

SPORTSLIGHTNER

This, that, etc.
Vancouver Capt. Bob Brown says he has no intention of replacing Ed Vanni with Don Osborn as mgr. of the Vans, and that as far as he's concerned the fiery outfielder will be the skipper again in 1953.



BOB NEYLAND
Tops in Longevity

Folks in the Baker Field playground area here will be happy to know that said arena is to be turfed by next Summer when such outdoor recreations as softball, baseball, etc., are played in it. Turfing will do away with the awful dust that has made nearby residents so unhappy in the past. . . . If you're one of the Army Tuesday nighters who has hankered to take a poke at the arrogant Eric Pederson during some of his grappling sorties here, you get your big chance tonight. Few are they who will stand flat-footed and let someone punch them in the tummy just as hard as possible. Yet town-headed Pederson, a chesty sort who knows full well that goodly portion of his audience would simply love to see him hanging by his heels, will defiantly challenge "anyone in the joint" to top him in the bread-basket tonight. Furthermore, if anyone can knock Eric off his feet with a wallop to the tummy he'll give him \$100 cash on the spot. Should be an interesting sidelight for Maestro Elton Owen's weekly show, and particularly so since Eric won't hit him back. (P.S. No brass knuckles allowed). . . . Customer writes in to ask who, in the point of consecutive years of service at one school, is the oldest major college football coach in the business, and who is the senior mentor for the Coast Conference. The answers, in order, would be Gen. Bob Neyland at Tennessee and Pappy Waldorf at California. Neyland has been the Tennessee coach since 1926 and no one in major collegiate ranks can come close to such longevity. Next in line is Dutch Meyer at Texas Christian who has been there since 1934. Don Faurot has been at Missouri since '35. Even though Waldorf landed at California in 1947 he's now dean of the PCC mentors. Howie Odell took over at Washington in 1948, Red Sanders at UCLA and Kip Taylor at Oregon State started in 1949, Len Casanova at Oregon, Babe Curfman at Idaho, Chuck Taylor at Stanford and Jess Hill at Southern Cal commenced regimes in 1951 and Al Kircher at Washington State got started this year. . . .

Central's Reynolds Did Sammy Baugh Chore

Completely overlooked in the prep football carry-overs during the current season, and unjustly so, is the outstanding achievement registered by 145-pound Quarterback Gerald Reynolds of Coach Sam Bell's Central Union Panthers. It's safe to say he's out-passed any other prep aerialist in the state, and we offer these statistics as proof: Reynolds tossed 146 passes in the eight Central games, and completed 81 for a completion percentage of .555. The 81 completions gained 1,354 yards for the lad, which is strictly major league any way one looks at it. The Central team rushing total was 818 yards for the season. So Reynolds' pitching accounted for more yardage than that compiled by the squad's running game.

Biggest day Reynolds had was against North Marion when he passed for 319 yards, completing 15 of 20 casts. He hit 9-for-16 against Sherwood and 221 yards for another big day, and against Dallas connected for 14 in 23 tries for 242 yards. . . .

Hollywood Bowl auto racing fans will have their 1935 activities on one of the finest quarter-mile tracks in the business. Valley Sports officials are to spend \$10,000 in rebuilding the paved strip before the 1953 campaign gets started. . . .

Sanders, Hill Had Hot September Predictions

It's fun to look back—that is, if you're not an ex-con, a Stevenson man or a Brooklyn Dodger roofer. We've saved a clipping or early September, one that was publicized in the prints before the current football campaign got under way, and one that was made possible through comments issued by Coaches Red Sanders of UCLA and Jess Hill of Southern California. It's interesting to now note what the two had to say way back in September.

Said Sanders in an interview, "No one will be embarrassed by Pacific Coast football this year." (How right he has been, if you don't elaborate on that produced by certain members of the Northern Division.)

Hill came forth with, "Our conference as a whole will be much stronger this year. It has to be. At least five or maybe six teams are greatly improved over last season. We expect to be one of them."

In intersectional games to date the PCC has won 10, lost 5. Against Big Ten opponent the record is 4 wins, 2 losses. Discount Oregon's loss to Nebraska, Oregon State's to Michigan State, Washington's to Illinois, Washington State's to Ohio State and Baylor and you'd have a perfect intersectional win record for the PCC, plus plenty of proof that Sanders and Hill were on the beam with their September sayings. . . .

Ross vs. Sakata, Too . . .

Tag Team Battle to Cap Armory Mat Bee Tonite

A double main event, half of which will be a tag team battle that should be a corker all the way, lights Matchmaker Elton Owen's Armory wrestling party tonight, same starting at 8:30 o'clock. The other half will be a regular brawl involving Salem's Tony Ross and the Judo-chopping Oriental Mr. Sakata.

The 8:30 o'clock commecement will put San Diego Joe Gold against Hillsboro Danny O'Rourke in a one-faller.

Ross and Sakata take over in their squabble right after the opening prelim, and as Anthony seems to do exceptionally well against the mat nasties, of which Sakata is certainly a member, the mix should be a sizeable one. Tony is waiting for his "finish" scrap with Eric Pederson, a sortie which was postponed last week when Pederson showed up with a badly damaged knee.

Pederson is in tonight's tag team mix, however, with Henry Lenz, the "Golden Adonis" of Texas as his partner. This is a new team and was formed only last week when both Arrogant Eric and the well stacked Lenz got a look at one another. Both are blond and are exceptionally well built. They're both former weight lifters also, hence the mass of muscles.

They'll be up against the dynamic duet of Jack (Tiger) Kiser and George Dusette, the latter one of the strongest junior heavies in the game and a gent who has had his ups and downs with Pederson before. Fact is, Pederson ran out on a couple of local dates with Dusette and was suspended both times.

Before the tag team finale goes on, the customers will be given their open opportunities to heap havoc on the disliked Pederson. He will give \$100 in cash to anyone in the audience who can knock him off his feet by hitting him in the stomach with a fist. No gag is connected and Eric won't hit back. The offer is open to all by the former "Mr. America" and the only rule is that he who tries it must hit Arrogant Eric in the tummy just as hard as he likes.

Owen will see to it that the \$100 is paid if anyone can knock the Los Angeles blond off his feet with a blow. And since Ross has his big battle upcoming with Pederson, perhaps Tony will join the field in the stomach-punching efforts tonight.

Eric's Pal

Henry Lenz, above, powerful new-comer from Texas will team with Eric (The Arrogant) Pederson tonight in the Armory tag team match against George Dusette and Jack Kiser. Tony Ross vs. Mr. Sakata is the other feature of the double main event.

TV BID REJECTED

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dumont Television Network sought permission Monday to televise locally six college football games in the next two weeks but received a virtual "no" from the men who run the restricted college program.

Prep Grid Champions Wait Opening of Playoffs

Oregon's high school district football champions ramble into the first round of the state championship playoffs this week with four clashes scheduled in the Class A-1 field, four more in Class A-2, another four in Class B and two in the six-man category. All games must be completed by next Saturday, November 15. Semifinals then must be finished by the following weekend. State championship games are slated for November 23.

The only Class B clash of interest in this area has Jefferson's Lions of District B-1 taking on the Garibaldi eleven of District B-1 at Jefferson next Saturday afternoon. Valdez High has not yet reached the district championship, but hopes to do just that today at Corvallis where the Coos Bay play Brownville at 2 p.m. for the title. The district winner then plays the Central-Southern Oregon district champion later in the week.

Wide Open Battle For Big Ten Title

Four Teams Have Pasadena Chance

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN
CHICAGO (AP) — The big squeeze is on in the Big Ten this week as the struggle for the football

Indian Coach Hints Trojans Poured It On

By RUSS NEWLAND
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Chuck Taylor, Stanford's boyish football coach who takes adversity as well as victory in stride, said Monday he wasn't sure whether Coach Jess Hill of Southern California "poured it on" in the 34-7 win by USC last week.

Speaking at the football writers' meeting here, Taylor said possibly circumstances governed the rout but he added he was "puzzled when first string tailback Jim Sears was sent in late in the game for a punt return."

Sears is one of the finest safety men in football.

Cycle Swings
Taylor also said the cycle of strength had swung to the South and he thought it would be difficult for teams from this section to compete on even terms with Southern schools "for a long time to come."

The Stanford mentor said his school had a tougher time getting good football players because Stanford has a higher entrance requirement than most of the universities.

He expressed belief that his team would bounce back and turn in a representative contest against Oregon this weekend.

Huskies Praised
Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf, California coach, whose team was defeated by Washington last Saturday, credited the Northern club with out-playing the Bears.

"Washington has a very good football team," he said. "The statistics tell the story. Washington had the ball for 83 plays and California for 44 plays, the lowest number in six years."

Waldorf praised the quarterbacking of Washington's Don Heinrich and said George Black was a first class end. He expressed belief that Washington was not as good a team as Southern California.

Michigan's final is at Ohio State (3-2) — another blistering rivalry.

With Michigan and Purdue in a position to take full advantage.

The Badgers invade Indiana Saturday and figure to win despite their scare in snatching a 34-20 decision from eighth-place Northwestern.

Minnesota, with three victories, one loss and a tie, meanwhile faces Nebraska in non-league competition.

Minnesota visits Wisconsin Nov. 22 in the finish.

Summing up: Michigan can win or at least share the title by defeating both Purdue and Ohio State — the hardest job faced by any of the four leaders.

Purdue can hit the jackpot by defeating Michigan and Indiana. A tie with either would set up a possible title share.

Wisconsin is in a fine spot to end with a 5-1 record which currently looks good enough to take it all. The Badgers figure to trim Indiana and are expected to be favored over Minnesota.

Vessels Boosted For All-America

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Bill Vessels, Oklahoma's clutch running halfback, shot into top recognition for All-America football honors with a great exhibition against the Irish of Notre Dame.

The Missouri Valley area All-America nominating board listed the Sooner back above all other candidates despite Oklahoma's loss to Notre Dame, 27-21.

Vessels, 185-pound 6-foot senior from Cleveland, Okla., scored all three Oklahoma touchdowns and yards on 17 rushes. Billy scored on runs of 62 and 47 yards and a 28-yard pass play.

Vessels leads the Big Seven Conference in scoring with 13 touchdowns for 78 points. His rushing average of 7.4 yards on 107 plays is among the best in the nation.

SPORTS

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PRO ROOKIE OF YEAR? — By Alan Maver



HUGH MCELHENNY, WHOSE GREAT BALL CARRYING HAS HELPED MAKE THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS FAVORITES IN PRO FOOTBALL'S WESTERN DIVISION

HE MAY RUN OFF WITH PRO ROOKIE HONORS IF HE KEEPS PILING IT ON!

HUGH WAS SIX IN RUSHING IN THE COLLEGE RANKS WITH WASHINGTON IN '51 — BUT SHOULD DO BETTER AS A PRO-GAINED 1,355 YARDS AGAINST THE CHICAGO BEARS INCLUDING PASS RECEIVING AND A 95-YD PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWN!

Illustrated by King Features Syndicate

Abel Re-Elected Prexy of Circuit

WIL May Lift Salary, Vet Limits; Tri-City Given 10-Day Reprieve

Hugh Luby, general manager of the Salem Senators, told The Statesman via telephone from Yakima Monday night that WIL directors would vote today on motions to lift the salary limit to the full Class A selling of \$5700 and to increase the veteran limit from nine to 10.

The present salary limit is \$5200. The motions were made at a league meeting Monday night.

Luby added that the directors also were considering the eventual hiring of a fulltime president and publicity staff. A decision on that is expected to be made at the coming minor league meeting at Phoenix, Ariz.

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Western International Baseball League directors elected officers at their annual organizational meeting here Monday, told the business manager of the Tri-City Braves to draw up a plan of operation and plunged into the chore of preparing a 1953 schedule.

The Class A circuit will operate

Chiefs Get More Time

WENATCHEE (AP) — A drive by baseball fans to raise \$20,000 to save their Western International League baseball franchise has been extended to Nov. 26.

Al Libke, former Coast and major league player, said the old deadline of Nov. 12 was extended two weeks when it was found the team was \$20,000 in the red rather than \$16,000 as first determined.

Libke said the drive has now passed the \$16,000 mark.

Meanwhile, general manager Frankie Dasso announced agreement is expected shortly with Mike McCormick, outfielder with the Pacific Coast League Portland Beavers, to serve as player manager with the Chiefs in 1953.

for the first time in 1953 with 10 teams — six in the United States and four in Canada Calgary and Edmonton, Alta., were added after the end of the '52 season.

Re-elected were Robert Abel, Tacoma attorney, president; Roy E. Hitchcock, Spokane, first vice president; Frederick Mercer Jr., Yakima, second vice president, and George F. Abel, Tacoma, secretary.

Nov. 21 for Braves
The directors instructed Richard Richards, Tri-City business manager, to submit a 1953 operating plan for his team by Nov. 21. The proposal will be considered by the WIL board at the national minor league meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., in mid-December.

Tri-City fans, acting through the Tri-City Athletic Association, have launched a fund raising campaign in an effort to buy Richards' majority stock in the team and keep organized baseball in the Richland-Kennewick-Pasco area.

Richards has said the Braves could not continue to operate under present arrangements. He has offered to sell out or shift the franchise to Eugene, Ore.

The directors took up routine league business at a night session Monday and made ready to concentrate Tuesday on the knotty problem of a schedule for next year, with the long hops to the Canadian prairie towns of Calgary and Edmonton.

Representing the new WIL members were N. J. Lacey, Calgary, and John E. Ducey, Edmonton.

Bob Hope Heads Golfing Group

CHICAGO (AP) — Bob Hope Monday was elected chairman of the PGA Advisory Committee, succeeding his friendly rival, Bing Crosby.

The advisory committee is made up of 20 prominent business men who aid the PGA in special problems, such as financing and setting up of a retirement program.

Duck Pins

Ladies League results Monday night at B and Bowling courts: Woodruff's San Shop, 3, Willamette Valley Bank 1; Master Bread 3, Randle Oil 1. Woodruff's had top team-series and game with 1711 and 624. Mary Polinski's 181 for Willamette Valley Bank was top individual game and Martha Felle hit high series with a 440 for Master Bread.

Duck Pins

471. B. Ryan 508, G. Seales 330. HARBON CREAMERY (3) L. Davenport 505, J. McInally 474, M. Allen 528. P. Kenyon 328, B. King 508. NICHOLSON'S INSURANCE (1) M. Cady 460. P. Bolton 500, C. Bertrand 433, J. Carr 528, P. Wingrath 468.

WOODRUFF'S FURNITURE (2) H. O. Olney 452, V. Perry 435. D. Wood 468, C. Foreman 542, B. Adolph 500. ORVAL'S USED CARS (4) B. McCarty 477, W. Wilkerson 428, S. Kitcher 517, W. Cline Jr. 452.

SALEM TITLE COMPANY (2) B. Owen 478, D. Ferguson 430. V. McNeill 476, F. Guerin 518, S. McNeill 528. BAWLSON'S CAPITOL CITY LAUNDRY (3) S. Young 482, R. McArt 452, W. Strick 468. R. Nelson 492, J. Doerfler 533.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (3) L. Kouturey 484, T. Blagier 482, W. Link 478. M. Artz 431, B. Blagier 516. WICKLUND'S SPORTING GOODS (1) Don Hendry 431. Dick Henry 432. Barra 497, T. Zeller 544, B. Lawless 518.

High team series — Woodruff's Furniture and Orval's Used Cars 505. High team series — Woodruff's Furniture 505. High individual game — F. Frank of Goldies 523. High individual series — J. Herr of Goldies 523.

'Pour It On' Talk Scorned

Big Score Unintentional Says Hill, Huskies Eyed

Jess Hill of Southern California expressed surprise Monday at the size of the 54-7 score his Trojans rolled up against Stanford Saturday and said his next problem

is to improve the pass defense for the invasion of pass artist Don Heinrich and the Washington Huskies here this weekend.

"I certainly never thought we'd score 54 points or hold Stanford to seven," Hill told the local chapter of the football writers of America at their weekly luncheon.

Hill declined to even enter a discussion involving a hint in the Bay area that his team intentionally poured on Stanford. He pointed out that he used every player on his bench and that it was impossible to hold down the score, even if he tried.

Hill agreed that he had heard no criticism when Stanford piled up a big first half score and a final 41-28 margin over Oregon State, or when California was slaughtering Minnesota, 53-14, last year.

Red Sanders, whose UCLA Bruins walloped Oregon State, 57-0, took the same position.

Sanders said he knows of no coach who would intentionally make another coach look bad. Sanders, too, used his full roster of subs and commented, "I certainly couldn't tell a kid, when I sent him in, 'Now don't try to score a touchdown. We've got to hold this score down.'"

A team on the run, Sanders contended, necessarily must change his mode of play and take risks that can and often do backfire.

Sanders' team on SC
Sanders declined to go into detail about the next UCLA game, but said SC Nov. 22.

"I haven't even had a meeting with my assistants," Sanders said and added slyly, "but my scout and George Dickerson did tell me this — He said cancel the game. But we can't do that."

Hill said his reports on Washington bear out the fact that Howie Odell has managed to improve his running attack, and that Heinrich has been consistently steady in connecting with passes to George Black, Bill Earley and Doug McClary.

Cartier Stops Graham

BROOKLYN (AP) — Walter Cartier, New York middleweight out of action for six months, started a comeback campaign Monday night by stopping Otis Graham of Philadelphia with a series of combination punches in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round bout at Eastern Parkway Arena.

That was the opinion Sunday of Coach Pappy Waldorf after his California Bears were upset by Washington, 22-7. The Bears lost to USC, 19-9.

Waldorf gave full credit to the Don Heinrich's passing wizardry, but said the Huskies would be up against the toughest defense team in the country.

Heinrich leads the nation in passing and total offense, completing 22 against California to run his completions for the season to 123, good for 1,488 yards.

Frogs, Texas In Key Scrap

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Texas Christian's Horned Frogs should know all about the Texas Longhorns — they've been playing them long enough, all this season to be exact.

That is, while they're actually been playing somebody else they have been thinking about Texas. It's typical of a year in the Southwest Conference — everybody wants to beat Texas.

This is why Saturday's Texas-Texas Christian game here is the No. 1 football battle of the year in the Southwest. A lot of things will ride on the result, one being about \$145,000 — the loot that comes from playing in the Cotton Bowl.

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Injuries Thick On Duck Squad

EUGENE (AP) — Injuries plague the Oregon Webfoots' backfield as Coach Len Casanova prepares his charges for Saturday's conference clash with Stanford at Palo Alto.

Backs Don Sloan, Tom Lyon, Tom Elliott and Farrell Albright all are sidelined with various wounds. Also a casualty is Emery Barnes, the standout defensive end.

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