

Ex-Vik Out for 'Cat Berth



LLOYD GRIFFITHS, former Salem high football and track star who this fall is a member of "Spec" Keene's Willamette university football team. Griffiths is currently No. 2 tackle on the right side.

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

What about this gigantic physical fitness intramural athletic program now ready for opening play next Monday at Salem high? Here's what about it obtained from young Chris Kowitz, the kid who has probably the toughest job in the whole plan—the issuing and maintenance regulation football equipment for no less than 11 teams comprising two leagues, and 17 to 20 boys on a team. It's generally a tough enough job for a school athletic manager to keep abreast one team's wants, but Chris' job is 12-fold—believe it or not he will actually play on one of the teams to boot.

And while speaking of tough assignments brought about by the program, Director of Athletics Gurnee Flesher and department member Herman Schwartzkopf barely missed qualification for a couple themselves. Instead of having just one of the football teams to coach, both Flesher and Schwartzkopf were slated to merely group the mass and coach all the teams all at once during the practices and individually during respective games. But a better plan was conceived, and varsity coach Tommy Drynan and his assistant, Frank Beer, will help out when not busy with varsity work. Members of the varsity team will be pressed into service as team coaches in the new league with the four athletic heads as overseers.

Two 'Conferences' to Be Formed

But more about the program itself. The 11 teams will be divided into an A league and a B league—boys of large size to play on the A team and smaller boys on the B squads. Each league will conduct a round-robin schedule, each team to play other members on the respective "conference." All games will be held on Ohlinger field during the noon hour, and the teams will also engage in practice sessions just like their big varsity brothers, only on a lesser scale of course. Fundamentals of football will be taught in conjunction with the regulation physical education course. Such a plan will quiet one a half-hour per team in outside contact workouts.

Whether a sophomore, junior, senior or even a junior high athlete—all will be allowed to participate not according to class, but according to a "rating" system. Every boy's height, weight, age and previous football experience will be considered before he is given a rating and assigned to one of the 11 teams. By this method Flesher claims the squads will be evenly balanced which in turn will afford more interesting and keener competition.

Equipment Presents No Problem

Where will 200 football players get all the necessary equipment? As junior high and jayvee football have been abandoned this fall the surplus equipment is made to order for the new program. The only difficulty confronting the conference fathers is the problem of upkeep expenses, such as cleaning the uniforms, etc.

But as Assistant Beer stated after summing up the situation, "This program will more than take the place of the former intramural setup as a 'farm' system for development of Viking teams. I am glad to see some high school give so many boys a chance to play a real competitive sport."

To which we add an aye, aye!

Trojans Work For WSC Tilt

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 13—(AP)—The University of Southern California football team returned home Tuesday after its 13-day round trip to Seattle and Columbus and held a light drill in preparation for Saturday's game against Washington State. Quarterback Mel Bleeker, who injured his hip in the Ohio State game, was the only casualty, and may not be able to play Saturday.

"We need plenty of work after being on the train so long, and I am hopeful that this week will see considerable improvement," Coach Jeff Cravath said.

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Bruins Engage in Secret Session

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 13—(AP)—The UCLA Bruins held a secret workout Tuesday on both offense and defense, and Coach Babe Horrell spent some time in practice to improve coordination between backs and linemen.

The Bruin coach said that while the squad for the California game Saturday would be restricted to 28, he would in fact have enough men for three full teams because of versatile players able to cover various spots in the lineup.

MacPhail Also Quit As Bum Board Member

BROOKLYN, Oct. 13—(AP)—The Brooklyn club announced Tuesday that Lieut. Col. L. S. "Larry" MacPhail had added his resignation as a member of the board of directors to his previous withdrawal as president and general manager of the Dodgers.

T. Hughson, Mort Cooper Rated Best

Point System Gives Red Sox, Card Mound Artists Top Spots

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, Oct. 13—Our old friend Robert J. Brennan is back to tell us who were the best pitchers in the major leagues the past season, and just to avoid unnecessary suspense we'll blurt out right now that his choices for the top slots are Tex Hughson of the Red Sox in the American league and Mort Cooper of the Cardinals in the National.

Brennan is a transplanted Iowan who as a hobby painstakingly keeps a day-by-day record of mound performances throughout the season, and arrives at his conclusions through a revised Stanley-Dean system, whatever that is.

Anyway, pitchers are rated on a point system. For instance, a pitcher defeating a team that is in first place on that particular day receives 14 points, and so on down until he gets only seven points for beating a last-place club.

On the other hand, points are deducted for each defeat, with the weaker the team a pitcher loses to, the more points he loses. Only the points a pitcher gets for beating first and last place clubs are set figures. The other points are figured on the basis of a direct proportion to the number of percentage points that a team was behind the first-place club on that particular day.

Now that that is perfectly clear, we hope, we'll delve into Mr. Brennan's figures, which show Hughson, with a record of 22 wins and seven defeats, topping the junior circuit with 188.22 points, and Cooper's identical won and lost record bringing him 163.11 points.

Other leaders in the American league, in order, were: Ernie Bonham, Yankees, 144.67; Spud Chandler, Yankees, 96.03; Hank Borowy, Yankees, 87.91; Ted Lyons, White Sox, 71.98; Aley Donald, Yankees, 69.10; John Niggeling, Browns, 61.12; Jim Bagby, Cleveland, 56.91; Mace Brown, Red Sox, 56.12, and Virgil Trucks, Detroit, 55.00.

Behind Cooper in the National were: Johnny Beazley, Cards, 151.11; Whit Wyatt, Dodgers, 131.15; Larry French, Dodgers, 115.14; Curt Davis, Dodgers, 86.28; Bill Lohrman, Giants, 81.16; Cliff Malton, Giants, 71.31; Howard Krist, Cards, 69.53; Max Lanier, Cards, 67.46, and Johnny Vander Meer, Reds, 61.86.

Elmer Riddle of the Reds, who led the National league a year ago, dropped far down on the list with minus 50.55 points. Thornton Lee, American league tops in 1941, was troubled with a sore arm and pitched less than 10 games, so is not rated. Bob Feller, second in his league last year and leader in 1940, was in the service this year, and Johnny Rigney, outstanding White Sox pitcher, also not eligible for honors that year for the same reason.

Ed Smith, the hard-luck White Sox pitcher, gets the doubtful honor of the lowest rating in his league, his seven wins and 20 defeats giving him the impressive negative point total of minus 126.08. Frank Hoerst of the Phils took that backhanded honor in the National with minus 124.44 points.

Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees chuckers rate among the leaders despite the handicap of playing on too successful clubs. Both the Dodgers and Yankees hogged first place in their respective leagues most of the season, with the result their pitchers could not receive the maximum number of points for their victories.

No team in either league was able to duplicate the 1941 showing of the Yankees, when every New York chucker was on the positive side of the ledger. Marvin Brewer and Johnny Murphy represented the Yanks among the minus quantities this year.

Welch Works Husky Subs

SEATTLE, Oct. 13—(AP)—Washington's reserves got the heavy work Tuesday in preparation for the football game here Saturday with the University of Montana.

Coach Ralph "Pest" Welch notified the varsity regulars that the length of the time they would be in the game depending on the strength shown by the grizzlies, but he concentrated attention on the reserves.

Klamath Reports Numerous Ducks

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 13—(AP)—Duck hunters whose favorite haunts are the Klamath lakes and marshes received cheering news Tuesday: more ducks this year.

The fish and wildlife service said the number of ducks, increasing steadily since 1935, was considerably larger this year than last. Geese are here in about the same numbers as last year. The season opens Thursday.

Sports

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Rated American League's Best



TEX HUGHSON, Boston Red Sox pitcher who, according to a point system conceived by Hobbyist-Statistician Robert J. Brennan, was the most effective pitcher in the American league during the past season. Hughson won 22 and lost 7. Mort Cooper was listed as the National league's best by the system.

Team Personnel Announced for Vik Grid Intramural Program

Leagues, teams and respective personnel of the Salem high school's gigantic intramural football program were announced by Director of Athletics Gurnee Flesher Tuesday. Actual competition will start next Monday.

League "A" will consist of six teams with 17 to 20 players per squad. All teams will engage in one game within its league a week unless a bye is drawn. There will be no games between A and B league elevens.

Flesher, varsity coach Tommy Drynan, his assistant Frank Beer and Herman Schwartzkopf will be the guiding heads for the extensive football setup, and each member of the respective leagues will have a varsity team player as its coach.

Following are listed the members of respective teams:

- LEAGUE A**
- Team I—Roy Little (captain), Wayne Weston, Richard Vincent, Don Smith, Robert Lee, Calvin Masee, Glen Lewis, Ben Bigman, Carl Ward, Gene Hartung, Daryl Jones, Wesley Strode, Roy Tomkins, Bill Mathis, Wilford Beard, Keith Morris, Gordon Wyatt, Norman Stone and Bob Menzer.
- Team II—Don Chapman (captain), Bob Zeller, Lloyd Finden, Robert Robbins, David Simpson, Mel Case, Harold Adams, Preston Mills, Bill Robbins, Roy Houck, Reno Young, Dick Hill, Allen Apple, Vernon Hougen, Bill Meithoff, Bud Thompson, Sidney Wells, Jim Watenpaugh and Steve Zuslinden.
- Team III—John Dowd (captain), Bill Morgan, Bob Bennett, Bob Clark, Russell Kretz, Reuben Bastian, Bob Hamilton, Dick Dunn, Jack Shattuck, Wayne Kuenze, Ernest Sketton, Dan Fry, Gaylord Nixon, Fred Pfennig, Willy Graham, John Fiedler, Andrew Zahara, Jaul Jacobson, Kenneth Deacon.
- Team IV—George Gottfried (captain), Stuart Campion, Jim Jones, Benny Lambert, Richard Harrison, Herman Lawson, Leonard Russell, Willard Olson, Jim Monaco, Allan Touchie, Orton Kaminski, David Belew, Fred Zimmerman, Lyle Dieck, Harry Harris, John Johnson, Martin Svarverud, Art Gottfried and Armand McDowell.
- Team V—Lloyd Merk (captain), Rod Hendrikson, Ed McColl, Jim Arnett, Jerry Montgomery, Norman Dalke, Chuck Whittemore, Gene Rutherford, Daryl Sims, Waryl Ashcraft, Dick Fry, Darwin Gaspell, Dave Scott, Robert Elmund, Dale Reeves, Wally Bonestele, Don Smith, Tom Boardman, Stan Wilkes and Ken Russell.
- LEAGUE B**
- Team I—Loren Helmhout (captain), David Jordan, Dale Lighthill, Alan Boatwright, Elmer Christensen, James Klukis, Fred Fisher, Tom White, Frank McGee, Kenneth Russell, Richard Ostrim, Max Maude, Max

Joe Won't Quit--Jacobs

Tulane Will Be Out to 'Stop' Star Sinkwich

By ROMNEY WHEELER

ATHENS, Ga., Oct. 13—(AP)—Little Monk Simons, Tulane's youthful football coach, is a good-natured guy, but he has just stirred up more bees than a bear in a honey tree.

Simons probably was using just a figure of speech when he promised "My boys are going into All-America Frankie's yard with the idea of taking a pop at him."

Most observers gathered that Tulane intended to deflate fireball Frankie, but super-heated Sinkwich supporters in the University of Georgia student body took him very literally. They began hunting ancestral feudin' pistols in defense of Sinky, lest anyone seek to rough him outside the rules.

It was just a year ago—Oct. 4, at Athens, to be exact—that an enthusiastic South Carolina team undertook to stop Sinkwich, and sent him to the sidelines with a jaw broken in three places. The recollection still is fresh here, and Georgia fans are not happy about it.

Retund Wally Butts, Georgia's coach, kept strictly neutral. "I just don't want to make any comment," he said. "I haven't got a thing to say."

But he did have a bit to say about Tulane's spectacular football team—and all complimentarily.

Angel Athletes Face Military Schedule

MT. ANGEL—Sport prospects at Mt. Angel college and prep school are not very good.

In the college, the calisthenics prescribed by the physical education course of the reserve officer enlistment plan adopted by the school will take up most of the time allotted to the students for athletics. The course is compulsory for all college men and will be carried out on a military basis.

Paul Reiling of Silverton is director and professor of the course. Most of the program will be carried out out of doors and will be strictly followed regardless of weather.

War work and enlistments have also taken their toll in the high school ranks and the prep athletic calendar looks pretty bleak as far as veteran material is concerned. Only three of last year's basketball squad which landed the state Catholic champions are back. They are Frank Groszjanczyk, Francis Deneke and Fred Hauth.

Leo Groszjacques, the spark of the irresistible Baby Arny's now training for the freshman football squad at University of Oregon.

Cosch Ted Mark has made no predictions about the new material available.

Intramural football is getting some attention but no outside games will be played.

Log Meet Called Off

PORTLAND, Oct. 13—(AP)—The annual Pacific logging congress, scheduled for Portland this month, was postponed Tuesday because

North Carolina Flyer



They All Come Back--So Will Louis, Says Mike

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK, Oct. 13—(AP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs professed Tuesday to have no doubt in the world that Sergeant Joe Louis would defend his heavyweight title again "some time," no matter how the sergeant might feel about it at the moment.

No Buck Fever For Young Bill

BLACKFOOT, Idaho, Oct. 13—(AP)—Bill Clough, 12-year-old son of Bingham County Sheriff Del Clough, believes in following instructions.

On his first deer-hunting trip, father and son came upon a two-point buck.

"Where'll I shoot him?" Billy asked his dead-shot father. "Between the eyes," the elder Clough replied, tongue in cheek.

So Billy fired and the animal dropped. Investigation showed he had been hit squarely in the center of the forehead—between the eyes.

Fish Planting Program May Be Disrupted

PORTLAND, Oct. 13—(AP)—Oregon's fish-planting program will be disrupted if coastal streams are closed to commercial fishing, members of the state fish commission asserted Tuesday.

Opposing senate bill No. 53 which will appear on the November election ballot as No. 311, they said that income from commercial fishing finances a major part of the planting program.

Closure of the streams, sponsored by the Oregon Wildlife Federation, would mean closure of fish hatcheries along those streams, the commissioners said.

For every Steelhead caught by commercial fishermen, the commission released 120, they declared.

Passage of the measure would mean closing hatcheries that have produced 564,612,427 fingerlings in the last 22 years, said Commissioner John C. Veath.

WSC-Montana Set Record

PULLMAN, Oct. 13—(AP)—Delvers into record books here Tuesday decided that the University of Montana and Washington State college in their 68-16 gridiron fray here last Saturday had topped all scoring records for the conference with their combined total of 84 points.

The contest still leaves WSC well out of the record class though in running up a score over rivals, Southern California poured it on their cross-town UCLA rivals to the tune of 76-0 in 1929 and in 1930 turned in a 74-0 rout over the University of California Bears.

University of Washington still holds the palm for running up a score against a non-conference rival though with its 120-0 victory over Whitman in 1919.

The industry is too busy with war production to take time off.

old ticket tycoon philosophized as he looked over the latest dispatches from out west, in which Joe continued to say yes or no in a somewhat confused disagreement with himself.

"Joe says here he might be too old to fight when the war's over," Mike said, adjusting his specs. "They never get too old to fight for that kind of dough."

"Joe's only 28 now. What if the war lasted, say, five years. He would still be only 33 when he got out. Jim Braddock won the title when he was 35, didn't he? And these colored fighters usually are better when they're past 30. Look at Jack Johnson. Nobody knows how old he was when he lost his title to Willard."

"One thing," whenever Joe comes out of the army, he'll still be able to knock a man's head off when he hits him. They'll still pay off on that after the war."

Mike was asked if the champ told him flatly over the telephone that he did not mean to retire from the ring at this time—to relinquish his title formally.

"That's exactly what he said," Mike replied. "I wanted to know, because whenever he retires I can start an elimination tournament for the heavyweight title. I've got a fight coming up Oct. 30 between Tami Mauriello and Lee Savold that could be an elimination, and Bob Pastor and Lou Nova want to get in on it. But Joe's still the champion as far as I'm concerned."

It is the consensus around fight headquarters, incidentally, that Louis is far from financially insolvent, no matter how much he owes to Jacobs and to John Roxborough and to the income tax collector. He simply is in need for ready money, they say. Joe is thought to have several fat annuities that will pay off, in time, in addition to some valuable property.

Those who should know something of the champion's financial standing scoff at the suggestion that he would quit fighting because his affairs had become too hopelessly involved to make it worth while. They think Joe merely was feeling extra discouraged when he told the Associated Press in Omaha that he didn't expect to box again.

Lutes Prepare For CPS II

TACOMA, Oct. 13—(AP)—Pacific Lutheran college football team isn't going into the stadium here Saturday with any idea that it will be easy to handle the revived grid team of the College of Puget Sound.

Both teams are going hogwild on attack this year and in the give and take, Coach Baron Bradford is hoping his lutes squad won't do too much talking.

"Not an injury showed up from our scrimmage last Saturday with Central Washington," he said, "and this week we are ironing out our flaws."

Hard work was in store for the Loggers of CPS as Coach Leo Frank prepared to go about the task of whipping his team into shape for the annual city championship game.

It is believed that Fullback Bill McMaster, still nursing a leg injury of two weeks ago in spite of his 75 yard play against Whitman last Thursday, will remain in the first string lineup.

Former Webfoot Grid Star Reported Killed

PORTLAND, Oct. 13—(AP)—Death of Capt. Dale Lasselle, US army air force, former University of Oregon football star, in a plane crash somewhere in England was reported Tuesday.

The notification to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lasselle, Portland, gave no details of the crash.

Lost Hunter Found

MEDFORD, Oct. 13—(AP)—State police and sheriff's deputies reported Tuesday that Rex Lane, Ashland, was found Monday in the Neff creek district after being lost overnight on Mount Ashland while hunting deer. Lane was tired and cold, but otherwise none the worse for his experience.

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