

Tennis Pair Displays Skill In Trip East

Coffin - Okerberg Meet Formidable Array of Netmen

Varsity Racquet Prospects Bright for Spring

"Experience was the main thing we collected on our recent jaunt east," said Edward Abercrombie, varsity tennis coach who chaperoned the debut of Roy Okerberg and Harry Coffin into eastern net circles last summer, "and I don't know who collected the most—coach or players."

The Oregonians made creditable showings in several of their matches, however, and it invariably took three sets to beat them if it was their day to be beaten. The Web-foot duo obtained a great deal of publicity throughout the East, as well as at home.

Three Victories Taken
Abercrombie and his men left Eugene May 28 and arrived in Chicago in time for the Chicago Town Tennis club tournament. Okerberg and Coffin lasted three rounds apiece. In the next three days they won three meets from Ohio State, Western State Normal and Detroit university, losing but two sets.

Leaving Detroit, the party motored to Baltimore for their entry into Atlantic circles. In the Maryland state tournament, the Web-footers missed a good chance to get into the finals in the doubles against Ed Chandler and Tom Stow, present inter-collegiate champions, by losing to Johnny Rizzo, No. 3 on the Bear team, and Eddie Jacobs, runner up in the 1925 junior nationals, in a hard fought three-set match. The Oregonians next entered the Delaware state championships at Wilmington, but the competition was very keen and their stay was brief.

Californians Dominate Nationals

The next entry was in the national intercollegiate at the Merion Cricket club, Merion, Penn. In the singles, both Oregonians were eliminated in the first round, Okerberg losing to Frank Donovan of Notre Dame, and Coffin dropping a hard match to Allen, the Naval Academy champion. The Oregon team went to the third round in the doubles before losing to O'Connell and Schauff of the University of Illinois, the Big Ten champions who were put out by Holman and Ogden of California in the quarter finals. The finals of this tournament proved all California as Chandler and Stow beat Holman and Ogden for the championship. Chandler was a double winner as he triumphed over Holman for the singles championship.

Although Okerberg and Coffin had intended to work in a summer camp in Maine during the summer vacation, they suffered a touch of homesickness, or possibly another brand of malady affecting the heart, and motored back to their native haunts, stopping at Yellowstone National park and other points of interest on the way.

Neer Available

Coffin is finishing his college course this fall and will be lost to the Oregon team next spring, but Okerberg, with the experience gained in the East, should prove a very valuable man when the net season rolls around once more. Henry Neer, Portland singles champion and brother of the illustrious Phil Neer, is now eligible and should rate high before his collegiate career is terminated. Melvin Cohn, No. 3 last year; George Mead, Bill Adams, Bill Powell, Hal Hutchinson, Tom Cross and other good material make the Oregon tennis outlook rosy.

Idaho Varsity Loses Six Star Gridmen

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO. Six first string berths on the Vandal football team are wide open for competition with the loss of such stars as Nelson, Terry, Stephens, Bucklin, Reget, Cameron, Jones, Erickson and others. All Charley Erb, new Idaho coach, has to do is take a semi-experienced squad from which nine of the strongest players have just passed, teach it a new system of football, and convey it through one of the toughest schedules ever arranged for a Vandal team.

Captain William Bryan, a veteran of two years, who served for five years under Andy Smith at California during the period of the wonder teams, will have supervision of the athletic department equipment here and act as trainer for Idaho athletes.

Beaver Hoopmen Out For Oregon's Scalp

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE. Basketball practice will start here early in November, as the Beavers are out to stop Oregon this year. Captain Ray Graap and Bill Barr are considered as certainities for the 1927 five, with Slim Jim Pinkerton and Fred Diwokey, last year regulars, eligible if they care to return.

Forward Pass Rule To Change Style of Play, Says Mentor

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE. Shorter forward passes and a slowing-up of play at the beginning of the game and start of the second half will be the effect of the new forward passing rule which penalizes an offensive team for its second incomplete pass in each series of four downs, in the opinion of Coach "Babe" Hollingbery, former Olympic club mentor and now head coach at Washington State.

"Following the kickoff, with the offensive team likely to be deep in its own territory, quarterbacks are going to be wary about calling a second pass if the second was incomplete," the coach states. "As a result there will be more running plays and punting at the starts of the first and third quarters.

"In the main, passing will not be effected as to quantity of use, for if a team is behind and possesses a passing attack it will use it despite the penalties, particularly as the game wears on to its final periods. "Another change will be in the style of passes used. The old spectacular 20 or 30 yard pass with passer forced deep into his own territory and the ends tearing down the side lines. The probable result of the new code will be a style of play calling for short, protected passes, thrown with bullet speed to the halves."

In an effort to develop a consistent passing attack, every backfield man in the Washington State squad is being given intensive practice in heaving the pigskin. Rather than depending on one or two highly trained artists Coach Hollingbery has made it plain that every man must be able to toss as well as receive the pellet.

Short bullet passes, thrown with a snap of the wrist to impart twist, are on the Hollingbery program, and a back who expects to hold his place must be able to pass accurately and without "posing." Lined up in baseball fashion the backs are daily given a half hour workout in tossing the ball back and forth, being specialized work from formations is begun.

Stellar Idaho End Out with Injuries

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO. Ralph Erickson, Poentello, Vandal all-round athlete and star end on the football team, will not be in the lineup this fall. An ankle, broken in the Idaho-Creighton game last Thanksgiving day, is not yet strong enough to stand the wear and tear of football, it has been definitely announced.

Erickson, who is a senior, is back in school and is assisting "Syb" Kleffner in coaching the freshman football squad. His ankle will not interfere with his participation in basketball and baseball. Competition for Erickson's wing position is exceptionally keen.

Water Polo Seeks Minor Sport Rating

If enough men will turn out, an attempt will be made to put water polo on a firm basis as a minor sport at Oregon this winter. The California schools are interested, and if the turnout of material warrants, a team will probably be taken south at the time of the dual swimming meets. O. A. C. and Multnomah club are others who are expected to endorse this sport.

Water polo, still in its infancy as a western sport, is extremely popular throughout the east and middle west because of its roughness and the sensational maneuvers that accompany its progress. Six men are required—a goalie, two guards, and three forwards. The ball is tossed up and a general melee results with ducking in a scramble for points.

Baseball

(Continued from page one) with outfielding ways. Big Ray Edwards, the boy with the big bat, bullied the opposing pitchers while playing with the Walla Walla ball club. Straight wins for the whole season at Bend was the record of Fred Harrison, northpaw, who was indisposed last spring but came through strong at Bend and Medford this summer.

Several good prospects from the frosh team will be bothering Billy Reinhart this coming spring. Gordon Ridings, Dave Epps and Cotter Gould showed strong for the youngsters in batting. Lefty Schoeni and Ira Woodie will stand a chance to make the varsity grade the coming season as battery mates.

Elmer Tesreau Missing
There are many upsets with the Old Guard, but unless dope is away off, Oregon's 1927 baseball team should set the pace for the Northwest Conference. Washington won last year because they had one pitcher, Elmer Tesreau, who was unbeatable when he was right. Elmer is gone now and the Huskies will no doubt change their name to Pomeranians, with reservations, of course.

Lure of Pigskin Calls Professor To Grid Practice

H. C. Howe, Former Head of Conference, Rated Expert on Game

Every afternoon that the varsity aspirants crowd upon Hayward field for football practice a tall erudite figure, umbrella in hand to guard against sudden, chilling showers, stands intent upon the side lines or follows the team eagerly up and down the field.

It is Professor H. C. Howe, whose long association with tomes of literature has not dulled the thrill of watching helmed behemoths smash through the

scrimmage line or boot the pigskin toward heaven. A touchdown gives rise to the same feelings in him, as it does in the breast of the greenest freshman.

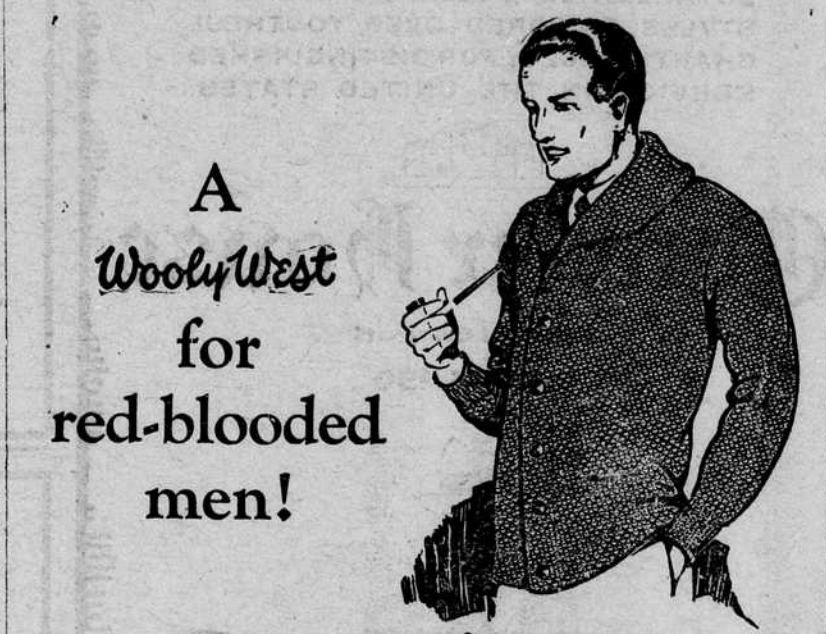
Professor Howe is not merely an ardent grid fan. He is a recognized authority on the game, last year holding the presidency of the Pacific coast conference. During the winter he was author of a series of newspaper articles pertaining to professional football and Red Grange's moral effect on amateur college players.

Reinhart to Coach at University High

Frank Reinhart, who has figured in University of Oregon athletics on both basketball and baseball teams, will be in charge of athletic activities at the University high school for the coming year, taking the place of Louis Anderson who goes to the Salem schools, it is announced by R. U. Moore, principal. Mr. Reinhart is a brother of Billy Reinhart, basketball and baseball coach at the university.



Prof. Howe



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