

Enlarged Ball Park and More Valley Clubs 1928 Baseball Prospect

ALBANY AND EUGENE MAY BE IN LEAGUE

Reconstruction of the Oxford Park baseball field so as to make both the playing field and the spectators' stands adequate, and reorganization of the Portland City league to include more Willamette valley cities and fewer Portland teams, are two of the changes in prospect for the next baseball season.

Manager Leo "Frisco" Edwards of the Salem Senators, has in mind the first mentioned improvement, which if carried to completion will involve moving the fence and grandstand out to the 12th street line, giving much needed additional room in the outfield and between the baselines and the stands; and it will also involve enlargement of the grandstand and bleachers.

Several times last season the seating capacity proved entirely inadequate, and with the even better brand of ball that is to be furnished for the fans next year, more seating space is decidedly necessary.

The change in league clubs is an idea advanced by Fred Oass, president of the league. Visiting in Salem the other day, he declared that more community rivalry is the thing the city league needs; and to that end, Eugene and Albany will be invited to affiliate along with Salem and three Portland teams.

A revolution of this type is necessary if the league is to live, it was plainly demonstrated last season when, of eight clubs that started, only four were intact when the season ended, and two of those had been weakened because of lack of support.

This was largely due to the fact that six of the original teams were located in Portland, and that all of them were seeking to hold the pace that Salem, one of the new members, set in the class of players signed up. Montavilla alone was able to keep it up, and both Montavilla and Salem failed to retain and surplus funds at the end of the season.

Oass has decided that two things are necessary: one an increased interest through participation of more rival valley cities, and the other a salary limit.

"Red" Ruppert, manager of the Albany team, while in Salem Thursday, mentioned that Oass had been talking to him about membership in the league, and also indicated that the prospect pleased him greatly. It was a great disappointment to both Salem and Albany fans last season that the two cities weren't in the same league so that they could fight it out as usual. A couple of games were played, each winning one of them, but they weren't league contests.

In discussion of the prospects for next year's league, Oass also suggested Bend as a member club. The central Oregon city has been putting out strong teams for the last two years, but there is the problem of transportation costs. Albany and Eugene are close enough to Bend to make competition practicable after the Cascade pass roads open late in the spring, but Salem and Portland teams would have almost prohibitive jumps to make.

Here in Salem, the outlook for next year is exceedingly bright. Edwards has under reserve contract all of his stars of last year, and it is practically certain that all of them will be back except Johnny Beck, youthful pitcher find who has been called into faster company. If he doesn't make the grade there he will be back, but the chances are pretty strong that he will stay in organized ball.

The Senators of 1927 were just about as snappy a ball team as any town could ask for, and the best thing about it was that they never stopped fighting in any game. Another factor in their success was the remarkable team spirit that prevailed all season. There wasn't a single case of "poor" or "laying down." Edwards attributes this to the fact that practically all of his players were recruited from collegiate ranks, where the meaning of team spirit is thoroughly ingrained.

Indications are that Edwards will have all of his outfield regulars, Steers, Goleman and Jacobberger, back in harness; that Billy Sullivan, "Red" Ridings, Faust and Gabarine will covet on the infield and that Barham will be "among those present" for mound duty.

Smaller Colleges to Be Denied Admittance to Northwest Conference

SHOWING IN PAST YEAR INSUFFICIENT

Albany college will be denied admittance to the northwest conference when representatives of that body meet in Portland, December 2, according to Dean Frank M. Erickson, president.

The little Presbyterian college applied for consideration last year and was instructed to schedule games with the conference colleges to demonstrate its ability to compete on even terms.

This was done, and while Albany produced a fairly good basketball team last season, little was accomplished in other sports, and the record at football this fall has been markedly poor.

Albany college is handicapped by the fact that it is one mile and a half from the town, and has no gymnasium facilities. Dean Erickson believes that conference members will look with disapproval upon admitting the institution.

Columbia university, of Portland, is the only other college likely to rap at the conference door, and it will not be opened for that school either, according to the dean.

An effort will be made at the conference meeting to work out some means of awarding the title in a sport where two or more teams are tied for the honor. Last year, Willamette and Whitman were tied for the basketball championship, and the Missionaries refused to play it off.

Interpretation of some of the conference rules also will be discussed, particularly regarding eligibility of players.

One big item of business will be drawing up schedules for basketball and baseball. Coaches "Spec" Keene and Lestie Sparks of Willamette, will be represented when this occurs. It is known that the Willamette hoop team must play Whitman twice at Walla Walla, and College of Idaho twice at Caldwell, as both of these schools traveled to Salem for double-header basketball games last year. The track meet will probably be held at Walla Walla, and the tennis tournament at Forest Grove.

The withdrawal of the big schools from the conference to form one of their own was the best thing that ever happened to their smaller sister schools. Competition has been stimulated and it is certain that the calibre of the teams is much higher than it was several years ago. Student support also has increased greatly.

INDIAN GRID STARS NOT IN QUARANTINE

The quarantine on the Chemawa Indian school reservation established yesterday to prevent spread of the small pox epidemic threw a scare into the ranks of the Willamette university football squad when it was thought that Charles and Reggie Depoe and Haldeane, three mainstays on the Bearcat team, would be lost for the season. Those boys live on the reservation and motor to and from the university each day.

Coach "Spec" Keene was assured last night by Dr. George H. Vehr, physician in charge at the school, that the men would be vaccinated and permitted to live in Salem, until the quarantine at the school is lifted.

The football game between Linfield and Chemawa scheduled for next Saturday need not be cancelled either. Dr. Vehr indicated, as none of the football men are on the sick list and will be inoculated.

By the first of next week all the Bearcats are expected to be recovered from injuries and out for practice. Coach Keene has permitted Lang, Cranor, Versteeg, Hauk, Woodworth and others to lighten their workouts this week so as to be in good physical condition for the big game against the Missionaries.

Whitman is weak on passes, according to scouts, and Keene is planning to perfect his attack in this department. The College of Idaho coyotes got away for long gains on passes to win 12 to 0 over the Missionaries a week ago.

Keene expects to take about 22 men to Walla Walla, arriving there a day ahead of the game to hold a practice session on the Whitman field.

SULLIVAN NAMED VARSITY CAPTAIN

Joe Sullivan, who played second base for the Salem Senators in the Portland City baseball league last summer, has been elected captain of the Notre Dame university baseball team, according to word received here. Young Sullivan is a son of "Billy" Sullivan, once famous major league ball player.

Next to crossing a busy street on Saturday evening without looking both ways, the most dangerous thing we know of is running for president of Mexico.

AS ELIS CONQUERED TIGER WITHOUT STAR BACK



Photo shows Decker of Yale making a 10-yard gain in the first quarter of the Yale-Princeton game at New Haven, Conn., as the Bill bulldog won, 14-6, without the aid of Bruce Caldwell, star back, disqualified by Yale authorities.

STATE OPEN GOLF TOURNEY STARTS

PORTLAND, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Three golfers, two of them professionals, and the other an amateur, cut par on the Waverly Country club course today in the opening round of the Oregon open tournament. Neil Christian, Waverly professional and Tommy Armour, Washington, D. C., national open champion, tied for the lead at the end of the first 18 holes with brilliant cards of 69. Dr. O. F. Willing, Waverly, amateur, led the Simon-Puree with a neat 81.

Drenched with rain for several days the course was heavy and soggy. Despite this handicap, the three outstanding players proved their mastery of the wood and irons by flashing par-beating golf under most unfavorable conditions.

Frank Dolp, Portland amateur, after getting away to a poor start, on the morning round when the well-trapped first nine took its toll of 39 strokes, came back on the second nine with a sparkling exhibition that brought him in with a 33 and gave him a par 72.

Mel Smith, Portland pro, landed in fifth place with a 73. An almost unplayable lie on the 18th cost him two strokes in getting out of a depression in the fairway.

Bobby Cruickshank, a threat from White Plains, N. Y., did not fare so well in the first round today. There were 13 players ahead of him and he was tied with five other men for 14th place with a score of 78. Cruickshank was unable to master his putter and took 39 strokes on each nine.

The White Plains player was not alone in his misfortune, however, for several of the money players who were expected to be near the top of the list, were well down in the 70s and 80s: Walter Pursey, Seattle, Pacific northwest pure champion, came in with a card of 80, while Rudie Wilhelm, Pacific northwest and Oregon state amateur champion, took an 81.

WBS PRICE CLAIMS STANFORD HAS EDGE

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 17.—(AP)—C. M. "Nibs" Prices, head football coach at the University of California, today issued the following statement on the eve of the big game with Stanford at Palo Alto Saturday.

"Stanford has an advantage due to their veteran men in the backfield and line and their veteran coaching staff, but California, while younger and greener will fight to the limit.

"There are only eleven men on the field at one time and the ones who fight the hardest during 60 minutes and have a few breaks have the best chance to win. Price also announced a tentative starting lineup with the reservation that he would not actually decide on the starting lineup until the very day of the game. The lineup follows:

J. Dougery, left end; Green, left tackle; Koch, left guard; Riegels, center; Schwartz, right guard; Captain Coltrin, right tackle; Phillips, right end; Evans, quarterback; Lom, left half; Newman, right half; R. Dougery, fullback.

Price said that in several positions notably the guards and backfield, the lineup would be considered tentative and the condition of the field and weather would affect his final choice.

AGGIES ALL READY FOR IDAHO ELEVEN

CORVALLIS, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Coach Paul J. Schissler and his entire squad of Oregon State Agricultural college gridiron, will leave tomorrow for Portland where they will meet Idaho on Multnomah field Saturday, in the final conference game of the season.

Dummy scrimmage tonight topped off the reduced training schedules here, although a workout will be taken in Portland tomorrow afternoon.

The Oregon State Beavers are determined to take the game, as a victory will put them in the first division with three victories and two defeats.

PORTLAND, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Six seniors will play their last conference game for the Oregon State Aggies when they take the field here Saturday against the University of Idaho. They are: John Logan, Orrie Robbins, Les Averit, Tom Carr, Clare Badley and Dave Luby.

All but two of these players are linemen, three of whom are regular starters, Carr, and, a first string recruit, Badley, a guard, has been one of the mainstays in the Orange forward wall this season.

With the exit of Logan and Robbins, Coach Paul J. Schissler will lose one of the best pair of ends in the coast conference, he says. Robbins, in particular, has developed an outstanding reputation in both his offensive and defensive play. Both are exceptionally efficient as forward pass receivers.

Luby and Arrit, backfield men, both ranked as regulars at the opening of the season but have been handicapped by injuries.

HARRISBURG TIGERS CONFIDENT OF WIN

HARRISBURG, Ore., Nov. 1.—(Special)—The Harrisburg Tigers feel confident of victory when they clash with Salem high next Saturday. Although the team is badly crippled by the absence of two spectacular back field players from the line-up, the spirit of the men is good.

Coach Schulerich is packing his usual gloomy atmosphere which precedes all hard games. A week of strenuous scrimmage ended tonight. Friday the team will rest. Peterson and Bailey, backfield luminars, who are on the injured list, will accompany the team to Salem, but the possibility of their breaking into the contest is extremely doubtful.

The remainder of the team is in perfect physical condition. A large part of the student body will accompany the team, and a special bus has been chartered to take the players and rooters. The bus will leave at nine o'clock and arrive in Salem about eleven o'clock.

Coach Louie Anderson, of the Salem high school football team, announced last night that his men would be in the best condition of the year next Saturday, unless injuries invade the red and black camp before time of the game. Temple, Nelson, Anderson and Lyons all have recovered and are anxious to play. The starting line-up probably will see Temple, Backe, Blaco, and Kelly in the backfield.

FASNACHT PUTS OUT FAST TEAM

John Hiram Fasnacht, rated as one of the best all-around athletes ever to graduate from Willamette university is having great success with his football team at Bandon this year according to reports received here. Fasnacht developed a team there which captured the county championship for the first time in the history of the school, winning from Myrtle Point and Coquille by sizable scores.

At Willamette, Fasnacht was a three-sport letterman for three consecutive years, playing football, basketball, and baseball equally well. He also earned points for the school as a track man, and



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Pacific Coast Football Championship in Issue

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The undefeated teams of the Pacific coast conference, Stanford, University of Southern California and University of Idaho risk their championship prospects in games Saturday with indications of hard fought battles in each case.

Overshadowing all other contests, both in traditional rivalry and importance is the thirty fourth annual big game between Stanford and University of California. It will be witnessed by 90,000 persons in Stanford stadium. Both teams were in retreat today following three days of intensive training.

En route to Los Angeles and a meeting with Southern California, the 26 gridiron warriors of Washington State college arrived in San Francisco today. They held a snappy practice before entraining for the southern city. Meanwhile U. S. C. polished up its offensive minus the services of Captain Morley Drury, backfield ace, who reopened an old cut on the forehead during this week's practice. Drury is not expected to play Saturday.

Idaho, last of the undefeated trio, headed for Portland where it plays Oregon State Agricultural college in its last conference game of the year.

A new developed drive by Oregon State toppled University of Oregon last week and supporters

of the Aggies confidently look forward to adding the Idaho Vandals to the list of victims that already

includes Washington State. University of Montana and Montana State meet in their annual struggle for state honors while Gonzaga and University of Nevada came together in Spokane. University of California at Los Angeles travels to Tucson for an inter-sectional tilt with University of Arizona.



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GRAHAM FIGHTS COHEN TONIGHT

Eddie Graham, local boxer, will fight the main event in Albany tonight against Patsy Cohen. Cohen recently knocked out Dinky Moore at Albany in two rounds and is rated as a tough slugger.

Pete Willet, another Salem lad, will fight Al Johnson, in one of the preliminaries.

NOT A BARGAIN AFTER ALL

POTTSTOWN, Pa.—George Lap has, who conducts a hot wailer shop, purchased a safe for \$10 and was delighted at the bargain. When the safe was installed, however, he recalled that he had neglected to ask the combination. After experimenting for some time, he summoned a lock expert, who presented him a bill for \$21.50.