

Circuit Attendance Mark Nered by Junior Loop

Detroit Tigers Lead American League Attendance With Yanks In Second Slot

CHICAGO, Oct. 17 (AP)—The American league, offering one of the most spectacular pennant battles in major league history, drew a 1944 paid attendance of 4,798,158—approaching the circuit record and topping the last year's total by more than a million fans.

Irish Get Nod Again As Top Team

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (AP)—It's Notre Dame again. For the 12th straight week, including ten weeks from last year, the Irish have been voted the nation's No. 1 college football team.

The unbeaten and untied South Bend, who last week snowed Dartmouth under a 64-0 score, polled 973 points from 107 sportswriters in yesterday's Associated Press weekly poll, the second of the season. The Irish were ranked first on 59 1/3 of the 107 ballots.

Army and Randolph Field, both undefeated and untied, moved up a notch to second and third place, respectively, as a 13-13 deadlock with Virginia tumbled the North Carolina Pre-Flighters from second to tenth.

Army polled 862 points, including 11 1/3 first places, and Randolph Field's 681.5, including 21 7/12ths first place votes. Ohio State took over fourth place with 631 points while the Iowa Seawawks, making their first appearance in the top ten, made fifth with 399.5 points.

Others in the first 10 were Great Lakes, Pennsylvania, Georgia Tech and Navy running from sixth to ninth, inclusive. The top west coast team was California in 12th, with March Field in 14th, Michigan and Southern California deadlocked for 15th. All climbed over their standing last week.

Washington, with 25 votes—12 more than it received last week—stayed in 23rd place nonetheless. UCLA was next.



TALKING IT OVER

The Quarterbackers rang the bell again at their meeting Monday at the Willard hotel with some interesting grid discussion and a fine attendance.

Coach Clyde Roberts led off with a few impromptu remarks about the Leathernecks' first victory of the year over Fairfield-Suisun Air Base. It seems the soldiers were in there punching all the time, both figuratively and literally, in a game they thought would be a walkover. The boys from the barracks turned the tables, however, and did the walking over themselves.

Roberts stated that the marine passing attack showed improvement but still needed a lot of working over. He also said that the Sky-masters would really be loaded for bear when they journey to Klamath Falls for the return engagement and a rugged game is anticipated by all hands.

The marines next will be either Friday or Saturday night at Modoc field against Camp Beale. These boys are reported to be a little on the rough side and in the first game they played this season battled the California Ramblers to a 25-14 count with the Ramblers on the long end of the score.

Darnell, stellar left end, and LaPaglia, 200-pound fullback, were guests at the meeting and Darnell voiced the statement that, come what may, the Leathernecks would be in there pitching in every ball game they play. We know they'll be doing just that and here's congratulations to a darn game player for a swell win, and a win against odds at that.

Coach Marble Cook next took the floor and said he was confident that the Pelicans could take the Black Tornado at Medford Friday night. Marble knows the game will be plenty tough as the Medford line will weigh in at a little over 190 pounds per man and the boys from the nearby city will be out to annihilate the prestige the K-men have gained over them in the past two years, but still he has confidence in his boys and what they can do. We have confidence in them too, and win, lose, or draw, this column pledges all its support to the Klamath Pelicans up to, during, and after the battle with the Tornado over Medford way!

Personally, we find Marble's faith in his team and its ability might be refreshing after some of the grid cheddies we have seen in the past shedding crocodile tears because they have three All-Americans and five honorable mentions on their roster.

Marble brought Bill Wilson and George Long with him to the session and both the boys gave out with the promise that what could be done, would be done Friday night. This voices the sentiments of every Pelican on the squad and we know they'll turn the trick if it's humanly possible for them to do it.

Paul Angsted, capable Wildcat coach, came through with the information that the 'Cats would play a game this Wednesday afternoon with the Mt. Shasta eleven over there. The Wildcats really have a powerhouse this year and you fans that haven't seen them play have missed something. Paul deserves a lot of credit in the coaching department, as he has done one swell job with the boys and in a year or two, look out!

The freshmen-junior hi eleven,

Marine Fullback



PFC Vincent LaPaglia, weighing in at 200 pounds, is the Leatherneck fullback who has been one of the team's most consistent ground gainers. He was one of the outstanding men on the field in the marine's tilt with the Fairfield-Suisun Sky-masters at Vallejo, Calif., Saturday.

Coast Loop Ball Season Successful

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 17 (AP)—Clarence Rowland, president of the Pacific Coast Baseball league, is so pleased over the loop's successful 1944 season that he already is rolling up his sleeves for the 1945 campaign.

"We're not going to rest on past glory," said Rowland in anticipation of the league meeting to be held here Friday and Saturday. "I want to get right down to hard work on the 1945 campaign Friday, the schedule, the player limits and whatever else has to be considered."

Possible lengthening of the 1945 season is scheduled for discussion. The past season lasted 23 weeks.

Rowland said the change in ownership of the San Diego Padres would be another matter up for approval.

fresh from their lop-sided victory over Medford, will tangle with the Ashland Juniors, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at Modoc field. The boys have a record this year of two won and none lost and will be out to make it three in a row over Ashland.

That about concluded the session and we think that all Quarterbackers had more spirit and higher hopes for the Medford tilt for having attended.

ONE BITE TOO? SEATTLE—City councilmen recognized the canine war veteran yesterday. "Honorably discharged" dogs will be licensed "on the city" in the future.

FOR THE RECORD Once again for the benefit of Figure Filberts, here are the ball-carrying statistics of the four marine backs that saw the most action in the Leatherneck-Sky-master tilt:

Player	Times Carried	Dist. Ave.	Carried Gain
LaPaglia	17	50	3
Mahan	7	19	2.8
Fadgen	8	22	2.8
Bancer	14	36	2.7
Total	46	127	2.8

Uncle Sam May Decide Rose Bowl

Three of Four Contenders To Lose Valuable Players To Armed Forces In Future

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 17 (AP)—The western representative for the New Year's football game in Pasadena's Rose Bowl may be largely decided within two weeks, and Uncle Sam may be the deciding factor.

Three of the four contenders—UCLA, California and Southern California—are going to lose valuable players to the armed forces. The other, the University of Washington, won't be affected, at least not until after they play the Trojans here next Monday night and California the following Saturday at Berkeley.

Coach Pest Welch's Huskies, if they won those two games, would appear to be a standard-bearer for the Rose Bowl nomination. The Welchmen have won their games by overwhelming scores but the opposition hasn't been first grade. The team has only two performers from that which got a terrific pasting New Year's at the hands of USC.

Uncle Sam is going to raid the California teams two weeks hence. California, with a perfect slate, is to lose nine performers, five of them regulars—Hachten, Madigan and Higgins in the line, and Muir and Quist in the backfield. They play their last game against Washington.

Right after the Washington game, too, Southern California loses Gordon Gray, a standout back; Crittenden, a guard, and Romer, a tackle. The loss of Gray robs the Trojans of one of the Pacific coast's outstanding performers. He scored the Trojans' only touchdowns against California and St. Mary's Pre-flight, and was the star of the College of Pacific and UCLA games. He has scored five of the seven USC touchdowns.

UCLA will say goodbye to its ace halfback, Johnny Roesch, and to Fullback Jerry Shipkey, End Hank Sheller and Tackle Chuck Vannatta. Roesch has tallied seven of the Bruins' 10 touchdowns and has been the best climax runner of the coast season.

Baldwin-Wallace Player Leads Grid Scorers of Nation NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (AP)—Lee Tressel, of Baldwin-Wallace, leads the nation's football scorers.

The Berea, O., halfback has crossed the goal line for nine touchdowns in six games and converted once for an aggregate of 55 points. This is one point more than the 54 Keith DeCourcy, of the University of Washington, has compiled in four games.

Johnny Ziegler, of Colorado college, and Tom "Shorty" McWilliams, of Mississippi State, are tied for third place at 48 points apiece.

Violin Music Fails Saint Thomas First Time In 17 Fights PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17 (AP)—Tommy Reed, known in Father Divine's circles as Saint Thomas, lost his first fight in 17 starts last night when Army Corp. Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y., knocked him out in 16 seconds of the third frame of a scheduled 10-round bout.

The Saint was soothed with violin playing of Little David, another Father Divine follower, before he left his dressing room for the ring.

Wild Horse of the Osage Heads Back to Pasture

By BEN F. PHEGAR

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17 (AP)—The "wild horse of the osage," John Leonard "Pepper" Martin is heading back to pasture after a one-year return to the big leagues where he excited fans with his daring antics for 12 1/2 seasons.

The 40-year-old Pepper—he says he's really 10 because his birthday is February 29—yesterday received his unconditional release from the St. Louis Cardinals.

He had requested it, telling President Sam Breadon he figured he had served his time as an active major leaguer.

Martin came back to the Cardinals at the start of the 1944 season after managing Sacramento and Rochester since 1941. He has never said what he plans for 1945 and today was on his ranch near McAllister, Okla., and could not be reached for a statement.

It was believed here he would again seek a job as manager somewhere in double A baseball. Coming to the Redbirds first in 1928 as an outfielder, Pepper stuck around for his first world series, then went back to the minors until 1931. That was his first year as a Cardinal regular, and probably his biggest year in baseball.

It was in 1931 that the "wild horse" became an all-time world series idol. He batted .500 (tying two New York Giant players for the record) made 12 hits (equaling a record) and literally stole the classic from the Philadelphia Athletics with his base running. (Five stolen bases in the seven games.)

Pepper played almost 1200 games for St. Louis, led the National league base stealers in 1933, '34 and '36, and introduced

a style of play all his own while filling in at third base—"Stop it with your chest, then throw 'em out."

As a minor league pilot, Martin has an excellent record. He guided Sacramento to a second place finish in 1941, his first year, and won the Solons' first title in 38 years in his second. At Rochester he turned a last place club of the year before into a fifth-place finisher.

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BALTIMORE—Lee Oma, 191, Detroit, TKO over A. Blake.
PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Phil Terranova, 129, New York, out-pointed Vince Dell'Orto, 131, Philadelphia, 10.
HOUSTON, Tex.—Ceferino Garcia, 159, Los Angeles, knocked out PFC George Baratko, 161, Camp Livingston, La., 3.

Exams in Classroom Replace Gridiron Tests Through Nation

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (AP)—Classroom examinations replace gridiron tests at a majority of the country's colleges this week and next Saturday's football program as a result has less sparkle.

Only here and there is there a glint of a major football contest. In the east, army is host to the U. S. Coast Guard academy and the south has the Navy-Georgia Tech game as its bright light. Ohio State and Great Lakes mix at Columbus and Notre Dame homes to extend its winning streak at Wisconsin's expense in midwestern affairs.

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games will occupy that section of the country while the far-west is almost devoid of attractions, the UCLA clash with St. Mary's Pre-Flight being virtually the only one with more than neighborhood interest.

An October examination period is a war-born addition to the football program, especially at those colleges where the Navy has sent students for further training. It is because of the V-12 tests that Columbia, Penn, Michigan and various schools in California, among others, are idle this weekend.

Probably the most attractive contest for Saturday is at Columbus where Lt. Paul Brown, last year's Ohio State coach, sends his great Lakes sailors against the civilian Buckeyes, now the Big Ten leader following their 20 to 7 verdict over Wisconsin. The sailors easily subdued western Michigan, 38 to 0.

Wisconsin has another tough job, this time trying to stop Notre Dame which romped over Dartmouth, 64 to 0, at Boston for

its third consecutive lop-sided win Saturday.

Although Army should have little difficulty disposing of the Coast Guard academy squad, the cadets likely will have more opposition than Pittsburgh provided in the 69 to 7 contest Saturday. The Coast Guardians, on the Army schedule for the first time, have downed four of their five rivals and lost only to Yale a 7 to 3 count.

Biggest surprises of the past weekend were Colgate's 14 to 7 verdict over Cornell, Virginia's 13 to 1 tie with North Carolina Preflight and the Navy's narrow 7 to 0 win with Duke.

Other top games this weekend: Friday—New York university at Boston college, Daniel Field at Georgia, Syracuse at Temple. Saturday: East—Penn State at Colgate, Brown at Holy Cross, Illinois at Pittsburgh; south—Mississippi State at Louisiana State, Wake Forest at North Carolina State, Alabama at Tennessee, Auburn at Tulane; mid-west—Nebraska at Kansas, Iowa State at Missouri, Indiana at Northwestern, Purdue at Iowa; southwest—Mississippi at Tulsa, Texas at Arkansas, Texas Christian at Texas A & M, Southern Methodist at Rice; far-west—Colorado at Colorado college, Shoemaker Field at California, and on Sunday, El Toro Marines vs. March Field at Riverside, Calif.