

From the Tiger Lair

By EL TYGER

It was a tough, cocky crew of Akron Southerners, confident of upset, that showed up at Arlin Field last night to nearly knock Mansfield from ranks of the Ohio undefeated. And the invaders came within 12 minutes of reaching their objective going into the fourth period with a five-point lead. The Tygers appeared sluggish throughout the first half as their blocking and tackling (or lack of it) kept the Red and White constantly in boiling water.

Perhaps the boys were looking ahead to the big one next week against Warren when the Tygers for the first time this year will find themselves in the role of underdog. The Panthers are state championship bound and a victory over Senior high next Friday night might well show them high up on the ladder. Mansfield, on the other hand, could also get a tremendous lift with a win.

The Tygers last night again called on their best weapon, condition. Akron South, using only 17 men in the contest simply died in the closing period and Mansfield was there for the funeral. South used only two guards, two tackles, one center, four ends and eight backs.

For the third straight week Mansfield finished with no injuries and should be at full strength for Warren.

The second quarter was probably the dulllest Mansfield rooters will be forced to witness this year. Senior high had the ball for exactly five plays and Akron South held the ball for 13 carries. Neither team appeared to be in a hurry to score and stuck to the ground exclusively.

Dick Yoakum played his finest game of the season breaking loose several times for sizeable chunks of yardage. The 158-pound senior halfback wound up with 81 yards in 11 tries for an average of 7.4.

Little Jerry Lorentz put two kicks square through the crossbars to run his string to seven straight and eight out of nine for the season.

With four down and an inch to go in the first quarter and the ball resting on their own 45-yard line, Mansfield elected to gamble and won. Mack on a quick opener picked up seven yards as the period ended.

Akron had plenty of backing as the visitors section on the north side of the field was completely filled. Led by eight cheer leaders the visitors gave off plenty of steam and matched the Tygers play for play in the yell department. The South band with seven majorettes out in front also was much in evidence.

The Mansfield band, in midseason form, thrilled the fans with its precision marching formations and songs of John Philip Sousa. However, Drum Major Rex Brock batted only about .500 in his high baton tosses.

Dick Guy who last year played a lot of tackle for Senior High was home from Ohio State for the weekend and assisted Assistant Coach Tom Pierson in spotting from the press box. Dick reports he has been moved up on the first freshmen team at State but added that the competition looks mighty tough.

The press box guessing contest on the final outcome of the game was won by Carl Graham with a prediction that the Red and White would win by nine points. Graham has been keeping statistics on the Senior high games for the past 18 years.

College Gridder Dies

SYRACUSE (AP)—John Pappas, Boston University guard, died today of head injuries suffered in a football game with Syracuse University last night.

Pappas, a 20-year-old star from Worcester, Mass., was injured in the third period on a Syracuse drive into the line.

Dodgers Seeking Series Equalizer Today

Erskine Defeats New York

NEW YORK (INS)—The Brooklyn Dodgers, flushing with vim, vigor and victory, sought the World Series equalizer in the fourth game today, convinced that one sure way to beat the New York Yankees was by not letting them hit the ball at all.

Youth was to have its fling at Ebbets Field when Brooklyn's 23-year old righthander Billy Loos comes to grips with the Bombers' 24-year old lefthander, Whitey Ford in what promised to be a critical chapter in the series.

GALLANT TRY

The Bums were making a gallant comeback try at stopping what seemed to be a Yankee surge to an unprecedented fifth straight world title. In the process, they hoped to win their own unprecedented first.

The faithful Brooklyn fans saw the Dodgers conquer for the first time and in a most dramatic and inspiring manner. Carl Erskine, the slender Dodger righty with the stout heart, made series history with a record-crushing 14 strikeouts as he stopped the Bombers, 3 to 2, with the aid of an eight-inning home run smash by Roy Campanella.

The blond Yankee southpaw, who specializes in curve balls, turned in an 18-6 record during the season, winning more games than any other hurler on the staff. Loos, who blew hot and cold for the Dodgers, had a 14-5 record.

RED HOT GUY

But when he spoke of pitching anywhere in or near Brooklyn the name of Erskine was sure to be heard. The 26-year old Hoosier, routed when the Yankees scored four runs off him in the first game of the opener, came back in most magnificent splendor Friday.

His record 14 strikeouts topped the 13 turned in by Howard Ehmke of the Philadelphia Athletics against the Cubs in the 1929 series. Erskine was a pitcher to behold as he blazed his fast ball and curve past surprised Yankee heroes.

Almost fittingly, Brooklyn's 20-game winner took some shine out of previous Yankee jewels, Joe Collins, whose homer was the winning blow in the opener, struck out four times, Mickey Vernon, who won the second contest with a four-bagger Thursday, also hit the short of four times. This was one shut of the record of five whiffs in a series game.

And, most dramatically, Erskine broke the record in the ninth inning by fanning an all-time terror, Johnny Mize, appearing for the first time in this year's classic as a pinch-hitter. Strangely, 11 of Erskine's 14 victims were southpaws.

HEARTENING HIT

Most heartening to the Dodgers was Campanella's game-winning home run off the Yankees' fastballer Vic Raschi. Campanella, playing despite a badly bruised right hand, broke a 2-2 tie in the eighth when he lofted one of Raschi's pitches into the left field stands. This was the edge Erskine needed.

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