

Skits and Scratches

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It may work out to the satisfaction of a majority of those concerned but from our spot on the sidelines it would seem the board of control of the Oregon High School Activities association cooked up a pot of trouble when they set up the machinery whereby the teams to take part in the annual all-state football championship are selected. As pointed out by A. R. Burns, Associated Press correspondent, the OHSAA has ordered that titlists "be chosen by vote of the district schools—votes to be cast for 'team winning the most games,'" but is "severely silent on a few vital points." Of course if those taking part in the balloting use good common sense after the facts are made available, the most deserving teams may get the bids to participate. However, if petty jealousies are permitted to creep in, there are a lot of possibilities, none of which would prove too happy.

"If the team with the most victories has played only little schools, will it still get the nod over a more powerful school which has had a defeat?" asks Burns and then points out that Woodburn and Cottage Grove may go through the season with a clean slate. "Yet neither is reckoned as strong as beaten Corvallis." The latter has not been defeated within its own district but lost the first game of the season to Washington of Portland. It is supposed that the voting schools would consider the caliber of the teams—but it's not in the rules, and if they want to vote for a little undefeated school that's strictly Hoyle."

"Suppose two teams, which don't play each other, emerge with unbeaten, untied records?" Inquires Burns. "This may pop up in District 3's northern division, where Columbia Prep has no games scheduled against either the other two so far beaten squads—McMinnville and Beaverton. And the titlist is to be elected before the end of the regular season. It's almost certain to occur in southern Oregon, but that district has already arranged for the contingency by scheduling a November 16 or 17 playoff between North Bend and Medford if both continue undefeated."

But why worry about it? No team in the state has more than an outside chance against Medford and the "Tornado" might just as well be awarded the big trophy without further fuss or speculation. However, there's money to be made in the semifinals as well as the championship contest and, of course, it's always possible that the opposition may prove stronger than anticipated, resulting in a real contest. Nevertheless, at this writing we can see nothing but Medford with one of those teams that comes along about every quarter of a century.

Quakers, Middies Game Sold Out

New York, Oct. 26 (AP)—There's nothing like an upset to thrill the football spectator and some 73,000 fans will jam Philadelphia's Franklin field tomorrow for Pennsylvania's clash with navy in hopes of viewing a twist in form similar to the ones which sent Ohio State and Georgia down to defeat a week ago.

Both the Quakers and Middies are undefeated and each holds a berth among the country's top 10 teams as determined by the weekly Associated Press poll. The only Penn casualty is Coach George Munger, suffering from influenza.

Mixed Foursome Woodburn Course

Woodburn—Weather permitting a two-ball mixed foursome will be played at the Woodburn golf course Sunday afternoon. Play will begin at 3 p. m., and be followed by a no-host supper at 5:30. Mrs. George D. Jones and A. Miles Austin, winners of the last tournament, will be the supper committee.

The golf season will close Nov. 4 when the fall victory tournament will be completed and awards given at the annual dinner.

Softball Session Thursday Night

A meeting of softball enthusiasts has been called for next Thursday night at the YMCA and all persons interested in the sport are welcome to participate. Charles Davis, president of the Salem Softball association, will direct the discussions which will include the possibility of adding to league competition next spring as well as ways and means of securing lights for night play. It is believed the list of players will be considerably augmented by reason of returning war veterans.

Leicht, Rossi Match Tricks

By Bill Becker
Los Angeles, Oct. 26 (AP)—Two of the Pacific coast's three great backs of the season match tricks tonight as Jake Leicht leads the Oregon Webfoots into the coliseum against Cal Rossi and the UCLA Bruins.

Leicht and Rossi rate as perhaps the top runners of the far west, with St. Mary's Herman Wedemeyer the region's most sensational passer and also a fine ball carrier.

But Herman can wait. The Leicht-Rossi duel should furnish thrills aplenty for the anticipated crowd of 45,000. When Jumpin' Jake and Gallopin' Cal start swinging those ends, the men with the yardage chains are going to be on the move.

Leicht can make the pigskin do everything but squeal. He runs, kicks and passes, and is a truly great defensive back. He tackles with deadly accuracy.

The finest ball carrier to come out of Stockton, Calif., high school, where he ran the 100 in 9.6 seconds, Leicht has added finesse to blinding speed in subsequent stops at Pasadena J. C. Oregon, Randolph field and the Fourth air force.

Playing nothing but conference games, Oregon has won two and lost two. Aside from negro Quarterback Bob Reynolds, Oregon has only inexperienced beef to go with their guiding light, but with him the Webfoots may yet go a long way.

Rossi will be making his 1945 grid swan song tonight, as he has been ordered, along with three other Bruins, to report to Harvard before UCLA's next game. He will be ineligible to play at Harvard.

Chemawa Downs Salem Bees, 26 to 6

Scoring touchdowns in the first, second and fourth periods, the Chemawa Indians topped Salem high school's "Bees" 26 to 6 on the Redskins' gridiron Thursday afternoon. It was a case of too much experience on the part of the winners and too many fumbles by the losers.

A 15 yard aerial, from Chet Ashman to Terry Francis gave Chemawa its first score in the initial period. The Bees knotted the count a few minutes later when Jim Danielson rambled 65 yards after taking a pass from Ron Cummings. An end around play with Fred Miller lugging the leather put the Indians out in front and a half time the count was 13-6.

Cal Picard scored on a lateral from Bud Kalama in the fourth and a pass from Ashman to Picard added another six pointer.

Starting lineups: Salem — Mase and Morgall, ends; Baker and Quisenberry, tackles; Pence and Nelson, guards; Roberts, center; Wagers, Sachs, Danielson and Kleinsmith, backs; Chemawa—F. Miller and Orcutt, end; G. Miller and Chocktoot, tackles; Jackson and Brown, guards; Charley, center; Kalama, Picard, Ashmand, Francis, backs.

Bob Hamlin Gets Call from Army

Corvallis, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—Bob Hamlin, Oregon State first string quarterback, got the call to report to Cal Tech November 1, leaving only two regular quarterbacks, Murl Anderson and Jack Heaton in the lineup for Idaho game set for November 3, here.

The gap was partly offset by the return of Sid Sythe, promising frosh right guard, whose draft board gave him permission to finish his fall term. Letterman Bob Stevens is again working out and expected to be on hand for the November 3 show.

Coast Leaguers Open Two Day Meet

Los Angeles, Oct. 26 (AP)—With discussion centering on plans for major league status by 1949, a two-day meeting of Pacific Coast baseball league directors opened today.

As a step in that direction, the directors were scheduled to consider advancing the league from double A to triple A classification. A 1946 playing schedule, calling for two weeks more of competition, was another topic on the agenda.

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Mike Jacobs Starts 6000 Mile Squeeze Play, Kahut Involved

New York, Oct. 26 (AP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs started a 6000-mile squeeze play today in an effort to make boxing history repeat itself—primarily for his benefit. Uncle Mike, who benignly can be measured, perfectly by the silver standard, was barely close enough to see the glitter during the golden twenties. He was a ticket broker then and Tex Rickard was the man on top.

The ball started rolling when Promoter Joe Waterman of Portland, Ore., offered Light Heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich a tidy \$30,000 to defend his crown against young Joe Kahut, an Oregon farm boy who does equally well growing or handing out cauliflowers. Manager Lou Diamond, known as "The Honest Brakeman" because he never stole a box car, hardly had agreed to a January show in Portland before he was conferring with Uncle Mike regarding a January show in New York. Lesnevich, despite these arrangements, is not twins.

Return of Roger Dasch, pass flipping quarterback, to the squad, has given some encouragement to the idea that the Spartans may be riding to a fall. In all probability the offensive success of the Viks will ride with Dasch's pitching and the receiving of Gene Mason, Jack Fitzmaurice and Bill Hall, all first class ends.

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So it's easy to fathom that the charitable Uncle Mike is, to coin a phrase, killing two birds with one stone. He is beating off outside competition and at the same time setting the stage for a boxing history.

Just why Woodcock and Lesnevich couldn't be billed after the Kahut bout is something of a mystery. One reason might be that young Joe, who has won 34 of 36 fights, might shake Gus loose from his crown. Another and more plausible reason is that Uncle Mike, erstwhile ticket broker, is getting ready to dip into the big pot of gold he missed during the twenties—and nothing is going to stop him from 25 years of waiting interest.

Cravath Has Yen for Roses

San Francisco, Oct. 26 (AP)—Coach Jeff Cravath, who has a special fondness for the fragrance of roses, particularly in Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's day, feels that his Southern California Trojans will be winning in whiffing distance of an initiation to that football party if they can just get past Washington's Huskies tomorrow.

The Trojans will play Washington at Seattle tomorrow in the first invasion of the northern end of the Pacific Coast conference since 1942 and though they are favorites to win, Cravath isn't too confident about it.

He knows that this is the "make or break" game of the conference season and that their chances for a third successive Rose Bowl appearance will go glimmering if they lose.

Coach Ralph Pest's Huskies have been in-and-out all season. They have knocked off northern opposition at Washington State, Oregon and Oregon State, but were given a surprising 27 to 14 drubbing by lightly regarded California.

If the Huskies can upset Southern California, the conference race will be thrown into wide-open scramble in which nearly every team will have a chance for the big bowl bid.

Tennis Star Becomes Bride at Gangplank

Seattle, Oct. 26 (AP)—Cupid overtook Pvt. Raymond A. Prentiss of Los Angeles yesterday at the gangplank 15 minutes before he sailed for Nagasaki, Japan, with his army company.

Today he is a married man at sea, literally, and his bride, tennis star Mary Arnold, is heading back to their home city of Los Angeles to await his return.

Private Prentiss got the license here and Miss Arnold left Los Angeles with her mother Monday, racing the sailing date of the soldier's transport.

"We got to the pier just as Raymond was starting up the gangplank," said the bride, one of the nation's ranking tennis players. "He said, 'you just made it, honey.'"

The two, who met last January while both were employed in scientific research at California Institute of Technology, were married by the port chaplain in a dockside cargo receiving office. They used the wedding band of the bride's grandmother and the girl employs in the office pooled their flowers for a bridal bouquet.

Tin is the most important metal produced in Bolivia.

End Gail Bruce Lost to Huskies

Seattle, Oct. 26 (AP)—Coach Pest Welch said today his University of Washington football team, needing all its power for tomorrow's clash with the University of Southern California, definitely would be without the services of Gail Bruce, varsity right end.

Bruce was hurt in practice early in the week. Welch has had Marvin Hein freshman from Billings, Mont., handling the assignment in workouts. Bob Nelson, Tacoma frosh, will be at the other wing—and with no reserves to spell him. As Welch put it, "The only man behind Nelson is Welch."

Indians Champs

Bill Sproule scored the touchdown which gave the Leslie ninth grade Indians a 7 to 0 win over their brothers Colonels Thursday afternoon. The win was good for the championship. The Colonels had previously beaten the seventh grade Bruins, 41 to 0.

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Spartan Club Plays Vikings

The Corvallis Spartans, coached by Al Cox of Oregon College of Education fame, apparently bound for the championship of the strong No Name football league, expect to successfully hurdle the Salem Vikings on Sweetland field Friday night. The game, billed as the principal contest insofar as both clubs are concerned, will get under way at 8 o'clock before a sell-out crowd of highly enthusiastic fans.

By virtue of a decisive win over the Eugene Axemen a week ago, the Spartans feel confident of not having too much difficulty with Coach Tom Drynan's club which has been suffering from a series of injuries culminating last week in the elimination of Jim Barlow, an end. Barlow joins Allan Bellinger, another flanker, who has not seen action since the Klamath Falls contest. Other more or less serious injuries have benched Bob Goffrier, center, and Don Johnson, a halfback. However, both will probably see action.

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Fitzmaurice	RT L	Bryana	RT L
Rosers	RG C	Nordyke	Hunt
Holter	LG R	Oliver	Cooley
Strode	LG R	Cooley	Cooley
Province	LG R	Toney	Clark
Hill	LG R	Clark	Clark
Dasch	Q	Locey	Dunn
Chamberlain	RB L	Borick	Borick
Beady	LB R	Wetherbee	Wetherbee
Cobb	LB R		

Trotter First in Sweepstakes Play

A net score of 31 turned in by Duke Trotter took first place in Thursday evening's sweepstakes event at the Salem Golf club. Trotter turned in a gross score of 40. Second place went to Ned Ingram with a 36-4½—31½ and third position to Harry Gustafson, 37-5—32.

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Portland Eagles Defeat Ironmen

Portland, Oct. 26 (AP)—The Portland Eagles used 24 minutes of overtime play to loop in the final winning goal for a 5-4 victory over the Seattle Ironmen last night.

Under the new coast league ruling calling for "sudden death" overtime periods, the Eagles battled through one 10-minute overtime period and 14 minutes of a second to clinch the melee after a 4-4 deadlock at the end of the normal three periods of play.

Johnny Millard slammed in the winning shot for Portland after a wild jumble in front of the net.

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Mullins Denies Santa Clara Bid

Corpus Christi, Texas, Oct. 26 (AP)—Lt. Comdr. Larry (Moon) Mullins, coach of the Navy football team here, and athletic officer of the naval air training bases, said today he had received no definite offer to become head coach at Santa Clara university in California.

Mullins, former Notre Dame star, was reported top choice of four men being considered for the position at Santa Clara.

He told the Corpus Christi

Caller-Times that he will remain with the Navy "Comets" through the football season "according to present plans," and said he considers the Santa Clara job "one of the best in the country."

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