

Oregon State Is Dark Horse Team of Northern Division Basketball

Slats Gill Has Team of Juniors

Only One Letterman of Last Year Missing

By Willard Eberhart (United Press Staff Correspondent) Corvallis, Or., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The Oregon State college basketball team that reached the lowest point in a decade last year in the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference, will be a "dark horse" team of juniors during the 1939 campaign.

The measure of their improvement during the past year will determine the fate of Coach Amory T. "Slats" Gill's 11th Beaver quintet.

Offsetting the inexperience of the squad is the fact that the personnel is the same, with one exception, as that of a year ago. Chet Kehbe, a guard who was an alternate for two seasons before performing regularly last year, is the only missing letterman.

To plug that hole, Gill has Elmer Kullberg, a varsity fullback for three years and a regular basketballer two seasons ago. He is six-foot-four and listed as a center. This is the first year he has been able to devote full pre-season attention to basketball and is expected to be one of the Beaver standouts.

The only two-year lettermen are Mal Harris, tall forward who was captain last year, and Nello Vanelle, a guard who shines at ball-handling and defensive playing.

The other lettermen are Al Hunter, Roy Pflugrad, and Merle Kruger, forwards; Tony Romano and Bill Stidham, guards; and Frank Mandic and Stuart Warren, centers.

Important newcomers include Bob Garbould, transfer from Long Beach junior college where he won all conference honors at forward last year, Clayton Shaw, a star forward on the 1937-38 freshman team, Don Stitt, a rugged guard who played independent ball in Portland the last two years; Dick Kessler, now a guard, who was an all-state center on the little Bellfountain high school team when it won the title three years ago.

Eight of the lettermen are well above six feet in height, indicating a big, but possibly slow, quintet. No "first five" has emerged in practice sessions, with most members of the squad of 17 battling for varsity berths.

Gill has not committed himself to a certain style of play. He employs a fast break when he has the required type of material, but leans toward the deliberate, "percentage" method when his men are big and rangy, but not too speedy.

The starters won 6 and lost 14 games last year to finish fifth in the league, far behind Washington State and Idaho, who tied for third with 12 victories each.

Gill and his men will try feverishly to better their position this year, for fifth place will mean the cellar with the elimination from the round-robin schedule of the University of Montana.

Out Our Way



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

By Williams

football team to the Rose bowl. The mystery of who sent the women's silk panties to two Duke players remained unsolved. The Trojans weren't discussing this episode today because Coach Howard Jones had intimated he might go hither and thither after Jan. 2, if somebody didn't score on the Blue Devils and that helped to raise the threat of the 10-day beard.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Tennessee, unbeaten champions of the Southeastern conference, scrimmaged today against Oklahoma plays in preparation for the Orange bowl game at Miami.

Tennessee yesterday held its second practice session since the season ended and Coach Bob Neyland ordered Trainer Mickey O'Brien to "run 'em until their tongues hang out."

Aboard Train Enroute to Pasadena, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—A thoroughly chastened band of Duke football players rolled westward on the "lace panty" special

today bound for a date with Southern California in the Rose bowl. As the train sped westward, two pair of dainty lace-trimmed panties fluttered in a car window. They were gifts to "co-captains Eunice Bill and Agnes Tipton" from an anonymous donor who took literally a Los Angeles sport writer's comparison of the Dukes with a bunch of Wellesley college girls.

Cleveland, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The University of Oregon basketball team, on a 7,000-mile barnstorming tour of the east, defeated the Miami university cagers, of Oxford, O., 74 to 38, at Cleveland's public hall last night. The Oregon Wolfpack played virtually without their outstanding stars—Urgel Wintermute, towering six-foot-eight center, who turned his ankle in the first period, and Lauren "Laddie" Gale, who played only briefly. The Oregon team left last night for Buffalo, N. Y., on the next lap of the tour.

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Lava Bears Plan Trip to Valley

Series at Eugene Set For Next Week

Bend's Lava Bear hoopers will take time out this week end to enjoy the Christmas holidays, but early next week will cross the Cascades of Oregon for a series of games in Eugene, against three other teams. The tournament will be played on McArthur court, on December 27, 28 and 29.

Teams taking part in the tournament will be Bend, Roseburg, Canby and University high of Eugene. On the opening night, Tuesday of next week, the teams will engage in a round robin, each participating squad meeting one of the other three in short competition. On Wednesday and Thursday nights, full time games will be played.

Coach Lundahl reported today that he plans to take 10 players to Eugene for the tournament. The boys will probably be those who made the trip to Ashland last week end for the pair of games against the Grizzlies of the southern Oregon town.

Providing the road is open, the Bears will make the trip over the McKenzie pass. Otherwise, they will go to Chemult, then over the divide by train.

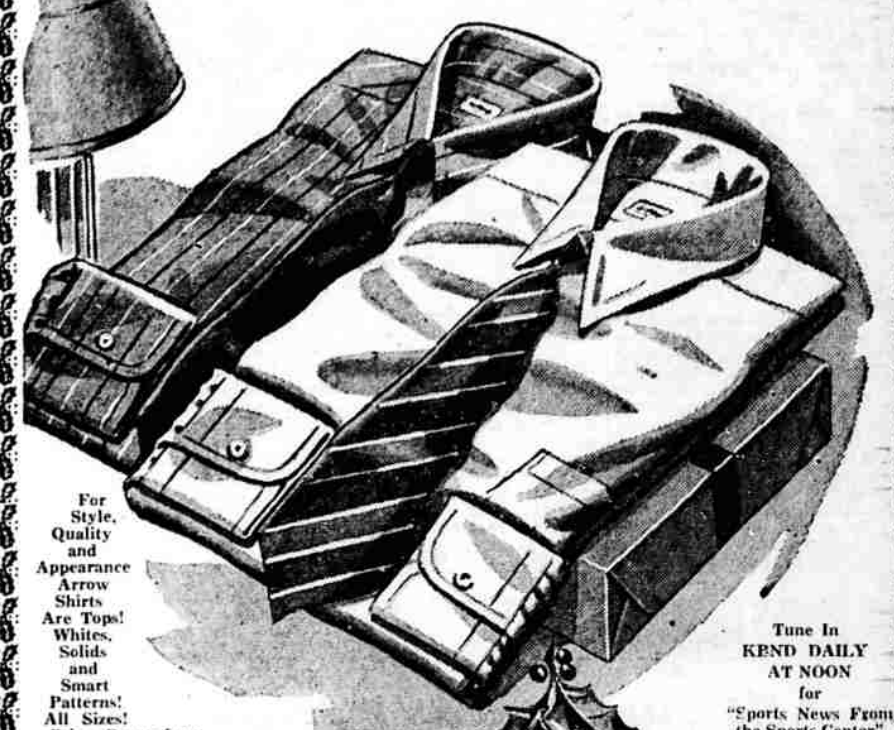
The Bears' next home game will be on January 3, against Coach Tommy Hawkins' LaPine quintet.

Bowling Notes

In Industrial league bowling last night the Consolidated Freight team won two from the Shevlin team and the Shevlin Office team won three from the Bank-Wette squad. Scores:

Table with bowling scores for Industrial League, Consolidated Freight, and Shevlin Office.

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San Francisco, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Stanford's basketball team squeezed out a tight 33-28 victory over University of Idaho's visiting Vandals last night. Approximately 1400 saw the Vandals fall in their third attempt to win over a southern division conference school. Stanford led throughout, sparked by guard Robert Burnett who scored 12 points. Steve Belko, Idaho forward, netted 11. The Vandals lost previous to U.S.C., and the University of California Bears.

New Haven, Conn. (U.P.)—Freddie Apostoli of San Francisco, recognized as middleweight champion by the New York and California boxing commissions, today held a victory over Al Cozzetta, of New York. Apostoli, 161½, stopped the New Yorker, who weighed 165, after 35 seconds of fighting in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder last night.

New York, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Byron "Whizzer" White, former all-America quarterback from Colorado, was the best ground gainer in the National professional league this season, final statistics revealed today. White, who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates, last in the eastern division, was the only first-year man to lead an individual department. And he probably will never top the department again because he says he is through with professional football and is going to take advantage of his Rhodes scholarship at Oxford. White gained a total of 607 yards in 152 attempts to beat out "Tuffy" Leemans of the champion New York Giants. Leemans made 463 yards in 121 tries.

Bay St. Louis, Miss., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Big Jack Lee, fullback, today was Carnegie Tech's big question mark. Coach Bill Kern was optimistic, however, after Lee, out of play with an injured shoulder, had scrimmaged a few minutes yesterday. An examination showed the exercise had not bothered the shoulder. Lee will scrimmage briefly again today, then, if he feels right he will take over his position for a full session tomorrow and probably start against Texas Christian in the Sugar bowl.

Los Angeles, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The Southern California Trojans were threatening to grow 10-day beards today as students and officials began preparing a gala welcome for the "lace panty" special bringing Duke's

Advertisement for Olympia Beer featuring a portrait of Leopold F. Schmidt, founder of the Olympia Brewing Company, and the slogan 'What Does Tradition Have to Do with Beer?'. Includes text about the beer's history and quality.