAUL HAINES

Wrestling fans will be given a real show when the Grey Ghost and the Mad Armenian appear here. The "Ghost" has created a stir in mat circles all over the Pacific coast and the Mad Armenian is one of the most colorful wrestlers in the business.

Wonder how Jack Kizer feels after his tussle with the Foxy Finn? It's six, two, and even in the book that Paavo will recapture for a title fray.

Good old Rowdy O'Dowdy was a little hot under the collar, if he has a collar, last Friday night.

The Pelicans were still inclined to fumble quite a bit in their intra-squad contest Saturday. That's not too surprising considering it was their first test under fire, but it would certainly be well for the boys to get it out of their system before the Grant tilt. There is one thing for sure, and that is you can't very well score in a football game if you don't have the ball.

The official average weight for the team is 168 pounds for the forward wall and 154 for the backfield. Not too heavy, is it? But remember David and Goliath!

Baker Wins Grid Opener

BAKER, Ore., Sept. 18 (AP)—Baker high football team defeated Enterprise high at Enterprise, 25 to 6, in a season opener Friday afternoon. The Baker team is coached by Dusty Kline, former Idaho university football star.

Wolverines Pull Down Seahawks

Michigan Meets Marquette Next Saturday While Iowa Tangles With Minnesota

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (AP)—Although many of the major schools still have two weeks to go before their first 1944 kickoff, college football edges more strongly into the sports limelight this weekend after a series of "warmup" games replete with long runs and exciting forward passes.

As during the past weekend, most of the leading games are scheduled for the middle west where Michigan, 12-7 victor over the Iowa Seahawks on Saturday takes on Marquette in a night game; Indiana battles Illinois and the Seahawks tangle with still feared Minnesota.

Perhaps the most outstanding fray of the week is listed for Los Angeles where UCLA hailed as the 1944 Rose Bowl eleven, bumps into the University of Southern California. Other games on the Pacific coast pit Washington, beaten in the Rose Bowl last season, against Williamette at Seattle; St. Mary's Pre-Flight against College of the Pacific at Stockton; and California against St. Mary's at Berkeley.

In the east, the Cornell-Syracuse tilt on the Orange gridiron tops a program that also lists Colgate vs. Sampson Naval; West Virginia vs. Pitt; Villanova vs. Scranton; Bucknell vs. Muhlenberg and Tufts vs. Coast Guard academy. The Bucknell-Muhlenberg set-to is a return engagement, the Bisons having beaten the Mules, 24-7, on Saturday at Allentown, Pa.

The Texas Christian vs. Kansas and Arkansas vs. Missouri games feature the Big Six and southwest cards while in the Rocky mountain sector the unbeaten second air force aggregation meets Whitman and Washington struggles with Colorado college. Most southern area eleven are idle until September 30.

"Grey Mask" To Show Here

Tiger Jack Kizer will take on Paavo Katonen again this Friday night in the main event at the armory. Kizer has promised that he will put up the belt if

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