



sports round-up

DON'T LOOK NOW, but isn't that the Los Angeles Rams right up there with the best of them in the National Football League standings? We fully realize that three games do not make a season, but Rams' fans in this Los Angeles suburb (or would you rather have it the other way around?) are greatly heartened by the strong showing of Harlan Svare's tigers thus far. Especially that great defensive unit.

Prior to the Detroit game, second league contest of the year, much had been made of the way in which the Ram defensive line was shaping up. Particular praise had gone to Merlin Olsen, Rosey Grier and David Jones. Almost forgotten was Lamar Lundy, who seems to have the knack of being spectacularly unspectacular. But the former Purdue giant's inspiring performance against the Lions not only earned him the Southern California Football Writers' "pro of the week" accolade, but focused new attention on his sometimes overlooked importance to the club.

Take last year, for instance. After grading his defensive men game-by-game for the 1963 season, line coach Jack Patera admits it came as something of a shock when Lundy finished with the highest average. And now, with eight years of pro football behind him, Lamar believes he is about to reach his peak. If this self-appraisal pans out, it could go a long way toward making the Rams the team to beat in the Western Division.

PRE-TOURNAMENT REPORTS indicate that the best Negro woman tennis player and golfer ever developed will compete in the Ladies Professional Golfers Association championship on the Stardust course here starting today.

Althea Gibson turned to golf after establishing herself as the world's finest feminine tennis player with back-to-back victories in the United States and Wimbledon title tournaments of 1957-58. Other interests have prevented her from fully concentrating on competitive golf, but she hits the ball out there with the best of them and if she ever gets around to properly

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Big Surprise As 'Mr. Blue' Lays 6 Eggs

SECOND GRADE STUDENTS at Madison School have proof of the old axiom, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

Shortly before the last school year came to an end, Martha Brennecke felt something land on her head as she was supervising physical education on the Madison School playground.

She brushed it off and one of her students immediately identified the object as a parakeet. That was the start of a close association between second graders in Room 7 and "Mr. Blue," a young blue parakeet with clipped wings and no tail.

The little bird appeared hungry, tired and badly in need of shelter. So the children found a place for it in their room.

Then came the big surprise last month after school had reopened. "Mr. Blue" laid six little white eggs! This, of course, called for a new christening. "Mr. Blue" is now "Mrs. Blue."

Miss Brennecke has been able to use the parakeet to good advantage in natural science lessons and as an illustration for "Be Kind to Animals". (See Photo.)



NATURAL SCIENCE LESSON—Students of Martha Brennecke's second grade class at Madison School inspect Room 7 mascot, a vagrant parakeet which they have named "Mrs. Blue" following the bird's unannounced arrival in the school playground last term. Johnnie Jackson is holding cage. (See story.)

Martin's spent 8 years getting ready for tonight.

It's opening night!



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