

By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

WELL, IT HAS happened, as we had a hunch it would. The County League Principals and Coaches Association came to a vote verdict to decide who would represent the County League in the district playoffs a week from this Saturday instead of a playoff between the two tied schools, Chiloquin and Malin.

Already we have heard complaints of "robbery" and "it just doesn't seem quite right," about the method used in selection of the county representative, and in some respects these cries of help are understandable.

First of all, it is in the association's by-laws that in case of a tie, the schools that have a football would vote to decide the winner. In case the vote comes out tied, a flip of the coin takes preference. This year the vote was 3-2 out of the five schools, Chiloquin, Malin, Sacred Heart, Merrill and Bonanza. By refraining from voting because they do not have football.

Malin, which was in favor of a playoff this Saturday afternoon when both teams drew a bye, ran up a 5-0-1 mark, while Chiloquin established a 3-1-1 record. Included in these records are games with Henley the county A-2 school. Malin beat the Hornets 19-13 and Chiloquin lost to the Henley eleven by a 12-7 score. This is only conversation material, because as we said before, comparative scores don't mean too much.

THE ONLY POSSIBLE solution that we can figure out with the vote going the way it did is that the Mustangs have maintained the control over the county league title for the past six years with the exception of the times when Merrill hung tight to the league's bunting.

To Jim Conroy's team this must be quite a blow, but whose fault is it that the Mustangs didn't win the title by a clear-cut decision? We place part of the blame on Malin's shoulders for not making sure that a statistician is on hand during league games to keep track of first downs and yardage and the such in case of a tie.

On the other hand, Malin wanted a playoff, and reports are that the Panthers didn't care for the extra game because they were worried about injuries in the "all important" playoff game. They too have a point, with all of the county league teams boasting just one or two standouts, what would happen should Madden of Malin or Joe of Chiloquin break a leg in the playoff game? The county entry in the district race would not even be ready for a six-man league team.

There seems to be two sides to each story, one for Malin and one for Chiloquin, but even with that we will maintain that one of the finest backs to come out of the county league for some time will not be in the district playoff. We are speaking of Pat Madden the Malin workhorse who spells yardage everytime he carries the ball.

MOVING BACK to the lighter side of the field, and back into the same seat that fits our Thursday program, picking winners for the coming Friday and Saturday games.

Last week we connected for 15 right calls and six wrong picks sending our seasonal record shooting to a .742 percentage with 69 calls out of 93 tries, making a total of 24 misses for the year.

Here are a few choices for games around the Basin this week-end. Henley to top Merrill by 11, Sacred Heart to whip Bonanza by 18, and the big game locally, Grants Pass Cavemen to topple the Pelicans by 14 to 18, because the "Ingram - men" seem to be rolling at a fairly fast clip. The other local selection favors the Owls to take a 12 point verdict from Olympic tomorrow night in Bremerton.

On the coast let's see them this way: UCLA to top California by 13, Oregon over Washington by 12, Stanford to trip WSC by 7, USC should take care of Oregon State by at least 21. Other top games on the coast lean this way: Utah over Idaho by 6, Arizona over West Texas State by 14, Montana over Colorado A and M by 6 and Cincinnati should take care of College of Pacific by 7.

Across the nation it looks as if Army will topple Virginia by 18, Iowa to whip Wisconsin by 7, and the Ohio State Buckeyes to move farther in front of the AP Poll by thrashing Northwestern by at least 18. Oklahoma should take Colorado by 14, Texas Christian over Baylor.

Headin' For The Last Roundup



AFTER FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAME WITH THE GRANTS PASS CAVEMEN, THESE PELICAN GRIDMEN WILL HANG UP THEIR KUHS UNIFORMS AND CLEATS FOR THEIR FINAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME...THEY ARE ALL SENIORS AND LEAVE COACH MCGINNIS WITH DEFINITE REPLACEMENT PROBLEMS....

Owners Divided Over A's Change

NEW YORK (AP)—The American battle against the sale to the Philadelphia group. The league became a house divided today as the club owners met for the second time in two weeks to decide the fate of their white elephant, the Philadelphia Athletics. Ostinately the meeting was called by League President Will Harridge to vote on acceptance or disapproval of the Athletics' sale to an eight-man Philadelphia syndicate.

BELEAGUERED

It was learned, however, that Harridge probably first would call for a vote on whether to shift the beleaguered franchise to Kansas City.

On Oct. 12 in Chicago, the league approved the sale to Arnold Johnson, Chicago financier, and voted to move the franchise to Kansas City, contingent upon Johnson completing his \$3,375,000 deal with Roy Mack, executive vice president of the Athletics.

Since then, however, the house of Mack, Connie and his two sons, Roy and Earle, signed paper for the sale of their stock to a Philadelphia syndicate in a deal involving approximately four million dollars. Both the Macks and the Philadelphia group are awaiting league approval.

Six of the eight clubs must approve a new owner. Any three can block approval. As the meeting got under way, it was known that at least two clubs favored the sale of the A's to the Philadelphia group and two wanted the Philadelphia franchise moved to Kansas City.

LINE UP

Here is the way the clubs are believed to be lined up:

Those definitely for the sale of the Philadelphia group — Detroit and Washington.

Those probably for the sale to the Philadelphia group — Chicago and Boston.

Those definitely for the transfer to Kansas City—New York and Baltimore.

On the fence—Cleveland.

On the spot—Philadelphia. Dan Topping, president of the Yankees and a leader in the fight to shift the A's to Kansas City was expected to put up a stiff

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Babe Gets Invite From Ike

FORT WORTH, Tex., (AP)—The mighty Babe, caught here by an unexpected White House invitation minus her \$10,000 wardrobe, had a dinner date with Ike and the Missus Thursday.

But Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias boarded an American Airlines plane Wednesday night with a hurriedly-bought bag of clothes and a claim she had no idea why President Eisenhower asked her to Washington.

The Associated Press' Woman Athlete of the Half-Century added: "I'm taking along my golf clubs, though."

Speculation here is that the President is either to give her an award or just wants to play a round of golf with his friend, the Babe.

Mrs. Zaharias' courageous comeback in golf after an operation for cancer was one of 1953's most heart-warming stories. Last April she helped the President open a drive against cancer. She withdrew from the women's Texas Open Golf Tournament here when she got the President's engraved invitation. Talking like any thrilled housewife she vaulted over an airlines counter like a teen-ager at International Airport here to pose for a picture with her golf clubs.

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College Grid Briefs

CORVALLIS, Ore., (AP)—Apparently fully recovered from recent injuries, quarterbacks Jim Withrow and Ray Westfall worked out with the Oregon State Beavers Wednesday and Coach Kip Taylor indicated they will play against Southern California Saturday.

Both appeared sharp in a long passing practice.

EUGENE, Ore., (AP)—Expecting a passing duel between rival quarterbacks in the Oregon-Washington game at Seattle Saturday, Coach Len Casanova Wednesday divided the Oregon football practice into equal parts of passing offense and pass defense. George Slavy, one of the nation's leading passers, will be matched against Bob Cox, flashy Washington sophomore, in the Seattle game.

PULLMAN, Wash., (AP)—The Washington State Cougars scored five touchdowns in a long intra-squad scrimmage Wednesday in practice for the Pacific Coast Conference game at Stanford Saturday.

City League Basketball To Meet Tonight

An organizational meeting will be held tonight in the city hall for the Klamath Falls City Basketball League, according to Bob Bonney, city recreation director, starting at 7:30.

This is an important meeting and all team managers or prospective team managers are urged to attend so that this year's league may get an early start on the season.

Rules, starting dates and the possibility of hooking up with the state AAU will be discussed, and an early starting date depends on the response shown tonight. Any one who did not play city league basketball last winter is also urged to attend tonight's meeting if they would like to play this season.

SEATTLE (AP)—Coach Johnny Cherberg ran the Washington Huskies through a rugged scrimmage Wednesday and once more the emphasis was on preventing the fumbles that have cost Washington yards and points in recent games.

Herald and News SPORTS

CLAYTON HANNON, Sports Editor

Williams, Musial Lead

NEW YORK (AP)—Eighteen major league baseball players headed by Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox and Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals finished the 1954 campaign with a lifetime batting average of .300 or better. Williams, who completed his 13th year in the big time, hit .345 in 1954 and his lifetime average remained at .348, tops in both circuits.

Musial, a .330 batter this past season, lost a single point off his lifetime figure, but his .344 mark for 13 campaigns still is the best in the National League.

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