

By LINES from the SIDELINES

WE HAVE HEARD of every thing now.

The other night, following the Klamath - Ashland football game at Modoc Field, we overheard one of the many "grandstand quarterbacks," who are among the griron followers in our midst, say he couldn't stand a coach who poured it on the opposing team and ran up a score against a team like Ashland.

Sure the score was out of line, but let's stop and take a look at the picture the way a person who is supposed to be a follower of the sport should look at it.

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Home Run Hitters Like Crosley Field

NEW YORK (AP)—Crosley Field, home of the Cincinnati Redlegs and a relatively new member of the "shortened foul lines club, replaced Brooklyn's Ebbets Field in 1954 as the favorite target of major league home run hitters.

A total of 198 homers were hit in Cincinnati. Ebbets Field was the scene of 193 home runs since New York's Polo Grounds 187, figures compiled by The Associated Press disclosed today.

The Brooklyn ball park topped both leagues in 1953 with 192 followed by 190 for the Giants' park, after the distance from home plate to the right field wall was sliced from 366 to 342 feet.

Actually, the reduced footage in Cincinnati worked against the Redlegs last season. They slammed 94 homers at home and the visiting teams hit 105.

Fenway park, den of the Boston Red Sox, headed the American League in number of home runs with 139 to 137 for Cleveland's Municipal Stadium.

American League batters found Baltimore's Memorial Stadium the toughest. Only 42 homers were walloped there.

Washington's Griffith Stadium relinquished its "least homered in" title with an aggregate of 52. The distance from home plate to left field was cut down almost 20 feet last August and the management has indicated it will make further reductions in 1955.

Pittsburgh's Forbes Field slumped in number of home runs from 141 in '53 to 64 last season with the removal of "Greenberg Gardens" responsible for much of the decrease. The "Gardens" demarcated moved back the left field barrier from 335 to 365 feet.

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Pels Face Medford

League Battle Shaping

Coach John McGinnis' Klamath Union High School Pelicans go into District 6 competition for the first time this year when they meet the undefeated Medford Tornado this Friday night at Medford.

For the Pelicans it will be the toughest test on their entire schedule, with the one possible exception of the Grants Pass Cavemen, as the Tornado has swept through five opponents including the Cavemen without faltering.

Included in the Medford string of wins are victories over Cleveland of Portland 7-0, 33-7 over Ashland, 20-0 over Roseburg, 14-7 over Grants Pass and last Friday they whipped Springfield 24 - 7. While allowing their five opponents to score only three times, they have amassed a total of 1333 yards in the three games, giving them an average of over 250 yards a game.

This year's Tornado team, like the Pels, is shaping up to be the best squad of high school gridirers in the last few seasons, as Coach Fred Spiegelberg has 11 lettermen back including Alton Stone, Lorin Jacobs and Mike DeVore all three of whom are two-year monogram winners.

Probably the big danger for the Pels, and a decisive one, is a stand in the way of a possible four straight game winning streak which is made up of all lettermen from last year's team.

At the quarterback spot Medford will start Ed McCullough, who is a very fine ball handler and an expert passer, while two half such as Stone and Mike Hawkins give the Medford eleven a powerful outside offense of two very fast and deceptive ball carriers. At the fullback spot will be Jacobs, who is improving every game and threatens to be one of the best backs to come out of Southern Oregon.

From comparative scores, the Friday night game appears to be a toss up with Medford leading Cleveland 7-0 to open the season. Medford dumped Grants Pass and will without doubt be up for their game with Klamath, and when a Tornado team can get up in spirit as they have done this year they are dangerous, possibly too dangerous to handle.

WE CAN HONESTLY say that the score didn't make the picture on this side of the fence any brighter as to the Pels chances against Medford or Grants Pass, even though the score was larger than the two other District 6 teams were able to run up.

The Cavemen whipped Ashland 34-12 and Medford won a 33-6 decision over the undermanned Grizzlies. But according to Ashland coach Gene Allison, his ball club played much better ball against the two valley teams than they did against Klamath.

If anything the 58-0 win did more harm to the KUHS eleven than it did good. Especially when they have a tough team like the Medford Tornadoes to face this Friday.

Medford is rated by many as possessing the best club it has had in three or four years, and the best ball carrier since Jack Morris, in the person of Alton Stone.

But Stone isn't the only ball player the Medford club has, and the Pels might find out the hard way when they meet headon Friday, in Medford, following the loss-sided win over Ashland. This could be an anti-climax to a string of three straight wins.

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SPORTS

South Salem Tops Prep Grid Powers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 South Salem consolidated its position atop the Associated Press poll on high school football teams this week.

South Salem trimmed Eugene, 15-7, and won first place votes from 10 of the 13 Oregon sports writers participating in the poll.

There were numerous changes in the top 10, with Medford edging into second place, ahead of Marshfield. Marshfield became the No. 3 team, and Prineville, the only class 2-A team among the leaders.

held on as No. 4.

Milwaukie moved up a notch to become the No. 5 team. The top five teams are undefeated and undefeated.

Grants Pass was ranked No. 6. Gresham and Pendleton tied for seventh place, and Lincoln of Portland and Klamath Falls made their first appearance on the top 10.

The two newcomers displaced Grant of Portland and Corvallis. Grant was held to a 7-7 tie by Cleveland last week, and Corvallis dropped a 6-0 decision to Bend.

Lincoln took over the league lead in Portland with a 25-7 win over Rosevelt, and Klamath Falls walloped Ashland, 58-0.

Klamath Falls' big test will come next weekend against Medford in a game that may decide the district 6 race.

In the voting Marshfield, Medford and Prineville each got one vote for first place.

The poll with the season record for each team:

1. South Salem, 5-0, 124 points; 2. Medford, 5-0, 111 points; 3. Marshfield, 5-0, 109 points; 4. Prineville, 5-0, 74 points; 5. Milwaukie, 4-0, 58 points; 6. Grants Pass, 3-1-1, 51 points; 7. Gresham, 4-0-1, 35 points; 8. Pendleton, 5-0-0, 35 points; 9. Lincoln, 4-1, 29 points; 10. Klamath Falls, 3-1, 19 points.

Others: Grant of Portland 15, Eugene and St. Helens 13, Jefferson of Portland 6, North Bend 5, La Grande 4, Albany 3, Cleveland of Portland 1.

Yankees Depending On Trades

GLENDALE, Calif. — Casey Stengel has told some of his friends in his home town that he isn't sure yet whether his Yankees will climb back into first place in the American League next year.

It all depends upon what kind of deals the club is able to make during the winter months.

"We were all set to talk turkey with some of the clubs during the World Series," said Casey, "but the thing was over before we could get down to business, so George Weiss (general manager) is getting out letters to the other clubs, and if anything pops up he'll call me and we'll decide what to do."

The Yanks are looking for pitching talent to back up youngsters Whitey Ford and Bob Grim. Stengel says he has several players "who can run and throw real good," and he'll trade any or all to help the club.

Bill Skowron is one who is going to be kept, Stengel says.

Agent the World Series, Casey said he thought Leo Durocher managed very well in those four games, "but that he still can't understand how Cleveland "showed up so tired or crippled or whatever it was."

Casey had a word of advice, too, for the five persistent "also rans" in the American League, viz: "Instead of worrying about their own business they keep thinking what to do to the Yankees. They'd better put first things first and get some rebuilding programs going."

But Casey still wouldn't go so far as to say the National is a stronger league. "You know who won five straight World Series, don't you?"

PHILIPPINE STARS
Top Oregon Team
PORTLAND — The Philippines national championship basketball team came from behind here Monday night to defeat an Oregon All Star group, 62-58.

The visitors trailed, 27-29, at halftime but turned on the speed in the second half to go ahead.

Mariano Tolentino and Carlos Loysaga, Philippine centers, were top scorers with 18 and 17 points, respectively.

Jimmy Winters, former Portland University guard, led the losers with 16. Most of the All Stars are ex-Portland U. players although Borney Holland, recently of Oregon, started at guard and contributed three points.

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Season Continues On Big League Managers

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP)—Lou Boudreau was down in the basement of his Illinois' home bailing flood waters when the phone rang upstairs and he learned shortly from his immediate boss, Joe Cronin, that he no longer was employed as field manager of the Boston Red Sox. It's reaching the point where a

Boston Signs Higgins

BOSTON (AP)—The Boston Red Sox, jolted into action by rumors that other major league teams were after the services of Frank (Pinky) Higgins, have signed their Louisville farm club ace and former local favorite to a two-year managerial contract.

Higgins' appointment to succeed Lou Boudreau, whose second two-year pact with the Sox had a season to run, was made yesterday by General Manager Joe Cronin at a hastily-called press conference.

Cronin was asked why Higgins, groomed in the Red Sox minor league chain for eight years, wasn't called up next year when Boudreau's contract ran out.

"It wasn't so much getting rid of Boudreau as it was saving Higgins for the organization," Cronin answered. "He had three offers to manage other teams—two of them very definite, one in each league—and it wouldn't have been fair for us to stand in his way for advancement."

Those definite offers are believed to have come from the Baltimore Orioles, where in his present status Paul Richards is both general and field manager, and the Philadelphia Phillies.

The decision to bring up the 45-year-old Higgins was made in a long distance telephone conversation Sunday night between Cronin and Red Sox owner Tom Yawkey—some 24 hours after Pinky's Louisville team of the American Association won the Little World Series from Syracuse of the International loop.

Higgins and Boudreau were informed by phone just prior to the press conference.

Pinky, a third baseman, went to the Philadelphia Athletics right out of the University of Texas in 1920.

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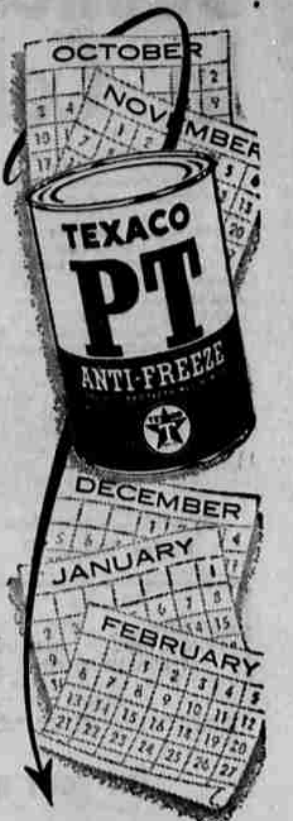
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