



ED MOLLOY

Splinters To Stardom Story Of Ed Molloy

By JOHN McCALLUM
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NEW HAVEN, Conn. (NEA)—Ed Molloy was an obscure nobody picking up splinters on the Yale bench a year ago.

Finally, flushed up from the junior varsity, his big moment came.

Harvard was leading the Elis, 21-14, with time running out.

"Molloy," barked Herman Hickman, beckoning the recruit quarterback to his side. "Get in there, son."

"Yes, sir," said the young man, and he galloped onto the field. With the poise of a professional and the coolness of a surgeon, Molloy set about blowing the enemy's brains out with a dazzling display of cannoning. He completed seven in a row, the last one for the touchdown that gave the Bulldogs a breath-catching 21-21 tie.

Today Molloy, who had never before been a football regular, is being heralded as one of the hottest, brightest bolts of kinetic energy to flash across the Yale scene since the days of Larry Kelley.

BEZING
Molloy's craftsmanship is downright belying, fools the opposition as well as the fans. He isn't exactly a picture-book ball-handler, but his 77 completions in the first seven games, a new school mark, testifies he is better than somewhat.

One cannot analyze intuition. Molloy smells a receiver as a cat sniffs a rat. Ed Woodsum is generally the terminal point of his deadly pitches.

After the Molloy-Woodsum one-two punch had crushed Dartmouth, 21-7, an irate Indian rooster declared:

"All Molloy can do is pass."
"Yes!" tartly replied a Yale man, "and all Ezio Pinza can do is sing!"

RETIRED
Off the field, the Fairfield, Conn., junior is reticent, yet companionable. When the whistle blows, the Dr. Jekyll in his nature is metamorphosed into the Mr. Hyde of combat. It is as Mr. Hyde that his unhappy rivals know him.

While Molloy is far from being poetry in motion, his improvement has been astonishing.

"He's come farther and faster than any back I've seen in years," says Backfield Coach Jerry Neri, who developed Los Angeles Lora's Don Klosterman, the nation's leading passer last season.

With Molloy on the heating end, Woodsum tied Larry Kelley's 16-year-old career record of 14 touchdowns in two games. This with still the Princeton and Harvard games to go.

MAJOR
Molloy is 21, stands 5-10, and weighs 175. A member of the Navy Reserve program, he's majoring in American Studies. His uncle, Frank Gallagher, killed in World War II, was a Yale lineman in the 1930s.

There's a certain quality of mental toughness about this boy. He's as durable as he is reliable. On the second play against Dartmouth he broke his nose, signaled for time and strode over to the sideline.

"Fix 'er up, doc," he said. Months later, completely unruffled and wearing a mask, the rifle-armed Yale signal-caller was back on the firing line. His score for the day was 13 completions out of 23 attempts.

Stanky Cuts Two Coaches

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — This "Time for a change" routine is catching on all over. Even Manager Eddie Stanky of the St. Louis Cardinals has the fever, and as a result Redbird coaches are falling from the roster like autumn leaves.

Since Monday the coaching staff has suffered a 50 per cent cut. Two quick announcements severed veterans Terry Moore and Clyde (Buzzy) Wares from the club.

Only Mike Ryba and Johnny Riddle remain. Their future is up to Stanky, and the peppery "Manager of the Year" in the National League isn't talking.

LEAVE
Neither is the Card front office. Nothing has been said beyond President Fred Saigh's announcement Monday that Moore had been granted a "leave of absence" to attend to outside interests, and Wares' dismissal notice Tuesday.

Moore said flatly he was fired, and had turned down an offer to stay in the organization.

The one-time great center fielder who broke in with the Gas House Gang Cardinals in 1935 had words for Stanky:

"Stanky was temperamentally unsuited for the job of manager," said Moore. "The job was too big for him. When he loses a ball game he acts more like a 9-year-old boy than a manager."

SNAPPED
From his Fair Hope, Ala., home Stanky snapped back:

"I'm the manager of this club. And as manager I exercised my privilege of making a change in the coaching staff when I see fit."

Who will fill the vacancies is anybody's guess. Harry (The Hat) Brecheen, released as a pitcher recently, was expected to be called back as a coach. But he was taken away by the St. Louis Browns.

Best bet now is Milt Stock, Stanky's father-in-law and recently resigned Pittsburgh coach.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The mighty left arm of little Bobby Shantz is out of a cast and as good as new, the 24-game winner reported to his Philadelphia Athletics bosses.

Shantz, whose left wrist was fractured by a pitched ball served up by Walt Masterson of the Washington Senators last Sept. 23, had a few anxious moments, though, after telling Manager Jimmy Dykes the good news yesterday.

Dykes and General Manager Art Ebers, with a few sly winks, eyed Bobby's healed arm suspiciously and hinted that it might be best for the soup-bone to be X-rayed before getting around to talking contract for 1953.

The conscientious Shantz took the kidding seriously and rushed off to Graduate Hospital to have the arm X-rayed. Physicians said it is in perfect condition. What's more, physical check-up disclosed Bobby now weighs a hulking 149 pounds, 10 pounds more than at the end of last season.

CHICAGO (AP)—The Professional Golfers' Association Wednesday studied a controversial proposal to modify the current match play status of the PGA's national tournament.

For the last 36 years, the meet has been confined strictly to match play after two days of qualifying to determine a 64-man field.

The new plan would devote the first four days to 72 holes of medal play, cutting the field to 15 plus the defending champion. Then would follow three days of man-to-man match play.

A vote was expected on the proposal Wednesday at the annual PGA meeting.

Proponents argue that a change in rules would mean more money taken in at the tournament because the big name pros would have less chance of being knocked out early.

Fans pay to see these winners, they say, and won't be as interested if final contests feature unknowns.

Club pros who oppose the plan think it gives them less chance of winning.

BUFFALO N. Y. — Joey Giambra, 155 1/2, Buffalo, outpointed Joey Giardello, 154 1/2, Brooklyn, 10.



HOLDING DOWN the offensive tackle spots for Oregon Tech Saturday against Eastern Oregon will be Greene Rudd (left) and Charlie Wagner.

EOC Next For Owls

Defensive work, sparkling against Boise JC but sagging against Oregon College, comes in for special attention this week as Oregon Tech drills for invasion of La Grande Saturday and its league tilt with the Eastern Oregon Mountaineers.

Owl Headman Rex Hunsaker also indicated pass defense would be stressed because the Mountaineers make no secret of the fact they'll rely on the throwing arm of Gary Burton, the freshman quarterback from Elgin who scales just 145 pounds.

Burton has thrown 67 passes, completed 32 this season for a net gain of 288 yards, including six scoring pitches.

TARGET
Burton's favorite target is Ken Westenskow, freshman end from La Grande.

The Owls and Mountaineers will battle for second spot in the Oregon Collegiate Conference after the Owls flunked its chance for the title Saturday in a 12-13 loss to Oregon College.

Both hold 1-1 records in league play, losing to the Monmouth State and whipping Portland State.

The Mountain Boys dropped a 12-33 decision to Oregon College, defeated Portland State 18-6. The Owls clobbered Portland State 54-0.

FULL STRENGTH
With two weeks of rest, the Mountaineers will be at full strength for the Owls. Heartened by Oregon College's upset win over the Owls and remembering the 6-73 shellacking they soaked up against Oretech last season, the Mountaineers are expected to be high for this one.

Running threat for Eastern Oregon is Jim McAllister, senior player in his last game along with guard Clyde Cox and tackle Jack Chapman.

McAllister is the only three-year letterman on the squad.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Ray Lee, 152, Fort Benning, Ga., outpointed Jim Jewell, 154, Birmingham, Ala. 10.

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Gayle Talbot

Progress Seen in Campaign To Return Grid Sport to Normalcy

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP)—The American Council on Education, which about a year and a half ago set up a special committee headed by Dr. John Hannah of Michigan State to try to introduce a little sanity into college football, feels that it has accomplished a good deal more, in a broad sense, than might generally be realized.

Specifically, the committee feels that the progress which has been made on the fundamental issues—recruiting and subsidization—has been somewhat obscured by the widespread refusal of the founts of learning to drop spring practice and to ostracize the lily "New Year's Day Bowl" games. These latter issues, we learn, were only very minor facets of the overall problem.

Not exactly aggrieved at a tendency to underestimate the committee's work, but feeling nonetheless strongly that the educators should at least be given credit for what they have done, Raymond Howes, who acted as secretary of the Hannah committee, desires a word.

"If the committee has done nothing else," said our caller, "it has succeeded in bringing the nation's college presidents together in the common cause and convincing

them that they must take an increasingly active hand in regulating their sports programs.

"There has been intense activity during the past year and a half in every athletic conference. In most conferences there have been movements by presidents of institutions either to assume direct control or to exert greater influence on policies approved by their representatives.

"As an example, Commissioner Tug Wilson of the Big 10 Conference has just been instructed that hereafter he will make his reports directly to the college presidents instead of to the faculty representatives. I believe a similar policy has been adopted in the Pacific Coast Conference. I cannot help feeling that that represents real progress, and there are many similar examples.

"A questionnaire the committee sent out in March and which was answered by 335 schools indicated there has been a perceptible shift in the feeling about over-emphasis. Of the number, 237 said they already had given members of their athletic departments comparable status with other members of their faculty. Another 31 said they would prohibit financial inducements to athletes; 15 said they would sponsor no more contests in which prospective students might display special talents.

"As far as spring practice and bowl games are concerned, progress toward abolishing them has, indeed, been slow. The committee didn't promise any miracles. But it is also true that if those were the only problems football faces, the committee never would have been formed."

Maupin Merrill Grid Foe

By The Associated Press
The line-up is complete for the Oregon high school Class B football play-offs.

Maupin became the final entry when it defeated Moro, 14-0, on its home field Tuesday.

Drain will meet Monroe at Cottage Grove in the opening play-off game Thursday night. On Saturday, Wallawa clashes with Weston at Pendleton. Jefferson plays host to Garibaldi and Merrill meets Maupin at Maupin.

Wallawa, with 23 consecutive victories, is favored to retain the championship it won last year. Maupin, though, has won eight this year and has been scored on only once.

SPORTS

Fritz Crisler Favors Regional TV Control

By HARRY STAPLER
ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Athletic Director Fritz Crisler favors this middle-ground plan to settle the squabble over televising of college football games.

Let each of the eight NCAA districts run its own TV-control plan. That would mean eight games on TV each Saturday instead of the single game currently permitted across the nation.

Crisler came up with the regional plan yesterday while the controversy flared anew in New York. In that city Dr. Allen B. Dumont, president of the Allen B. Dumont Laboratories, charged the National Collegiate A. A. television committee is conducting a monopolistic boycotting operation in its restricted one-game-a-week program.

Crisler said he did not favor the current program. "We're going to have to live with television from now on and I think we should give television a chance."

"I think we can do it better if we split the program up into eight districts and not go across district lines."

Gimbel, Jackson Fight Tonight

TACOMA (AP)—Frankie Gimbel of Spokane and Sgt. Matt Jackson of Fort Lewis square off here Wednesday night in one of two 10-round light-heavyweight matches, headlining a five-bout boxing card.

Eddie Cotten of Seattle will meet Jimmy Ingram of Los Angeles in the second 10-rounder.

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