

From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

Hammerin' Hank In Hero's Role

There was joy in Mudville today. Unlike his famed predecessor, the mighty Casey, Hammerin' Hank Greenberg, recently of the United States army and now of the American League Champion Detroit Tigers, did not strike out in Sunday's clincher against the St. Louis Browns.

The crowd was tense with excitement when Henry strode to the plate. The Browns were leading 3 to 2 and two Tigers were perching on base. St. Louis hurler Nelson Potter purposely passed Roger "Doc" Cramer to get at Hank and that was the old ball game.

Hank exploded the first pitch deep into the stands to clean the bases and win the 1945 pennant for the Bengals. As he crossed home plate he was mobbed by joyful teammates who were no less exuberant than Detroit fans.

The ball game was played at St. Louis but nevertheless Henry received an ovation seldom equaled in the annals of baseball. It was a Frank Merriwell stunt of the first degree. (For the information of some readers of this column who never had the thrilling experience of perusing Frank Merriwell books, he always scored a last second touchdown or spanked a home run in the ninth with two down. If you haven't read of his exploits we feel sorry for you. Your education has been neglected.)

Hank's circuit climb was one of the greatest exhibitions of coming through with the chips down that we can recall in the history of sports. It was a clutch performance of the highest magnitude.

One of the tightest major league flag races of all time is now over and the Chicago Cubs will cross bats with the Tigers in Detroit with the first game of the World Series scheduled for tomorrow.

Despite Greenberg's truly great feat that made the Tigers and himself the toast of baseball fans from coast to coast, we pick "Jolly Cholly" Grimm's lads to win the gilded flag.

This series will undoubtedly be one of the richest in the annals of the game and both clubs will throw everything they have into each game in order to win.

But the Bruins have a better-balanced ball team and by that token they should pull the Tigers' claws. We figure the series will go six games with Chicago winning the necessary four and Detroit coping two.

When the boys from the Windy City scent that old geetus that rides on every series' play, they are tough to whip, and although the Tigers will no doubt get a whiff of cabbage too, we feel that's about as close as they'll come.

It is not at all unlikely that the Bengals will take the first game and maybe the second, but if you're a true Chicago fan that won't worry you. Just cover all bets and trust to providence and the Cubs to pull you through.

We picked the National league winner. We picked the American league winner. Now we give you our choice for the World Series winner—the Chicago Cubs!

Florida 'Gators Provide Grid Upset

We missed on one other grid clash last Saturday when the Florida 'Gators knocked over the dope bucket by licking Mississippi 26 to 13. We couldn't get the result of this game for love nor money until Monday noon and by that time it was too late to insert the score in Monday's column.

Gator Coach Tom Lieb has an improved ball club over last season and we were honestly glad to see Florida win. We have always liked the way they do things down Florida way and the 'Gators have been in football obligation for a mighty long time.

Grid Rules and Violations Explained

At the weekly meeting of the Quarterback club Monday noon at the Willard, Lynn Roycroft explained new rules changes in football to about 70 interested members.

Lynn also mentioned the various signals given by officials to indicate what the penalty is for and on which team. This was woefully lacking in the Klamath Falls-Salem game and the majority of the spectators didn't know what it was all about.

We are not blaming anyone for this situation. It was a loose ball game all the way through and the officials had a hard time figuring out what was going on themselves.

We are confident that the condition will be rectified in the Ashland game Friday night.

Solons, Sacs Turn Playoff Into Thrill-Packed Battle

By PAUL WELLS Associated Press Sports Writer Two fighting ball clubs, Sacramento's Solons and Seattle's Rainiers, have turned the Pacific Coast league Governor's Cup playoff semi-finals from an apparent walkaway into a thrill-packed battle that has the four teams deadlocked today at three games apiece in each brace.

Last week the champion Portland Beavers and the fourth-spot San Francisco Seals were riding high after each club had won its first three games of the series. But double defeats by the leaders Sunday paved the way for the Solons to come back with

their third consecutive triumph over the Seals last night 1-0, and for the Rainiers to cop their third in a row from the Beavers 4-3.

The seventh and deciding games will be played in Seattle and San Francisco tonight.

The third-place Solons rode to their slim, one-run victory behind the elbowing Johnny Pintar, who victimized the Seals' Frank Seward and gained revenge for his 3-1 defeat when the two locked in a mound duel last Thursday.

For eight innings the game was a scoreless deadlock. Then in the top of the ninth Sacramento got a lucky break when First Baseman Eddie Zipay's easy bouncer took a freak hop over Second Sacker Del Young's head and went for a single. Another single sent Zipay to third, and he scored on an infield out.

Smooth, outfield support smothered a San Francisco rally in the last of the ninth. Pintar gave up 10 hits and Seward five, all singles.

The Rainiers gained their decision in an uphill struggle after Portland appeared headed for the finals on the strength of a three-run lead in the first inning. But Hal Turpin tightened up and blanked the Beavers for the remainder of the game.

Turpin held the Beavers to eight safeties while his teammates were getting 10 off four Portland hurlers.

The Martinelli-Davidson clash supports another double main event that sends Georges Dusette against Lipscomb in one fracas and Rough Rufus Jones is pitted against Ernie Piluso in the other half of the twin bill.

The boys will flip a coin as usual to decide which match precedes the other and Wally will again be the third man in the ring.

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K-Men Drill For Ashland Tilt Friday

Seven Lettermen Return To Grizzly Squad; Coach Roberts Uses Double Wing

By PAUL HAINES

Fresh from their 38 to 7 triumph over the Salem Vikings, the Klamath Pelicans let no grass grow under their feet yesterday in preparation for Coach John Roberts' Ashland Grizzlies.

Roberts will be remembered by Klamath grid fans as the gentleman who turned in the most complete fiasco of refereeing ever seen in these parts last year when he all but scored the tying touchdown himself in the Klamath-Ashland tussle.

The K-men are still smarting from that unwarranted deadlock and will be out to smack the Grizzlies all over Modoc field Friday night.

The Pelicans are not going to have easy sledding, however, as the Ashland eleven boasts no less than seven returning lettermen from last year's squad. These seven gridgers are: Jim Merri-man, left end; Jim Jandreau, halfback; Ted Gandee, halfback; Leonard Williams, fullback; Foster Seaver, right guard; Tom Newton, center, and Gordon Peterson, left tackle.

The Grizzlies use the double wing under the tutoring of Brother Roberts and the Klamath squad worked on pass defense and offense against the double wing formation yesterday afternoon.

Coaches Paul Angstead and Ed Ryan have whipped the Pelicans into fine shape this season with strenuous practice sessions and yesterday afternoon was no exception. Blocking and tackling practice was held along with punting drills in which protection to the kicker was stressed.

Ashland swamped Lakeview last week but this was expected and the Grizzlies are likely to be unpleasantly surprised when they tangle with the Pelicans in the third consecutive home game Friday night.

But there was a bright note for the Longhorns. They learned yesterday that wingback Joe Billy Baumgardner, two-year Southwestern letterman, would rejoin their outfit November 1. Baumgardner was slated to be a starter on Texas' championship 1943 eleven but was transferred by the navy to Southwestern before the season started. Announcement was made that all-American and Hubert Bechtel will be sub captain for the day when Texas meets Texas Tech at Austin Saturday.

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BOROWY WILL START FOR CUBS; HAL FOR TIGERS

By SID FEDER

DETROIT, Oct. 2 (AP)—The Tigers and the Cubs took their one and only pre-series look today at the baseball patch on which they start slugging tomorrow, leaving the rooters by the thousands to finish the hottest 1945 world series argument—how come all the Detroit optimism over what left-hand pitching can do to the Cubs.

The weatherman promised to keep the rain faucets, which were running like broken beer taps all day yesterday, shut down today for the lone pre-series workout for the two clubs. He promised, too, to cooperate tomorrow, when the first of three straight 55,000-sellout crowds cram into Briggs Stadium to see Lefty Hal Newhouse and Hank Borowy start the shooting. However, the forecast is for more rain Friday.

The opening game of the series will start at 10:30 a. m. (PST), eastern standard time.

Incidentally, a wife for Hank as a Cub in this one, on top of his 1943 performance as a Yan-



HANK BOROWY

kee in trumping the Cards, would make the likeable "\$100,000 arm" the first two-league series winner since old Jack

Coombs bowled over the Cubs three times in 1910 and the Giants once in '11, as a member of the Philadelphia Athletics, and belted the Boston Red Sox as a Brooklyn Dodger five years later.

Since both teams have showed up, thereby assuring the folks that the series is on, the rival managers weighed in with their predictions. Of course, they picked their own outfits to win. Steve O'Neill tabbed the betting-favored Tigers in six games, and Jolly Cholly Grimm went for the Cubs, "but with none of this number of games stuff—we'll just play one game after the other until we're home."

Tigers Work Out

The Tigers took first crack at the diamond today at 11 a. m., followed by the Chicago champions, who got in last night with their new suits. It was noted that the crowd of several hundred fans who whooped the Tigers home yesterday after waiting around the station for four hours for their train, which was delayed by a wreck, was not on hand to do ditto for the Cubs. This was only natural, how-



HAL NEWHOUSE

ever, since Detroit is an All-American league bailiwick, and you couldn't expect them to hoist Jolly Cholly Grimm to

their shoulders in glee like they did Manager Steve O'Neill.

As a matter of fact, it wasn't until the series clans started gathering last night and today that enough National leaguers infiltrated to put up a loud enough argument to be heard concerning O'Neill's pleasant thoughts on how his southpaw serving is going to break the Cubs' collective backs.

Must be Kidding

"Let's get down to numbers," one veteran of the senior circuit pointed out. "We'll admit Newhouse's a hot heater. But he's only 6 to 5 in the betting books to beat the Cubs. Then O'Neill says he's going to come in with Stubby Overmire, and he says it like he's confident about it. He must be kidding."

You had to admit this guy had something, because the records show that the Cubs this season tangled with portside elbowers 40 times, and knocked them off in 26 games, against 14 losses. Of course, a flinger like Harry Breechen of the Cards found out they were his cousins, but they even whipped him in the big one that counted—the first game of last week's all-important National league series with St. Louis in Chicago. And even a Detroit fan will admit Overmire's no Breechen.

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Joseph Micka
George Micka

MBS Broadcasts Series At 10:15

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (AP)—Again this year MBS is the only network to carry descriptive broadcasts of the world series, starting tomorrow at Detroit. This is because of an exclusive sponsor arrangement, now in its seventh season.

Time on the air has been changed to 10:15 a. m. (PST), 15 minutes earlier than the previously announced time in the network. At the inning microphone will be Bill Slater and Al Helfer, specialists on balls and strikes, with Bill Corum handling any other material.

Detroit Rapidly Drying Out For 1st Series Game

DETROIT, Oct. 2 (AP)—Detroit was rapidly drying out today as winds cleared the city which has been rain soaked for several days and the weather bureau predicted dry skies for the world series opener tomorrow.

Official forecast for Wednesday was slightly cloudy and a little warmer with temperatures reaching 65. But Detroiters who saw cloudy skies and felt temperatures ranging in the fifties today, thought the city's weather better suited for football than baseball.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
By The Associated Press NEW YORK—Freddie Schott, 209½, Akron, O., knocked out John Thomas, 182, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., (9).

BALTIMORE—Tiger Wade, 152½, San Francisco outpointed Bert Lytell, 162½, New York, (10).

Cougars Prepare For OSC Clash

PULLMAN, Wash., Oct. 2 (AP) Pass defense and passing attacks were getting equal attention from Washington State college grid mentors today as Coach Phil Sorboe's team prepared for a Saturday skirmish here with Oregon State college.

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Joe Louis In Civvies; Packs Punch

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (AP)—Joe Louis is back in civvies, trim and fit at 219 pounds, and sure he can hit just as hard as he could before he entered the army in January, 1942.

Wearing a grey suit and a light grey hat, the world's heavyweight champion celebrated his return to civilian life by attending last night's Freddie Schott-John Thomas bout at the St. Nicholas arena, just six hours after his honorable discharge at Camp Shanks, N. Y.

The champ's pockets bulged with cash from his first pay day in a year, a sum of \$1422.59 plus \$1.10 train fare from camp to city, and he had visions of cutting himself a piece of a \$3,000,000 gate next summer for his return bout with Billy Conn.

"I don't feel no different than when I fought Abe Simon three years ago right after I got in the army," drawled burly Joe. "I might be a little bit slower but I know I can hit just the same. This army life was good for me, kept me in good shape and close to the game. They let me box all I wanted (about 500 or 600 exhibitions) but I guess just like every other soldier I'm glad to get out."

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