

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

"As I live and breathe. Or do I? So you are still here, eh? So the boss hasn't got wise to you yet, eh? And you can't find anything to write about today, eh? As for me, I think you'd be doing your customers a favor if you'd leave your space blank for once. I..."

Careful, Gemmell, careful. It's just Maizie, as you well know without looking up from your typewriter. Count to 10, Gemmell, and then answer her.

"Well, scrumptious scribe, can't you say howdy to an old pal?"

Maizie, where have you been? Thousands (well, at least two or three) letters are on file here, each one of which wants to know whatever has become of Maizie. What has become of you, Maizie?

"I've been up at the front, that's where I've been. And where else would you expect a decent American citizen to have been?"

At the front? You mean you've been over there mixed up in that European brawl?

"Nope, must of missed that one. Who won? I did see Cornell beat Dartmouth, and I collected a bet before they changed the score the next day, and I was right there when Texas took Texas A & M and when Oregon battered Oregon State. But I never saw the European brawl. In fact, I never heard of that college."

No Panama, Says.

It must have been the football front that you were up to, Maizie. In general, what did you think of this year's gridiron panorama?

"Silly, they don't wear pajamas. They wear helmets. Some of them the darriestest shades. Those green and yellow creations by Oliver that the Oregonians wear, instance. They are the duckiest things. And, oh my! Those table cloth knickers the Stanfords wear!"

Since you speak of the Oregonians, Maizie, what surprised you most about that Oregon-Oregon State game? Wasn't it the unexpected power of the Webfoots?

"Was he in the game? I don't remember him. Most surprising thing to me occurred when that Mechem boy ran for that touchdown. A man sitting beside me jumped to his feet, waved his arms and yelled, 'It's a naked reverse!' I looked and looked, but everyone on the field, including Oregon's 18th man, was fully clothed as far as I could see. Was I surprised?"

I suppose, Maizie, you were fully aware that Cornell had been given an illegal down in registering its one-day win over Dartmouth when you collected your bet? And I suppose you returned that wager the next day?

"You go right on supposing whatever you like. But don't let it get any further than that."

Stronger Than Tea.

Bringing this grid front closer home, Maizie, what did you think of Willamette's man-in-motion play?

"Oh, you mean Tony Fraiola? He really was in motion all the time, wasn't he? And such nice black, curly hair, too. Too bad he had to get it mussed up so often."

Friola wasn't the man-in-motion of whom I was speaking, Maizie, but...

"Then you mean Spoo Keone and his sideline act? Well, personally, I think that heather coat he wore was perfectly lovely. And hasn't he the nicest figure? So straight and tall, and the most perfect carriage."

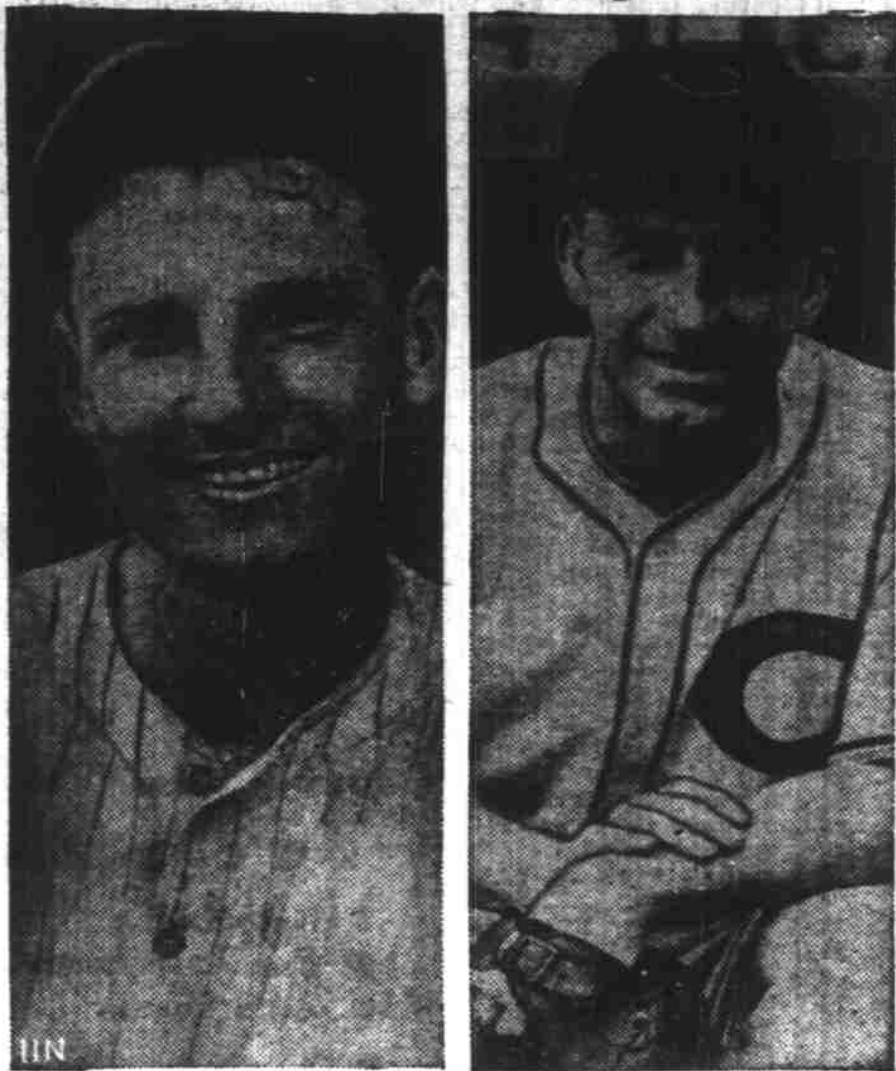
Let's skip the man-in-motion, Maizie. Perhaps you'd rather give your opinion of Stanford's model-T. Did you enjoy the T, with the wide-open play it developed?

"For the life of me, I don't understand why they keep referring to anything so strong as tea. After eight straight wins you'd think folks would begin to realize the Stanford attack is much stronger than such insipid stuff as tea. Why not Old Granddaddy, or old anything else with the punch comparable to that of the Indians?"

Wait a minute, wait a minute—where are you going Maizie?

"A girl can't spend all her money in one place, I always say. I'm on my way to find a man with a voice that has an engagement ring in it."

Change Livery in Big Trade



In a three-player deal, the Boston Red Sox send Gerald Walker, outfielder acquired from Washington, and two other players to the Cleveland Indians for Catcher Frankie Pylak and two other players. The Red Sox got Pitcher Joe Dobson and Infielder Sammy Hale and Cleveland took Pitcher Jim Bagby, Jr., and Catcher Gene Desautels.

Seventy-Yard Basket Is Among 1940's Oddities

By HAROLD CLAASSEN

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A story of a one-yard punt return for a touchdown brought a prize to Coach A. R. Muzum of Stanley, Wis., in a contest conducted by a mid-western coaches' publication.

As Muzum tells it, Neillsville, Wis., high was forced to kick from behind its own goal line in the game with Stanley. The punter stood deep in his own end zone and got off a poor boot that squirted high into the air and went "corrgan" in a stiff wind.

Earl Maves, Stanley quarterback, snagged the ball on the one-yard line and a short step took him across the goal line for the tally. The kick was not blocked.

Top prize in the skirmish for the best athletic oddity went to Gilbert Jeffrey, principal of the Corning, Kas., school, who wrote of a basket sunk from 70 feet down the field.

Jim Farley, a member of the Corning school five, was guarding the opponents' basket when his club prototeging a one-point lead during the final 15 seconds. He caught a rebound and, unable to get the ball away, threw a two-handed backward pass over his head. The ball sailed 70 feet and fell through the Corning hoop without touching the net.

Jack Gardner, the former Southern California Basketball Adonai who now coaches that sport at Kansas State, thinks it is quite correct to declare ineligible an athlete who is falling in his academic work.

But he thinks the reverse is true, too, and a student "falling" in basketball or football shouldn't be permitted to take a chemistry final until he's caught up with his work in sports.

"I think athletics are as educational as studies and I don't believe they should be treated differently," he explains.

Hoop Unis Needed At Camp Clatsop

CAMP CLATSOP, December 17.—(Special)—With interest and playing ability constantly increasing in the regimental team of the 249th Coast Artillery, there is need of a set of uniforms, according to Coaching Manager George Sargent, sergeant of Battery G.

In a statement today, Sargent said "the team is an outstanding team, and is drawing good crowds. It is a snappy playing outfit, but no team can look good without good uniforms. So far the team has been self-supporting, but there is not a way for us to buy uniforms. There is no fund set up by the government for athletics."

The team is at present playing in pickup outfits with no warm-ups. It is hoped by all concerned that perhaps some fund can be raised by interested groups in their home towns, such as Salem, Albany, Ashland, Klam-

Flu Hits WU Hoopers; Viks' Slate Is Canceled

Bearcat Trio Lost to Squad

Satter, Lilly, Ragdale Stricken; Team Is at Dillon Tonight

Willamette U's barnstorming Bearcat basketball team are slated to meet the Montana State Teachers in Dillon tonight, have been hit by the flu, according to word telegraphed to The Statesman yesterday.

Three members of the 10-man squad have been dropped at way points, the message said, Russ Satter, former all-state center of the Salem high Vikings, remained in Caldwell following the game there Monday night while Guards Ken Lilly and Orville Ragdale were sent to Ragdale's home in Baker.

It is probable these flu-stricken members of the squad will be picked up at Baker when the Bearcats return there for their Montana and Idaho swing to play Oregon State December 23.

Remaining road schedule includes Montana State Teachers at Dillon tonight, University of Montana at Missoula Friday night, Idaho Southern Branch at Pocatello Saturday night, and Oregon State at Baker next Monday night.

Soldier Hoopers Score 51-37 Win

CAMP CLATSOP, Dec. 17.—(Special)—In a game which was nip and tuck through the first quarter and most of the second, but which was dominated by a quint of sure-firing soldiers in the last half, the 249ers from Camp Clatsop, Saturday night walked away with a victory in the first official game of the season by the count of 51 to 37 over the Towhee from Westport.

In the regimental team which was composed mainly of ex-players for the Southern Oregon College of Education, Gordon Gemmell, newly promoted corporal from Battery G, an ex-player for Salem and Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, stood out with a total of 15 points. He replaced Bullion at center who had canned two points on a long field goal in the second half. Gemmell bucketed 11 points in the third quarter and made the team clinch up on pay dirt.

At the end of the first quarter, the tilt was tied at 10-10, and remained that way throughout most of the second when the gunners lit out and forged ahead steadily, the score at the half being 21 to 8, favoring the soldiers. At the third quarter the count was 35 to 26.

Fourteen high school basketball teams were featured in the colorful jamboree that packed more than a thousand students from all parts of Marion county into the Mt. Angel college gymnasium Saturday night.

The southern end of the county won by three points, the seventh game bringing the score of the South to 39 and that of the North to 26. The team scores were: Mt. Angel 2, Stayton 4, Hubbard 4, Detroit 0, Scotts Mills 2, Gervais 9, St. Paul 4, Turner 7, Gervais 5, Mill City 8, Sacred Heart 3, Jefferson 3, Colton 11, Aumsville 8.

Before the playing began, a trophy was presented to Aumsville high school, 1940 gridiron champs of Marion county "B" league.

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Get Yourself a Skunk Any Time; It's OK by Law

Because skunks are in a class all by themselves, it's perfectly OK to hunt or trap them without licenses, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled today for the state game commission.

The game commission didn't say who wanted to go skunk-hunting.

Licenses are necessary to hunt game animals and furbearing animals. But since skunks are outcasts from either class, it's always open season on them.

The attorney general indicated he feels that skunks are well equipped to defend themselves.

Brown may get Schmidt's Job

Massillon Mentor, Who Has Lost One of 60, Said Slated for Spot

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A miracle man of scholastic football gained prominent attention tonight in speculation over a successor to Head Coach Francis A. Schmidt at Ohio State university.

He's Paul Brown, who acts more like a classroom teacher than the mentor of a Massillon, O., team that has lost only one game out of 60 in the last six years. Colorful and precision, his eleven have won him national recognition and attracted more fans than were drawn by any college team in Ohio except Ohio State.

Brown was described by the

Milwaukie Mix Is Called off

Also Football Banquet; Possibly no Games Until Jan. 2

Closure of the city school system yesterday to prevent the possible spread of flu also means cancellation of all scheduled athletic activity for this week, Athletic Director Vern Gilmore said last night.

Included in the cancellations are the Salem high-Milwaukie hoop game that was slated for Friday night and the annual Salem high football banquet that had been scheduled for tonight.

Coach Harold Hank announced hoop drills would continue daily through Friday, however. Only Center Bob Irish is missing from the squad. Twenty-two boys were out for yesterday's practice.

While the Corvallis game originally set for last night was tentatively rescheduled for December 27, Coach Hank said the date would probably again be changed as Oregon and Willamette are scheduled to play here on that date. It is probable, he said, that the Viks will not have a game between now and resumption of school January 2.

Cleveland News says the "probable successor" to Schmidt, who resigned Monday along with his entire coaching staff in the midst of a university investigation of the coaching situation which followed Ohio's worst season in 15 years.

Brown, who was here two days last week, said at Massillon that he had talked with alumni representatives about the job, but had not contacted "anyone in authority."

1940 PARADE By Jack Sords



Emphasis on Offense Is Declared Current Trend

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The most important current trend in sports is the increasing emphasis on offense in football, declared the grateful sports writers of the country in replying to the annual Associated Press poll.

All over the nation in the season just past both the college and the professional eleven cut loose in breathless fashion when they had the ball and rolled up some amazing scores, capped off by the 73 to 0 wall-popping given Washington by the Chicago Bears in their play-off for the pro title.

The scoreless tie, once the plague of all concerned, is becoming increasingly rare. It was pointed out by many of the 72 contributors of the poll. If there is anything worse than paying \$3.30 to watch a couple of teams wallow around scorelessly for an hour it probably lies in trying to pick out a column of copy about some in the chill dusk. So the experts are happy about it, too.

There probably is a direct connection between this trend and another noted by the contributors—increased interest and attendance at professional sports events, especially football. Eight writers thought this drift toward the money game was the most significant of all. The pros can't cash in on "moral victories." They need scores and real victories, so they cut loose and take enormous chances and give the customers a show every time.

Not quite as illustrious as the publicized 1937 Iron Men, but a trifle more durable is the club Sleepy Jim Crowley will bring down from Manhattan to argue with the rulers of the southwest.

It was possible for a Fordham football player to play 480 minutes during the great season just closed. Of that possible playing time, Capt. Louis de Filippo, a partly bald deadpan center who does his scrimmaging in a baseball cap, missed only 10 minutes.

Plays 470 Minutes
From Filippo's 470 minutes, it goes like this through the first—and only—string:

Tackle Joe Ungerer, 468 minutes; Sophomore Steve Filippowicz, the brilliant passing and running back, 462; Half Back Jim Blumenstock, 461; Sophomore End Jim Lansing, 460; Guard Vincent Denny, 458; End Lawrence Sartori, 458; Tackle John Kusman, 398; Guard Thomas Bennett, 394; Halfback Leo Eshmont, one of the finest ball jugglers in the east, 380; Quarterback Jim Noble, 340—but he missed the Purdue and New York university games with injuries.

A couple of reserve tackles, Steve Hudacek and Alex Santilli, managed to nose into the lineup occasionally, as does Charlie Pierce, the brother of Assistant Coach Nat Pierce and a member of those seven blocks of granite back in '37. Too, Ed Shediack and Claude Filipowicz, gets brief workouts in the backfield where a things are going Fordham's way.

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