

Eagles, Browns to Clash Before 60,000 in Philly

By The Associated Press

Nearly a third of a million people will turn out in person today to watch the National Football League's 14 teams launch the circuit's 42nd season in play-for-pay action from New York to San Francisco.

The biggest crowds of 60,000 will view the fireworks in Philadelphia's Franklin Field where the world champion Philadelphia Eagles clash with the Cleveland Browns and in New York's Yankee Stadium where the New York Giants battle the St. Louis Cardinals.

Elsewhere, 53,000 will see the Los Angeles Rams at Baltimore; 42,000 the Washington Redskins at San Francisco; 40,000 the Detroit Lions against the Green Bay Packers in Milwaukee; 40,000, the Chicago Bears at Minnesota's Metropolitan Stadium in Minneapolis, and 25,000 the Pgh. Steelers at Dallas.

Additional thousands throughout the land will witness the inaugurals on television.

Philadelphia's collision with the Brown's very likely will prove the day's eyebrow lifter. The Eagles, unbeaten in four NFL exhibition games, have a new quarterback in Sonny Jurgensen, a new coach in Nick Skorich and a bitter remembrance of the 41-24 licking



MILT PLUM
... Cleveland Browns

the Brown's dealt them on opening day a year ago.

It remains to be seen how well Jurgensen can make the Philadelphia faithful forget the departed Norm Van Brocklin, now Minnesota coach. Skorich is quick to point out that "if we haven't improved, we're in trouble."

The Browns have finished second in the Eastern Conference the

past three years and are tired of their bridesmaid's role. Quarterback Milt Plum seems to have finally arrived with more poise, confidence, and skill.

Green Bay, Western Conference defending champion, piled up a 5-0 record in exhibitions. The Packers, with Bart Starr at quarterback, have just about the same team which bowed 17-13 to the Eagles in the 1960 title game.

Detroit and Baltimore expect to have considerable to say about the Western Conference title. The Lions, beaten only by the Eagles (23-14) in the warmups, have fine speed and fine receivers. Jimmy Orr should be a favorite target for passing demon, Johnny Unitas.

The Giants-Cardinals get-together will be a battle of cripples. Both teams have ailing quarterbacks, New York's Charlie Conerly and Cards' Sam Etcheverry.

Los Angeles has a new quarterback, Norm Snead, to direct its new all-out, three-end attack designed for explosiveness. John Brodie and rookie Bill Kilmer will alternate at piloting San Francisco's "shotgun" attack.

George Halas, starting his 34th season as Bear's coach, has no worries at quarterback with Ed Brown, Bill Wade, and Dick Norman but is concerned over his deep defensive backs. Minnesota is using the three-end offense and alternating veteran Hugh McElhenny and rookie Tommy Mason at running back.

New faces, including that of Big Daddy Lipscomb, dot the Steelers' lineup, but quarterback Bobby Layne is still around. Dallas Coach Tom Landry says the Cowboys, beginning their second season, "are still building."

Grid Wins Total 382

Penn State football teams have won 382, lost 206 and tied 35 since beginning intercollegiate competition in 1887.

Rip's Best Record

Rip Engle's best record during his 11 years of coaching at Penn State came in 1959 when his grid-ders won nine and lost only two.

Midshipmen Retire No. 27

Navy football Jersey No. 27, made famous by a halfback named Joe Bellino, will never appear on the Naval Academy gridiron again. Bellino's No. 27 has been "retired" from active duty and will be placed on display in the trophy case at the Naval Academy Field House.

Bellino, Navy's only Heisman Trophy winner in the history of football at Annapolis, was a unanimous selection as All-American halfback and "Outstanding College Football Player of the Year." The new Navy ensign, who graduated June 7, has been assigned to the Academy to assist in coaching the plebe backfield. He is due to report for duty aboard the cruiser USS Norfolk in December.

During his four years at the Naval Academy, Joe almost completely rewrote the football record books.

Ticket Sales To Set Record

Virtually every county in Pennsylvania and 12 states are represented in the 1961 football ticket sale at Penn State.

E. M. Czekaj, business manager of athletics, said season ticket sales will reach a new high of 8000 or more before the opening game against Navy Saturday.

Czekaj said the sections reserved for season tickets have been expanded to take care of all the requests.

He attributed the new interest in season tickets to the attractiveness of home schedules during the next decade.

Steelers Revamp Offensive Lineup

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Coach Buddy Parker had to make some changes Friday in the Pittsburgh Steelers' starting offensive lineup for their National Football League opener at Dallas today because of injuries.

End Bob Coronado sprained his ankle in practice and halfback Tom Tracy was hampered by a toe injury.

Parker said flanker back Buddy Dial will take over Coronado's spot and rookie Bill Mack will play at Dial's post. Fullback John Henry Johnson will play left halfback in place of Tracy and Charley Scales will start at fullback.

Coaches Rate--

(Continued from page 24) number eight in the nation. Coach Paul Dietzel has 25 lettermen, led by 230-pound guard Roy Winston and halfback Jerry Stovall.

If he can fill a big hole at quarterback, the coaches feel Duffy Daugherty's Michigan State team could upset the Big Ten and national ratings. They put the Spartans in ninth place.

Syracuse was disappointing despite a 7-2 record in 1960, but the coaches look for the Orangemen, with All-American halfback Ernie Davis and 19 lettermen, to challenge Penn State for Eastern supremacy as the number 10 team in the nation.

Dascoli Gets Job

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP)—Frank Dascoli, who was fired last month as chief of National League umpires, has joined Jessop Steel Co. in its sales training program.

Dascoli would not comment on the move or on his former umpiring career.

Donora Fans Honor Musial

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Stan Musial Day will be observed at Forbes Field today when the St. Louis Cardinals play the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Musial, a native of Donora in Washington County, will be honored on the 20th anniversary of his major league career. It was on Sept. 17, 1941, that he broke into the majors as a member of the Cards and it was at Forbes Field.

A group of residents of Donora, headed by Mayor Albert Del Sandro, will participate in a pre-game presentation ceremony. Manager Danny Murtaugh of the Pirates will present Musial a gift on behalf of the Pirate organization. Manager Johnny Keane of the Cardinals will do the same of the St. Louis team.

Varsity Soccer

All varsity soccer candidates should report to Coach Ken Hosterman at 11 a.m. Sept. 18 in 241 Rec Hall.

Frick Stands Firm On Homer Ruling

CHICAGO (AP) — Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick stood firm on his ruling that Roger Maris or Mickey Mantle must break Babe Ruth's home run record—if they do—within a span of 154 games.

Frick spoke out after Joe Cronin, president of the American League, said that if either one of the men hits 61 homers in the regulation 162-game schedule, that feat must be regarded as a new record.

"You don't break the 100-meter record in the 100-yard dash," Frick told The Associated Press.

The meter is 3.37 inches longer than the yard. Frick used the analogy to stress the fact that the season ran 154 games when Ruth knocked 60 home runs in 1927. Now, with the league expanded from 8 to 10 teams, it runs 162 games.

"There'll be two records," Frick said in a way that was clear and positive as an exclamation point. "The most home runs in a 162-game schedule and the most home runs in a 154-game schedule."

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