

# Willamette Grads Prominent Among Northwest High School Coaches

## THOROUGH TUTORING HERE REASON GIVEN

Willamette university has more than its proportionate share of graduates listed among the leading high school athletic coaches of the northwest.

There are numerous reasons for this. Among the most obvious may be mentioned the fact that a big percentage of these present high school coaches were disciples of Bob Mathews, Willamette mentor from 1915 to 1920.

While at Willamette, Mathews, who has since become recognized as one of the outstanding coaches of the country, made no particularly noteworthy record of victories. Willamette was master of all the smaller colleges, except Whitman at football and basketball. Occasionally, it defeated Oregon State or U. of O. at basketball, and might have made a good showing at football, but Mathews, showing the fighting spirit of his Bearcats, declined to send them onto the field to dash themselves to fragments against the heavier state school eleven.

But Mathews' eleven received during those years even more careful coaching than did his winter teams at University of Idaho a few years later. The reason was that he needed it, and the squads being small, "Nig" was able to devote plenty of time to each candidate.

Most of Mathews' players came to Willamette poorly coached; often he took a man who had played absolutely no football, and in one or two years, made a star of him. He had to do it to make up a team. Now that is just the problem that the average high school coach faces, and these players, when they went out to coach, knew what to do when players were not ready to their hand, but had to be developed.

The same conditions, it might be said, prevail in Willamette and the other small colleges today, although to a slightly less degree because of the greater prevalence of good coaching in the high schools.

Another factor is Willamette's reputation as a school of education for high school teachers. Most of the men turned out are bona fide educators as well as coaches, and that is what the average high school must have.

A third, perhaps, is indicated in the trend now noticeable at the larger colleges of recommending for coaching positions the men who really are able to coach, rather than the stars who have achieved great notoriety.

And a fourth is the fact that Willamette is a denominational college with its own peculiar traditions in the matter of sport as well as along other lines; traditions which appeal to the parents as well as the athletes when they are transplanted to the high schools, so that school spirit and community spirit are welded together behind the teams which represent the school and community.

One Willamette graduate, Loren Baaser, at Boise, piloted his team to the Idaho state championship this year, not losing a single game during the season.

Russell Raroy, at Tillamook, was almost as successful, his team being one of the four or five outstanding claimants of the Oregon state title.

Both these men were products of Mathews coaching.

Meta Jackson is another Mathews man who has achieved prominence in high school coaching circles. Jackson coached some years at West Linn and is now at Roosevelt high school, Portland. He presented the only practicable plan for a high school football championship competition at the meeting of the state association last winter.

Two athletes from Coach Guy Rathbun's regime, "Hiram" Fasnacht and W. Deloss Robertson achieved notice this year. Fasnacht piloted the team to the Coast Bay section title for the first time in Bandon's history. Robertson at Monroe, Wash., had a season of straight victories.

Other Willamette graduates who have made records at coaching and the places where they served are as follows: Willis Vinson, at Raymond, Wash., now assisted by Henry Hartley; Orlo Gillette, at Goshen; Ed Warren at Stanfield; John P. Robins, at Sisters; Dave Ellis, at Tonasket; Jacob Nickel at Dorena; Henry Spiess at Stanfield; Harold Dimick at Milton; Arnold Grallup, at Hermiston; James C. Coughlin, at Eatonville; Howard George, at Myrtle Point; Bryan McKittick, in California; Herbert Erickson, at Post Falls, Idaho; Merwin Stoelshel at Athens.

"Beeny" Bain, at Woodburn; Bernard Ramsey, at Madras; Paul Brown, at Grants Pass; Harold Tokio, in Washington; Albert Logan, at Athens; Fred Patton, at Monmouth Normal; Waldo Zeller, at Monmouth and Vancouver; and Leslie Sparks, at Salem high and Willamette university.

A rather unusual happening was the election by Eugene high school, of Ramon Dimick, a Willamette man, as coach there last fall, despite a vast number of applications from University of Oregon men. Dimick did not take the job, receiving a better one in California.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A concentrated effort to have high school officials consider the graduates of schools of physical education of the universities and colleges of the Pacific coast who have had an all-round training, rather than just "star" athletes, for physical training positions, declared Dean John F. Bovard, head of the school of physical education at the university, upon his return from Stanford where he attended the conference of the association. The chief topic of discussion around the round table session was the placing of physical educa-

tion departments, and the practice of hiring star athletes just for their name was derided. High schools could get much more satisfactory service out of young men and women who understand the fundamentals of directing this kind of work, it was pointed out. Coaches do not always have to have records as "stars" in order to turn out winning teams, it was stated, and several examples of the non-player type of coaches are now marked success in colleges and universities.

## Sports Done Brown

By Norman E. Brown

ROAMING AROUND—Dropped into Birmingham, Ala., after an absence of 12 years and find the city jumping almost over night into the front ranks of the cities in the development of athletics.

Within less than a year this southern industrial city has paid out \$630,000 in one lump to buy a completely developed and equipped golf course and club house for its home folk and has erected the first units of a giant athletic stadium which will eventually take rank with the huge concrete and steel amphitheatres of the eastern, middle-western and Pacific Coast centers.

For years and years tourists shunned Birmingham on week ends because of the dirt of athletic activities there. Other cities had been developing municipal golf links and fostering other activities for years. Finally Birmingham awoke. With one vote of the town fathers they bought, built, sited, lined and staked the Birmingham Country Club's property.

The city's business district had encroached on the property too much for the club members, but the acquisition of the property presents the thousands of non club members of the city with a finished 18-hole golf course just 13 minutes ride from the heart of the business district.

The course, close to thirty years old, takes rank as one of the best, not the best municipal course in the country. The club house, dance floor and ballrooms are open for use by individual parties and organizations.

The athletic stadium was inspired by two trips of Alabama University's grid team to the Pacific Coast in 1925 and 1926. Home town folk awoke to the fact that they could have such intersectional games had they a suitable place to hold them. The junior chamber of commerce took the matter into its hands and raised the first lump sum to start the work. They collected \$100,000 over night. The city added \$300,000 to this to start the structure. The units now completed cost over \$1,000,000 persons. The final units will give a seating capacity of 80,000 persons.

Ground was broken for the stadium last May. The Thanksgiving game between Alabama and Geor-

gia drew 24,000 paid admissions. R. S. Marshall, general superintendent of the park and recreation board, newspaper men and other public spirited citizens have already laid plans to draw the national public links golf championship tourney to Birmingham within the next few years and eventually to stage intersectional and post season grid games at the stadium that will compare in importance and interest with the Tournament of Roses festival on the coast and the big late season games of the east.

And while these moves have been made in the interest of football and golf baseball has kept pace. The Birmingham team of the Southern Association played to 299,000 fans last season, a minor league record. The local club of New Orleans, engaged in a heated battle for the pennant in the closing weeks of the campaign, played to 100,000 persons in 10 days in the two cities combined.

Incidentally the new golf course renamed Highland park, was the scene of the first triumphs of Bob Jones and Alza Stirling away from their home town of Atlanta.

## Sport Criticisms

by BILL RITT

There isn't a thing to put in the papers now that the international chess tourney is over.

The National league has just picked Paul Waner as the most valuable player in the circuit. Shucks, the fans knew that before the season closed.

Greyhound racing is being introduced in China. Another country goes to the dogs.

One of these days a real smart lawyer is going to find a jury insane.

To make a long story short—just who did win that six-day bicycle race?

A fellow was thrown out of an eastern school recently for conduct unbecoming to a college man. He probably insisted on wearing garters.

Kaiser Bill tried to keep his aged sister from marrying. At last we have the old boy working for peace!

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## FAST HOOP TEAMS WILL APPEAR HERE

University of Oregon, Puget Sound, Oregon State college, Linfield, and Pacific, will meet the Bearcats at basketball on the Willamette gymnasium maple court, according to the hoop schedule announced by Coach "Spec" Keene last night. The dates with U. of O., and O. S. C., have not yet been decided but they will be late in December or early in January.

Willamette must journey to Walla Walla and Caldwell to play Whitman and College of Idaho two games each on their floors. These two schools sent teams to Salem for games last year.

Coach Keene, last night, announced that the barnstorming tour through California would not be taken. He instructed his California representative yesterday to wire all schools lined up cancelling the schedule. It appeared Friday that the schedule would go through, and the men were all primed to go. Last minute cancellation of tentative games with Stanford and University of California prompted Coach Keene's action.

Practice games will be held this month against Monmouth Normal school, Dallas, Silverton, and a couple of Portland teams.

Two additional games against Whitman may be scheduled in Salem if the Walla Wallans make a tour in this section.

The schedule, not yet complete, follows:  
Jan. 20—Pacific at Forest Grove.  
Jan. 28—Linfield at Salem.

Feb. 4—Ashland Normal at Salem (tentative).  
Feb. 7—Linfield at McMinnville.  
Feb. 10—Whitman at Walla Walla.  
Feb. 13—College of Idaho at Boise or Caldwell.  
Feb. 18—Puget Sound at Tacoma.  
Feb. 22—Pacific at Salem.

## INDIAN PLAYERS CAUSE PROTEST

Whether Coach "Spec" Keene will be permitted to use his Indians on a football stars next year will be decided by a Northwest conference committee composed of Dean Frank M. Erickson, and faculty members from Linfield college and Pacific university.

Coach Larry Wolfe, of Linfield, raised the question of playing Indians except under the conference rules governing collegiate transfers. A similar question was raised at the coast conference session, where it was also referred to a committee for determination.

Those broaching the matter stated that inasmuch as Chemawa Indian school vies on the gridiron with college teams, it ranks as a college according to the rules, and transfers as a college according to rules, and transfers would be ineligible to compete until residence status had been established for one year. This is denied by many who contend that Chemawa scholastically ranks as a high school.

Should the Indians be voted in-

eligible, the conference may rule against Willamette using the De-

Poe brothers and Haldeane next year.

## GUARD IGNORES RENT PROPOSAL

The boxing commission's decision to pay a flat rate of \$35 for the use of the armory in staging boxing shows, and to eliminate passes for guardsmen will be totally ignored, Captain Paul F. Burris, of the armory board declared last night.

Boxing shows were developed in Salem largely through the efforts of guardsmen, said Captain Burris, and the revenue derived on the percentage basis is used to maintain the armory, and to pay the salary of Harry Plant, the caretaker. While the 135 guardsmen receive free passes to the show, he scouted the idea that a of them attended. He intimated that the pass cutting campaign could well be started elsewhere. The commission can do what it wishes in the matter, Captain Burris said, but questioned whether the cards would get support if staged in any other building.



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