

Honeymoon In Pro Football Over, Inflated Paychecks Coming Down

GREEN BAY, Wis. (NEA)—The honeymoon is over for professional football players.

That is the word of Curly Lambeau, one of the pioneers of the sport who has been directing the destinies of the Green Bay Packers for 30 years.

Forecasting a stabilization of salaries, based on sound business procedure and the law of supply and demand, the former Notre Dame fullback and National league star spoke in behalf of the men who have been footing the bills.

"The honeymoon is over," said the Packers' chief. "There is plenty of talent for all teams. Several years ago it was different. The players had the owners on the spot and they took advantage of it. But today it is no trick to sign 100 men. Declaring that only four and

possibly five teams in two leagues broke even or better last year, Lambeau fixed the losses of the 13 others in the millions.

"But the players all got paid," he said. "They make all the money in pro football today. And they are turning down contracts for four months' work that call for more money than a competent executive—not to mention some of the top coaches of the country—can earn in the entire year."

Recalling that Don Hutson of the Packers and Bronko Nagurski of the Chicago Bears, two of the all-time greats of the sport, started for \$175 a game, Lambeau found ample ground for statistical comparisons in present-day prices.

"Since 1939, living costs have gone up 100 per cent and the national wage scale has increased 89

per cent," he said. "But professional football salaries have increased nearly 400 per cent and in some cases many times more in the last 10 years."

"Club executives took cuts or held the line to weather the financial storm in pro football, but the players' salaries continued to skyrocket. Clubs and club owners no longer can stand the strain."

"One of the prime reasons for the tremendous increase in players' salaries was the all-out drive for pro gladders between the two leagues when the All-America conference was organized in 1946.

And, too, the National league's refusal to accept the All-America circuit and work out a professional football world series continued the expensive bids for the better players with higher salaries.

Approaching the salary problem impartially from a business standpoint, Lambeau, one of the most accomplished and experienced administrators in the game, said he did not anticipate any drastic cut in salaries, but they would be leveling off to where clubs stood a fair chance of at least breaking even on a year's operation.

"Men along in years, almost ready to retire, have put their savings into professional football and gone broke. But the players got theirs. The present situation is too cockeyed to be sound. Readjustment is imperative and inevitable," he continued.

Lambeau's observations followed a contract conference with Tony Canadeo, Packers' veteran and one of the higher-salaried halfbacks of football. Canadeo rejected Lam-

beau's offer and walked out of the conference, becoming the Packers' first holdout.

Commenting on Canadeo's action, the veteran coach said, "We'd like to have Tony with us, but we'll be okay at left half if he isn't. It has always been and always will be our policy to pay players as much as possible. Our aim is to give Packers fans a good football team."

"Last season we did a little better than break even, but it was accomplished by cutting operating expenses, not salaries."

"Moreover, our profit on the year's operation wasn't as much as the increase some of the players are asking."

"The only raise we are giving are to a couple of men who made less than \$500 last year, and whose play certainly warranted an increase."

Gems Heading For Home With Uneven Record

Diamonds Rap Out 13 Hits To Take Twilight Contest

PITTSBURG, Calif., May 18 (Special)—Seemingly unable to get an even break on the road, the Klamath Gems start back home today in an effort to get back into the Far West league's first division.

The Gems lost a curtailed twilight tilt to the Pittsburg Diamonds Monday 11 to 6, making a road record this trip of four losses and two wins. The Klamath Falls team stands in a fifth place tie with Pittsburg at eight wins and nine defeats for the season thus far, an average of .471.

Dave Stratton, Pittsburg right-hander, limited the Gems to eight singles Monday while his mates were finding Forrest Schottgen for 13, including a fifth-inning triple by Gael Ames. Stratton walked nine, the same number the Gems had stranded on base.

The Diamonds took the game in hand in the first inning by batting completely around the lineup and scoring six runs.

STILL SHIFTING

Lineup for the Gems showed some more shifts as Manager Joe Gaistenber tried to work out a winning combination. He put Joe Anselmo in right field, moved the erstwhile catcher, Tom Mankey, from right to left, replaced Gene Bonner in centerfield with Irv Whitt and alternated Dick Descalzo and Don Carline behind the plate.

The Gems travel today and open in Klamath Falls Wednesday night against the league-leading Santa Rosa Pirates who last night stretched 10 innings to beat Medford 8 to 7. The Pittsburg squad also hits the road and opens Wednesday night at Medford.

Box score:

Klamath Falls	AB	R	H	E	OA	E
Walters, 2b	4	1	2	3	1	0
Small, 1b	3	0	0	1	1	0
Mut, ss	3	0	0	1	1	0
Mankey, cf	3	1	2	0	0	0
Descalzo, c	2	0	0	2	0	0
Taylor, 3b	4	0	0	1	1	1
Bonner, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Whitt, lf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Schottgen, p	2	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	28	6	8	21	8	3

Braves Solid Team In N.L.

Blatnik Takes Hitting Lead

By JOE REICHLER
Associated Press Sports Writer

They may rave about the wonderful St. Louis Cardinals pitching staff. They may gape in awe at the New York Giants' devastating power. They may admire and envy Brooklyn's depth with its youth and speed. The solid team in the National league, however, is the Boston Braves.

Boston is not in first place. The Cards hold that spot and the Giants are second. The Braves are third, but only because they got off to a miserable start. They dropped six of their first seven games.

Since then Boston has won 11 in the circuit for the period. Billy Southworth's men haven't lost since May 9.

They open a 14-game home stand tonight, boasting the league's No. 1 pitcher in Bill Voiselle, No. 2 batter in Tommy Holmes, the best fielding percentage of any club in the circuit and a four-game winning streak.

The Braves ended a successful road trip last night by crushing the Dodgers in Brooklyn, 12-3. It marked their fourth straight win over Brooklyn without a setback. It also gave them a record of eight victories in 11 road games.

No team in the league—and that includes the Cardinals—boasts three front line hurlers such as Boston's Johnny Sain, Warren Spahn and Voiselle. This trio has given up only three runs in Boston's last four games.

Another hot club, the Philadelphia Phils, defeated the New York Giants 7-1. The victory moved the Phils up to fourth place, only three percentage points behind the Braves.

Johnny Blatnik paced the Phils' 10-hit attack against Bobo Newsum and three successors. The rookie outfielder, picked up in the draft last fall, cracked three hits in four times up to wret the league's batting leadership from Boston's Tommy Holmes with .428 to .435. He has hit safely in nine consecutive games.

Those were the only games scheduled in the majors.

The STANDINGS

FAR WEST			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Santa Rosa	11	6	.647
Oroville	9	6	.600
Redding	9	6	.600
Marysville	8	6	.571
Klamath Falls	8	9	.471
Pittsburg	8	9	.471
Medford	6	11	.353
Willows	5	11	.313

Monday's Results			
Santa Rosa 8, Medford 7 (10 innings)			
Pittsburg 11, Klamath Falls 6			
Others—rain.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	13	7	.650
New York	12	9	.571
Boston	12	10	.545
Philadelphia	12	11	.524
Pittsburgh	13	11	.522
Brooklyn	11	12	.478
Chicago	8	13	.381
Cincinnati	9	17	.346

Monday's Results			
Boston 12, Brooklyn 3			
Philadelphia 7, New York 1			
Others—rain.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Unchanged.			

Aged Umpire Dies
LOS ANGELES, May 18 (AP)—One of baseball's oldest umpires in point of service is dead. He was Anthony Beck, 65, who had been in organized baseball for 32 years.

Beck collapsed last Thursday night while en route to Anaheim to umpire a Sunset league game. He died yesterday. Beck formerly umpired in the Pacific Coast league. He made his home in Los Angeles.

Western Mail Bag

Karol Took A Chance---And Will Skate Again

By JACK HEWINS

SEATTLE, May 18 (AP)—This is one of those now-it-can-be-told stories: Karol Kennedy will skate again.

When the Kennedy kids—Peter and sister Karol—won the national figure skating crown you didn't know her back was tightly taped and she was wearing a leg brace. That would have been an alibi for their poorer showing in Europe.

But now Karol is recovering after a spinal operation. Her doctor is wondering how his 16-year-old patient managed to walk, let alone skate in the Olympics, the world figure skating championships, a European tour and the American nationals.

This was to have been "the year" for the Kennedy kids. At the world championships last year they had missed first place by a referee's reversal of the judges' decision. In the Olympics, but when the scores were in the Kennedys placed sixth.

After the seven years it took to make them top-rank skaters, it looked like the Kennedy kids had lost their touch. It was obvious that Karol was no longer a skater of ability. Other stars of the ice fraternity accused her of laziness, of trying even at school her teachers thought Karol was shamming. Several physicians examined her and could find nothing wrong.

Life was rough—especially when you had set your heart on winning the Olympics. You couldn't excuse a poor performance by saying your back hurt; you'd be tagged as an alibi artist. You wondered if you might be kidding yourself about the pain in your back. Maybe it was just imagination that stiffened your left leg until you walked with a step and a half.

A year ago in Oslo, Norway, Karol had fallen while sliding on a hillside. There was a stabbing pain in her back, which was dismissed as a strain that soon would go away.

But it didn't go away and spills in skating practice made it worse. By last fall, when the kids began serious practice for the Olympics, Karol could sleep only an hour or two each night. She couldn't sit or stand in comfort. She began walking with a limp.

Another practice session spill in Switzerland just before the start of the games put a final seal on the alibi. The Kennedys kids. Second place should have been a cinch; first a strong possibility. What they got was sixth.

Karol wouldn't quit. They went on to the world events at Davos, Switzerland. There an expert taped her back and the kids grabbed off fourth place against the same pairs they met in the Olympics. Because Karol couldn't stand plane travel, a European tour was cut short so the Kennedys could head for home by sea.

They stopped off at Colorado Springs for the nationals and there found that daily massage and heat treatments gave Karol some relief. A special brace was made for her leg. She wore that and a heavy wrapping of tape when she and Peter won the American title in senior pairs.

A physician with a hunch at last found the trouble. He X-rayed her and found a ruptured disc in her spine, but first X-rays failed to reveal it. With Karol in a hospital bed, her crippled leg in a traction splint, the doctor took a series of X-rays and at last found his diagnosis was correct. The ruptured disc was pressing against a branch of the sciatic nerve, crippling the leg.

The Kennedys were warned that an operation could make Karol well—or cripple her for life. She wanted to take the chance; the family told the surgeon to sharpen his knives. . . . The Kennedy kids will skate again.

Annie Creek



Little Bob Giger, 12-year-old son of Andy Giger, displays the five-pound, six-ounce rainbow trout he snagged in Annie Creek.

Softball Loop Opens Four-A-Night Slate

Softball will make its 1948 debut Wednesday evening under the Modoc field area when the Klamath Falls Softball league starts its four-game-a-night schedule.

Games will be played, weather permitting, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with four games a night being run, two at a time, one at each end of the field.

Tomorrow's slate sets Tulelake VFW and the Four Star Merchants, and Ashley and the Merrill VFW at 7:30, followed by Eagles vs. Ellingsons and the Knights of Columbus vs. Telco at 8:30.

Following is the remainder of May's schedule:

May 21—7:30, Weyerhaeuser vs. Eagles vs. Tulelake VFW.
8:30—Moose vs. VFW.
May 24—7:30, Four Star vs. Merrill VFW.
Weyerhaeuser vs. Moose.
8:30—KC vs. Calhouns.
Ashley vs. VFW.
May 26—7:30, Tulelake VFW vs. Merrill VFW.
Eagles vs. Telco.
8:30—Ellingsons vs. Calhouns.
Four Star vs. VFW.
May 28—7:30, Ashley vs. Weyerhaeuser.
Eagles vs. Merrill VFW.
8:30, KC vs. Calhouns.
Telco vs. Calhouns.
May 31—7:30, Tulelake VFW vs. VFW.
Four Star vs. Weyerhaeuser.
8:30, Ellingsons vs. Moose.
KC vs. Ashley.

Owls Have Nine-Game Grid Plan

OVS, May 18—Dale Daugherty newly-hired first football coach for Oregon Vocational school, will find an ambitious schedule already laid out for him and the Owls' first football team when he reports to the hilltop campus soon after June 1.

The Owls have lined up nine games, a pretty fair schedule considering a very late start and the fact that the school will be entering college football for the first time.

Here is the Owl slate:

September 17—SOCE at Ashland.
September 24—EOCE here.
October 1—U. of Nevada Prosh here.
October 8—Lewis and Clark college here.
October 15—OCE at Monmouth.
October 22—Vanport college.
October 29—Pacific U. at Forest Grove.
November 5—Open.
November 11 Chico jayvees at Chico.
November 19—Chico state at Chico.

The Vanport game may be played either in Portland or here, the location not definitely set. For the November 11 tilt, a junior squad of Owls will engage the Chico jayvees.

There is a possibility still of additional games with Lassen junior college at Susanville, Clark college, Vancouver, Wash., and the Portland U. Frosh.

Most of the games will be played on Friday night, but some may be shifted to Saturday afternoon dates. The Owls are planning to play home games at Modoc field and therefore have to scissor out a schedule to fit that of the high school Pelicans.

Hunt Movies Are Slated

Motion pictures taken by Dr. Ralph W. Stearns during a big-game hunting trip in Canada will be shown tonight at the Willard hotel during a meeting of the Klamath Sportsmen's association.

The meeting will start at 8 p. m., and will be followed by a dutch lunch.

Orders will also be taken for pheasant eggs, to be supplied by the state for local hatching, and for organization insignia for jackets.

Every member of the association is urged to attend tonight's meeting and to bring along a non-member who is interested in hunting or fishing.

Donovan Fines Larry Shepard

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18 (AP)—Jerry Donovan, president of the Far West Baseball league, announced Monday he had fined Manager Larry Shepard of the Medford club \$10 for abusive language toward an umpire.

Donovan said he had received numerous complaints that managers throughout the class D circuit were exceeding the bounds of propriety in their conduct toward umpires. He warned that stiffer fines would be imposed if the practice continues.

Three new umpires have been added to the Far West league staff. They are Frank Arblin, San Francisco; Hal Windell, Fresno, and Steve Yuhans, Oakland. They succeeded Joe Garibaldi and Howard Lovett, resigned, and Stanley Dollar, released.

Boudreau Sets Hot Bat Pace

CHICAGO, May 18 (AP)—Lou Boudreau, Cleveland's manager-shortstop, slammed nine hits in 19 trips to the plate to soar into the American league batting lead with .440.

Boudreau's 11-point climb in averages computed through Sunday's game, gave him a 43 point edge over his nearest rival, Boston's Ted Williams.

Al Zarilla of St. Louis, the leader a week ago, plunged to third place with an 84-point drop to .394.

Hoot Evers of Detroit was fourth with .360, followed by Ken Keltner, Cleveland, .356; George Kell, Detroit, .338; Dave Philley, Chicago, .324; Hank Majeski, Philadelphia, .321; Bob Dillinger, St. Louis, .316; and Pete Suder, Philadelphia, .313.

In the National league, Philadelphia's rookie outfielder, Johnny Blatnik, unofficially took over the league's stick lead when he collected three hits in four times at bat yesterday. Blatnik is hitting .438 to .435 for Boston's Tommy Holmes, and has a live streak of hits in nine consecutive games.

Frank Gustine, runner-up to Holmes a week ago, slumped 38 points to drop to .353, according to figures including Sunday's games. Gustine holds an 18-point edge over Carl Furillo, Brooklyn outfielder, who boasts a .375 mark.

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Error Suggested In Patton's Mile

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18 (AP)—Dink Templeton, veteran track coach, says Mel Patton's 9.3 100-yard dash looked like just a 9.5 second effort to him.

"My own watch was stopped at 9.5. It was sitting right on the finish line" when Patton, of USC, bettered the 9.4 world record at the Fresno relay Saturday, Templeton said today.

"I'll have to agree with Patton himself, who was quoted as saying he didn't think he ran that fast. Neither did I."

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Tag Match Card's Top

Tag teams captained by Pete Belcastro and Glen (Buddy) Knox will be the feature of Friday night's wrestling card. Promoter Mack Lillard announced today, as the result of a challenge to Knox issued last week by the Weed assassin.

Belcastro has selected the popular Al Sease as his friend-in-need for the duel, while Knox is going to depend on a relatively untried hand for his assistance.

Knox's partner will be Alex Kasaboski, a newcomer to the Northwest maul theatre and a man of Russian descent.

Kasaboski is unknown here but has an acquaintanceship with the bald-headed Knox, who vouches for him.

The match is scheduled for one hour time limit or two out of three tumbles.

Joe Pyle Given Win Over Palmer

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 18 (AP)—A flurry of hard rights in the closing rounds gave Joe Pyle, 145, Montreal, a 10-round decision last night over Phil Palmer, 146½, Vancouver, B. C.

Preliminaries:
Hal Robbins, 142, Vancouver, B. C. decisioned Al Davis, 141, Tacoma, 8;
Harry Smith, 142, Vancouver, B. C. knocked out Dean Abney, 142, Salem, 6; Roy Wouters, 159, Montreal, decisioned Roy Holland, 158, Bremerton, 6.

Another No-Hitter

SEATTLE, May 18 (AP)—The no-hit, no-run pitching of Mike (Lefty) O'Brien gave Franklin high school a 3-0 win over West Seattle yesterday and third place in the final city standings. It was the second seven-inning no-no performance of the season here.

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