

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Sunday shorts: In answer to exactly 14 inquiries (didn't know we had that many readers) no, we didn't walk back from Corvallis after the Oregon-Oregon State game. Seems we did get foolish enough to print (we'll learn one day -- maybe) we'd walk back the 35 miles if Leitch & Co. didn't beat the Stiners, but just as we warmed up for the start it dawned (something had to) that no one was available to drive the car home. Now you wouldn't have wanted us to leave our bucket of bolts in Corvallis, would you? No, we didn't think as much -- so didn't walk. For those who insist we should have, let this suffice: We walked what seemed 135 miles Wednesday while trying to make liars of those who insist there are no pheasants in the valley these days. Won't that do? And next time we open our big mouth, put your foot in it. Ours fits too well. . . . Speaking of Leitch (and what football Freddie isn't these days?), it's the conceit of opinion down south that says Oregon not to play football but to run for Col. Bill Hay- yard, one of the greatest track coaches in the land. Mebbe Jake figures Col. Bill can show him how to clip .09.6 (Leitch had galloped it) down to .09.0 . . . Long and short of things at Salem golf course: Duke Trotter and Rusty Coleman in a match. Duke could put him in his pocket and still have room left for a handkerchief. . . . Good news for Woodburn grid foes: Al "Superman" Zuber, still the best back in the circuit, has passed his pre-induction physical exam and figures it won't be long now -- not any longer than three weeks, anyway. . . . Mt. Angel's Joe "Red" Bielemeier went up for his physical also, but came back smiling. . . . Ever wondered how Portland Beaver broadcaster Rollie Truitt accomplished the bat-hitting-ball and ball-hitting-glove sound effects in his 'casts when the Beavers were on the road and the play-by-play was piped into Portland via wire? Rollie revealed all in his skit the other night during the baseball banquet Warden George Alexander spread for the OSP Greys. The ball-hitting-glove facsimile is merely molded when Truitt whops his thigh with cupped hand. When the bat hits the ball it's really Truitt's fingernail flipped against an empty penny match box. Clever, wot? . . .



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Salem Hi Band Arrives—Doing Great Job

One of the true highlights of the current football season locally is the grand comeback Salem high's band has been making. No more the ompah-ompah-ompah racket in the background -- the Vern Wiscarson proteges now parade the field between halves and turn out, in conjunction with pep clubbers, some bangup stunts. Better still, the organizational powers behind the band have taken it upon themselves to invite outside bands to accompany their teams to the village. Both the Albany and Bend downbeaters joined forces with the Wiscarsons to add much to the last two home football games on Sweetland field. Much more than has been seen here during a Viking football game in years 'n years.

But if Mr. Wiscarson & Co. wouldn't mind a wee suggestion, aimed helpfully and not harmfully, would it be possible to complete the gala and welcome halftime sparklers within the allotted 15 minutes? The rules call for teams to revive action after a 15 minute halftime stop. Squads were ready and waiting (too long) in both the Albany and Bend games. Such waiting dulls a certain edge for footballers about to commence play, and this shouldn't be. Complaints have been numerous.

By all means don't stop the festivities -- just shorten 'em a wee bit.

A. J. (Monty) Montgomery, a villager by admission but the mighty mite of the Western International League for years as business boss of the Spokane team, drops a card from the Inland Empire town to tell that things and baseball are already humming for 1946. Not only has Sam Collins, the former Pioneer league man, purchased the Spokes from Bill Ulrich, but he's also buying Ferris Field ball park from the city. . . . "Collins is now in California party for vacation and partly to see about players for next season," says Monty. "He also goes to the big meeting in Columbus next month -- so Spokane is getting busy in baseball for 1946."

Spartans, Viks in Crucial

At the turning point in their No-Name league campaign, Salem high's Vikings go against the Corvallis Spartans on Sweetland field next Friday night in the one game of the season which could make or break the SHS chances for the 1945 pennant. The contest will be the most important on the Viking schedule to date, and by far.

Both Coach Tommy Drynan's Viks and the Al Cox Spartans, the latter pre-season picks as the league strong, at present share the No-Name leadership all alone and undefeated. Corvallis dealt Eugene's Axeman a severe pennant blow last week by thumping them at Corvallis. Drynan will open drills for the natural Monday. Given a favorable break by the weatherman and the doctor in charge of all his cripples, Drynan expects the Friday game will probably attract easily the largest spectators throng of the season.

Juniors Open Pigskin Drills

With handpicked squads merged from respective school teams in the recent intramural league, Leslie and Parrish varsity football teams open drills Monday for the first game of their series for the annual city championship Friday night, November 2, on Sweetland field. Pioneer and Missionary rosters will be announced by the coaches later.

Turnstiles Click For Grid Contests

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (AP)—Here's how the fans turned out for today's major football games: At Columbus, Ohio -- Purdue-Ohio State, 73,585. At Pittsburgh, Pa. -- Pitt-Notre Dame, 60,000. At Minneapolis -- Minnesota-Northwestern, 56,000. At New York--Columbia-Colgate, 35,000. At Madison, Wis.--Wisconsin-Illinois, 33,000. At New Orleans, La.--Auburn-Tulane, 28,000. At Athens, Ga. -- Louisiana State-Georgia, 25,000. At Birmingham, Ala.--Alabama-Tennessee, 25,000. At Providence, R. I. -- Brown-Holy Cross, 25,000. At Fort Worth, Tex.--Texas Christian-Texas A & M, 23,000.

Jamaica Sets Record

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (AP)—A crowd of 46,715 at Jamaica set a new world's record of \$4,349,835 for betting on a seven race program as a total of \$13,318,467 was

Grapplers Named for Armory Mat 'Royal'

The five matadors who are to do preliminary work in Tuesday night's battle royal at the armory were announced yesterday by Matchmaker Elton Owen. The royal, usually good enough to fill out any grappling card, will prelude the awaited main event between Coast Junior heavy champ Jack Lipscomb and Rufus "Snowball" Jones, the negro mauler.

In Salem, headlines the royalists. He'll have only one "clean" partner in the game's No. 1 crowd pleaser, Canadian Herb Parks, the gent who got his head busted open by Mr. Stoneface's head butts in last week's main event. The three roughie-laughies rounding out the royalist roster include Mr. Stoneface himself, "Toughie" Porter and "Gorilla" Foggi, all of whom help total a sizeable five-man for the 8:30 p.m. opening fun.

Ohio State, Georgia, Maryland, Harvard Upsets Feature Saturday Footballing

By Harold Clasen
NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (AP)—It was the Saturday of mid-terms and all through the land many a college football team flunked. Ohio State, unbeaten in 13 previous starts, was slaughtered by Purdue, 35 to 13. The Boiler-makers moved to the head of the Big Ten class by their triumph.

Georgia, bolstered this week by the much discussed halfback Charlie Trippi who recently was discharged from the army, was blanked by Louisiana State, 32 to 6. Trippi was held to a net of 21 yards gained.

Maryland, unbeaten and bolstered by players from the defunct North Carolina Pre-Flt. squad, was defeated by Virginia Tech, 21 to 13. The VTJ team hadn't scored until today.

Harvard was spilled by the New London sub base, 18 to 7, in an upset that was only mild compared to the setbacks suffered by Ohio State, Georgia and Maryland.

And then there were such hesitant starts as Army trailing Melville, R.I., motor boat training center, 13 to 0, before the nation's No. 1 outfit righted itself to win, 55 to 13. Columbia also had a slow beginning but got into high gear in the final period to down Colgate, 31 to 7, and remain in the unbeaten classification.

Notre Dame also had a hard time getting started, leading Pittsburgh by only 6 to 2 in the second quarter. By the end of the game, however, it was Notre Dame, 39, Pittsburgh 9. . . . Ohio State's defeat, its first league loss since 1943, was the shocker of the Big Ten where Minnesota romped over Northwestern 30 to 7, Indiana crushed

Underdog Webfeet Top Cougars, 26-13

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 20 (AP)—The University of Oregon Webfeet, six-touchdown underdogs by comparative scores, upset Washington State college, 26-13, in the Pacific coast conference game here today.

Cochair Tex Oliver's T-wist formation scored in the opening four minutes of play, then added two touchdowns in the second period and one in the third. The Cougars finally tallied twice in the last frame against Oregon reserves.

Oregon displaced a complete reversal of form from last week when they lost to Oregon State. The Cougars, bound for the conference title until last week's 6-0 defeat by Washington, dropped their second straight game. Today's rivals now are even with two wins and two losses each.

Right halfback Walt Donovan sprinted 27 yards for the first Oregon tally. Halfback Jake Leitch later in the same quarter galloped 69 yards to the WSC 26-yard line, only to be downed by Ross. Leitch took a shuttle pass from Bob Reynolds and went around left end for the second touchdown. His place kick was good. Leitch's pass to Bob Anderson in the end zone resulted in a third Webfoot counter, and John Kauffman kicked the extra point. The half ended 26-0.

The Ducks scored their fourth touchdown after 10 minutes in the third period. Reynolds inter-

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Vandals Thump Montana, 46-0

MOSCOW, Ida., Oct. 20 (AP)—A victory-hungry hand of Idaho Vandals today smothered Montana State university's football team under a 46 to 0 score, most lopsided count in the history of the team's long rivalry.

As the Grizzlies withered under a barrage of touchdowns, Idaho retained possession of the "little brown stein", traditional trophy, and recorded its first victory in four starts under Coach J. A. (Babe) Brown.

Halfback Jim Hatch scrambled 11 yards for the first Idaho score on the Vandals' second play of the game. Center Carl Munden counted the final one just before the game ended when he grabbed a Grizzly fumble and weaved 69 yards to the goal.

Between the two scores, Idaho tallied in every period, mixing long runs, pass plays, recovered fumbles and power thrusts in the touchdown parade.

Hood River, only squad which approaches Medford's impressive scoring record, defeated Oregon City, 52-19, to remain the only unbeaten eleven in district 1.



Dick Given (arrow), U of Washington halfback hurdles over sprawling Bob Hamblin (38), Oregon State quarterback, as he picks up a nice hunk of yardage for Huskies early in Saturday's game at Portland. Gail Bruce (28), Washington end, moves ahead of Given, ready to block out Dick Gray, the OSC safety. Husky in lower left given mental support. Washington won the game 13-0 before 22,618 fans. (Cut courtesy The Oregonian).

Just 8 Teams Still Unbeaten

By the Associated Press
Oregon prep schools eyed Medford's five-game stack of 249 points today and admitted the Black Tornado is likely to win its second straight Oregon prep football title.

Just eight teams still boast perfect records, and Medford ranks in a class by itself.

While Medford smashed its most bitter rival, Klamath Falls, 51-0, the Corvallis Spartans forged ahead in the no-name league. Corvallis licked Eugene, 19-12, to become No. 1 contestant for the southern crown of district 3. Corvallis lost one—to Washington of Portland.

Two squads kept their unblemished records intact when Woodburn squeaked Canby, 20-0, and Cottage Grove battered Sweet Home, 45-0. Woodburn plays only the small duration league schools, however.

Another district 1 contender, Pendleton, bowed 0-0 to Baker, leaving these two teams tied in the Blue Mountain league. La Grande's 21-19 victory over Mac Hill was an upset.

UCLA Bruins Next for Ducks

EUGENE, Oct. 20 (AP)—One of the youngest, but most colorful Pacific coast conference football rivalries will be resumed in Los Angeles next Friday night when the University of Oregon and University of California at Los Angeles eleven clash before an expected crowd of 50,000 in the Coliseum.

Regardless of pre-game records, the Webfoots and the Bruins have always produced thrill-packed grid contests, starting with the very first meeting in 1928 when Bobby Robinson of Oregon galloped 95 yards with an intercepted pass in pacing a 26-10-6 victory.

Oregon holds a 9-10-6 edge in the series to date, having posted a 14-10-7 victory in 1942, the last meeting between the two teams.

Coach Tex Oliver and a 33-man squad will entrain here Tuesday for Los Angeles, arriving Thursday in time for a workout at the Coliseum. The 28-man wartime limitation for traveling squads has been lifted by the Pacific coast conference.

Southern California fans await the first appearance of Oregon's ace Leitch as a conference player. They recall his feats at Pasadena junior college and with the Randolph Field Rams and Fourth Air Fleet. The Bruins, however, have a back they claim as talented as Leitch—Cal Ross, who led UCLA to a 13-10-0 victory over California last week.

Breaks Enable Gobs to Win

BALTIMORE, Oct. 20 (AP)—Navy alertly took full advantage of the breaks tonight to beat Georgia Tech, 20-6, but the southerners raised doubt as to the Middle's greatness by stopping the Sailors' attack cold.

This was the game in which the Middle's were going to avenge last year's 17-15 loss to the Georgians, but the Navy had to rely on a blocked punt, an intercepted pass and a Tech fumble for its scores.

With Bob Jenkins, key back-field man, sidelined by injuries, Navy did not spark a single sustained offensive, and early in the second half Clyde Scott, scabbard, was hurt and carried off the field.

Behind by 14-0 at half time due to two Navy second-period touchdowns within two minutes of play, the Georgians carried the fight to their hetter opponents but couldn't quite convert opportunities which might have changed the result.

Packers Face Boston Yanks

CHICAGO, Oct. 20 (AP)—Green Bay's Packers, national football league defending champions, still smarting from last week's 27-14 whipping by the Cleveland Rams, meet another undefeated team, the Boston Yanks, at Milwaukee Sunday in a game which may decide the Packers' chances of repeating as western division titlists and world champions.

The game will be the fourth of the campaign in which Green Bay has faced an unbeaten eleven. The Bears, Lions and Rams had clean slates when they stepped out against the Packers, and the Rams, after last week's spectacular three-touchdown fourth-period rally against Curly Lambeau's charges, still have theirs. They lead the western division with a 3-0 record. Boston, too, has yet to drop a game, having beaten Pittsburgh and Washington and tied New York to share first place in the eastern division with the Giants.

Another contest upon which title hopes may hinge Sunday pits the Cleveland Rams against the cellar-dwelling Chicago Bears at Chicago, with the Bears in the potential role of spoilers. The Bears have dropped three in a row for the first time since 1938, one of the losses to Cleveland two weeks ago by a 17-0 score.

The New York Giants, unbeaten, tied last week, 13-13, by the Yanks, will open their home schedule Sunday in the Polo grounds against the Pittsburgh Steelers, who are last in eastern division standings with an 0-3 record. Another home opener is scheduled at Washington, where the Redskins clash with a Philadelphia Eagles club which lost its prestige by dropping a 28-24 decision to the Detroit Lions.

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Armed Cops Handicap

LAUREL, Md., Oct. 20 (AP)—Armed, carrying the devil's red of Calumet farm, registered an impressive victory today in the