

Casanova Reaction--'Our Best Against Theirs'

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Will the elimination of the two platoons from college football greatly affect the University of Oregon? Len Casanova, Webfoot grid mentor, doesn't think so.

Having just returned to the campus from the recent National Collegiate Athletic association coaches' convention in Washington, D.C. he was taken by surprise at the announcement from St. Petersburg to the effect that substitutions are to be seriously curtailed. "Of course I was surprised, but the problem of what to do if substitutions were to be limited has always been in the back of my mind," Casanova stated.

The coach went on to cover many aspects of the situation in

an interview Thursday:

Q.—How will the ruling affect our personnel?

A.—"I haven't checked over our personnel since the announcement. But I certainly think it will do this—some of our players who played little defense last year will have to learn how to play defensive ball or lose their positions to someone more versatile. And, of course, the same can be said for the opposite. The ruling would have helped us last year I know."

Q.—How will the ruling affect spring practice?

A.—"We have always stressed basic football — fundamentals— during spring practice. We have always gone both ways with few exceptions, so it won't change our plans too much."

Q.—Will it aid Oregon?

A.—"You might say that it will be pitting our best against their best. The ruling shouldn't hurt us."

Q.—What will the limited substitutions do to UCLA or Cal?

A.—"It might affect UCLA more than other coast teams. They definitely have specialists on their defensive team, but they'll adjust to it. USC tended more toward offensive specialists, like Tsagalakis, the place kicker, but their defensive stars are also capable offensive players."

Those schools will probably bring back the unit system to football; in fact most of the schools will. We used to have the unit system at Santa Clara before the war. Tennessee, and Michigan used it, too. Maybe there will be a revival

of Knute Rockne's 'shock troop era at Notre Dame.'"

Q.—Do you think the new rule will improve football?

A.—"The actual play will be the same as it has been. It may be easier on the scouts to get a line on our opponents. But then more details will be expected than before."

Q.—Do you expect high schools to switch over?

A.—"I don't know if the high schools will switch. There are only three states, to my knowledge, that follow the NCAA. It probably would be a good thing if they did."

Q.—What about high school prospects from now on?

A.—"We'll definitely be looking for boys who can go both ways."

Q.—Do you favor the new set-

up?

A.—"I can't say right now." While at the meeting in Washington, before the new ruling was handed down, the coach of a large PCC school remarked to another coach at a small school that it wouldn't make any difference to him whether substitution was limited.

The coach at the big school said, "What difference would it make? My first team will be bigger and tougher than your first team and my second team will be better than your second team." So, where are you?"

Casanova also remarked that he was happy with Oregon's 1953 football schedule, which was completed back at Washington with the addition of San Jose State.

ONE PLATOON

Loyola to Reconsider Football; Santa Clara—'It Came Too Late'

SAN FRANCISCO (P)—The first reaction from the better-known colleges which have quit football recently—regarding the abolishment of the two-platoon system—was along the lines of a comment from the Reverend Wilfred Crowley, athletic board chairman at Santa Clara. He said, "It would have helped, but it came too late." This opinion was echoed by the University of San Francisco and St. Mary's.

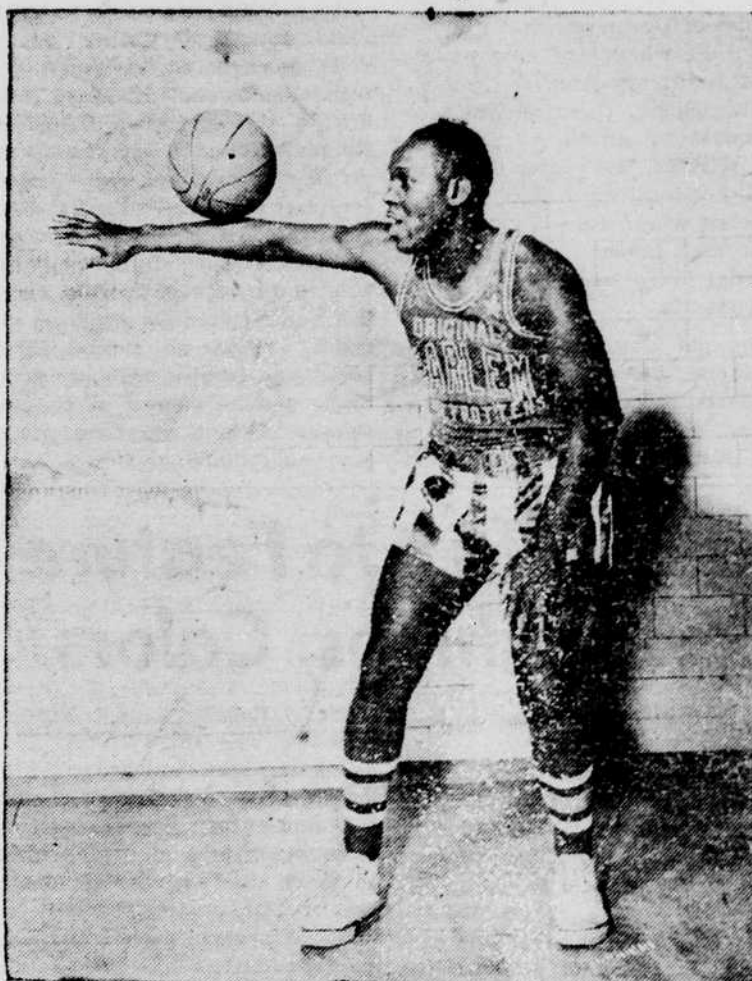
Santa Clara's Father Crowley went on to say, "Our action has been taken and I don't believe there is any chance of a change. Possibly, if this had been done earlier, Santa Clara's decision to give up football would not have been made."

The Reverend William Dunne of San Francisco had this to say: "I am not convinced that the two platoon system was the basic cause of our giving up the sport. Chief

among our reasons was the inability to schedule games economically."

A different view was expressed, however, by the Reverend Charles Cassassa, President of Loyola university of Los Angeles. He said: "I am surprised and greatly pleased that the platoon system has been abandoned. I am certain the Loyola board of athletic control will go into this matter and see whether it is possible to revive football at Loyola."

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PALOUSE

Ducks, Vandals Clash at Moscow

MOSCOW, Ida.—University of Oregon's fast-breaking Ducks and the defense-minded University of Idaho Vandals open the home season here at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Memorial gymnasium. The two teams conclude the Northern division series Saturday night.

For both the Ducks and the Vandals, a double triumph is imperative if either team is to give the University of Washington Huskies a race to the

PCC Standings

NORTHERN DIVISION		
Washington	4	0 1.000
OREGON	2	2 .500
Oregon State	1	1 .500
Idaho	1	2 .333
Washington State	1	4 .250

GAMES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
OREGON vs. Idaho at Moscow, Ida.
Oregon State vs. Washington at Seattle
Washington State vs. Gonzaga at Spokane (Sat.)

SOUTHERN DIVISION		
Southern California	3	1 .750
California	3	1 .750
UCLA	1	3 .250
Stanford	1	3 .250

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California vs. Southern California at Los Angeles

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ATOs Biff Sig Eps

Red hot Ken Torgerson accounted for 23 of the victor's points as ATO humbled Sig Ep 49-17 Thursday on the intra-mural hardwoods.

It was the second win of the season for the blue-jerseyed ATO's, with Ray Packwood and Bill Blodgett, high scorers of the team's first victory over Lambda Chi last week, coming through with six and seven points respectively. Football's George Shaw also scored an even half dozen.

ATO stayed in front throughout play, as the score by quarters went 9-7, 18-10, and 30-15.

The point summary:
ATO's (49) (17) Sig Phi Eps
Torgerson, 23F..... 1, Gray Blodgett, 7F..... 2, Olsen Packwood, 6C..... 4, Rippey Lowell, 4G..... 6, Heestand Shaw, 6G..... 3, Opplinger
ATO subs: Kirby, 3. Sig Ep subs: Beugli, 1.

Merrick Edges Nestor

An even match all the way ended with Merrick Hall surging by Nestor 26-23 in the last minutes of their mural game.

Bob Bond grabbed Merrick high point honors with 7 tallies while center Larry Schweinfurt finished with 6. High points of the evening were garnered by Nestor's Jerry Hamilton with four field goals and a free throw total of nine.

The score by quarters was, 7-7, 13-14, and 21-21.
The point summary:

Merrick (26) (23) Nestor
Leland, 2F..... 9, Hamilton Weber, 5F..... 4, Johnston Schweinfurt, 6C..... 2, Morgan Veron, 2G..... 5, Walberg Bond, 7G..... 2, Geinger
Merrick subs: Hastings, 4. Nestor subs: Lundy, 1.

Campbells Stop Phi's

Scoring only two points in the first half, Philadelphia House went down before the smoothly operated Campbell Club 23-12 in the season opener for both squads.

Each team started four veterans and one newcomer. In both cases the newcomers outscored their veteran teammates. The pacers were Howie Hoyer with 11 tallies for Campbell and Rich Proctor with 5 for Philadelphia. Taking second honors behind Hoyer for the victors was Elmer Jones with six to his credit.

The point summary:
Campbell (23) (12) Philadelphia
West, 1F..... 5, Proctor Jones, 6F..... 0, Weston Irvin, 0C..... 0, Burke Ferguson, 5G..... 3, Jones Hoyer, 11G..... 4, Long

French Splatter Foe

Loyd Lewis and Andy Johnson paced their teammates to a 45-17 French Hall victory over Sherry Ross. French quickly put their commanding height to capable use as they rolled up a 22-11 half-time lead in their season inaugural.
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wire. And unless Oregon and Idaho split a pair and Oregon State drops two to Washington, one of them will drop into third place.

The Ducks will arrive here sometime this afternoon after a stop-over in Spokane Thursday night. Tonight's series marks the first time that Oregon has taken the Inland Empire in sections and sounds the death sentence on the old 'suicide swing.'

Webfoot Coach Bill Borchert will stick with his usual starting lineup of Ed Halberg and Keith Farnam, forwards; Chet Noe, center; and Barney Holland and Ken Wegner, guards. Halberg and Noe and Hartly Krueger, Dwight Morrison and Bill Mather are expected to put on a touch and go struggle for domination of the boards.

The tall and talented Vandals have a complicated pattern of weaves and so-called "merry-go-round" offense. Last year at Moscow the Vandals lost to the Ducks 60-66, then won, 66-60. The two clubs also divided a pair of games at Eugene, Oregon winning the first 56-49 and losing the second, 72-66.

While the Ducks are in the Palouse the frosh will be in Portland tonight for a game with the Portland Pilot Jayvees and Saturday for a date with the Portland Outdoor Store.

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NoeC.....	Krueger
WegnerG.....	McIntosh
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