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"One Game At A Time"

Sports columnists are a brassy lot at best and a favorable pastime of a sports scribe is to climb a long way out on the limb.

However, limbs are shaky in early season and your writer will make no predictions as to the fate of the 1949 Pelican grid machine.

But I will make an assertion.

This year's squad jumps into the opening fray tonight with one thing they've been short on in the past, to wit, a healthy mental attitude.

This statement, of course, needs more than a little explaining.

Explicitly, this is the situation prevailing on Modoc field now. The Pelicans are resolved they'll play "one game at a time."

Tonight, they move in against Grant, next week Salem and so on down the line.

The Big Black Tornado of Medford will no longer be a bugaboo. They're not "playing" Medford now nor will they until they're scheduled the night of October 14.

The Pels Won't Lose Before The Game

Oh yes, the Pels may lose some football games this year, but their losses won't go into the statistical books until the final gun ends the game.

Likewise Bob Hendershott started the season off right when he aimed this remark at the Pel gridgers on opening practice day: "I don't like a losing ball club and I know you don't want to play on a losing ball club."

"We'll play to win but we'll play one at a time."

My predictions will come after opening games are played around the loop this week-end.

For now suffice it to say you may not see the best Pelican squad in the school's history tonight but you'll see a fighting squad that is working for the team.

"We have no outstanding star this year but a bunch of boys who work together," Hendershott told Quarterbackers at a recent meeting.

This is a healthy sign.

Just One Guess Away From Home

I will make one prediction; this one away from the home scene.

In my opinion, grid experts are selling Oregon State college short in their pre-season prognostications regarding the order of finish in the Pacific Coast league.

My prediction is the Beavers will finish in the first division. My reason for this is the new coach, Kip Taylor.

He likes the boys and, more important, the boys like him.

This is a factor that is seldom figured.

But a desire to win for the grid teacher sometimes means the difference between a win and a loss. Many, many of Knute Rockne's games were won off the gridiron.

Yesterday's Stars

By The Associated Press

Batting—Joe Gordon, Indians—doubled in the first run to spark a five-run eighth inning that gave the Indians a 10-6 triumph over the Yankees. He also singled in a run in the ninth.

Pitching—Al Benton, Indians—relieved Bob Lemon after the Yanks had counted four times against the star right-hander in the eighth and stopped the league leaders cold with one harmless hit in one and two-thirds innings to preserve the Indians' lead over the Yankees.

Paul Noel of the New York Knickerbockers acquired six fouls in less than 11 minutes in a Basketball Association of America game against Philadelphia recently.

Indians Slice NY Loop Lead

By The Associated Press

The Second Guessers society, kept conspicuously quiet this year by the sound baseball tactics of Casey Stengel, has finally come to life.

The members of the SGS are pointing their fingers at the veteran manager of the New York Yankees, accusing him of pulling a couple of "rocks" yesterday that cost the Bronx Bombers an important game.

How much more those "lapses" will cost the Yankees will not be determined until the season's close. But yesterday they helped the Cleveland Indians to defeat the Yankees, 10-6, which cut the New Yorkers' first place margin over Boston to two and a half games.

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FATAL EIGHTH

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Gordon, an ex-Yankee, promptly doubled to left, scoring Mitchell and sending Doby to third. Bobby Kennedy singled to score two more. Thurman Tucker followed with another one-bagger, but Stengel gave no sign to his bull pen brigade. Jim Hegan accounted for another run with the fourth straight Cleveland safety. When Outfielder Gene Woodling fumbled the ball, Tucker scampered across the plate with the fifth run of the inning.

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County 11s In Non-League Grid Tilt

Two county football teams will open their 1949 grid schedule this week-end against non-conference opponents.

The Merrill Huskies face the Tulelake eleven tonight on the Merrill field at 8:30 p. m. Harold Hendrickson, Merrill head coach, was greeted with 30 aspirants this year, while Fred Iken, Tulelake, has 14 lettermen on hand as a nucleus for this season's play.

Saturday afternoon, 3 p. m., on Modoc field, Sacred Heart Academy tangle with the Klamath Union.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (AP)—Reports keep trickling in that a shake up is due in the Chicago Cubs' front office before next season—and may be that's natural for an eighth-place club that already has changed managers once this season. . . . Latest story is that Charlie Grimm will be made director of the Cubs' farm system, which hasn't produced much under Jack Sheehan, and that Red Smith is out as "advance man" in the trading market. . . . Only evidence so far is that Gene Lawing, an experienced farm man, was suddenly moved into Chicago as Grimm's assistant. . . . Indication of how the various clubs regard the tight pennant race was that the Yankees sent three men, including Stadium Superintendent Charlie McManus, to Wednesday's world series meeting while the others had only one apiece. Detroit, also invited, declined with thanks.

Harry Geisel, former American league umpire who thought he had retired from the arbitration business several years ago, now finds he didn't. . . . Gov. Henry F. Schickel of Indiana recently named Geisel as a member of the state board of arbitration to settle a dispute between a union and a bus company. . . . Geisel probably will be the picture of frustration if he finds somebody else calling strikes.

Pinkish Pickins' (Kickoff)

Texas A. and M. vs. Villanova. The Aggies will find that Paquiarillo is Villanova's rugged fellow.

Kentucky vs. Mississippi Southern. Kentucky's Wildcats, going hell Say: "Pardon my southern accent."

William and Mary vs. Houston. William and Mary isn't used to losing to the likes of Houston.

Trainer Jimmy Jones says Citation will be ready to run at Hialeah this winter and adds: "I might have got him ready to run this fall, but the good stakes are over a distance and there's no use rushing him just to have him run. . . . With the addition of Steve Kokufu and Les Thompson to his coaching staff, Columbia Lou Little has divided his assistants into offensive and defensive "platoons." Prof. Little has been a 60-minute man for over 20 years. . . . Ike Armstrong, beginning his 25th year of grid coaching at Utah, has outlasted 22 other coaches at Skyline Six schools. He also has won 13 conference championships, which may explain it. . . . Michigan reports that all 97,000 seats for four of its home football games have been sold and the other two likely will be sellouts.

Ex-Heavyweight Champion Jack Sharkey and Ditto Joe Louis were seated together at the Garden fights the other night. . . . Sharkey watched intently as Rocky Castellani took a pounding from Kid Gavilan, then turned to Joe and asked: "Ain't that a helluva way to make a living?"

high school jayvees. The Trojans are stepping up in class a bit. They usually face the Klamath Wildcat team.

Ducks, Beavers See First Football Action

By The Associated Press

College football crowds into the national sports scene tonight and tomorrow.

While the big autumn show doesn't get roaring full furnace until next week, the rah rah boys will have some major games to endure over. Foremost of these will be the Pacific Coast conference tangle between Oregon State and UCLA tonight in huge Los Angeles coliseum.

The STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Hollywood	109	76	.588
Oakland	98	78	.557
Sacramento	93	83	.528
Seattle	91	85	.517
San Diego	89	87	.506
San Francisco	84	92	.477
Portland	81	93	.466
Los Angeles	66	108	.379

NATIONAL LEAGUE (Unchanged)

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	87	51	.630
Boston	86	55	.610
Cleveland	81	58	.583
Detroit	82	60	.577
Philadelphia	73	66	.525
Chicago	57	82	.410
St. Louis	49	92	.348
Washington	44	95	.317

Yesterday's Results

Cleveland 10, New York 6. (Only game scheduled.)

Noren Voted 'Most Valuable'

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16 (AP)—The Pacific Coast league's most valuable player for 1949 is Irv Noren, slugging centerfielder of the league-leading Hollywood Stars.

Twenty baseball writers in league cities gave Noren 10 votes for the honor, double that of the runner-up, Shortstop Artie Wilson of Oakland.

The 25-year-old Noren is hitting .323 for third place behind Wilson's .357 and Sacramento's Al Whitely .325. He is fielding .988.

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