

Ram Gridders Ring Down Curtain

Bucyrus 11 Plays Here In Finale

By CHARLEY STINE
Madison high school will ring down the curtain on the 1949 football season tonight when it tangles with the Redmen of Bucyrus at 8 o'clock at Madison field.

The Rams will take the field a heavy underdog as they have through most of their "murderer's row" schedule. An upset victory in this final game, however, could put an entirely different complexion on a so-far drab season. Madison's only victory came against Bellville.

Two of the Ram losses have been to undefeated powerhouses, Wooster and Loudonville.

eleven will be wearing the Green and White grid flannels for the final time. Only End Marty Keipp, Quarterback Ray Ende and Fullback Roger McBride will be back next year. All are juniors.

Playing their last game for Madison will be Halfbacks Pedro Pryor and Chet Sprague, End Russ Glenn, Tackles Norm Walker and Bruce Armstrong, Guards Bill Remy and Lloyd Rissler and Center Bob McLoughlin. Halfback Norm Hughes, in his third year on the varsity, will also appear in his final game but will probably not start because of an ankle injury.

It will be Dad's Night with fathers of the Madison players to be introduced before the game and spend the night sitting on the players bench with their sons.

The Madison band will put on an appropriate show at half-time honoring the fathers. The Bucyrus band is not scheduled to appear.

Bucyrus got its toughest game from Madison last year, coming from behind to win 20-13 to complete an undefeated season. The Redmen have won only three games, lost four, and tied one this year.

The "Turkey Hop" dance will be staged in the Madison gym following the game. Admission to the dance will be 50 cents per person and Pryor's orchestra will play for round and square dancing.



FOR LAST TIME—Two members of the Mansfield Madison football team hit the blocking sled for the last time. Guard Bill Remy (left) and Guard-Halfback Norman Hughes give Bill Koppal, assistant coach, a free ride. Madison entertains Bucyrus in the seasonal finale tonight. (News-Journal staff photo).

WORK HAS STARTED ON Canton's new \$300,000 athletic field house. The new building will seat 3,500 with retractable bleachers seating 1,500 to 2,500 to be used if the crowds warrant. Three basketball courts will be available in the new plant. The three ball-playing Di Maggio brothers—Joe, Dom and Vince—all sport the same middle name—Paul.

REX MAYS was the 21st death recorded in the automobile racing fraternity this year. Michigan is in its 70th year of football. In their first game on May 30, 1879, the Wolverines defeated Racine college, 7 to 2. Michigan, since that time, has won 16 Western conference titles. Wes Fesler waxed sarcastic when he talks of Ohio State's 14-10 victory over Pitt. He calls it "that sterling performance." Actually the Bucks made mistakes right and left and Fesler goes on to say, "I don't see how anybody could get hurt hitting the way they (Ohio State players) did."

Notre Dame Grid Slate Is Booked Solid Until '54

CHICAGO — (UP) — Notre Dame's football schedule is booked full for the next four years so there is no shortage of opponents, according to Athletic Director Ed "Moose" Krause.

Krause told a quarterback luncheon yesterday that "we are solidly filled through the 1953 season, and our problem is to find room for fine teams that want to play us."

There have been reports that some Big Ten clubs don't want to play the Irish. A Washington university official was quoted as saying there would be no further games with the Irish, and Tulane announced after its defeat by Notre Dame this year that relations would end after the 1950 game.

Pittsburgh this year signed a four-year agreement to begin next fall with Notre Dame. Krause said, and Michigan said, announced that it has agreed to play the Irish annually through 1953.

Cross Country Meet Scheduled

CHICAGO — (UP) — The Big Ten's 35th annual cross country championships will be held tomorrow with Wisconsin favored to win its second consecutive crown.

Don Gehrmann, the conference indoor and outdoor mile run champion, will pace the Badgers in the event, seeking first place for the third straight year, a feat accomplished only once previously, F. O. Watson of Minnesota in 1913-15.

Plymouth Pilgrims In Final Home Grid Contest Tomorrow

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth high school Pilgrims end their 1949 home football season tomorrow against the Cardington Pirates here at 2 p. m. in the annual homecoming and "Dad's Day" game.

With two victories in seven games under their belts the Pilgrims are rated on even terms with the Cardington outfit. Plymouth closes its season next Friday against Lima St. Rose under the lights at Lima stadium.

Coach Dick McMullen said today his team was in its best physical condition of the season. Only Tackle Harvey Wilson will miss the game. Wilson has been out for some time with a broken collar bone.

Eight Pilgrims will be playing their final home football game. All will be in the starting lineup tomorrow. The group includes: Bob Schreck, Dean Grabach and David Sams, backs; Bill Taubee, end; John Root and Allen Ford, tackles; Jacque Donnet, wirth, guard and Jim Shutt, center.

Holly Pitzer will reign as homecoming queen tomorrow and will be crowned at ceremonies at a dance tomorrow night in the high school gym. Fathers of the players will sit on a bench immediately behind the player's bench and each will

Old Fearless Fraley Goes All Out On All-American 11

NEW YORK — (AP) — Comes the time of the year now to scrape the leaves off the lawn, order Christmas cards, wonder what to give the bride on Dec. 25, how to pay for it on Jan. 1—and time for Fearless Fraley's annual All-American football team.

Naturally, Old Fearless is there "fustest," a line which I am told rhymes nicely with "worstest." But insults will get you nowhere.

For this, I have been assured, is the best possible team in 1949. That's the opinion of the experts who aided me, namely a coach of the Brooklyn roller derby team, an Irish seaman who issued rather heavily to port (or was it sherry?) and an itinerant Mexican bullfighter who professed deep interest in ice hockey.

There is no doubt, in what has smugly been called my mind, that my three assistants could do just as good a job as the California experts who pick unseen players from another section, or the eastern guys with equal vices virtue.

Actually, no section has a right to feel insulted. My team may be dominated by sons of the mid-west, but there are three representatives from the east and one each from the south and in the west. Having established the necessary consolation, here it is:

Lester Felton Continues To Draw Probes

DETROIT — (AP) — Young Lester Felton of Detroit, who is fast becoming one of the most controversial figures in boxing, was back in the headlines today — this time because he did not win a fight.

The 20-year-old negro welterweight zoomed into national prominence Oct. 21 when he got an unpopular decision over Kid Gavilan of Cuba in a fight here that touched off probes by the State Boxing commission and police.

Felton returned to ring warfare last night and wound up with a ten-round draw at Olympia stadium with Rough Tony Pellone of New York.

Most of the 8,967 fans and the newspapermen thought Felton had won.

Judges Johnny Webber and Lou Jalloch each called it a 50-50 fight, while Referee Clarence Rosen voted for Felton by a 54-46 margin. Under Michigan rules, explained by Boxing commission Chairman Floyd Stevens, that was a draw.

It was a bitter disappointment for Felton, who had figured the Pellone fight as one "I had to win to prove to the people that I am a good scrapper."

The decision had scarcely been announced when a heated discussion broke out among Felton's handlers and Boxing commission officials over scoring of the fight.

Chief issue was the card of Judge Johnny Webber, who awarded Pellone the second round by a 7-3 margin after Felton hit the canvas for a non-count.

NO KNOCKDOWN

Under Michigan rules a fighter who floors his opponent once in a round wins it by a 7-3 margin. If there is no knockdown, the greatest edge he can have is 6-4.

Webber scored it as a knockdown, but Referee Clarence Rosen said after the fight that it was not a knockdown.

Some observers said that since it was not officially a knockdown, the round should have been Pellone's only by a 6-4 margin. That would have given Felton a 51-49 advantage of Webber's card.

Commissioner Stevens went into a 10-minute huddle with his aides after the bout and announced the draw decision would stand.

4 More Bouts Set For F-H Boxing Show

Four more bouts were lined up today for next Monday's Friendly House amateur boxing show. Three had previously been announced and another two are in the dickering stage.

One newcomer, John Stranski, was listed among the four new bouts. Stranski, a 164-pound Senior high boy, began boxing workouts only a few weeks ago and will make his official debut against Wilbur Middleton, Mari-on 160-pounder.

Gene Ayres is the fifth F-H boy to be listed on the card. He will meet Mike Lucas of Massillon in a lightweight scrap.

Joe Neidig, 139-pound Marion ace who has achieved quite a following here, will meet Eddie Steiner, 133, of Massillon in what should be one of the better bouts on the card. Jack Seckinger, veteran Marion welterweight has been signed to take on Don Wuskey of Massillon.

The main event of the evening will pit Don Ebsenshade of the Friendly House against Doc Joshua of Massillon. Howard Carney, F-H, is to meet Chuck Milhain of Massillon while Bruce Heinberger, F-H, takes on Junior Lowrey of Marion.

Doc Whisler and Connie Miller, co-matchmakers, said that they are attempting to sign opponents for Ollie Mayweather and John Stimens.

Tickets are on sale at Ritz Nite club, D & M Cigar store, Sandy Maxwells, City News, Hunt's News, Corner Lunch, and the Friendly House. All seats will be reserved.

The amateur fight card scheduled for last night in Akron was postponed but may go on tonight, Mike Wentz, Friendly House athletic director, said today.

Ebsenshade, Carney and Bruce Heinberger of the F-H stable are slated to compete.

Reds Reject Offers For Pitching Stars

BROOKLYN — (AP) — An official of the Brooklyn Dodgers admitted that the Cincinnati Reds recently rejected two big offers by the Brooklyn club for a pair of the Reds' pitchers.

One was \$200,000 for right-hander Herman Wehmeier, the other was \$100,000 and two unidentified players for lefthander Kenny Raffensberger.

Coach Suggests Playing For Fun

IOWA CITY, Ia. — (UP) — Iowa Coach Eddie Anderson yesterday suggested the Hawkeyes "play for fun" after noting the effects of such a policy on the Minnesota Gophers last week.

The Hawks ran against Wisconsin play with snap and spirit in preparation for the Badger contest Saturday. Anderson said the "football for fun" program would "do Iowa a lot of good."

Janowicz Will Fill Two Roles Saturday

(Compiled from Wire Dispatches)
COLUMBUS — Vic Janowicz, who has been out of Ohio State's backfield four Saturdays in a row because of an injury, will be back against Illinois Saturday—as both a fullback and a halfback.

The Elyrian, used principally in the first games of this season as a defensive fullback, probably will get a chance to display his running ability Saturday for the first time in an Ohio State varsity uniform.

That is because he has lost some of his defensive sharpness, in Coach Wes Fesler's opinion, during his long layoff. The safety spot now belongs to Jimmy Clark. Early in the season, Fesler contended Vic was too good a defensive back to waste on offense with such capable runners as Jerry Krall, Clark, Curly Morrison and Ray Hamilton on the roster.

Krall, who was elected in practice Tuesday, possibly will see some action against the Illinois. The Buck coaching staff said yesterday, but Janowicz probably will be called upon to carry a good part of the left half burden with Clark.

The Bucks went through a two-hour drill yesterday with emphasis on the powerful running attack they expect to meet in the Illinois game. Although he had said earlier there would be no more contact work this week, Fesler sent his defensive unit through a brief scrimmage against a freshman team using Illinois plays.

One starting lineup change is in prospect for Saturday. Dick Schnittker is slated to take over the offensive left end spot from Ralph Armstrong.

Both Fesler and line coach Loyal Clark agreed that defensively the Bucks were ready for any Illinois attacks.

TO BE READY

Fesler later said that "you don't have to worry about the attitude of this ball club, we're going to be ready physically and mentally."

In discussing the coming Illinois game Fesler hit an optimistic note which was decidedly different than the traditional gloom given off by football coaches in talking about a future game.

"We're going to be a pretty good football team out there Saturday," said the OSU grid mentor.

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Loudonville Team Favored To Win Tenth Tilt In Row

LOUDONVILLE — Football-mad Loudonville will get its biggest chance to celebrate tonight when—and if—its Red Birds complete their first undefeated gridiron season.

The Birds are scheduled to battle Bellville in the season finale at 8 p. m. and are a heavy favorite to win. If they succeed, it will be their ninth triumph of the season and tenth in a row.

Bellville is after revenge, however, for a defeat hurt on it by Loudonville in the last game of the 1948 season. At that time the shoe was on the other foot. Bellville had raced to eight straight victories and then Loudonville upset it 12-6. Bellville ended that game with the ball on the Loudonville two-yard line with only a touchdown needed to win.

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