

Substitute Restrictions Relaxed by Rules Group

SPORTS LIGHTNER

How time doth flee. When Washington plays the Oregon at Eugene in their cage series February 4-5, the occasion will be highlighted by the reunion of the Webfoot team which last gained a berth in the NCAA playoffs. And that, friends, was 10 years ago when John Warren, pinch-hitter for Howard Hobson who was on sabbatical leave, coached the Oregon to the Coast Conference title and then saw them play two rousing games at Kansas City, losing 79-76 to Arkansas and defeating Utah 69-66 in them. Recall the members of that Oregon squad? Dick Wilkins was one of the nation's top scorers that season, and Jim Bartlett, Ken Hays, Bob Hamilton, Del Smith, Ed Allen, Reddy Berg, Lou Kodnik, Bruce Hoffine (currently the Marshfield mentor), and Chuck Stamper played with him. . . . The name "Emerald" may not be retained to the Eugene entry in the Northwest League after all. The club is now conducting a contest among fans for the adoption of an official monicker, and Emeralds may be voted out. . . . Western football fans are to some extent still questioning the substitutions, and lack thereof, made by Pappy Waldorf, Len Casanova, et al, in the 13-12 loss to the East in the Shrine game this year. But we fail to see how Casanova can qualify for any of the blame. He was in the press box on the scouting phone during the game. . . . And did you know that Casanova is credited with having made the longest punt in Kezar Stadium history? It was against St. Mary's in one of the remembered Santa Clara-St. Mary's grid classics. Standing three yards behind his own goal line, Cas put the foot to one that eventually stopped on the Gael's 1-yard line. That was in 1924. . . . If Generalissimo H. Luby intends to resign Mel (Tarzan) Krause, he'd best be getting with it pronto. Eugene is definitely interested in coaxing the strong-armed Melvins away from the Senators. . . . Real surprise in Eugene's landing Cliff Dapper to manage the club there. Dapper has been a very popular skipper for the Billings club of the Pioneer League, where they think nothing of averaging over 2,000 per game in attendance. At one time the Billings natives gave the big catcher a "night" and included in his gifts was a pickup truck and a load of house furniture. . . .

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A Hip, Hoorah for Bowden Wyatt
Which brings to mind the recent move made by one Bowden Wyatt, football coach. So appreciative of his 1954 chores at Arkansas were school officials and fans that Wyatt was given a new, gilt-edged contract and a big Cadillac car. It wasn't but a week later that he decided to move (in the Cadillac) from Arkansas to Tennessee.

Arkansas folk are no doubt somewhat miffed over Wyatt's decision, leaving them flat. But isn't it nice, for a change, to see a (Continued on next page)

Lightweight Battle Feb. 25 . . .

Saddler to Risk Crown Against Red Top Davis

NEW YORK (AP) — After over three years, including a two-year hitch in the Army, Sandy Saddler finally has agreed to defend his world featherweight title Feb. 25 at Madison Square Garden against Teddy (Red Top) Davis, the No. 1 contender from Hartford, Conn.

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Four-Minute Proviso Out

Five Other Changes Also Made in Rules

By HUGH FULLERTON JR. NEW YORK (AP) — The NCAA Football Rules Committee Wednesday eased up a trifle on the "anti-platoon" substitution rule and made five other changes in the rules for 1955.

In addition it strongly urged coaches and officials to observe and enforce two rules now in the book with an implied threat of drastic action if "false start" violations aren't eliminated.

Accepting the recommendation of the Football Coaches Assn., the committee eliminated the controversial four-minute segment at the end of each half and ruled that the players who start each quarter of a game will be eligible to leave and re-enter once during that quarter. Those who don't participate in the opening down of a period can't re-enter in the same period.

Although this is a step in the other direction from the change of two years ago that outlawed two-platoon football, the committee and coaches had no inclination to return to platoon football. The idea was to do away with the four-minute segment, which some coaches felt made football a six-period game, and give coaches and doctors a chance to examine slightly injured players without losing them for an entire quarter.

The change also makes possible limited use of some specialists. For instance a player can come in once and kick a conversion and the one for whom he substituted can return, but it can't happen twice in one quarter.

The other changes passed Wednesday were:

1. A player who kneels to hold the ball for a place kick now can rise and run, pass or kick. This is an exception to the rule which makes the ball dead once the carrier touches the ground with any part of his body but the hands or feet.

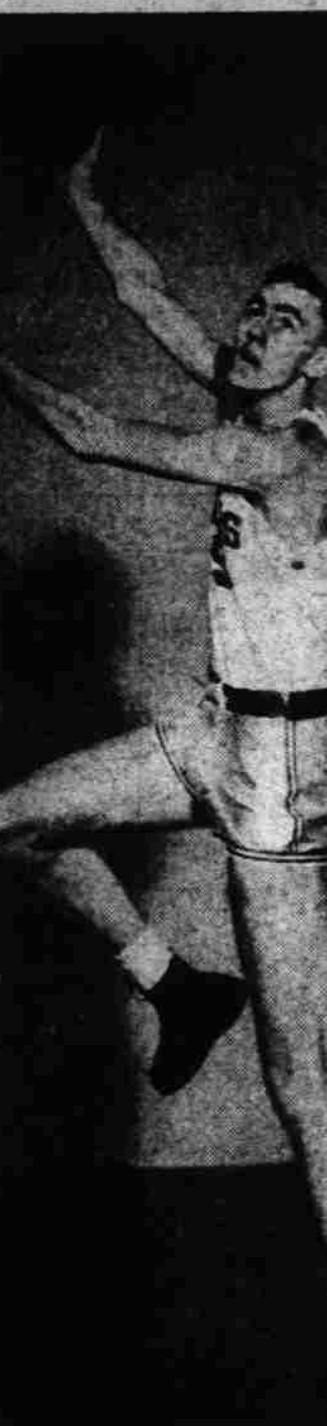
2. The "tackle eligible" forward pass play is legal only if no other offensive player is stationed outside the end man when the ball is snapped. A tackle guard or center becomes an eligible pass receiver if he is the end man on the scrimmage line. The additional provision eliminates borderline deception when an end, stationed far out, would drop back a yard to make the next man eligible.

3. The "hideout" play was outlawed by a provision that when the ball is spotted and declared ready for play, all offensive players must be within 15 yards of the ball. Afterward they can go where they please. The previous "no hideout" rule applied only when substitutes were coming in or out of the game.

4. The fair catch signal was changed to eliminate the wig-wag, which the committee felt was too difficult to perform while catching the ball. The signal now is simply raising one hand clearly above the head.

5. The use of shoe cleats with rounded bottoms was authorized.

Tall Husky



CORVALLIS—The U of Washington's claim to 7-footer fame is pictured above in Gary Nelson, the 7-foot sophomore center for the Huskies. Nelson will see action in the big series with Oregon State here Friday and Saturday nights, facing the Beavers' 7-3 Swede Halbrook and 7-0 Phil Shadoin.

Beavers Host Washington 5

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis—(Special)—The importance of the Friday-Saturday games involving the Oregon State Beavers and Washington Huskies here is big enough, as both squads have been picked as the potential 1955 Northern Division champions.

But that won't be the only sizeable item when the teams collide. The series will bring about the first "Battle of the Seven-footers."

Coach Slat's Beavers, winners of their first two games with Washington State here last week, have 7-3 Swede Halbrook and 7-0 Phil Shadoin ready for action. Tippeco's Huskies boast sophomore Gary Nelson, an even 7-footer. If all three are in action at the same time, they will make basketball history. Never before has there been so much height in any one cage game.

It is doubtful that either Shaoin or Nelson will start either mix. Halbrook is a regular for the Beavers. (Continued on Page 2)

Saxon Sophs Post Victory

STAYTON — (Special) — The South Salem High School Sophs posted their fourth win in five starts Wednesday night as they steamed by the Stayton sophomores 59-25.

Coach Lou Deloretto's South Salems built up a 13-3 first period margin and never were headed. Jack Scott with 14 points led the winners.

S. Salem S. (38) (25) Stayton S. Scott (14) F. (7) Shelton Brunelle (2) (8) Webb Foxley (2) C. (4) Carrick Coon (11) G. (2) Hosford Thompson (3) G. (3) Radich Reserves scoring: S. Salem—Blanco (6), Rosen (2), Bayne (6), Merk (12), Hammerstad (2). Stayton—Bethel (1), Spellmeyer (1). Officials: Bates and Key.

Lebanon Nips Vik Rasslers

North Salem's Vikings dropped a tight 23-22 wrestling decision to the Lebanon Warriors Wednesday night on the local mats. Results:

97 pounds—Kevin Morse (S) drew with Jack Malick (L). 105—Gary Parks (L) dec. Duane Kent (S). 116—Jack Thompson (S) drew with Ray Richards (L). 122—George Cray (L) dec. Ron Christoferson (S). 128—Cal Lang (S) drew with Francis Lee (L). 135—Dick Pearson (S) pinned Leroy Stephens (L). 146—Lee Malick (L) dec. Cliff Bressler (S). 147—Jim Beaman (L) dec. Jack Berger (S). 156—Bob Cotner (S) pinned Bob Stranne (L). 167—Derald Fort (L) dec. Wright Noel (S). 177—Ken Norboom (S) dec. Dave Diercoff (L). Heavyweight—Bill Jacobson (S) dec. Fred Williams (L).

Bearcats Wait Coyote Series

Title Hope at Stake for Bearcats

The Northwest Conference basketball games with the College of Idaho Coyotes, perhaps the most important of the season for the Willamettes, come forth Friday and Saturday nights in the Bearcat gym. Both are big issues for Coach Johnny Lewis' aspiring Cats, as the Coyotes aren't only prime favorites to win the conference championship, but have also annexed their first three league outings.

Goodwin New Prexy of PCL

By CLYDE G. BARTEL SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Pacific Coast Baseball League Wednesday chose a new president — Claire V. Goodwin of Oakland.

Goodwin, 59, a sportsman and vice president of a big grocery company, succeeds Clarence (Pants) Rowland, who resigned recently to join the Chicago Cubs' executive staff.

An old second baseman himself, Goodwin was recommended from 35 candidates for the PCL presidency by a three-man selection committee. The eight clubs then approved the choice.

Announcement of Goodwin's selection was made by Bill Starr, president of the San Diego club, at a luncheon in Seals Stadium, home grounds of the San Francisco club.

It also was announced the headquarters of the Pacific Coast League will be moved from Los Angeles to San Francisco at once. Goodwin said he would appoint Jerry Donovan, 47, president of the California Baseball League, as executive secretary of the PCL, taking over the post of the late Harry Williams.

Goodwin, born at Pocatello, Idaho, was brought to California when (Continued next page.)

Scrap Snared By Castellani

CLEVELAND (AP) — Rocky Castellani Wednesday night won a unanimous decision over an unhappy Holly Mims who carried his objections into the dressing room and almost engaged the winner again.

The victory virtually clinched Castellani another crack at Bobo Olson's middleweight title.

Mims, along with his manager, Nick Trotta, and his trainers started yelling in the dressing room that he had been butted during the fight and rubbed along the ropes.

Castellani and his entourage took offense, and for a few brief moments it appeared the battle would begin again.

But Castellani's manager, Al Naiman, blamed the fuss on the heat of battle, and disappointment. "Everything's ironed out now, everybody's happy," he said.

Olson and his manager, Sid Flaherty, sat at ringside for Wednesday night's battle. Al Naiman, Castellani's manager, said Castellani had been promised a championship match with Olson if he won but Flaherty said it was not yet certain.

Last August, Castellani lost a 15-round title decision to Olson in San Francisco's Cow Palace, flooring Olson once and going down once himself.

South Salem Grapplers Bow

The Albany Bulldogs pocketed eight matches here Wednesday night to trim South Salem's wrestling team by a 32-14 count. One fight ended in a draw.

Results: 97 pounds—Dave Barney (A) pinned Dave Robins (S). 105—Dean Vanek (S) dec. Martin Griffith (A). 116—Bob Eagan (A) dec. Dave Vanek (S). 122—Gene Fisher (A) dec. Larry Williams (S). 128—Jerry Fingerhut (A) pinned Marvin Bressler (S). 135—Duane Heath (A) dec. Richard Davis (S). 146—John Cunningham (S) drew with Dale Clark (A). 156—Harry Juel (S) dec. Faye Walters (A). 167—Duane Harmon (A) dec. Chuck Winger (S). 177—Bob Southwick dec. Duane Caswell. 177—Herb Juran (S) dec. Larry Snyder (A). 186—Larry Newson (S) dec. Larry Hite (A). Heavyweight—Jack Scott (A) pinned Rod McClellan (S).

Coyote Flash to Meet WU



The great all-around College of Idaho athletic star R. C. Owens, with ball, will be with the Coyotes here Friday and Saturday nights for crucial Northwest Conference basketball games at Willamette University. That's Max Sanchez, another capable Coyote behind Owens.

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Cage Rules Group Retains Faith in 'Bonus' Shot

By JERRY LISKA CHICAGO (AP) — The National Basketball Committee still thinks the present "bonus" free throw rule is working out okay and that if scoring has to be throttled some other gimmick must be used — like perhaps a larger ball.

Confronted by the fact that losing teams in six major college games Tuesday night scored more field goals than the winners, H.V. Porter, secretary of the national group which makes both collegiate and prep rules, Wednesday had this to say: "I talked with all 20 members of the committee recently and practically all of them think the bonus free throw (1-1, a good first shot meriting a second) is working out in good fashion even though the scoring is running high. . . . Reports from college and high school coaches throughout the country express the same sentiment. The feeling is that the scores are normally high early in the season, but even last week a leveling off appeared to be developing as the defense catches up with the offense."

School Athletic Assns., said the current foul rule was the result of close study and not a haphazard experiment. It is based on a theory that possession is worth eight tenths of a point. This spurred fouling under the old single free throw rule and even under the more recent rule of a second gift shot after a first miss.

"Now, the bonus free throw value is much more than the three tenths of a point attributed to possession and is severe enough penalty to check flagrant fouling," said Porter.

Boone OKs Terms

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers Wednesday signed power-hitting third baseman Ray Boone to a 1955 contract.

Last season Boone appeared in 146 games, pounding out 160 hits in a .295 average. His hits included 29 home runs, 7 triples and 19 doubles. He scored 76 runs and drove in 85 more.

Bowling is one of the oldest of sports. Its origin is traced to the Egyptians of 5200 B.C.