

# Willamette Array of Stars to Form for State in Clash

AND, Aug. 8—A brilliant array of stars from the state's high school football teams will be in action for the Willamette All-Stars when they meet the Shriners Hospital All-Stars in the second annual stadium game at the Willamette stadium Saturday night.

The game, which will be the first of a series of similar games, will feature some of the state's best players. Among the stars are: Fullback Jack Cook of Dallas, Guard Dick Hauptmann of Lebanon, Fullback Paul Jewell of Salem, and End John Parsons of Eugene. The state team will assemble here this Sunday and the following day will start practice sessions at its Cleveland high training site. Daily double sessions will be on the schedule during the first week of practice as Ingram instills the T-formation system the stars will use in the all-star tilt.

Tickets for the game, from which net proceeds go to the Northwest unit of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, are available by sending order to headquarters in the Portland hotel.

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# Irish Fans Aren't Looking for Unbeaten Season— Notre Dame Still Looks Good, But Not as Deep as Other Years

By BILL LOYE  
Register-Guard Sports Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 8—Frank Leahy, the genial mentor of the most "attractive" of all football machines, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, has gone on record (in Colorado) as saying that the Washington Huskies will offer Notre Dame its toughest test of the 1949 football season.

Maybe Leahy thinks so, but he's about the only one in this athletically-minded community who does. Notre Dame fans aren't afraid of Howie Odell's Huskies. What they do point to, however, is the rugged last-half of the ten-game schedule, which includes four of the nation's "toughest" plus Iowa on successive weekends.

Notre Dame plays Washington in Seattle October 1, following a home opener against a supposedly "weak" Indiana University eleven. It will mark the first appearance in the northwest of a Notre Dame football team, but there is no need to "sell" the Irish to the fans out there. The Washington game is sold-out completely, as are nearly all of the other out-of-town Irish contests.

If you can believe the local experts, the Notre Dame team this fall won't match the powerhouses of the past three years. In other words, the Irish could conceivably lose a game, or two or three for that matter if you want to take Leahy's "crying towel" antics seriously. The Irish have not been defeated in three years, winning 26 and tying two in that time.

But the great depth that has carried Notre Dame to victory since the war (and has been symbolic of Irish teams for years) seems to be missing—especially down the all-vital middle of the line. Gone are 13 lettermen, including seven of last year's regulars. Twenty-seven numeralsmen, plus a host of reserves and sophomores, will still be around.

The ends, anchored by All-American Leon Hart, are solid, and deep. In fact, Leahy has enough good ends that he moved another star wingman, Jim Martin, to tackle. Ralph McGehee, a semi-regular last year, and Sophomore Bob Tonnoff are expected to split the other tackle spot.

When you mention guards, the Irish followers turn sour. Missing are last year's two All-Americans—Marty Wendell and Bill Fischer. And if you can believe the local boys, there is nothing in sight that can begin to fill the gap. "Without strong guards, how can we expect to get anywhere?" is the typical cry around the South Bend campus today.

Regular Center Bill Walsh has graduated, but his two top reserves are back.

Bob Williams will handle the all-important quarterback post. He understudied Frank Tripucka last year as a sophomore, and great things are expected of him. He is a better passer and a more "headier" leader than Tripucka, but lacks the ball-handling deception and savvy. Behind Williams, there is virtually nothing say the railbirds.

The rest of the backfield has strength, and will be able to "move" if the line can manage to break open a few holes. There is plenty of speed in halfbacks Bill Gay, Emil Sitko, sophomore sensation Bill Barrett and a host of others. And at fullback, Leahy has veterans Mike Swistowski and Jack Landry.

Following Indiana (Sept. 24) and Washington (Oct. 1), Notre Dame takes on Purdue at Lafayette and Tulane here before an open weekend Oct. 22. While both Purdue and Tulane are considered strong, the Irish aren't really too worried about overcoming either obstacle, nor Navy which follows at Baltimore Oct. 29.

Then the roof falls in. On Nov. 5, Notre Dame goes against Michigan State at Lansing. The fighting Spartans, who so impressed the Oregon State hierarchy last year that it went all-out to secure a member of the Michigan State coaching staff as new head coach at Corvallis, are the talk of the Midwest. In fact, many foresee a Michigan State victory over both Notre Dame and Michigan.

After that, the Irish trek to New York to meet Charles Justice and company from North Carolina, another one of the nation's best. Iowa the next weekend shouldn't spell much trouble, but Nov. 26 comes the "big game" with Southern California. Last year, USC tied Notre Dame 14-14. The Trojans should be stronger, the Irish weaker.

Closing the season is a Dallas, Texas clash with Southern Methodist. The Mustangs need no introduction to Oregon gridiron followers. The majority of the Methodist team from last year's Cotton Bowl team will be back, headed by the great Don Walker, and ably assisted by Kyle Rote, Dick McKissick, and a host of others.

A defeat, or two, or even three with that schedule isn't out of the question—especially when one considers that every opponent "points" for Notre Dame. However, neither is another undefeated season too remote a possibility. If the tackle-to-tackle strength isn't as weak as everybody seems to think it is, the Irish could again be near the top of the football pendulum.

Anyway, it seems advisable not to sell the Irish short at any time, and especially at Seattle.

# Diamond Outfit But Win Anyway in FW

(Associated Press)

The Pittsburgh Diamonds don't have to get the most hits to keep winning in the Far West baseball league.

The league-leading Diamonds let the Redding Browns out-hit them by five safeties Sunday night but defeated the Browns 10-5. Better bunting paid off for Pittsburgh.

In the second frame, Redding Manager Ray Perry hooked into his 37th homer of the season, but the bags were empty.

Saturday night the Diamonds played a twin bill with the Braves and defeated the Braves 6-5 and 1-0.

The Braves jumped back in the win column Sunday night, however, when they hung up a 6-2 victory over the Medford Nugs.

The Klamath Falls Gems pounded out an 11-8 win over the Willows Cardinals.

In their Saturday night game the Cards defeated Redding 10-5 in a tilt which featured three Willows homers.

The four-bag hitters were Mike Rivera, Don Bauman and John Mittel. It was Mittel's 20th home run of the season.

# Willamalane Sets Record; Program Enters Last Week

SPRINGFIELD — Willamalane park district attendance figures during the past seven months have been higher than for any similar period in the district's history, Mrs. Irene Squires, superintendent, announced Saturday.

Mrs. Squires said that more than 74,000 units of service had been recorded by the district since Jan. 1. A unit of service, she explained, represented the attendance of one individual at one park district activity one time.

The superintendent pointed out that hand craft classes had been most popular with 8820 service units. Junior baseball was second with 7560 units of service, she added.

For the first seven months of last year, Mrs. Squires explained, only 54,212 units of service were recorded, some 20,000 under this year's seven-month total.

The district's summer program will terminate Aug. 12, Mrs. Squires said. She added that swimming classes for children would be conducted Aug. 15-27 inclusive at the men's pool at the University of Oregon.

Registration is now underway and nine swimming classes will be held daily. Mrs. Squires said buses would take registrants to and from the pool. Bus schedules will be released later.

The district's last week of summer activity, Aug. 8 to 12, follows: Picnic and playday—Glenwood school, Aug. 9, 12:30 p. m. Pirate Day, Costume Parade, Treasure Hunt—Brattain school, Aug. 10, 1 to 5 p. m. Playground softball league play-off—Brattain field, preliminaries, 2 p. m., championship game, 3:30 p. m. "Mother Goose Party" for children under eight years—Junior high school, Aug. 12 at 2 p. m. "Little World Series"—Boys baseball league, Aug. 12. Runt League — preliminary game, Brattain field, 1:30 p. m., championship game, Brattain field, 3 p. m. Midget league — preliminary game, Glenwood and Maple schools, 1:30 p. m., championship game, Maple school, 3 p. m., consolation game, Glenwood, 3 p. m.

# Pole-Sitter Goes On Vacation

REVERE, Mass.—(AP)—Pole-sitting Mrs. Jean Ellis is vacationing at Durham, N. H., "disgusted" that her 26-day stint atop a 35-foot perch failed to produce a home for herself and her family.

The 24-year-old Revere mother descended from her 6-foot canvas-enclosed perch in Revere Beach's amusement area. She left immediately for Durham with her husband.

She said she gave up her novel protest against the housing shortage because the owners of a boat ride concession failed to keep their agreement.

Mrs. Ellis said the concessionaires promised to pay all her expenses, provide a 24-hour guard and periodic check-ups by a doctor and also pay her \$500 if she remained atop the pole until Labor Day.

Her husband Arthur said the owners provided food "at first" but stopped after their boat ride broke down. They never did provide a guard or a physician, he said.

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# Reprieve Halts Death March

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—The death march of W. Floyd Jones halted seconds before he was to die in the electric chair because his attorney had "new information."

The State Pardon and Parole Board will hear the evidence that brought Jones a three-day reprieve while he was walking the "Last Mile" in the Huntsville State Prison's Death Row.

He had halted at the cell of other condemned men to wish each good luck and was at the very door of the execution chamber when Night Warden Rufus Sea ran up to stop the execution.

Jones, a 40-year-old Floydada, Tex., grocer, was scheduled to die for the 1946 slaying of H. C. Love, Jr., a war veteran.

"Thank God! Praise God!" were the only words that Jones could summon as he threw his arms around one of the chaplains who had been comforting him.

The reprieve was granted by Gov. Allen Shivers at the request of former District Judge Kenneth Bain, Jones' attorney.

# Wilhelm Elected To Head Group

SALEM—(AP)—Oregon's "Little Hoover" Committee has elected Rudie Wilhelm Jr., state representative from Portland, as chairman.

Paul Geddes, state representative from Roseburg, was named secretary.

Senate President William E. Walsh of Coos Bay said he doubted the wisdom of attempting to do anything with the small appropriation allowed for the committee by the 1949 Legislature. It has only \$10,000 on which to operate.

But the members of the interim group decided to do the best they could on the meager means afforded. They plan to call in experts in the field of political science and economics to see just how much toward reorganization and streamlining of Oregon's government can be done for the money available.

The committee is to report back and make recommendations to the 1951 Legislature on revision of Oregon's governmental processes.

# Jug of Water Starts Fire, Puts It Out

CRAIGMONT, Idaho—(AP)—A gallon jug of water, brought into a field by harvest workers to slake their thirst, started a fire—and put it out again.

The sun's rays, shining through the glass jug, focused on dried grass in the field of W. E. Drevlow. Drevlow and his helpers, working on a combine, smelled smoke.

When they discovered the fire, it was small. A few gurgles of water from the jug put it out.

# Cottage Grover Now On Welfare Board

Gov. Douglas McKay Saturday appointed Samuel L. Mackin, Cottage Grove, to the Lane County Public Welfare Commission.

Mackin will serve with Chairman Walter P. Fell, Mrs. A. J. McAdams, both of Eugene, Frank Bouck of Springfield, and the three members of the county court.

The welfare commission meets once a month to review the work of the local welfare office and to act on applications for assistance.

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# Big Cotton Crop Forecast This Year

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Agriculture Department forecasts this year's cotton crop at 14,805,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight each, as of Aug. 1.

This estimate compares with 14,868,000 bales produced last year, and with a 10-year average of 11,306,000 bales.

Being larger than prospective market requirements, the crop foreshadowed a return to prewar production controls for the 1950 crop. Supplementing this year's crop is a carryover surplus of about 8,600,000 bales from previous year's crops, a large part of which is held by the department under price support programs.

More than one billion acres of agricultural land are included within 2,100 soil conservation districts which U. S. farmers and ranchers have organized since 1937.

# Plane Crash Kills Pilot

RENTON, Wash. (AP)—Civil Aeronautics Administration officials are probing the charred wreckage of a war-weary P-40 fighter plane that crashed during a test takeoff Sunday killing Pilot Harvey Gerlach, 28.

The aircraft's engine sputtered and started smoking before the crash, according to witness Joseph Rice, manager of the Western Skyways Flying Service.

The pilot banked sharply to land, hit the utility line and lost control of his ship. The plane crashed into the parking lot of the Renton High School Football Stadium and burst into flames.

Gerlach is survived by his wife, Ruth, and two daughters.

# French Suspect US 'Fence'

PARIS—(AP)—The newspaper France Solr said Monday that an unnamed American has been identified by French police as a "fence" for the bandits who robbed the Aga Khan of \$785,000 worth of jewelry last week.

The newspaper said Marseille police identified the American as "master mind" of a gang specializing in the disposal of stolen jewelry.

There was reason to believe, the newspaper said, that the man has part of the Aga Khan loot in his possession. It described the suspect as thick-set and blond, wearing glasses and having a "marked squint."

In London, Scotland Yard officials reported they, too, had found evidence of the establishment of an enormous ring in Europe for the disposal of stolen jewelry.

These officials believed choice gems in the Aga Khan collection and others from the \$600,000 worth of jewelry stolen from the smart Deauville shop of Van Cleef and Arpels may have been sent to the United States for final disposal.

# Oregon Death Rate Continues High

Oregon continued to pace Pacific Coast states in traffic death reduction last month as a tentative count of July fatalities totaled 21. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry reported today. Forty lives were lost during July of last year.

The month's toll brings deaths for the year to 147, a 36 percent drop from the 232 deaths recorded in the first seven months of 1948. National figures for the first five months show only Idaho and Maine leading Oregon in percentage of traffic death decrease.

Thirteen of the July fatalities took place on rural highways and eight on city streets.

Newberry said the record was heartening in view of the exceptionally heavy summer travel and resulting opportunities for accidents. He pointed out, however, that chance-taking by drivers or pedestrians in today's traffic could reverse the downward trend overnight.

Collisions and loss of control at high speeds are leading causes of the state's fatal crashes reported in the past several months, Newberry said.

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