

Pelicans Open Grid Skirmish

If touchdowns are manufactured by just plain determination, the Medford footballers should be shaking in their cleats by the time the traditional clash with the Klamath Pelicans rolls around October 14.

This much was evident when Pel players gathered yesterday morning on Modoc field to hear opening instruction from Head Coach Bob Hendershott.

Hendershott's opening blast was "I don't like losing ball clubs and I don't think you want to play on a losing club."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton

By CHARLES C. CAIN (For Hugh Fullerton, Jr.)

DETROIT, Aug. 25 (AP)—Baseball circles were divided today in their opinions on whether the New York Yankees had made a wise move in their investment of a bundle of cash for first baseman Johnny Mize.

The ex-New York Giants star first baseman joined the Yankees here Tuesday and showed some of his former tremendous hitting power in his first appearance in batting practice. He drove two balls into the Briggs stadium stands, before retiring to the bench where he spent the afternoon.

Manager Red Rolfe of the Tigers was among those who thought Mize would help the New Yorkers a lot in their pennant drive.

"Generally it isn't until a player has been around the circuit twice that the pitchers can pick out any hitting weaknesses he may have and a lot of them are not too familiar with Mize's abilities," he said.

Yankee Manager Casey Stengel, although happy to get the additional batting power offered by Mize, was concerned over two other problems—one was the shoulder injury that sidelined Joe DiMaggio in the opener of the Tiger series Tuesday—the other was the sharp increase in the number of passes given up by his pitchers.

"Our pitchers are walking too many men and a lot of those walks are being turned into runs," wailed Casey.

Quarterback Wanted—Whether the University of Michigan's football team will march on to its third straight western conference title depends on how successful the Wolverine coaches are in uncovering a first string quarterback. Head Coach Bennie Oosterbaan makes no secret of the fact that his No. 1 headache is finding a replacement for Michigan's great quarterback, Pete Elliott, who was graduated in June.

Baseball Big-Wigs Deny Fix

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (AP)— If there have been large scale attempts recently to "fix" baseball games, the higher-ups of the sports say they don't know about it.

As for reports that there have been hundreds of tampering efforts in the past few years and even implied threats of violence, Secretary Walter Mulby of the commissioner's office said yesterday they had "no substance."

He acknowledged there had been a couple of letters addressed to baseball men which aroused suspicion. When they were properly investigated, he said, they were found to be of a crackpot nature.

The New York Post Home News reported yesterday there had been hundreds of attempts to fix games in recent years with "sums up to \$10,000 offered to players."

The article was one of a series dealing with what the paper calls a five billion dollar a year betting racket controlled by gambling mobs.

Woman Saves Tree Trapped Boy

ALBANY, Aug. 25 (AP)—A neighbor woman was credited today with saving four-year-old Billy Larking from strangling in a prune tree.

The boy became entangled in a limb crotch. Screams of playmates brought Mrs. Hugh C. Ragle to the scene. She climbed a ladder to lift Billy's weight until firemen arrived 15 minutes later and extricated the boy.

TRUCKERS ORGANIZE
CORVALLIS, Aug. 25 (AP)—Benton county truckers have joined Lane county operators in organizing the Western Truck Owners association to fight what they describe as "excessive" fines levied for overloads on highways.

Pinky Woods Hurls, Hits Star Victory

Hollywood Pitcher Gives Seven Blows, Clouts Home Run

By The Associated Press

Hollywood is still three games ahead in the Pacific Coast league because of Pinky Woods' arm—and his bat.

He notched his 18th win of the year Wednesday night when he held the lowly Los Angeles Angels to seven hits in winning 8 to 4. He started off a little wild but made up for it by slamming a three-run homer in the second.

The Stars needed a four-run ninth inning rally, though, to win.

Oakland and Sacramento, both of them breathing hotly on the Stars' back, won their games. Ken Houck won his 18th game in pitching the Solons to a 4 to 3 win over Portland.

Oakland doused a ninth inning rally by San Francisco to beat the Seals 6 to 2. Oakland and Sacramento are tied for second place.

San Diego made it two straight over Seattle in trimming the Rainiers 7 to 2. The win put the Padres into fourth place, a game ahead of Seattle. The Padres took a three-run lead in the first and coasted the rest of the way. Mickey Grasso, Seattle catcher, got banished for protesting too long on a plate decision. It was his 11th ejection of the season.

Thursday night's schedule and probable pitchers:

Hollywood (Willard Ramadel 13-9) at Los Angeles (Don Watkins 6-6).

Oakland (Al Gettel 1-9) at San Francisco (Cliff Melton 3-3).

Seattle (Charlie Schanz 17-14) at San Diego (Tom Kipp 7-4).

Portland (Red Lynn 8-13) at Sacramento (Bob Gillespie 13-11).

Although pre-season prediction would be jumping the gun at this writing, the Pel look like a team that will have middle-of-the-line strength and a backfield that can find the holes to squirt them into the open field.

They showed they had the drive and determination in yesterday's opening skirmishes. The know-how and finesse should show by the time they baptize this year's grid season against Grant High of Portland on Modoc field September 16.

About 70 Pelicans and jayvees were in uniform Wednesday.

Captains Chosen

PORTLAND, Aug. 25 (AP)—Tackle Doug Hogland of Bend and Halfback Don Donovan of Grants Pass will be co-captains of the Staters in Saturday night's Shrine hospital benefit all-star football game here.

The Portland team has picked Halfback Bob Hamblin of Roosevelt and Center Bob Rudolph of Jefferson as their field leaders.

The Staters worked under the lights at Multnomah Civic stadium last night. The city stars will drill on the same turf tomorrow night.

A parade followed by a rally at the stadium is booked for tonight as a kick-off for festivities. The players will be guests of Al Kader Temple Shriner.

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RAY KO'S BELLOISE; EYES MIDDLE CROWN

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (AP)— "I want a shot at the middleweight title. I think I've earned it."

Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson made the statement last night. It was probably the greatest understatement made in sports all year.

Off his performance, he certainly deserves the chance. Whether he'll get it is something else.

After he cut down socking Steve Belloise in seven rounds at Yankee stadium last night, some 28,812 fans were ready to concede him to be the No. 1 middleweight, Champion Jake Lamotta or not.

Iron-chinned Jake and Marcel Gonzales in recent practice sessions. They look unbeatible in singles.

Also the doubles team of Gardner Mulloy and Billy Talbert has picked up plenty of extra zip since their defeat at the hands of Australia's Frank Sedgman and George Worthington in the national championships.

Robinson hit Belloise with every shot in the book. He won every round but the fifth when he was bothered for just two minutes by a desperate, do-or-die attack by the balding, 30-year ex-sailor.

Then Sugar Ray caught up with Steve at the end of the seventh and flattened him with a perfect left hook as you'll ever see.

It caught Belloise on the chin and the New Yorker collapsed. Referee Eddie Joseph counted to five when the bell changed. Belloise's seconds hauled the inert gladiator to his corner. But Steve was out cold.

Manager Eddie Walker didn't waste time. He signaled to Joseph it was all over. Under New York rules it goes in the book as a seven round kayo.

Weeks before the fight, Lamotta and Cerdan said that the victor of their September setto would meet last night's conqueror. Nothing is in writing.

It took Robinson years to gain the welterweight diadem. None of the champions would fight him. They called him the "uncrowned champion of the welterweights."

It's possible the same fate may befall him among the 150-pounders.

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FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
New York — Ray Robinson, 153½, New York, knocked out Steve Belloise, 154, New York, 7.

Atlanta — Tommy Gomez, 180, Tampa, Fla., knocked out Tommy DiGiorgio, 182, Schenectady, N. Y., 1.

Bobby Jones attracted the highest gate receipts—\$53,319—at the Marion Cricket club for the amateur championship when he was completing his grand slam in 1936.

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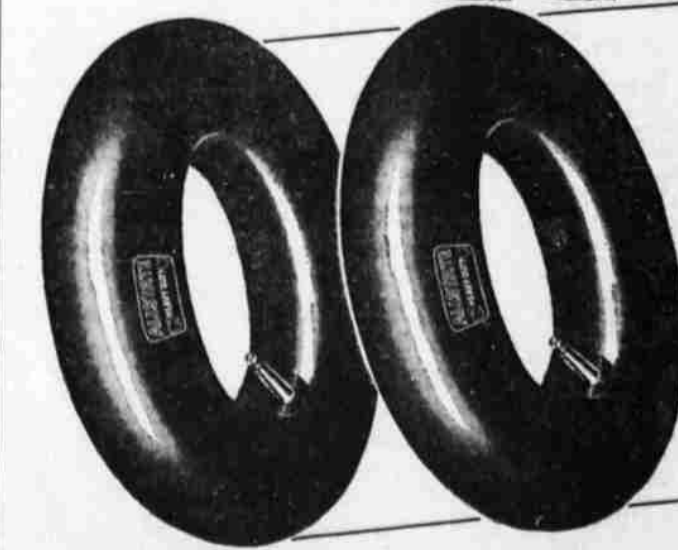
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Milkmaids Drub Detroit

WICHITA, Kan., Aug. 25 (AP)—The Fort Wayne General Electric, the defending champions, make their first start in the 1949 national semi-pro baseball tournament tonight.

The Indian team plays the Manchester, Conn., British-American club in the feature game of a five game schedule.

In last night's games, Elk City, Okla., moved into the third round by beating the Milwaukee, Wis., Falks, 6 to 1.

Mt. Vernon, Wash., Milkmaids won their second victory against one defeat by trouncing the Detroit, Mich., Jerry Lynch team 19 to 6. The loss eliminated Detroit from the tournament.

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