

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

"My dear Mr. Gemmell:
I am the man who struck that first note. I really am.
Respectfully yours,
Roscoe J. Rumpfeather, GG"

"Dear Sir:
(That's the way we wrote it in my day, which was a considerably different My Day than Eleanor Roosevelt's.)
I struck that note, that I did.
As ever,
Ira D. Dingwood, DD"

Now doesn't that simplify the situation! First-hand information from Roscoe and Ira, with both claiming authorship of that first note, struck cons ago when one or the other stumbled onto it when he, quite accidentally, pinged a gold inlay while picking his teeth with a falcon's claw.
As I firmly convinced myself years ago (I think that there are no ghosts, I'm wondering if someone isn't trying to pull my leg. You don't suppose someone else wrote these letters? If not, what does the GG and DD signify? Gone Goslin and Dead Duck, mayhap?)

Hit a note of your own, Maizie:
Flip a fin on Parrish,
Fails of pigskinery,
To get the win they cherish
Over Leslie's chicanery.
P.S.—13-6, or perish.

You almost have to go out to Sweetland in order to see this game, but you'll be able to hear it for miles around. Could be an upset here.

Here's a hot one for ya:
Salem high's Viking
To run through Astoria
Like white lightning,
P.S.—14-6, or moria.

While there's lots to be said for this kind of stuff, 99 99/100 per cent of it is unprintable. Could be an upset.

Too Much Brass

No report from the musicians' local, No. 294673, on the Dingwood-Rumpfeather rumpus, as it didn't convene this week. Too much snow in the mountains, rain in the valleys and brass in the wind sections.
Keep thumpin', Maizie!

WU's march on Moscow is apt to go flat
For the Vandals plow
Too tough for the 'Cat.
P.S.—20-13, I allow.

Then, again, that Methodist pincers movement to the left flank may inundate the Idaho. Could be an upset.

Me, I like Ore. State
Against the WSC
But, darn the fate,
El Cougar it might be.
P.S.—14-0, I relate.

Could be an upset here. Sewell might pitch a shutout.

The Ducks have plans
Of severely shellacking
Those Q-T Uclans
And will, I'm thinking,
P.S.—20-0, my frants.

I hear the Bruins are hungry, though. Might be an upset.

Maizie Upset, too

The Gemmell Poetry & Lime-riek society did meet this week, however. It suspended the rules and passed an ordinance legalizing anything up to 89 proof. There was some discussion of meter, but no one had a nickel, anyway. One member plumped for an increase of 10 per cent in the consumer cost of limericks by the car loading, but he's due to be drafted and won't bother any more.

One more discord, Maizie:
Washington over Stanford
I'd like very much to say,
But on this ouija board
It's just the other way.
P.S.—19-7, I record.

Every chance in the world of being an upset here. Yes, could be.

Oh, say, I do see
An edge over the Bears
For Troy of USC.
Do you, my dears?
P.S.—13-7, the idea.

Brother, it WOULD BE an upset if Cal outscored somebody.

Over the state of Montana
I favor Montana U
To reap the bonanza
Don't you think so, too?
P.S.—19-6, manana.

What's that, Maizie — you feel upset?

Monmouth Plays Hopsters Today

MONMOUTH—Elated by their victory over Sheridan high, 12-0 at Sheridan last Friday, Monmouth high's football squad is preparing for a clash with Independence high in the Hop Bowl Friday night.

Independence also defeated Sheridan in a recent game, so the coming tilt should prove interesting. The teams appear evenly matched.



Injun-Husky Battle Feature Of Coast Slate

By RUSS NEWLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23—(AP)—One of the most gripping chapters of 1941 Pacific coast football history will be written on a northern battlefield Saturday.
Defending conference and Rose Bowl Champion Stanford will be making a last ditch stand against Washington at Seattle. Neither of these two old time rivals can survive the shock of a second conference defeat and cling to title hopes.

The outcome is equally important to Washington, defeated out of the league by Minnesota and in it by Oregon State, the same team that wrapped the Stanfords in a blanket of gloom.

Washington, a proven "mudger" and playing on a home field expected to be softened by rain, probably will be the starting favorite despite the loss of its first string fullback, Jack Stackpool.

Whether Stanford's celebrated T-formation will function better in anticipated wet weather this time than it did in the rain against Oregon State remains to be seen. The Indians go into the Washington game with the condition of their star left halfback, Pete Kmetovic, questionable. He suffered a back injury against Oregon State and while able to practice this week may be of but little value in this crucial contest.

That Coach Clark Shaughnessy may have decided that weight in the backfield will be preferable to speed in case of slow going was forecast this week. He shifted Milt Vucnich, 200-pound fullback to left half, in addition to spotting husky Randall Fawcett at the other halfback berth.

The other three teams tied for the conference lead, Oregon State, Oregon and Southern California, risk their championship standings but against less formidable opposition.

Oregon State, rested after an open date last week, will be strongly favored to defeat three-times beaten Washington State at Pullman. Powerhouse Oregon figures to roll over UCLA at Los Angeles.

The Southern California Trojans face a more difficult assignment but will line up as mild favorites to outscore the California Bears at Berkeley. The Bears already have lost two conference games but hope to add new backfield punch this time through the promotion of Russ Messner to first string fullback. He replaces Jack McQuay, who was tented as the coach's stand-out at the position before the season opened but thus far has been unable to get going.

Idaho and Montana, league members not playing the round robin schedule, take on Willamette and Montana State respectively. Although Idaho undoubtedly will be favored on its home field at Moscow, it will be up against a high scoring unit in the Willamette team. Montana should win handily over its home state rival.

Gonzagans Set For Portland

SPOKANE, Oct. 23—(AP)—The varsity backfield at Gonzaga Thursday included two capable passers, Johnny "Sugar" Scherger and Johnny Mike Goodwin, and Coach Puggy Hunton indicated the pair would be his halfbacks Sunday in the game here with Portland U.

Hunton said he planned to throw a double-barrelled overhead attack at the Pilots and expected the same in return. Portland, he said, has three good left-handed passers and a capable righthander.

Li'l Football Fellers In Spotlight Tonight

Head Juniors

Debs McLoughlin (left), pass-pitching halfback of the Leslies, and Mickey Tamiyasu, ball-carrying star of Parrish, who are the principal offensive threats of tonight's city junior high school tiff at Sweetland.



First Parrish-Leslie Battle Of Season Set on Sweetland

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Parrish			Leslie		
No.	Wt.	Name	Pos.	Name	Wt. No.
19	163	Brandle	LER	Barlow	128 4
22	172	Farlow	LTR	Littke	160 16
15	157	White	LGR	Holbrook	160 21
18	147	Lambert	C	Boardman	150 18
16	154	Morris	RGL	Harrison	138 9
23	179	Barnes	RTL	Slater	170 22
21	164	Langan	REL	Staats	170 8
7	142	Bennett	Q	Truxall	147 7
2	135	Tamiyasu	LHR	Smith	140 3
6	135	Gottfried	RHL	McLoughlin	130 1
20	156	Poush	F	Clark	140 2

Game Time: 7:45 P. M.

Little fellows (who aren't so little, either) stage Salem's only football fracas of the weekend tonight at 7:45, when Parrish and Leslie junior high schools tangle in a City Intramural league game under Sweetland field's arcs.

The clash, first of two annual meetings between the bitter rivals, will decide the present leadership of the league. Both teams are undefeated, with Leslie also unscored upon.

Coach Tommy Drynan's Parrish club, as usual, is considerably the heavier, but Loren Mort's "midgits" from the southend of town may make up in spirit what they lack in avoirdupois.

Parrish is slated to field a team which averages 155 pounds per player—almost 11 pounds each heavier than Leslie's 144-pounds plus average. While the backfields are almost equal in height, the Parrish line, due principally to the heaviest set of ends fielded there for some time, outweighs Leslie's line 15 pounds to the individual.

Debs McLoughlin, slender pass-pitcher who can also run with the ball, is expected to be the spearhead of the Leslie attack, while Mickey Tamiyasu, 135-pound Japanese, is expected to carry the brunt of Parrish's offense.

The once-beaten Viks, who dropped their first loss to Corvallis last week, are slightly favored over the thrice-beaten Astorians.

Coach Hauk, ill Wednesday, was reported much better Thursday and ready to direct his charges against the Fishermen.

Vikings Leave For Astoria Clash Tonight

It is probable the Salem mentor will start the same lineup which he has fielded in virtually every game thus far this season. It includes Jim Wenger and Rollie Haag at ends, Ray Loter and Lloyd Griffiths at tackles, Bob Palmateer and Bill Lind at guards, Bob Sederstrom at center and Owen Garland, Dutch Simmons, Rex Hardy and Bud Coons in the backfield.

The traveling roster includes: Ends, Rollie Haag, Jim Wenger; Bob Barber, Harrison Wilder; tackles, Ray Loter, Lloyd Griffiths; Willard McClaughray, Ben Fortner; guards, Bob Palmateer, Bill Lind, Don Page, Erwin Winkewer; centers, Bob Sederstrom, Herb Booth; backs, Dutch Simmons, Rex Hardy, Bud Coons, Jim Burrus, Owen Garland, Bill Pettit, John Hoffer and Bob Warren; managers, Fred Bynon, Fritz Annunson and George Gottfried.

Missionaries Meet Pacific

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla, Walla, Oct. 23—(Special)—Battling to maintain their unbeaten record, Whitman's Missionaries take on Pacific university here Saturday with a high position on the Northwest conference ladder at stake.

A victory for Whitman would leave the Missions tied with Willamette for first place, each team with two wins and no losses, while a Pacific win would send the Badgers into second place ahead of Whitman.

Man, Deer Fight Draw Until Buck Killed by Aid

REEDSFORT, Oct. 23—(AP)—R. H. Mast, Smith River rancher, was treated here Thursday for a hip wound inflicted by an infuriated deer which he shot through the leg Sunday.

Mast said the deer charged before he could fire a second time in an effort to grasp himself. His hunting companion, Dale Varney, reached the scene and killed the animal before Mast could be seriously injured.

Crisler Praises Gophers But Gives Own Team Nod

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 23—(AP)—Coach Fritz Crisler, wielding the verbal paint-brush with broad, lavish strokes, painted an ominous picture Thursday of the Minnesota football team which risks its No. 1 national ranking against its unbeaten Michigan Wolverines Saturday.

Yet if Crisler's words appeared to spell doom for Michigan, there was something in his attitude that belied any intention to concede Minnesota a thing. For one thing, while he talked he was stowing away a lunch whose proportions hardly would have been the choice of a nervous man.

"If you've never seen a Minnesota team, you're in for a sight," said Crisler. "Never have you seen so many big men, and big men who are so fast, and all operating on the same squad."

"Blocking? No, those boys don't block. They simply run over you. Depth? Three deep all down the line, except possibly at end, where they have only five, poor fellows. And to show how good those lines are, last spring the so-called seconds beat the firsts by four touchdowns."

To match such man-power, Crisler insisted, he has just one line, with only one substitute he can rely on in the type of dog-fight this promises to be. Yet if the picture was getting progressively more gloomy, the coach's attitude wasn't. On what points, then, did he hold out hope for his Michigan against these golden gargantuan Gophers?

"Two," said Crisler. "Our line is a fine line, faster than Minnesota's and just as tough, for as long as it lasts—and when we beat Northwestern last week 'as long' meant 90 minutes for our ends, Rogers and Frankman; the same for one tackle, Al Wistert, and almost as much for the other, Rube Kelta. The second factor isn't so tangible, but I set great store by it. This team had tremendous spirit in the Northwestern game, and if they can keep that alive they're going to do all right."

Gamecocks Top Clemson 18-14

COLUMBIA, S.C., Oct. 23—(AP)—A hard-hitting band of South Carolina Gamecocks swarmed all over the heavily favored Clemson Tigers for almost three quarters Thursday and then fought off a desperate final period drive to come through with a sensational 18-14 upset before 22,000 spectators.

The defeat dropped the Tigers, defending Southern conference champs, from the ranks of the undefeated.

Less than five minutes after the opening kickoff the Gamecocks scored their first touchdown with a 13-yard pass from Ken Roskie to Dutch Elston and almost turned the game into a rout in the second period as they gained at will with passes and running plays.



Fritz Crisler

Football Scores

COLLEGE
Georgetown (Ky) 19, Louisville 7.
Gulfport 6, Catawba 51.
South Carolina 18, Clemson 14.
PRO FOOTBALL
Columbus Bulls 42, Dayton Dakotas 6.
New York Yankees 13, Hartford Blues 31.
OREGON HIGH SCHOOLS
Wheeler 25, Tillamook B 6

Navy 111 Points Better Than Tulane, Says Comparative Score System; Some Diff, Eh?

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK, Oct. 23—(Special To The Statesman)—Using the No. 3 system of picking football winners, we have just figured out that if Navy were to play Tulane, Navy should win by 111 points, or 17 touchdowns and nine extra points.

Navy should do something about those missed extra points.

The No. 1 system, the soundest of all, calls for a blindfold and a sharp pin, the picker selecting his team in the same manner as an absconding cashier might pick a place on the map where he would be in least danger of being tapped for the clink. However, any one of the systems is just a short cut to a straightjacket.

Here's the way the No. 3 system works, for instance: Rice beats Tulane, 10-9; LSU

beats Rice, 27-0; Holy Cross beats LSU, 19-13; Mississippi beats Holy Cross, 21-0; Georgetown beats Mississippi, 16-6 (stick around, it won't be long now); VPI beats Georgetown, 3-0; William and Mary beats VPI, 16-7; Navy beats William and Mary, 34-0.

That makes Navy 111 points better than Tulane, a differential which comes as a great surprise to us as from what we have heard about Tulane we wouldn't bet against it in a doubleheader against Michigan and Minnesota.

Those Greenies are plenty tough, the defeat by Rice notwithstanding.

That parade of misleading information is just an example of what the football expert is up against when he tries to figure what one team will do against another team on the basis of the respective records.

And at that, the records are about the best method of comparison, as there is no way to attach guesses to teams and individual players to determine the ebb and flow of such other mysterious factors as spirit and mental outlook.

A team which might resemble a bunch of feather-footed adagio dancers one Saturday might come out the next week with lead in its keel and be shoved around by some squad it ordinarily could be expected to beat

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Bearcats, Rooters Leave For Idaho Game Tonight

Twenty-seven Willamette Bearcat gridders, accompanied by Coaches Spec Keene and Howard Maple, together with a special car of rooters, enroute at the Southern Pacific depot at 7:10 tonight for the first invasion of the University of Idaho football field in history for the Salem collegians.

The 'Cat club, undefeated in five starts and boasting 173 points to opponents' 7, will be at full strength with the exception of Tackle Garrel Deiner, who sustained a broken hand in the Whittier contest, and who will not make the trip, and Earl Hampton, reserve fullback, who is suffering from a pulled muscle.

In addition to the football team, a car of Willamette rooters is scheduled to make the trip. The SP has made a special rate to Willamette fans and announces there is some room left on the car. The train leaves Salem at 7:10, leaves Portland at 9:30 and is scheduled to pull into Pullman at 7:30 Saturday morning. The team goes by bus from Pullman to Moscow.

It is probable, said Coach Keene Thursday night, that Gene Stewart, regular left halfback, or Glenn Nordquist, stumpy freshman, will see reserve service at fullback should Waitzin' Al Walden need a rest.

The 'Cats work out at 3 p. m. today before boarding the train for Moscow.

Geese Caught In Mud Flats Are Rescued

BEND, Oct. 23—(AP)—The fish and wildlife service's field crew rushed to the rescue Thursday of scores of Geese stuck in the mud on the flats of Davis lake in the upper Deschutes region.

Home O'ft, Crescent district ranger of the Deschutes national forest, failed in an effort to reach the stranded birds and reported they had been without food for five days.

Supervisor Ralph W. Crawford said the lake was at its lowest point in history, leaving far-reaching mud flats on which the birds attempted to land in a driving rain storm. They were members of huge flocks passing over here Sunday.

Fred Sankey, head of the rescue party, said it might be necessary to take specialized mud rescue equipment from Harney lake to the scene. Included will be a mud boat capable of moving over the oozy flats.

Foresters believed many birds had sunk beneath the mud.

Uclans Await Oregon Clash

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23—(AP)—The UCLA line was bolstered Thursday by the return to action of Hefty Jack Finlay, left tackle, who has been on the sidelines for three weeks with illness and injuries.

Coach Babe Horrell plans to start Finlay in the game here Saturday against Oregon, and added that Gene Alder, first string center, may also be back on the job. Bill Armstrong has been performing yeoman service during his absence, however.

Skies were overcast again as the Bruins went through a final drill. More rain is forecast Friday, but is supposed to let up Saturday.



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