

They Just Join the Bombers

Ex-Oregons Never Die

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Just a month ago, a semi-pro team called the Eugene Bombers began its first season with the Pacific Football League.

Since Sept. 10, Eugene, which is the Oakland Raiders' farm team, has recorded wins of 42-12 over Victoria, 20-14 over Portland and 18-12 over Edmonds.

In their latest outing, the Bombers were stopped, 31-23, by a hard-hitting Seattle club, which now claims first place in the league. The loss dropped Eugene to second.

Unlike the other five cities involved in the PFL, semi-pro ball fever really has hit Eugene. In their three home games at Bethel Park, the Bombers have drawn a total attendance of over 18,000.

The reasons for their instant popularity?

For one thing, one-third of the Eugene squad is made up of former Oregon stars, including such defensive stand-outs as Tim Casey, Jack Clark and Ancer Haggerty, all members of the well-known Casey's Commandos of 1964. And then there's All-Coast end Ray Palm, who was Bob Berry's favorite receiver at Oregon.

For another, the Bombers are coached by Jack Crabtree, a 1958 Oregon grad, who quarterbacked the Ducks to the Rose Bowl in 1957. There he was voted outstanding player of the game, the first time any player from the Bowl's losing team had been voted the honor.

Crabtree's defensive coach is Jack Morris, who also graduated in '58 and played fullback for the Ducks. Since then, he has seen pro ball action with the Rams, Steelers and Vikings. Bomber line coach Clark Cabbage is an ex-Oregon State center and lineman.

And finally, the Bombers have packed Bethel Park three times just because it's a solid, well-rounded football team. Crabtree said his team is especially strong defensively, but added "we're really not weak in any one position."

The Bombers travel to Tacoma Saturday "with all intentions of winning the ball game," according to Crabtree. Tacoma has a 2-2 record and is tied for third in the PFL.

Crabtree expects a "good physical workout" for

the Bombers, inasmuch as Tacoma has a big and strong team, he said.

He said Eugene is "in good shape," however, and mistakes made in the Seattle game last Sunday have been corrected.

Mental errors cost Eugene the game, Crabtree said, but "we're aware of the mistakes and we won't make them again."

He has two former Oregon men calling the signals for the Bombers—Roger Daniels, who played behind Crabtree in 1956, and after two years in the service quarterbacked again in 1959, and Doug Post, a three-year letterman, who helped organize the Bombers and who now serves as director of player relations and U of O liaison.

In four games, Daniels and Post have combined talents for a total passing effort of 953 yards. The former has completed 53 for 723 yards, while Post has hit 15 times for 230 yards.

Among their targets has been flanker Paul Burleson, who played for Oregon in 1962 and 1963. He has pulled down 20 aeriels for 299 yards and scored five touchdowns.

Split end Ray Palm, who set a single season reception record at Oregon in 1964, has grabbed

The Eugene-Tacoma contest will be broadcast over KWFS-FM radio, 96.1 kc, beginning with pre-game interviews at 7:45 p.m. Saturday.

15 passes for 197 yards and has tallied twice for the Bombers.

In 1965, Palm, along with linebackers Haggerty and Casey and fullback Dick Winn, were given honorable mentions in AAWU all-star selections.

Winn, the leading groundgainer for Oregon in 1964, currently rates second in Bomber rushing statistics, as he has picked up 133 yards in 40 carries. Behind him with 113 in 47 in right half Hugh Oldham, who saw one year of action at Oregon.

Other ex-Ducks starting for the Bombers are offensive guard Ed Thomas and defensive halfback John Ripper. Rounding out the roster are two other defensive backs, Ed Lynn, who played for Oregon in 1964, and Vic Grahn, who played frosh ball here.

New Coach at UO

A new addition to the Web-foot coaching ranks this year is golf mentor Jack Adler, who comes to the campus with an extensive background of coaching positions behind him.

Adler began his assignments coaching football, basketball, and golf at a high school. He then moved to Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, where he headed or assisted in coaching golf, football, basketball, and baseball for six years.

His next stop took him to Fresno State College and four more years in the coaching line. While at Fresno, Adler was assistant football and basketball coach and the head tennis coach.

He moved to Oregon two years ago to start his grad work, where he became a teaching assistant. This year he moved back to the head line when he was named link coach. "I'm glad to be back in golf," he said.

With qualifying rounds starting this week, Coach Adler professed his team chances for the coming year by saying:

"We have a lot of lettermen coming back and a lot of ability in our squad. If the team can use its ability and get hot at the same time, we should be good."

The teemen have two practice matches in November, but the league season doesn't open until March.



JACK ADLER

Frosh Wrestlers Powerful

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Oregon's going to have a great freshman wrestling team this year, according to Brent Merrill, two-time state A-1 wrestling champion from Tigard.

The reasons, he says, is one Japanese national champion, and six Oregon state prep champions including himself who plan to be on the squad.

Kenichi Kanno, the Japanese, placed third in the National AAU tourney at Lincoln, Nebraska over the summer and spent last year at North Eugene High School after transferring from Japan.

The state champions include Greg Morgan, a three-time titlist

from David Douglas High in Portland, Rick Mailloux, a two-time champ from Lebanon, Henry Muller, two-time from Medford, Tim Wilmarth, two-time from David Douglas, and John Miller of Wilson High in Portland, in addition to Merrill.

Such a congregation of frosh wrestling talent was unheard of at Oregon until this year.

The reason for the assembly is Duck wrestling coach Art Keith, whom Merrill feels is a "really great coach with a lot of ambition."

Brent reports that he got his start wrestling with his older brother to determine who was to wash the evening dishes. His

first competition was in junior high, which, he says, helped him to make the varsity team at Tigard his freshman year.

A year later he placed fourth in state at 130, and for the next two years was champion in that division.

Morgan got his start in wrestling in grade school, but could only make the junior varsity at David Douglas his freshman year. But the following year he not only made the varsity, but also the state championship at 98 pounds.

His junior year he was the state titlist at 106, and his senior year at 115.



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