

# HEARD

Red Hurd

## Homestretch Jitters

This season's chase in both the National and American leagues was the delight of sport scribes, always on the lookout for sock leads—and also sleep-loosers for rabid baseball fans, with both races going into the final day for decision.

You can wager your inheritance from Aunt Minnie that it will be many, many years before BOTH loops finish in a cold sweat as they did this year.

Consider some figures: Both the Yankees and the Brooklyn Bums won over Boston and St. Louis, respectively, with 97-57 finishes.

It's true that RED HURD last year a play-off was necessary in the American wheel between Cleveland and Boston and the Red Sox were again the hard-luckers. But the National league was settled several days in advance of the season's end.

The tight squeeze for the top spot doesn't tell the whole hectic picture this year either.

George Kell of Detroit edged Ted Williams for the American bat crown in a contest that necessitated overtime for a comptometer.

Kell's finish with the bludgeon read 342, Williams' 347.

Jarvis Jackie Robinson didn't show-in for the bat title in the National either. The ex-UCLA colored athlete posted a 342, only three points better than George Musial, St. Louis slugger.

## Bombers to Win

While on the national pastime in the big league meadows, here's a prediction. We picked the Yankees to beat the Cards before the races were decided. (That's one guess that will never be proved right—or wrong.)

But we'll stick with the Bombers over Brooklyn. Again I'll say it will go the full seven.

Added note: If Fireman Joe Page wasn't on deck for his game-saving stunts, I wouldn't be making this prediction.

## No Defense?

Veteran sportswriter L. H. Gregory of the Oregonian hits high for limb-testing. "The affair in Pullman," Gregory writes in regards to the Oregon-Washington State football party Saturday, "now becomes anybody's contest, with our present inclination slightly toward Washington State."

However, Gregory precludes this prediction with reasoning that isn't entirely off base. The Oregonian "Sports" editor, as he chooses to be called, reasons that, after seeing the UCLA-Oregon and the USC-Washington State contests in Los Angeles, the Ducks have no sustained defense.

Gregory says, yes, they can score but, contrarily, it's no trick to cross their goal line. While, on the other hand, Gregory says the Cougars handed the Trojans a stubborn time of it before WSC "ran out of gas."

Every Bruin drive except one in the last quarter went all the way for touchdowns, Gregory writes, while the Cougars stopped four Troy pushes in the first half.

I can concur with Gregory except for one point—a team has to score to win and the Cougars have no great shucks offensively this year.

## Off the Elbow

Floyd Wynne, KPLW sportscaster, wasn't beaten by any of the "Wynne with the Winners" contestants in the grid-guessing contest last week... although I'm told two or three sneaked in for a tie with Wynne simply by using his same predictions... hm!—Incidentally, beating Wynne will get you five extra gallons of gasoline... first prize is a tire and tube and 10 gallons of gasoline... second prize is 10 gallons of go juice and a lubrication job... winner last week was June D. Stewart, 325 South Fifth... her husband, John L. Stewart was a close second... all past boxing champions have had nicknames: "Michigan Assassin," "Brown Bomber," "Gentleman Jim" and many, many more... but Pat Valentino, challenging Ezzard "Snookie" Charles October 14 in San Francisco, is shy a nickname... we'd say he's shy of ability to lift the crown from Charles' noggin too.

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# Dusette-Karlanko Winner May Get Wagner

George Dusette and Leon Karlanko will trot out their best grips and choice mayhem tonight in the armory ring at 8:30 when they battle for a shot at Gorgeous George Wagner.

Promoter Mack Lillard has just returned from a trip to Portland to confer with other Northwest promoters. Wagner, who left here in 1945, and rose to wrestling fame, may be lured into the local ring in the near future.

If so, the Dusette-Karlanko winner will get first shot at the popular wrestler with the valet and beautiful robes.

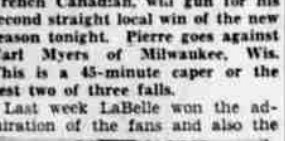
Wagner carried in the neighborhood of \$200,000 last year displaying his grappling wares mostly in eastern rings.

The heavyweight grunt-and-groaner would be assured of a trip around the Northwest circuit if he can be landed for the trip.

Dusette and Karlanko, the Mad Russian, will go for one hour to-night on the best two of three falls in the main feature of the program.

Pierre LaBelle, wavy-haired French Canadian, will gun for his second straight local win of the new season tonight. Pierre goes against Carl Myers of Milwaukee, Wis. This is a 45-minute caper or the best two of three falls.

Last week LaBelle won the admiration of the fans and also the



Pierre LaBelle

bout over a meanie from Montana, Bob Cummings.

The opener tonight will match Al Szasz, Hungarian favorite, against Seattle's Gus Johnson.

The curtain-raiser is billed for 30 minutes or one fall.

Tickets for the wrestling show are on sale at Castleberry's drug store. Armory doors will swing open at 7:30 p. m. The Johnson-Szasz wrangle will get under way at 8:30 sharp.

## FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

Buffalo, N. Y.—Lee Oma, 196½, Newark, N. J., outpointed Enrico Bertola, 194, Chicago, 10.

Shreveport, La.—Maxie Doucien, New Orleans, outpointed Joey Barnum, Chicago, 10.

Seattle—Irish Bob Murphy, 169, San Diego, knocked out Eddie Cotton, 163, Seattle, 6.

JUST LIKE POP—Joe DiMaggio Jr. swigs a couple of bats, illustrating what his famous Yankee father intended to do to the Dodgers.

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OWL FULLBACK—Dean Weekly, driving fullback for the Oregon Tech Owls, will try to make his plunges pay off in touchdowns when the Hilltoppers aim for their third straight victory against Lassen Junior college Friday night. The game will be played at Susanville, Calif.

# Sports Briefs

## Gordon Pounds Out Decision Over Dutch

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 5 (AP)—Hardrock Gordon, 184, of Roseburg, Ore., drew blood over the eye of Baby Dutch Culbertson in the first three rounds last night, then battled toe to toe with the California veteran to squeeze out a 10-round decision.

Culbertson, from Los Angeles, weighed 176.

Other results:

Don Rodgers, 136, Portland, TKO'd Mickey Gemmill, 138, Redding, Calif. 7; Joe Pete, 132, Salem, knocked out Sonny Grazette, 133, Seattle, 2; Pepper Martin, 129, Spokane, and Tommy Umeda, 124, Seattle, drew 4; Johnny Scott, 140, Seattle, knocked out Andy Anderson, 136, Spokane, 2.

PULLMAN, Oct. 5 (AP)—If it rains for Saturday's fracas between the Washington State college Cougars and Oregon's Ducks, Coach Phil Sarboe's lads aren't going to be caught unprepared.

The WSC squad ran through a dummy drill in the field house yesterday, then braved the elements to sash out a heavy scrimmage session in the pelting rain.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 5 (AP)—Preliminary approval was given by the city council yesterday to plans for construction of a \$300,000 baseball park to house the Vancouver Caplans entry in the Western International Baseball league.

## Brooklyn 'Charity'

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (AP)—The hundreds of baseball fans who lined up early today for the sale of bleacher seats at Yankee stadium got a laugh out of this:

A teen-ager, obviously a Brooklyn rooter, walked by. He had his right thumb in a thick bandage, had the length of his right arm bandaged and carried his left arm in a sling.

He carried a sign: "The Brooks will give 10 per cent of winning series share to Yank old age and invalid fund."

In addition he wore a rubber shoe heel attached to a placard which said: "Joe Dee's \$100,000 Heel."

The placards referred to the many injuries suffered by Yankee players and Joe DiMaggio's ailing heel which kept him out of the Yankee lineup for half of the season.

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# Padres Nip Stars, 1-0

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 5 (AP)—Lyman Linde and his four-hit pitching have given San Diego a 1-0 lead in their final Pacific Coast league playoff series with Hollywood.

The Padres took last night's opener 6-1. Linde had a one-hitter going into the seventh. Herb Gorman belted a second inning homer to give the Stars a brief lead but the Padres came back in their half to score three runs.

Max West slammed his 50th homer of the year in the seventh, scoring Buster Adams ahead of him.

Tonight's game pits George (Pinky) Woods (24-12) of the Stars against the veteran Padre, Jess Flores (22-10).

Short score:

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San Diego—030 010 30x—6 11 1

Maltzberger, Oliver (2), Roy (6) and Sandlock; Linde and Moore.

# Hubby-Wife Golf Starts

For the first time since 1942, members of the Reames Country club will stage two-ball foursome competition for husband-and-wife teams. Play starts Sunday at 1 p. m.

The golfers will be swinging for the J. R. Shaw trophy. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Swanson were the winners the last time the play was held in 1942.

Mixed two-ball foursomes will also be in competition. A buffet supper for members, guests and their families will take place at 4:30 p. m. at the club.

Those who wish to compete may sign up at the clubhouse or call Mrs. John McCulloch, 5525, or Mrs. W. A. Shannon, 9328.

Play for Class A and B fall championships has been postponed until Friday.

# Jayvees Blank Ashland Crew

The KUHS Jayvees blanked the Ashland Jayvees, 41 to 0, last Saturday at Ashland.

In the first quarter, Bert Bufington skirted left end for 15 yards and Roddie Davis sliced off tackle for 15 to mark up the first two touchdowns.

Roger Bliss galloped 45 yards. Al Herrera smashed through from the one-yard line. Bill Toole passed to Davis for a 30-yard score and Davis rambled 40 yards to complete the rout.

Dale Carr booted five of the extra points.

# "Wynne With the Winners"

(Contest games for week ending October 5)

1. Oregon at Washington State.  
2. UCLA at Stanford.  
3. Ohio State at Southern California.  
4. Oregon State at Washington.  
5. California at Wisconsin.  
6. St. Mary's at Villanova.  
7. Army at Michigan.  
8. Northwestern at Minnesota.  
9. Illinois at Iowa.  
10. Oklahoma at Texas.  
11. Georgia at Kentucky.  
12. Texas Christian at Indiana.  
13. Mississippi at Vanderbilt.  
14. Arkansas at Baylor.  
15. Mississippi State at Clemson.

# Oops! Lace Bowl Proposed

ORANGE, Tex., Oct. 5 (AP)—The University of Houston football team has been invited to play in a post-season bowl game against Texas as Christian—but no one expects the invitation to be accepted.

The bid was extended by the Orange Screwball club yesterday. They want the Huskies and the TCU Frogs to play in the Lace bowl.

A club spokesman said the game was suggested inasmuch as "TCU is claiming that Arkansas played too rough last week-end and the University of Washington is howling over the fact that Notre Dame was overly rugged."

"Suitable lace-trimmed uniforms will be provided if we can arrange the game and tea will be served at each time out."

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GHOST GALLOPS AGAIN—This is the 25th anniversary of Red Grange's never-to-be-forgotten day against Michigan—four touchdowns in 12 minutes and five in the game—but the Old Galloping Ghost of Illinois hasn't lost interest. Supervisor of the Chicago park district's eight junior football schools, Grange, now an insurance broker, gives 12-year-old Raymond Freeman stiff-arming pointers.

# Grid Coaches Sing Praises of Split-T

By HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK (NEA)—Missouri scoring five touchdowns against Ohio State and Oklahoma seven against Boston College further emphasized the advantages of the Split T.

Coaches say the formation designed by Don Faurot of Missouri will revolutionize the attack.

"It is so much different from the regular tight lines used by almost all other formations that coaches will spend many hours trying to set up a defense," says Herb Kopf, the old Washington and Jefferson end who has coached for years and now assists Denny Myers at Boston College.

The man-in-motion made the modern T, though many argued it was a potential back.

But the most glaring fault in the straight T is the complete waste of a potential ball-carrier in the person of the quarterback who does nothing more than fake, hand off and pass.

Coach Faurot solved this with his Quarterback Keep play off the Split T, which Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma variety ran letter perfect in its first outing this season.

Missouri's Quarterback Keep capitalizes on a sliding quarterback who carries, and the ever-present threat of a wide lateral.

It puts the stress on the defensive end, who must elect to play the wide run, or the cutback off tackle.

The Oklahoma guards are about one foot from the center, the tackle, two feet from the guards, the ends three feet from the tackles. These spaces vary with different plays to get the right blocking angles, to be able to flank an opposing lineman.

The backs line up in regular T alignment, the halfbacks behind their own tackles inside shoulder. They are only about two and a half yards behind the line, the fullback a foot deeper, directly behind the quarterback, all down with one and touching the ground like a sprinter.

A Split T quarterback doesn't have to pass. If he does, all the better.

But the Split T quarterback must be a good runner, and that is the real secret of this formation.

On almost every play the quarterback carries the ball out to the right or left along the line of scrimmage.

One time he gives the ball off to the halfback, who hits in through the line from center to tackle, their so-called bread-and-butter play.

Next the quarterback fakes giving the ball to the halfback, and carries around the tackle.

If the defensive end comes in fast to tackle him, he laterals the ball back to the other halfback, who is swinging around wide, led by the fullback, who blocks the first tackler who comes along. He may be the end, backer-up or the halfback on that side.

Now you still don't know whether the play will be an end run, because the halfback who receives the lateral can drop back and throw a forward pass.

Carrying the ball out toward the off-tackle hole, either to keep it or lateral, or the delay caused by this is the crux of this offense. With the regular T, the quarterback does not carry out. If it is an end run, he must flip the ball out after faking to the halfback going into the line, without the threat of running off the tackle with it.

In other words, as the play starts, Missouri and Oklahoma have four places to attack (1) through the line (2) off tackle (3) end run, and (4) fake end run and pass.

Veteran coaches who have seen it believe the Split T will in the near future be as widely used as the standard T, and that there will be much more scoring as already indicated.

All the maneuvers can be run to the right or left, therefore hitting every hole from end to end.

That's about as far as you can go in the way of an attack.

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# Talent Scarcity Are Grid Mentors To Blame?

By DAVE CAMERER

NEW YORK (NEA)—One of these years, college coaches are going to come out of their big sleep to find the cupboard bare of football talent.

Sure, they'll have a passer here, a broken field runner there and perhaps an "offensive" end or two. But their down-the-line strength—linemen who can run, block and tackle and backs who can torpedo an enemy ball-carrier are going to be scarce like whiskey salesmen at a WCTU clam bake.

Faced thusly, the coaches will rear up on their hind legs, beat their heads, their wives, the alumni, "who don't supply me with anything but choir boys."

They will also turn on the high school coaches who are supposed to spawn college material, "but who don't inject the kids with the proper football foundation." They'll moan and they'll bray, but they won't discover the shaggy-eared ass at the bottom of the pile until, one morning perhaps, they'll gaze into their shaving mirror and utter an honest, "Perhaps you're to blame."

Since the war, members of the National Football Coaches association have written themselves into Saturday's football picture to a point where they do everything but run with the ball. Unlimited substitution, the platoon system and other guises of rat-race football have diluted the game to a degree where the players are little more than subway shuttles in a commuters' crush.

Recently, we attended our first high school game since 1941, featuring two Class B schools. It wasn't a handsome revelation. Unlimited substitution in all its ludicrous fury ruled the day. We tried to watch the game but we couldn't take our eyes off the rival coaches, charging up and down opposite sidelines, shouting and making more dumbshow than two idiots with the hotfoot.

Neither quarterback called the plays. The coaches did. You never saw a worse job of master-minding. Six times during the game the head linesman, an All-America halfback of 10 years back, marched over and ordered the coach and his sheep (the subs) back to the bench. His threat: a 15-yard penalty of unsportsmanlike conduct.

The football was as bad as the coaches' ethics. The pathetic side of it all was that neither "leader" realized that had he left his starting team in there for the better part of any quarter, the kids would have broken a lather and functioned like a team despite the coach. Given license to master-mind each play, the coaches try to out-manuever each other like lower-case Zimkims in mortal combat across a chess board.

The luckless pawn? The kids, naturally.

# Suzanne Barred From Amateurs

PORTLAND, Oct. 5 (AP)—Suzanne Zimmerman won't be able to compete in amateur competition for eight months—or until May 1, 1950.

C. R. Holloway Jr., Oregon AAU association president, said Saturday the backstroke record holder had been barred by the Oregon group as the result of her recent tour of The Philippines with other swimmers. The trip was made without sanction of the National AAU.

# Ducks Move to Strengthen Line

EUGENE, Oct. 5 (AP)—Big Sam Nevills, 235 pounds, will be used at tackle on defensive and offensive squads in Oregon's move to strengthen the line for this week's game with Washington State. He has been used on offense only.

Coach Jim Aiken said another shift was Chuck Missfeldt, back, to defensive end.

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