

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman
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How does a coach keep his boys interested in football when there is a lapse of three weeks between contests? That's the situation Spec Keene is confronted with at Willamette as he peers down through a 10-day corridor of time to the College of Puget Sound game booked for Saturday afternoon, October 31. Insofar as actual outside competition is concerned the Bearcats have not turned a wheel since October 9 when they defeated Linfield. A kid just naturally has to like football better than anything else in order to keep up his enthusiasm when he knows there is nothing in sight for three weeks except rocking or getting rocked by one of his own teammates.

With transportation curtailed and becoming more and more difficult for the average civilian, right now would be a good time to inaugurate a scoutless campaign. Play football without the benefit of having watched the opposition. The result might be surprising or disastrous but we believe all concerned would get a kick out of such an arrangement. Coach Buff Donelli of Duquesne favors doing away with the scout for the duration at least.

Jack Cuddy of the U.P. tells of an experience Donelli had last week when Duquesne and North Carolina, finding themselves without games, agreed to a hurry-up contest at Chapel Hill. "Because the game had been arranged at the last minute, neither team had been able to scout the other," Cuddy pointed out. "Donelli spent the first half of the game analyzing Tar Heel formations and devising methods of combating them. And his players were doing the same."

"Then it was up to me and the boys to pool our information in the dressing room and map a campaign for the second half," Donelli said. "I did the best I could, but I guess I didn't do as good a job between halves as Jim Tatum of Carolina. We got beat, but I'll tell you this, I never enjoyed a football game as much in my life. And the boys said the same thing after the first half. Because it was a catch-as-catch-can—a battle of brains, far different from playing with plans already made. The kids were out there on their own, the boys on both teams had to be doubly alert on every play. For a while, every lad was his own field general. Football played that way is tops. It really gives the game to the players—loses it right into their laps."

Whether or not the coaches are in favor of doing away with scouting or not, the matter may be taken out of their hands if the armed services continue to levy on the ranks of the assistants in physical education. Scouts don't grow on bushes. As a matter of fact a man who can turn out a good digest of what has happened during a football game is a rare specimen. A good scout has to forget the game as a spectator. And when he gets home he has to have in his brief case a complete set of plays as run off by the club which is due on the local campus the following Saturday.

Belated Vacations Taken by Farmers

Hazel Green—With the last of the harvesting done with the completion of silo filling the farmers are enjoying brief vacations, mostly hunting trips. A group of successful hunters returned from the 12 station in the Eastern Oregon section, among them Perry Sanders, Clarence and Lawrence Zielenki of this community, Charles Andresen and John Zumstein of Hayesville, Andy Feilen of Salem, John P. Zielenki of Quincy, Wally Park of West Salem, Tony Halter of Woodburn and Earl Hammer, of Middle Grove. The group found that the deer were less numerous than in previous years and more elusive than on other hunting trips.

Another group left this week for the same hunting grounds and will stay a week or more. Included were Edward and Peter Haslebacker, Albert Erickson, of Portland, Henry Zrinaner of Keizer, and Marvin Van Cleave.

Hubert Aspinwall of this community, Hallie Doe and R. Anderson of Salem have returned from a trip to Wolf mountain in Eastern Oregon.

Modest Otto 'Just Throws' That Football

Evanston, Ill., Oct. 21 (AP)—Northwestern's Otto Graham currently holds the honors for the year's best single-game passing performance but the dark-browed junior halfback only laughs when terms like "sling-shot wing" and "rubber arm" are used to describe his ability. "I just throw," he said today. "Some days I feel hot and other days I can't hit a thing. Against Michigan I just felt good."

In the Michigan game last Saturday (which the Wolverines won, 34-16) Graham completed 20 of 29 passes and gained 295 yards. He won wide fame last year for a season's mark of 36 completions in 75 tries—but in four 1942 games he has hit the target 37 out of 73.

"Michigan left their flats wide open," Graham offered as an explanation. "I could have completed passes out there all day. They were just going good and the boys were doing a nice job of catching them."

Graham's "hot day" against the Wolverines ran his passing total for the season to 482 yards. Only four of his throws have been intercepted.

Pastor Sore Over Decision

Cleveland, Oct. 21 (AP)—With decisions over highly regarded Bob Pastor and Tami Mauriello in his last two scraps, Jimmy Bivens deserve a spot well up in the heavyweight ranks today.

The punching Cleveland negro, who normally fights as a light heavy, tacked on a couple of extra pounds last night and grabbed a split decision from a surprised and indignant Pastor who landed far more blows, although they weren't quite so sharp, the 10,576 faithful who entrusted \$35,908 to Matchmaker Larry Atkins' care at the Cleveland arena seemed evenly divided on the verdict.

Daredevils and Rangers in Tie

The intramural football game between the Rangers, captained by Don Chapman, and the Daredevils, piloted by Roy Little, went into the books as a scoreless tie Tuesday after the two high school outfits had struggled through four quarters without reaching the goal line. Each side got within 20 yards of the promised land but could not penetrate no further.

Team personnel: Daredevils—Roy Little, captain; Wayne Weston, Richard Vincent, Dave Smith, Robert Lee, Calvin Masee, Glen Lewis, Ben Reiman, Carl Ward, Gene Hartung, Daryl Jones, Wesley Strode, Roy Tomkins, Bill Mathis, Wilford Beard, Keith Morris, Gordon Wyatt, Norman Stone, Bob Mentzer.

Rangers—Don Chapman, captain; Bob Zeller, Lloyd Finden, Robert Robbins, David Simpson, Mel Case, Harold Adams, Preston Mills, Bill Robbins, Roy Houck, Remo Young, Dick Hill, Allen Aplet, Vernon Houghen, Bill Melthoff, Bud Thompson, Sidney Wells, Jim Watenpaugh and Steve Zuslinden.

Todd Family Gathers

Stayton—Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Todd and their son, Roy Todd, of Deer Park, Wash., spent the past week at the Boyd Eldson home. Mrs. Eldson is their daughter. The visit was climaxed by a family gathering of over 30 Saturday night. Games and refreshments were enjoyed. Roy Todd was on leave from the navy and was to return to duty Monday.

Customs Change In War Times

Logan, Utah, Oct. 21 (AP)—Usually the winner of the football game between Utah university and Utah State agricultural college keeps the ball used in the contest. But when Utah won, Utah State refused to surrender the ball. "Gotta keep it," a student manager explained. "Can't buy footballs anymore."

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Loss of Arm Fails Handicap Tulsa Guard

By Ben Funk
Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 21 (AP)—Rugged, red-haired Ellis Jones, University of Tulsa right guard, has only one arm but he couldn't be much harder to handle, opposition linemen say. If he had as many flippers as an octopus.

A lot of people were surprised, most of all Jones himself, when the quiet, modest Texan won a starting berth on the most powerful Tulsa football team of recent years.

But Coach Henry Frnka insists that he was entirely in his right when he gave Jones the nod over a field of half a dozen pretty good guard candidates.

"Jones is very fast and has tremendous leg power," Frnka said. "And he can block, kick, and is a good tackler. Jones injured his right arm in a fall from a tree when he was 11 years old. Blood poisoning forced doctors to amputate the arm near the shoulder.

One of his boyhood ambitions was to play football and he determined not to let the handicap stop him. He went out for football as a freshman in the Abilene, Tex., high school.

"Better not do it, kid," advised Coach Dewey Mayhew. "This is a rough game and you might get hurt."

But Jones couldn't be talked out of it. So, to keep him out of danger and out of the way, Mayhew assigned him to a scrub team where he had little chance for action.

However, the sober, determined youngster had no intention of remaining with the scrubs. Hours at a time, day after day, he practiced kicking, blocking and tackling and even learned to snag a pass with the best of them.

When he was a junior, Mayhew promoted him to the first string and two years later he made the San Angelo, Tex., junior college team.

A report on Jones' came to Frnka last fall from a scout who saw San Angelo play the Cameron Aggies at Lawton, Okla. "That one-armed guy," said the scout, "was in their backfield all day."

Frnka was skeptical but saw to it, nevertheless, that Jones was duly sold on the merits of Tulsa university.

And Jones soon sold himself to Tulsa when he arrived and donned a football suit.

Offense Stressed By Washington

Seattle, Oct. 21 (AP)—The emphasis is on the scoring in the University of Washington football camp this week.

Figuring that more than one touchdown will be needed to beat the strengthened California Bears here Saturday, Coach Ralph (Pest) Welch observed after yesterday's slam-bang offensive display:

"Right now we're figuring ways and means of making points. We'll get our defense set later."

The Huskies were on the beam as they marched to five touchdowns last night against the Frosh. The display led Dr. Alfred Strauss of Chicago, a noted alumnus who keeps a close tab on Washington football and has steered many a grid star westward, to comment: "That's the most business-like squad I've seen here in a number of years."



Charles (Bud) Wilkinson, Minnesota's chief football scout. Here (seated) he confers with (left to right) Red Dawson, backfield coach; John Roning, end coach; Dr. George Hauser, head coach.

Defeat Takes Edge off Beaver-Cougar Clash

By Fred Hampson
The Oregon State-Washington State football game, which looked like it might decide the Pacific Coast conference championship two weeks ago, now scales down to a sort of salvage operation with each team trying to hang onto a pennant chance at the expense of the other.

Nevertheless, Portland sports writers still think it will be one of the top games of the season in the circuit, holding that both teams are stronger than last Saturday's scores indicate and each is fiercely determined not yet to yield its flag hope.

Washington State seems to be a slight choice in Portland.

Rickey Reports For Showdown

New York, Oct. 21 (AP)—The post of general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers remained open today but the presence of Branch Rickey for a reported "show-down" conference indicated today that the St. Louis Cardinals' executive had the inside track for the job.

Rickey arrived here last night by plane from St. Louis and, while refusing to comment on the Dodgers' position, admitted he planned to sever relations with the Cardinals.

"I've heard the report about the Brooklyn offer, of course," Rickey said, "but I can not discuss it."

Asked whether he planned to leave St. Louis, Rickey said: "Very definitely. I'm leaving—I've said that before. I hate to go, though, they're a great bunch of boys and it's a great town for baseball. They are a great supporting people."

Silverton Plant Full of Venison

Silverton—The lockers at the cold storage plant are fast filling up with deer and antelope meat bagged by hunters.

Lester Rue, student at Oregon State college, and employed in construction supervisory work at the Salem airport, returned Monday with a fine buck, his first kill with the victim spoiling a beautiful pair of horns in a "summersault" down a rocky cliff when he was hit. Just previous to Rue's luck, he got a shot at a large cougar that had been menacing the flocks in that section but the cat was too quick for him and hid in a tree until he could get away.

With Rue was his father, Bert Rue, who served as "bush-beater" for the hunters as he had brought home his buck a few days previous.

Others in the party were Alf O. Nelson and his son, Jim, who are becoming home famous on their reputation of wounding an animal and having him come to within a few yards of camp when a bullet in his heart from the gun of Nelson, senior, ended his troubles.

H. B. Jorgenson and his son, Vincent, were members of the party, also, but have not been heard from as to luck.

Bert Rue remained in the vicinity of Mitchell for a week as guide for other hunters.

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Basketball to Flourish in Spite of War

By Jack Cuddy
New York, Oct. 21 (AP)—Regardless of what happens to other sports during the war, basketball seems destined to flourish.

The hoop game is easily adaptable to wartime conditions. Moreover, it has thousands of active participants—male and female—throughout the country, and its millions of fans generally are more prosperous now than in recent years.

Despite the constant shift of manpower to the colors, talent will be available for "big time" basketball because it is the most widely played team-game in the nation's high schools, colleges, military establishments and defense plants. It's a sport that thrives on local loyalty and close-to-home rivalries. Hence, it's "big-time" wherever played.

Some semi-pro and college teams do make long trips during the season, with squads that are small compared to those in football or baseball. But these trips could be eliminated and inter-sectional play dropped entirely during war time without hurting the game. Distance does not lend enchantment in basketball as it does on the gridiron or diamond. Rarely does a distant "quint" build up a following among the home folks like a distant football or baseball outfit. Games would be just as well attended, perhaps better, if basketball teams concentrated on competition in their own areas.

The game is particularly adaptable to war conditions because of available talent, a minimum of transportation difficulties, and because it lends itself to odd-hours of practice. We mean that players can practice in their spare time, day or night. This is important these days when men in uniform are so busy for long hours, when de-

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Turner Beaten In Late Rounds

Portland, Oct. 21 (AP)—A twofisted attack in the late rounds won Costello Cruz, 158, Santa Barbara, Calif., a ten-round decision last night over Leo Turner, 157, Portland negro. Turner had the edge in the early rounds, but Cruz' superior in-fighting soon began to tell and he had the negro almost helpless by the final round.

In a wild semi-wind-up Al Spina, 141, Portland, gained a six-round decision over Bill Debrill, 143, Los Angeles. There were eight knock-downs, seven of them scored by Spina.

Other results: Zeb Smith, 173, Portland, six-round decision over Bobby Ross, 178, Amarillo, Tex.; Young Nationalista, 129, Portland, four-round draw with Lefty Smith, 128, Fort Lewis; Boxcar Kline, 160, Lewiston, Idaho, knocked out Kid Thornley, 161, Portland, in the third round of a scheduled four-round bout.

Jurkovich Back In Bear Lineup

Berkeley, Calif., Oct. 21 (AP)—Jim Jurkovich, University of California left halfback who has been out of the lineup because of leg injury, is working out again with the hope of entering the game with the University of Washington Saturday.

Coach L. B. (Stub) Allison said the team showed a better defense in yesterday's workouts.

Downtown Strategist Given Coaching Job

Orting, Wash., Oct. 21 (AP)—Let's have a cheer for that venerable—and voluble—fraternity, the Monday morning barbershop quartets. One of the boys (and it's the barber himself) has landed a job as coach. Roy Benjamin, who has honed a razor over many a football game in this town of 1,200 populace, took the Orting high school job after the regular coach left for a war job. The team surprised the townfolk by going right out and scoring a touchdown for the first time in two years.

When Benjamin volunteered his services, a leader of the townfolk told him: "You've been quarterbacking the team from the shop every Monday morning, Roy; now go ahead and coach it."

Benjamin is a pretty busy guy between the shop and the field, but he granted the following long distance interview to a sports editor in Seattle:

"What do I do with the shop when I'm coaching? I close it up tight. My experience? I played football since I was four years old. Was captain of the Tomah, Wis., high school team in 1915. Don't write me up like I was a Rockie, because my boys are pretty green. But Orting scored a touchdown last week for the first time in two years, even if the other team did win, 51 to 7."

Joe Cronin Takes Oversea Position

Boston, Oct. 21 (AP)—Manager Joe Cronin of the Boston Red Sox said today that acceptance of an offer to manage one of the Red Cross overseas recreation clubs satisfies an "urge to do something to help ever since the war started."

First big league manager to volunteer for war duty, Cronin revealed that he will return to this country to pilot his club during 1943 as his war service will only be temporary. The Sox mentor has two years remaining under the second of two five-year contracts with owner Tom Yawkey.

fense plants workers can't take time out to groom for a game, and when many colleges are taking a "four-year course" in three.

In addition, the sport—usually played indoors—requires only modest equipment.



Leo Costa, University of Georgia, minute by minute, probably has the greatest scoring record in college football. In three years of varsity competition he has scored 59 points for Georgia, all of them place kicks for points after touchdowns. Yet Costa has played exactly four minutes of varsity football—four minutes in the opening game of his sophomore year. He is listed as a center but is destined not to get his suit dirty unless he falls down en route from the bench.

Roblin May Get Blocking Berth

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 21 (AP)—Tommy Roblin, ace Oregon backfield man, probably will be blocking back against the Idaho football team here Saturday.

Roblin started the season as principal ball carrier, but in the game against Washington two weeks ago was in the quarterback position most of the time. Coach John Warren said he liked the experiment well, and might use Bob Reynolds, negro speedster, at left half, Scotty Deeds at right half and Bill Davis at fullback.

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