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Skits and Scratches

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"Spring Sports Slants," a mimeographed pamphlet bound in blue and maise, edited and published by Whitman college, and dropped on this writer's desk by the postman, points out that "Whitman's baseball team has won the Northwest conference championship nine times in the 16 years since the circuit was organized. Whitman has won the baseball title four times in the last five years, and has failed to qualify for the championship only once in the last 14 years. Whitman has won six consecutive championship series from Willamette, not losing to the Bearcats since 1931, although Willamette won its last title in 1940, when Whitman did not qualify for the series."

We do not have the records to check the statements which the brochure sets forth with so much pride. Undoubtedly they are true for Nig Borleske and his Missionaries have turned out some fine college baseball clubs. Climatic conditions around Walla Walla permit the playing of baseball far earlier than is the case in the Willamette valley. That, in our humble opinion, is the reason the Walla Wallans have dominated the conference.

A point in this connection is contained in the pamphlet: "Whitman's greatest team in 1938 won 44 games, lost 10, compiled separate winning streaks of 9, 7 and 10 games in a row, and won two out of three against Yakima, Western International champions that year." Fifty-four games in a single season! Up at Willamette if Spee Keene and his Bearcats get at 25 games they feel they are doing well. And even if the weather permitted, they would have used up their allotment of baseballs long before the half century mark could be reached.

"Whitman doesn't need to worry much about us this year," Coach Keene declares. "Lafayette should have the talent west of the Cascades and therefore will probably make the trip to Walla Walla." The Bearcat mentor may feel that way about the situation but nobody expects he will try hard to make himself a poor prophet.

"There has long been a feeling by the university group who follow the tournaments and by many Salemites that the local high school student body and its athletic teams have been entirely too cocky over their achievements, and display a far too 'superior' air towards other teams in the state. As a result, the setback to their morale received by the vaunted Vixs during the course of the tournament proved much to the delight of John Q. Fan who by nature likes to see the underdog come out on top," writes Gil Leiser in his Sport Lights column in the latest edition of the Willamette Collegian.

Gil is just about as correct in his deductions as he was in his broadcasting over the public address system during the state tournament—25 per cent to be real generous. That the average fan pulls for the under dog, there is no denying. But when Gil claims that "many Salemites" feel that the Vikings are too cocky, he ventures beyond the boundaries of truth.

But, granted the Vixs and their followers are "cocky," this writer believes any athletic outfit that has gone undefeated through No Name League competition, has won the state championship no less than a half dozen times and has turned in similar accomplishments, has a right to "tell the world." Personally we prefer a student body that has a bit of life and pep to one which has consistently had an approximate 10 per cent attendance at basketball games—a situation which existed at an institution not very far from the pioneer atop the state capital building.

For a column that is headed "Sport Lights," the author thereof seems to have been groping in the dark when he admits that he "cannot find out from officials just how positions of entries are decided" in connection with state tournament participation. Gil, for four days sat within arm's length of two gentlemen who could have explained the manner in which the teams are grouped. He intimates that there was some under cover work because North Bend found itself in the lower bracket, along with Astoria and Baker. Troy Walker, secretary of the OHSAA or Frank Gianelli, Oregonian sports writer could have informed Leiser that 18 numbers are placed in a hat and the pairings of the various teams result from their extraction.

Wood Contract Let

Selo—The Selo school board has contracted with Oliver Beard and Angus Leffler for 55 cords of 4-foot wood for the local schools for the 1942-43 school year. Price to be paid is 86 per cord delivered on or before August 15.

Shaughnessy Quits As Stanford Mentor

Stanford University, Calif., March 21 (U.P.)—Clark D. Shaughnessy, pilot of the old model T, quits his post as head football coach at Stanford university today to go to the University of Maryland. Shaughnessy's resignation will be placed in the hands of the board of athletic control. Dr. Ray Altman Wilbur, chancellor of the university, has announced Stanford authorities will not hold the veteran coach to his contract, which still has three years to run.

Confirmation of Shaughnessy's resignation came from his son, Clark, Jr., who made the announcement in the Santa Paula Chronicle, of which the youth is sports editor. Appointment of Jim Lawson, all-American end, at Stanford in 1924 and assistant coach there for 15 years, as head coach was understood to be "in the bag."

Shaughnessy will leave the Pacific coast with a top-hole record. He came to Stanford in 1940 after a disastrous season at Chicago, where football was dropped because of lack of enthusiasm.

In his first year as pilot of the Indians he brought Stanford the conference title and the Rose Bowl crown, with 10 straight victories. According to Clark, Jr., Shaughnessy will become Maryland's director of athletics and physical education and head football coach at a reputed salary of \$10,000 a year under a 10-year contract. He will report at College Park April 1.

The prospect of lean football years on the Pacific coast was believed to have promoted Shaughnessy to seek other fields.

"Football coaching for the next few years won't be much of a job," Shaughnessy was quoted by his son. "A job of director of athletics is much safer and much more in tune with the times."

Molalla First In Track Meet

Woodburn—Molalla high by taking 71 1-8 points, won first place in a three-way track meet here Friday afternoon with Woodburn and Chemawa. Woodburn placed second with 50 1-6, while Chemawa trailed with 30 2-3.

The results:
High hurdles—Shields, M. first; Knuffman, M. second; Cornell, M. third. 114.4.
100 yard dash—Peltz, W. first; Haller, W. second; Shields, M. third. 10.8.
200 yard dash—Peltz, W. first; Knuffman, M. second; Shields, M. third. 23.4.
400 yard dash—Dickey, M. first; Cornell, M. second; Maxwell, C. third. 24.8.
800 yard dash—Haller, W. first; Knuffman, M. second; Maxwell, C. third. 52.2.
1,600 yard dash—Peltz, W. first; Dickey, M. second; Wood, M. third. 24.
3,200 yard run—Younman, C. first; Borenson, W. second; Chibow, M. third. 2:12.
5,000 yard run—Shields, M. first; Williams, C. second; Tom Edden, C. third. 11:50.
10,000 yard run—Shields, M. first; Williams, C. second; Tom Edden, C. third. 24:10.
20,000 yard run—Shields, M. first; Williams, C. second; Tom Edden, C. third. 48:10.
30,000 yard run—Shields, M. first; Williams, C. second; Tom Edden, C. third. 1:18:10.
50,000 yard run—Shields, M. first; Williams, C. second; Tom Edden, C. third. 1:40:10.

Dayton Back in Baseball Fold

Dayton—Baseball will be enjoyed by Dayton fans again after an absence of five years. Through the efforts of the Dayton American Legion and school board new suits and new equipment have been purchased.

Coach Ted Hippl announced that about 20 boys are turning out regularly and that he hopes to have nine hopefuls chosen by the time the league opens.

Principal Rex Kaseberg announced the Dayton baseball schedule as follows:
April 10—Dayton here; April 14—Carlton there; April 17—Yamhill here; April 24—Lafayette there; April 28—Dundee there; May 1, Carlton here; May 5, Yamhill there; May 12—Lafayette here.

Fox's Broken Toe Now on Mend

Sarasota, Fla., March 21 (AP)—X-ray pictures today showed that Jimmy Fox's broken toe was healing and indicated that the Boston Red Sox slugger would be back in action within a week. Ted Williams' hip injury also is improving, but his return to the lineup still is a few days off.

Lakeland, Fla., March 21 (AP)—Hal White's performance against the Cincinnati Reds yesterday virtually clinched the righthander's job with the Detroit Tigers. He retired 12 Red batters in order in the four innings he worked.

Volunteers Wanted For Air Observing

Selo—More volunteers are needed for duty at the major aircraft warning station in the Selo vicinity, according to P. W. Schunk, who is locally in charge of the work under army supervision. Four hours a day for one week, with two weeks off duty, is the current schedule. Persons available for this service are urged to report immediately to Schunk or Ben Cooch.

Pollard Leads Stanford to Win Over Rice

(By the Associated Press)
Illinois and Colorado, which had been favored to meet in Kansas City next week-end for the National Collegiate basketball title, had varied success last night in a pair of contests that ended with identical scores.

The sophomore sensations of the Big Ten were spilled by Kentucky, champions of the southeast conference, 46 to 44, in the eastern playoffs at New Orleans while Colorado sneaked by Kansas in the western meeting at Kansas City by the same two points.

Dartmouth's eastern league champions subdued Penn State, district No. 2 representatives, 44 to 39, in the other game at New Orleans and Stanford eliminated Rice, 53 to 47, in the opener at Kansas City.

Tonight's program pits the New Hampshire Indians against the Blue Shirts of Kentucky in the feature event at New Orleans with Stanford and Colorado tangling in the western meet. The two winners will collide next Saturday in Kansas City for the NCAA crown.

Elimination of Illinois, the Big Ten champion, so early in the competition was the shock of the first night's play.

Pollard, the Stanford sophomore, poured in 26 points on 12 baskets and a pair of free throws.

The smooth-passing Stanford outfit, which has great height and knows how to use it, commanded a 12-point lead over Rice at halftime in the opening western playoff game. But for seven minutes in the last period the Indians were scoreless while the Houston, Tex., club, buoyed by stocky Chet Palmer, cruised into a breath-taking lead.

Stanford won, but not until Pollard came to the rescue with an eight-point barrage in the last minutes.

Letters Issued Jefferson High

Jefferson—Basketball letters were issued at a special assembly in the high school Thursday to the following: Don Gilmour, 3rd year; Gary Barna, 3rd year; Jimmie Henderson, 3rd year; Earl Marcum, 2nd year; Robert Bruce, 1st year; Monte Weddle, 1st year; Arthur Harris, 1st year.

Yell leader letters were awarded to Mattie Lou Plicher and Ruth Overholser.

Song queen letter was awarded to Mickle Thurston.

Baseball practice opened Wednesday with 31 boys out for the team. Three positions, catcher, pitcher, and first base, have to be filled as a result of graduation last spring.

Over Night Camping Trip Occupies Club

Aurora—Members of the Aurora Squirrels forestry club attended the Marion county forestry trip recently. The trip was spent at Silver Falls recreation area, which was an overnight camping trip, spent in the interest of completing their projects. Those attending from here included Richard Von, Wayne Russell, Bob-Ezell, Edward Koenig, Oreta Brown, Warren Ingalls, Helen Clark and Charles Diller, accompanied by their leader, Mrs. Ruby Schantz.

The identification contest resulted in a four-way tie for first place. Charles Diller and Edward Koenig from the local school and two boys from Marion each getting 15 specimens, and Wayne Russell, also of Aurora, receiving 14. All Aurora members placed high in the contest.

The return trip from the recreational area was devoted to a wiener roast at the South Falls.

Fox Resigns McLoughlin High

Milton-Freewater, March 21 (AP)—Rufus Fox, McLoughlin high school basketball coach for five years, announced yesterday he would resign at the end of the school year. He did not disclose future plans.

Mare Island Wins 5-Game Series

Vallejo, Calif., March 21 (U.P.)—The Mare Island navy yard apprentice basketball team won its annual three-game series with the Puget Sound navy yard apprentices by defeating the visitors, 43 to 37, in the deciding game last night.

Puget Sound won the opener Wednesday night and Mare Island evened the series Thursday night. Mare Island led at half-time, 19-16, in last night's game. Coke Morrison and Ken Harrison shared high honors for the winners. Each with 17 points. Puget Sound guard A. Jensen led the losers with 12 points.

Forests of pine and spruce cover more than half the area of Sweden.

Running Up the Bill--By Art Krenz



High Score Games Make Hit with Fans

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.
(Wide World Sports Columnist)
New York, March 21—You may argue that it isn't basketball, but this two-points-minute stuff really gets the fans. . . . At the Garden the other night a guy who would walk out

he has some pretty good prospects, too.

Today's Guest Star
Bob Phillips, Birmingham (Ala.) Age Herald: "It's nice, if a trifle unethical, that a talented baseball player should be financed through college by a professional team, especially if the player is genuinely interested in getting an education—whatever that means. Few schools lay it on the line in fees, board, books, laundry and extras for baseball players like they do for football players."

Lebanon Plays Sweet Home Nine

Lebanon—Lebanon high school will open its 1942 baseball season Monday afternoon in a contest with Sweet Home. The game will be played on the local diamond, starting about 2:30, Coach Roy Helser announced.

While little has been learned here as to the quality of Sweet Home's aggregation, the Lebanon nine should be able to take care of itself with several veterans in the lineup.

The still untried position is pitcher, where only Joe Mangold has had any experience with the first string. He, along with Ted Maneia and Ted Daily, who pitched in junior high, will probably share mound duties. Arnold Byder and Richard De Kuyper are also trying for the post.

Letterman Bob Thoma will probably handle the major portion of the catching duties, with Kenny Christ substituting.

Three players, Clinton Smith, Bud Throm and Wendell Cook are competing for first base. Alvin Jennings seems assured of second, and Chuck Long at short stop, with Chuck Enslay a strong threat for the latter two posts.

Captain Bill "Porky" Reeves looks best on third, according to Helser, and in the outfield Calvin Jennings and Clinton Smith, unless assigned to first base, will be at two outfield positions, and Bill Heyne and Don Ellis competing for the other fly catching job.

Altogether a string of 25 players are turning out, including Kenneth Rountry, Stan Sylvester, Clifford Enslay, Reid Merritt, Roland King, Jim Irvine, Walter Haven, Roy Ayres, John Elliott and Robert Erickson.

Stiner Prepares For Spring Drill

Corvallis, Ore., March 21 (U.P.)—The Oregon State college football team, Pacific Coast conference and Rose Bowl champion, will begin spring practice Tuesday regardless of any action taken at the conference meeting in Portland. Coach Lon Stiner announced today.

Stiner said he did not know what players will report next fall but announced he would drill each lineman and backfield man to play every position in the line and backfield to safeguard against being caught with inexperienced starters.

He issued a blanket invitation to the 2500 men at Oregon State to report for the 30-day spring practice.

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War Causes Unusual Turnover in Coaches

By Jack Guenther
New York, March 21 (U.P.)—At Fordham university today a couple of engravers went to work on a glass paneled door bearing the title "Head Coach" and the minor operation they performed was thickly crusted with significance for the town's football enthusiasts. They carefully scratched out the name of James Crowley and in its place lettered that of Earl Walsh.

With minor variations the same ceremony will be repeated a dozen times between now and September at other major football colleges—places like Minnesota, Duke, Tulane, Navy, Southern California and Nebraska. Crowley isn't the only coach off to the wars. The mentors are joining up on all sides. The year is still new, but already the turnover is unprecedented.

The Fordham switch is but one of many, yet it is notable, the reason is Earl Walsh. After almost a quarter century as a career football man this one-time running mate of George Gipp and discoverer of Frank Leahy has finally come into his own.

A Notre Dame product, this fellow has been working as backfield coach at Fordham for nine years. He never received his share of publicity because in football season he wasn't available. He never saw Fordham play. Every week-end he was out of town carrying on his subversive activities as a football espionage agent.

For nine years Walsh has been America's foremost football scout, hopping planes for Texas or North Carolina or Indiana and spying on forthcoming Ram opponents. Last year he traveled 20,000 miles and saw 20 different teams. More than one of Fordham's close triumphs were won the week before they were played. Walsh won them in stadiums 1,000 miles away.

He is an unusually apt observer and he didn't come by his talent suddenly. He has been in football all his life. He played halfback for three years at Notre Dame and in 1918 and 1920 he shared backfield honors with Gipp.

3 New Faces in Coach Confab

Portland, March 21 (AP)—There were three new faces today as Pacific coast conference football coaches met with Commissioner Edwin Atherton as a prelude to the vital meeting of conference bigwigs which opens Sunday.

Newcomers were Ralph "Pest" Welch, who succeeded his old boss Jimmy Phelan at Washington; Jeff Cravath, who returned to his alma mater to succeed Sam Barry, as head coach at southern California, and Jim Lawson, who apparently is the heir-apparent at Stanford.

Welch an Cravath were among those present at a hotel lobby fan-faring bee last night when word came along from Palo Alto that Lawson was slated to succeed Clark "T Formation" Shaughnessy, who was tickled to accept a coaching job at Maryland.

The newcomers, as well as some of the more veteran mentors such as Tex Oliver of Oregon and Babe Horrell of U.C.L.A., immediately extended hairy paws in congratulation, but Lawson shrugged and declared "it hasn't happened yet."

Then he disclosed that Shaughnessy's move came as no surprise to him, and that if he did receive the head coaching job he would be faced with the problem of obtaining additional assistants.

"We have Harry Shipkey as fresh coach, and if the conference decides to permit fresh to play varsity ball, Shipkey will have to stay at that job," Lawson said. "Marchie Schwartz will be back, too, although he's now in a cast from a recent back operation, and Phil Bengston just left us to join the navy."

Gill Assigned Rook Baseball

Corvallis, March 21 (AP)—Oregon State college named Amory T. "Slats" Gill, basketball coach, to take on the freshman baseball coaching job yesterday, replacing J. W. Forrester, who resigned recently. Gill was varsity baseball coach for several years.

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