

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman
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Coach Pest Welch is yelling bloody murder up on the University of Washington campus and judging by his forebodings, there is little for the Huskies' mentor in sight but the short end of the score at the conclusion of next Saturday's battle with Duke Trotter's navy grid-ers. It's an old Spanish custom for a coach to put up the poorest story he knows before game time and then show how good a psychologist he is by watching his club hand the opposition a beautiful pasting. Personally, we would be tickled pink if the 'Cats could slip over as much as a one touchdown win, or for that matter a victory by a single point. We would even accept a tie, but the mournful Mr. Welch can't convince us the situation is as desperate as he pictures.

The Willamette squad and coaching staff were fortunate on their trip to Walla Walla in that they were able to secure Pullman accommodations at the last minute. They are not going to stretch their luck on the Seattle trip, but will leave here Friday afternoon in a chair car and will reach the end of their journey in time to get a good night's sleep in hotel rooms. Twenty-five players will make the trip—a squad that won't begin to compare in numbers with the one Coach Pest Welch will have on the bench at the opening foot of the whistle. It is in this department Washington is expected to have a material edge. Offsetting that, however, is the experience Willamette has gained from competing in two games. It's a well known fact that nothing takes the place of actual combat to show the coaching department the weaknesses and strength of his men and combinations.

Attendance at last Saturday's Willamette-Whitman tilt was not up to that of a year ago. Two or three factors entered into the decline—the earlier date on which it was played, inability of would-be fans to get away from their jobs, and a slight increase in the price of admission. Sports followers in these parts are quite cost-conscious and many resent even a slight tilting of the duce price no matter how much justification there is.

Salem and Klamath Falls gridiron squads will work on an exchange basis the week-end of Sept. 29-30. Willamette will make the trip to Klamath for a session with the U. S. Marine Base 11 of that community, while the high school Pelicans will move up here for a round with the Vikings the night of Sept. 29. Coach Marble Cook, who replaced big Frank Ramsey as head man of the Pelicans, told members of the Klamath Quarterback club this week that his players were having a bit of difficulty mastering the intricacies of the T formation. They have appeared strong on defense but so far have failed to get their offensive plays functioning with any degree of success.

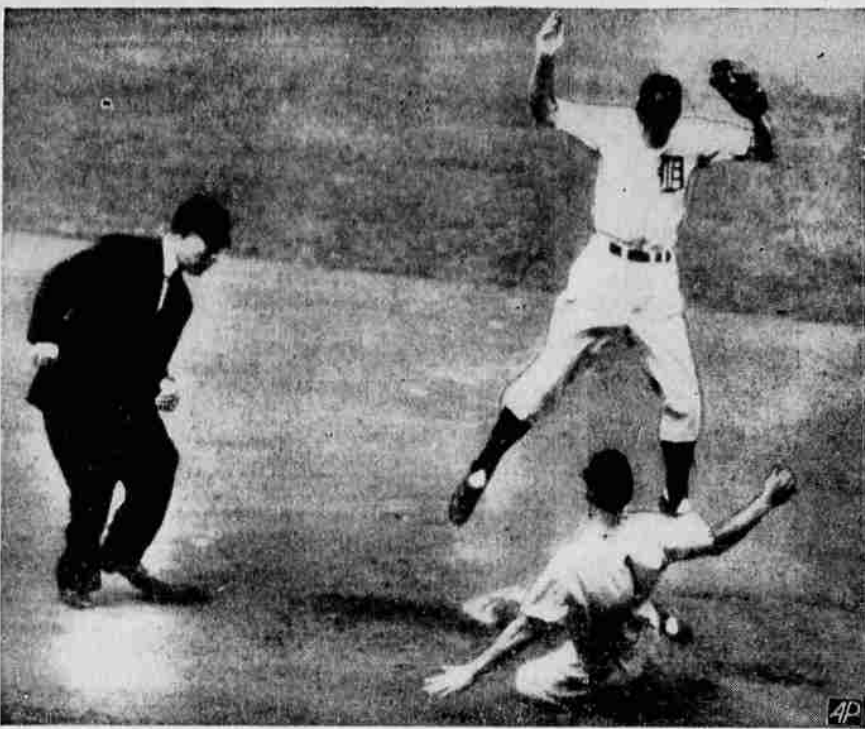
Coach Chuck Mucha will have 10 lettermen, all forwards—to toss at the Salem Vikings next Friday night when the Lincoln Cards of Portland entertain Coach Tom Drynan's grid-ers. It will be the first experience for the Portland club and the second outing for the Viki. Lincoln lost its entire regular backfield through graduation, including Doug Melver who is now associated with the Willamette Senats. The Cards finished last season in the Portland cellar, but have hopes of moving out of that unenviable position during the next few weeks. From all indications the Vikings will hold a weight advantage in the line and a bit more experience in the backfield.

L-P Squad Blanks Fourth Ball Club

Cleveland, Sept. 21 (AP)—Portland, Oregon's Lind and Pomeroey Girls softball team scored its fourth straight victory in the world amateur softball team championships here yesterday, downing the Stamford, Conn., Nutmegs, 1-0.

Betty Evans tossed a no-hitter for Portland, striking out 17. Tuesday she had combined with Alyce Johnson for a no-hitter against Omaha, Neb. Portland hasn't allowed opponents a single run.

Hopewell — The Hopewell school scheduled to have started Monday, September 18, because of need for hop pickers has been postponed until Monday, September 25, George Polvi, chairman of the board, announced.



Detroit Tiger Goes High in the Air for Ball (AP)—Ed Mayo (upper right) of the Detroit Tigers reached high in a leap for the ball in an attempt to put out Frank Crossett of the New York Yankees (lower right) who was safe at second base in the first inning of the game at Detroit. Umpire Joe Rue is at left.

Beavers, Oaks Win in Playoff

(By the Associated Press)
Close scores marked opening games in the Pacific Coast baseball league President's cup playoffs last night as the Oakland A's defeated San Francisco 6 to 5 in 13 innings and Portland won from Los Angeles, 4 to 2.

Oakland won from the Seals when Manager Dolph Camilli beat the throw home after Jake Caulfield's fly. The score was tied at 3-all in the seventh inning when Neil Sheridan homered for San Francisco. In the 13th the Seals scored twice, only to have the A's bounce back with three counters in their half of the frame.

Ranch or Army For Sammy Baugh

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—The Washington Post said today that Sammy Baugh must quit the Washington Redskins and return to his Texas ranch by October 1 or be classified 1A by selective service.

Baugh must choose between continuing in professional football or returning to his occupation as a rancher, the Post said. It was told by C. R. Simmons, chairman of the Nolan county (Texas) draft board No. 1.

"As a rancher, Baugh has been holding a 2C classification," said Simmons, "and he applied in July for permission to play three charity games in pro football. With the approval of the state board, we granted Baugh that permission and notified him that he must be back on his ranch by October 1 or he would be put in 1A. Pro football is not an essential occupation."

300 HOP PICKERS NEEDED NOW!

Good Picking — Daily Transportation Busses will make stops for pickers at 6:00 a.m. daily at each of the following locations:

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Broadway and Hood Street
Commercial and South Street
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ROUTE 2.
17th and State Street
12th and State Street
State and Winter Street
State and Commercial Street
Commercial and Center Street

ROUTE 3.
17th and Market Street
17th and Center Street
Center and Capitol Street
Center and Cottage Street

ROUTE 4.
Fairground Road and Highland Avenue
Capitol and Market Street
12th and Mission Street
12th and Cross Street
Leslie School
Mission and Commercial Street

Lakebrook Hop Farm

8 Miles North on River Road

Grid Broadcast 1:15 p. m. Saturday

Saturday's football game between Willamette university and the University of Washington, at Seattle, will be aired locally over radio station KSLM. Associated Oil, sponsors of the broadcast, will release a play by play description of the contest over a chain of 22 stations throughout Washington and Oregon. Sportscaster Ted Bell will go on the air at 1:15 p. m.

Tigers Chase NY Yanks Out of Town

Detroit, Sept. 21 (AP)—The New York Yankees, staggering from five straight defeats that have punched them deep into third place from the top of American league standings, today bid farewell for 1944 to Detroit and the Tigers, and you can bet your last summer's straw they won't be in a hurry to come back.

The mere mention of Detroit ought to be enough to give the Yanks shudders that would shame the San Francisco earthquake. In 10 games at Briggs stadium this year New York has won one; in 21 clashes with the Tigers the Yanks have taken only seven decisions, and in 13 appearances against the pitching of Hal Newhouser or Paul Trout the world champions have squeezed out but a single victory.

Going into the third and last game of their final series with the Tigers, the Yanks were all but out of the 1944 pennant picture, four games behind the pace-setting Bengals. A week ago they were leading the league.

60 to 1 Shot Spokane Winner

Spokane, Sept. 21 (AP)—Playfair race track recorded its biggest payoff of the current meet yesterday when Just Islam won the feature race under 60 to 1 odds. The horse paid \$121.60 to win.

Drynan to Use Last Week's 11

Unless something occurs in the meantime to make him change his mind, Coach Tom Drynan plans to open against the Lincoln Cards in Portland Friday night, with the 11 boys who faced the Milwaukee Maroons in the first game of the season a week ago. That combination, plus a few replacements, rolled to an 18-6 win over the Milwaukee club with Eugene Lowe doing most of the passing and Everett Staats the ball lugging.

Lincoln, which finished last season in the Portland inter-scholastic cellar, is reported as being light in weight but fast. They have been specializing in aerial attack to overcome their weight handicap and the Vikings in all probability will see a lot of passing Friday night. The Cards have an experienced line which will be lighter in weight than the Viking forwards.

After Friday night's engagement in Portland, the Viki will be at home for two successive games—Klamath Falls, Sept. 29, and Albany, October 6.

Waldorf Fields Youngest Squad

Evanston, Ill., Sept. 21 (AP)—Head Coach Lynn Waldorf, starting his 10th season at Northwestern, will field one of his youngest, lightest and greenest teams tomorrow night when Northwestern opens the 1944 football season here against De Pauw university, Greencastle, Ind.

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Trout Hurls 25th Victory

By Jack Hand

"Hold that tiger! Hold that tiger! Don't let that tiger go!" That was the American league's theme song today but it was beginning to look as though something more desperate than holding was in order if Detroit's Bengals were to be kept out of the 1944 World series.

Steve O'Neill's ferocious Cats had cracked the opposition at a 13 out of 17 pace since Sept. 1 to scramble past both St. Louis and New York.

With only 12 games to go and a game and a half lead on the Browns, the Tigers dominated the picture today. Two straight over the Yankees had practically eliminated the defending champs, dropping them four games back and Boston had taken care of itself by losing two in a row to Cleveland to fall six full games behind.

Over the harvest month stretch, O'Neill's batting order, paced by Dick Wakefield, Rudy York and Roger Cramer, had slugged out a .302 average while the pitching corps had tamed the enemy with an anaemic .242 figure.

Wakefield boasted a 14-game hit streak for .490, with 25 hits for 51 at bats. Cramer had hit .447 since Sept. 1, York .325 and Eddie Mayo .300.

With Wakefield back to take the pressure off York, the home run slugger had driven in 17 runs this month to match the former Michigan U. athlete. Mayo and Pinky Higgins were other heavy contributors to the September R.B.I. total.

Twelve Detroit hits off Rookies Mel Queen and Floyd Bevens helped Dizzy Trout to his 25th victory yesterday with an 8-2 edge over New York. Wakefield belted an inside the park homer and two singles to make it easier for Dizz who was in serious trouble only once, when Frank Crossett hit a two-run homer in the seventh.

Jack Kramer kept the Browns up there, bouncing back from Tuesday's discouraging setback to trim Washington, 5-2. Chet Laabs, who replaced Al Zarilla in left field, led the 11-hit attack on Mickey Haefner and Al Carrasquel.

Willamette Squad 'Tricky, Effective'

Seattle, Sept. 21 (AP)—Coach Pest Welch today described the Willamette university offense as "tricky and effective" after watching his reserves use Bearcat plays against the Husky varsity in its final workout before Saturday's game.

Moraga, Cal., Sept. 21 (AP)—The St. Mary's navy pre-flight gridders went through gruelling scrimmages yesterday as Coach Jules Sikes sought to effect a defense against College of Pacific flanker plays they will encounter Saturday night at Stockton in their first game.

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'Vigor of Wakefield' Potent Force in Detroit's Upswing

By Jack Cuddy

New York, Sept. 21 (AP)—The "Vigor of Wakefield" has come to be recognized as the most potent force in the American league pennant push, and potentially a determining factor in the approaching world series.

Regardless of the garlands of orchids that have been flung about the necks of (1) pitchers Hal Newhouser and Dizzy Trout, and (2) catcher Paul Richards who has done such an unexpectedly brilliant job behind the plate—it's the bat of leftfielder Dick Wakefield that now is generally appreciated

The Standings

(By the Associated Press)
American League
Boston—Johnson, Boston, 328.
Runs batted in—Stephens, St. Louis, 101.
Homer—Kline, New York, 20.
Pitching—Newhouser, Detroit, 26-8-765.
National League
Baltimore—Walker, Brooklyn, 357.
Runs batted in—Nicholson, Chicago, 103.
Homer—Nicholson, 22.
Pitching—Wilks, St. Louis, 16-3-842.

How they stand here
American W L Pct
Detroit 40 62 361 Cleveland 48 73 474
St. Louis 79 64 332 Philadelphia 87 77 483
New York 76 66 343 Chicago 88 77 462
Boston 74 68 321 Wash. 91 82 437
National W L Pct
St. Louis 96 45 661 New York 93 77 430
Detroit 89 62 361 Boston 88 73 474
Pittsburgh 81 58 383 Brooklyn 88 82 414
Cincinnati 80 61 367 Philadelphia 89 82 414
Chicago 68 73 475 Brooklyn 58 84 408

Woodburn Opens Against Newberg

Woodburn — The Newberg Tigers, an extremely potent gridiron outfit in 1943, which handed the Woodburn Bulldogs a 40 to 0 hiding last season, will give Coach "Jiggs" Burnett's outfit their first battle experience Friday afternoon. The game is booked for Woodburn at 2:30 with Newberg in the role of favorite. The Bulldogs will still have to contend with Dick Twenge, whose fullbacking made him the terror of the grid last season.

Woodburn's starting lineup is expected to consist of Malson and English, ends; Bill Austin and Uryanek, tackles; Tremain and Coons, guards; Mills, center; McKee, Reed, Mattison and Zuber, backs.

Overlin Defeats Paul Hartnek

Oakland, Calif., Sept. 21 (AP)—Ken Overlin, former world's middleweight champion, won his third straight comeback bout by pounding out a one-sided 10-round decision over Paul Hartnek of Omaha last night.

Clark Predicts Win for Bombers

Seattle, Sept. 21 (AP)—Coach Dutch Clark predicted yesterday his Seattle Bombers would defeat the Oakland A's tomorrow night in the American Professional Football league encounter here between the two clubs. The bombers have lost two previous games on their home field.

Defense Drills Were Pointed at the Stopping of Two A's Backs

Defense drills were pointed at the stopping of two A's backs, Gene Provost, negro speedster from Sacramento junior college, and Jerry Dowd, former St. Mary's and Cleveland Rams back.

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