

By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

TOMORROW the greatest show on earth, as far as the sports world is concerned, will get underway as the Cleveland Indians and the New York Giants meet in the 1954 world series, with the first game at the Polo Grounds in New York.

Two things are for sure. This year's series is going to be one of the best in the last few years, and (2) the New York Yankees are not going to be present, unless they watch from the sidelines, after playing in five of the classic events in the past five seasons.

Leta run down the roster of both clubs and do some comparing from the sidelines.

First of all, the strength of the Cleveland ball club lies in its tremendous pitching staff, with the big three, Wynn, Lemon and Garcia, while plate power is also present with Avila, Rosen and Doby all handy men around home plate with the lumber.

Individually we seem to see the different positions from this angle. AT FIRST BASE, our choice of the two would have to go to the Giants' Whitely Lockman, who is hitting at a lower clip than the Indians' Vic Wertz, but Lockman has proven tough in the clinches this season.

Of course there is no other choice at second base than the American League batting champion, Bobby Avila. The scrappy little infielder should be in for a top-notch series with his ability to hit consistently. Davey Williams is a good infielder but not quite sharp enough to rate him and his 222 batting mark over Avila and 341.

Third base is another spot where the American League champions shine as Al Rosen, who went into a tailspin during the last part of the season after a startling first half gets the nod. Too much power for the Giants' Hank Thompson, who hit just above the 300 mark last year.

The remaining infield spot will be given to Alvin Dark of the Giants ever George Strickland for his team play and leadership, as the New York captain is hitting .282, going into the series, while Strickland is hitting a .213 clip. Both are outstanding men to have roaming the hole between third and second.

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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

Jarvis Jimmy Byrne is beginning to find opponents scarce all over the Northwest, even outside of Klamath Falls. . . . the big Portland heavyweight set Longview, Washington's pride and joy, Sugar Hart down in the second round in a Portland fight just recently. . . . maybe that is why Pat McMurry's handlers don't want to meet Jimmy in the ring with their "best in the west" fighter from Tacoma. . . . Guy Munsell, again gets another hard luck medal after what might have been the final injury that the KUHS letterman football will receive on the gridiron. . . . we're very glad that it was no more serious. . . . Oregon's smell of roses from the Rose Bowl was sweet while it lasted. . . . now the field seems to be narrowed to UCLA, Cal and USC. . . . UCLA will be ineligible this year, so that throws the door open to the other two schools or one that hasn't made its move as yet. . . . even though time is running short.

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Meeting Called By Owl Hoots

A ticket sale kickoff meeting has been set by the Oregon Technical Institute's boosters club, the Owl Hoots for tonight at the Willard Hotel, starting at 7:30 according to Vice President Buz Larkin.

Larkin stated that this meeting is not only open to members of the organization, but to anyone who is interested in backing the Oregon Tech athletic teams or learning more about the school.

The program will include the movies of the Boise Junior College and Compton JC football games, and the members of the OTI coaching staff, head coach Rex Humaker, line coach Bob Smith and the backfield mentor Art Kirkland, will be on hand to answer questions about this year's club.

The Owl Hoots will start this evening with an advance ticket sale for this Saturday night's game with West Contra Costa of Richmond, California, the first home game of the season for the Owls.

Officers of the group include Bob Thompson, president, Larkin, vice president and Roy Murphy is the club's secretary.

Offense Led By Colorado

NEW YORK (AP) — The University of Colorado's Buffaloes have taken over the offensive lead after two weeks of college football in a complete reversal of 1953 when they finished 51st.

The release of the major college statistics by the NCAA Service Bureau Tuesday also showed new place setters in every department of team play when measured against last year's final rankings.

Arizona and Colorado are one-two in scoring, with 112 and 107 points, respectively. South Carolina is the leader in ground attack and Oregon has the No. 1 passing eleven.

Colorado picked up 958 yards in its two games—479 in their 61-0 rout of Drake and the same in a 48-0 conquest of Colorado A&M last Saturday. The only other teams near the Buffaloes' average are Denver, which averaged 476.5 yards in its first two games, and South Carolina's Gamecocks, who picked up 472 in their surprise triumph over Army.

It was the power of South Carolina's running game that did most of the damage at West Point and the 446 rushing yards put the Gamecocks ahead of Miami (Fla.) which rolled up 426 against Furman, and Colorado with a 422.5 yard average after its two outings.

All of the first four teams in passing yardage are Pacific Coast Conference members. Oregon leads with 514 followed by Washington with 421, Southern California with 402 and California with 366, each in two games.

At the opposite end are the Oklahoma Aggies, who have won two games without gaining an inch in the air.

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Statistics released Monday by the NCAA Service Bureau show Shaw out in front with 382 yards—329 from passing—in two games this season.

Lederman's offensive total for two games is 381 yards. He leads the nation in passing with 390 yards, but lost nine on the ground. Dick Rushing of Kentucky leads the nation in pass receiving with 14 for 106 yards. Dick James of Oregon is second with 10 for 111 yards.

In the first flight, Miller vs. Robertson, Grove vs. Anderson, F. Drew vs. Swanson, Smith vs. Mackell, second flight, Egge vs. P. Drew, Horne vs. Bechen, Larkin vs. Peak and Hall vs. Hopson.

In the third flight Sharp vs. Schuss, Hooper vs. Adams, Reeder vs. Mead, Ashley vs. Zamsky. In the nine hole group, Hancock will meet Shive and Macartney will play Brosterhaus.

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Splits were picked up by Elaine Pickert's 5-7, Ruby Phelps the 5-19 and Scotty Bray the 3-7-10.

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Grants Pass Tops First Vote, Klamath In Twelfth

Cavemen Lead Balloting

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grants Pass, runner-up for the state championship last year, is the early season favorite to win the high school football crown in Oregon this season.

Oregon sports writers voted Grants Pass the No. 1 team in the first Associated Press high school poll of the season. Grants Pass has won three straight games so far this year.

The Southern Oregon team won the top spot despite the fact it got only one first-place vote from the 11 sports writers taking part in the poll. Marshfield and Grants Pass were the only teams to gain mention on every ballot.

Marshfield was voted the No. 2 team, getting two ballots for first place, and compiling 77 points in the poll. Marshfield and Grants Pass were the only teams to gain mention on every ballot.

Next in order came South Salem, Prineville, North Bend, Milwaukie, Medford, Gresham, Grant of Portland, and Corvallis.

NEW SCHOOL. South Salem, a new school that inherited most of the strength that put Salem into the state semi-finals last year, got five votes for first place—more than any other team. But South Salem got only 67 points in the total voting.

Prineville, winner of two successive class 2-A championships and possessor of a string of 20 victories, took over the No. 4 position after downing two highly regarded class 1-A teams this season. Prineville tripped Albany, 6-0 earlier, and then defeated The Dalles, 26-6, last week. In between the Central Oregon champs moved out of Redmond, 14-12. All the other teams in the top 10 are from class 1-A.

North Bend is one of the two defeated teams to gain the top 10. The other once-beaten club is Grant of Portland, in ninth place.

In the balloting a first-place vote was worth 10 points, a second-place vote worth 9, etc.

The teams (with first-place votes and season record listed for each):

1. Grants Pass (1) 3-0 85
2. Marshfield (2) 3-0 77
3. South Salem (5) 3-0 67
4. Prineville (1) 3-0 55
5. North Bend (2) 2-1 52
6. Milwaukie, 3-0 37
7. Medford, 2-0 36
8. Gresham, 3-0 35
9. Grant, 2-1 32
10. Corvallis, 2-0 21

Others: Albany 16; Klamath Falls 15; The Dalles and St. Helens 11; Roseburg, Eugene and Franklin of Portland 10; Pendleton 9; Jefferson of Portland 8; Hermiston 6; Beaverton 5; Dallas 3; Hood River 2.

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Owls Slate Home Tilt, Pelicans Idle

Oregon Tech's Owls open their 1954 home football season this Saturday night at Modoc Field against West Contra Costa, while the Klamath Union High School Pelicans are taking a week off from competition.

Head coach Rex Humaker sent his gridders through light workouts yesterday afternoon following their game with the ever tough Compton Junior College Tartars last Saturday night at Compton, which the Owls lost by a 31-13 score.

The only injury on the OTI roster that is causing the Mile High Campus coaching staff any headaches is Jack Thur's ankle hurt, which the big freshman guard from Daley City, California suffered in the third quarter of play.

According to assistant coach Bob Smith, who scouted the West Contra Costa eleven last weekend, they have a fast, big, and sharp looking ball club, with plenty of potential under the coaching of Jack Denelovitch, a graduate of St. Mary's, and ex-high school

coach at Weed and Antioch, where he compiled some very outstanding records in the high school ranks.

The junior college gridders from Richmond, California are very deep with one exception, that being at quarterback, but Smith stated that with Kent McDonald in the T-formation position, the school doesn't need too much more.

McDonald, who has a brother, Mel McDonald, playing tackle, is one of the finest quarterbacks that the Owls will face this season along with Credell Green, a second team Little All-American from last season who is a very outstanding back.

The Pels will take a week's rest following their win over Shasta High of Redding last Friday evening by a 19-12 count, but only after a hard fought battle.

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U.S. Rule of Ring World Drops

NEW YORK (AP) — The steady forward march of foreign fighters and the decline of American boxers is reflected in the latest ratings which show half of the 80 contenders are from out of the U.S.

For the first time in 25 years, four foreigners were listed Tuesday among the top ten heavyweights in Ring Magazine's monthly ratings.

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