

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman
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Contrary to the belief in some quarters that football players are illiterate, the gridgers can and do read the papers. And the fact that two or three "experts" have named the Oregon State Beavers as one of the outstanding clubs in the country can scarcely have escaped the notice of Coach Lon Stiner, boys. That circumstance in all probability has something to do with a press release typed by Irwin Harris of the OSC athletic news bureau to the effect that "The Orange squad looked decidedly overrated and very ragged in two complete practice games. Blocking and tackling were not sharp and passing was far from accurate." The Orange men, for once, get a break in the schedule insofar as their first trip to California is concerned. Far too often Oregon State has been compelled to play their first or second game of the season under the hot sun in the LA Coliseum with disastrous results. This year, they will have three contests under their belts before they tangle with the Trojans October 18. By that time, barring injuries, Coach Stiner should have a pretty fair idea as to his first string. But while the Beavers get a break in the south, the fact that they must clash with the Washington Huskies in Seattle, October 4, doesn't constitute too cheerful a picture. Oregon State and Utah are saving scouting expenses for the September 27 at Salt Lake City. Each school sent the other motion pictures of the final games of last season.

This writer is pleased that Al Wickert, who recently became a benedict, has decided to return for another round of the popular fall gridiron sport. Perhaps it may take Al a bit longer to get into condition, since he isn't a freshman any longer. But once he gets in shape, we predict he will be of material assistance to Coach Jerry Lillie, who, in his first year as Bearcat director knew little concerning the ability of his candidates, lettermen or otherwise. Al, a graduate of Salem high, spent his freshman year at Willamette before he departed with the Oregon National Guard more than a year before war was declared. He's a hard worker and gives his best all of the time.

As we hear it, Coach Lon Stiner has a pretty fair first team, but he will have trouble if many of his regular forwards are injured, for capable replacements are none too deep. The tackle slots, more often the worry of a coach than any other line position, may cause Jim Dixon a bit of trouble. Loss of Ed Carmichael, a promising candidate, left a big gap in the line. Hal

Midnight Hours Finds Dodgers Atop Throne

(By the Associated Press)
The Brooklyn Dodgers, only team ever to win a pennant at midnight, awoke this morning as official National League champions of 1947, and in the words of President Branch Rickey they'll be champions "for many years to come." Not many of the Brooks were aware of the good news until today. Only those few who had stayed over at Brooklyn Pitcher Hugh Casey's restaurant learned last night that the long grind finally was over and that the Dodgers had backed into the pennant.



Coach Blair Cherry, whose University of Texas Longhorns will show their football wares in Multnomah stadium next Saturday afternoon against the University of Oregon Webfoots.

The Scoreboard

(By the Associated Press)

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Brooklyn 91 57 .615	Cincinnati 72 79 .477	St. Louis 83 64 .565	Chicago 67 82 .450
Boston 88 67 .568	Pittsburgh 61 88 .409	New York 78 69 .531	Philadelphia 80 69 .540

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
New York 94 55 .630	Philadelphia 79 73 .507	Detroit 80 69 .537	Chicago 68 81 .456
Boston 80 69 .537	Washington 82 86 .489	Cleveland 78 70 .527	St. Louis 67 81 .450

Cowboys Take Title
Twin Falls, Idaho, Sept. 23 (AP)—The Twin Falls Cowboys today held the Pioneer league pennant for the second time since the loop went into operation six years ago by defeating Salt Lake City 13 to 6 in the final game of a best four-out-of-seven playoff.

Puddy appears to be a fixture at left tackle although there is nothing definite as to his alternates. Warren Simas, two year letterman quarterback, has been shifted to tackle, but like Jim Conroy, up from the Jayvees, and transfer Jim Hanker, shifted from left end, has a lot to learn.

And speaking of football prospects, listen to this paragraph from College of Pacific's press release: "Halfbacks are a dime a dozen on the Pacific practice fields. . . . Up front Pacific is blessed with three ends, the like of which coaches see in beautiful dreams. From last year's team is 'Big Jawn' Rohde, six foot three inches and 210 pounds of pass catching fool. Rohde scored a touchdown via the air route in Pacific's first five games in 1946 and made the all CCAA team. Also on hand are Jean Ridley, 6-2 and 197 pound veteran of the 1945 and '46 teams, and Phil Ortes, 6-3 and 190."

Breaks Give Seals Edge Final Drive

By Robert Prescott
San Francisco, Sept. 23 (AP)—The breaks of the schedule today gave San Francisco's bustling Seals what amounts to the brass ring in their late-season push for a second straight Pacific coast league baseball championship.

Holding a one-game lead over Los Angeles going into the final week of play, Manager Lefty O'Doul's fast-finishing Seals served up a "soft touch" for the last six days of the 1947 campaign—the bottom-rung Padres from San Diego.

The Seals look upon the Padres as "cousins." Two weeks ago the defending champions launched their current torrid winning spurge—15 victories in 17 games—when they swept a seven-game series from the same hapless Padres.

And while the Seals put on the pressure to night at San Diego, Los Angeles' staggering Angels travel to Sacramento to battle the club that knocked them out of their four-month-old circuit lead two weeks ago.

The Angels, who blew a seven and a half game mid-season bulge over San Francisco, will have to do better than their last overhaul against the Solons to overhaul the Seals. Sacramento bopped the Angelenos four games to three. Last week, however, Los Angeles staged a mild comeback by trimming San Diego five games to two, while San Francisco was winning over the Solons by a six-two margin.

Portland and Oakland, definitely out of the pennant contention but still squabbling bitterly over third place, wind up their seasons against Hollywood and Seattle, respectively. The Bevos have a one-game lead over Oakland, but may have trouble holding it.

Seattle Rainier Eyes Bat Throne

San Francisco, Sept. 23 (AP)—Seattle's first Pacific coast league batting championship since 1904 appeared in the bag today as Hillis Layne, Rainier third baseman, led the pack with a .367 mark.

In second place, four points behind, was Hirschel Martin, Oakland, with .363, but Martin hasn't been at bat enough times to be officially considered in the records.

Walker and Williams Appear to Have Batting Titles Cinched

New York, Sept. 23 (AP)—Harry Walker of the Philadelphia Phillies and Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox appear assured of winning the National and American league batting championships going into the final week of the season. Walker, the fellow the St. Louis Cards traded to Philadelphia for Ron Northey in early season, is hitting .362, enjoying a 47-point bulge over runnerup Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh's home run king. Walker has been out of action with a sore back but is expected to play most of the club's remaining games.

Slanchik and Wickert Back

Return to the campus Monday of John Slanchik, West Virginian who played football under Buck Smith in Persia and who was the outstanding kicker in last year's Northwest conference circles, and the enrollment of Al Wickert, rugged halfback, gave Coach Jerry Lillie's Willamette university Bearcats much needed experience for the fall campaign which opens in Stockton Friday night against College of Pacific. However, it is doubtful whether either will take part in the opener but should be ready for Whittier whose Poets open the local season on Sweetland field October 3.

The 'Cats will leave Thursday night by the S.P. Beaver, arriving in Stockton a few hours before game time.

Major League Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cleveland 4-7, Detroit 6-6, St. Louis 4-9, Chicago 2-4, Washington at New York, postponed.
(Only games scheduled)

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Sheely said before his departure that if his dicker with the Tigers was not successful he would head for Cleveland with a proposal for a similar working agreement.

Both failing, he is expected to go into the open market for a number of new players to bolster the veteran-studded Rainier lineup. Owner Emil Sick announced this week-end after the home season closed with a new attendance record of 548,368 he would loosen the purse strings to give Seattle a first division club next year.

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