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"At \$25 a day for this suite you'd think they'd have a rug with a better nap for putting, wouldn't you, Gwen?"

OSC Jinx Next For Huskies

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington Coach Johnny Chaberg, the memory of Saturday's 50-0 humbling at the hands of the Michigan Wolverines still ranking, called the Huskies to a skull session Monday as they started practice for the Pacific Coast Conference opener here next weekend with Oregon State.

"Somewhere along the line," the coach declared, "we'll get a good game together and then we'll be on our way."

But after consecutive losses to Colorado and Michigan, Chaberg and most Washington supporters were reluctant to say whether the "good game" would come in the meeting Saturday with Oregon State.

Although OSC—like Washington—has lost its first two season starts, fans noted the Beavers will be bringing their own "jinx" to the Husky stadium. Washington hasn't won from an OSC team here since 1942.

Chaberg said fumbles, blocked kicks and intercepted passes are "all part of the game of football," but indicated he believed the Huskies had more than their share of them in the intersectional clash at Ann Arbor.

Thanks to the misuses, interceptions and costly penalties, the Wolverines played most of the afternoon in Washington territory.

Statistically, Washington made only five first downs against 20 for Michigan. The Wolverines piled up 471 yards on offense, 337 by rushing and 134 by passing, completing 10 of 21 attempted passes. Washington hit only five of 17. The Huskies netted 61 yards by passing and 72 by rushing.

Washington's only scoring threat came in the second period when Bobby Dunn took a Michigan kickoff from the Washington eight to the Wolverines' 25 in the long-worked run of the game. The Huskies worked the ball to the Michigan eight, but lost it on downs.

WIL to Run; Eugene Wants Yakima Club

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Western International League directors say the Class A loop will operate in 1954 but whether there will be eight or ten teams won't be decided until November.

After a day-long session Saturday devoted to financial problems resulting from lagging attendance in 1953, the directors voted to postpone final action until the winter meeting. That will be held at Victoria, B.C. Nov. 9, the directors decided.

Two club owners have indicated they plan to abandon their WIL holdings but "nobody surrendered their franchise" at the meeting here, a spokesman said.

Frederick Meroy Jr., owner of the Yakima Bears, and Roy Hotchkiss, president of the Spokane Indians, announced previously they will give up their franchises before the start of the 1954 season.

Mercy told a reporter he has not changed his mind but will not take final action until the November meeting. A group from Eugene, Ore., has expressed interest in ac-

Another Brushoff For Veeck

BY JOE REICHLER

NEW YORK (AP) — The impoverished St. Louis Browns, denied permission to transfer to Baltimore, are still in St. Louis today but the club appears headed for the West Coast by 1955.

Vice President Del Webb of the New York Yankees, leader in yesterday's successful fight against Baltimore—that city's second rebuff in six months—is prepared to lead the way westward with Los Angeles the preferred spot.

Webb was one of four American League club owners who told Browns President Bill Veeck that for the time being he must stay in St. Louis, where he lost upwards of three-quarters of a million dollars in 1952.

The vote was four in favor of moving to Baltimore and four against. The Browns thus fell two short of the necessary two-thirds majority. A breakdown of the secret ballot was not announced but it was learned that Philadelphia, Boston and Cleveland sided with New York against the move. Cleveland was one of the two clubs which voted for Veeck last March when he first sought permission to move to the Maryland city.

BLOW

The league's decision proved a crushing blow for both Veeck and the Baltimore delegation.

Webb and Vice President Calvin Griffith of Washington said Veeck announced at the meeting he would sell the Browns to a St. Louis syndicate seeking the club, but Veeck denied this.

"I don't know what I'm going to do," Veeck said immediately following the meeting.

Later after he had discussed the matter with his associates, Veeck appeared even more bitter than ever.

"This is personal," he said. "They're trying to squeeze me out of baseball. I'll decide what to do by tomorrow morning. I may do something that could be called regrettable."

MUM

Veeck declined to disclose his plans but Rudy Schaeffer, general manager of the Browns, said:

"The next step could be a lawsuit. We may bring a two million dollar suit against the league for the stock that has been subscribed by the people of Baltimore and damages for commitments made."

Webb championed the bid of a Los Angeles group headed by Mayor Norris Poulson. This delegation put up a cash offer of 2½ million dollars for the franchise and said up to six million could be raised within 10 days.

INEVITABLE

"Expansion of major league baseball to the West Coast is inevitable," Webb said. "I am a Westerner and therefore I know better than the other owners what a great potential Los Angeles and San Francisco have."

"This is not a personal ambition. I am not thinking of myself or the Yankees. I have the best interests of the American League at heart. We've got to move to the coast—and real soon. If we don't, then the National League will beat us to it."



RUSS NEWELL looks happy after he won his first dash of the season last night at Gems Speedway. With the win came a trophy and a congratulatory kiss from Trophy Gal Carol Walker.

Next Race Program Oct. 11

ALPHA Baldwin and Helen Waybrant captured the Powder Puff races last night at Gems Speedway before another full house.

It was the second straight week the girls took the spotlight from the men drivers.

Russ Newell, Klamath Falls high-point driver, finally got back in the winners' circle to end a slump that lasted several weeks.

But Newell didn't win the Main Event. That 25-lap race went to Bernie Miller of Medford, who also won the third heat and final heat for a big night.

Newell scored in the Trophy Dash, the first time he's won the race that brings a kiss with the hardware.

The lanky pilot lined up in the dash after winning the first heat. Other heat winners were Jack Liveley in the second, Pee Wee Rous in the fourth and Jerry Johnson of Yreka in the fifth.

Lloyd Cramer won the Consolation Race, Johnny Hiltson the semi-main event.

Track Manager Sam Neslin said there would be no races Sunday because of the Saturday opening of the Oregon deer season on an afternoon show is planned for Oct. 11.

Cougars Win On Bobble

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — Sophomore halfback James Hagerly recovered a College of the Pacific fumble in the fourth quarter Saturday night and raced 15 yards to paydirt to give Washington State College a 26-20 victory over the Tigers in a non-conference football game.

The Cougars, bouncing back from the previous week's 29-13 loss to Southern California, scored twice in the second period after yielding the initial counter to COP in the first frame, and added a tie-breaker in the third. COP pulled ahead with a one-point margin in the third on a successful conversion after WSC had missed a try-for-point, but couldn't match the final Cougar tally in the fourth.

Both teams unveiled strong passing attacks. COP completed 19 of 37 attempted passes for 203 yards in the air. WSC completed 7 of 15 for 111 yards.

WSC scored its two touchdowns in the second period before COP could run a play. The Cougars drove 70 yards for the first tally, then went 59 yards to the second touchdown after recovering an on-side kick.

Lions Maul Steelers, 38-21; Rams, 49ers Win Pro Openers

BY ED CORRIGAN

NEW YORK, (AP) — Last year at this time no one thought much of the Detroit Lions' chances of winning the National Football League championship. Here and there, the words "dark horse" crept into the conversation, but that was as far

Stanford Surprise To Ducks

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Stanford surprised Oregon with a touchdown and conversion in the opening minutes Saturday, then set up a lopsided defense that left the Ducks on the short end of a 7-0 score in their Pacific Coast Conference opener here.

Quarterback Bob Garrett scored for the Indians after they had marched three-quarters of the way downfield, racing around his own left end for the last four yards on a bootleg play. He also converted.

The Ducks organized three drives of their own but bogged down against the Stanford defense. Both teams played a ground game almost exclusively. The few passes were ineffective.

The game opened the PCC season for the two clubs. Oregon upset Nebraska 20-12 in an intersectional tilt the previous week, and Stanford lost to College of the Pacific 25-20.

Irish Show Grid Power

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Coach Frank Leahy unwrapped what many observers believe to be one of his finest Notre Dame football teams in Saturday's 28-21 conquest of Oklahoma, and Monday morning quarterbacks were looking around for a power that could stop the Irish.

Seasoned in depth and experience and boasting a backfield that showed itself equally adept in the air and on the ground, Leahy proved he doesn't need two platoons to turn out a grid giant, although he would prefer it.

"Our starting team had to play 55 minutes and only 23 of our men get into the game," the veteran coach said. "Not many boys got to play very long and the quality of football was off."

Despite the opening game loss to the Irish, Boomer Coach Bud Wilkinson served notice his comparatively green team is going to be tough to beat in future games.

"Our boys could have quit any time," he said, "but they kept on fighting. I think we'll come along."

Major League Attendance Skids

BY BEN PHLEGAR

Baseball 1953 produced a pair of short-priced pennant winners and a host of long-shot individual champions.

The New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers so clearly outclassed their opposition that a 10-year-old child who couldn't pick the winners by early June should have been chastised.

The Yanks, winning a record-breaking fifth straight crown, led for all but nine days of the season. They finished 8½ games ahead of the Cleveland Indians.

Brooklyn clinched its second successive flag, unique in Dodger history, on Sept. 12, earliest date in league history. The Dodgers ended 13 games in front of the surprising Milwaukee Braves.

But the individual winners, particularly the batting champions, rarely figured in pre-season calculations.

Carl Furillo of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who during the winter gambled his major league career on a delicate eye operation to improve his vision, won the National League batting title with an excellent .344 average. A year ago

he hit a weak .243.

And in the American League Mickey Vernon of Washington, whose 1946 batting crown was viewed by many as more luck than skill, jumped from .281 last season to .337, one point ahead of Al Rosen of Cleveland. It was the first time since 1946 that Vernon has hit over .300.

Eddie Mathews of the Braves, last year's top strikeout victim, clouted 47 home runs for the National League title. No other second year man ever hit as many.

Rosen won both the homer and run-batted-in crowns in the American League. He hit 43 home runs, 15 more than last year, and drove home 145 runs. His desperate try to add the batting title failed by a single step. Needing one more hit to win, he apparently beat out an infield hit in his last time at bat.

But his last-second jump missed first base and he was out. Roy Campanella of the Dodgers broke almost every record available for a catcher, both offensively and defensively. His 142 runs batted in gave him the National League title.

In the pitching department the most impressive winners were

Warren Spahn of the Braves, who won 23 while losing only 7, and Bob Feller of Washington with a 23-10 record. Robin Roberts won more than 30 games for the fourth straight year, finishing with a 23-16 mark after a rough final six weeks. Carl Erskine of Brooklyn and rookie Harvey Haddix of St. Louis were the National League's other 20-game winners. In the American League, Bob Lemon of Cleveland, Virgil Trucks of Chicago and Mel Parrell of Boston hit the 20-game circle. Lemon won 21.

POOR YEAR

It was a poor year for last year's stars. Bobby Shantz of the Athletics, last year's Most Valuable Player in the American League, was plagued by serious arm trouble. He won only five games and lost nine after a brilliant 1952 season when he won 24. Hank Sauer of the Cubs, the National League's MVP, also courted injuries most of the year. He batted only .263, hit 18 home runs and batted in 60.

Harry Byrd of Philadelphia, selected as the American League's Rookie of 1952, was the circuit's only 20-game loser this season. Joe Black of Brooklyn, the National League star rookie, also found it rough. He won six and lost three but never approached the effectiveness he showed a year ago.

FANS OFF

Major league attendance fell off almost a quarter of a million from 1952. The drop would have been tremendous reception given major league ball in Milwaukee. The Braves set a National League record by drawing 1,838,897 fans. The only other club to gauge attendance by the total was the Yankees, who drew 1,439,146 for both leagues.

An 8-2 final-day triumph over Philadelphia enabled the Dodgers to break an all-time Brooklyn club record with 105 victories. The Yankees, who had figured to win 100, missed by one when they were blown out by the Yankees 10-2. The scheduled second game was canceled because of darkness.

In other last-day games Detroit beat Cleveland 7-3. Chicago edged the St. Louis Browns 9-1 in 11 innings and Philadelphia whipped the Senators 6-2. In the National League, Milwaukee defeated Cincinnati 3-2. Chicago defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 3-0 and Pittsburgh whipped the Giants 6-4.

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