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News-Journal Sports Editor

Dietzel Gains More Honors

MORE HONORS CONTINUE to be heaped on youthful Mansfielder Paul Dietzel. . . . Dietzel, at 30, became one of the youngest head football coaches at a major college when he took over at Louisiana State University this year. . . . In the first 1955 contest, LSU pulled one of the big upsets in leveling Kentucky, 19 to 7. . . . That victory earned Dietzel "coach of the week" honors in the weekly Atlanta Journal rankings. . . . Said the Atlanta paper, "A coach who they said wouldn't win a major game all year long is the Journal's first Coach of the Week. Paul Dietzel's debut at Louisiana State found him paired against a team rated one of the league's top three. But LSU astounded one and all by completely outplaying the favored Wildcats and scoring a lop-sided victory, 19 to 7. It was an auspicious debut at Tigertown for the former Army assistant. . . . Mansfield Senior High may have a tough time landing in the first five when the schoolboy football ratings come out for the first time Tuesday. . . . The Tygers had been rated as high as second in pre-season polls but their performance against Middletown left much to be desired while Massillon and Canton McKinley held out-of-season "track meets" for the second straight week. . . . Such unbeatens as Springfield, Hamilton, Toledo DeVilbiss and East Liverpool figure to battle the Bengals for third. . . . Greater Ohio League teams have won eight games and lost four in the first two weeks of fledgling season 1955. . . . Mansfield, Hamilton and Springfield are all 2-0, Lima and Portsmouth have broken even in two games and Middletown is 0-2. . . . Wes Boals has pulled his coaching record at Jeromesville above the .500 mark with two wins this season. . . . In six years his Jerry teams have won 17, lost 16 and tied one. . . . Boals had three losing seasons at the Ashland County school, the club was 4-4 in 1953 and has copped ten straight in the last two seasons. . . . Chuck Thackara, whose Hamilton team is next on the Senior High slate, has been coaching Big Blue teams since 1948. . . . His clubs have won 49 and lost 20 — eight of the defeats coming in 1952. . . . Mansfielders best remember the last meeting between the two schools. . . . That was in 1948 when an inspired Tyger team tumbled the Big Blue, 27 to 20. . . The defeat deprived Hamilton of the state schoolboy title and the Blue have long memories.

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From The Sports Samovar

HARRY MEHOCK, the veteran track coach at Mansfield Senior High, is busy with his favorite occupation again. . . . Harry has been appointed Relays Chairman of the Ohio Track Coaches Association. . . . They couldn't have picked a better man as Mehock runs the blue plate special of trackdom in the form of the Mansfield Relays here each spring. . . . He's now busy compiling a roster of the events for the 1956 spring season. . . . Mansfielder Ron Sherrer is a member of the freshman football squad at Toledo University. . . . He's a 165-pound halfback and was a defensive regular for two seasons as a Tyger. . . . The Notre Dame-Southern Methodist football rivalry began in 1930 and the Irish won in the closing minutes, 20 to 14. . . . Dr. Willis Tate, now president of SMU, played for the Mustangs that day. . . . Don Faurot, the long-time coach at Missouri, is sometimes a bit sorry about the growth of the split-T formation. . . . The 53-year-old Faurot has been coaching football 26 years and has been at Missouri since 1935. . . . He is the second ranking coach in the nation for longevity at one citadel of learning, being topped only by Lou Little who is in his 26th season at Columbia. . . . Faurot started the split T in 1941 and some of the top devotees of the system are: Bud Wilkinson, Oklahoma; Jim Tatum, Maryland; Woody Hayes, Ohio State; Jack Mitchell, Arkansas and Darrel Royal, Mississippi. . . Mike Brown, son of Cleveland pro coach Paul, is a quarterback on the Dartmouth squad. . . . Jim Fowler was a football manager at Kalamazoo College. . . . That is he was a grid manager until Coach Rolla Anderson found he was short of players for scrimmaging and put Fowler in with the scrubs. . . . Says Anderson, "When I saw him kick and pass, I said let's teach this kid." . . . Fowler is now the first string varsity quarterback but still thinks tennis is a better sport. . . . He says, "Football is a lot of fun but tennis is tougher."

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The Story Teller's Corner

BASEBALL WAS DANGEROUS in them days.

Back in 1905 a baseball fan named Samuel Scott was watching a major league game between Chicago and Philadelphia. He was arrested for larceny after catching a foul ball and refusing to surrender it to an usher. Signing the complaint was James A. Hart, president of the Chicago National League Club.

Pitt Rally Socks Syracuse, 22-12

SYROCUSE, N. Y. (UP) — Steamed-up Syracuse blunted Pittsburgh's football powerhouse for most of three periods Saturday, then tired under the relentless pounding and the favored Panthers waltzed to a 22-12 victory in a drizzling rain at Archbold Stadium.

Before the Syracuse defense collapsed, however, the lowers' Eddie Albright provided some pin-point forward passing which had the crowd of 16,000 partisan fans cheering for an upset, as late as 10 minutes into the third period. Syracuse led 12-7 as Albright fired two touchdown aerials to Jim Ridlon and Billy Micho.

Pittsburgh, once it broke the shackles of Syracuse's stout defense, steam - rollered to two touchdown and a safety in the final 20 minutes and was stopped just seven yards short of a third touchdown.

The first period was scoreless but Syracuse, executing its plays smartly, took all the honors with a 63-yard march which died on the Pitt 10. Then early in the second period, the arrangement got a break when the Pitt quarterback, Darrell Lewis, fumbled on his 26-yard line. Syracuse bucked to the 16 where Albright pitched an arching forward to the streaking Ridlon for the game's initial score, Jim Brown's kick was wide.

Pittsburgh recovered quickly, marching 66 yards for a touchdown from the ensuing kickoff, big Tom Jenkins pounded across from the nine and Bags Bagamery kicked the point which loomed big until the Panthers began tearing Syracuse apart late in the game.

The second half was only three minutes old when Syracuse's Billy Micho sneaked behind the Pitt safety man, Corny Salvaterra, to grab a long Albright aerial and scoot for a second Syracuse score. The play covered 63 yards. Again Brown's kick was wide.

The Panthers' big line, which outweighed Syracuse about 15 pounds a man, then began taking its toll. Syracuse, pushed back to its own two yard line, kicked out poorly to the 31, three plays later, Salvaterra jump-passed 25 yards into the end zone to end Joe Walton.

Score by period

Syracuse	7	5	0	0	—12
Pittsburgh	0	7	0	9	—22

Syracuse scoring: Ridlon (16) pass from Albright. Kick failed. Pittsburgh scoring: Jenkins (1), Walton (25) pass from Salvaterra. Bagamery (2) plunge. Conversions: Bagamery 3, safety Rocborough tackled Kozma.

Orioles In Victory

WASHINGTON (UP) —The Baltimore Orioles assured themselves of at least a tie for seventh place in the American League Saturday night when they defeated the Washington Senators in the twilight game of a double-header, 8-5.

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Washington	001	103	000	—5	10 0

Moore (10-16) and Triandos; Abernathy, Stobbs (5), Chakales (5), Clarke (7) and Karthow. Losing pitcher—Abernathy (5-8)

Michigan Spanks Missouri, 42 - 7

Illini Post 20-13 Win Over Cal 11

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UP) — Giant Michigan end Ron Kramer packed what many ends would consider a full season's work into five brilliant minutes Saturday to start Michigan on its way to a 42-7 rout of Missouri.

With Missouri leading 7-0 and the first half running out, Kramer grabbed two touchdown passes and set up a third score before the half ended. He snagged another pass for a third touchdown later and also kicked five extra points in a 23-point scoring splurge.

KNOCKOUT BLOW

But the game was wrapped up in the five minutes before the first half ended. Missouri, playing all but four minutes without ace quarterback Jimmy Hunter, never recovered from Kramer's one - man show.

Kramer did everything but pass. He punted, kicked off, backed up the line, caught passes and ran the ball on end - around plays. He even tried to pass on one end-around play. But he couldn't find a receiver so he tucked the ball under his arm and gained six yards.

OFFENSE SPUTTERS

Michigan's offense had sputtered badly before Kramer broke loose. A pass from Jimmy Van Pelt moved the ball to Missouri's 15, and then Kramer took a short pass from Van Pelt and bulled his way to Michigan's first touchdown.

He set up the second TD by catching a pass on Missouri's 14 and then running the ball to the 10 on the following play. Lou Baldacci finally scored from the two.

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Gets Revenge

BERKELEY, Calif. (UP) — Illinois set out to avenge last year's miserable season by outlasting the game but green California Bears Saturday 20-13 in the Illini's first game of the season before a crowd of about 32,000 at Memorial Stadium.

The Illini, sparked by the running of right halfback Abe Woodson and the thinking of quarterback Em Lindbeck, took a 14-7 lead in the third period afer Cal moved away to a 7-0 advantage and finally held off a gallant Bear drive in the waning minutes of the game.

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Iowa Blasts

IOWA CITY, Iowa (UP)—Quarterback Jerry Reichow keyed a powerful Iowa offense that blasted Kansas State, 28-7, before 44,500 fans in Iowa Stadium Saturday.

The Hawkeyes played close to their belts all aternoon, but still put together scoring marches of 90, 80, 58 and 45 yards against their game but outclassed non-conference foe.

Kansas State did not cross midfield until late in the third period and picked up only four first downs all afternoon.

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Spartans Roll

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (UP) — Michigan State's young Spartans, masterminded by veteran quarterback Earl Morrall and fullback Jerry Planutis, beat Indiana Saturday 20-13 to assume the lead in the Big 10 title chase before 23,000 fans and a regional television audience.

Coach Duffy Daugherty's boys struck twice as quick as lightning in the second period and once more in the third stanza, then sat back to ride out the game.

The Hoosiers scored once in the second period and again late in the fourth, both times following Michigan State fumbles.

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Gophers Bow

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UP)—The fired-up Washington Huskies, bouncing back from a poor 1954 season, ripped to a 30-0 upset victory over Minnesota Saturday, before 58,817 fans in Memorial Stadium.

The Huskies sharp backs and hard - hitting linemen, two-touchdown underdogs, took a 10-0 lead over the shocked Gophers in the first half and then ran away with the game

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Badgers Win

MADISON, Wis. (UP) — Charlie Thomas, for two years an understudy to All-America fullback Alan Ameche, came into his own Saturday when Wisconsin rang up a 28-14 opening game victory over Marquette.

The 219-pound Evanston, Ill., senior scored his first touchdown in a Wisconsin uniform when he took the ball on the Badgers' second play and dashed 54 yards to a touchdown

Marquette, shaken by Thomas' tarust, couldn't get its own attack underway until only five minutes were left in the first half. It wasn't until then that the Warriors got their premier first down, but they capitalized on it to score before the intermission

MICHIGAN'S FOURTH—Halfback Louis Baldacci scores in the third quarter as the Wolverines route Missouri 42-7 at Ann Arbor yesterday. Baldacci's touchdown put Michigan ahead 27-0. On previous play Baldacci was stopped inches away from paydirt. (Unifax Photo.)

Watch Those Crazy Bounces

College Football Capsules

Denison Wins

GRANVILLE, O. (UP) — Denison came from behind Saturday to score a 27-13 victory over Washington and Jefferson in the football season opener.

The visitors turned in two touchdowns in the opening quarter by taking advantage of a blocked punt and a Denison fumble.

The slow starting Big Red moved from its own 35 in seven plays for the first touchdown just 12 seconds before the end of the opening period. Bill Haynes ran 18 yards to tie the score at 13-13.

Late in the third period, Denison went ahead when Haynes went over from the one to climax a 48-yard drive. Sophomore halfback Marvin Smith also made his second touchdown, on a 26-yard romp and a two-yard sweep around right end, in the final period.

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Xavier, 49-20

CINCINNATI, O. (UP)—Xaiver University Saturday romped to a 49-20 victory over Louisville, racking up its highest score against an opponent in 61 games.

Louisville led briefly in the opening period when sophomore halfback George Cain, of Middletown, Ohio, scored on a 21-yard pass from quarterback James Gaitwood.

Cain also scored two other touchdowns for Louisville but it wasn't enough to hurt the Musketeers. Xaiver fullback Don St. John punched over three touchdowns.

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Mount, 45-7

WESTERVILLE, O. (UP) — Mt. Union walloped Otterbein 45-7 Saturday in the Ohio Conference football opener for both schools,

The hard-charging Purple Raiders, who kept the Otters bottled up all the way except for two occasions, scored with ease right down to the last play of the game where quarterback Dave Behrendt passed to fullback Tom Salmon for 22 yards.

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Maroons Win

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UP) —Mississippi State's Maroons mounted drives of 75 and 54 yards in the rain Saturday and put up a stout second half defense for a 13-7 victory over Tennessee that marred Bowden Wyatt's coaching debut here.

A backfield of three seniors and a junior overpowered Tennessee's jittery defenses in the first half but the Vols scored just before the half and outplayed the visitors the rest of the way.

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Clemson, 20-7

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (UP) —Fullback Billy O'Dell rammed the Virginia line full of holes and led Clemson to a 20-7 Atlantic Coast Conference victory in the rain Saturday before 13,000 fans.

O'Dell out - dazzled Virginia's Jim Bakhtiar, an Iranian import who fizzled in the drizzle that soaked fans at Scott Stadium.

Understudy fullback Neuf Ankuta and starting halfback Joel Wells joined O'Dell in the Clemson scoring.

The rough and rambling Tiger backs piled up 236 yards rushing to Virginia's 113 and controlled the entire game, yet trailed by a point at halftime.

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Subs Star

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UP)— Purdue's Boilermakers, playing with a patched-up backield, struck on a 53-yard pass play from reserve quarterback John Brideweser to halfback Tom Fletcher to edge College of the Pacific Saturday, 14-7.

It was the season opener for Purdue. About 44,000 fans watched.

Pacific's Tigers, underdog against the Big Ten team, contained Purdue most of the second half. It was only the lightning aerial thrusts by Brideweser that staved off a tie.

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Scots, 41-13

MEADVILLE, Pa., Sept. 24 (UP) — Freshman Tom Dingle and Jerry Smith both scored, twice Saturday as Wooster, Ohio, defeated Allegheny College, 41-13.

Dingle, as an elusive a runner as has been seen here in many years, reeled off touchdown runs of 28 and 34 yards.

Smith scored once on a 30-yard run and then caught a 52-yard scoring pass from Ted Hole to start the runaway.

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Bishops Win

DELAWARE, O. (UP) — Ohio Wesleyan scored two touchdowns in the third period Saturday to defeat Rochester, 26-19, in the season's opener for both teams.

The two scores snapped a 13-13 tie. Sparkplug of the attack was quarterback Bob Hancher, who completed a 42-yard pass to Jim Boggs that carried to the one and then scored imself to break the tie.

Later in the third period, Glenn Butterman took a 39 yard pass from Hancher to put the Bishops into a two-touchdown lead. Top play of the day, however, was a punt return by Bill Wolfe of Wesleyan who ran it back 80 yards for the Bishops' first score.

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ONU Trips

COLUMBUS, O. (UP) — Capital University recorded its fourth victory over Ohio Northern in five years Saturday with a solid 27-7 triumph over the undermanned Polar Bears.

Top man in the Capital offense was Eddie Garver, who scored three touchdowns on runs of nine, 13 and 14 yards. Graver, of Navarre, Ohio, also rolled up 80 yards in 10 trips with the ball.

Quarterback Chuck Kessler, whose passes accounted for 199 yards, uncorked a 53-yard scoring pass play on the first play from scrimmage of the day to send Capital toward its opening day victory.

Capital led 6-0 at halftime, but unleashed two touchdowns in the third period and one more in the fourth. Ohio Northern scored its only touchdown in the third period.

TCU Pastes Texas Tech

LUBBOCK, Tex. (UP)— Speedy Jimmy Swink scored on a 59-yard run and sprinted over for two more touchdowns Saturday to lead Texas Christian University to a 32-0 victory over Texas Tech. A crowd of 28,000 fans braved intermittent rain to see the game.

Swink capped a 64-yard march with a three-yard touchdown plunge the second time the Horned Frogs held the ball and Texas Tech was on its way to defeat. Swink scored twice in the second quarter and kicked an extra point.

So one-sided was the game that the Raiders didn't get a first down until 10:13 of the third quarter and managed only three during the entire game.

Kansas Ends Long Streak

LAWRENCE, Kan. (UP)—Kansas sophomores, led by the throwing arm of Wally Strauch, toppled favored Washington State, 13-0, Saturday to end the longest current losing string among major colleges at 17.

A 30-yard breakaway run by halfback John Francisco early in the second period set up the first touchdown. Francisco made it on a three-yard run.

Halfback Ralph Moody gathered in a pass by Washington State quarterback Frank Sarno and raced 48 yards down the sideline behind two good blocks in the final period for the other touchdown. Halfback John Handley converted.

VPI Blasts Penn, 33-0

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Quarterback Leo Burke staged a one-man scoring show Saturday to lead Virginia Tech to a 33 to 0 victory over the University of Pennsylvania before 12,571 fans at Franklin Field

The setback extended Penn's winless streak to 14 games. The Quakers, who lost all nine games last season, have failed to come out on top since beating Navy in October, 1953.

Burke, a senior from Hagerstown, Md., tallied three touchdowns—on a four-yard fake handoff in the second quarter and plunges of two yards and one, respectively, in the third period.

Reserve backs Don Divers and Jim Lugars added superfluous six-pointers for Tech in the fourth quarter.

Penn's deepest thrust was to VPI's 24-yard line early in the game.

Liederkranz Club Loses Opponent

For the third time in as many weeks Mansfield Liederkranz will be without a soccer foe today.

The American Soccer League champions apparently have scared off all exhibition opponents. Manager Pete Mohr received a phone call from the Akron Magyars last night saying the Rubber City team had decided to cancel the contest at Gorman-Rupp Field here today.

Foes the last two Sundays failed to appear.

Plymouth Aerials Win 48-6 Contest

PLYMOUTH—Plymouth High School took to the air to bomb Maumee Valley Country Day School into submission, 48 to 6, here yesterday in a scholastic football game.

A trio of Plymouth passers completed 25 of 30 pitches for seven touchdowns and the Pilgrims' second straight victory of 1955. The Ray Einsel to Ed Taylor combination was the most effective as the latter sped across the goal line five times.

Taylor, an end, rolled up his 30 points on pass plays covering 27, 41, 33, 21 and 27 yards. Soph Ted Fox passed 38 yards to Marty Hampton for another score and Hampton pitched 22 yards to End Tom Marvin for the seventh counter.

Maumee Valley also filled the ozone with aerial bombs and Carlton Finkbeiner hit Plummer with a 22-yard payoff pitch.

PLYMOUTH

Ends — Utiss, Fetters, Ream, Marvin, Taylor.
Tackles — Eckstein, White, Wallace, Elliott, Lillo, Kress.
Guards — D. Hampton, J Fidler, Barnthouse, Wasserman.
Centers — Root, Jacobs.
Backs — M. Hampton, Ayers, Fox, Einsel, Berberick, D Fidler.

MAUMEE VALLEY

Ends — Leaman, Wall, Chase
Tackles — Ziems, Crowl, Pilley.
Guards — Atkinson, Flatter, Lombard
Center — Hankins.
Backs — Co. Finkbeiner, Deigen, Gwin, Plummer, Ayers, Homlar, Romanoff.

SCORING

Plymouth	7	13	21	7	—48
Maumee Valley	0	6	0	7	—6

Plymouth

Touchdowns—Taylor 5 (passes of 27, 41, 33, 21 and 27 yards), M. Hampton (38-yard pass), Marvin (22-yard pass)
Points after touchdowns—Utiss (pass), M. Hampton 2 (runs), Marvin 2 (runs), Fox (run).

Maumee Valley

Touchdown — Plummer (22-yard pass).

OFFICIALS

Referee — Francis Factor; Umpire — Pete Risser; Headlineman — Joe Miller.

Dodgers Set For Yankees

PITTSBURGH (UP) — A completely relaxed Walter Alston said yesterday his Brooklyn Dodgers were "up" for the New York Yankees and his ace slugger, Duke Snider, agreed that "there's no one we'd rather beat."

The Dodgers manager admitted that he expected the Yankees to win the American League pennant and become Brooklyn's opponent in the 1955 World Series.

"But actually we didn't care who it would be: Our spirit is good and we're ready. Of course I'm glad the Yanks made it," he said.

Snider showed a little more enthusiasm when informed Friday night in his hotel room that New York captured the junior circuit flag by beating the Boston Red Sox, 3-2, at Boston.

"There is no one we'd rather play," Snider said. "I feel confident we will take them. I don't care if I get a single hit as long as we win."

Indians Burn Series Ducats

CLEVELAND, O. (UP) — Cleveland Indians tickets for four anticipated World Series games here went into the furnace Saturday, and some $3-million dollars in checks and money orders went into the mail for 60,000 disappointed baseball fans.

The Tribe, eliminated mathematically but certainly from the American League pennant race, held orders for 50 per cent more seats than were available in giant Cleveland Stadium, and had planned a lottery in ticket orders. The assured sell-out would have meant total gross receipts of $2,028,000 here.

Instead, detailed preparations for series games which will not be played here will cost Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick a $9,000 ticket printing bill and the Tribe some $20,000.

Eagle Pro Club Bops NY Giants

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The 1955 National Football League season got underway Saturday night with the Philadelphia Eagles coming from behind to defeat the New York Giants, 27 to 17, before 29,597 fans in rain-soaked Connie Mack Stadium.

Trailing by a 17-to-7 score going into the second half, their only touchdown coming on a sensational 96-yard kickoff return by halfback Jerry Norton in the first period, the Eagles struck for two quick TD's and two field goals behind the brilliant signal calling of Bobby Thomason.

Bellville High Reserves Top Rams, 19 To 0

BELLVILLE — Steve Hamilton accounted for all three touchdowns as the Bellville Reserves whitewashed Mansfield Madison, 19-0 here last night.

Hamilton, who gained 69 yards in seven carries for an average of 9.8 yards per try, scored twice from nine yards out and once from the 23 yard line. Garber kicked an extra point.

MADISON

Ends—Indorf, Brubaker
Tackles—Anthony, Booth
Guards—Elchof, Dunham
Center—Sanders
Backs—Earhart, Rice, Esel, Grondzinoff, Chelski, Selby

BELLVILLE

Ends—Hockerme, Beenimehoff
Tackles—Gerhart, Iser
Guards—C. Hamilton, Morehead
Center—Freeman
Backs—Garber, Kisse' S Hamilton, Fry, Walters, Robinson, Hankins

Madison	0	0	0	0—0
Bellville	6	7	6	0—19

Bellville

Touchdowns—Hamilton 3 (23-yard run, one-yard run, eight-yard run).
Point after touchdown—Garber (placement).

STATISTICS

	Mad.	Bell.
First Downs	4	8
Rushing	3	4
Passing	1	4
Yards gained, rushing	83	122
Yards gained, passing	44	87
Yards lost, scrimmage	21	23
Passes attempted	4	8
Passes completed	2	6
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Number of punts	7	1
Punt average	28	32
Number of punt returns	0	1
Punt return yards	0	7
Number of fumbles	3	5
Own fumbles recovered	1	4
Number of penalties	2	4
Penalty yardage	30	55

Wings Take Edge

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (UP)—The Rochester Red Wings took a 2-1 lead in the Little World Series Saturday night by defeating the Minneapolis Millers, 11-1, before 11,519 fans.

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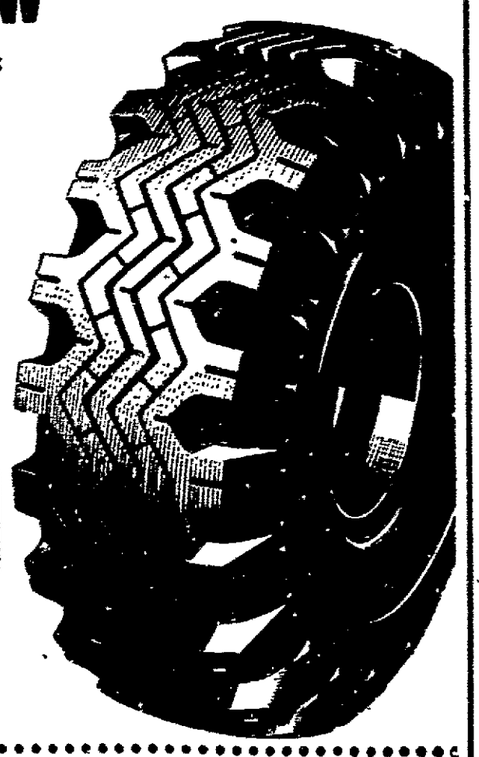

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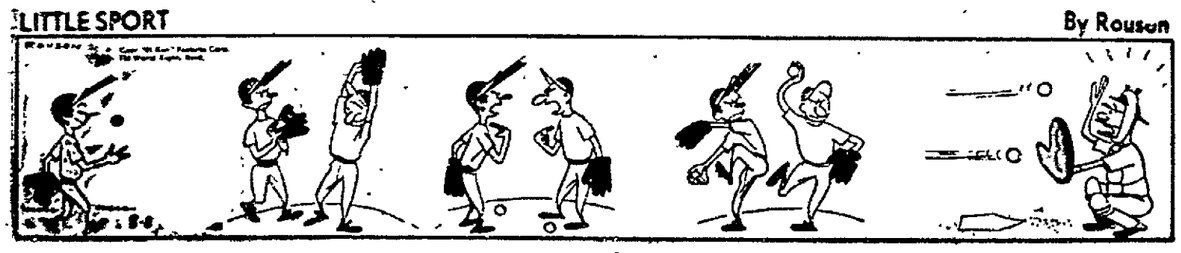

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