

MEET BILL ROSE

Freshman Tennis Player Outstanding In Prep Competition, Does Well Here

By Bill Norval

One individual who ought to have a lot to say about the tennis situation at the University of Oregon for the next three years, barring unforeseen circumstances, is freshman Bill Rose.

Bill got his first taste of the University of Oregon and campus life last fall when he enrolled as a graduate from Jefferson high school. Why did he pick the University? Bill says it was largely because he liked the school and also it provided a good background for his field. His field, incidentally, is medicine.

Glad to Have Him

Whatever his reasons were, the University and particularly Captain Robert Laurence of the ROTC department were mighty glad to have him. The tennis team at Oregon during the past few years, while winning more matches than

it has lost, still hasn't been the taking a back seat most of the time to the University of Washington's powerful Huskies. Rose looked like somebody who might do a lot to put the Webfoots right up on top.

It will be a lot easier to tell how true the expectations concerning Bill and his effects on Oregon tennis were after today's Seattle match with the Huskies, but to date they've been plenty accurate.

Crew Cut and All

Rose, sporting a crew cut that makes him look a lot taller than he is (5' 9 1/2"), has grabbed off the number two singles spot on the squad, and in addition represents one-half of the first doubles team, fellow freshman Portlander Jack Neer being the other half. At least, that's the way he has stood for the Ducks' first four Northern Division matches. In singles thus

far he has lost just one set, and together with Neer has won all his doubles matches.

Opponents

In the big test against Washington, he will probably face either Bill Quillian or Don Fly. However, Rose has beaten both of them before, having topped Fly in two matches out of four last year.

Playing winning tennis is an old habit with Bill. Growing up in Portland, he got started at the game at 15, under the direction of Miss Barbara Lum at Jefferson High. Bill originally considered baseball as his main athletic interest, but claims he didn't have the right connections, so went out for tennis instead and stayed with it. He also participated in intramural basketball and football at Jefferson.

It didn't take Rose long to develop his game, as he played in his first tournament the same year (Center Tournament in Portland, under 15 division), and took second place in singles. In '49 he won the singles for under 18 entrants in the same tournament. Other highlights in his pre-college tennis record include first in the Portland City tournament singles in 1950, and first in the Northwest sectional doubles in 1951.

3 Times in Finals

Rose got into the state high school singles finals three times in a row, in 1949, 1950, and 1951. He's the only prep player ever to accomplish that feat. Incidentally, it was Neer who beat him out for the championship in '51.

Tennis isn't Bill's only interest,

although he admits that it's his main one. He also confesses to a rabid enthusiasm for collecting coins.

Coach Bob Laurence is plenty high on Rose, predicting that "together with Neer he will form the backbone of the squad next year." Laurence notes that one of Rose's strongest points is the fact that he doesn't tire easily, which greatly helps him in keeping a consistent game. Another strong point, Laurence considers, is his ability to place his shots. Rose is tops at this, and as a result, he usually has his opponent running all over the court.

Captain Laurence believes that Rose's serve is the main thing that could stand improvement, power being the chief thing he needs in that category. Also, "his volleying is good," Laurence states, "but he needs a little work on his backhand and overhead smashes."

Red Cross Board Calls for Petitions

The Red Cross board is calling for petitions for the year 1952-53 board members.

Open positions include chairman, vice president, secretary, treasurer, promotions chairman, disaster chairman, blood drive chairman and Roseburg trip chairman.

Those interested are to turn in their petitions to Gerry Pearson at Kappa Alpha Theta as soon as possible. No previous experience in Red Cross work is needed, Miss Pearson said.

Burt B. Barker Was UO Veep --- For \$1 a Year

Burt Brown Barker, University vice-president emeritus, is a former dollar-a-year man.

He offered to serve as vice-president at that salary at a time when the University was in an extremely unfortunate financial position. The offer was quickly accepted.

Everyone approved the situation—that is, everyone except the poor bookkeepers who had to send the monthly check of eight cents to Mr. Barker. Since postage was three cents and the charge for each check drawn was two cents, handling charges amounted to five-eighths of the salary.

Bookkeepers Checked

And furthermore, Barker didn't like to cash his checks, which caused undue gnashing of teeth among the bookkeepers who had to keep carrying forward an ever-mounting balance of uncashed checks.

Apparently, Mr. Barker was already financially self-sufficient, for he continued to save the checks as souvenirs.

Nevertheless, when other school officials or teachers were suffering from a seven per cent slash on salaries under \$500 per year, Mr. Barker stated in no uncertain terms that he didn't expect a salary reduction.

Great Expectations

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