

SPORTS LIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

This department is in full knowledge of the presented facts involved in the Salem-Bend football post-game fracas last Friday night, a melee in which Coach Lee Gustafson was implicated. We have it from such eye witnesses as Gurnee Flesher and Loren Mort, high school office officials, that Gus' actions were justified when he clobbered a mouthy, antagonistic student who, along with his party, had been asked to get completely away from the Vikings' dressing quarters. When the lad and his pals refused to leave, and he reportedly drew up as if to punch Gustafson, the coach lowered the boom. The pals took off like a bunch of frightened rabbits.

We have talked with members of the student group and have been told by them that (1) no effort was made to swing on Gustafson and that (2) the coach is entirely to blame for the incident. The group has admitted that it would like to see Gustafson long gone as Viking football coach. According to school officials the group is known to be of the trouble making species around the high school. Some of its members, we're told, have been in other various scrapes, including a brush with police last summer. It is also believed by officials that the group is affiliated with the infamous "Secret Societies" which have accusedly fouled the blood stream of Salem High for years, and that on one occasion this semester one of the kids made a classroom boast, "We'll be running this joint before long."

When Gustafson last Monday told his footballers that he would not tolerate their association with the group in question, and gave them the alternative of staying on the team or turning in their uniforms, two of the players, one of which was a regular, left the ranks. True, Gustafson did lay punishing hands on a student. Which is a wrong. The school board is studying the case prior to meeting to come to a verdict on it. But if it can be proved that this particular group is as unsavory as accused, the board should have nothing more to do than congratulate Gustafson for his action at Bend. Heaven knows that if parents are so lax as to let their teen-aged offspring become involved in such goings-on, someone with common sense should take a hand in it. Organized and illegal gangs at Salem High have created far too much havoc in the past, and can amount to nothing but more havoc in the future. Perhaps knocking a few heads together is the method by which they should be eliminated.

If on the other hand Gustafson had no reason to engage in personal conflict at Bend, and it can be proved, then the school board has little alternative than to deal with him severely.

Ol' Case Has Done Well for a Clown

Many baseball folk figured the New York Yankees would be turned into a three-ring circus with monkeys, elephants and all, when clownish Casey Stengel took over the managerial reins in 1949, and owners of the proud residents of the House that Ruth built were roundly criticized for their selection of Casey.

But Stengel has long since made the second-guessers eat those words. Four world championships in four tries, tying the record owned by the great Joe McCarthy, is all that Stengel has accomplished. Without monkeys and elephants, too.

Pretty good for a baseball clown, wot? . . .

After being licked 31-6 by Pacific and 26-13 by Southern Oregon in their first two games, appears as if Messrs. Wm. McArthur and J. Chamberlain of OCE's Wolves weren't hiding behind a bush when they earlier predicted this was the year the wins would be awfully hard to find. Law of averages has caught up with the two mentors. . . .

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In the pregame prognostications the Beavers were given about as much chance of holding the Spartans in check as the Oregonians are now given in their forthcoming outing with California. Yet the strangest things can and often do happen on Saturday afternoons each Autumn.

This doesn't mean that we pick Oregon to upset Cal. But it could be that the Webfoots will give 'em a rousing rattle, just as they did last year at Berkeley when they weren't supposed to. . . .

Cal Only 12 Points Better Than UO (It Ses Here)

Come to think of it, if you're as statistical minded as one of our office lieutenants (an Oregon man), you could come to the deduction that California is only 12 points better than the Oregonians. On paper, that is. Here's how: UCLA beat Oregon 13-6 and then beat Washington 32-7. The marginal difference would make Oregon 18 points better than Washington. California beat Minnesota 49-13 and Minnesota lost to Washington only 19-13, which would make California 30 points better than Washington. The difference between California's 30 and Oregon's 18 is but 12—the statistical margin between the Bears and the Webfoots.

We might add that only a tried and true Oregon man, wearing green and yellow socks and possessed with an urge to salute whenever the tune "Mighty Oregon" is played, could come to such a conclusion. And even then he keeps his fingers crossed, avoids all black cats and won't bet a nickel on the UO's unless he gets 28 points. . . .

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EUGENE (Special) (AP)—Passing will be the main hope of Len Casanova's Oregon Webfoots Saturday when they step on to the turf at Portland's Multnomah Stadium to do battle with the formidable California Bears.

Quarterback Hal Dunham is expected to fill the air with footballs and George Shaw probably will be out there trying to do most of the catching. The pair have developed into one of the best aerial combinations in the Pacific Coast Conference. Shaw also is an adept flinger, sometimes throwing to Dunham. The top Duck receiver, however, is flankman Monte Brethauer. He's caught ten passes thus far.

At the end of the third week of action, the Ducks ranked high in the conference in the passing department.

The Bears of Pappy Waldorf still will remember the scare they received last season when they barely staggered through with a 28-26 verdict over a Webfoot club that was ranked as a four-touchdown underdog. Three of the Oregon touchdowns in that mix came via the Dunham-Shaw passing combination.

In the running department the Casanova's best bet is Tom Novikoff, who's averaged better than four yards per carry so far in the season. A pleasant surprise is Dean Van Leuven, the sophomore who raced 80 yards for the winning touchdown against Idaho last weekend.

POLIO HITS JAYHAWKER

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)—Morris Kay, outstanding defensive end of the Kansas Jayhawks, fell a victim of polio Wednesday. His condition was reported as good at the Watkins Memorial Hospital here. Physicians said that paralysis was "not likely."



LEE GUSTAFSON Involved in fracas

Crucial Clashes Dot Area's Prep Football Outings on Friday

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

High school footballers of this area go at it hot and heavy again Friday night, with a number of the scheduled games looming as important to both league and district races for championships.

Most important in the District 8 A-1 chase is the Bend-Albany clash Friday night at Bend. Winner of this one (Bend is the favorite) will likely go on to the title and ensuing playoffs. Lightner's party, Bud Robertson's Lava Bears

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have rolled over four straight opponents to remain undefeated. Stan Czech's Bulldogs have won their last three. Bend has only to play weak Lebanon in district action after the Albany game, while the Bulldogs have only to play an improving Corvallis team.

Another District 8 A-1 clash Friday night, which will mean nothing so far as the championship is concerned, has Sweet Home's big Huskies at Waters Field to play the Salem Vikings. Lebanon is at Central Union Friday night in a non-

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district mix and Corvallis goes to Eugene to play the potent Axemen. Eugene suffered its first loss last weekend at Klamath Falls. Corvallis after a poor start has won its last two straight.

Top Friday mix in the Willamette Valley League and District 4 A-2 race is the Woodburn-Silverton big game at Silverton. The Foxes are undefeated and favored for the titles. But Woodburn last week upset defending champion Canby, proving that the Blue Bulldogs aren't as soft as figured in the beginning. Other league and district clashes

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Friday put Canby at Dallas, Sandy at Molalla and Mt. Angel at Estacada. Mt. Angel holds forth in second place in the derbies, after being tied by Molalla last week.

The No. 1 game in the Yawama and District 3 A-2 races Friday has Willamina's hard-hitting and unbeaten Bulldogs at Dayton to play the rugged Pirates in an afternoon. Willamina will be favored, but can expect a whopper of a game from the Dayton. Other Yawama tilts have Armitage at Sherwood and Yamhill at Banks. North Marion

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plays Clatskanie at Woodburn Friday night.

There are no Capitol League games Friday, but two of the circuit teams will nonetheless be active. Sacred Heart's Cardinals go to Portland Friday afternoon for a game with the Columbia Peppers and Stayton is at home in another 2 o'clock game with the Madras visitors.

The Marion County B League has its key clash Friday afternoon at Jefferson where the unbeaten Lions take on the Mill City Timberwolves. Mill City has a win over Chemawa

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and a tie with Gervais on its record. Chemawa will be at Sublimity Friday afternoon, and favored to take a setback from the unbeaten Saints. Gervais steps out of league play to take on Siletz High at Gervais, also in the afternoon.

In the Salem Junior High League the L. Sile Blues play the Parrish Cards at Olinger Field and the West Salem Giants face the Leslie Golds at Leslie, both starting at 3:30 o'clock. Last week the Parrish Greys knocked over the Golds 27-14 while the Giants and Blues played a scoreless deadlock.

Coyote Crew Boasts Weight Edge Over WU

Defensively, Willamette's Bearcats will suffer a weight handicap of more than 20 pounds per man in the line when they open the Northwest Conference campaign against Eddie Cole's College of Idaho Coyotes at McCulloch Stadium Saturday night.

Cole's starting defensive array up front averages a whopping 211 pounds as compared to a 189 figure for Coach Ted Ogdahl's probable defensive line.

Ogdahl plans plenty of work on punting, passing and aerial defense in today's drills at McCulloch.

Same Backfield

The Bearcat mentor expects to open with the same backfield that started against CPS last week. That means Passin' Benny Holt at quarterback, Chuck Lewis at left half, Tex Kirkendall at fullback and Lou Lofland at the right half post. The passing of Holt and Lewis' running sparked the Methodists in the 20-20 tie game with CPS. Both Kirkendall and Lofland are freshmen from Portland's Roosevelt High School.

One new injury cropped up in Tuesday's drills. That was a knee case involving defensive halfback Andy George. Three men are now on the sidelines with bad knees. The others are Halfbacks Gerald Bigler and Ray Chapuzzo. However, all three men are expected to be ready for duty against the Coyotes Saturday night.

A face familiar to the WU campus will show up when the Idahoans arrive. That's Sam Vokes, former member of the Willamette coach staff and now filling the role of line mentor under Cole.

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Branca Fined For Heckling

NEW YORK (AP)—Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick Wednesday fined Brooklyn pitcher Ralph Branca \$200 for heckling umpire Larry Goetz in Tuesday's final game of the World Series.

Goetz, the plate umpire Tuesday, turned to the Brooklyn bench in the eighth inning and ejected Branca.

The pitcher said it was a case of mistaken identity.

"It was Rocky Nelson yelling at the umpire," Branca said. "But I got the thumb. Nobody was cursing. The whole bench was hollering to Goetz to keep his eyes on the ball, that's what it meant."

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Flyweights Set Return Battle

HONOLULU (AP)—World Flyweight Champion Yoshio Shirai of Japan will battle Dado Marino in a return title fight in Tokyo Nov. 16, Promoter Ralph Yempuk announced Tuesday. Marino lost the title in a 15-round decision in Tokyo May 19.

Marino will leave for Japan in early November. He has been in training for about a month and is down to about 122 pounds, Yempuk said.

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Football 'Casts Set for Weekend

Local football game broadcasts for the coming weekend have been listed as follows: Friday, 8 p.m., Sweet Home vs. Salem, Waters Field, Salem, KOCO. Saturday, 1:45 p.m., California vs. Oregon at Portland, KGW Portland and KUGN Eugene. Saturday, 3 p.m., College of Idaho vs. Willamette, McCulloch Stadium, KOCO.

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Duck Pins

Commercial League results Wednesday night at B and B Bowling courts: Ramages 4, Erickson's 2; Blue Lake 4, Valley Packing 6; Mick's Sign Shop 4, Woodroffe's San Shop 0; Portland Road Richfield 4, Acme Wreckers 0 (forfeit). Mick's Sign was the team pacer in both series and game with 2096 and 762. Tom Wood of Mick's was the individual stand-out on a 518 series and 199 game.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Casey Stengel gave the "old perferress" a wink when he asked him how it felt to win four straight World Series. "It's a short record," he said. "Won't stand up. You got to win eight or nine before they pay any attention."

Old Case was kidding, of course. But there is no hint that Stengel or his New York Yankees expect to stop with a record-tying fourth straight World Series or 19 pennants.

Whitey Ford comes marching home from the Army in November. A new crop of muscle men, sprouting at Kansas City, is edging toward Yankee Stadium.

Ford Could Help

Ford, of course, would be a tremendous lift to the pitching staff's "big three" of Allie Reynolds, Vic Raschi and Eddie Lopat. The punky little lefthander stepped right out of the minors to help pitch the Yanks to the pennant in '50 and turned in a fine World Series job before he went into service.

Big prize in the Yank farm system is supposed to be Bill Skowron, an ex-Purdue football player who was voted "bookie of the year" in the American Association.

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High and Low Points of '52 Series Noted

NEW YORK (AP)—High and low spots of the 1952 World Series:

Outstanding individual player: Micky Mantle, Yankees' center-fielder, whose home run and run-scoring single were decisive blows of Tuesday's final game.

Joe DiMaggio's successor from Commerce, Okla., batted .345 run base, like Ty Cobb and fielded sensationally.

Biggest disappointment: Gil Hodges, power-hitting Brooklyn first baseman, who went hitless in 21 times at bat, the first regular in history not to get a safety in a seven-game World Series.

Snider Comeback Tops

Greatest comeback: Duke Snider Dodger centerfielder who tied the record of eight strikeouts in the 1949 series against the Yankees, but hit four home runs, batted in eight runs; hit .345 and made several fine catches this year.

His home runs tied the series record held by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

Costliest miscue: Yogi Berra's passed ball in the ninth inning of the third game, permitting Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson to scurry home with what proved the winning runs.

Best pitching performance: Allie Reynolds, Yankees, who started two games, relieved in two others, gained two victories and turned in top single performance in three-hit 2-0 shutout in fourth game.

Kuzava Hurting Cited

Best clutch pitching: Bub Kuzava who came into the final game in the seventh inning with one out, New York leading 4-2 and the bases loaded.

He faced the Dodgers' two toughest hitters—Snider and Jackie Robinson. He made Snider pop to third and Robinson to second.

Oddest incident on the field: Brooklyn Billy Loes' balk in the sixth game. Stretching to pitch in the seventh inning, he let the ball squirt out of his hands. Gene Woodling, on first, went to second, moments later he scored when Vic Raschi banged a single off Loes' knee.

Oddest incident off the field: Carl Erskine's accident just before he started the second game for (Continued on next page)

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Huskies Lose Backfield Ace

SEATTLE (AP)—University of Washington medics said Wednesday it is extremely doubtful if the Huskies' star right half will play football against Illinois at Champaign Saturday, or even possibly against Oregon the following week.

The sorrowful note was sounded about Bill Earley, the nation's leading pass catcher. He pulled up lame after a rough scrimmage Tuesday and Wednesday it was found he had twisted his foot severely. Coach Howie Odell said Francisco Lariza, 165 pounder will start at right half, scarcely filling the hole left by Earley's 200 pound frame.

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Video Hurt, Says Indian Official

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Stanford Publicity Director Don Leibendfer said Wednesday he and other officials of his school felt that "television hurt the gate" for the football game with Michigan at Palo Alto last Saturday. The contest attracted some 35,000 whereas from 60,000 to 70,000 were expected. The game was nationally televised.

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Mother-in-Law Beaten, Rams Star Convicted

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Paul Tank Younger, Los Angeles Rams fullback, was convicted Wednesday of battery on his mother-in-law, Mrs. Neatheola Olermo, and was sentenced to 14 days in county jail as a condition of probation. Younger and his mother-in-law got into a fight Sept. 7.

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Irish, Cadet Officials Talk

WEST POINT, N. Y. (AP)—The athletic directors of Notre Dame and Army have informally discussed the possibility of resuming football relations but a source close to the Army athletic department said Wednesday that while such a game may come eventually it is not now in sight.

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Gordon Joins Tiger System

DETROIT (AP)—Joe Gordon, formerly a star second baseman with the New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians, was signed Wednesday by the Detroit Tigers as supervisor of a revamped Pacific Coast scouting system.

Farm Director Muddy Ruel said Gordon, manager of Sacramento in the Pacific Coast League for the past two seasons, would also conduct clinics and schools on the Coast.

Ruel made it plain that the Tigers are shifting from a casual West Coast operation to a big scale one.

He indicated that the Tigers eventually hope to affiliate with one of the West Coast minor league teams.

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Yanks' Series Slice \$6,176

NEW YORK (AP)—Each member of the New York Yankee baseball club received \$6,176.51 cents for his share in winning the World Series.

Each Brooklyn Dodger got \$4,242.45, according to an unofficial breakdown Wednesday of the series receipts.

The Yankees received a total of \$210,001.42 and cut it up into 34 shares. The Dodgers received \$140,000.94 and carved it 33 ways.

Total receipts were \$1,522,753.01, of which \$560,003.38 from the first four games only went into the players' pool.

The commissioner's share was \$243,402.96 and the share of the clubs and leagues amounted to \$879,336.79.

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