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Oct. 21—(AP)—Head rboe pulled down the and his Washington gridders as they secret to give the of Oregon a bad Sat-oon.

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gton State squad of 37 is set to depart for Eugene by train Thursday night after the regular workout.

Sarboe said Bill Dupn will be the team captain for the Oregon clash this weekend.

Watson Injured . . .

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21—(U.P.)—Injuries continued to plague UCLA Coach Bert Labrucherie with Wes Matthews sidelined by a carbuncle on his arm and Reserve Quarterbacks Billy Stamper and Larry Lampkin out with sore backs.

Reserve Fullback Bob Watson showed up with a possible broken finger.

Troy Has Spirit . . .

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21—(U.P.)—The Southern California Trojans, hopeful of bouncing back after their Pacific Coast Conference loss to Oregon, went through a spirited offensive workout.

The Trojans play Stanford in Palo Alto Saturday. Halfback Don Garlin, out with injuries since the season opener against Utah, starred in the scrimmage with several long runs against the Jayvees.

Beavers Return . . .

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 21—(AP)—Oregon State backfield coaches noted an improvement in pass defense work by the Beavers as the squad drilled for Saturday's coast conference game against UCLA at Los Angeles.

Hopeful news came from Trainer Bill Robertson, who has cleared the injured list of Fullback Andy Knudsen and End Craig McMicken for action for light workouts.

Huskies Air-Minded . . .

SEATTLE, Oct. 21—(U.P.)—In an attempt to bolster the University of Washington aerial attack, acting head coach Reg Root put ace hurlers Larry Hatch and Anse McCullough in the same backfield.

While Hatch and McCullough both normally are quarterbacks, Root had Hatch running from the fullback slot and McCullough calling signals.

Jensen Passes, Too . . .

BERKELEY, Calif., Oct. 21—(AP)—Two touchdown passes from Fullback Jack Jensen to Halfback Billy Main highlighted a brief scrimmage by the University of California football team in Wednesday's practice for Saturday's game against the Washington Huskies.

Coach Lynn Waldorf, who again stressed defense against Washington plays, said he thought the Bears' defense looked improved over yesterday.

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Say! This Being Bat Boy Isn't So Bad—Figures Good

CLEVELAND, Oct. 21—(AP)—For a bat boy, Billy Sheridan made himself a fair bundle of cash. Billy worked for the world champion Cleveland Indians this season and figures his earnings came to nearly $3,000.

He collected something like $1,693 as his World Series slice, a $1,000 check from President Bill Veeck, and the rest came in tips from the players.

So they're calling 16-year-old Billy "old moneybags" in his neighborhood. His regret: the Indians, according to custom, will get a new bat boy next year.

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Michigan Doesn't Want Ruling Change

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 21—University of Michigan officials said they were "definitely" against any change in Big Nine rules to allow the Wolverines to make a trip to the Rose Bowl again on Jan. 1.

Herbert O. "Fritz" Crisler, Michigan's athletic director and Prof. Ralph W. Aigler, Michigan Big Nine representative, agreed that it would be a "breach of faith" to alter the rule which prohibits a Big Nine team from going to Pasadena more than once in three years.

Some sentiment in favor of a change sprang up when Michigan defeated Northwestern last Saturday, 28 to 0, and thus became favored to repeat as Big Nine champion. But Aigler said "any one of the first five teams" in the Big Nine would be a worthy representative.

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Santa Clara to Face 'Eagle-Eyed' Passer

DALLAS, Oct. 21—(AP)—Santa Clara will face the most accurate passer in college football when it meets Southern Methodist here Saturday night in one of the nation's top intersectional games.

Gil Johnson has completed 33 passes out of 44 attempts for an average of .750. And broken down further it reveals these startling statistics:

Johnson has played 48 minutes in four games and passed for seven touchdowns, thus he averages almost a point a minute.

He also has rolled up 574 yards with his tosses, so that's almost 12 yards per minute.

Veteran observers in the Southwest are calling him the most accurate passer this area, noted for its passers, has ever known—even better than Sammy Baugh, the old master.

McKay May Play In W S C Contest

Rough Battle Expected In Homecoming Clash

Johnny McKay, Oregon left halfback who shares the Pacific Coast Conference scoring lead with Charlie Sarver of California, may return to the lineup against Washington State here Saturday.

The ace back, who was injured in the Idaho game and remained on the sidelines against USC, put on the speed in his running during a lengthy practice session Wednesday and remarked "It's 100 to 1 I'll be able to play Saturday." He was just as confident last week, though, and remained on the bench. Coach Jim Aiken has announced he would never use an injured player and unless McKay can run "free and easy" he will see no action in the Homecoming clash against the Cougars.

Other members of the squad appeared in top condition, although Guard Ted Meland is down with a slight cold. The Webfoots looked sharp on pass defense and displayed lots of fire in running through offensive maneuvers to be employed against the victory-minded Staters from the Palouse hills.

Only twice in 25 previous meetings has either team registered convincing victories and Saturday's game promises to be another bruising and probably brilliant battle. Last year at Pullman Oregon won 12-6 in a snow storm and WSC's offensive threats in that game—Don Paul and Jerry Williams—will be returning for revenge. Williams averaged 6.2 yards per play and Paul 4 yards per play last year when Jake Leicht carried the load for the Webfoots.

WSC holds an 11-9 edge in previous tilts, five of which have ended in deadlocks.

The university ticket office reports some 750 reserved seat tickets remaining, along with the 1500 general admissions to be placed on sale at Hayward Field at noon Saturday.

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Oakland Gives Slips To Three Old-Timers

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 21—(AP)—The Oakland Pacific Coast League club gave outright releases to three of the oldtimers who helped Casey Stengel win the pennant this season.

They were given to Outfielder Brooks Holder, 32, and Catchers Ernie Lombardi, 40, and Eddie Fernandes, 33.

It was expected that this signalled a general rebuilding program so that the manager who succeeds Stengel will have a clear field to choose his own personnel.

Virgil Snodgrass Scores Hole-in-One At Country Club

Virgil Snodgrass, who has been golfing in California and Oregon for 20 years, registered his first hole-in-one on the 163-yard 14th hole at the Eugene Country Club this week. He was playing in a foursome with Colonel "Red" Sims, Arch Lewis and Harold Lyons. A consistent par shooter, Snodgrass' No. 6 iron shot hit the green and rolled into the cup. Snodgrass shot 38-35—73 for the par 37-35—73 course.

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Champion, Head Share Mixed Honors

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 21—(U.P.)—Pert Dorothy Head of Alameda, Cal., already co-holder of one tournament title, led the field into the quarter-finals of the women's singles play in the annual Pan-American tennis championships.

Miss Head teamed with Mexican Champion Armando Vega in trouncing Jaroslav Drobny of Czechoslovakia and Mrs. Nelly Landry of France, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4, to gain the mixed doubles diadem.

Miss Head, who is top-seeded in the women's division, pulled into the quarter-finals with a 6-0, 6-1 triumph over Trinin Cervantes of Mexico.

Mrs. Landry also remained in the running by ousting Carmel Christlieb De Fernandez, Mexican champion, 6-1, 6-1.

Also on tap today were quarter final matches in the men's singles competition.

Drobny, who is seeded first, engaged Earl Cochell of San Francisco. Richard "Pancho" Gonzales, national singles champion from Los Angeles, faced Vic Seixas of Philadelphia; Eric Sturgess of South Africa met Tony Mottram of England, and Frankie Parker of Los Angeles tackled Seymour Greenberg, also of Los Angeles.

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Fireman Casey Joins Collegue as Pirate 'Rally-Stopper' in '49

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 21—(AP)—Fireman Hugh Casey joined Fireman Kirby Higbe in the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball family and the question immediately arose:

Who will relieve whom in the task of putting out opposition batting blazes?

Bucco General Manager A. Roy Hamey gave this answer:

"Casey will bring up the rear. We want him for those eighth and ninth innings."

The 35-year-old righthanded hurler announced via telegram that contract terms offered him as a free agent were acceptable. He had been cut adrift after the 1948 season by the Brooklyn Dodgers.

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HAD TRYOUT

National League Umpire Bill Stewart had a pitching trial with the Chicago White Sox in 1919. Before the season opened he injured his arm in a fall.

And He Faces Oregon Saturday . . .

A Cougar Is 'Lineman of the Week'

PULLMAN, Wash., Oct. 21—The "lineman of the week" wants to be a fullback.

Laurie Niemi, 240-pound tackle for Washington State College, was thrilled to be named the country's top lineman for the week in an Associated Press football poll.

But it would be a greater thrill for him to make a touchdown.

"That's been my ambition," he said. "In college and all through high school I wanted to play in the backfield."

You'd never think he was dissatisfied with his job if you had watched him Saturday rearing up out of the line like a freight elevator to bat down University of Washington backs.

You wouldn't expect discontent in a lad described by Coach Phil Sarboe as "the inspiration and sparkplug of our team."

You might think the Cougars' top candidate for All-America honors would just want to concentrate on being a bigger and better tackle.

But Niemi wants to make a touchdown.

He tried out for the backfield once at Clarkston, Wash., high school, which also produced Turk Edwards, the Cougars' All-America tackle.

"But I was too big and clumsy," Niemi said.

He played in the line in high school. This makes his fourth year as a varsity lineman at Washington State.

What does it take to make a lineman stand out in a football game?

"Mostly hard work," said Niemi.

Is it hard to get going against a team which (like Washington last week) is favored to win?

"It's always easy when you get the feel of a tough game," Niemi said. "You have to get the feel of it first, though."

Sarboe said Niemi has been playing great football game after game for four seasons.

"He thinks something is wrong if he just stops the runner at the line of scrimmage," the coach said. "He wonders what is wrong if we don't run most of our plays on his side of the line. He always wants to block kicks or throw the runners back for a big loss. He isn't satisfied just to play good football."

He isn't entirely satisfied, either, to play great football—in the line.

"Against Montana," Niemi said, "the coach said I could go in and try to make a touchdown if we scored 50 points."

The Cougars only made 48 points, and Niemi missed that chance.

He hopes there will be another opportunity before he leaves W.S.C. to look over any professional offers he might get.

If he never gets a chance to carry the ball his only scoring opportunity will be in the rugged department of blocked kicks and recovered fumbles.

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Specialization Bothers Writer, So He Says . . .

Why Doesn't Van Brocklin Play Fullback?

By BILL JOHNSTON

SPOKANE, Oct. 21—(AP)—Ever since the specialization craze hit college football the fans have been wondering what ever happened to the all-around player.

It's hard to pick out a man who can run, pass, kick, block and tackle on the modern team.

If the trend continues, the program issued to guide the football fan of the future may read something like this:

"Gurkowitz, Sam—age 20, weight 245 pounds if his team starts on offense against a T-formation and 10 pounds lighter if he starts at defense against a single win and gets a real workout. Specialty, nailing left-handed passers fading to the right on a muddy field."

And where, laments the fan, is that old-fashioned, all around boy?

Minus yardage

Two case histories suggest that he might still be out there on the field—unable to show his all-around ability unless something goes wrong in the department of specialization.

Take Norm VanBrocklin of Oregon, for instance.

We don't mean to imply that the VanBrocklin light has been smothered. The All-Coast quarterback is getting so famous that even the sports writers back East recognize the name.

But his fame rests on his passing arm and there are those who point out that his yardage gained in running is listed in the minus column.

Oregon supporters will tell you (or at least they did us) that Coach Jim Aiken planned it that way. He figures he has the best passer and best ball-handler on the coast and doesn't intend to send VanBrocklin out in the open on end runs so rival halfbacks can get a good crack at him.

Why Not at Fullback?

As a result, VanBrocklin's running ability is hidden. He lets less talented arms do most of the tackling. He seldom throws a block. He just hands off the ball, fakes and passes.

This proved disturbing to some of the fans who remembered him in his California high school days. They recalled he was a star linebacker. Why, they demanded, wasn't he in there at fullback?

Or consider the case of Bill Lippincott, the 1945 triple threat star of the Washington State Cougars.

Lippincott was all over the field doing a little of everything three years ago. Gradually Coach Phil Sarboe found players who could do some of the things a little better. None of them, however, could kick extra points like Lippincott so Bill became a specialist.

He has been out of the limelight this year, but his services have been valuable.

Actually Scores

In the Cougars' homecoming victory over Washington Lippincott and Bob George were co-captains. Neither of them started the game. Lippincott got in for two plays and scored four points—one on an extra point conversion and three on a field goal.

Against Montana, Lippincott played a little longer. As a result, he was able to intercept a pass and gallop some 70 yards for a touchdown. His other six points, though, came on booting six placements out of seven attempts.

So don't conclude that the boy who gets in for just three plays is a jewel for pass defense but otherwise just a diamond in the rough.

He may have full-carat quality all the way through, but maybe just one side is polished.

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