

Lightweights Light Afoot 45 Players Show For First Practice On Indian Gridiron

Light and weight, but with a promise also of being light afoot, 45 griders Monday afternoon answered Coach Bob George's first call to practice on Finlay Field in preparation for the 1955 football season for Roseburg High School.

Nine lettermen are being counted among those turning out for the fall sport. George said he expects to enroll about 60 or 65 footballers by the end of the week.

Missing from the practice field Monday afternoon was Jerry Dro-

Orange-Black Battle Sept. 6

Coach Bob George of the Roseburg High School Indians said Monday afternoon that his 1955 football team will be ready for full-dress scrimmages in about three days.

And scrimmage will become full-dress for the public a week from tonight, Sept. 6, when team members choose up sides to put on their annual intrasquad Orange-Black game under the lights at Finlay Field.

That game date precedes the season's official opener, against Estacada here Friday, Sept. 9, by only three days.

The Orange-Black game is the last hurdle Indian football players must pass before the season gets under way. Besides giving local fans a good look at the team, it affords coaches the opportunity to watch players operate under full-dress game conditions.

Meanwhile, season tickets for four home games were on sale the first time today at J.C. Sporting Goods. They are going for \$5 apiece, entitling holders to seats between the 30-yard lines and the Estacada game and contests with Medford Sept. 25, Eugene, Sept. 30 and Grants Pass Oct. 24.

General admission tickets for those games will be sold at the gates on the nights of the games.

Football Rater Puts UCLA At Top In Preseason List

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP) — Almost anyone, we always say, can pick an All-America football team after the season ends. The point has been reached, in fact, when almost everyone who owns or can borrow a typewriter and who possesses an old raccoon coat does take a stab at this popular fall pastime.

But the man we admire is the one who can haul off when the weather still is in the high 90s and tell us in advance, before a single peck has been bootied into the ozone just who will be the 11 best college players in the land the coming season. Not only that, but the 20 best teams, too, in the precise order of their excellence.

Such a man is Stanley Woodward, known to his intimates as "Coach," whose annual publication "Football" just has reached this desk. If there is anyone who would like to get away from baseball for a few minutes we will be glad to fill him in on next autumn.

Irish Ranked 17

Let us start with something of a surprise. Know where Notre Dame will rank among the nation's behemoths when the last whistle has been tooted? The "Coach" says the Irish will stand 17th, which would be strange territory, indeed, for them. We know that Terry Brennan was losing some horses but didn't quite realize the full extent of his plight.

Here's how Woodward rates them:

In order, UCLA, Michigan, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Iowa, Army, SMU, Auburn, Miami, Maryland, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Rice, Southern California, Navy, Georgia Tech, Notre Dame, Purdue, Florida, Baylor. From this it is easy to go a step further and deduce that UCLA will play Michigan in the Rose Bowl, Oklahoma will play Miami in the Orange Bowl, and, probably, that Army will make its modern bowl bow against SMU in the Cotton Bowl. The Sugar Bowl situation is somewhat more clouded.

With equal confidence our favorite seer arrives unerringly at the 11 golden ones who will be acclaimed in December as the greatest in the land, as follows:

Ends, Ron Kramer, Michigan, and Ron Beagle, Navy; tackles, Frank Machinsky, Ohio State, and Forrest Gregg, SMU; guards, Hardiman Cureton, UCLA, and Bo Bolinger, Oklahoma; center, Steve Delaney, Florida; quarterback, George Welsh, Navy; halfbacks, Howard Cassidy, Ohio State, and Royce Flippin, Princeton; fullback, Joe Childress, Auburn.

It may interest the Southern constituents to know that Woodward favors Miami over Notre Dame in what looms as the first colossal clash of the season. One of his reasons is that the Hurricanes always seem to play their best in their home stadium, the Orange Bowl, but he also points out that Coach Andy Gustafson has a team which beat such as Baylor, Maryland, Alabama and Florida last year and lost only to Auburn, 14-13, after having led a 13-point lead.

ERA Marks Down For Major Hurlers

NEW YORK (AP) — Snitpaw Billy Pierce of the Chicago White Sox and right-hander Bob Fuhl of the Milwaukee Braves led the major leagues in earned run averages Tuesday on the strength of brilliant performances in their last five outings.

Victim of three 1-0 defeats earlier in the season, Pierce has yielded only eight earned runs in his last 42 2-3 innings to win five straight and pace the American League in ERA with a sparkling 1.83 mark. Overall, Pierce has given up 34 runs in 167 frames while compiling a 12.8 record.

Fuhl tops the National League with a 2.76 earned run average. He permitted only seven earned runs in his last 38 1-3 innings and boosted his won-loss record to 13-8.

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Hollywood	86	70	.551	
San Diego	81	75	.519	5
Portland	79	74	.516	5 1/2
Los Angeles	79	77	.507	7
Sacramento	72	84	.462	14
San Francisco	70	86	.449	16
Oakland	69	86	.445	16 1/2

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seattle and Hollywood are nip and tuck in the Pacific Coast League and both teams will be trying tonight to break the tie in their own favor.

Technically Seattle leads the league on percentage with a .601 edge, but the two clubs are tied on games. The Stars evened it up last night with a 3-2 victory over Los Angeles, while Seattle was idle. In the only other game Portland defeated San Diego, 4-1.

Red Munger reclaimed his position as the winner of the most games this season by pitching his 21st victory for Hollywood. He gave Los Angeles five scattered hits. One was a home run by Gale Wade in the first inning and another Steve Bilko's 35th homer.

The first 21 men to face Portland's Red Adams never saw first base, but in the eighth San Diego's Earl Spall scored a no-hitter by powering his 20th home run over the right wall.

It was the only hit off Adams, who chalked up his 11th victory against 10 losses. Portland placed together a safe bunt and three singles for a pair of runs in the first. Jim Robertson homered for another in the fourth and the final run came in the seventh.

National Amateur Post Won By Cudd

SEATTLE (AP) — C. W. Adams Jr., Seattle, joined Bruce Cudd, Portland, in winning the Northwest's two berths in the sectional qualifying round for the National Amateur Golf Tournament Monday.

Adams, who carded a 77-73-155, was awarded second spot when Erv Parent, Seattle, 70-70-140, and Dick Stearns, Portland, 75-74-149, indicated they would be unable to go to the national meet.

Parent's score tied Cudd, who had rounds of 72-68, for a 140. Cudd, a Walker Cupper, is former Western amateur champion.

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Nearly 1,500 golfers, duffers and top names alike, played in sectional qualifying rounds across the nation today in the first leg of the National Amateur Golf Championship.

A total of 187 berths remain to be filled for the championship tournament, to be held Sept. 12-17, at the James River course of the Country Club of Virginia at Richmond.

The U. S. Golf Assn. accepted a record 1,507 entries for the tourney, exceeding the former high of 1,416 in 1951.

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PITCHING — Erv Palica, Orioles, brushed off Tigers on five hits, walking only one batter, for first shutout of season 6-0 in first game of doubleheader sweep.

BATTING — Wally Post, Redlegs, belted two of four home runs off Robin Roberts, with his 34th deciding it in the ninth, in 4-3 decision over Phillies.

Ring Record

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NEW YORK — Chris Christensen, 146-lb. Detroit, stopped Gene Poirier, 148, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 6.

BROCKTON, Mass. — Bobby Murphy, 142-lb., Boston, stopped Lem Harvey, 148, New York, 6.

NEW ORLEANS — Nat (Killer) Jackson, 166-lb., New Orleans, outpointed Carl Coates, 138, Baltimore, 10.

Dates For Northwest
Pro-Am Golf Changed

TACOMA (AP) — A change in dates of the annual Northwest pro-amateur golf tournament was announced here by Chuck Congdon, president of the Pacific Northwest section of the Professional Golfers Assn.

Congdon said the tourney has been advanced one week from Sept. 15-16, to Sept. 8-9, to avoid a conflict with another PGA-sponsored tourney in Idaho.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMERICAN ASSN.

Minneapolis 3, Omaha 3
Toledo 6-7, Louisville 5-9
Indianapolis 4, Charleston 3
St. Paul at Denver, postponed, wet grounds.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Tulsa 2, Fort Worth 0
Houston 6, San Antonio 1
Shreveport 6, Beaumont 1
Dallas at Oklahoma City, postponed, rain.

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PCC Elevens Set Drills This Week

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The 1955 college football boom starts Thursday with the opening of fall practice at the nine Pacific Coast Conference schools.

Equipment will be issued officially Wednesday, designated as press day at most schools, and there'll certainly be close to 600 hopefuls out on practice fields from Los Angeles to Seattle.

The pre-season word is that Coach Henry (Red) Sanders is set to repeat as conference champion at UCLA and take the Rose Bowl ride which he was unable to enjoy last year because the PCC-Big Ten pact bars successive appearances there.

Sanders, despite 21 lettermen returning from last year's unbeaten squad and two more expected

joined hands from previous years, has said he thinks differently. He has labeled Stanford and Southern Cal as tougher than his boys and points to a tough schedule.

UCRA Veterans Back

Top notchers at UCLA include fullback Bob Davenport, guard Hardiman Cureton and end Rommie Loudd, to say nothing of the celebrated quarterback candidate Ronnie Knox. Sanders could field a completely veteran first string with another experienced team in reserve.

Jess Hill is pretty well equipped with veterans at USC, too, with 25 slated to report Thursday and some of them listed as big enough for two. Hill could, for example, start a line averaging over 220 pounds. Rated best of the veteran backs is Jon Arnett, talented 185-pound tailback.

The Stanfords boast 22 lettermen and Coach Chuck Taylor hopes the depth will provide him with one of the best Indian squads he's had in years. Two veterans, Johnny Brodie and Jerry Gustafson, will battle for the quarterback spot they shared a year ago, with conference rushing champion Bill Tarr counted on to pick up where he left off. A sophomore, 181-pound Larry Taylor, from San Jose, brings a gleam into Taylor's eyes.

Hope Stirred At OSC

A new coach and 26 lettermen, most of any school in the conference, are stirring optimism at Oregon State. Tommy Prothro has taken over the Beaver helm from Rip Taylor. Prothro has indicated he puts scant weight on whether a candidate has won a letter and has proven he means that by not even listing six of his veterans on his preliminary three-deep roster.

John Witte, a 240-pound tackle, and Ray Westfall, 193-pound halfback, are listed as outstanding prospects.

Twenty-five lettermen are included on a list of 65 candidates invited back at Washington by Coach Johnny Cherberg. The squad is bigger than the one which would go to 28 last fall and faster. A brisk fight for the quarterback role is expected between Steve Roake, a transplanted end; veteran Sandy Lederman, and Jerry Redmond, a 1953 emblem man.

WSC Tabbed Darkhorse

The word out of Washington State is that the Cougars are prime darkhorse candidates. Coach Al Kirchner, starting his fourth season, has 21 lettermen. The Cougars, though, have a transcontinental schedule which could be ruinous. The durability of fullback Bill Miller is another worry.

A pair of good guards, Tom Gunnari and Vaughan Hitchcock, are expected to provide plenty of strength in the middle of a veteran line.

The outlook is dark at the three remaining schools—California, Oregon and Idaho.

Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf has a scant 11 lettermen at Cal and will have to find a quarterback to replace Paul Larson.

A dozen "O" men are back in Coach Len Casanova's Oregon camp. But quarterback George Adams is gone, which is not conducive to gridiron prosperity.

At Idaho, the PCC orphans still are in the building process although Coach Skip Stahley, who wound up 1954 with four victories, is hopeful.

The jockeys are two of the best in the business: Eddie Arcaro, 39-year-old national stakes-winning champion, and Willie Shoemaker, 24, who twice has won national jockey honors for booting home the most winners and never has been worse than second in the ratings in seven years of riding.

Arcaro will ride Nashua, a 4-d Shoemaker will be aboard Swaps. The winner will receive the usual 10 percent, or \$10,000 in this case. The loser presumably will get his customary riding fee.

Swaps Holds Win

Also, the race has an East vs. West flavor. Swaps, owned by Rex C. Ellsworth, is a California-bred son of Khaled. Nashua was sired by Nasrullah and is owned by William Woodward Jr. of New York.

Swaps, who never has been extended as a 3-year-old, is unbeaten in eight starts this year. He handled Nashua his only setback in nine races, beating him by a length and a half in the Kentucky Derby in 2:01.8.

Since then Nashua has blazed to triumphs in the Preakness, Belmont, Dwyer and Arlington Classic.

Nashua yesterday drew the No. 1 post position, but trainers of both colts were quick to observe that this held little or no advantage.

Marion Helton Sets Pace
In Caddies' Tournament

Marion Helton stroked a sterling 42-38-90 for medalist honors in the annual Roseburg Country Club Caddies' Tournament Monday.

His score topped that of his brother and defending champion, Ralph Helton, who carded an 88.

In the first-round matches, the field was cut down to four. Marion defeated Virgil Martin handily, 4 and 6; Ralph topped Jerry Courtney, 3 and 2; John Slaughter defeated Roger Meany, 4 and 3; and Terry Counts triumphed over "Popeye" Hovice, 9 and 8.

Semi-final action is scheduled today. The finals will probably be played between today's winners on Thursday according to club professional Ed Oldfield.

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TENNIS

MANCHESTER, Mass. — Shirley Fry upset top-seeded Louise Brough 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; and Doris Hart downed England's Angela Mortimer 3-6, 9-7, 6-2, to become singles finalists in the Essex Women's Invitational.

GENERAL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Drake University, which left the Missouri Valley Conference after the Johnny Bright "slugging" incident in 1951, was re-admitted and will resume competition in the spring.

RACING

NEW YORK — The Aqueduct Handicap was won by Icarian (\$15.40).

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Aeschylus (\$25) captured the Bob Hope Purse at Atlantic City.

DEL MAR, Calif. — Searlet Abbey (\$16.20) rallied in the stretch to capture the Sales Stakes feature at Del Mar.

CHICAGO — Willie Shoemaker rode four winners at Washington Park, including Country Club (\$4) in the feature race. Willie Hartack scored two first-place finishes.

Tire Trouble Continues
To Jinx Hardtop Driver

A disgruntled Jack Beavers trekked home from Sunday's races in Coos Bay. In his car, No. 4, Beavers had won the fast heat and was on the verge of taking the lead when he blew a right front tire.

He said he had come from ninth place in the pack to second after having some difficulty in passing the cars holding down third and second places. For five laps, he ran bumper to bumper with the lead car and was just starting his bid for the lead when the tire blew.

The same trouble has plagued Beavers at the Speedway in the last three races.

PNCA Junior Tourney
Led By B. C. Youngster

TACOMA (AP) — Thirty-two qualifiers teed off Tuesday in the opening round of the Pacific Northwest Golf Assn. junior tournament.

Leading the field was Bryan Copp, the British Columbia junior champion from Vancouver, who won medalist honors Monday in a playoff round.

Copp earlier in the day shot a regulation 72 to enter a three-way tie with Gary Congdon and Bob Pratt, both of Tacoma. The Canadian youngster carded a 38 in a playoff round. Congdon got a 41 and Pratt a 42.

Dane Beats New Yorker
By TKO In 6th Round

NEW YORK (AP) — Denmark's Christ Christensen had three possible bouts in sight Tuesday following his victory over hard-hitting Gene Poirier of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

A lengthy cut over his right eye cost Poirier the fight on a sixth round technical knockout after he had piled up a big lead with his body punching.

Poirier, an 11-5 favorite weighed 148 to Christensen's 146 1/2.

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Oak Outfielder's Plate Mark Best In Coast Loop

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — George (Catfish) Metkovich of Oakland dropped off one point at the plate last week, but his .333 mark was high enough to lead Pacific Coast League batters Monday.

The aging outfielder produced only four base hits in 14 trips to the plate last week for a modest .286 figure, but had enough to coast along in the lead spot.

Trailing him, and still with a title if he slumps on the home stretch, was Steve (Humphrey) Bilko of Los Angeles, the circuit's home run leader for most of the season.

Bilko hit a bulging .433 last week to drive his average up from .318 to .324. He has hit 34 home runs.

Sacramento's Nippy Jones held the league lead on total hits with 188 and Earl Rapp of San Diego

remained the undisputed runs batted in leader with 123. Bilko, with 108, is the only other hitter in the circuit over the 100 RBI mark.

The top ten:

	AB	H	HR	RBI	Pct.
Stephens, Seaside	32	7	36	342	
Metkovich, Oakland	478	160	16	74	.333
Roberts, Hw	395	129	8	44	.327
Bilko, LA	359	181	34	108	.324
Brovia, Oakland	327	106	17	66	.324
Pierson, SD	513	161	2	34	.314
V. Jones, Sac	601	188	7	87	.313
Wilson, Pd	559	175	2	23	.313
Whitman, Pd	439	137	8	50	.312
Micklas, Pd	534	166	12	84	.311

RACE TO BE AIRED

The "race of the century" the winner - take - all match between Swaps and Nashua, will be broadcast over station KRNR Wednesday from 2:15 to 2:30 p.m.

John Wilverding, Speedway Veteran, Has Record Marred By Race Mishaps

By SHIRLEY FLYNN

For three consecutive weeks, John Wilverding, 36, Route 1 Box 431, cracked up at the hardtop races, resulting in a drop from a coveted fifth place to eighth among the top ten in points.

Wife Evelyn and children, Johnny, 11, Jim, 9, and Karen, 7, are always there to lend moral support.

While participating in a few jaeger races before 1941, he didn't start racing in earnest until the Speedway opened. He finished in

sixth place that year. One B trophy and a broken leg were his reward the second year.

This year, he again climbed the ladder of success with an A main, a B main, second place in an A main and second place in two B mains.

Opening day at Coos Bay gave him top honors in the fast heat and A main events. In Medford, he crashed through a fence and in Ashland, lost a throttle.

John owns and drives car No. 6, a '34 Ford with a 1950 Mercury 180 horsepower motor.

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