

62,000 See Sailors Anchor Airmen, 7-0

By BILL LEISER

Plunging a tremendous three feet to the end zone midway in period two, James Thibaut of Tulane cinched Fleet City's Bluejacket victory over Frankie Sinkwich's Second Air Force Bombers before 62,000 customers yesterday on Kezar Stadium field. When Lou Zontini of Notre Dame kicked the extra point from the fingers of Pittsburgh's Edgar "Special Delivery" Jones, the second overflow crowd in as many days of the new Northern California football season saw all the scoring it was going to see through the long afternoon of ultra perfect defensive play on the part of both squads.

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It was a tremendous three feet that Thibaut collected. Three feet were hard to get yesterday, in any situation. Neither organization could at any time offer a suggestion of sustained marching.

Each actually reached the enemy seven-yard line once, first down, goal to go. Each failed to make the distance on its own.

PENALTY SETS IT UP

Fleet City managed to reach the three-foot mark only by grace of forward pass interference called by Field Judge Elwood Allison.

From the Air Force 34-yard line, Jones had passed long into the end zone, intending the throw for Paul (Illinois) Patterson. Ray (Kansas) Evans ran into Patterson, and Allison dropped the handkerchief, placing the football one yard from the goal. As subsequent events indicated, it was the only way a score could be made.

Perfect defensive play doesn't make for exciting football, when good players make no errors and there's nothing to take advantage of.

Georgia's Flatfoot Fireball, Sinkwich, engineered as much offense as was generated by the victors, but that was not too much except for a little spurt now and then.

A LOT OF FLESH

For our part we can't see how anyone is going to run much offense against numbers 25, 56, 43 and 41 from Fleet City. They are Frank (Mississippi) Kinard and Ed (Alabama) Gerber, John (Western Reserve) Badaczewski and Quentin (Southern California) Klenk. They weigh approximately 2½ tons each, they're quick as well as big, they didn't even need the help of the ends flanking them.

If and whenever anybody starts showing 'em around and running against them, I want to be there to see. And that's not even mentioning guys like Doyle (No. 30) Tackett, Charles (Boston College) O'Rourke, and Harvey (William & Mary) Johnson, who were always getting in the way whenever Sinkwich threatened to pick up a yard or two.

Not even Glenn (Pop) Warner, inventor of the double wing, in the press box with a phone in front of him, was able to get Major Ed Walker's Flyers under way against what they had in front of them yesterday.

Considering their experience, the boys were not too smooth. They hardly ever ran as many as three consecutive plays without interruptions for penalties, times out, substitutions, or busted gear.

STINGY WITH PASSES

For three periods, Second Air almost never threw a pass, and trying to operate steady running play against what we've mentioned of Fleet City was obviously doomed to failure.

It looked like an Air Force without an air game. At the very end Sinkwich and Billy (Washington State) Sewell did nothing but throw passes, as many as seven in a row. Major Ed should tell them there's no law against the change of pace.

Greatest entertainers were the sprint champion Little Buddy (Illinois) Young, although he did not play long, and Steve (Notre Dame) Juzwik, for Fleet City. Buddy brought the big crowd to its feet every time he got the ball, whether gaining or losing yards, and Juzwik made the best advances of the afternoon, twice gaining more than 30 yards and threatening to break loose more often than that.

SINKWICH DOES O.K.

Best for Second Air were Sinkwich, who can really run and no mistake, and Evans and Sewell. But the real entertainment was from defense. The boys would widen and converge and cover everything like Omar's tent almost all the time. Many times each team would end a series of plays losing more than it gained.

Often the crowd laughed at the hopelessness of any one's deployment to gain yards, so fast would the defense blanket the play and kill it at the line of scrimmage or worse.

As was the case Saturday at Memorial Stadium, the surprise crowd arrived early in warm, perfect weather, and the stadium was more than packed before the kickoff. Thousands of servicemen, admitted for the walking in, were not officially counted. But they stood and sat around the field below Row One. The crowd must easily have been the biggest in Kezar history, save for the annual sellout Shrine New Year's Day East-West show. Experts estimated the 62,000 as a conservative figure.

If this keeps up, we're going to have new and bigger stadiums everywhere.

TWO IN A ROW

Following the kickoff, Bill (Santa Clara) Prentice and Evans put two first downs together, and appeared possibly able to go some place. Sinkwich hit twice to get eight more yards, but the march ended when, on fourth and two to go, he tried a delayed straight smash and was downed by Bob (Baylor) Nelson, giving the ball to Fleet City on her own 24.

Maybe Second Air would have done much better had Prentice been able to remain through the game. He was hurt and assisted from the field.

Period 2 found the Bluejackets gaining relative strength, and they put first downs end to end for one of the few times during the afternoon.

They started when Curtis Sandig (St. Mary's, Texas) intercepted Sinkwich's pass with a high, one-hand stop, to put the ball on Second Air's 49.

Harvey Johnson found a big hole for 11 in a single blast and when he then fumbled, Nelson recovered in the air for seven-yard gain. Jones was held to one, but Thibaut boomed up the middle for 9 and the boys were 21 yards out.

Then it was Thibaut 2 Jones forwarding to Enrico (Murray teachers) Ugucioni for 7, Thibaut 0, and Jones over left tackle for first down on the seven-yard line.

TOUGH DEFENSE

But second air had a defense, too. Especially it had Don (Texas) Fambrough, who stopped Thibaut on the 4, and Clyde (Hardin Simmons) Turner, who threw Paterson for a yard loss. Lester (Baylor) Gatewood fortunately recovered for Thibaut, when he did a third down fumble.

On fourth down Adrian (Amherst) Hassee collared Special Delivery Jones and dropped him six yards from the goal. That's how hard touchdowns were to get, either way yesterday.

A moment later, after Sinkwich

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MAJOR LEAGUE PENNANT RACES

By Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	Won	Lost	G.B.	T.P.
Detroit	46	64		
Washington	87	67	1	None
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Chicago	92	55		7
St. Louis	91	57	1½	6

Remaining games:
AMERICAN LEAGUE
 DETROIT—Against Cleveland 2, St. Louis 2. Total 4.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
 CHICAGO—Against St. Louis, 2, Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2. Total 7.
 ST. LOUIS—Against Chicago 3, Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 1. Total 6.

CUBS WIN

Brownies Set Back Tigers, 5-0

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (P)—The Detroit Tigers returned to their annoying habit of backing into the American League pennant today when they suffered a humiliating 5-0 drubbing by the St. Louis Browns.

However, the Tigers need only a single victory in their remaining four games to clinch a tie, or two triumphs to insure the flag, as the wobbly Washington Senators could do no better than split with the last-place Athletics, losing the first game, 4-3 in 12 innings, and winning the second game by the same score in eight frames. Darkness curtailed the nightcap.

In the event Detroit wins two out of the four games the final standings will be:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
DETROIT	88	66	.571
WASHINGTON	87	67	.565

The Tigers meet the Indians twice and the Browns two more times, while the Senators have concluded their 1945 schedule with today's twin-bill.

The National League shuffle remained status quo as both contenders, the leading Chicago Cubs and runner-up St. Louis Cards won their games. The Cubs humbled Pittsburgh 7-3 in the first game of a doubleheader. The second game was called off on account of darkness.

The Cards hammered four Cincinnati pitchers for a free-scoring 9-6 victory over the Reds to remain a game and a half behind the Cubs with six games remaining to seven for the Cubs, who play a twin-bill with the Pirates tomorrow to make up for today's and yesterday's postponements. Complete big league baseball on 2H.

Zollners, Jax Take Softball Crowns

CLEVELAND, Sept. 23 (UP)—The Zollners of Ft. Wayne and the undefeated New Orleans Jax tonight won the men and women's world softball championships.

Flint won the first game from the Hoosiers, 1-0, tonight, but lost the second by the same score, and thereby the crown.

The Jax defeated the Toronto Crofton Athletic Club ten, 5-0.

Keaton Light Grabs Caliente Handicap

AGUA CALIENTE, Sept. 23 (P)—Collaring the field at the far turn and holding enough in reserve to withstand the late challenge of R. W. Brayden's Parl Brab, Dan Hogan's Keaton Light captured the \$1500 Madre Perla Handicap at seven furlongs today.

Cork Booters Cop All-Ireland Crown

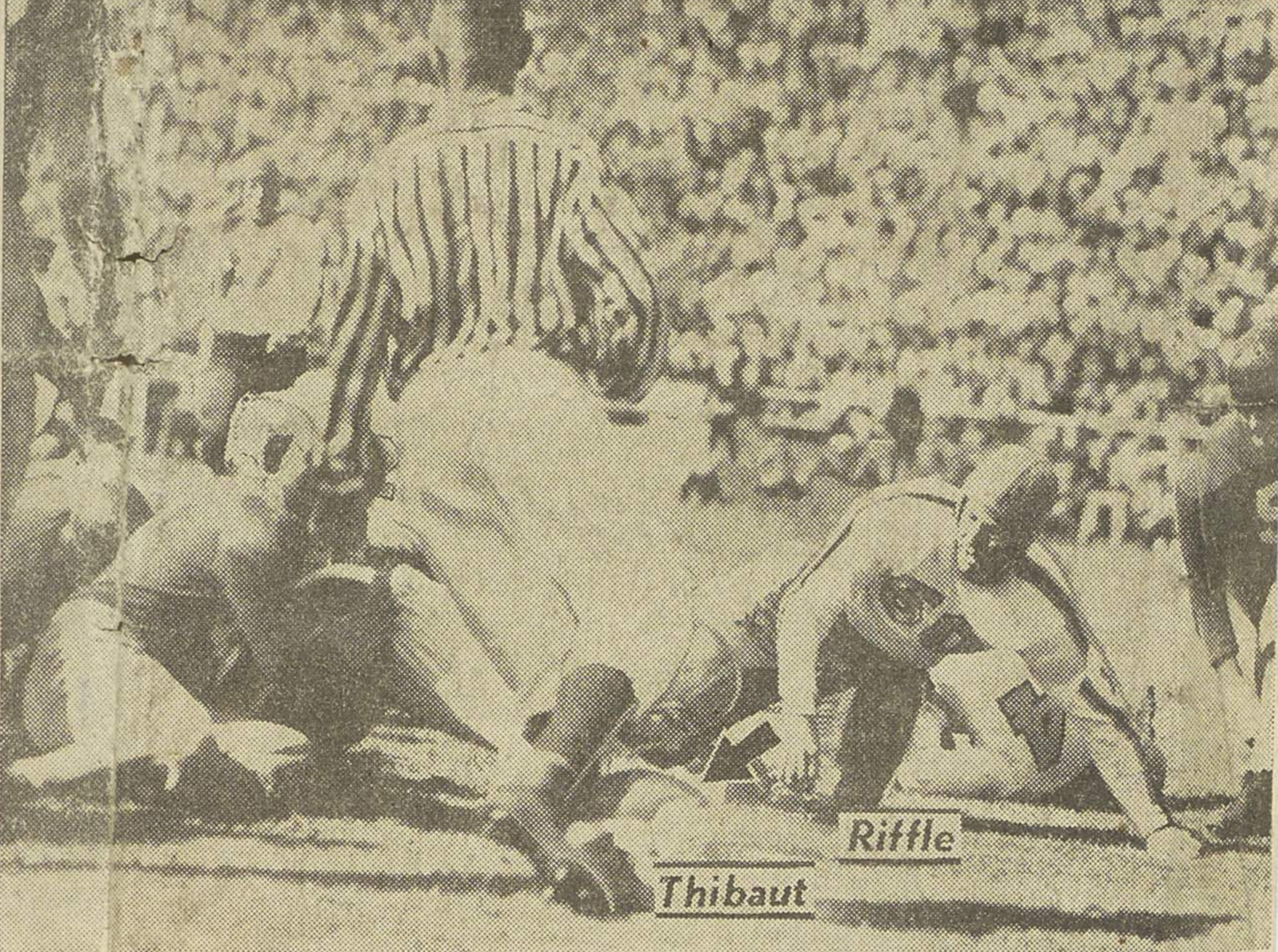
DUBLIN, Sept. 23 (P)—Making its first appearance in the Irish Cup final in 34 years, Cork won the All-Ireland Gaelic football championship today by defeating the favored Cavan team, two goals and five points to no goals and seven points.

The game was played in a near gale before 67,000 rained spectators, including Sir John Maffey, United Kingdom High Commissioner in Ireland, and David Grey, United States Minister.

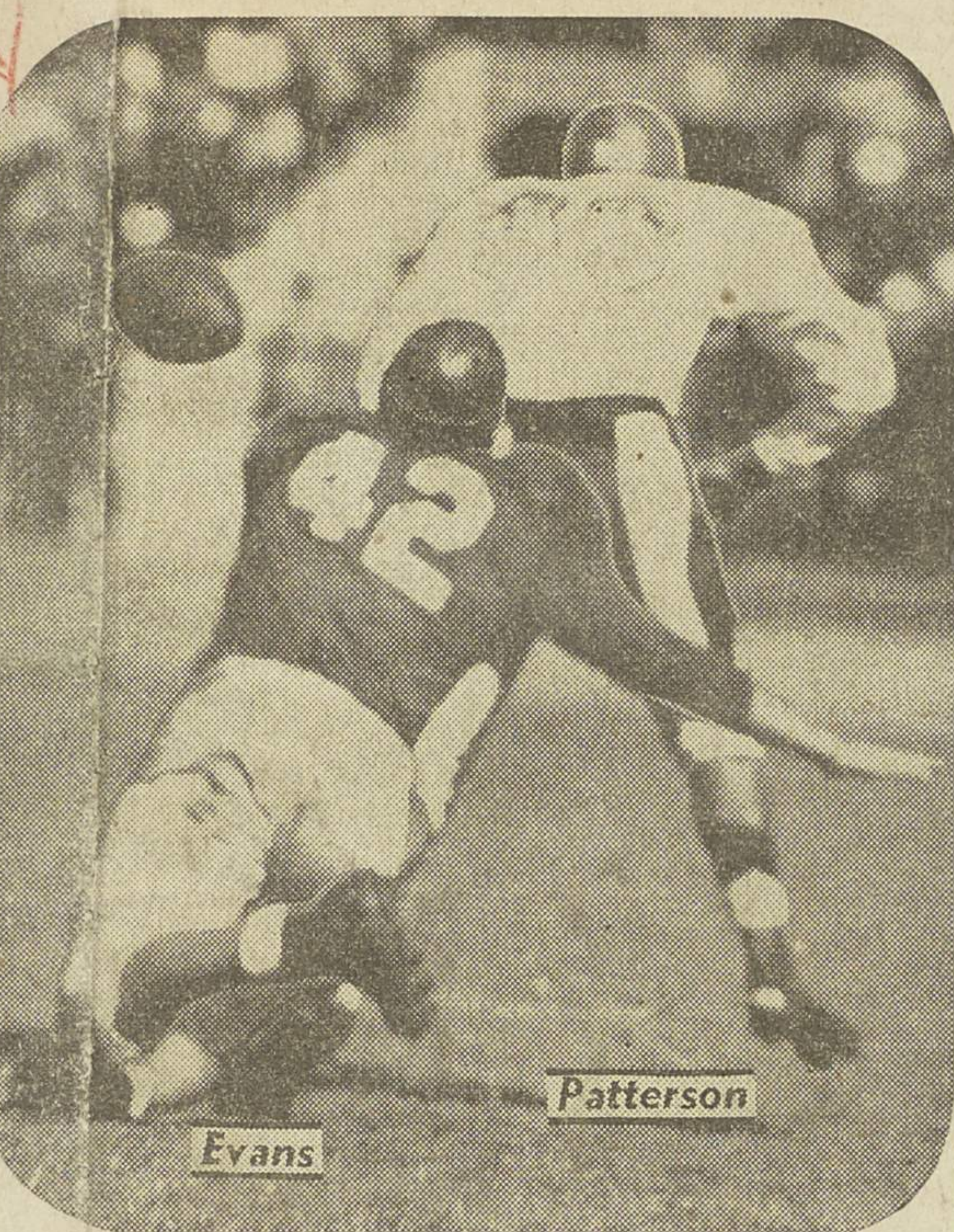
Grid Scores

Fleet City 7, Second Air Force 0
Washington 21, Green Bay 7
Philadelphia 14, Cleveland 7
Chicago Bears 14, New York 13
Detroit 16, Chicago Cards 0
AAP Training Comd. 29, Kezlar Field 0
Third Air Force 27, AAFDC 7
Tuskegee Field, Camp Lejeune Marines 0

---AND FLEET WAS IN!



Into the end zone from one yard out boomed Jim Thibaut, Fleet City fullback from Tulane Univ. City, and the Sailors from Camp Shoemaker left Kezar Stadium yesterday with a 7-0 victory over the Second Air Force eleven. Thibaut smashed across left guard in the second period after a penalty had given Fleet City a first down. —the one-yard line.



PENALTY This is the play that cost Second Air Force the game yesterday at Kezar Stadium. Paul Patterson, Fleet City halfback, and Ray Evans, Air Force defending halfback, went into the end zone together after Edgar Jones' long pass intended for Patterson. The ball fell uncaught, but Field Judge Elwood Ellison ruled Evans had interfered with the Sailor, giving Fleet City a first down on the one-yard line, from which it scored the game's only touchdown on the next play.

BELL BOTTOM TROUSERS, ETC.

Navy Day Preview at Kezar

By BARNEY GOULD

NAVY DAY NOTES: Oh, no, it isn't officially Navy Day till October 27, but yesterday's celebration will serve as a spectacular preview until Admiral Halsey sails through the Golden Gate.

Yes, it was Navy Day on the football field as Fleet City's big bell-bottomed Bluejackets stopped Superbomber Frankie Sinkwich and his second Air Force team, 7 to 0.

The stadium was stacked to the rim with 62,000 shouting spectators, and at least half of 'em must have been Navy. And Kezar's famous fog was scared away by September sunshine all day. The scene was a white-capped ocean spilling down the slopes and over into the infield. But among the dark-blue uniforms of the Navy men of all ranks, was plenty of Army khaki, along with the dark red of the lounging robes of the Purple Heart brigade from the service hospitals.

GOOD NATURED CROWD

It was the greatest early-season crowd ever seen in Kezar Stadium, and it enthusiastically overflowed on the playing field as the game drew to a close with the Superbombers frantically trying to get off the ground and over the Brobdignagian Bluejackets by the forward pass touchdown route. But the crowd was good-natured, sprinkled with servicemen and their families out for a war's-over outing, and there were not even any flare-up fights, nor a single bewildered dog-at-large to bring the crowd to its feet.

The battle between the two huge

lines, however, was anything but amiable, with the Bluejackets' Bruiser Kinard at one time the center of a short-lived incident, and the dressing rooms after the game full of battered and limping huskies. You could hear the smack of the scrimmage in the stands.

Despite the knock-down-drag-out scrap, Harry Hopp, Navy triple-threatener, appeared to be the only man whose injuries would keep him out of next Saturday's game in the same stadium with Coach Dick Hanley's El Toro Marines.

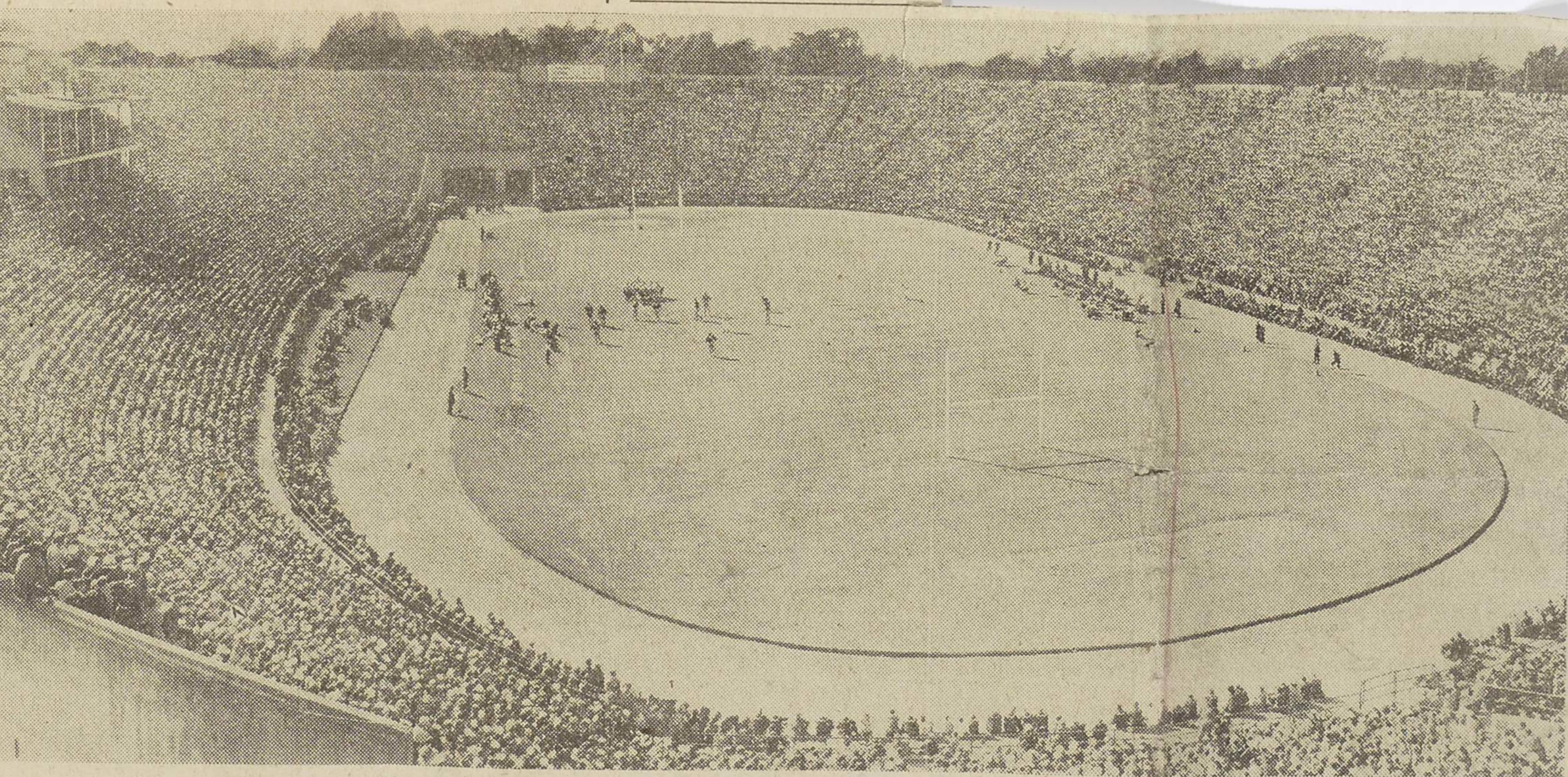
HANLEY IMPRESSED

Hanley, in the press box, was well impressed by the strength-in-depth of the two full Bluejacket teams, with their ample substitutes. "That's more manpower than I've seen in a long time," the ex-Northwestern and Shrine game coach said. But he opined that his Marines might charge a bit harder than the Superbombers, who failed to break Frankie Sinkwich into the clear past the deadly Navy secondary defense.

Coach Ed Walker of the Second Air Force, naturally disappointed at losing a second close game after

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THERE WAS A CROWD



More than 62,000 football fans sat and stood in Kezar Stadium yesterday to witness the Fleet City-Second Air Force clash. Although an official gate count was not available, since many servicemen were admitted free, only Shrine East-West games have drawn bigger crowds to the Sunset Bowl.

Not really here of us, but these were...