

SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

FOOTBALL prognosticators who dare to tell their readers who's going to win what game have had fairly even sailing for a couple of weeks, but from now on in they are likely to be invited by the public to go out and get a reputation.

Some of the major college eleven took off the wraps last week-end and while a few upsets occurred, on the whole the guessing by the experts wasn't too tough.

The week-end upcoming, however, calls for a meaty menu and many problems that only a professional seer would care to tackle.

If Washington State can hold mighty Southern California to a tie, which happened Saturday, the fall crop of surprises probably will reach a new high as the weeks roll by.

This writer ground out selections on 51 games last week-end and had 42 winners, eight losers and one tie, and that was the Rose Bowl champ's setback.

The first week's record in this column was 13 winners, one loser and two tie scores. . . . Record over all: 55 winners, nine losers and three tie games.

This builds up a batting average of .859 for the two weeks . . . and we would like to settle on that percentage for the season. . . . But you can't take it with you. . . . The grid war is just in its infancy and the robust strife is yet to strike on a large scale.

Panthers Crushed After First-Stringers Retire
DEMONSTRATING de-emphasis, the Pitt Panthers, once powerful, were crushed by Ohio State. . . . Pitt was short of stalwart reserves and after the first-stringers lost their wind the Ohio State Bucks rolled to a decisive triumph.

Big "money" game of the day was University of Washington at Minnesota. . . . and it was a torrid affair. . . . Yea, we had the Gophers.

A big "money" tilt in the South was Boston College at Tulane. . . . No, we picked the wrong horse. . . . From the manner in which the Boston boys pitched strikes while tossing passes it's strange that Joe Cronin overlooked them with his Red Sox mound staff.

OHIO STATE trounced Pitt without having to extend itself "all out" or unveil its bag of tricks mapped out by Coach Francis Schmidt.

And the Bucks will be stronger this Saturday when they meet the Purdue Boilermakers at Columbus. . . . Jimmy Strausbaugh, an ace, who didn't see any action against the Panthers, will be ready for play against Purdue.

Well, Purdue didn't go "all out" against Butler, and like all Boilermaker teams, fears no foe, regardless of size or reputation.

Baker Developed Several Tiger Stars
NEVER GREAT himself as a player, Del Baker concentrates on getting the maximum out of the material on hand to take his place among the topnotch baseball managers, says Harry Grayson, NEA Service sports editor, who has known the Bengal boss for years.

The late Frank Navin, was right, declares Harry, when in the spring of 1936, right after the Tigers had bagged a world championship, he pointed to Baker, jumping and shouting in the third base coach's box, and remarked to Will Harridge, American League president: "There's a fellow who will be a great manager some day."

To Del Baker belonged much of the credit for Detroit's flag-gathering clubs of 1934 and '35. . . . As pilot of the Tigers' Beaumont farm for three years, he developed Lynwood Rowe, Elden Auker, Hank Greenberg, Pete Fox and Jo-Jo White.

It was because of his knowledge of and the influence he had on these athletes that Baker was brought back to the parent club as a coach in 1933. . . . Auker is now with the Browns and White is in the Pacific Coast League.

BAKER has the homely philosophy of the hop-grower he has been since a boy. . . . He still spends the off-seasons on the farm near Sherwood, Ore., where he was born. . . . The property passed out of the family's hands for a time, but Baker bought it back.

Never a great player himself, Baker concentrates on getting the maximum out of the material at hand. . . . Reducing every problem to its simplest form, it didn't take Del Baker, the balance wheel, long to take his place among the topnotch managers.

The Tiger chief plays strict percentage baseball, and when he attempts something out of the ordinary, and it goes wrong, he doesn't hesitate to take full responsibility.

THE MANAGER of the 1940 American League champs is the easiest fellow in the world to get along with, but can crack down when the occasion demands. . . . He is the hardest worker on the club. . . . never sits down from the time he appears at the park until his nerves. . . . insists on hustle. . . . says a club giving everything it has all the while will beat one that is 20 per cent stronger mechanically.

Baseball at a Glance

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
(Final)	W.	L.	Pct.	GB.
Detroit	90	64	.584	
Cleveland	80	75	.515	10 1/2
New York	86	66	.561	4
Chicago	82	72	.532	8
Pittsburgh	82	72	.532	8
St. Louis	67	87	.435	23 1/2
Washington	67	87	.435	23 1/2
Philadelphia	54	100	.351	36

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
(Final)	W.	L.	Pct.	GB.
Cincinnati	100	53	.654	
Brooklyn	88	65	.573	12 1/2
St. Louis	84	69	.549	16
Pittsburgh	82	72	.532	18 1/2
Chicago	75	79	.487	25 1/2
San Francisco	65	87	.428	35 1/2
Boston	65	87	.428	35 1/2
Philadelphia	50	103	.327	50

GAMES TODAY				
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION PLAYOFF				
Kansas City at Louisville (night).				
Louisville leads 3-0 in the 3d.				

RESULTS YESTERDAY				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
(Fourteen Innings)				
Detroit	000 100 001 000 000	2 10 3		
Cleveland	000 000 200 000 001	3 8 2		
National League				
(Eleven Innings)				
New York	100 101 000 011 1 16 3			
Washington	000 000 000 000 000	0 6 2		
Boston and Dickey, Rosar; Leonard and Ferrell.				

Those Who Don't Know Say He's Cold, But Dr. Jock Sutherland Really Isn't

By HENRY MLEMORE

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 30.—

The football world knows him as a cold guy. Not only as a cold guy, but a hard one, who looks upon his players as machines, and not as human beings to be patted when they did well, to be scolded when they failed.

He helped build up this legend, there's no denying that. In the first place—and we're talking about Jock Sutherland—he's formidable in appearance. Big (he stands six two or three and weighs 230 or thereabouts), he isn't given to easy conversation. Intense, he lives, breathes, thinks football all his waking hours. A perfectionist, he rebels at a player failing to give his very best.

He has been called the "Dour Scot," the "Sour Scot," and "Dead-Pan Dentist" and a dozen other things that denote aloofness, unfriendliness.

But—and this is my story—is he really that sort of a man?

The answer is no.

Jock's a pro coach now, in charge of the Brooklyn Dodgers, after 14 years of coaching the Pitt Panthers. His team played here yesterday, against the Pittsburgh Steelers. The game has been the talk of the town for two months. A crowd of 27,000 was in the stands to see what Jock's team could do.

I talked to Jock before the game, in the lobby of the Hotel Schenley. "I'd like to win this one," he said. "I would have liked, to tell you the truth, to ask the players to win it



Jock Sutherland . . . he wasn't hungry.

for me, but I never have asked a team to play for me, and I never will. I just hope they'll do their best."

Then Jock told me how he felt coming back to Pittsburgh—a town he lived and worked in almost 30 years—as a stranger. "I didn't sleep much last night on the train. I kept thinking about how I, as coach of Pittsburgh, used to welcome arriving coaches. Now, there was to be a welcoming party

Kirksey Picks Redlegs to Win in Six Games

Dizziest Grid Season Gets Under Way

Three Real Darkhorses Show Up Right Away

By HENRY SUPER

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NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—

The first returns are in and it looks like all the dizzy football seasons of the past will be nothing compared to this one.

Already on the list of the defeated are Washington, North Carolina, Louisiana State, U. C. L. A. and Tulane, and another great gridiron power, Southern California, has its record marred by a tie.

So hold your hats boys—we'll be lucky to have one undefeated team at the end of the season if things continue to happen like they did over the past week-end when the campaign officially opened.

On the basis of inaugural-day performances, we offer today a trio of real darkhorse teams—Boston College, Wake Forest and Mississippi. Everyone knew Boston College was good—but not good enough to defeat Tulane, one of last year's great teams, by a 27-7 score. Boston College had a pair of lads named Charley O'Rourke and Mickey Connolly operating for them, and paste these names in your hat because you're going to hear more about them this year.

Look Out for Mississippi!

Wake Forest was tabbed as good, but not good enough to defeat North Carolina 14-0. And Mississippi, scoring 13 points in the last five minutes of play to defeat Louisiana State, 19-6, may be the team to beat down in that tough Southeastern Conference where at least half a dozen teams have a chance to win the title.

Out in the Big Ten, Minnesota roared up the comeback trail with a 19-14 victory over Washington, and the word is out that the Gophers again may climb to the heights they once occupied in the Big Ten. The word was a rumor for Washington because it had been talking about turning out its greatest team in history. U. C. L. A., one of the good teams on the coast, was defeated 9-6 by Southern Methodist, which looms as a real challenger to Texas A. & M. in the Southwest. Washington State, supposedly one of the "weak sisters" on the Pacific Coast, held mighty Southern California to a 14-14 tie—but don't count U. S. C. out of it yet because those Trojans are notoriously slow starters.

No Excitement in East

Ohio State and Michigan stack up, along with Minnesota, as the best in the Midwest with a few schools still to be heard from. Ohio State shellacked Pittsburgh 30-7 while Michigan, with Tommy Harmon leading the attack, humbled California 40-0.

In the East nothing important happened because all the big teams that played had pushover opponents. Off the records here's how the national picture looks as the boys get ready for the second week: Best teams on opening day—Boston College, Minnesota, Michigan, Southern Methodist, Wake Forest, Ohio State and Mississippi.

Tulane Biggest Flop
Teams which looked good against opponents ranging from pushovers to moderately tough—Duke, Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Texas A&M, Tennessee, Oregon State and Santa Clara.

Teams which should be good and will get their chance to prove it in opening games this week—Notre Dame, Northwestern, Cornell, Fordham and Georgia Tech.

Biggest disappointment of the week-end—Tulane, undefeated all last year and whipped only by Texas A. & M. in the Sugar Bowl.

Brooklyn . . . 000 103 001—5 13 1
Philadelphia . . . 000 000 000—0 2 0
Grissom and Franks; Podgajny and Warren; Alwood.
Chicago . . . 000 000 000—0 0 0
St. Louis . . . 000 000 000—0 0 0
J. Dean, Olsen and Collins; M. Cooper and W. Cooper.
Boston . . . 000 000 000—0 0 3
New York . . . 000 000 000—0 0 0
Plechota, Strincovich and Brookie; Lohman and O'Dea.
Pittsburgh . . . 001 000 000—3 11 0
Cincinnati . . . 000 001 000—1 10 1
Rahmst, Heintzelman and Fernandez; Schultz, Walters, Thompson, Vander Meer and Baker, West, Wilson.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION PLAYOFF
(Final Round)
Kansas City . . . 000 000 000—0 6 2
Louisville . . . 000 000 001—1 3 0
Hendrickson and Kiddle; Wagner and Lewis.

for me. It seemed funny, I, who knew Pittsburgh as I know no other town, to be greeted and treated as a stranger."

The crowd gave him a great hand when he walked on the field before the game between the Dodgers and the Steelers. The band played, the customers yelled, and Jock just walked out, slowly, quietly, right hand in his pocket, left hand clutching a program. He didn't look up, he didn't look down. He just walked straight ahead to the Brooklyn bench.

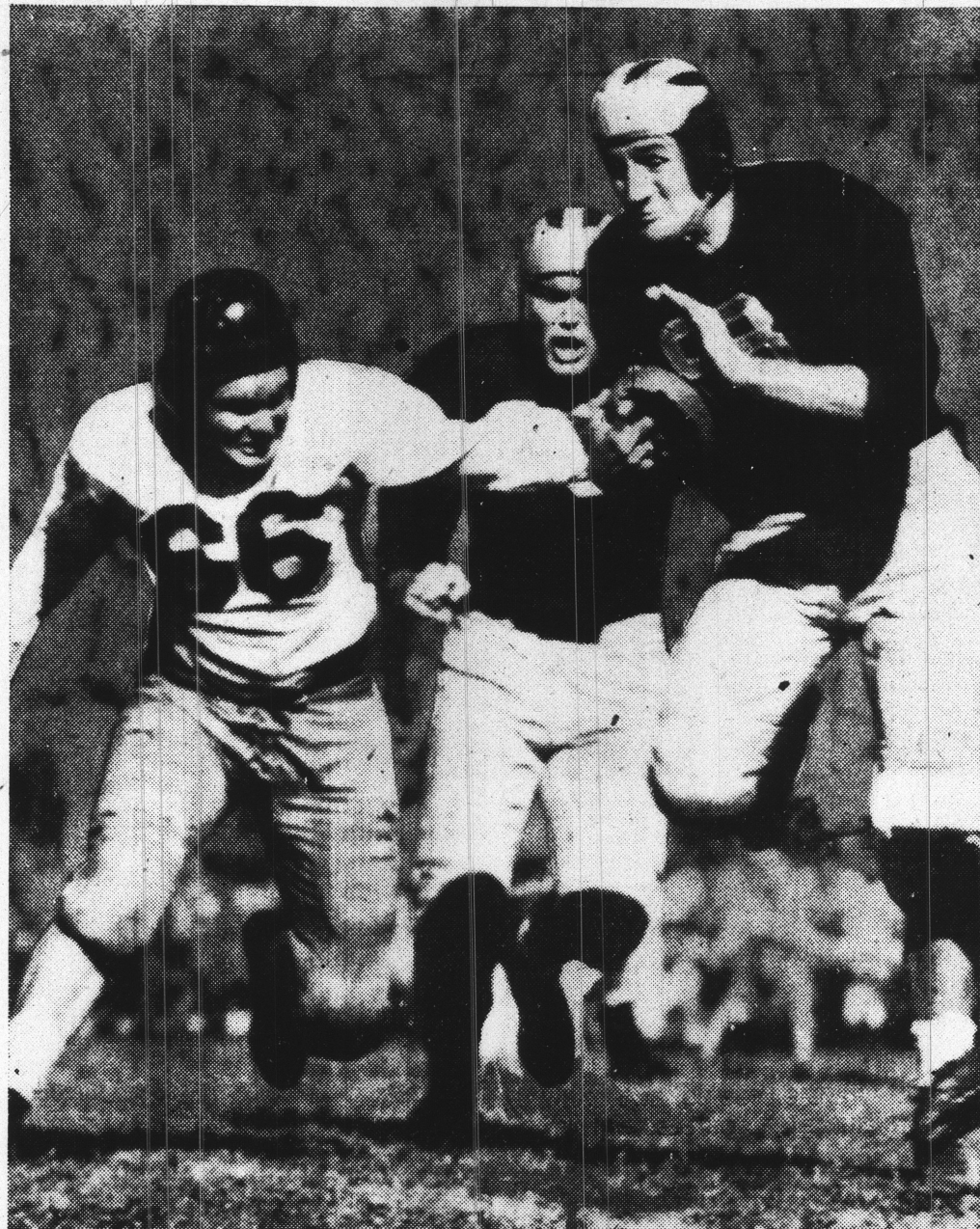
Not knowing him, the crowd resented his refusal to show emotion. Inside, the doctor was turning over and over. He hadn't eaten a bite of breakfast. Not a bite of lunch.

"Not hungry," he told friends. "No, just a great fellow, a great coach, being human. Inside he wanted this ball game. Inside he prayed and hoped the Dodgers would come through."

They did. And without a speech, either. I talked to 10 or 12 of the players. They all said, in substance, the same thing. "We like him. We go for Jock. We knew we wanted to win, so we did what we could."

Cuba Edges U. S.
HAVANA, Sept. 30 (U. P.).—Cuba's amateur baseball team, despite only a five-hit attack and four errors afield, nosed out the United States squad, 3-2, yesterday.

Posing That Question—Is Harmon Another Grange?



Tom Harmon, Michigan's great running halfback, is stopped by Davie Queen (66), California center and smallest Golden Bear, after a gain.

BERKELEY, Cal., Sept. 30 (U. P.).—After all that hullabaloo last fall comparing Tom Harmon of Michigan and Harold (Red) Grange of Illinois, ending in Michigan's upset by the Illini, Michigan followers hate to mention it above a whisper but Harmon's performance against California Saturday was strikingly similar to that of Grange against the Wolverines in 1924.

1. Like Grange, he carried the opening kickoff to a touchdown.
2. After misjudging a second period punt, he finally corralled it and ran 71 yards to score.
3. Raced 86 yards from scrimmage, slipping by

11 Californians and a spectator, who, having seen enough of Harmon for a month of football Saturdays, leaped from the stands and set out in pursuit.

A neat twist of the Harmon hips sent the "12th man" sprawling.

4. Ended a 76-yard march by plunging over the goal himself.

5. Climaxed a 59-yard march with a touchdown pass to Dave Nelson.

6. Place-kicked four extra points.

Like Grange in his historic game with Michigan, Harmon was almost a point-a-minute man—26 points in slightly more than 30 minutes playing time.

Football Renaissance Comes To the Big Ten at Last

By STEVE SNIDER

United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—It's time to haul out the Webster special and find out if "renaissance" is spelled with one "n" and two "s" or two "n's" and one "s" for it's a mighty important word around the Big Ten today.

Michigan licked California, 41 to 0. Ohio State buffeted Pittsburgh, 30 to 7. Minnesota defeated Washington, 19 to 14.

That was the renaissance the Big Ten was looking for last year and couldn't quite achieve. On the opening Saturday of this season, they came through with important victories in the three top games of the week and in their grand slam showed power of national significance.

Michigan Tackles Old Rival
Ohio State's western conference champions open their title defense against Purdue at Columbus this week, while Minnesota and Michigan continue against tough non-conference opponents. Minnesota has a difficult assignment against Nebraska, hailed as the big gun of the big six. Michigan tackles its old rival, Michigan State.

This week also brings into action all other conference eleven: Texas at Indiana, Northwestern at Syracuse, South Dakota at Iowa, Bradley at Illinois, and Marquette at Wisconsin.

Off their showing in the three major openers, Ohio State, Michigan and Minnesota apparently will make it a great dog-fight for the Western Conference title.

Scott at His Coolest
On Saturday they showed Tornado Tom Harmon at his stormiest, Don Scott at his coolest and George Hermon at his speediest. This trio of backs, representing Michigan, Ohio State and Minnesota, respectively, turned the tide in all-American fashion.

Harmon scored four of Michigan's six touchdowns, running 95 yards with the opening kickoff. He also passed to Dave Nelson for another score.

Scott pitched two touchdown passes against Pittsburgh, sharing honors with tackle Charley Maag, the blond giant, who booted a 25-yard field goal and blocked a punt, setting up a touchdown.

Frank scored twice, once bringing Minnesota from behind with a 97-yard kickoff return. He's the fastest back in the Big Ten, but on that zig-zag run blockers appeared before him as rapidly as he stepped off the yardage.

Red Sox Hold 3-2 Lead in I-O Series
MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 30.—The Lafayette Red Sox today held a 3-2 lead over the Muncie Citizens in the playoff series for the Indiana-Ohio Baseball League title. The Citizens won their second victory yesterday by taking a 4-3 decision from the Red Sox.

Here Are the Gents Who'll Get the Boos
CHICAGO, Sept. 30 (U. P.).—Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis today announced umpires for the World Series, opening Wednesday at Cincinnati. They were: National League—William J. Klem and E. Lee Ballanfant. Larry Goetz, alternate. American League—E. T. Ormsby and Steve Basil. William Grieve, alternate.

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Oddly Enough, Cincinnati Should Do Better at Detroit Than at Own Crosley Field

Larger Briggs Stadium Goes Well With the National Leaguers' Pitching and Defense

By GEORGE KIRKSEY

United Press Staff Correspondent

CINCINNATI, Sept. 30.—The longest lane has a turn.

It can't rain forever. The sun has to break through the clouds sometime.

After losing five straight world's championships to the American League, the National League will come up for air along about next Monday or Tuesday and proudly boast of the 1940 Cincinnati Reds, the team that ended the drought.

Packers and Redskins Lead

Green Bay Swamps Cards in Feature

By UNITED PRESS

Green Bay climbed into possession of first place in the Western Division of the National Professional Football League yesterday while idle Washington automatically gained the lead in the Eastern Division.

The Packers, world professional champions, swamped the Chicago Cardinals in virtually every department to win, 31-6, before 20,234 fans as only six out of 10 teams saw action Sunday. Whizzer White raced 20 yards for the only touchdown as the Detroit Lions won over the Cleveland Rams, 6-0, in the only other Western Division contest, before a crowd of 11,500.

The Redskins took over undisputed possession of the Eastern League lead as the Brooklyn Dodgers knocked the Pittsburgh Steelers off the top, 10-3, while 25,618 fans cheered Brooklyn Coach Dr. Jock Sutherland in his pro debut at Pittsburgh.

New York's Giants defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 20-14 Saturday night.

The Reds will have to win on their smartness, their classy pitching and their tight defense. They cannot hope to slug it out with the Tigers. They have to muffle the Tigers' siege guns—Hank Greenberg, Rudy York and Charley Gehring. And, strangely enough, they'll probably have a better chance of doing it in Detroit's ball park—where the third, fourth and fifth games will be played—than on their Crosley Field, their home diamond. Look at the comparative dimensions:

Crosley Field . . . 328 Ft. 340 Ft.
Stadium . . . 387 Ft. 440 Ft.
Left Field . . . 328 Ft. 340 Ft.
Center Field . . . 387 Ft. 440 Ft.
Right Field . . . 366 Ft. 325 Ft.

Paul Derringer, Bucky Walters, the Reds' two right-handed aces who are due to pitch the first two games, can't make any mistakes on the Detroit batting order and that even includes everyone from little Dick Bartell, the 234 hitting lead-off man, on down to Birdie Tebbets, the eighth place hitter. Every right-handed batter in the "Tigers" lineup is capable of belting the ball out of the Cincinnati park.

The Reds cannot match the Tigers' power but neither can the American League champions offer anywhere near the pitching or defense that Cincinnati will field.

300 Hitters Scarce
With catcher Ernie Lombardi unlikely to get into the series before Saturday because of a sprained ankle, the Reds will go into the series with only one legitimate 300 hitter in their lineup—first baseman Frank McCormick. Outfielder Jimmy Riddle is also batting over .300 but he played in only 40 games since coming to the Reds in late August from Montreal. He's a money player and will be dangerous in a short series.

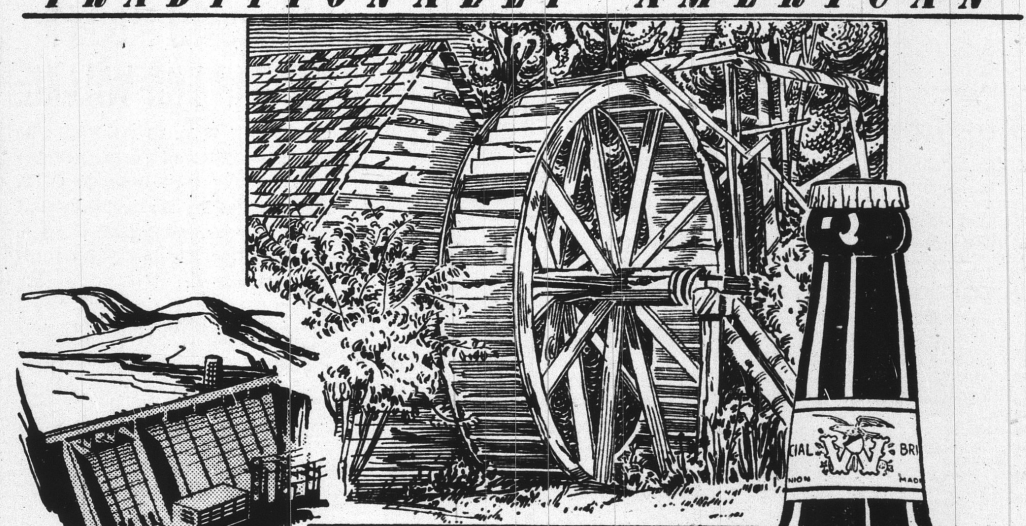
The Reds' strength is in their pitching and defense. They have four starters, Derringer, Walters, Thompson and Turner, and a great relief man, Joe Beggs. The Tigers (Continued on Page Nine)

Ring Films Booked

Films of the Max Baer-Pat Comisky heavyweight fight will be shown for three days at the Ambassador Theater, beginning Thursday, Manager Rex A. Carr announced today. The pictures run for 10 minutes and show the first knockdown as well as the knockout in slow motion.

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