

Sports editor: California writers are lagging St. Mary's Herm Wodemeyer as the "most useful" footballer on the coast for 1944. The Northwest has Herman's counterpart, Jackie Leicht of Oregon. He was the "most used-less" of 1944. . . Remember Bill Sherrard, the fistic manager and trainer from Independence? Now in control of his health again, Bill has just returned from an eastern trip after selling his Independence properties and moving into Salem. Says he saw Ron Gemmill in San Francisco and that Ron, our predecessor, would like to be remembered to everyone in the old stomping grounds. . . Plug-for-Stiner div: Al Stump, in our book a sportswriter whose work will one day prove too big even for the Oregonian, pegs the Beaver grid boss as the very best football coach on the Pacific coast. . . No, Stump didn't go to Oregon State—he's a U of Washington man. . . How come Lou Kotnik is playing in the YMCA's City hoop loop instead of with the U of Oregon this year? No longer in school, Kotnik is now coaching the Seio high schoolers instead. . . And Del Smith, another Webfoot last winter who didn't go back this time, is coaching in a San Francisco junior high school. . . Crack of the week, by Lon Stiner during grid banquet speech at

SPORTSLIGHTNER



"CHIEF" CLIFF MC LEAN

former Nebraska All-American followed with: "Now that I think it over, I guess it is a good thing I didn't try a tackle because I would probably have missed him. . . Stiner believes Leicht is deserving of every All-American rating he gets, incidentally. . . Captain Bob Hamilton, U of Oregon's truly great basketballer was telling us in Portland the other day that Willamette can look for some rugged competition when the 'Cats meet the U of British Columbia Thunderbirds this winter. "They're plenty big and how they like to run," warns Hamilton. "They gave us all we wanted in our two games. . . Listening, Mr. Sparks? . . . Hamilton has boundless praise also for the modernistic way the Webfoots are making some of their hoop jaunts, by air. For instance, the Ducks left Seattle via plane at 7:55 p. m., and were on the UBC floor, 145 miles away and ready to go at 8:30! "We felt like we just got out of our own beds," beamed the UO whiz. "No fatigue, no weariness, no nothin'. It's a great way to go."

Speaking of athletes taking trips, "Chief" Cliff McLean, Southern Oregon's fabulous all-around man of a decade ago, is going back to college. Now out of the navy after service as a radar man aboard the Alabama, and with another year to go before he gets his physical education degree, Chief is going to spend it at the U of Oregon. No, he isn't preparing to make application for Spec Keene's Willamette job—he merely wants that degree so that he can apply for a high school coaching spot. What's more, if Coach Hobby Hobson will let the Chief play first base next spring (McLean says his arm is gone and has to play the initial sack or nothing), he'll turn out for Oregon baseball. His basketball eligibility is shot and he has a "football knee," but Chief has another baseball year left. . . Nothing new for Hobson, having McLean around. The Chief admits he followed Hobson from Benson Tech of Portland days to Ashland Normal in 1934, and two years later transferred into Oregon right along with his favorite coach, McLean was in town over the weekend with his pal, Al Simpson. You know what Al Simpson was in town for . . .

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STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor



NEW GRID COACHES: Three football coaches, who will be directing teams at new colleges for the 1946 season, meet at the Pacific Coast conference sessions in San Francisco. L to r: Lt. Larry (Moon) Mullins, new Santa Clara coach; Lt. Com. Bernie Masterson, new U of Nebraska coach, and Maurice (Clipper) Smith, who will be at U of San Francisco. (AP Wirephoto)

Not Ready Yet Is Observation

Offer Made to Help Coasters to Improve

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The major leagues today turned down the plea of the Pacific Coast league to become the third major league in baseball. The major leagues, in a surprise announcement after a day long meeting, said, however, that they recognized the Pacific Coast league as "potential major league territory," and offered the loop the services, "if desired," of a cooperating committee. Following is the joint statement of American League President Will Harridge and National League President Ford Frick concerning the Coast league's appeal, which was approved by the minor leagues last week. "Major league status is not a matter of legislative definition. It depends upon all of the factors which determine the ability of the member clubs of a league to give major league opportunities to the players whose contracts they hold. "This depends upon the size of the parks, the baseball income available and many other factors. The granting of major league status frees the clubs involved from the provisions of the selection law and lodges them in the right of selection from many of the minor leagues. If the men whom they are thus able to draft from the minor leagues were not given major league opportunities and were also deprived of the chance to advance to long established major leagues, an injustice would be done and to that degree benefits of the selection rules would be curtailed. "For these reasons it is the opinion of the majors that this request should at this time be refused. "However, we recognize that the Pacific Coast league is potential major league territory and may eventually be able to qualify under major league standards. Therefore the major leagues offer to the Pacific Coast league the services, if desired, of a cooperating committee to further study the situation."

Marines Take 43-30 Victory

A ballhawking band of Klamath Falls Marines had too much basketball savvy for Willamette's Bearcats last night on the university court, and made it pay off with a 43-30 win in the opening tilt of a two-game series. The second clash will be played tonight at 7:30, following a 6 p.m. prelim featuring the WU Frosh and the Hubbard Townies. The Frosh were walloped by a 43-8 count by Bud Page's Lebanon high Warriors last night, the Warriors presenting a fast and smooth outfit. Les Sparks' club fought the visitors on even terms for the first 10 minutes of their rough and rugged clash, but then faded to a 21-14 halftime deficit. The driving visitors turned numerous WU passes into interceptions and bucked to run up the midway advantage. Using a flurry of long shots by John Lambert and we Art Vermet, the latter a former Linfield collegian, plus more interceptions and fast breaks, the GI's lengthened their lead in the second half. Sparks substituted often, using 14 players in all, but to no avail. "John Lambert, Idahoan with the GI's, led scoring with 10. Bespectacled Vermet was close behind with nine. Both Marshall Harbour and Captain Fred Graham of the 'Cats had eight. "The tussle, hot and heavy at times, marked the home opener of the season for the Willamettes.

Willamette (30)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Barker, f	1	4	1	2
Graham, f	2	4	3	1
Jones, c	1	2	1	1
Harbour, g	3	2	2	4
Archie, g	0	2	2	1
Miller, g	0	2	1	2
Maudie, g	0	1	0	1
Vermet, g	1	1	1	3
Polmesier, c	0	1	2	1
Finnsomone, g	0	0	0	0
Tullis, f	1	1	1	3
Bates, c	0	0	1	0
Giles, g	0	0	0	0
Butte, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	14	17	30

K. Falls (43)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Vermeter, f	9	1	4	10
Lambert, c	4	2	4	10
Adams, g	2	0	2	4
Stineck, g	2	0	4	4
Zametak, f	1	4	2	6
McNeil, f	1	1	1	1
Kelling, c	1	2	1	3
Lynch, g	0	0	1	0
Konkie, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	11	21	43

WV Jamboree Ready Friday

MT. ANGEL, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Nine Willamette Valley league teams and a tenth invited guest will meet here Friday night on the Mt. Angel college gymnasium court to cage off the annual basketball jamboree. It will mark the debut of the Willamette Valley league, which is replacing the war-tornured Duration circuit. Sandy, Estacada, Woodburn, Canby, Molalla, Mt. Angel, Silverton, Stayton and Dallas are the league teams to show. Sacred Heart Academy of Salem is the guest quint and tenth team. The squads will draw for opponents and five 10-minute games will be played. The team scoring the most points in its game will be declared winner. A routing contest is also expected and indications point to an overloaded gym for the annual event.

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10,000 to See Joe, Eugene

EUGENE, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Up-state sports followers from nearly every section of Oregon outside of Portland, numbering around 10,000, are expected to pack McArthur court here Wednesday night for one of the greatest athletic extravaganzas in history. World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, rated one of the most potent knockout artists in ring history, will meet Big Boy Brown, 240-pound Californian, in a four-round skirmish. The match marks the final public appearance for Louis until his title defense next summer against the challenge of Billy Conn. Promoter Don Owen, who is taking a big gamble in the guarantee of \$6900 and expenses to Louis, reports a brisk advance ticket sale, but announced today that all unpaid reservations will not be held later than Wednesday noon. Brown will be no push-over for Louis, although the fistic giant is slated for the inevitable knockout. The Californian boasts a better record than Buddy Baer, the ex-title contender who was offered \$2500 to fight Louis here. Brown has long string of knockouts, including Lee Q. Murray and Lee Oma.

Vik Football Feed Tonight

Salem high's 1945 touchdown troupe, its coach, school biggies and followers wade into the annual banquet tonight at 8:30 o'clock at the Quelle restaurant. Coach Tommy Drynan, attempting to make this one the finest ever, has arranged an inviting program. Frank Ramsey, former Corvallis and Klamath Falls coach who last Sunday finished playing a season with the Chicago Bears pro gridgers, will be the principal speaker. The ins and outs of the pro game is expected to be Ramsey's topic. Forty minutes of moving pictures taken during last year's East-West game, donated by Percy Locey and Lon Stiner of Oregon State, will be shown. The banquet is open to the public.

Cleanies Win Mat Team Tiff

Dynamic duet Ex-GI Joe Lynam and Angello Martinelli came through with two rproarious falls over meanie misters Jack Lipscomb and Bucko Davidson in a topsy-turvyed armory last night to win Matchmaker Elton Owen's team match presentation. And for mat mayhem at its best, Owen hit the jackpot in the clients' estimation. He can bring the tandem tilt back any time he likes. An offering of the usual Tuesday night caliber—brimmed with thumps and thunder—only this one with four men instead of the usual two, the meanies copped the first fall in a fast six minutes. But the cleanies needed only five to tie it up. The peoples' choices had the same people standing up all the way through a corking 11 minutes before they finally flattened the roughie-toughies to take the win. The battle of the masked misters in the semiwindup went to Gray Mask over Mysterious Mr. X when the hooded hoodlum gained the only fall in 30 minutes. The opener between Herb Parks and Gust Johnson went to a fall apiece draw.

Basketball SCORES

COLLEGE
Willamette 30, K. Falls Marines 43
Oregon State 35, NW Insulators 38
Farragut 36, Idaho 34
UCLA 28, Santa Anna Agr Base 38

HIGH SCHOOL
Salem Jayvees 29, Chemawa 32
Salem Sophs 22, Chemawa 'B' 17
Corvallis 49, Uni High 37
Eugene 50, St. Mary's (Eugene) 43
Commerce 22, Franklin 9
Benson 28, Lincoln 22
Jefferson 24, Grant 15
Roosevelt 50, Sabin 30
Woodburn 36, Newberg 29
Mt. Angel 32, Sacred Heart 29
Lebanon 45, WV Frosh 9

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Insulator Five Tops Beavers

First Loss of Year For OSC Cage Outfit
CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Portland's Northwest Insulators staged a final seven minute scoring spree tonight to down Oregon State college 38 to 35 and give the Beavers their first trouncing of the season. The Beavers led at the half 14 to 13. The coglietags continued to lead until seven minutes before the final gun when Bill Osterhout, ex-OSC star, burst loose and started banging the OSC backboard. In four minutes Bill and teammate Roy Pfugard shoved the victory margin to 38 to 30, before Oregon State caught its breath for a final rally. Insulators (38) (35) Oregon State
Bowman 2 F 10 Henningsen
Erikson 2 F 9 Krause
Osterhout 15 C 9 Rocha
Pfugard 6 C 7 McGrath
Smith 8 G 2 Moore
Insulator substitutes: Parks, F. 2, Silt, G. 2, Oregon State substitute: Churchill, C. 2.

We'll be Back, Avers Rowland

Pacific Coast League President Clarence (Pants) Rowland said the circuit had not given up its fight for inclusion in the major leagues. "We will be back," he asserted, "and it will not be with hat in hand, but with a straight from the shoulder demand that we be given the right to offer our people that to which they are so justly entitled -- major league baseball. "If I know the temper of the club owners of the Pacific Coast league, and I think I do, they will not be content to drift along as just another minor league. They have the financial and player resources to become a major league now. "We have not given up the fight, and our progress will not be stopped."

Viking Quints Split Opener

Salem high school's sophomore and junior hoops teams opened their season by splitting a twin-bill with Chemawa. The Sophs topped the Papposes 32 to 17, but the Jayvees tired in the last half and fell to the Redskin regulars 52 to 39. Scores: Papposes (17) (32) Sophs
Jackson 10 F 9 Coe
Erikson 2 F 8 Wrightsorth
Ashman 8 C 5 Morgali
Orcutt 8 G 5 Allison
Picard 16 G 10 Bozge
Subs scoring, for Salem—Miles 2, Belling 14.
Papposes (17) (32) Sophs
Budget 2 F 10 Wilson
Wilson 2 F 10 Wilson
Tower 2 C 10 Klean
Winnibut 2 C 12 Chamberlain
Hilatre 2 G 4 Neiswander
Subs scoring, for Papposes—Tinnicum 2, Lahr 1, Geyge 6, burst-Urnh 6, Culbertson 6, Covalt 2, Girod 2, Referee, Wilander.

Bulldogs Tip Newberg Five

WOODBURN.—(Special)—Center Gene Andrews came through with a field goal in the final seconds at Newberg Tuesday night to give the Woodburn Bulldogs a 30-29 surprise victory over the Tigers. Newberg was out in front 21-14 at halftime. The Bulldogs journey to Beaverton Wednesday night. WOODBURN (30) (29) NEWBERG
Lippert (3) F (4) Wheeler
Bigler (7) C (8) Case
Andrews (7) C (5) Hess
Asper (8) C (3) Gray
Zuber (5) G (1) Baker
Newberg subs—Farrion 5, Twenge 1.

Ferguson to Suds

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—(AP)—It was learned here today that the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific coast league had purchased big Bob Ferguson, 24, right-handed pitcher who played for San Diego last season. Ferguson won five and lost 21 with the Padres, but stood 29th in earned runs for the season.

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City Leaguers Play Tonight

At least one City league basketball game, National division, will be played tonight as scheduled at Willamette university. The Maple's Sporting Goods vs. Lefty's Art & Curio Shop tussle, booked for 7:30 o'clock, will take place immediately following the Willamette-Klamath Falls Marines clash on the WU boards, it has been announced. The Willamette Cards vs. Severin's Insurance game, slated for 8:30, will likely be postponed to Thursday night. The addition of the Maple's-Curio game to the hoop program tonight makes possible a tripleheader for the fans, since a 6 p. m. preliminary to the Willamette-Klamath game features the WU Frosh and the Hubbard Townies.

Dallas Slates Marine Quint

DALLAS, Dec. 11 (Special)—The Dallas Vets quintet met tonight competition here Thursday night when it takes on the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks team in a 7:30 o'clock game on the high school floor. The game with the leathernecks was arranged Tuesday. The Vets will floor a strong lineup including such players as Neil Richardson, Joe Cochrane, Al McAbee, Jack Boydston, Mike Peters and Delbert and John Kleiver. The Marines will visit Dallas after Tuesday and Wednesday night games with Willamette university at Salem.

Mt. Angel Cops Pair

MT. ANGEL, Dec. 11.—Mt. Angel high hoop teams swept a doubleheader from Sacred Heart of Salem here tonight, the varsity five winning 32 to 29 and the second stringers 31 to 11. Varsity score: Mt. Angel (32) (29) Sacred Heart
Wellman 4 F 2 Wischman
Berning 10 F 7 Schwartz
Meyer 2 C 8 Johnson
Lulay 11 G 2 Barry
Bielemeier 4 G 1 Muller
Subs scoring, for Mt. Angel—Bochsler 1, for Sacred Heart—Suing 7, Dalke 2.

Bulla Solves Divot Clan's Transportation Problems

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Golfers following the winter tournament trail won't have to worry about transportation when they make a thousand-mile trip and reach a tourney site in time to get in some practice links. Johnny Bulla, former airplane pilot who also is a top linksman, has bought a cargo plane from the army air forces and is taking care of golfing travels these days. Seventeen pros and amateurs playing along the winter tour came here from Miami and are already testing the Glen Garden country club course as they tune up for Fort-Worth's \$10,000 open starting Friday. Bulla is taking reservations for the 1946 circuit and already has such players as Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan, top money-winners.

'Skins Count On Sam Baugh

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The Washington Redskins are confident that Singing Sammy Baugh will outpitch Cleveland's Bob Waterfield next Sunday in professional football's championship show at Cleveland. In fact, they apparently are more confident over Waterfield's running ability than his passing. As pre-game discussions swung around to day to a comparison of these rival backfield stars, head coach Dudley DeGroot of the Redskins had this to say: "Waterfield is a fine all-around player and more like Baugh as a passer than anyone else I've seen but he's still pretty new to pro ball. And he's a long thrower while Sammy shoots his shots short."

Walker Gets Boxing Award

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—James J. Walker, former mayor, was selected by New York's boxing writers today as the 1945 winner of the Edward J. Neil memorial plaque, given annually to the person regarded as having done the most for boxing during the year. Walker long has been identified with boxing. He introduced the bill that legalized the sport in New York state more than 20 years ago. He seldom misses a fight at Madison Square Garden and is personally acquainted with all the champions and former champions of the last 30 years.

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SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—(AP)—A high school athletic stadium seating 10,000, with an eventual seating capacity of 22,000 will be built at the site of the old Civic field, the school board and county commissioners announced today.

Spartans Winners

CORVALLIS, Dec. 11.—(Special) Corvallis high school defeated University high of Eugene here tonight 49 to 37, with 6-foot 6-inch center Bob Perin leading the way with 20 points.

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