

Skits and Scratches

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The fellow who is handed the assignment of working out a schedule for the Western International league had better fortify himself with a few tins of aspirin tablets before he settles down to his job for in all probability he will have headaches galore by the time his magnum opus is completed. There's nothing complicated about compiling a schedule for eight clubs. In fact, it's a natural. The difficulty arises when two of the league affiliates—Vancouver and Victoria—are not permitted to play Sunday baseball. About the best that can be worked out of it is a mid-week or Saturday night doubleheader and that cuts down the gate receipts materially. The suggestion has been made that Vancouver move over to Seattle for Sunday whenever the Rainiers are not at home. But, in all probability the Caplanos and their opponents wouldn't draw flies in a city where they have enjoyed double A ball for a number of years.

Signing of Glen Wright as manager of the Spokane Indians brings back into circulation another diamond notable who in addition to considerable experience in major league circles, is quite well known along the coast. He played and coached with Seattle in 1936 and from 1937 to 1939 was with the Wenatchee Indians, who won the W title in 1938. His 44 years would indicate that he won't do much playing. And George Emigh, who has become a solid Salem citizen, okes what Boss Bill Klepper says about Tony Patch, the man from the San Francisco Bay area who has been entrusted with the job of building a winning Senator combination. "He knows how to get along with players and I am sure the fans will find him entirely agreeable," commented the business manager.

Rebuilding of the infield at Geo. E. Waters park was one of the first jobs undertaken under Beaver sponsorship. And, if everything goes along as anticipated the time may soon come when the diamond will be brought closer to the fans. When Biddy Bishop blueprinted the stands and field at the 25th street park, several argued with the voluble first manager that home base should be as close to the stands as possible. "The closer the fans are brought to the players, the greater the success of the game," Biddy was told. But the latter, being a bit old fashioned, argued right back that the proper distance between the stands and the base lines was right where he had fixed them. There will be no change this season, but when the fence posts show signs of old age the moving will probably be undertaken then. Moving the fence in would coincide with the shifting of the diamond. In all probability the boxes will not be sold on a season-long basis as was the practice under the former regime. This means that box seats would be available to individual purchasers on a night to night plan.

"Ducks Unlimited" may apply in Canada and elsewhere in these United States, but so far as local hunters are concerned the supply of quackers has been extremely limited to date. It may be the calm before the storm or it is possible the ducks have learned that the boys have been able to lay in a supply of ammunition and just decided the Willamette valley was a poor place to spend a few days. It's illegal to feed the ducks at places where hunting is permitted but there is nothing in the statute books that forbids placing a bit of grain in the wild fowl refuges. Ducks don't necessarily spend all of their time where the feed is and many of them are bound to stray off the reservation.

Beavers Prepare For Trip South
Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—Their practice field dry for the first time in a week Oregon State's alternate linemen and backs were to receive the attention today of Coach Lon Stiner in preparation for the game with the USC Trojans at Los Angeles Saturday.

Eugene, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—The Oregon Webfoots today looked forward to a Thanksgiving week-end layoff before a resumption of heavy practice for the season's final game December 1 with Oregon State.

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Bruins Stress Speed, Stamina

By Bill Becker
Los Angeles, Nov. 21 (AP)—The well-coached, well-conditioned UCLA Bruins—far from a powerful team—have reached the pinnacle of coast football by faithful application to the three S's—speed, stamina and spirit.

For a big-time college club, the Bruins are amazingly small. Only four members of the squad weigh over 200. UCLA's starting line usually averages 191, the backfield only 170. But Coach Bert La Brucherie, sacrificing power for quick-opening T formation plays, concentrated on speed from the start of the season. Long and frequent wind sprints became a part of the daily routine. Linemen learned to get downfield, or else.

Hard scrimmages, almost game length, became commonplace. Bruin tackling and blocking have been sharpened by three long scrums with the El Toro Marines, one of the nation's top service teams. When they learned to stand up to the Marines, the Bruins knew they could take it.

Line Coach Ray Richards, one of the best fundamentalists in the west, developed two complete sets of linemen. No ironmen the Bruins were trained to go all-out while they were in the game, secure in the knowledge the subs were ready. That's the system that wore down St. Mary's.

Silverton Plays Chemawa Indians

Silverton — Silverton's football squad, fresh from a 13 to 13 tie with the Duration league champion Woodburn Bulldogs, will wind up the 1945 gridiron season Thursday afternoon. The Foxes will entertain the Chemawa Indians who have won two and lost three league contests. Silverton has a record of two wins, two losses and one tie. The game will start at 2:30.

Gray Mask Beats Grappler Jones

The "Gray Mask" was declared dwinner over Rufus Jones in Tuesday night's main event of the weekly grapping show at the armory. Jones took the first fall but failed to keep up with the "Mask" the rest of the way. Bulldog Jackson and "Mysterious Mr. X" drew in one of the preliminaries while Joe Lyman was declared winner over Jack Lipscomb via the foul route. Gust Johnson and Herb Parks went to a draw.

Leslie Soccer Teams Win Three

Leslie junior high's soccer teams made a clean sweep of their play-offs with Parrish Tuesday afternoon. Not only did the Missionaries win all three games but they held the Pioneers without a single score. The seventh graders won 4-0, the eighth graders 8-0 and the ninth graders 6-0.

Earlier in the day Leslie teams played for the school championships with the Cannonballs, the Gobs and Interceptors winning in the three divisions.

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Bert La Brucherie Selected As Tops in Coaching Field

By Carl Lundquist
New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—The critics, and they were legion, who said the Pacific Coast conference was too weak to send a first rate team into the Rose Bowl were silent today. One man's long range planning stopped the talk.

He's the United Press coach of the week, Bert La Brucherie, whose University of California at Los Angeles Bruins performed the upset of the year on the west coast by trimming perfect record St. Mary's, 13 to 7.

SRO Signs Goes Up For Title Game

Medford, Nov. 21 (AP)—Reserve seats for the Medford-Grant high school Thanksgiving day football state semi-final are all gone.

Fans gathered as early as 5:30 a.m. at the high school ticket window yesterday and bought out the seats in 35 minutes, officials reporting turning away more than a thousand persons. Meanwhile Medford Coach Al Simpson reported Glenn Bostwick, the team's sensational left half benched for two weeks with a shoulder injury, would be in the game tomorrow.

Church Basketball Plans Completed

Arrangements for opening play in the Senior Church basketball league were completed Tuesday night during a conference of managers and officials held at the YMCA. The league has been divided into three sections, with six clubs in each and all games will be played on the Leslie junior high school floor. The "A" group plays Monday nights from 7 to 10 o'clock; the "B" clubs Wednesday nights and the "C" teams each Thursday. No admission will be charged since the league is being financed through entrance fees paid by each participating club. The season will open next Monday night.

Waltonians Meet Wednesday Night

Members of the Salem chapter of Izaak Walton league, meeting at the Mayflower Dairy plant Wednesday night, will nominate officers for next year. The election will take place during the December meeting. Following the business session there will be a showing of the motion picture "Good Hunting, Brother," as produced by Ducks Unlimited.

President Verne E. Robb is urging greater effort in securing new members and reminds the group that no one will be admitted to the stag party being arranged by Elmer Church unless at least one new member has been secured.

Back to Minors For Pete Gray

Nanticoke, Pa., Nov. 21 (AP)—One-armed Pete Gray, shipped back to the minors by the St. Louis Browns because he could not hit major league pitching, may quit organized baseball in 1946 if his new bosses "don't pay me enough money."

Gray admitted his release to the Toledo Mudhens of the American Association was "kind of expected, but it still caught me by surprise."

"I don't feel too bad about it though," he said. "I wasn't sure the Browns would keep me the full season."

The skinny outfielder, who lost his right arm when he was six, made the major league grade last year—"my lifetime ambition," he said—when the Browns paid the Memphis Chicks \$20,000 for his contract. He was the sensation of the Southern Association in 1944, batting .333, stealing 68 bases and winning the league's most valuable player award.

Four Team Hoop Circuit in Polk

Dallas—A new basketball league to be conducted on a home and home basis has been organized by four Polk county high school B teams, with games scheduled to start November 30. Participating schools will be Monmouth, Valsetz, Perrydale and Falls City. As preliminary features at the games, girls' volleyball contests are planned.

Vancouver Whips Portland Eagles

Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 21 (AP)—The Vancouver Canucks marched off the ice with an 8-5 win over the Portland Eagles here last night, as they jumped farther ahead of the northern field in the Pacific coast hockey league standings.

Salem Hi Basket Squad Numbers 20

Through a process of gradual eliminations, Salem high school's prospective basketball team, the one that will be in charge of Coach Harold Hauk, has been reduced to 20 members. A further reduction will be forthcoming in all probability next week.

The squad as now constituted includes: Allan Bellinger, Bunny Mason, Allan Gemmill, Dick Hendrie, A Chamberlain and Jack Fitzmaurice from last year's first string; LaVerne Hebert, Ken Albers, Del Herman, Don Pickett from the "Bees"; Rod Province, Ken Gibson, Bill Hill, Dick Allison and Roger Daseh from the sophomores; Spagle and Morgali from Parrish; a boy named Miles who has transferred from Bend; Vic Cole, a transfer from southern Oregon, and Beltz from the football squad.

Army Lineman Voted Honors

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—Army's great line finally landed a hunk of individual recognition this week when Dewitt "Tex" Coulter, mountainous cadet tackle, was chosen by the Associated Press poll of the nation's sports writers as "lineman of the week."

The hulking 222-pounder, who has played a whale of a game in each of Army's crushing victories this season, gained the honor in a wild balloting spree in which three of his teammates also were nominated as outstanding in the Cadets' 61-0 triumph over Penn at Philadelphia.

The other Cadet forwards who received at least one vote apiece were tackle Al Nemetz, guard Johnny Green and end Hank Foldberg. The fact that so many press box observers were unable to agree on which Army lineman was best gives, perhaps an inkling of what Penn's ball carriers were up against.

Outside of the huzzahs for Coulter and company, the loudest drums were beaten for Ohio State's great guard, Warren Amling, a previous recipient of the "lineman" award. Once again the mid-west writers reported that he was the greatest lineman on the field in the Buckeyes' win over Illinois.

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