



Beavers Idle on Week-end Before Finale With Ducks

Oregon State College, Corvallis Feb. 21 (AP)—Slate Gill and his Oregon State Beavers are sitting back this week watching developments through the rest of the tough Northern division circuit before taking on arch rival Oregon in a final pair of battles March 2 at Corvallis and March 3 at Eugene.

As a result of splitting last week-end's series against Washington State while Idaho was losing two to Washington at Seattle, the Beavers are no longer sole occupants of the league basement but share the dubious surroundings with the Vandals.

While the Orange are idle this week, Idaho concludes its season with a pair of games against WSC this week-end. Thus the Beavers will know when they go against Oregon how well they will have to do to finish ahead of the Vandals.

Gill's men will have an added incentive for defeating title contending Oregon at least once. After dropping the first two meetings with the Webfoots, the Beavers must win at least one of the final pair to avoid a whitewash by the Ducks. Oregon hasn't swept four straight from Oregon State since 1944, a wartime season.

New Pro for Bend Club

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Harvey Bunn, assistant professional at Portland's Waverly country club, said today he had accepted the pro job at the Bend Golf club. Bunn is to succeed Woody Lamb, who resigned.

'Danger Light' in Dangerous Light

takes a tumble and slams its jockey to the ground during handicap hurdle race at Hurst Park, England. "Golden Dev-on," running close behind, is pulled away by its rider.

Rookie Crop of '51 Season Musial Offers Advice to

By MILTON FICHMAN
(United Press Sports Writer)

New York, Feb. 21 (AP)—Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals — who vividly remembers being one himself — offered some free advice to all jittery rookies today.

Forget your nervousness, kid, the Cardinal kingpin counseled. Don't worry if you shake a little at first. It's only natural and besides, Musial explained, most everyone does.

"I was so nervous when I first came up," he confessed, "that you could've heard my knees rattle in the bleachers."

Musial's chief warning centered around the current trend toward imitation.

"Whatever else a rookie does," the slender St. Louis slugger cautioned, "he never should copy any particular player. That's the quickest road to failure. Simply because one fellow can hit out of a crouch is no guarantee someone else can do it, and just because one player does well by standing with his feet wide apart at the plate doesn't mean everybody who copies him will do as well."

Avoiding imitation, Musial hastened to point out, does not mean a rookie cannot learn intricacies of the trade by watching more seasoned players.

"Certainly, a boy can pick up tips by watching established players make certain plays," The trim, good-looking National league batting champion

of 1950, just returned from a European tour of army bases, has made individuality pay off handsomely. His curled-over, pretzel-like stance at the plate, among the most unique in the majors, is one he developed himself, not copied from some slugging predecessor. And speaking of hitting, it wasn't long before Musial drifted toward his favorite subject.

"Too many rookies overlook the importance of selecting the right bat," he began. "Most of 'em seem to go for one that is too heavy, for some reason."

"I don't know why that is," Musial laughed, "unless they're all concentrating on hitting home runs. Singles and doubles count in a ball game, too."

His final advice to all rookies was: "Cooperate with your manager, keep hustling all the time and don't forget to write home."

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BC Trio Is on Olympic Test

Princeton, B.C., Feb. 21 (CP)—Three Princeton skiers are on Canada's five-man team for the International Olympic trials at Big Pine, Mont., this week-end.

Bert Irwin, an Olympic veteran, and Laura Allin and Andy Kassa, both first-year seniors, will go to Big Pine. They specialize in the downhill and slalom.

Irwin won the slalom event here Saturday in the Western Canada ski championships and Olympic trials.

Miss Allin won the women's slalom and downhill.

Prep Stars Enroll in Time For Spring Grid Sessions

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

New York, Feb. 21 (AP)—Don't tell us those football "educators" aren't foresighted. . . . Have you noticed how many good prep athletes managed to get diplomas in the past few weeks and enrolled in colleges in time for spring practice? . . . Story as we get it from various schools is that there hasn't been any particular effort to line up football talent for next fall, even though freshmen likely will be eligible everywhere. They've merely been encouraging all graduating seniors to enter college immediately so they'll be safe from the draft for awhile.

But at least one informant drops a hint that some educators thought of the possibilities as early as September and encouraged good prospects to take enough hours of school work to graduate at mid-term. . . . Slightly different angle shows in publicity quote from Rube McCrary of William and Mary: "If we can get an excellent high school quarterback, like Johnny Dean of Hopewell or Mel Roach of Richmond's John Marshall, we'll use T plays next fall." . . . That sounds like counting your chickens before you have a hen.

The Nick of Name

Checking up on odd nicknames given to horses around Gulfstream park, Publicist Horace Wade came up with this sad tale. . . . Seems a few years ago Trainer Ben Chapman was particularly fond of a horse named Advocate, Jr., which Ben always called by the nickname of "Tidal Wave." . . . One of the

ways in which Chapman showed his affection was by carrying lumps of sugar to reward the nag for any good performance. . . . Came a day at Rockingham park when Advocate, Jr., seemed to have been dropped into a soft spot and the trainer backed him confidently. . . . His faith was justified. Advocate, Jr., had the race wrapped up at the sixteenth



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pole when Chapman let out a bellow: "Atta boy, Tidal Wave." . . . You know what happened. The horse heard Ben's yell, stopped and went looking for sugar while the rest of the field stormed past.

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