

A Tout's Report

By LARRY LAU

The fact that each track differs slightly in its speed rating, that each has its own individual peculiarities, should be taken into consideration when determining a horse's potential. If you have two horses in mind, make your time comparisons from the same track. Sometimes this is impossible as horses are often switched from one to another during a meet. You may have a situation where one nag runs six furlongs in 1:10 at Santa Anita and another runs the same distance in 1:11 at Suffolk Downs. Santa Anita is the fastest track in the country, Suffolk Downs is a slow one. The difference between the two will be over a full second, therefore, despite the figures (granting that the weights are equal) the 1:11 charger should get the nod. Bay Meadows is slower than Hollywood Park, faster than Fairgrounds, etc. The condition of the track itself, the length of the stretch, back-stretch and turns all contribute towards what is called the tracks' speed rating.

If somebody tells you that a horse Longacres don't get the idea that you're being kidded. A factor such as this is part of that intangible something called the human element in racing. Some horses actually take a distinct disliking to a particular track and will not, although able, put forth their best effort on it. By searching the Form and comparing performances on various tracks you should be able to spot these equine idiosyncrasies.

The physical condition of the track is something every Form player must be aware of before he can make an accurate analysis. The official designations run something like this: fast, good, fair, slow, sloppy, and muddy. A fast track is one where running conditions are at their best. Good and fair mean varying degrees of slower running time. A slow track is often one that has been lightly rained upon or one that is recovering from the effects of some kind of a deluge. A sloppy track is wet, slippery, the mud being shallow. A muddy track is the slowest of them all, the mud being the deepest. Some horses favor mud and slip, while others will bog down in it. Don't make the mistake of using a horse's time on a fast track for a sloppy oval; you'll get dumped every time.

Vergez Heads Gael Return to Baseball

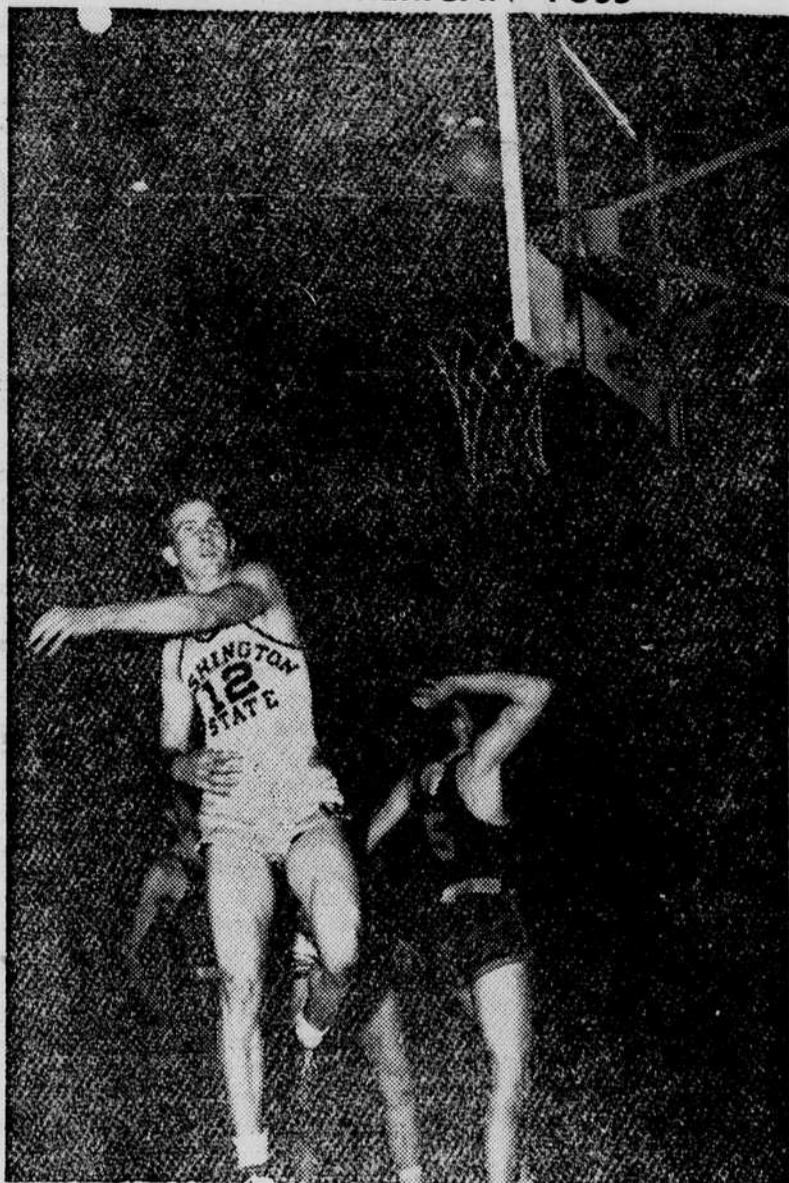
Predictions for the coming collegiate baseball season all had to be reconsidered this Tuesday, when it was announced that St. Mary's would be back in the Pacific Coast conference for the first time since 1943. So far, 20 men have signed up for this year's team, including many veteran stars. The first practice of the season has been scheduled for Monday by the Geals' new coach, Johnny Vergez.

Vergez, who has agreed to coach for only one season, is a former New York Giants' star, and also former manager of the Oakland Oaks in the Pacific Coast league for several years prior to 1943.

HITS AND MISSES

(Continued from page two) fights that would be startling events in our day.

With enough material for ten movies, this one doesn't even get swamped. It just rolls along unconscious of the faux pas it's committing, and manages to be quite entertaining. At least, you never know what to expect.



Gale Bishop follows through on a two-point goal for the Washington State Cougars during a basketball game for the Oregon Webfoots Wednesday night. Bishop scored 32 points in the Tuesday night fray, then chalked up 20 on the second night of the series, boosting his chances for all-American honors. Stan Williamson (O-5) and two unidentified players watch the play. Courtesy the Eugene Register-Guard.

Sport Staffers Add Talent; Law School Gang Sweats

Slowly rounding into condition for their ball game with the Law School tomorrow morning, the Emerald sports staff cagers were strengthened yesterday by the addition of some crackerjack talent. Bill McLennan, hoop swisher deluxe, has come into the fold, and started scribbling at the drop of a basketball late last night.

Earlier in the afternoon Walt Yoder, husband of the Oregonana's editor, revealed his intention to perform for the local writing crew, and although he hasn't performed on the hardwoods for several seasons, Yoder is expected to contribute to the Emerald victory cause.

Walker Preps

According to all available reports, Don Walker was preparing his Law school gang for a tough scrap in the Igloo Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Stan Williamson and Roy Seeborg have been selected as cage officials for the contest.

The sports staff squad now includes Marty Pond, Larry Lau, Tommy Wright, Kenny Hume, Bill McLennan, Walt Yoder, Bob Reed, Leonard Turnbull and Fred Beckwith.

The writers face the Oregon State Barometer staff in a grudge game a week from Saturday.

AROUND THE CLOCK

(Continued from page four) ordeal with fire, tore away from the U. of Pittsburgh, where he was operating during this lull, and took up with the Maryland aggregation. Confusing, isn't it? It was confusing to a lot of people, especially to people in D.C., who expected to see him take over officially at any time, and happy about it all when he came back to Maryland. It has a very ominous tang. I like it. I like the Redskins.

The Center Jump

I was speaking yesterday about n't we?

the center jump in basketball, and the effect that it would have on the game should it be reinstated to basketball. It makes a playing team, a team. That's what makes the sports' world go around. The individual gets the lime-light all of the time, but it's the team that wins the ultimate recognition. Take any professional aggregation in the American Professional Basketball League and you will find a team made up of individual stars, but who play together as a team, throw the ball around till there is a break-away, and there ride your points. The Baltimore Bullets are that kind of a club, and have been up around the top of that league for the past couple of years, and will stay there, with such outstanding stars as Bloom from Temple, Dubilier from L.I.U. and Bender from N.Y.U. Mind you, the majority of them are all under the six foot mark. Give them to this boy. Any of you fans should have seen the Kansas City Monarchs play when they were up in Portland lately for a fine passing aggregation, and an all-around centralized squad, featuring Pop Gates of Celtic fame.

Sportsmanship-Headwork

You can all say what you want about that hawk from Washington State being point happy, but you can't take it away from him for team play. He is without a doubt the sweetest ball handler to work with that has hit these parts of late. He's hungry; there's no doubt about it, but he is good with it, which makes up for a lot of things happening that happen. As for the clowning, that goes over well anywhere. The boys with the savvy go for that kind of action, although it does put other elements ill at ease. Let's see more of his kind around this neck of the woods. We'd like to have a Gale Bishop of our own, would-

Alpha Phis Annex WAA Swim Title

By Mary Anne Hansen

Lady Luck rode hand in hand with the Alpha Phis Wednesday night as they handily won the intramural swimming meet at Gerlinger pool, copping six out of the seven events. Upsetting Judson house and Susan Campbell who had both defeated them in the preliminaries came as a complete surprise to the team. The final team scores showed that the Phis had accumulated some 47 points to Judson's 3, Susie's 10 and Highland's 5. This year's meet was under the direction of Lucille Brewster, women's swimming instructor, and Bev Bennett, swimming manager.

Telegraphic Meet

Next on the minds of all aquatic fans is the intercollegiate telegraphic swimming tourney in which schools and colleges throughout the United States compete for national honors in addition to district and sectional honors. Last year the University of Oregon placed fourth nationally and second sectionally. These tourneys are held in various colleges in the States and the results of their respective meets are wired to a head office where the times are tabulated, recorded and winners notified. Oregon's representatives in this tourney are now being selected on the basis of their respective performances in the intramural swimming.

Next Thursday marks an important election day for all WAA members as the new officers will be chosen. However, in order to vote, it will be necessary for each member to present their membership card. The nominating committee has been in session selecting candidates for the following positions: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, custodian, and sergeant-at-arms. All these positions are elective. Gay Edwards, present president, will head the WAA voting committee.

Badminton fans are urged to play their first round matches in doubles by this Saturday and both matches in singles by this coming Tuesday.

Tensleep Boys Enjoy Success

By Bill McLennan

Little Tensleep high school, of Tensleep, Wyoming, has won the first seven out of eight league games so far this season with its 12-man squad, which constitutes half of the male population of the school. Their coach, superintendent and teacher, D. Reser, is confident of another championship crown for Tensleep this year.

The 12-man squad is composed of four veterans from last year's team, who, it is reported, have played together continually since, "they were knee high to grasshoppers." Two of the team's members are looking forward to playing college basketball for the University of Wyoming next year.

Tensleep is a typical small Wyoming whistle-stop, where there is always plenty of outside work as well as studying for the boys to do. According to their coach, every spare minute of each boy's time is spent in the gym potting those long ones or practicing to speed up those lay-ins.

So, hats off to little Tensleep high, and those 12 out of 24 boys who are again proving that it only takes five men at a time to play a good game of basketball.

IN THE PINCH



Frank Hofme has been one of Coach Hobson's ablest reserves this season. His specialty is a dangerous set-shot.

Idaho Tips Montana In Cage Mystery

Idaho, co-leaders in the race for the Northern division championship, again won over the visiting Montana quintet, 58-57. Led by Quinn, the Idaho team fought through a fast first half to come away with a slim lead of 24-20. Early in the second half the Quinn-Phoenix combination got hot and piled up a lead that kept them easily out in front of a rough and tumble last minute rally by Montana.

Monday night, amid a loud series of protests and cat calls, particularly from the direction of the Idaho bench, Ed Strichert and Lyle Smith, officials, made an official check of the score and discovered a scorer's error that for a while made it appear that Montana had won by a score of 58 to 57. The check with the official scorer's bench revealed that the score was actually 57 to 56 in favor of Idaho.

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