

Cleveland Cops Fifth Grid Title

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Cleveland Browns, the most amazing team in pro football history, have captured their fifth straight Eastern Division championship in the National Football League and now go after their first "World Series" victory over the Detroit Lions.

Captain Buddy Parker's well-balanced Lions have defeated the Paul Brown-coached champions two years running in the post-season money game. In 1952 it was by 17-7 and last year the Lions won in a thrilling finish, 17-16. The Browns won their only playoff by beating Los Angeles in 1950.

The Parker vs. Brown rivalry is added spice for the match, for Parker-coached clubs have lost to Brown-coached teams only once—last year's East vs. West Pro-All Stars game (20-9), which annually follows the playoff.

POSTPONEMENT
The two clubs clash at Cleveland on consecutive Sundays, due to an October postponement. The all-out match is Dec. 26. In what will amount to a warm-up of "scouting" contest, the two titans

Grandstand Quarterback 1954 Oddity

NEW YORK (AP)—A seat in the grandstand, surrounded by friends and pretty girls. A hot dog to munch. And an exciting football game going on in front of you. What more could a boy ask on a fine November afternoon?

Jerry Thimmes didn't ask, but he was asked and thereby gained immortality of a sort as the principal figure in the outstanding football oddity of the 1954 season. Seven writers and broadcasters participating in the annual Associated Press roundup of strange happenings named Thimmes.

Jerry, a 19-year-old freshman quarterback at Western Illinois College, was in the stands watching the varsity play Eastern Illinois. He saw the first-string quarterback Bill Vandermerck limp off the field. Second-stringer Ozzie Hysen couldn't go in because of an injury and Jerry Thimmes, who had a weak ankle, had to take over.

Coach West Stevens sent an aide hurrying into the stands, where he found Thimmes enjoying a frankfurter and roll and hustled him to the dressing room. Jerry never had played with the varsity and didn't know the plays, but Coach Stevens mapped out three quickly and sent the 19-year-old youngster into the game. Jerry threw three passes on as many plays for a touchdown that put Western ahead.

The game ended in a 13-13 tie, but Thimmes won the varsity quarterback job on that performance and Monday the writers picked it as the season's oddity.

Four writers thought the appearance of a rabbit in the Notre Dame defensive backfield during the Iowa game was the biggest oddity. Kentucky's Bradley Mills, trapped in his own end zone, set off a notable left-foot punt against Tennessee. He's a right-footed kicker. TCU's Ronnie Clinkscale tried a quarterback sneak against Southern California—for 60 yards and a touchdown. Frank Sarano of Washington State kicked three conversions against Oregon for only one point—two penalties.

Chico State Tops Willamette 77-65

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Willamette University, playing at Chico, Calif., Saturday night lost its second straight basketball game to Chico State, 77-65.

At Forest Grove, Pacific University came from behind in the final minutes to defeat Pacific Lutheran, 23-68. Pacific's Norm Hubert was high scorer with 28 points.

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Bobo Olson, Langlois In Title Battle

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Bobo Olson risks his "Fighter of the Year" fame as well as his world middleweight title when he defends against France's Pierre Langlois Wednesday in San Francisco.

Olson, of course, still would be honored as the outstanding boxer of the year, win or lose, but a defeat would rub most of the luster off.

As Bobo is a 4-1 favorite, he may not be taking too much of a gamble. Still, Langlois is a rugged import with an unorthodox style who can trouble anybody.

This will be Olson's third defense of the championship he nailed down by defeating Britain's Randy Turpin last year. He whipped Kid Gavilan at Chicago last spring and got off the floor to outpoint Rocky Castellani at San Francisco Aug. 29.

Gene Smith and Rudy Garcia, two featherweights who made terrific hits in Brooklyn, meet tonight at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway.

Smith lost to Costa after a rugged battle and Garcia handed Costa his first pro defeat Oct. 25. ABC will telecast.

St. Nicholas Arena stages a "youth program" tonight with a pair of 22-year-old lightweights in the main event, Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Mich., southpaw, boxes Danny Jo Perez, winner of 16 of 18 pro starts.

Du Mont will telecast.

In other games as the regular league season ended, the Washington Redskins whipped the Chicago Cards 37-20 in their biggest offensive explosion in four years, burying the Cards in last place in the East, and Los Angeles outscored Green Bay 35-27. On Saturday San Francisco clipped Baltimore.

After the Rams game it was announced that four of head Coach Hamp Pool's assistants had resigned. They were Howard (Red) Hickey, Dick Voris, Ralph (Buck) Weaver and Bill Battles. Pool praised all four men calling them the "finest in the profession." The resignations followed rumors of discontent on the club.

PRESENTING
The game also was the last for Los Angeles' great pass-catching performer, Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirsch. Fans honor Hirsch and team captain Don Paul at halftime, presenting the two men automobiles.

The key play of the Ram won third period. Ahead by one point, 21-20, fourth down and 25 yards to over the Packers came in the go, quarterback Norman van Brocklin dropped back to punt.

Instead, he passed to his 220-pound defensive end, Andy Robustelli, and the big fellow rambled the final 25 yards of a 48-yard play for a touchdown.

Van Brocklin and rookie Billy Wade passed the Rams 434 yards, as against 224 by the Packer passers, Tobin Rote and rookie Bobby Garrett. The latter didn't get into the game until the final minutes.

Henley Picks Win

Henley posted their third straight win in as many starts Friday night at Henley by taking a 32-35 win from the Sacred Heart Trojans.

Led by Dale Searcy and Lou Zarosinski with 15 and 11 points respectively, the Hornets led 18-6, 23-18 and 29-34 at the first three rest periods. John Dupuy and Dean Michaels had eight points to lead Sacred Heart.

TIME OUT



"Maybe we should remind the boss of his statement that we're not only a bowling team, but an ad for the company!"

Forfeiture Protested By College

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)—Rocky Mountain Conference forfeiture of three football games won by Montana State College is being protested officially by the school.

A vote by faculty representatives voiding MSC victories over Colorado State, Western State and Idaho State was announced late Saturday. This had the effect of denying Montana State its unofficial conference championship and awarding the title to Western State.

The decision was based on the fact that Vic Berra, star end for the MSC Bobcats, who transferred from Eveleth, Minn., Junior College, was playing his fifth season of college football.

Calling the forfeiture "arbitrary and undemocratic procedure," MSC President R.R. Reene declared the school "does not recognize the legality" of the faculty representatives' ruling at a meeting in Denver.

Reene contended it was invalid because (1) the RMG representatives amended the conference constitution to make a two-thirds instead of a three-fourths vote binding and then applied it retroactively; (2) there was no protest from any member school of Berra's eligibility under regulations that such a question should raise a week before any athletic event; and (3) "there was no conference rule in operation during the past season that would permit the action taken in the conference meeting."

Montana State officials, acting in "good faith," removed Berra from the player roster as soon as they discovered he was ineligible, Reene said.

HALEAH HISTORIAN
MIAMI (AP)—Jockey Jimmy Stout, who has retired at 40 after riding more than 2,000 winners, might well be employed as a historian at Haleah race track. Stout rode his first winner at the track in 1931.

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Paul Host, captain of the 1932 Notre Dame football team, sells automobiles in Wisconsin.

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Heavyweight Dies Following Injury

BOSTON (AP)—Big Ed Sanders was knocked out only once in seven years of competitive boxing—but it caused his death.

The former Olympic heavyweight champion turned professional died Sunday as a result of a fine knockout blow. But the soft-spoken, well-conditioned Negro never knew it.

He was unconscious for the 18 hours he clung to life after his 11th round knockout by New England heavyweight titlist Willie James. An autopsy revealed Sanders died of a "subdural hematoma" (bleeding between the brain and the layer of tissue separating the brain from the skull).

SLUMPED
Less than an hour after the 217-pound, 6-4 giant stationed here with the Navy slumped to the canvas at Boston Garden, he was undergoing a delicate four-hour brain operation by Dr. William Sweet, well-known neuro surgeon.

Dr. Sweet said Sanders bled from more than one point inside the skull indicating "he was struck by several damaging blows."

The death was the sixth in boxing this year and the second in three days. Lightweight Ralph Weiser died Friday night at Klamath Falls, Ore., after a knockout by Teddy Hall of Vancouver, B. C. In the only other professional boxing death, Bobby Callaghan of London died Dec. 1, two days after collapsing in his dressing room after a fight with Don Sleet, also of London. The other three deaths resulted from injuries in service training camp bouts.

PACKED
Sanders was put in an oxygen tent and packed in ice when his fever began to climb. He died with his wife, Mary, of Peacoteo, Idaho, and manager, Nuno Cam of Boston, at his side.

Football, basketball and track were included in Sanders' well-rounded athletic life at Compton Junior College and Idaho State.

In 1952 Sanders went in the Navy and continued to fight on his own time. Operating out of San Diego, Calif., he climbed to the national finals of the Golden Gloves tournament and climaxed the year with his Olympic championship at Helsinki.

Hinds Upsets El Camino Eleven

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—A grueling halfback from Fort Myers, Fla., galloped to two long-distance touchdowns Saturday to lead Hinds, of Raymond, Miss., to an upset 12-7 win over El Camino of California in the ninth renewal of the Junior Rose Bowl game.

The youngster, 5-foot-11, 185-pound Olin Renfro, younger brother of Hinds' head Coach Joe Renfro, carried the ball 17 times for 179 yards as the Eagles gave the South its second Junior Rose Bowl triumph.

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Eugene Names Business Boss

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—The Eugene Emeralds of the new Class B Northwest Baseball League Sunday named C. C. (Chuck) Shuda as business manager. Shuda said Shuda, 36, now associated with Eugene radio station KERG, will take over his new duties Jan. 1. He will handle promotion, spring training arrangements, park permits and advertising, Graham Club president Frank Graham said.

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