

Redkey Signs With 49'ers'

Ex-Pelican Turns To Pro Grid

By RED HURD
Bob Redkey Wednesday signed to play professional football with the San Francisco 49'ers of the National Football League.

In inking with the pro grids Redkey ends an illustrious amateur pigskin career that started at Klamath Union High School and included college play at Oregon Tech, Grays Harbor Junior College and Oregon State College.

His OSC career was nipped early in June when the Pacific Coast Conference fathers turned down his request for another year of eligibility.

He was a defensive back stand-out with the Beavers last year and rumors had it that OSC Coach Kip Taylor had offensive plans for the rugged lad this year.

Redkey's attempt to have his season at Oregon Tech waived failed in the PCC hearing. One year at OTL, one at Grays Harbor and two at OSC added up to four years of college football for Redkey, the limit allowed under Pacific Coast Conference rulings.

Redkey's football feats at Klamath Union High School are still a topic of discussion in the Hot Stove League. He graduated in 1948.

He played for the Ortech Owls in the 1948 season, where Coach Dale Daugherty reportedly informed him he wouldn't lose a year of college eligibility.

The 1949 season saw Redkey at Grays Harbor Junior College. The last two years he played under Taylor at Oregon State.

Redkey has long held hopes of eventually playing pro football—but he felt that this season at Oregon State would drive the final stake in launching him on a successful career among the play-for-pay boys.

He had a regular job virtually tied down with the Beavers and the PCC action came as a distinct blow. "ALL-OUT."

"But I'm going to San Francisco with the idea of making good with the 49'ers," Redkey told our writer. "I'll give it all I have."

Redkey fans hold no qualms about the ex-Pelican giving it "all I've got." He always has. His outstanding defensive chores with the Beavers last season outshone even California's great Les Richter and UCLA's Don Mooney statistically.

Against UCLA he made three quarters of Oregon State's tackles, a trick that made the football experts perk up.

Redkey signed a one-year contract with the 49'ers at \$4,000.

He leaves July 21 for the 49'ers' training camp at Menlo Junior College.

Standing Room Only Seen for Title Tiff

But one judge was missing from the fistie roster today as pre-fight clamor threatened to split the Armory seams for Saturday night's championship fight.

Promoter Mack Lillard and the Boxing Commission were expected to land the other judge today for the middleweight squabble that will see Dick Wolfe defend his North-west crown that he's held just three weeks against ex-titholder Earl Turner of Richmond, Calif.

Regular fight fans are having trouble remembering a scrap that has brewed up the interest this one has—intended by the June 20 decision that rocked the Armory with angry shouts from the customers.

Only three witnesses to that fight when Wolfe lifted Turner's title have been found who thought the verdict was right—and that includes the referee and one judge who voted for the Indian lad.

The reverberations were so intense the Boxing Commission was forced to hire a brand new official family for the rematch.

Earl Yeakley, huge ex-purist of Medford, was named early this week to referee the bout. Wally Moss, third man in the ring June 20, will handle the preliminary matches.

One judge—picked Tuesday—is Bob Ross Sr., popular Klamath Falls mechanic, who was once a fighter in his own right and has

handled the referee's chore in this city's early fistie days.

Matchmaker Lillard yesterday completed the outstanding supporting card.

Rivaling—but not quite equalling—the championship melee for pure interest is the six-round semi-wind-up that sends Beatty's Ralph Weiser against Seattle's Blackie Vanderveer in a lightweight rematch.

Vanderveer's cocky ring generalship has caught on with the fans here in his two showings—the first a decisive win over Weiser, the second a knockout victory over highly-rated Monty Montgomery.

But the Beatty Bomber—caught with his bombs down in his defeat



BOB ROSS SR. ... to judge brawl

by Vanderveer—has been screaming loud and long for a return meeting with Vanderveer.

Jerry Renaud, Portland, who has been near the top of the heap among Northwest lightweights and welterweights, faces Klamath Falls' own Rudy Carlson in the special event, also down for six rounds.

Four-rounders put Porky Jimenez against Phil Jackson and Danny Rio against Zane Mingo.

Dick Reeder's, 5th and Main, report reserved tickets "moving nicely."

Cards Threaten Brooks, Giants

By The Associated Press
The next two weeks should decide the fate of Eddie Stanky's St. Louis Cardinals.

Beginning Thursday night, the red-hot Redbirds take on Philadelphia, Brooklyn and New York in succession before closing out their home stay with Boston in an 11-game stand against the Eastern clubs.

By then, the sizzling Cards may either have blown a fuse or have established themselves as a solid pennant threat on an even footing with the Dodgers and Giants.

Currently the hottest club in the National League, the Cards are riding high on a nine-game winning streak, with 18 triumphs in their last 22 games.

Wallowing in the second division a month ago, they have pushed

into third place, nine and a half games behind Brooklyn.

While the Cards are threatening to make a three-team affair of the National League race, the American continues to resemble a fox hunt with Cleveland, Washington, Boston and Chicago chasing the New York Yankees.

The White Sox showed speed of foot during the past week to move into the runner-up spot, three games behind the Yankees.

The Indians, Senators and Red Sox are not far behind.

The Yankees face an opportunity to increase their first place margin, launching a 14-game home stand Thursday night with the St. Louis Browns as the first of four Western opponents.

All Major League teams were idle Wednesday, the usual open date after the All-Star game.

Salas, Matman In Cafe Brawl

LOS ANGELES (AP)—What happens when lightweight boxing champion Laure Salas, weight 130, tangles with wrestler Carlos Guzman, weight 230?

Nothing much, said witnesses to an impromptu clash between the two at a cafe run by ex-fighter Baby Arizmendi.

Salas, who has had two previous well publicized cafe fights in a year, fractured nothing but the air with his punches.

Guzman came out with a bloody lip. He bit it somehow.



BOB REDKEY

... puts name on 49'er contract

RIDIN' HERD

RELATIVES OF Eddie Urness are highly incensed over recent squibs in this column about the \$50,000 Bonus Baby of The Dalles, Ore.

Said kin residing in Klamath Falls have interpreted my remarks as a personal blast against the boy. But they're not.

I included Urness among other untired rookies who signed for fabulous sums with major league clubs.

Prime purpose of the column was to point up the foolishness of paying such ridiculous sums of mawoola.

It wasn't intended as a blast for Urness—no more than it was for Paul Pettit, Derak Wooten, Jerry Zimmermann and Dick Wakefield, other Cash Cakes mentioned in the column.

CERTAINLY I'm not alone in labeling the bonus binge a wild spending spree that stuffs kids' pockets with more money than they know what to do with.

A guy named Ford Frick, who, incidentally, is the Grand Czar of the Major Leagues, describes it as "wild and crazy spending."

Major League clubowners, no less, have agreed to appoint a committee to look into the matter. In other words, they're not for it.

Frick went on to say that there was "unanimous feeling that some rule limiting outlandish payments to untired youngsters must eventually be written into the books."

BUT BACK to Urness.

It's ridiculous to intimate that I'd level a blast at the boy. I don't even know him.

He's no doubt a nice boy. His record shows he was an outstanding high school pitcher.

Maybe he'll someday earn the package of greenbacks the high-spending Red Sox gave him.

Incidentally, Urness' Klamath Falls uncle says he didn't get that much. Maybe not all at once because bonuses are usually spread over a handful of years.

But that's the figure the Red

Sarazen Skids

ST. ANNE'S-ON-Sea, England (AP)—The British Open golf championship went into the second round Thursday with a tense battle developing between 1947 champion Fred Daly and a strong British Empire group.

The five Americans still in the running were trailing far back of the leaders and another bad day could all but drop them out of contention.

Willie Goggin of Montclair, N. J., was in seventh place with a 71. Following were Jimmy Hines of Chicago with a 73, veteran Gene Sarazen of Germantown, N. Y., and Willie Hunter of Los Angeles with 74's and amateur Frank Stranahan of Toledo with a 75.

Forty-Niners Sign Veterans

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The San Francisco 49ers Thursday announced the signing of veteran linemen Gordy Soltau and Bruno Banducci and five free agents.

Soltau, end, and the National Football League's second top pass receiver last season with 59 catches. Banducci, a guard, plays with the offensive platoon.

The free agents signed are Bobby Bryan, halfback Stanford; Sam Adams, end, Whitworth; Gil Peterson, end-tackle, Nebraska Teachers; Earl Combs, guard-tackle, Puget Sound, and Gene Thompson, fullback, Augustana.

THE STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Oakland	56	40	583
Hollywood	57	42	576
San Diego	56	43	566
Los Angeles	51	48	515
Seattle	47	48	508
Portland	42	51	452
San Francisco	40	59	404
Sacramento	40	60	400

Wednesday's Results
Seattle 4, Los Angeles 1, 14 innings
San Diego 6, San Francisco 0
Hollywood 4, Sacramento 3
Oakland 10, Portland 0

Western International League

Victoria	40	28	538
Spokane	44	37	543
Vancouver	39	33	542
Tri-City	37	42	468
Salem	36	42	462
Lewiston	35	41	461
Yakima	37	45	451
Wenatchee	36	48	444

Wednesday's Results
Victoria 10, Yakima 4
Wenatchee 3, Vancouver 2 (10 innings)
Tri-City 3, Spokane 1
Salem 8, Lewiston 3

(National and American Leagues standings unchanged; no games played Wednesday.)

Grants Pass Girl Third on Skates

DENVER (AP)—Evelyn Olson of Oakland, Calif., won the senior ladies' 440-yard speedskating event as finals in the American Amateur Roller Skating Championships extended into the early morning Thursday.

Betty Steves, Alliance, O., was second and Alberta Chasteen, Grants Pass, Ore., third.

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SPORTS

Lorino Notches 14th Victory for Victoria

By The Associated Press
The front-running Victoria Tyeas handed Yakima a 10-4 setback Wednesday night to send the Bears tumbling down the Western International League ladder after an overnight stay in sixth place.

The win opened Victoria's lead to six full games and pushed Yakima into the No. 7 slot, half a game out of the cellar.

Tri-City moved into fourth place with a 3-1 win over Spokane and Salem, the underdog place club Tuesday, took up a position half a game back of the Braves after trouncing Lewiston 8-3. Wenatchee edged Vancouver 3-2 in 10 innings in the windup game of their series at Vancouver.

FOURTEEN
Ben Lorino notched his 14th win for Victoria as the Tyeas posted their first win in the three-game series against Yakima's Bears. It was the Bears' second loss in 14 starts and snapped their latest winning streak at four straight.

While the defeat left the Bears half a game out of the cellar, they were a game and a half behind Tri-City in the closely knotted second division race.

Big George New turned in another topnotch hurling job at Kennewick as Tri-City evened the series with Spokane at a game apiece. New struck out nine batters while scattering seven hits. Spokane managed to put two of them together in the seventh for its only

SPORTS MIRROR

By The Associated Press
Today a year ago—the National League All-Stars walloped the American Leaguers, 8-3, in the 18th annual All-Star game at Briggs Stadium, Detroit.

Five years ago—Don Black pitched a no-hitter for the Cleveland Indians to defeat his former team, the Philadelphia Athletics, 3-0.

Ten years ago—Arne Anderson was clocked in 4:06.2 mile, equaling the new unofficial mark set the previous week by Gunder Haegg.

Twenty years ago—Helen Willis Moody won the International Tennis Tournament at Woodwyck, Holland.

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