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Sport Slants

by Alan J. Gould

California's football array is off to the scorching type of start as a little honeymoon in its early season jaunt across the country to play Pennsylvania at Franklin Field, October 19.

"If you think it is going to be a pre-cure, take a peek at our schedule," suggested Nibs Price, the cocky little Golden Bear coach. "It's one of the hardest we have ever faced, with every conference game but love fought enough without going 3,000 miles after them besides. We play Washington here on Saturday, leave that night for the East to meet Penn the following weekend, hurry back to jack into the Oregon club outfit here and then tackle Southern Cal the following Saturday. You can't beat that all, especially when you figure we have Washington and Stanford to successive contests a la to wind up the season."

For five years in a row after the war, California ruled the Pacific coast football roost. For nearly six seasons the Golden Bears were undisputed, kingpin as a record that will stands as the greatest the circuit machine has ever posted. The guiding genius in those days was Andy Smith, a former Pennsylvania fullback, and five of the eastern section to develop the peak performances of the far western gridiron game. Nibs Madigan, whose John Pat Warner and other lights from there, is just the lad with the new hot Smith set the pace.

Andy's successor, Clarence Price, of Minnesota, more familiarly known as "Nibs". In a product of the Smith school, a keen student of the game, good organizer and coach. Nibs is directing the big yellow-back and it won't be a surprise anywhere along the route, or a bunker of luck, if the Bears lift Notre Dame again, in spite of every opposition. He was with a few "breaks" short of an unbeaten season and the championship last year, when the astounding fourth-and-one at Big Oregon constituted in Cal's only defeat, by Georgia Tech.

California's first contact was anywhere near of the Berkeley extreme smacking of sentimental interest, for it was at old Franklin Field that Andy Smith first became known as a player and all-American back. It was there a few years ago, during the Cornell-Penn game, that the former California quarterback-Glenn Warner that resulted in his death at Philadelphia. The Penn lad, are recruiting the descendants of Penn's former tribe in the far west.

It was at Franklin Field that California, in 1921, blew with the intercollegiate track and field championships, signing the big winning streak of the Pacific coast colleges. Altogether Cornell, Penn, Penn State and the rest of the California gridiron rule already have plenty of memories.

Connecticut Youth Wins Championship

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 24 (AP)—The flashy figure of a Connecticut youngster, the second in a week of four years, perched atop the featherweight throne today and watching the horizon for new wards to conquer in preparation for Christopher "Pat" Battalino.

NEW FORMATION AT OREGON STATE

Orangemen Adopt N. Y. U. Pet Formation — Backfield Strong.

By Frank G. Gorrie

(Associated Press Sports Writer)

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24 (AP)—The Oregon State college football team has gone in for some heavy work this week.

Not satisfied with having crushed the New York University aerial circus in the season's football opener at that place, the Beavers brought back with them the well-known pet formation—the shifting shift—as run against them opportunely by the Pacific Coast conference this season.

Coach Paul Schissler has been steadily drilling his two full backfield in the new formation and although they have had only a week of practice the players working the shift well against Willamette university last Saturday. All the fix is in, however, needs a little more polishing to get the shift down to perfection.

How It Works.

To work the formation the center snaps out of a huddle to take his place over the ball. The five remaining men form back with the backs spread into their formation. A second later the ball is snapped and the men open into action. The object of the shift is to create the greatest offense from the formation possible.

Schissler has a great line and a veteran backfield working on the play.

The coach has only two regulars who have been lost from last year. Bob Caldwell, veteran center and Emmett Wolff, quarterback and last season was the only man to return, making a fight even for Schissler. Wolff was ill all last semester and is in juniorile shape would not recommend to be back in fine shape.

May Use Two at Guard

Two former tailbacks, Jack Fox, from the freshman team, and Chief Thompson, a substitute fill last season are being groomed for the two guard posts. Bob Carlson and Vernon Derr, who handled the positions in 1928 were graduated.

At the halfs will Myles Young and Charles Reed are succeeding George Lees and Fred Schell. Lees was graduated and Schell failed to return to school. Myles and Reed were substitutes last year. Besides Wolff, Schissler has Bill Bolduth, Arthur Chambers and Alex Middleton for the ends.

Ted Bolduth, a lineman, looks like Wolff's running mate. Campbell was a freshman while Middleton was a reserve last season.

Shepard Looks Good

Oregon State lost its highest quarterback, Howard Maple, but has the other three regulars back on the job with a likely looking youth succeeding Maple. Cecil Sherwood and Henry "Hondale" Hughes, halfbacks, and Cliff Gilmore, fullback, make up a powerful combination with Ralph Pearce, speedsite quarterback last year, running the team. Backfield reserve strength is good with Floyd Owen and Chet Mellon, halfbacks, Johnny Ehmke, fullback and Roger Montgomery, quarterback on hand.

The Beavers meet the California Aggies at Corvallis, Oct. 5th. Schissler and play their first conference game against Southern California at Los Angeles the following Saturday.

Senators Defeat Chicago In Late Season Rampage

By Ruth S. Fullerton Jr.

(Associated Press Sports Writer)

For a large part of the current major league season, Washington presented one of the leading contenders of the American league. Fielded in the pre-season dope as a club to be feared and one which probably would finish well up in the standing, the Senators put their backers to shame early in the year by stumbling badly and reaching very little better in the season's first quarter.

At the conditional turning point of the season, July 4, the Senators had an average of .512. Ten days later, when they completed the first half of the season, they had won but 39 of the 77 games for a mark of .506.

Their upward climb did not start until the middle of August, the last to be much good, but since then they have been playing baseball of real championship caliber. They still are below the .500 mark but have a firm hold on fifth place and some hope of overtaking Mackinaw Connolly's variety over the Chicago White Sox as their record at 69 victories and 77 defeats for an average of .473.

Sam Hildreth Dies In Gotham Today

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (AP)—Sam Hildreth, trainer for Harry F. Sinclair's Kentucky stable, died this morning in Fifth Avenue hospital. He was 44 years of age.

Although ill for nearly a year.

Mrs. Hildreth and the trainer's daughter, Dr. Benjamin F. Tilton, were at the bedside when the end came.

"Sam Hildreth" by the 44-year-old turf veteran was Sinclair's favorite when the track—the scene of his conditioning care horses of the kind of another about his childhood days. First it was to handle horses and, next that accented the riding skill of Sam Hildreth. Then he took up riding on the half-mile tracks of the far west, developing into a sensational jockey.

Following the national event, "Uncle Sam" became an owner and trainer with more than the ordinary amount of success. Before going with the Kentucky stable he worked for the late August Belmont.

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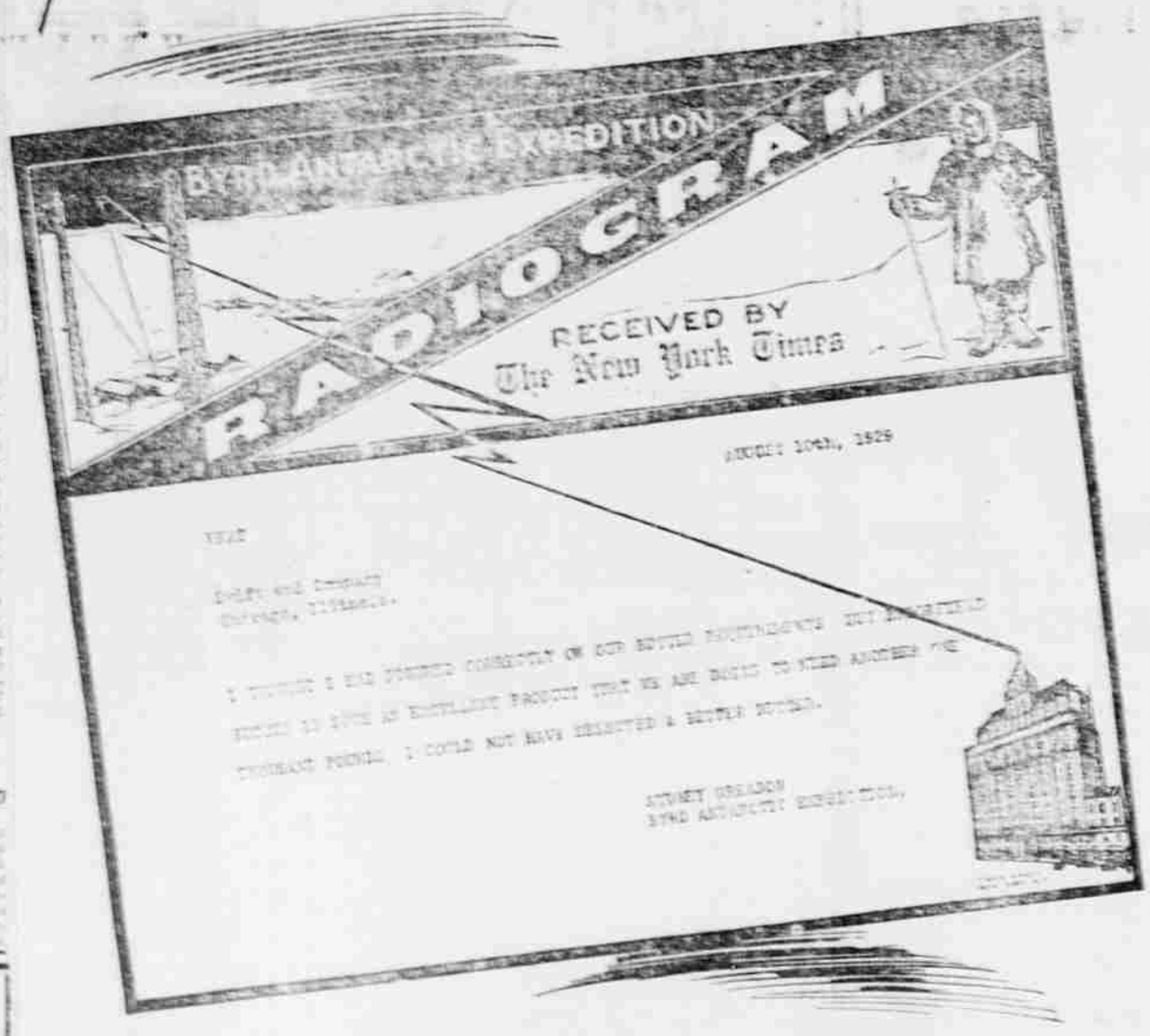

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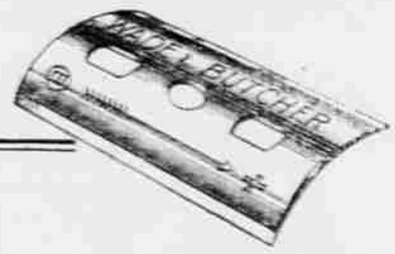

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