

Situation Brightest in Years on Bear Campus



California Material Best Many Seasons

By Russell J. Newland

Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 21 (AP)—Football prospects at the University of California this fall are the brightest in the last half-dozen years.

There is so much material of major league caliber that even Coach Leonard "Stub" Allison, one of the old guard experts, "moaners," hasn't been able to squeeze out so much as an average pliant.

If "seeing is believing," the casual observer will be convinced by a fan-eye view of material which includes the eleven starters in last year's one-sided win over Stanford, concluding the regular schedule; some of the finest players ever to come from a freshman squad and candidates ranging from two to ten deep for all positions.

The 1937 California varsity boasts experience, weight, height, speed and ruggedness. Whether it will produce "smart" football will be determined as the returns roll in. It sums up as the best crop of pigskin maulers in years. All the team has to do now is to win the coast conference championship.

The bleacher coaches and Monday morning quarterbacks of this area, who pick them early and weep later, generally favor the Bears to come up with a team which will rank among the first three when the current epidemic of autumnal madness clears up late in November. The 1936 edition won four and lost three in conference play.

Last year Coach Allison felt the market in ends was decidedly skimpy. This fall 22 candidates for flank positions turned out.

The only noticeable reserve weakness is at the tackle positions where there are plenty of men of the untried variety to go along with three polished performers.

Coach Allison plans to open his previously conservative style of offense with a steady stream of lateral passes. The Bears will not shift, except to employ the controversial "rocker shift" in the line. Just before the ball is snapped the linemen arch up on finger tips. Rival coaches claim it is an illegal shift, designed to draw the opposition offside, Allison, insisting he has used the system for ten years, intends to continue it.

The final dispensation of the case will be left to the officials.

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Talented Tackle is Elroy Jensen, tackle of the University of Oregon. The Webfoots leave tonight for Los Angeles where they will engage the U.C.L.A. Bruins next Friday night.

Real Fighters Being Sought By McCarthy

A series of elimination bouts, featuring fighters in the 145 pound division, will be started next Friday night at the armory under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Jack McCarthy, matchmaker and referee in pugilistic circles, announced today that winners of five of Friday nights battles will be rematched on future cards. For instance if George Goodman should defeat Pete Keene, he will take on the No. 1 man in the George Peters-Ted Peterson scrap. Mac hopes in this way to develop one or two young men who are real prospects in the boxing game.

Goodman is a newcomer to local athletic circles. He brings with him a good reputation. Ace Hudkins, well known "Nebraska wildcat" started Goodman on his flaic career. Keene, his opponent, had little opportunity to show his real ability when he met Bobby Gibbons two weeks ago. Gibbons, while game, was outweighed too many pounds to put up a real battle.

The crowd was pleased with Gibbons' efforts on the recent card and as a result of his gameness, has been granted a six round match with Billie Owens of Tacoma. Gibbons is a fighter at heart and likes the game.

Buddy Ambrose, who has provided entertainment to hundreds of fight fans in recent years, will try his luck against Ernie Bailey of Centralia in a six rounder.

Ted Peterson of Independence expects to be in better condition than he was two weeks ago, when he met George Peters in another of the card's six round events. Ted lost a hard scrap to Sailor Mustan but believes he can more than make up for that defeat.

Redskin Wilson of Siletz, and Walt Steele, a Dallas product, will meet in a heavyweight battle.

Moran, Sugai Main Eventers

Sailor Moran, the bold, bad man of the wrestling arena, will be back tonight at the armory. The ex-navy champion has been assigned the somewhat difficult task of subduing Don Sugai, local Japanese sonenber exponent. Sugai, who learned how to take care of himself while playing a backfield position with the Salem high football squad, has developed into a real "strong man."

Consequently he more than holds his own when the going gets tough. Such a situation will undoubtedly arise tonight.

Booked in the 45-minute special event are Otis Clingman and Baron DeBernard. Clingman prefers to wrestle along scientific lines, but can shove as much dirt as an opponent should the occasion arise. Ernie Piluso, Portland Italian, and Rod Penton will provide the preliminary entertainment.

Sam Gibson, San Francisco Seal veteran, again was leading pitcher with a .704 average, representing 19 wins and 8 defeats.

THE STANDINGS

National League		
W	L	Pct.
New York	85	.516
Chicago	84	.516
St. Louis	75	.469
Pittsburgh	75	.469
Boston	70	.438
Brooklyn	61	.383
Philadelphia	55	.344
Cincinnati	54	.338

American League		
W	L	Pct.
New York	84	.516
Detroit	83	.516
Chicago	78	.488
Cleveland	74	.462
Boston	72	.451
Washington	67	.419
Philadelphia	47	.294
St. Louis	42	.262

Hawk Seeking Blockers For Ball Carriers

A few good blockers would be welcomed by Coach Harold Hawk who is busy engaged in building his high school football team. The first week of practice brought out a number of ball carriers, but now the crying need is for a few huskies who can so ahead and knock

down would-be tacklers. Hasbrook, one of the fastest men of the veteran crew, returned to the squad yesterday as did Hansel, a guard. Smith, another track man, like Hasbrook, is considered a potential ball carrier, but both are somewhat weak on defense.

So far nobody has shown up who can outkick Carl Chapman, so the veteran quarterback will probably do the booting as well as the passing. Playing his final season, fans are expecting great things from him.

Yesterday's scrimmage, the first of the season, while not permitting actual combat for all members of the squad, nevertheless brought out the fact that some good tackles may be available. These include Tom Williams, Walter Heine and Dudley Henderson. Henderson is a big fellow, six feet two inches tall. He appeared on the scene last season but had to drop out because he lived in the country and transportation facilities were not available.

Buddy Ambrose, well known Salem batter, will meet Ernie Bailey of Centralia on Friday night's card of six round battles at the armory.

Skits and Scratches
By Fred Zimmerman
Capital Journal Sports Editor

"Football prospects at the University of... this fall are the brightest in the last half dozen years." You should be able to fill in the blank space in two easy guesses. But in case your mental gymnastics are a bit sluggish, here it is, "California." The phrase has been brought out and dusted off each September for a number of seasons. In fact the sports writers to the south probably make carbon copies of it and keep it on file for use each succeeding autumn. Unquestionably California has been skimming the cream off a number of high school teams for several seasons. One year the Bear alumni rounded up virtually every intercollegiate captain in the Golden State. But, some how or other, the big institution at Berkeley whiffs in the pinch. The Bears managed to break into third place in the coast conference last season, but we imagine if Coach "Stub" Allison doesn't turn out a winner, or at least a real contender, he might as well be looking for another job. The Bear alumni will don wolf clothing and start to howl.

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Mystery Man of Golf Puts on Performance

By Henry McLemore

New York, Sept. 21 (U.P.)—John Montague took a water glass and set it on a table in the corner. Then he yanked a niblick out of his golf bag, and will you give me, "that I can't knock one of these balls in that glass?"

"Anything," I answered. "It's a hundred, two hundred, three hundred to one proposition."

"Don't be a sucker and offer those kind of odds," he said and, after one quick practice swing that trimmed the nap of the rug, played a crisp chip shot. The ball arched toward the ceiling and then dropped squarely in the glass breaking it.

That was the first of a dozen almost unbelievable golf shots that Montague made for me in the course of the afternoon. The impromptu exhibition, held in a hotel room, began when his own golf clubs arrived by express from California.

"Gee, these babies feel good," he said as he unlocked the tremendous bag and began swinging the woods and irons. His term "babies" approached the all-time mark for understatement, because the one time "mystery man of Hollywood" employs the biggest, heaviest clubs in the history of golf. His driver, for example, has a head on it nearly twice the size of the ordinary No. 1 wood, and weighs 19 ounces or more, which is five and one-half ounces more than is customary. And his irons are super-size, too.

One of the windows of the room, which overlooked a vacant lot, was open about six or eight inches. Taking his driver Montague backed across the room, dropped a ball on the rug, and said:

"Watch this shot."

Taking a full swing he laid into that ball with all his power. Call me a liar if you want to, but the ball whistled right through the opening—an opening so small that I would have had trouble tossing a ball through it a step or two away.

Montague pulled out the drawers of a desk—top, center, and bottom. Standing no farther than a yard from them he chipped successive balls into the top, the middle, and the bottom drawers. And he did it so quickly that it sounded like Bill Robinson doing his tap dance on steps.

"That's a cute one," he smiled. "You try it."

"Who'll pay for the desk?" I asked.

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French Boxer Frets New York Ring Fans

By Gayle Talbot

New York, Sept. 21 (AP)—Marcel Thil, the bald beauty from La Belle France and middleweight champion of the world in certain designated localities, is beginning to fret the experts, who have come back gamely after what happened to them last month and are trying to name all four winners on Thursday night's caucus of champions at the polo grounds.

The boys, who at first blushed almost unanimously picked Fred Apostoli to do up the Frenchman as brown as a fried frog's leg, are developing a painful suspicion that Thil may pull what has now come to be known as a "Tommy Farr."

The symptoms are very similar. Thil at times has looked even worse in training than did Farr in his preparation for Joe Louis. He has been clouded around by his sparring minions and has even worn the same sort of long, unsightly underwear in the ring that Farr affected. He talks in a strange language, too—more unintelligible than Farr's Welch—report the writers assigned to Marcel's camp.

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"He's the best body puncher I ever saw," said Dickson. "He will deal Apostoli misery in 15 rounds."

One thing most likely to handicap the Frenchman is the local "no-foul" rule. Marcel won each of his last two fights with Lou Brouillard in Paris while sitting on the floor making faces. He won't be able to win that way Thursday night.

Baseball

(By the Associated Press) Monday's games:
National League
New York 10, St. Louis 3.
Chicago 5, Brooklyn 4.
American League
New York 5, Detroit 0.
St. Louis 8-5, Boston 6-7.
No Coast League games scheduled.

Motor vehicles are being registered in Britain at the rate of 43,000 a month.

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