

Pels Meet GP Tonight

District Flag Waits Grants Pass-KU Fray

Coach John McGinnis' Pelican football squad left about noon today on a hunt they hope they will bring to a close a six year jinx and the District 6-A-1 football leadership. The destination — Grants Pass and a Southern Oregon Conference encounter with the Grants Pass High School Cavemen.

Kickoff time is 8 o'clock at Cavenham Field.

Not since 1949 has a Klamath Falls football team been able to throw a stumbling block in front of a Mel Ingram — coached Cavenham squad, but the Mac-men of 1955 have vowed all the past week to snap the strange hold Grants Pass has over Klamath Falls. In 1949 the Pels won 39-21. In the last five games played between the two

teams, Grants Pass has managed to hold the Pels scoreless on three different occasions. The other two tries Klamath tallied only six points.

Going into tonight's district play, Grants Pass is leading the standings with a 1-0 record after their 35-14 win over Ashland. Klamath on the other hand has yet to win or lose a counting tilt after their 13-13 deadlock with Medford. The Tornadoes meet Ashland tonight in the other SOG action at Medford.

A win for either Klamath or Grants Pass tonight would just about sew up the district honors.

From here on out, Klamath, it seems, would have the easier going for the flag. The Pels face only Ashland, which could be a spoiler, while Grants Pass must test Medford at Medford. Should Klamath snare the district title from the Cavenmen, it would be the first such honor since the 1949 season.

Coach McGinnis reported this morning that his chargers are at a very high level spirit-wise, and the injury list is looking better. A last-minute check with doctors was to be made just before the Pels left for their clash with the Cavenmen on the status of halfback Lee McGill. The speedy junior suffered a concussion in the Medford game and missed last week's Reno game. McGinnis said if the doctors stamp McGill with the "go-ahead" signal, then the Pelican ground attack will definitely be strengthened. If orders reveal no contact work for Lee, then he may be used to kick the extra points which could be a key to tonight's game.



MIGHTY MO, Modesto Jimenez, two-year letterman guard and captain of the KUHS Pelican football squad will be gunning for a Klamath victory tonight at Grants Pass when the Pels and Cavenmen tangle at 8 o'clock. This will be Jimenez' last chance to help upset the Grants Pass apparant since he is a senior.

Fraley Recalls Top Plays

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—The silly season arrived early this year with the receipt of a ballot on the outstanding baseball plays of the late round of rounders.

It came just in time. Starting next week come the ballots on such inevitable elections as the All-America teams, the All-Time Vassar Field Hockey Team, the One-Eyed Connolly Award to hoodwinked ticket takers and, whether you believe there is one or not, the Amateur Athlete Of The Year.

Never let it be said by the rounders contingent that, merely because it is football season, that Old Fearless turned down a baseball ballot. As somebody once said, clarify clear over the landlocked straits of "March, Navy Down The Field."

"Ah loves baseball."

YANKES

In the American League, for my few paltry pesos, the batting, pitching, fielding and base running gems of the years all were turned in by members of the New York Yankees.

Yogi Berra gets the ball wallowing nod here for his homer with two out in the ninth which beat the Red Sox, 5-4, on Sept. 16 and moved the Yanks into first place. Whitey Ford's second straight one-hitter nine days earlier, receives my chucking accolade.

For fielding, I'll take Elston Howard's dive into the box seats to collar a drive by Jackie Jensen and beat the Red Sox. While in that same game, Ted Olden Phil Rizzuto purloined third on the head end of a double theft to set up the winning run in this key pennant game.

If that makes you think the Yankees get the World Series, the Dodgers get their share of nods, too.

I can't think of a more dramatic blow than Carl Furillo's 12th inning homer to beat Milwaukee—two minutes before curfew. Duke Snider made a half dozen ball of face catches but his two best were game savers against naturally, the Giants. As for base running, imagine big Don Newcombe stealing home. I can't.

JONES' NO-HITTER

The only no Dodger stand-out, as far as I'm concerned, was the pitching of the Cubs' Sam Jones when he threw a no-hitter at the Pirates — walking three men in the ninth and wrapping it up then with three strikeouts.

But, if the series is part of the baseball season, then I'd have to go for:

Pitching, Johnny Podres; hitting, Duke Snider; fielding, Sandy Amoros; and base running, Jackie Robinson.

Which explains, in part, why the Dodgers won their first world championship.

And now, if baseball will quietly subside into the background where it belongs at the moment, there are other ballots at hand. The biggest problem is who should be leadoff on the All-Nova Scotia Curling Team.

In Brief

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASEBALL

WASHINGTON — Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, died at 85.

SAN FRANCISCO — Tommy Heath resigned as manager of the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League.

SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento Solons, who finished last in the Pacific Coast League this year, fired Manager Tony Freitas and coach Dolph Camilli.

PINEHURST, N.C. — Fred Schultz, Evanston, Ill., upset medalist C. D. McAllister, Orlando, Fla., 1-up on the 21st hole in the quarterfinals of the North and South Seniors Tournament.

For the Pelicans who are all even this year at 3-3-1, Bill Baddock and Larry Heaton are expected to open at the end positions with Bob Harshbarger and Jim McGee working from the tackle spots. At guard will be Roy Ropp and Al Seigner, with Modesto "Mighty Mo" Jimenez seeing defensive action and possibly some offensive play. Cal Tichenor will hold down the center chores and anchor the middle of the Pelican line.

In the backfield for Klamath will be Donn Taucher at quarterback, Tommy "T-Model" Ferrell and Brock Kimpson at the halfbacks and Dave Letting at fullback. Jerry Burke and Kimpson are also expected to see some duty at quarterback, while Taucher and Joe Linman may spell the starters at halfback. Dick Dougherty will be Leech's leading replacement at fullback, although McGinnis may find need to use Ferrell.

For the Cavenmen, who will field a line that averages 195 on offense and 207 on defense, Ingram is reportedly ready to send quarterback Chuck Neel, halfbacks Dave Flipse and Gary Herman and fullback Allan Drews against the Pels this evening for the opening kickoff. Flipse, in his first year at Grants Pass, has proven to be the offensive threat of the Cavenmen with his speed and shifty running abilities. Drews, last year's leading ground gainer, but sidelined much of this year with a leg injury is another ball carrier that Klamath must put the skids under before their chances of victory are bright. Flipse scored three times against Ashland and the lone TD against Roseburg last week.

In the line, Grants Pass will probably open with Larry McParland and Eddie Guise, 165 and 187, at end. Arnold Slaven and Gary Krause, 205 and 241 respectively, tackle and Jim Dean and Bob Albrecht, 199 and 180 at the two guard spots. In the middle of the line will be "Little" Larry Walker, 170-pound center. All starters with the exception of Walker are lettermen. Last year Slaven was selected to the Oregonian's All-State team. On defense, Ingram plugs the middle of the Cavenmen line with Dick Graves who scales in at the 275-pound mark. Larry Thompson, a 191-pound tackle and letterman. Roger Taylor and Lynn Cannon are other defensive changes made by Grants Pass.

For both teams this is the "big one," but McGinnis' Pelicans are said to be "going for broke" on this \$64,000 question.

Johnny Gonsalves Meets Lulu Perez

NEW YORK (UP) — Slick-boxing Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Calif., who holds a decision over lightweight champion Wallace (Bud) Smith, is favored at 7½ to 5 to halt the budding lightweight career of Lulu Perez tonight in a TV-radi-10-pounder at Madison Square Garden.

Gonsalves' ninth ranking contender for Smith's 135-pound crown is a lighter puncher than Perez but is picked on his good left jab, sneaker right experience, and defensive skill.

Part Oakland Johnny's experience was a decision over Smith last year. That was before Smith won the lightweight title. They met again this year and fought to a draw, also before Smith's accession to the crown.

Perez, a 22-year-old speed merchant from Brooklyn, is a former featherweight contender and tonight's clash marks only his second appearance as a lightweight.

Junior Alley Season Set To Open Anew

"Set 'em up" is the cry being heard from youngsters all over the United States and even in foreign lands as they prepare to launch a new junior bowling season. Over 75,000 of these junior bowlers, knowing how much fun bowling in the American Junior Bowling Congress can be, are anxiously awaiting the start of their local leagues. There will be one of the over two thousand leagues participating in the program of the American Junior Bowling Congress this year. Come Christmas time and about 25,000 of these youngsters will swing into action in the annual AJBC singles, doubles and mixed doubles tournament.

Each of the AJBC members will be aiming at participation in the national team multi-graphic tournament which will attract over 2,500 teams of junior keepers. The tournament is held the last Saturday of March as a windup to local league play.

Hundreds of school teachers, recreation workers, bowling proprietors, civic and fraternal organization officers and others, working in cooperation with the AJBC, will be spending of their time and money so that these youngsters can have the opportunity to participate in one of the outstanding carry-over sports and recreation activities in the country.

The tremendous interest in junior bowling is in part due to the extremely interesting and efficient program of the American Junior Bowling Congress. Features of that program include the previous mentioned tournaments; an official monthly magazine; arm chevrons, medals and trophies for local champions; special awards for high games, high series, triplicates and conversion of difficult spares.

Starting this Saturday morning at 11 o'clock junior bowling action will open for all Klamath Basin youngsters between the ages of 10 and 18 at Lucky Lanes. Roy Harris, junior bowling instructor for the local AJBC program, urges all young bowlers throughout the Basin to turnout in force for bowling instruction to be followed by league play. The alley lessons will be given free and the league play will cost 50 cents a week for those taking part.

Notre Dame Favored To Stop Navy Streak

By ED WILKS
The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame geared to "win one for Rock," figure to make or break Navy's fourth-ranked Middies tomorrow as college football passes the mid-field stripe of the 1955 season.

Notre Dame's run-in with Navy at South Bend, Ind., is designated as the Knute K. Rockne Memorial Game by the Irish — is the No. 1 game of the day what will carry over and Oklahoma, the nation's two top clubs, engaged in a couple of breathers.

Maryland, No. 1 in this week's Associated Press poll, will square off with South Carolina, Oklahoma, No. 2 goes against Kansas State, But is are favorites.

Notre Dame, ranked No. 9, has lost only four times in 26 games with the Middies and is favored by a touchdown. Navy, on the threshold of its first unbeaten season since 1925, plus its hopes on George Welsh, the unblemished quarterback and passer, and its defensive might—lost in the nation.

Notre Dame has quarterback Paul Hornung, the star-quarterback, and the memory of Rockne, the coaching immortal who aimed for the heart as well as the head in reading his Irish for big games.

Michigan and Iowa are on the national TV stage at Ann Arbor, Mich. The Wolverines, who fell from favor with a 14-13 decision over Minnesota last week, need wind up third in the national poll, are out to get another leg on the Big Ten title and Rose Bowl bid as well as regain the No. 1 spot.

Michigan is favored by a touchdown and maybe a little more, so is Michigan State, No. 4 in the nation off its decision over Notre Dame, in its Big Ten game at Wisconsin.

UCLA (No. 6), beset only by Maryland, doesn't figure to have much trouble in a Pacific Coast Conference game with California. West Virginia (No. 7) is favored by two TDs and then some. Mary-quette, Auburn (No. 8), looking for its first Southeastern Conference crown, carries the same weight against Tulane.

Southern Cal. (No. 10), determined to sing the PCC crown from UCLA, is favored by two touchdowns over Minnesota. But Minneapolis weather may set up an upset.

That game and the West Virginia-Marquette clash are two of the top intersectional meetings of the weekend. Another snare is Miami (Fla.), a victim of its own home by way of a rugged schedule (Georgia Tech, Notre Dame, TCU) pops up at Pittsburgh. Pitt last week nailed previously upbeaten Duke.

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Sports World Shorts

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Tommy Heath was through as manager of the San Francisco Seals today at his own request after struggling for four years to build a contender with a club that didn't have the money to do it.

In fact, the Seals owed Heath approximately \$8,000 in back pay when he stepped aside Thursday to make way for a new crowd which may take over the beleaguered franchise.

Joseph P. Cairnes, executive president of the Milwaukee Braves told the Pacific Coast League last Friday that his club would have a definite offer to make in about 10 days.

RALEIGH, N.C. (UP)—Oregon State Thursday drew North Carolina in the seventh Dixie Classic basketball tournament opening here Dec. 29.

The Braves and the Carolinians are in the upper bracket along with Minnesota and Wake Forest. Wyoming, Villanova, Duke and North Carolina are in the lower bracket.

Minnesota and Wake Forest will open the tournament, then Duke will play Wyoming, North Carolina will meet Oregon State.

N.C. State is the defending champion.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UP)—Tommy Heath probably will succeed Manager Tony Freitas of the Sacramento Solons in the Pacific Coast Baseball League, it was predicted Friday.

Freitas and coach Dolph Camilli were fired by the 1955 cellar-bound Solons Thursday. Heath received nothing official from Solon headquarters, but sports editor Bill Conlin of The Sacramento Union wrote: "Heath has been in conference with Solon officials in the last 26 hours and the two parties have come to terms." Conlin predicted he will sign next week.

Freitas assumed Solon manager-ship July 1, 1954 from Gene Deane. Camilli, a former National League pitcher, was hired by the Solons last winter.

ORANKA, Japan (UP)—The New York Yankees Friday blanked the Nankai Hawks, pennant winners of Japan's Pacific League, 7-0.

Lehender Tommy Byrne led the Yankees' attack from the mound and with a two-run homer in the second inning.

INDIANAPOLIS (UP)—The Indianapolis News has reported that the parent Cleveland Indians will move their local American Association club to another city unless the city makes a move to keep the franchise here. The city will hold a vote on Dec. 28 to decide if it wants to keep the team here, the News said.

NEW YORK (UP)—Funeral services for Michael J. Sullivan, 59-year-old father of boxing promoter Tex Sullivan, have been arranged for next Monday. Sullivan died here Thursday night.

NEW YORK (UP)—The Greater New York Racing Assn., which conducts all thoroughbred racing in metropolitan New York, announced Thursday that it plans to build its "summer" track at Belmont Park. But it said it reconstructed plans for the New York tracks first call for improvements at Aqueduct.

MACOLIN, Switzerland (UP)—The next modern pentathlon world championships will be held in Mexico City next October, according to an announcement by the International Union for Modern Pentathlon, Russia's Konstantin Slavkov won the 1955 individual title while Hungary won the team title.

SYDNEY, Australia (UP)—Lew Hoad, 26-year-old Australian Davis Cup star, was expected today to reject promoter Jack Kramer's \$50,000 offer to quit the amateur ranks for a professional tour.

Hoad said Thursday that Kramer, who few here to reopen negotiations after the Aussie's first "no," had boosted his offer by 5,000 pounds but indicated he still would turn it down.

"I'll not decide without talking to my wife," Hoad said. "But I think she'll still be against the idea of my turning professional."

Griffith Baseball Career Halted Thursday By Death

By HERB ALTSCHULL

WASHINGTON (UP)—Clark Griffith, one of the greatest figures in the history of baseball, died last night at the age of 85.

Summing up the career of the man he called "Unc," Calvin Griffith observed today:

"The old man lived an exciting life and he loved every minute of it. . . . He had a wonderful life and a peaceful death. No man could ask for more."

They called Griffith "Old Fox" because of his cute antics as a pitcher before the turn of the century. And the name stuck through a series of maneuvers and deals.

Few men have had as significant a role in the development of the national sport, Griffith helped organize the American League at the turn of the century and gave it added stature by luring the President of the United States to throw out the first pitch as far back as 1912.

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WASHINGTON (UP)—The late Clark Griffith, who watched the best in baseball come and go during 69 years in the game, picked this all-time all star team for the United Press several months before his death:

First base: The late Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees. "George Sisler was faster and a better fielder," Griffith said, "but I give the edge to Gehrig because of his all-around value, especially driving in runs."

Second base: Larry Lajtha, the old-time Cleveland star by a slight margin over Rogers Hornsby.

Shortstop: Honus Wagner of the Pittsburgh Pirates. "Easily the greatest shortstop of all," Griffith said.

Third base: Pie Traynor of the Pittsburgh Pirates. "But Home Run Baker gives him a close fight for the honor."

Outfield: Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, and Babe Ruth. "It's awfully hard to leave out Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio," Griffith explained, "but Cobb, Speaker and Ruth are the greatest of all."

Catcher: Bill Dickey of the Yankees and Mickey Cochrane of the Philadelphia Athletics. "The two best catchers and I wouldn't pick one over the other."

Pitchers: Walter Johnson of Washington, Christy Mathewson of the Giants, Grover Alexander of the St. Louis Cardinals, Carl Hubbell of the Giants and Lefty Grove of the Athletics. "Johnson and Mathewson were the two greatest pitchers," Griffith said, "but Johnson was the champion of them all. He was the powerhouse. Hubbell and Grove were the greatest left-handers of all."

Manager: "Connie Mack was the greatest of all," Griffith said. "He's my choice, not just for sentimental reasons, but on his own merit. He developed a lot of great ball players and great ball clubs."

"The 1927 Yankees were Griffith's choice as the greatest team of all times."

The best player? "The greatest of all, in my opinion," Griffith said, "was Ty Cobb. He had hustle, daring, speed, and a great competitive spirit."

ALSTON NL Boss Of Season

By CARL LUNDQUIST
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP) — Walter Alston, the silent man who touched off the noisiest celebration in Brooklyn since the end of World War II, was named by the United Press today as the National League Manager of the Year.

Alston, who directed the Dodgers to a pennant in record time and went on to lead them to their first World Series triumph after seven previous futile tries, drew the honor in a vote of 54 baseball writers from the league's eight cities.

Alston received 36 votes to win by a comfortable margin over Mayo Smith, the freshman manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, who brought them to a fourth place finish after an early season travails. Smith received 13 votes. Birdie Tebbetts of Cincinnati and deposed Leo Durocher of the New York Giants received two votes each while Fred Haney of the Pittsburgh Pirates, another departing pilot, picked up one.

FAMOUS MAN

Alston, the mild-mannered family man from the rural hamlet of Darrown, Ohio, which is so small it isn't even on the map, achieved his success last season in the best traditions of former President Teddy Roosevelt — he spoke softly, but carried a big stick.

Every Dodger knew who was boss as was demonstrated on a number of occasions. First, Jackie Robinson tried his patience by complaining in spring training that he wasn't being given an opportunity to play regularly. Alston let Jackie know that he would play him as he saw fit — and that was that.

Once the season began and the Dodgers jumped off to a fantastic start, winning 20 of their first 22 games, Alston encountered trouble with his pitching ace, Don Newcombe, who refused to throw batting practice. Alston fined him and told him to go home, adding he was off the payroll for every day of the suspension.

RELIEF FITTING

Newcombe came back, apologized, and the day after his suspension pitched terrifically in relief to gain credit for an 11-inning victory in Philadelphia. And in his career he pitched a one-hitter against the Cubs at Chicago, going on to pile up a record of 10-0 before he lost a game.

When the Dodgers faltered after their swift start, due to a succession of injuries on the pitching staff, Alston manipulated shrewdly and still managed to get the Dodgers in as pennant winners at the earliest date in National League history.

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