

Sports

Kip Taylor Calls New Man To Beaver Lineup

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Coach Kip Taylor Thursday named Laird Brattain, a junior from Portland, to start at left end for Oregon State in Saturday's grid meeting here with Washington State.

It will be Brattain's first starting assignment. Taylor said he earned it by his improved showing in practice and recent games.

TV Restriction Ruling Draws Applause

PHILADELPHIA — A ruling by a Federal judge that the National Football League legally can restrict television coverage of its games left the professional sports world in a state of happy confusion Friday.

Both football and baseball circles appeared gratified over the first portion of a four-part decision Thursday by U.S. District Judge Allan K. Grim.

Judge Grim—acting two days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled professional baseball is a sport and therefore not subject to the nation's anti-trust laws—held that the NFL has the right to ban television of league games into other

league cities when home teams are playing.

NFL Commissioner Bert Bell hailed the ruling and Ford Frick, commissioner of baseball, said "it is a fine ruling for football."

However, neither Bell or Frick would comment on the effects on each other's domain of the remaining three parts of Judge Grim's ruling.

"The federal jurist termed 'illegal' three NFL rules which:

1. Restricted telecasts of games into league cities when the home team is playing out of town.
2. Restricted radio broadcasts of NFL games.
3. Permitted the NFL commis-

sioner to veto radio and TV contracts.

Bell said he felt that football had "won the most important part of its case" in being given the legal right to impose TV blackout curtains around home games.

Judge Grim's verdict was applauded immediately by Gordon McLendon, president of the defunct Liberty Broadcasting System which has a suit for 12 million dollars pending against 13 major league baseball clubs.

Judge Grim said "there is no factual justification for territorial restrictions on the sale of radio broadcasting rights."

McLendon commented this statement means his suit is valid and that Liberty Broadcasting will win rights to "unrestricted broadcasting of major league baseball games."

He had charged his broadcasting chain collapsed and was forced into bankruptcy more than a year ago when the major league clubs withdrew his broadcasting rights and made it impossible for him to fulfill contracts with his sponsors.

McLendon, who testified during the NFL case before Judge Grim, said:

"Since the major league baseball monopoly has exactly the same illegal rules on broadcasting to the very word, this decision is a real precedent for the Liberty case in January against the major league baseball clubs."

McLendon's case is set for trial in Chicago, Jan. 2.

Spats Unbeaten In Telecast Tilts

EAST LANSING, Mich. — There's something about a television camera that seems to bring out the best in the Michigan State football team.

Michigan State has never been beaten when it's had a game television nationally. And for every television game the Spartans, like a bunch of ham actors, have put on terrific shows for the viewers.

If Michigan State follows its past pattern, the University of Michigan, the football foe here Saturday will be wishing the game could be played in the privacy of someone's cellar.

Michigan State made its television debut against Notre Dame at South Bend, Ind., in 1950.

The Spartans and the Irish put on a show that couldn't have been more dramatic if it had been scripted by some Hollywood writer.

They traded touchdowns back and forth for four quarters. MSC finally won 36-33 by the margin of a field goal.

In 1951, Michigan State and Notre Dame staged a repeat of their television hit in Macklin Stadium.

Sports writers agreed afterwards that Michigan State played a "dream game."

Fullback Dick Panin charged 88 yards through the Notre Dame team for a touchdown on the very first play of the game. Michigan State kept pouring it on and whipped the Irish, currently rated best in the nation.

Last year, Texas A&M supplied the opposition. Michigan State backs, carefully keeping their best profiles toward the camera, romped on a 48-6 runaway.

Even Michigan State Coach Biggie Munn, named "Coach of the Year" after his Spartans were voted the national champions last year, is impressed by the size of the audience he'll have Saturday.

"It scares you a little," Munn said, "when you figure how many people will be watching."



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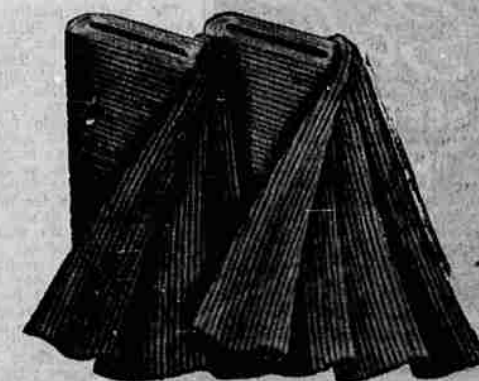
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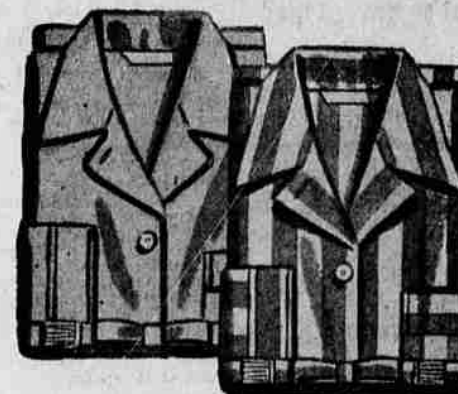
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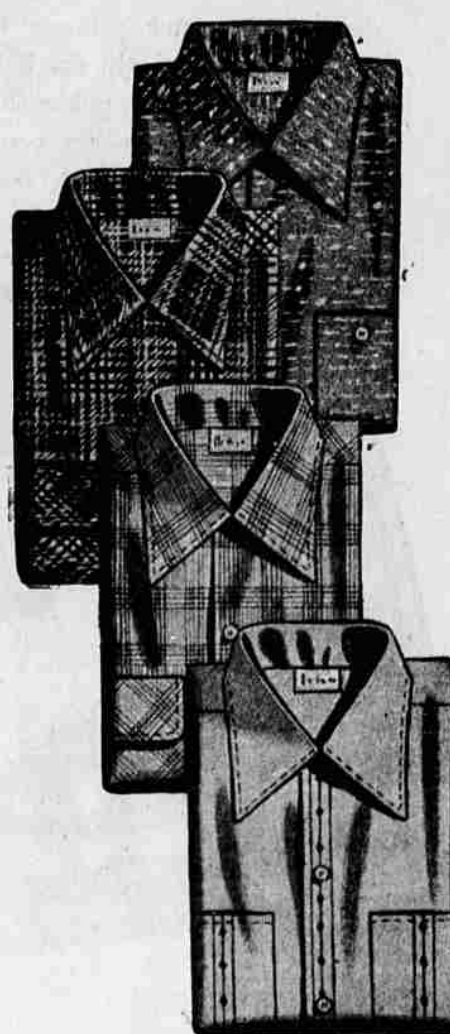
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