

# HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITZ

Maybe we're one of the die-hards and wouldn't give up the hope of University of Oregon football this season until the very last of the 17-year-olds pulled on their cleats, but Don Ed Nease up 'see the light'.

When the time is on the pumpkin we usually turn our thoughts to Oregon football, but somehow the feeling is rather hollow—like the Halloween pumpkin shell. And the mouth of the orange face would have turned-down corners despite the sculptor's efforts to make 'em upturned.

While most of our young men of usual college football age are battling on our various war fronts, interest in football played by the collegians would wane, although the participants may not be eligible for duty with the armed forces.

That's where the college and prep games differ. There is apparently no change in the outlook on high school football, and the sport will likely be more popular than ever before—and rightfully so. It's vital, under the present stress on conditioning future soldiers, sailors and marines for the "big game," not only to continue, but to increase the programs of competitive athletics and physical education in the high schools.

In a nut shell, the suspension of Oregon intercollegiate football at Oregon did not come entirely from the athletic board—but from the war department. The army doesn't want its trainees to compete, and that's part of the answer. Like during the last war, when Oregon was represented by a SATC football team, Coach John Warren could have found material for an outstanding aggregation from among the more than 1000 soldier-students now on the campus.

The picture presented by Oregon's 16 "old men" and "boomers" was something like the time Billy Reinhart, former Oregon hoop coach, asked Baz Williams, local baker and then Frosh grid coach, about his team. Baz answered, "They're light, but slow!" "Going down that list of 16 we find several pretty fair sort of gridmen, particularly in the backfield. Del Dungey, the triple-threat ex-Frosh of 1937 vintage, was the standout—but he might have been called for reclassification by the draft board at any time. Rob Gibson, the husky blocking back from Tacoma showed promise, but the 195-pound Negro had already had his first physical. Don Church, a 183-pound guard from John Day (Grant) high, was classified as 4-A and subject to call at any time. Wayne Hemm, the light but well-coached triple-threat, southpaw right halfback from The Dalles is registered with the army air corps, as was Jack McCracken the 145-pound halfback-printer from Coquille. So, even though John Warren might have been greeted by 10 additional candidates Monday it was very doubtful if Oregon could have fielded a team above high school calibre.

But lack of manpower was given little consideration by the board in making its decision. And neither was the saving in transportation—the other reason given by most school quitting football for the duration—given much thought. You must admit, however, that carting close to 30 athletes through the northwest wouldn't aid the ODT's effort to hold down traveling. Basketball, with only a third the number of players, will be much simpler.

Just between you, we and the well-worn lamp-post, Oregon's jump on other northwest schools (particularly Oregon State) was a good political move. We can well imagine the higher board of education has frowned on the idea of intercollegiate football this fall and the action will not only rest favorably with the educators, but many "good-thinking" people as well. The fact that the Webfoots gave the sport an honest "college try" may even satisfy the general run of sports followers. There will be some who will say Oregon couldn't take it, but they'll forget the thing before the end of the war when Oregon returns to its place among the football powers of the Pacific coast.

We weren't invited, but sat in the lobby of the Multnomah Hotel in Portland between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. Sunday while Anse Cornell, Percy Locey of OSC, Earl Foster of WSC, Bill Belshaw of Washington, and Babe Brown of Idaho mulled over the problem. . . We were there because a guy named "Joe" drove us to Portland to see Red Skelton—and we saw the film-radio comedian march through the line of autograph seekers four times and reach the goal line without the aid of interference. And while sitting there for seven hours, several of the division managers expressed to us their unofficial opinion that Oregon was smart in taking its stand (and one of 'em wasn't Belshaw).

Of course we know nothing official about that meeting other than the action taken by the Webfoots, but we assume the others voted—at least for the time being—to continue football despite the better judgment of the managers. Could that indicate that fellows like Lon Stiner and Babe Hollingsbery are running the sports show at their respective schools?

Babe Brown of Idaho told us it appeared likely the navy would allow its same 800 radio students

# University of Idaho Football Participation Depends on Navy

## Lt. Paul Washke Visits Vandals

### 40 Radiomen Apply For Football Eligibility

MOSCOW, Idaho, Sept. 21.—(AP)—A conference tomorrow with Lt. Paul R. Washke, naval physical education inspector for the 13th naval district, and former intramural sports director at the University of Oregon, probably will determine the fate of football at the University of Idaho this season. Athletic Director J. A. "Babe" Brown said yesterday Idaho might have to follow the University of Oregon in dropping the grid sport if an estimated 40 naval trainees on the campus who want to play are not permitted to turn out. Brown was not optimistic, pointing out that the trainees have a heavy classroom schedule and therefore might not be given time for practice and competition. Lt. Washke will come here for the conference.

BEAVERS STILL IN CORVALLIS, Ore., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Football fans at Oregon State college were considerably relieved today by an official denial that the Beavers were about to follow the Oregon Webfoots in abandoning the game. Athletic Director Percy P. Locey announced last night that the school's football plans for the 1943 season have not been changed. He pointed out that changed conditions in the conference setup would have to be considered, but said Oregon State intends to continue in the Coast conference if at all possible.

Coach Lon Stiner meanwhile counted a number of new noses, one of which belonged to a 200-pound center, and drove his 28 prospects hard. 32 AT W.S.C. NOW PULLMAN, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Football practice went on as usual yesterday on the Washington State college field, and Graduate Manager Earl Foster said he had "no statement to make" regarding the Cougars' future grid plans following the news that the University of Oregon had dropped the sport. Oregon's withdrawal lopped two games from the W.S.C. schedule. Coach Babe Hollingsbery said he was swelled to 32 with the addition of six new freshmen candidates, including a pair of 19-year-old, 185-pound guards. They were Bon Picardo, all-city player from Seattle's Roosevelt high school, and Bill Beal, all-league end from Franklin high at Los Angeles.

HUSKIES SEEK SUBS SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The University of Washington today sought to fill two open dates on its football schedule left vacant when the University of Oregon announced its withdrawal from the Pacific coast conference grid wars. Oregon had been scheduled to play in Seattle Oct. 9 and the Huskies were slated to play Oregon in Portland Nov. 6—leaving Washington with no home conference game until Nov. 13 when Oregon State journeys here. Coach Ralph "Pest" Welch said he hoped his team could fill at least one of the dates. If no substitute contest is arranged, refunds will be made to season ticket holders, officials said.

Four Angels Sold to Cubs for \$50,000 LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The Los Angeles baseball club, winner of the 1943 Pacific coast league pennant, has sold four of its mainstay players to the parent Chicago National league club. Outfielders Andy Pafko and Johnny Ostrowski, shortstop Bill Schuster and Catcher Billy Holm are enroute to play with the Cubs in the last 10 days of the season. Cash involved in the deal was reported unofficially at \$50,000 plus four acceptable players to be sent to the Angels next spring.

Cassis Turf Winner NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Cassis, with Teddy Atkinson up, scored a photo finish success over Tellmenow Monday in the 30th renewal of the \$7500 added fall Highweight Handicap before 16,843 fans, at the opening of the Belmont park fall meeting.

MACK'S MATE DIES PITTSFIELD, Mass., Sept. 21.—(AP)—John Arthur Williams, 87, pitcher battery mate of Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics when Mack started his baseball career at East Brookfield, died at his home Monday after a long illness.

WONDER BEAM DIES LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Funeral arrangements were being made today for Setwart "Stew" Beam, 43, famous member of the University of California "wonder" football teams of 1921, '22 and '23, who died yesterday after a three-month illness.

at the Vandal school to play football—an angle that likely kept Idaho in the picture despite a turnout of around 14. . . It seems certain the northern division is planning on basketball because of a change made in Oregon's schedule which shifted the WSC series here to prevent conflict with final winter-term examinations.

# STARS IN SERVICE



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## St. Louis, New York Moundsmen Rated In-Out As Series Nears

By SID FEDER NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—(AP)—For a number of years now, the most famous last word in the American league has been to start shouting about what you're going to do to the Yankees on any given occasion. The roof has a funny habit of falling in when you try to make it stick. So, since everything's been going so smoothly up to now, it might be a good idea to tip off the National leaguers that they're looking for a leak in the gas meter with a lit match when they holler that (1) the Yankees can't do a thing against lefthanders and (2) that the three top St. Louis Cardinal southpaws figure to do fearful things to the Bombers in the forthcoming World Series.

## 34 Gridmen Now Drill at Uni High

By RED Q. GATES University High's grid prospects grew ever brighter Monday when 12 additional players reported to Coach Harry Davis, swelling the squad number to 34. All of the eight returning letterwinners were in the fold along with four outstanding transfers.

Players working out nightly include Don Blythe, captain and tackle; Dick Bylund, tackle; George Olney, center; Moussey Nelson, guard; Andy Anderson, fullback; Bill Hohnstien, two-year veteran back from Roseburg; Mark Schreiner, veteran end from San Jose, California, and Art Anderson, end. Davis stated, however, that any position was far from being certain this early and there are from five to 10 more boys almost as talented as the ones listed who may break in.

Heavy work was on the schedule this week, with plenty of work on blocking and tackling. Scrimmaging will probably not start till later in the week. The 1943 Tiders will be able to boast a heavier team than usual, and should be developed into a fast, deceptive, and powerful club by the time of their October 1 date with Eugene high.

## California Hunters Forced to Fight Fires

OROVILLE, Cal., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Over 400 deer hunters went back to hunting with smoke in their eyes today after helping forest rangers fight a 3000-acre forest fire in the Chicago Ridge area of Plumas county. About 225 hunters from the Tahoe forest and another 200 from the Plumas forest were rounded up by game wardens and rangers and put to work with regular fire crews.

## Scott Reports to Army

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Coach Wayne Scott, whose Klamath high school basketball team won the state title last season, will report to the Portland army examining office for induction this week. A University of Oregon graduate, he formerly coached football at Pendleton and taught at Rainier.

## Syracuse Beats Newark

SYRACUSE, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Syracuse scored nine runs in the first inning off three Newark pitchers here Monday to hand the Bears a 14-4 defeat in an International league playoff game.

## Owen Sets Mat Extravaganza

A double "battle royal" involving 10 of the nation's best lightweight wrestlers, one of the greatest mat extravaganzas ever to be staged in Eugene, will be held at the Pearl Street arena next Saturday night. Matchmaker Don Owen, in making the announcement, said the match would mark the mat sport's final effort in the current Third War Loan campaign. There will be five wrestlers in each of the two free-for-alls and the winners of the two matches will return for a championship battle. The finalists will wrestle for war-bond prizes of \$500 and \$300, and each of the ten men have agreed to purchase a \$25 bond if eliminated in the initial free-for-alls. Those eliminated will receive no payment for their services, other than traveling expenses. Tentative plans also call for an auction of each contestant to the fans. Every top bid would bring a bond purchase on the winner—and the top bidder for the winner's services in all three of the matches will receive a special prize besides having the privilege of buying a bond. The general idea of the event is certain, but some of the details may be changed, according to Owen. The personnel of the two five-man affairs will be made known later in the week. Because of the large number of matmen competing, and the \$800 war-bond prizes offered for the winners Owen said he would be forced to increase admission prices for the match—to \$1.65 reserved and \$1.10 general admission.

## Senators Cause Yankee Jitters

### Washington Retains Chance For Pennant

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—(AP)—There aren't any World Series tickets for sale in Washington today and there probably won't be, but the desperate effort of the Senators to catch the leading New York Yankees was making a few fans wonder if "can happen there." The drive hasn't reached serious proportions because the Yankees are too comfortably ahead in the American league race, but a team as hot as the Senators can't be counted out completely. Even after sweeping the three-game series with the Yanks in Washington over the week-end, the Senators remained nine games behind and the New Yorkers need only to win five of their remaining 14 to clinch the pennant. However, the folks in the busy capital who could take time out from their war-front and home-front problems were busy figuring mathematical possibilities.

## Three Ace Yanks Beaten

Regardless of what happens, the Nats provided a spark to the dying baseball season and their nine-game winning streak has the Yankees as worried as a bride over her first Sunday dinner. Until they clinch the pennant they can't concentrate on plans for dealing with the pesky Cardinals in the World Series and on top of that Manager Joe McCarthy is concerned about what the Senators did to his ace pitchers. Three probal series starters, Charley Wenzloff, Spurgeon Chandler and Ernie Bonham were bumped in the order named, Chandler losing after seven straight victories. The transformation of the Nats from the nondescript second-division squad of 1942 which kept company with the last-place Philadelphia Athletics most of the summer, was brought about by good pitching and an improved spirit generated by their new manager, Ossie Bluege. Washington, potentially one of the best sports towns in the nation, adopted the "new" Senators and President Clark Griffith found his gate receipts soaring above \$600,000 for the season for the first time in more than a decade.

## Eugene Recreation

The Monroe Lumber bowlers captured the only straight victory at Eugene Recreation alleys Monday night in opening matches of the Women's league. Led by Frazier's 170 single and 428 series, the Kaufman bowlers were unable to score a single victory over the Lumberwomen. Sands rolled high scores of the evening with a 184 single and 479 series as her H. Gordon team defeated Royal Crown 2-1, and Mary Helen Schaefer rolled a 179 single and Wendell a 442 series in the Goodyears defeated KORE 2-1. In an unfinished series, Woolworth's defeated Newberry's 2-0 with Northam of the winners rolling a high 171 single. League bowling at Eugene Recreation will be held Monday through Thursday, with the Willamette league playing Tuesdays, Major league Wednesdays, and McKenzie league Thursdays, according to Manager Hal Young.

## 35 DRILL AT ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Astoria high school's new football coach, Bill Bowers, is drilling 35 gridlers, including 10 lettermen. The Fishermen have dates with Salem, The Dalles, Hood River, Tillamook and Milwaukie.

## Leal Medalist In Club Golf

Don Leal, defending champion, annexed medalist honors in the Eugene Country club's annual championship golf tournament with a 73, one over par and one stroke under a 74 registered by Roy Carpenter, Springfield theater-owner and ex-Corvallis ace.

Match play opened this week with the low 16 qualifiers playing in the title flight and 20 others in lesser flights. Those failing to get under the championship wire with scores of 87 or better will play with full handicaps. Pairings follow: CHAMPIONSHIP Carpenter 74 vs. Vincent 86, V. Smith 84 vs. Swartz 77, John Koke 81 vs. Arky 84, Prescott 78 vs. B. Fischer 84, Leal 73 vs. Evans 84, Wintler 83 vs. C. Schaefer 85, Mills 77 vs. Sigwart 85, Dunaway 79 vs. Immel 85. SECOND FLIGHT J. I. Fischer 87 vs. Field 88, Veler 79 vs. Reed 84, C. Miller 90 vs. Findner 90, Thompson 88 vs. Strie 92, Ristman 89 vs. bye, Talbot 83 vs. Cornell 88, Daly 90 vs. Dillon 94, Cloyes 82 vs. L. Roadman 88. THIRD FLIGHT C. Johnson 96 vs. W. Pollard 99, Fletcher 108 vs. bye, Brownson 100 vs. bye, Conner 95 vs. bye.

## Pitchers Aid Victors To Softball Crowns

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Pitchers who can hit were hailed today as the heroes of the Amateur Softball Association "world series" that crowned the Hammer Field Raiders of Fresno, Calif., and the New Orleans Jax Maids as champions from an original starting field of 50,000 teams. Pvt. Kermit Lynch pitched a one-hitter and tripled home the only run as the California service team defeated Detroit Briggs, 1-0 in the showdown game last night of the four-day tournament. Nifty Nina Korgan, the Walter Johnson of girl softball, hurled a one-hitter and drove in two runs with a pair of singles as New Orleans trimmed the Phoenix, Ariz., Ramblers, 7-0.

## San Francisco Beats Portland 6-5; To Play Seattle Thursday

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—(AP)—It's San Francisco versus Seattle in the final of the lucrative playoff of the Pacific coast league. That was decided Monday as San Francisco's stubborn Seals, overcoming a two-game lead by Portland, won their fourth straight contest from the Beavers 6-5 to capture the semi-final series.

Seattle, winner of the 1941 and 1942 playoffs, clubbed the Los Angeles, 1943 champions, out of the scramble for extra money with four consecutive victories. Officials of the two finalists arranged to play the entire series here on this schedule: single games Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, and a doubleheader Sunday. If necessary, another twin bill will be staged next Monday. San Francisco came close to losing its final game with Portland but succeeded in topping the Beavers in a baseball thriller. The trouble started in the eighth inning when Al Epperly, Seals pitcher, blew up with a 6-0 lead. Southpaw Tom Seals took over after three runs had scored, and walked the first batter to get the bases. Third-baseman Marty Owen doubled to drive in two runs. Righthander Bob Joyce, replacing Seals, intentionally walked one batter and forced the runner to ground out to end the inning. Seattle and San Francisco share a \$7500 playoff stake. The winner gets \$5000, and the loser \$2500. Los Angeles and Portland each received \$1250 as semi-finalists. The Angeles also picked an additional \$2500 as the pennant winner. Score: Portland 5, San Francisco 6. (8) Epperly, Seals (8), Joyce (8), Spritz.

## Syracuse Announces Suspension of Sports

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 21.—(AP)—The cancellation of intercollegiate competition in basketball, track, baseball, boxing and all minor sports at Syracuse university for the 1943-44 season was announced today by school officials. The university recently cancelled the current season's football schedule and crew was dropped last spring.

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