

Union Has Speed, Height; Lack Valuable Experience

Bobcats Rate As Possible Title Winner

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UNION (Special) — Union's young, tall and fast Bobcats will give some of their Tu-Valley League opponents fits before the season is over. The youthful Bobcat squad boasts only three seniors on its roster but a host of tall, talented juniors are on hand to back them up.

"If we come along right we'll be tough. This is a young ball club and you can look for improvement with experience," said Coach Andy Andersen.

The Bobcats have a solid nucleus of four lettermen on hand to provide Andersen with a little of the experience he will need during the year. Seven juniors comprise the bulk of the squad with 6-3 Pat Edvalson, the tallest of the lot.

To go with Edvalson the Bobcats have 6-2 Dan Berger, also a junior, and 6-2 letterman senior Henry Miller and non-letterman senior Bill Cockrell at 6-1.

The returning lettermen are headed by Alan Livingston a 5-10 senior who is rated by Andersen as one of the top sprinters in Eastern Oregon. Along with Livingston, and a speed merchant in his own right, is Stan White a 5-5 junior.

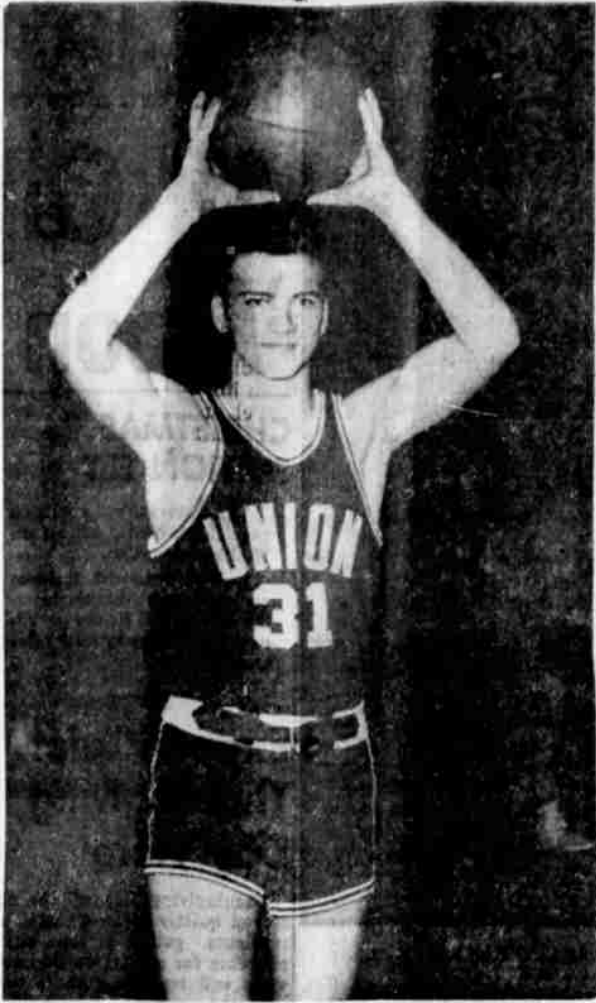
The juniors on the squad include Dale Taylor (6-0), Bill Ricker (5-9), Jerry Baum (5-8), Ferrell Baxter (6-0), and Jimmy Bateman (5-9).

The Bobcats have two promising sophomore candidates on the squad and both may move into the starting lineup should any of the upperclassmen falter. Dave Rampton at 6-1 boasts height, speed and some good moves around the basket.

Doug McConkie (5-9) broke a collarbone in the Bobcats' final football game and is sidelined until the injury heals. Anderson rates McConkie as a real threat once he gets into shape for the hoop season.

Union rates as a real threat to power-packed Wallowa and must definitely be considered a title contender. The squad has enough experience either varsity or junior varsity as veterans. They boast as good height as any other team and can probably field a taller team than any other league member. With the exception of Livingston and Wilde there is no outstanding speed but enough to keep other ball clubs on the run.

Union has the horses to move up into the top spot in the league if they can get enough valuable experience in their preseason encounters. The Bobcats



ADDED HELP—Bill Ricker is one of the seven juniors on Coach Andy Andersen's Bobcat basketball squad at Union. Ricker, a 5-9 junior, is battling for a starting berth on the Union team as they prepare for their season's opener against La Grande Dec. 4. (Observer)

meet La Grande in the first two weeks of the season and will tangle with the Eastern Oregon College Frosh after one week of league competition. These encounters against an AP1 opponent and a college team will be real assets to the club in the long stretch run for the title.

Anderson is starting his fourth year at Union and rates the upcoming squad with as much potential as any he has handled.

Union opens its schedule with a non-league contest against La Grande Dec. 4.

The schedule: Home games: La Grande, Dec. 4; Joseph, Dec. 11; Wallowa, Dec. 18; Enterprise, Jan. 9; Imbler, Dec. 12; EOC, Jan. 15; Cove, Jan. 22; Joseph, Jan. 29; Powder, Feb. 5; Wallowa, Feb. 12.

Road games: Jamboree, Wallowa, Dec. 5; La Grande, Dec. 12; Enterprise, Dec. 19; Wallowa Turney, Wallowa, Dec. 21-22; Joseph, Jan. 8; Wallowa, Jan. 16; Powder, Jan. 19; Wallowa, Jan. 23.

New Faces Show In Jr. Rifle Meet

Ramon Fitzgerald moved back into the top spot in the La Grande Junior Rifle Club competition but she had a new set of challengers for her weekly title.

Miss Fitzgerald fired a 249 to best second place Tom Long by 12 points. Long had a 337. Don Hall had a 292 and John McClay fired 281 to finish third and fourth in the weekly shoot.

The dead-eyed miss lead all the way in the match picking up 90 points prone, 95 sitting, 94 kneeling and 84 standing. Long could manage only 89 prone, 87 sitting, 85 kneeling and 76 standing for his total.

Hall with marks of 93 prone, 84 sitting, 84 kneeling and 51 standing made his first appearance among the top shooters in the match. McClay with 80 prone, 77 sitting, 65 kneeling and 59 standing also was making his first showing of the season.

Dick Hiatt and Steve Reeder shooting from the prone and sitting position had marks of 154 and 127. Hiatt shot 87 prone to 83 for Reeder and 67 sitting to 46.

George Altunburg usually one of the two top shooters completed in the prone position, only but fired the night's best mark, 97. Altunburg topped eight shooters from the single position competition.

Shayn Cribbs and Buster Kidd both fired 85's to rate a tie being Altunburg for second place in the prone shooting.

Joe Lee fired an 82, Kerry Fitzgerald had a 78, Carol Schaubers shot a 77, Ted Vandenberg had a 75 and Barbara Lundgren turned in a 40.

Indians Sign Five To '60 Baseball Pact

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI) — The Cleveland Indians announced today that five players, including maverick Tito Francona, have signed contracts for the 1960 season.

Already signed by General Manager Frank Lane are Francona, pitcher Herb Score, shortstop Woodie Held, center fielder Jim Piersall and third baseman George Strickland.

Francona, who started the season as pinch hitter and wound up as the club's leading hitter with a .363 average, is believed to have signed for nearly double what he received for the 1959 season. The figure for 1960 is believed less than \$100,000.

Obtained from Detroit for outfielder Larry Doby, he saw action at first base and center field. Francona, who hit 29 homers and batted in 79 runs, failed to win the batting title when he fell short of the required 47 times-at-bat.

By United Press International
The Detroit Pistons are setting a fast pace in the National Basketball Association because of the steady scoring of Gene Shue.

Shue, fourth leading scorer in the NBA, tallied 43 points Tuesday night in leading the Pistons to a 104-91 victory over the hapless Cincinnati Royals.

The Syracuse Nationals dumped the Rochester Royals, 120-107, in the second half of a New York doubleheader.

Detroit, increasing its Western Division lead to a game over St. Louis, built a 51-36 margin at halftime as Shue contributed 26 points.

Cincinnati narrowed the gap to 72-62 with three minutes to go in the third period, but it was a drying gasp as Shue and Bailey Howell scored six straight points to sew up the game.

The third quarter was enlivened by a slugfest between Detroit's Walt Dukes and Cincinnati's Jim Palmer. Dukes came out ahead in the fight with two rights to one, but Palmer won the court dispute as he was allowed two free throws. He sank both.

Bill Russell, Chamberlain is the league's third leading scorer and leads Russell in rebounds.

Tonight's games feature the second battle of Philadelphia's Wilt Chamberlain and Boston's

Cleveland Picked Over 49'ers; Lions Choice In Turkey Tilt

United Press International
The Baltimore Colts, Cleveland Browns, New York Giants and Pittsburgh Steelers are favored in Sunday's key National Football League games.

The Detroit Lions (2-6-1) and Green Bay Packers (4-3) open the 16th week of the 12-week campaign Thursday in their traditional Thanksgiving Day clash. The Lions are two-point choices for the Western Division game at Detroit.

Baltimore, tied with the San Francisco Forty-Niners (each 6-1)

for the western lead, is a 10-point choice to whip the visiting Los Angeles Rams. The Browns trailing the first-place New York Giants by a game in the Eastern race, entertain the Forty-Niners in a clash which will affect both divisions.

The Browns (6-3) are favored by 10 points. If the oddsmakers are right about these two games, the Colts will be alone in first place, a game ahead of the Forty-Niners, Sunday night.

New York (7-2) entertains the Washington Redskins (3-6) and is favored by nine points. Pittsburgh (4-4-1) upset New York and Cleveland in its last two starts and is a 3 1/2 point pick to whip its third straight contender when it plays host to the Philadelphia Eagles (6-3). The Eagles and Browns are tied for second behind New York in the East.

Bears Over Cardinals
In Sunday's other game, the Chicago Bears (5-4) are seven-point favorites for their annual clash with the Chicago Cardinals (2-7). The Bears are only a game behind the two Western leaders, and could tie for first place by winning, if the Forty-Niners and Colts lose.

If past results this season hold true, Sunday's heavy favorite

Stanford Leads Big Five On Offense

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Stanford finished last in the Big Five but first in total offense leadership, according to the latest figures run off today by the AAUW office.

The Indians jacked up their yardage-per-game mark to 347.0 last Saturday while losing to California, 20-17, and pushed Southern California out of the top spot for the first time this season.

And with quarterback Dick Norman having a great day on the firing line against the Bears, the Indians finished up the year with a total of 176 completions.

Southern California, which was upset 10-3 by UCLA, also dropped further behind pace-setting Washington in pass defense. The bowl-bound Huskies have held the opposition to an average of 74.7 yards per game through the air.

USC has a mark of 79.5

The statistics (average yards per game): Total offense—Stanford 347.0, Southern California 341.9, Washington 274.5, UCLA 273.9, California 259.7.

Rushing offense—USC 266.2, California 263.3, UCLA 190.9, Washington 179.7, Stanford 119.1.

Passing offense—Stanford 227.9, Washington 94.3, UCLA 83.0, USC 73.5, California 56.4.

Total defense—USC 164.2, Washington 126.5, UCLA 293.2, Stanford 261.5, California 553.1.

Rushing defense—USC 87.7, Washington 141.3, UCLA 147.4, California 219.5, Stanford 233.5.

Passing defense—Washington 74.7, USC 79.5, UCLA 115.8, Stanford 128.0, California 142.6.

BRUINS RECALL BALUHK
BOSTON (UPI) — The Boston Bruins have called up center San Baluik from their Providence farm team for tonight's game against the Rangers at New York.

Baluik was the Reds' leading scorer with six goals and 19 assists.

Phil Moyer Outclasses Opponent

BOISE (UPI) — Phil Moyer of Portland, Ore., outclassed and outfought Glen Burgess of Meridian, Idaho, in a 10-round bout here Tuesday night to take a unanimous decision.

Moyer took it by a 99-92 and 100-92 margin from the judges and a 99-92 score from referee Jim Nally. Both fighters went into the main event at the Boise fairgrounds arena at 154 pounds.

There were no knockdowns. Burgess rallied for a brief moment in the fifth when he scored with a hard right and other punches. But Moyer nailed his Idaho opponent in the left eye

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play at Cleveland without its No. 1 quarterback, Y. A. Tittle. Tittle suffered a knee injury during last Sunday's 45-14 loss at Baltimore.

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South, East Dominate Grid Coaches 1959 All-American Football Picks

CHICAGO (UPI) — The South, with four players and the East, with three, dominate the 1959 All-American football team selected today by the American Football Coaches Association.

Chosen as the finest 11 collegiate players in the land by the 850 coaches who are members of the association were:

Ends — Chris Burford, Stanford and Bill Carpenter, Army.

Tackles — Dan Lannphear, Wisconsin and Don Floyd, Texas Christian.

Guards — Roger Davis, Syracuse and Zeke Smith, Auburn.

Center — Max Baughan, Georgia Tech.

Quarterback — Richie Lucas, Penn State.

Halfbacks — Ron Burton, Northwestern and Billy Cannon, Louisiana State.

Fullback — Charles Flowers, Mississippi.

All are seniors. Cannon, who

was the only junior on the coach's All-American team last season, is the only repeater.

Baughan, Smith, Cannon and Flowers gave the South the strongest representation geographically with the East following with Davis, Lucas and Carpenter, the "lonely end."

The Midwest, which usually dominates most All-American teams, placed only two men—Lannphear and Burton. The South-west and Far West each won one berth — Floyd and Burford, respectively.

Davis Team Giant
Davis is the giant of the team standing 6-3 and weighing 226.

The line averages 215 pounds; Burford at 196 being the only lineman below the 200-pound mark.

The backfield averages a 194 pounds with Cannon at 206, the heaviest and also the tallest at six-one.

This 1959 All-American team is the 70th annual selection in the tradition originated by Walter Camp at Yale in 1893 and popularized for more than a half cen-

tury in Collier's Magazine. Camp made the selections until his death in 1925, when he was succeeded by Grantland Rice.

In 1948, the coaches association undertook the responsibility of selecting the All-American team on the basis of a new and impartial principle — rating the leading All-American candidates week by week on the evidence revealed in slow-motion game movies.

UPI Exclusive Distributor
When Collier's discontinued publication in 1956, sponsorship of the coaches' All-American was assumed as a public service by General Mills. United Press International distributes the coaches' All-American team exclusively.

The coaches' association set up a 10-man board, headed by association president Wallace Butts, University of Georgia coach, to make the final selections. It studied the ballots of the 550 coaches at more than 150 Colleges. Their votes reflected on-the-field observations, comprehensive scouting reports and expert analysis of game movies.

Serving on the final selection board with Butts were Jack Curtice, Stanford; Leonard Casanova, Oregon; Jess Neely, Rice; William Murray, Duke; Boddy Dold, Georgia Tech; Hugh Daugherty, Michigan State; Jordan Oliver, Yale; Bud Wilkinson, Oklahoma and Rip Engle, Penn State.

This year, for the first time, the coaches association is producing a half hour film, adaptable for television, of its 1959, All-American team. It runs 26 1/2 minutes on 16 mm sound and will feature the All-Americans in action, plus campus and practice field sequences with leading coaches among those doing the commentary. Butts said the film has been sold to sponsoring groups in 68 cities.

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