



Scheffing Earns NL Accolade

DETROIT (AP)—Bob Scheffing, a weather-beaten ex-catcher who'd been fired by the Chicago Cubs, became manager of the Detroit Tigers before the 1961 season knowing he faced an obstacle course.

He took over one of baseball's most mismanaged clubs, guided it to second place and Wednesday was named the American League's manager of the year in The Associated Press' annual poll.

"I'm grateful to the fellows on the team," Scheffing said when he learned of the honor on arrival at his home in Scottsdale, Ariz., Wednesday night. "They deserve the award, not me."

Scheffing said he was very happy about the award. He added that he expected the Tigers to have about the same club next season as they had this year.

"But we've got to improve our pitching and bench," he said. "Our hitting is good. But we have to improve our defense, too."

Scheffing received 105 votes from 174 voting members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Second to Scheffing was Ralph Houk, the man who replaced Casey Stengel as manager of the Yankees. Houk received 62 votes. Bill Rigney of the Los Angeles Angels received 6 and Jimmie Dykes, fired recently by the Cleveland Indians, 1. The voting was based on regular season play with the Yankees' victory in the World Series not considered.

"Bob deserves this honor more than anyone," said Rick Ferrell, Tiger vice president. "He had a fine year and we're real proud of him."

49er Shotgun Undeveloped, Says Hickey

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—After shutting out his last two National Football League opponents 49-0 and 35-0, Coach Red Hickey says his San Francisco 49ers still haven't developed all of the explosive potential of his shotgun offense.

The 49ers beat the Los Angeles Rams 35-0 last Sunday and clobbered the Lions at Detroit the week before that.

In both games, the 49ers used the shotgun all the way, utilizing all three of their quarterbacks. There was a lot of criticism of the shotgun formation before it became so spectacularly successful.

In beating Los Angeles Sunday, the 49ers had touchdown drives of 81 yards in 10 plays, 80 yards in 11 plays, 30 yards in 10 plays, 77 in 6 and 93 in 13.

The Packers beat the 49ers 30-10 at Green Bay, the only other loss this season, and Hickey figures there were two reasons for the loss.

"The Packers have a great team, no doubt about it," Hickey said, "but we didn't use our shotgun enough against 'em. We used the shotgun about half the time and the T the rest."

Lumberjacks In 5th Spot

NEW YORK (UPI)—The United Press International weekly small college football ratings (first-place votes and won-lost records in parentheses)

Team	Points
1. Miss. Southern (9) (3-0)	182
2. Northern Mich. (4) (3-1)	131
3. Louisiana Tech. (2) (3-0)	129
4. Texas A&I (1) (3-0)	126
5. Delaware (7) (3-0)	123
6. Humboldt St. (2) (3-1)	119
7. Fresno St. (2) (3-0)	63
8. Pittsburg (Kan.) (2) (4-0)	55
9. S.E. Louisiana (1) (4-0)	51
10. Kent (Ohio) St. (2-2)	47
Second 10 — 11. Baldwin Wallace, 45; 12. Arkansas State (Conway), 43; 13. Hillsdale (Mich.) and Southern Illinois, 42 each; 14. Idaho State, 41; 15. Lenoir-Rhyne, 40; 16. Louisville, 38; 17. Wheaton (Ill.), 30; 18. Butler and Lehigh, 27 each.	

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West Colleges Form New Loop

DENVER (AP)—Formation of the Western Athletic Conference was completed Wednesday by presidents of six major universities of the Rocky Mountain region.

The conference, which will formally replace the Skyline next July 1, includes four Skyline members and two Border Conference pullouts.

For all six common-interest schools, the new league offers assurance of greater crowds and greater income, more stability in athletics and the promise of closer dealings in college affairs.

The six are Wyoming, Utah, Arizona State University, Arizona, New Mexico and Brigham Young of Provo, Utah.

Paul Brechler, Skyline Conference commissioner who takes a similar role in the Western, said eventually there may be 10 or 11 member schools.

"Nobody feels a conference of six members will be adequate," Brechler said following talks with the presidents.

Presumably, Utah State and Colorado State Universities are among several schools whose applications for membership were not acted upon Wednesday.

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Big Bear Manager Of Year

NEW YORK (UPI)—Fred Hutchinson, who led the Cincinnati Reds to their first pennant since 1960, was named the National League's Manager of the Year today by the United Press International's board of baseball experts.

Hutchinson, who took a team that had finished sixth in 1960 to an amazing triumph before losing in five games to the New York Yankees in the World Series, was the choice of all 36 experts: He succeeds Danny Murtagh of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who won the honor in 1960.

Called the "big bear" because of the way he paces the dugout during a game, the 42-year-old Hutchinson replaced Mayo Smith as manager, with the Reds in seventh place, July 9, 1959. After the Reds' sixth-place finish in 1960 they were given no chance to win the pennant in '61.

The team responded, however, to Hutchinson's style. Although he has been known to hurl various objects in the clubhouse in anger after games, he is essentially the "father time" manager. His technique is to win the confidence of his players by standing by them—rather than to manipulate players in platoon systems.

"He made me feel like a man and not a statistic," is the tribute paid him by Joey Jay, a pitcher the Reds acquired from the Braves and who developed under Hutchinson into a 22-game winner.

The rest of the National League refused to take the Reds' threat seriously and confidently predicted that they would collapse. But the Reds rode out batting slumps, pitching slumps and fielding slumps to bring a pennant to Cincinnati for the first time since 1940.

Native Of Seattle. Hutchinson, a native of Seattle, Wash., had a 95-71 record as a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers between 1939 and 1953. He was one of the most highly touted rookie pitchers in history after having a 25-7 record at Seattle in 1938 but was a failure in his early years with the Tigers.

He came back after military service in 1946, however, to develop into a steady, first-class pitcher. He had his best records with 18-10, 15-7 and 17-8 marks in 1947, 1949 and 1950, respectively.

Hutchinson previously managed the Tigers from 1952 through 1954 and the St. Louis Cardinals from 1956 through 1958, never finishing higher than second.

Angels Drop Three Players. LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Catcher Del Rice, infielder Ted Kluszewski, and first baseman Rocky Bridges were given their unconditional releases Wednesday by the Los Angeles Angels.

Bridges and Rice will be retained by the Angels organization as scouts or coaches. Kluszewski, 37, may retire to take a closer hand in managing two restaurants he owns in Cincinnati.

The veteran slugger hit .244 for the Angels with 15 home runs and 39 runs batted in during 1967 games.

NEW YORK (UPI)—"I felt a little off on my skating out there but our guys got the goals and that's what counts."

Veteran defenseman Doug Harvey, new coach of the New York Rangers, added, "And Muzz (Patrick) ran most of the bench for me."

The combination led the Rangers to a 6-2 victory over the rookie-packed Bruins in Boston Wednesday night. New York striking for four goals in the second period as the National Hockey League opened the 1961-1962 campaign.

The two teams meet again tonight, with the action shifting to Madison Square Garden. In the only other game, Toronto is at Detroit.

Star of the game Wednesday night was another old-timer, 32-year-old Lorne (Gump) Worsley, who came up with 33 stops in the Rangers net. Worsley would be the first to admit, however, that Harvey—who will be 37 this winter—made the New York defense a good deal better in front of him than it has been in past years.

Pelicans To Ignore Black Friday 13 Hex, Host Vaunted Medford Black Tornado

Long before the 1961 football season started the Klamath Union Pelicans decided they would pointedly ignore any superstition connected with Friday the 13th and they invited the Medford Black Tornado to appear as their Homecoming guest on that date in October.

They figure it's Friday the 13th for the Tornado as well—and the issue will be settled tomorrow night on KU's Modoc Field. Game time is 8 p.m.

The Pelicans will "warm-up" for their big Friday night assignment at the "Homecoming" bonfire to be lit at 7:30 tonight on the usual Oregon Avenue site. This afternoon the Pelican gridders will undergo a rugged practice, that promises "no tapering off," although it will be a relatively short session according to coach Bob Williams.

As a special feature of this evening's festivities the queen to rule over the Homecoming will be named. The Letterman's Club nominated the queen candidates but the entire male student body at KU took part in the voting.

The 1961 queen will be crowned at a special pep assembly to be held on Modoc Field tomorrow afternoon at 2:15.

The Friday night battle will be the 51st meeting of the two schools since 1914. During that time the Medfordites have chalked

36 wins as compared to eight for a KUHS eleven. They have shared six ties over the years.

The last Pelican win over the Tornado was scored in 1953 when KU won a 26-18 decision that ended a streak which included four Pel wins and one tie.

Their 1960 meeting, one that still rangles the KU squad and coaches, ended in a humiliating 49-6 Medford win on the Tornado home grounds.

In 1959 the Whitebirds were on the short end of a 44-7 count and in 1958 they were slaughtered 53-0. This year things could change.

The 1961 Tornado does not appear to have the power and class of teams of "old" but it is still unbeaten this season and has a depth and strength which promises a long night for any foe who decides to take it lightly.

Coach Fred Spiegelberg's crew will be forced to do without the services of first string quarterback 170-pound senior Scott Eaton this week because of a hand injury he incurred during the Medford win over Crater last weekend. His replacement had not been named as of today.

Injuries have also forced the KU mentors to some shuffling in their own lineup. End Dana Ash is out with a dislocated shoulder and halfback Ken Lewis is sidelined with cartilage trouble in his knee. Their return to action before the end of the season is improbable.

Ash's absence will move Ken Franklin from left to right end and Grover Dahn will take over his old spot. Gary Buchholz and Earl Brinson are hooked up in a battle for the open halfback berth. The winner will be announced by Williams tomorrow.

The Pelicans have placed much stress on their pass offense in addition to drilling on a defensive structure that will contain the Medford backfield speed.

In their losing venture at Grants Pass last weekend they connected on only one of 12 pass attempts and this was attributed to ineptitudes on the part of the Pelicans rather than to the GP defenses.

Oregon Tech Offense Gets 2nd Revamp

The Oregon Tech Owl offense underwent its second revamping during practices this week and the new operation will get its initial test on Modoc Field Saturday night when the Techmen tangle with the Eastern Oregon College Mountaineers.

The new switch in Tech's plans was caused by a stinging 13-7 loss to Portland State College last Saturday night, a defeat that ended a 12 straight conference win string for the Owls.

Noting that the Owl defensive unit had scored two of the last three Tech touchdowns, head coach Rex Hunsaker commented, "And that's swell, only it would be nice if we could stick together an offense that also might pick up a score or two."

Their Saturday night foe, the Mountaineers of coach Arch Dunsmoor, took a sound drubbing at the hands of the "dark horse" Oregon College Wolves last week at Monmouth but still are considered a formidable opponent. The Eastern eleven is a decidedly better squad than those which have faced the Owls in past years and are expected to be rough provided they can get their true potential into gear, according to Hunsaker.

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