

THE Firing Line

By PAT FRIZZELL

"There isn't a thing to it." With these words Prink Callison yesterday dismissed rumors that he had been approached with coaching offers by the University of San Francisco.

Prink spoke this piece before the report came over the wire that George Malley, line tutor Don, had already been awarded the head coaching job surrendered by Spud Lewis.

When news of Malley's selection came buzzing into town, the Callison-for-San Francisco movement dissolved into a great big laugh.

Round after round of speculation about Callison's chances of sticking at Oregon next year has been fired around the state in the last week or two.

The Webfoots had a sorry season, no doubt of that. One bad year, however, doesn't necessarily cost a coach his job. You can be reasonably certain that Prink will be back at the helm of Oregon's gridiron ship next fall. It's practically a cinch that he'll be handed another one-year contract.

Oregon football can't be anything but an upgrade. Conference championships, Rose Bowl games, and a few things of that sort may be will-o'-the-wisp dreams of the wildest variety. Undoubtedly they're a long way in the distance. But you can't resist a feeling of optimism when you look at the way the Webfoots line up for next year.

Of course, allowance must be made for flunk-outs and other incidentals which are ever cutting holes in rosy prospects. Even with a few cuts, though, Oregon's prospective 1937 squad looms as a crew boasting worlds of possibility. Only five lettermen graduate, and coming up is that fine crop of freshmen developed by John Warren.

Everyone seems agreed that the backfield was the weakest part of the Oregon team which won only two of nine starts in the season just closed. All right, let's look at next season's backfield.

Starting at quarter, we find both Don Kennedy and Arleigh Bentley eligible again. Helping those lettermen will be Dennis Donovan, the hefty blond boy from Benson Tech, and Ron Husk, the stocky Franklin high lad who works at either quarterback or guard. Then there's Ernie Robertson, reserve this year. That's five deep.

Halfbacks will be sitting in each other's laps on the bench. Jimmy Nicholson, Dale Lasselle, and Dave Gammon will all be back, and no less than half a dozen of Warren's freshman behind-the-line mainstays will then be sophomores.

Little Jay Graybeal, who ought to be heavier a year from now, is just one of several ball packing aces up from the Duckling troupe.

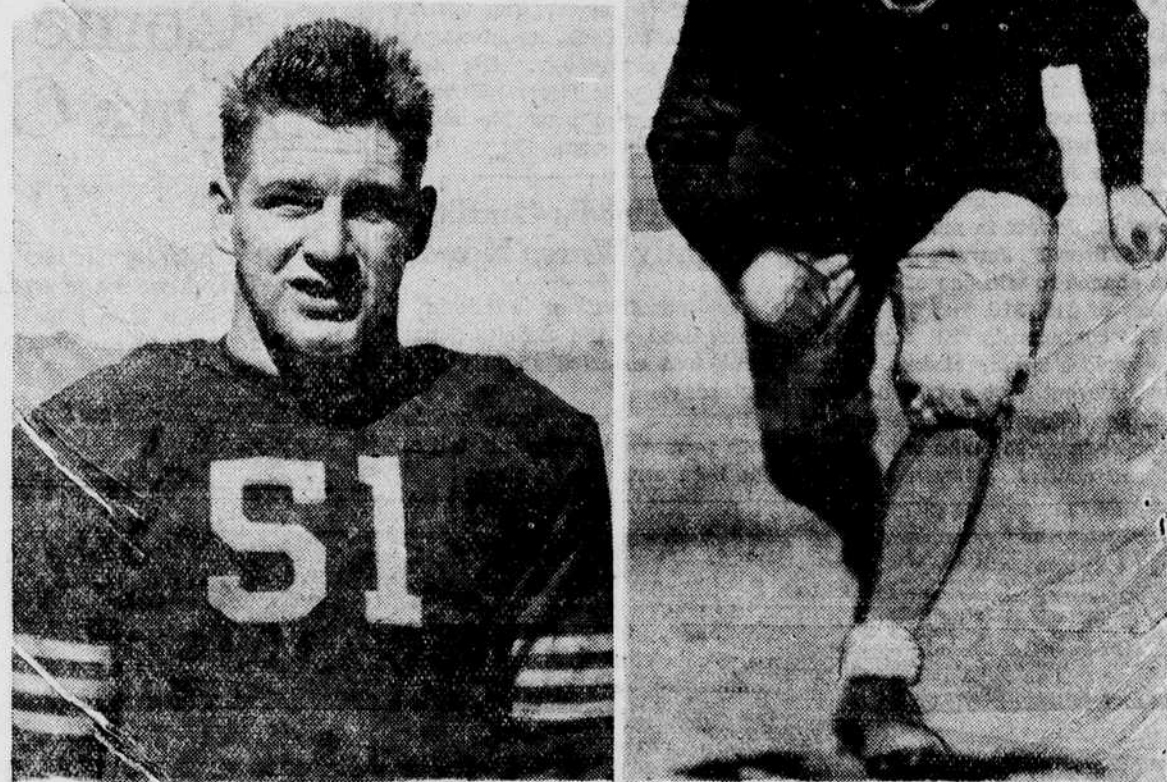
There will be Bob Smith, south-paw passer from Medford, for right half, and at the same post strength will be added in the person of Bill Rach, who missed most of the past season because of injuries. Two other Smiths, Floyd of North Bend and Robert R. of Grant high in Portland, will also be in the half-back swim, and don't forget shiftless Steve Anderson. Also there will be Connie Grabb and Tommy de-Freitas.

Bob Whitfield, reserve, is still another halfback.

Fullbacks? Paul Rowe is the

Webfoot Basketeers Resume Drill for Pre-Season Tilts

These Four Are Through



Most football regulars at both Oregon and Oregon State will be back for another crack at opponents in 1937. The above quartet, two Webfoots and two Beavers, will not. Above, on the left, is Tommy Swanson, Oregon State halfback. Right is Captain Del Bjork, Oregon's all-American tackle. Below on the left is Ed Farrar, Oregon center, and on the right is Ed Strack, Oregon State guard.

answer to a coach's prayer. He's still a bit inexperienced in the intricacies of American football, but prior to this fall he had played only rugby. But watch him develop.

Jean Lacau will return, and so will tall Tom Blackman, although the latter had may be moved to a halfback position. Frank Emmons, Beaverton freshman, and Cliff Strom, reserve this season, will also be out.

Let's glance at the line. There'll be five lettermen ends—John Yerby, Hank Nilsen, Bud Robertson, Lief Jacobsen, and Chuck Bracher. In Larry Lance and Vic Reginato the Webfoots will have a pair of sophomore wingmen who may beat out the vets.

Bob Hinman, reserve who saw some action this fall, will be back, and Stan Kunzmann is a sophomore possibility. That means nine stand-out ends. There are still others. Jerry Calhoun, reserve, and Emery Hobbs, Gale Ferris, and Howard Eagle, sophomores, will be around.

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Frosh Hoopers Hold Season's First Workout

Warren Drives Players Through Workout; No Game Scheduled Till First of Year

Coach John Warren's Duckling basketeers started the long grind in earnest last night as they went through numerous calisthenics on the maple boards of McArthur court.

Skipper Warren drove his crew of 50 prospects through a stiff workout of almost two hours, and the yearlings will continue the work tonight in the Igloo starting at 7:30. The frosh will alternate with Coach Hobson's varsity this year between afternoons and evenings for practices.

Emphasize Condition No games are listed for the frosh hoopers until after Christmas vacation, which will give Coach Warren several weeks in which to round his squad into shape. Practices at present will be confined to building the squad's stamina.

During last night's session they spent some time on the duck walk, and then went through jumping exercises. The Ducklings looked like an army of Mexican jumping beans going through their routine.

Drill on Fundamentals Passing and dribbling occupied a portion of the drill, the players gradually getting back their feel of the casaba.

This year's hoop slate has not been definitely arranged, although the team will play its annual four-game series against Oregon State's rook team, as usual. The schedule will contain approximately 15 games, five less than played by the '36 Ducklings.

From Far and Near Included in last night's session were candidates from every section of Oregon, as well as several from out of the state. Washington, California, Kansas, and Rhode Island are represented on the frosh squad. Grant high of Portland tops the list of prep schools, having eight out of the 12 former Rose City players in togs. Three Eugene boys are listed on the roster.

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Bob Hinman was a reserve end on Oregon's football squad this fall. Next season the sophomore terminal guardian is likely to blossom into a regular.

Oregon Runners Finish Third

Crawford Lyle Leads Ducks At Hill; Washington's Distance Men Win

The University of Oregon cross country runners finished third in the collegiate division of the Hill Military meet held in Portland last Wednesday. Crawford Lyle was the first Oregon runner to cross the finish line of the gruelling race.

The University of Washington distance men captured first place. Idaho finished second and Pacific University fourth.

Bill O'Neill of Idaho was the first man to cross the finish line. He established a new record of 22 minutes and 54.2 seconds. The old record was 23 minutes and 0.9 seconds.

Emerald All-Star Selections Due By Noon Today

It's your last chance, you Monday morning pickers and choosers.

Today at noon is the deadline for all-coast football selections which will make up the Emerald's all-coast squad for 1936.

A composite of all-coast eleven received from readers will make up the Emerald team, to

Hobson's Hoopmen Battle For Positions In Starting Lineup

Corvallis Independents, Led by W. Palmberg, Will Be in Opposition In Season's Opener

Making up for time lost by the Thanksgiving holidays, Oregon's varsity basketball squad was drilled long and hard last night by Coach "Hobby" Hobson in preparation for its opening pre-season clash Friday night with Wagner's Independents of Corvallis. The game will be played on McArthur court.

The Independents are not the usual "breather" type of ball club played in opening games, but a smooth, powerful aggregation, led by Wally Palmberg, ex-Oregon State all-coast forward, who set a new northern division scoring record last year. Palmberg is considered to be one of the cleverest ball handlers ever seen in the Northwest.

Bergstrom, Folen on Team As team mates, Palmberg will have practically all of the graduating members of last year's Beaver squad. Bob Bergstrom, Cliff Folen, and Wilbur Kidder, all members of the Orange varsity of last year, play for Wagner's. Completing the lineup are Mush Tolson, coach of Corvallis high team, Al and Fred Sandoz, numeral winners on the Rook team of 1936, and Elmo Crockett, who gained all-state honors while playing at Corvallis high.

Lewis, Silver Lead In this week's scrimmages Hobson is trying to pick his opening lineup for Friday's game. As yet none of the starting positions have been definitely clinched, so a wide open battle is expected for the

be published later in the week. All you have to do to boost your favorites is write or type your list and mail or bring it to the Emerald sports department. All Pacific coast players, conference or non-conference, are eligible.

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Del Bjork Gains Further Honors On "All" Squads

Del Bjork, captain and stand-out of Oregon's varsity football team, continues to draw honors. Bjork was named an alternate tackle on the New York Sun's annual all-American selection. Only one alternate is chosen for each position, so Bjork's rating was equivalent to second.

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