

PCC Presidents Discuss Athletics

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The presidents of the Pacific Coast conference member schools mulled over athletic problems this week, including spring football practice, and will settle the problems later at a joint meeting with faculty representatives.

President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California, acting as spokesman after the closed meeting broke up, said all nine schools were represented.

No final decisions were reached but the matters will be threshed out with the faculty heads prior to the conference meeting in Portland in May. The exact date and site was not decided.

Grid Practice Discussed

Dr. Sproul revealed that the spring football practice matter merited quite a bit of discussion. He admitted there was a split in

thought, but at least the death of spring practice now set for 1956 has been relieved.

He said that the presidents were reminded that since the abolition was voted the National Collegiate Athletic association has passed a rule permitting—and also limiting—practice of 20 sessions held within a 30-day period in the spring.

Interviewers got the impression that the elimination of spring practice may not come about after all, a matter that most coaches hope will be true.

Presidents Dissatisfied

Dr. Sproul declared that the presidents are not satisfied with the present situation on organized recruiting and proselytizing by booster or alumni organizations. He said the member schools have little authority to control the organization's activities, but the presidents are desirous of achieving some success in supervising their operations.

The present Rose Bowl pact with the Big Ten did not come up for discussion. It still has two more years to run.

Mixed in the discussions was the matter of tightening scholastic standards for athletes.

Basketball was another sport discussed, and there was sentiment that its season is too long.

Halbrook Set For ND Play

CORVALLIS-(AP)-Big Wade "Swede" Halbrook became eligible Wednesday, giving Oregon State two seven-footers on the basketball team.

Halbrook is the 7' 3" center who averaged 21.2 points a game as a sophomore last year to lead the Pacific Coast conference in scoring. Poor grades kept him out of pre-conference games this season, in which Oregon State lost six of 10 contests, but he made up his work and became eligible with the start of a new term Wednesday.

Paul Shadoin, a sophomore who stands an even 7 feet, moved over to a forward position as Halbrook took over at center in the squad workout Wednesday. Shadoin began the season on the bench, but moved into the starting lineup in recent games.

Cougar Backfield Star May Try Pro Football

PULLMAN, Wash.-(AP)-Duke Washington, the senior fullback at Washington State who topped off a great season with a fine performance in the East-West game, has changed his mind about professional football.

"I think I'd like a couple of seasons in pro ball now," the husky, 190-pounder from Pasco said Tuesday.

Denver Coach In OSC Talks

NEW YORK - (AP) - Oregon State and the pro Los Angeles Rams, both seeking new head coaches, are interested in Bob Blackman, successful, young University of Denver coach, it was learned Wednesday night.

Blackman, who led the Pioneers to the Skyline Eight championship in the past season, said he had an appointment with an Oregon State representative Thursday as a followup to "some informal" talks.

The Southern California graduate wouldn't confirm or deny the Los Angeles report, but a good source said Blackman also would confer with the Rams this week.

A lobby rumor had Blackman as a dark horse possibility for the vacant Dartmouth post, but Blackman said "I haven't heard about the Dartmouth job. But then, the week is young. I would be interested in Dartmouth."

Blackman is here for the American Football Coaches' association annual convention.

Three other possible candidates for the Oregon State vacancy popped up in discussions earlier at the convention. Mentioned as possible successors to Kip Taylor at the time were UCLA backfield coach Tommy Prothro; Head Coach Neil (Skip) Stahley of Idaho and Wes Fry, Lynn Waldorf's long-time assistant at California.

Shrine Head Blasts Critics

SAN FRANCISCO-(AP)-Bill Coffman, managing director of the East-West Shrine benefit football classic, struck back Wednesday at criticism of the West for failing to make more use of some of its players in its 12-13 loss to the East Jan. 1.

Coffman said the aim of both sides was "to win a contest and not put on an exhibition."

Criticism has been sharpest from sports writers and sports followers in the San Francisco

the East-West classic" were played over the holidays in Alabama and Florida after "only four or five days of practice."

"The East-West teams practiced a full week longer," Hoffman said, "to insure the fact that they would go on the field in excellent physical condition and well versed in the plays and formation that make such games a real contest instead of merely an exhibition.

"Not only the coaches, but the players themselves go into the East-West game eager to make it a real contest; eager to win a football game.

"Our hats are off to Coaches Lynn Waldorf, Ed Price (Texas) and Len Casanova (Oregon) for the West and Coaches Eddie Anderson (Holy Cross) and Benny Oosterbaan (Michigan) for the East."



PAPPY WALDORF Bear Mentor Lauded

Bay area over use for only a few seconds of San Jose State Guard Tom Louderback and Chico State End George Maderos.

But criticism also was voiced of failure to exploit until the last quarter the plunging prowess of Colorado Back Carroll Hardy.

Coffman took issue "with statements that the East-West game is, after all, only an exhibition and that therefore should be made to play all of the participants for stated periods regardless of playing conditions, including the question of which team might win or lose."

The statement said that all-star games "patterned after

NCAA Meet Draws Staff

Oregon will be represented at the annual NCAA meeting in New York City this week by a three-man delegation from the Webfoot athletic staff.

Athletic Director Leo Harris left Eugene Monday for the meeting and stopped over at Pullman, Wash., to watch Monday night's basketball game between Oregon and Washington State before finishing his journey to New York.

Football Coach Len Casanova will head for the national conference from San Francisco where he was an assistant coach for the West team in the New Year's day Shrine game. Assistant football Coach Jack Roche completed the trio of Oregon representatives, leaving last week for the meeting.

Patera to Perform for West In Annual Hula Bowl Contest

HONOLULU-(AP) - If you've wondered how the latest crop of college stars such as Primo Villanueva, a key back on UCLA's undefeated 1954 gridiron machine, can stack up against the likes of such pros as Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns, you will get the answer Sunday.

Graham, who passed and plunged the Browns to the 1954 National Football league title against the Detroit Lions, will quarterback the Hawaii All-Stars in the ninth annual Hula Bowl game against college performers from the Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl and the East-West classic.

Hirsch, Soltau at Ends

He'll be passing to Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch, the Los Angeles Rams end who like Graham has announced retirement from the pro ranks. Another target will be Gordy Soltau, pass-catching demon from the San Francisco 49ers.

For points after, and for field goals—steady stuff in the pro game but a bit neglected by colleges—there will be the Browns' Lou (The Toe) Groza.

Detroit's Charley Ane will be in the line, playing alongside talent from the military in the territory and stars of Hawaiian town teams.

Dandoy to Perform

On the collegiate side will be Ohio State halfback Bobby Watkins who scored the second of the Buckeyes' three touchdowns in the 20-7 Rose Bowl win over Southern California and the Tro-



JACK PATERA To See Bowl Action

jans' Aramis Dandoy who scampered 86 yards for the Trojan score.

In the line will be California center Matt Hazeltine who raced 44 yards with an intercepted pass for one of the two West scores of San Francisco's East-West game, won by the East 13-12.

Alternating with Hazeltine at center will be Larry Morris of

Georgia Tech, 14-6 winner over Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl.

Patera in Line

With them in the line will be Jim Salsbury and Jack Ellena of UCLA, Jack Patera of Oregon, Art Walker of Michigan and Buck Lansford of Texas.

Paul Larson of California, the 1954 collegiate champion passer who was contained to the point of embarrassment in the East-West game, will have a chance to show whether he is a pro prospect in the field Graham is leaving.

For his targets he will have his California teammate Jim Hanifan, also ends Dick Brubaker of Ohio State and Johnny Kerr of Purdue.

Carroll Hardy, of Colorado, who boomed two punts of more than 50 yards for the West in the Shrine game and showed in the fourth quarter the best running punch of any West man on the field, is expected to see more duty in the Hula Bowl.

Dick Moegle of Rice and George Broeder of Iowa will be other backs in action.

The college stars flew over immediately after their Jan. 1 efforts in the states and began practice sessions Monday.

Marine Maj. Wally Williams, a former pro, is coaching the Hawaii team. The collegians, who will use the West team's offensive with hopes of making it click better, are coached by Jim Lovell of Honolulu.

PCL Writers Pick Officers

LOS ANGELES-(AP)-Charlie Park, baseball writer for the Los Angeles Mirror-News, was announced Wednesday as the new president of the Pacific Coast League Baseball Writers association for the 1955 season.

Al Wolf of the Los Angeles Times was named first vice president and Tome Kane of the Sacramento Bee second vice president.

The new board of directors includes L. H. Gregory, Portland Oregonian and Lenny Anderson, Seattle Times.

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