

PELS NUDGE REDDING, 56-54

Fowl Season 'One of Worst'

Weather In North Blamed

By BILL JENKINS

What was forecast in October as the biggest and best duck season since before the war ended today at sunset — and will probably go down in the memory of man as one of the worst seasons the Klamath Basin has ever had.

A number of things contributed to this miserable miscarriage of the crystal-ballers' brain child. Mild weather in Alaska and Canada held up the mass migration until a late date. Until so late, in fact, that a lot of the birds didn't come through here. They used the flyways to the east and to the west instead. Or so, at least, is the theory held by some experts.

SURPLUS

A surplus of feed for the ducks and geese was on hand to greet early arrivals, and this, coupled with a brilliant period of full moonlight nights, made for a lack of flight the likes of which these tired old eyes haven't seen in many a long season. Geese in the California area particularly would stuff themselves on barley until they could barely clear the ground, then waddle down the runway for a shiny take-off, fly around until they had shaken their meal down a bit and then head back for the sanctuary.

Something possibly heavy shooting, taught this year's birds, ducks and geese alike, to take to the air like a JATO equipped plane, straight up for the first hundred yards, and come in for a landing like a parachutist, straight down.

A bigger bag limit and extended shooting hours were hailed by the authorities as a boon to the hunters, which it certainly was. But, as one federal man put it, the real thing we need is not to give bigger bag limits but to give more hunters a chance to bag at least a few birds. Hunting area, shrinking over the years, was more restricted this year than any year to date. More reserves, more posted land, more private gun clubs.

BLUEBIRD

Bluebird weather prevailed over a good deal of the season, the California split gave the birds a couple of weeks' king's-X over the line, cold weather and later part of the season covered ponds and lakes, mud hampered efforts earlier when hunters tried the back roads. Just about everything that could happen did.

A proposed ten-day extension of the Oregon season got the brush-off, but it probably wouldn't have helped anyway. Like the year of the blue snow, this year's migratory bird season will be remembered as the year of the great ph-u-u-u.

Faloney Reinjures Bad Knee

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Injured quarterback Wednesday caused consternation among Maryland forces, concern in the Oklahoma backfield and really fouled up speculation over outcome of their Orange Bowl football game on Friday.

Maryland threw up its hands in despair immediately after quarterback Bernie Faloney's injured knee gave way on him in Tuesday's workout.

"There goes our team," said downhearted Coach Jim Tatum. Faloney walked around fairly well Tuesday night and trainer Duke Wyrse said if the knee didn't swell up by Wednesday it might be all right.

Coach Bud Wilkinson also is keeping his fingers crossed over a shoulder separation suffered by Pat O'Neal, Oklahoma's second string quarterback.

O'Neal was hurt Monday in a punting drill, but didn't realize it until Tuesday. His playing ability on Friday is problematical, depending on the injury's response to treatment.

SHUFF STUFF

One of Klamath Falls' favorite indoor sports gets underway Monday when the Klamath Shuffleboard League starts its winter play.

Thirteen teams are entered in one league; last year two leagues operated. In a recent election, Jack Jackson, was named president and Mary Ann Lyman re-appointed secretary.

Jack Ryan, swimming coach at the University of Florida, performed his collegiate swimming chores at Ohio State.

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UP FRONT—Michigan State linemen limber up for UCLA in the Pasadena Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. They are (l to r) end Don Dohoney, tackle Larry Fowler, guards Harry Bullough and Ferris Hallmark, center Jim Neal, tackle Jim Webb and end Bill Quinlan.

Worries Pester Biggie

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Michigan State football Coach Biggie Munn had a couple of small worries to pester him Wednesday as he prepared for his Rose Bowl showdown with UCLA.

These were:
1—Michigan State won't be allowed a workout Thursday on the Rose Bowl turf.
2—Munn just realized that probably most of the third quarter and assuredly the fourth period, will be played under lights.

GET FEEL

On the first point, Munn asked for a workout at the Rose Bowl to let his team get the feel of the turf.

Munn received a police but firm "No" and didn't make an issue of it. He was told by Lathrop Leishman, chairman of the Tournament of Roses Football Committee, that it just wasn't the custom because the field was supposed to be in top shape for the game.

On the second point, Munn realized belatedly that this particular MSC squad has never operated under the arcs. And white footballs aren't allowed.

ADVANTAGE

UCLA has played several of its games with the artificial lighting and presumably would have a slight advantage.

UCLA Coach Red Sanders meanwhile reviewed plays in a light workout Tuesday and reported that Paul Cameron, his All-American "bread and butter" halfback, was looking good.

"The squad has a good attitude for this game," Sanders said. "We'll be ready."

Frank Ramsey, basketball star at the University of Kentucky, is the number one draft choice of the Boston Celtics in the NBA.

Tech's Dodd Worries About Wet Grid Field

By HAROLD CLAASSEN

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Bobby Dodd, Georgia Tech football coach, is convinced he will have two opponents in the Sugar Bowl game Friday—the West Virginia team and the weatherman.

Dodd, seeking his fifth straight bowl victory, ranks the two opponents about on an even basis right now.

"I just know that West Virginia is going to keep pushing us back and back, like Notre Dame did, and keep control of that ball," he said today.

"And if this weather doesn't clear up soon and give the field a chance to dry we will look terrible out there."

SPEED

Dodd's gridders depend almost entirely on speed and quick opening plays for their gains. A heavy turf would slow down their style.

New Orleans has had 48 hours of soggy weather, with most 2 inches of rain during that time.

The playing field at Tulane Stadium, where the game will be

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RED HURD, Sports Editor

Hoad Whips Trabert

By WILL GRIMSLEY

MELBOURNE (AP)—Lewis Hoad, one of Australia's 19-year-old wonder boys who has devoted his life to tennis since he was 10, defeated America's ace, Tony Trabert, 13-11, 6-3, 2-6, 3-6, 7-5 today in a miserable, steady rain to tie the Davis Cup Challenge Round at 2-1.

The condition of the Kooyong court was so bad after the match—which went 62 games and lasted just five minutes short of three hours—that officials decided to postpone the deciding singles test until tomorrow.

Now the optimism that was rampant in the United States' camp has subsided somewhat, for the Americans' slumping star, Vic Seixas, will go into action against Ken Rosewall, the other Australian 19-year-old. Rosewall has licked Seixas six times in a row.

SUNSHINE

The only real ray of sunshine that U.S. Captain Billy Talbot can see is that in a way Rosewall has been as bad as Seixas. Ken was benched in the doubles yesterday after his poor showing in the opening singles against Trabert. So the pressure will be on both players.

Still, today's match was the one the Americans had counted on winning.

It wasn't that Trabert didn't perform well. He did. On occasions, he was brilliant. In fact, strange as it may sound, he held the upper hand most of the way.

The rain and wretched condition of the court bothered him, but that certainly was not why he lost. Young Hoad had to play on the same court. Perhaps Trabert was annoyed a bit more because he is a bigger fellow than Hoad and had more trouble balancing himself on the slippery turf.

SLIPS

Trabert slipped three times in the early going, and Referee Cliff Sproule came onto the court after the fourth game of the second set and looked over the grass. He returned to his position without comment.

But two games later, it became obvious that something would have to be done and he told both players they could wear spikes. Trabert accepted the offer, but Hoad elected to go on with his tennis sneakers since he was ahead. The youngster probably thought it better not to change tactics while he was winning.

He changed his mind, though, in the third set when Trabert began to move in front and before it was over both were wearing spikes.

DOWNCAST

Tony was downcast over the defeat, but he gave his wife Shauna a big smile and a hug when he returned to the dressing room.

Captain Talbot, likewise, was in anything but a happy frame of mind.

"It was a tough one to lose," he said, "but you have to say he lost to a terrific player. That kid Hoad was terrific. He made few mistakes and he was always attacking."

Pepper Rodgers, one of two Tech quarterbacks in 1952, will start. Charlie Brannon, a defensive halfback in 1952, will start for the injured Leon Hardeman, Hardeman, unable to work out for six weeks because of a knee injury, is expected to see a little action.

West Virginia will arrive here tomorrow. The team has been drilling at Biloxi, Miss., since Dec. 20 and Coach Art Lewis said his charges are "all healthy and serious."

Fullback Neil Worden gained more than 2,000 yards rushing in his three seasons at Notre Dame.

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After Tony won the third set, we thought Lew might be shaken a bit, but he wasn't. He's a great competitor and one of the game's great players.

Talbot said he thought Trabert also played well.

"He never once let down," he said. "He was always battling."

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Klamaths Erase Big Halftime Deficit to Split Cage Series

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The Klamath Falls Pelicans kept their season record even last night with a satisfying bounce-back 56-54 victory over a good Redding, Calif., basketball club on Pelican Court.

It took good basketball for the Pels to erase an eight-point halftime deficit. But the Pels had some good basketball in their systems—and needed it right down to the wire.

The win — a real thriller that bulged the cage pavilion with intermittent cheers and groans—gave the Pels a 2-2 king's-X record for the season, a split with Reno preceding the divvy with the California team. The Shasta Wolves won Monday night 55-51.

SNIPS SKEIN

The win also stopped an 11-game win streak for the Wolves, unofficially rated the best prep team in Northern California.

The Klamath team almost lost the game from the free throw line—sinking just 12 of 34, while Redding converted 18 in 32 attempts.

But the local lads out-scored the Wolves from the field, 22-18.

In addition, the Pelicans handed Mike Preseau, Redding's brilliant pivotman, a field goal blank in the second half. Preseau, a 6-5 workman in the key, ended with 18 points to go with Monday's 17—high both nights—but the total included just four field goals, all in the second quarter. He went scoreless from the floor for three quarters.

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when he calmly three-pointed the business end of a lay-up put the Pels back at the margin, 56-51.

NO FOWEL

Mancasola wasn't throwing a close-in jump shot, but he made good on the second free throw and it was 56-51. Just three seconds later he stole the ball was out of the final gun.

Mills was high for the Klamath shot with 12 seconds left after Mills donated 16 points. Next for the Pels—Joe leaguers before the distance date with Medford Jan. 4 is a two-game set with Belmont here Friday and Saturday.

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