DISTRICT CRUCIAL PITS PELICANS, CAVEMEN

Grid Rivals Square Off Tonight Under Grants Pass Lights

Showdown Football Wrangle Toss-up; Teams Eye State

By RED HURD

Tonight under the Grants Pass lights 107 miles to the west the Klamath Falls Pelicans will try to topple the 1948 state football champions, the highly-rated Cavemen.

Both teams have clean slates in league competition and the winner will no doubt get the job of trying to bring the 1949 state championship to district 2.

Both the Pels and the Cavemen have bagged five victories. Klamath dropped only one contest this season, the opening kings-X skirmish to Grant of Portland. Grants Pass has yet to suffer a loss.

This is a game that has the experts working overtime trying to dope the game. There will be no favorite. At this writing, it's an even-money, take-your-choice affair.

The Black Tornado of Medford was transformed into a mild zephyr by both elevens, although Klamath did the more convincing job with a 21 to 6 score. The Cavemen, allegedly suffering from an acute case of swellitis, had to stage a fourth-quarter rally last week to upend the Tornado, 7 to 6.

The only other common foe of both Klamath and Grants Pass this season was the Ashland team. Here the comparative score picture is changed.

PLACEMENTS WIN

The Pels, having trouble shifting into high gear, won over the Grizzlies on three placements from the sure toe of Dale Carr, 21-18. The Cavemen, however, rang up a lop-sided 46-14 score over Ashland.

Grants Pass hopes will hinge on the hard-charging thrusts of big Vern Craft, halfback. The other halfback, elusive Bobby Davis, also poses a threat although he is nursing an injured arm.

However, Pels aren't bashful in presenting Halfbacks Joe Nichols and Gene Carlson in matching Craft and Davis yard for yard.

From this end, the passing quality of the Cavemen is unknown as to its accuracy. Fundamentally, it is not a passing team that Gonzaga's Mel Ingram will field.

A weak passing attack on the part of the Pelicans in early season has turned into a definite threat in the last two contests.

If any edge is due, the Cavemen rates the nod on a weight bulge and playing on its own field.

EDGE EVENED

However, this advantage, may be evened if injury reports from Grants Pass hold true. In addition to Davis, End Don Hedgepeth and Tackle Cliff Brumbeloe are not in top shape.

Pelican Tackle John Witte was nursing a touchy hip early this week but reports have it he'll be ready for top performance tonight.

Although the Pelican forward wall will be outscaled, the experience is on its side and touchdown paths should be opened for Nichols, Carlson, Joe Demetrakos and company.

If there is any psychological angle, that too would stack up even. The Cavemen will be zealously guarding its reputation as 1948 state grid kings; the Pels will just as zealously aim for the title of the team that knocked over the champions.

State play has evaded the Pels for many years and the Red-and-White will be anxious to get back in the big swim.

A capacity crowd is expected when the ball is placed down for the opening kickoff at 8 o'clock.

Both Coach Bob Hendershott of the Pels and Ingram know that it will take a heads-up performance, sharp blocking and tackling and smart play-calling to win this crucial game.

The blue chips are in the pot. Both teams will be ready to play the winning hand.

Class D Will Play 140 Games

REDDING, Calif., Oct. 28 (AP) Directors of the class D Far West baseball league have decided on a 1950 schedule of 140 games, compared with 126 this year.

League President Jerry Donovan said it is certain the league will have eight teams, although it is not known what cities will replace two which quit last season.

The directors voted at a meeting here yesterday to divert one cent from each admission to the league treasury.

The all-star game between north and south was set for July 11 at Medford, and the playoffs after the regular season will be best three out of five.

WIL Club Switched

BREMERTON, Oct. 28 (AP) — Sale of the Bremerton Western International league baseball club and transfer of the franchise to Wenatchee was formally approved by the Bremerton management last night.

General Manager Alan Strange announced the action but did not disclose the sum involved in the transaction.

The sale, if approved by league officials, would give Wenatchee a team to replace that whose franchise was transferred recently to the tri-cities area of Richland, Kennewick and Pasco.

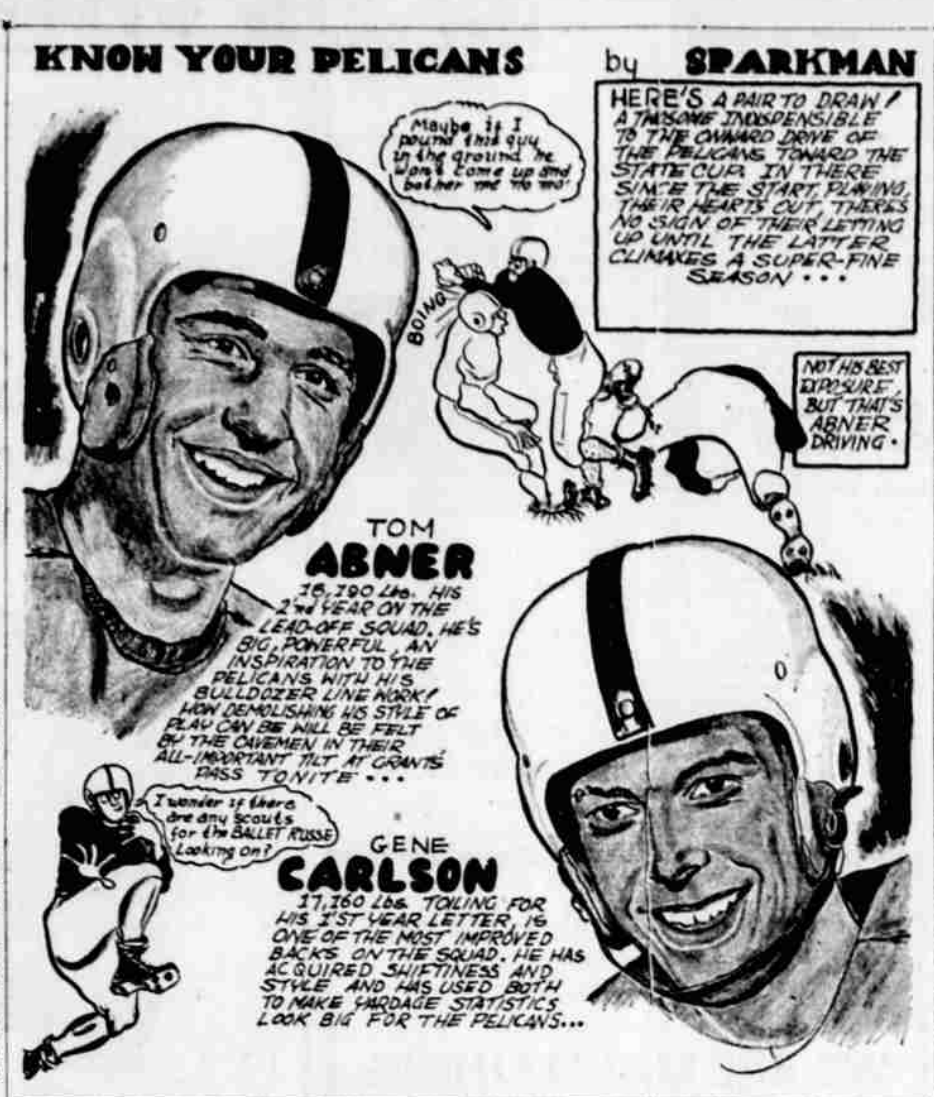
Strange said the purchase was "lock, stock and barrel," and includes contracts of 11 players. They are Infielders Don Stanford, Charlie Bushong, Lou Briganti, Jay Ragni; Catcher Len Neal, and Pitchers Joe Sullivan, Dude Baldwin, Bob Pirack, Ven Kahout, Glen Halstead and Alton Lee.

Ez Shuns Exhibitions For Cinema

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28 (AP) Ezzard Charles has a chance to appear in a motion picture and has cancelled his northwest tour to become an actor.

Fred Sommers, advance man for the National Boxing association's world heavyweight champion, said four appearances were cancelled. Charles was to box in Spokane Nov. 2, Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 3, Seattle, Nov. 4 and Boise, Nov. 7.

In Seattle, Matchmaker Jimmy Fitten said a new headline event would be arranged for the Nov. 4 card.



Four TDs in 12 Minutes

Bob Zuppke Recalls Day Grange Ran Wild Against Michigan Team

(Editor's Note: Bob Zuppke, 79-year-old retired University of Illinois football coach, tomorrow will celebrate his 25th anniversary of Harold "Red" Grange's feat of streaking to four touchdowns in the first 12 minutes of the 39-14 upset of undefeated Michigan.

(It was the greatest triumph in Zuppke's fabulous coaching career.

(Tomorrow Michigan engages Illinois again at Champaign before 71,000. With Zuppke, in his celebration, will be 29 of his former football captains, one for each of the 29 years he served at Illinois starting in 1913. Zuppke, in the following story written for The Associated Press, tells of that memorable 1924 game.)

By BOB ZUPPKE

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Oct. 28 (AP) I'm often asked if there wasn't some other game in which I received a greater thrill than the 1924 Illinois-Michigan game.

Now, the 1916 upset of Minnesota was a great day in my coaching career. Still, nothing could surpass that day October 18, 1924, when Harold Red" Grange routed Michigan. The 1916 victory was for survival (when Illinois defeated a mighty Minnesota team 16-9), but the 1924 game was for glory.

The 1924 triumph over Michigan had the perfect setting. We were dedicating our great stadium. It was homecoming and there was a capacity crowd of 67,000 fans in the stands. Michigan and Illinois were undefeated co-champions of the "Big Ten" the year before when they did not meet and still were unbeaten on this day.

The teams appeared evenly matched. So the resulting 39-14 victory with Grange running wild in the first 12 minutes was one of those things that only happens once in a century. From that viewpoint this game had to be the greatest of my life.

I've been asked, too, why I took Grange out of that game after he had scored four touchdowns on long runs in the first 12 minutes.

Well, I had two reasons. One was fear of injury to "Red." I remembered a game of the past when I had allowed Harold Pogue and Potsy Clark to re-enter a game against the Rolla School of Mines when we were leading by six or seven touchdowns. Pogue got a broken jaw and Clark a couple of sprained ankles.

The second reason is that I didn't want to spoil the show. After all, if Red had just kept making touchdowns it soon wouldn't have meant anything. The fans would have just figured Michigan was a bad team and that Grange's runs meant nothing. You must have proportion and balance.

I remember that before the game I had the players on the field when the sudden thought to remove their stockings struck me. It was an unusually warm day and I felt the players might get relief by removing their stockings.

Fielding Yost (Michigan's coach) immediately suspected a trick—I was supposed to be a sly guy you know—and had the officials feel our boys' legs to see if they were greased. It wasn't a trick—just trying to make the players feel cool. Herb Steger, the Michigan captain (now a Big Ten official), still says that stunt bothered Michigan a lot and that Michigan didn't have its mind on the game.

In the locked room, too, I remember drawing a gigantic "S" on the blackboard and stressing to Grange that this was the way he must run. Grange, you know, liked to head for the sidelines. He was taught to reverse at Illinois. I recall saying over and over to Grange: 'Reverse, Red, reverse."

It Pays to Use the Want-Ads.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (AP)— Notre Dame's "Four Horsemen" have been around town, starting to whoop it up for their 25th anniversary gathering next month. . .and seeing those four guys together takes you back, not 25 but 26 years, to an October afternoon when you were a sophomore sitting in the cheering section at Princeton's Palmer stadium. . .the "Four Horsemen" tag hadn't been coined then and Notre Dame wasn't as famous as it is now. . .the proper Princetonians even tried to give it a French pronunciation as they cheered for "Notruh Dahm" and the Irish followers on the other side firmly corrected them: "Notur Dayme." The Irish, it seems, were right about everything that afternoon.

Football was a little different and a touchdown looked big in those one-platoon days. . .it wasn't until the next fall that Knute Rockne conceived the idea of starting his "shock troops" and playing them through the first quarter. . . . but Princeton didn't have a good team that year and Notre Dame, fresh from a victory over Army, obviously did. . .you didn't know how good until you saw them in action. . . and you still remember how cleanly little Harry Stuhldreher could flatten an opposing end with a rolling block and the wisdom of his signal calling. . .and how slender Elmer Layden seemed to slip through holes in the line without being touched. . .those four touchdowns were maybe a little more than you had anticipated, but it was not entirely a lost afternoon. . .on one occasion the Princeton line managed to shove the "Ramblers" back and block a punt for a safety . . . the 25-2 count indicated your guys had at least done something to uphold the fading prestige of the big three.

Notre Dame, which would play anybody anywhere in those days, returned to Princeton the next fall as a great team. . . it had earned fame and reams of publicity. . .the shock troops were working and you felt it was a bit unfair that a coach should have a second team strong enough to hold the opposition for an entire quarter so he could send in fresh ground-gainers in the second period. . . the rule in those days was that a player once removed from a game couldn't return in the same half. . .another Notre Dame innovation was the revival of the "flying wedge" formation on kick-off returns. . .and you got a great kick out of it yourself when Ed McMillan raced down under the kick-off, bowled over the key man just as the wedge was forming and spilled the runner. . .When Charley Caldwell performed some remarkable tackling feats, a rookie named Jake Slagle flashed some good running and the 12-0 count wasn't as bad as you had expected.

You'd hardly take those four guys for a quartet of ex-football players now, though plumpish, good humored Jim Crowley and Don Miller look big enough. . .compared to today's behemoths, you'd think stubby, balding Stuhldreher must have been the water boy —Layden, not much heavier than he was 25 years ago, could pass for a former student manager. . . and you wouldn't trade the kind of football you see today for their kind — or would you? It was quite exciting then.

MAJOR HOOPLE

Upset Wizard Picks Pitt Over Penn, Washington Over Trojans

By MAJOR AMOS B. HOOPLE
Wizard of Upsets

Gridiron enthusiasts have learned to look to my sterling forecasts for a number of upsets each Saturday.

Egad! This week is no exception. My three recommended specials are Pitt to defeat Penn, Illinois to overcome Michigan and Washington to upset Southern California.

I have received mountains of letters commending me for my success in diagnosing unexpected results. On a recent Saturday, you know, I picked Northwestern to beat Michigan, Rice to prevail over Southern Methodist, and Santa Clara to beat UCLA.

Amazement was nation-wide when these things actually happened.

"How do you do it?" one gentleman wrote from Williamsport, Pa. "I thought I had seen a few crazy prophets in my day, such as the goofs who predict the end of the world, and birds who say it's going to rain because the cat sleeps on the left side of the fireplace, but you are positively the weirdest character I ever met."

Such high praise must not be undeserved, eh, readers?

Now just take a look at the grid fare of October 29, as dished out by the king of them all. Heh-heh!

I'm joking, of course—but truth is often spoken in jest, remember!

Dartmouth 21, Yale 6
Harvard 20, Holy Cross 7
Notre Dame 35, Navy 13
Penn State 20, Syracuse 13
Pitt 21, Penn 14
Minnesota 35, Purdue 13.
Illinois 20, Michigan 14
Wisconsin 20, Indiana 0.
Oregon 14, Iowa 7
Klamath Falls 14, Grants Pass 13
Oklahoma21, Iowa State 6.
Kansas State 14, Kansas 7
Nebraska 14, Missouri 13
Northwestern 14, Ohio State 6
Alabama 14, Georgia 6
Texas Christian 14, Baylor 6
Georgia Tech 13, Duke 0
La. State 19, Mississippi 13
Tulane 27, Miss. State 7
No. Carolina 20, Tennessee 6
Texas 20, So. Methodist 14
Rice 33, Texas Tech 7
California 21, UCLA 13
Stanford 14, Santa Clara 6
Washington 13, So. Calif. 7

College Grid Scores

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Gustavus Adolphus 19, St. Johns (Minn.) 14.

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