

Gustafson to Coach South Salem, Al Gray to Stay at North

The Sportmeter

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IT COULD BE VERSE: There's a land where grid forecasters must be welcome, Where they publish their predictions AFTER games; For the guys who picked the Ducks to beat the Beavers Should listen when Kip Taylor makes his claims.

IT'S GRUESOME WATCH TIME

Cal Poly didn't exactly need an extra touchdown in its 52-7 triumph over Willamette Saturday night but it got it. It was a case of a clock with rusty gears, rusty timer or something. With nine seconds left in the first half, Cal Poly with the ball on the Willamette 2, and Cal Poly leading 14-7, the Mustangs were held on a line play, a situation calling for the machinery to keep running.

Coach Ted Ogdahl glanced at the clock, and behold—it still read nine seconds and wasn't moving. Cal Poly then got another play and scored to lead 20-7 at halftime. Ogdahl eased out onto the field to protest and the referee indicated that nothing could be done now but that Willamette could be penalized for the coach's appearance on the playing area. "You can't penalize me 15 yards," Ogdahl said. "You wait and see," the ref replied, and sure enough, Willamette was set back 15 yards to open the second half with a kickoff.

LOFLAND A TOUGH LUCK KID

Halfback Lou Lofland was a tough player at Roosevelt High in Portland but at Willamette he has been a tough luck one. He was ready for the opening game against CPS but for every game since he was ailing somewhere from stem to stern. The continual use by him and by Tackle Bob Dyer of the whirlpool caused the tank to be known by such names as "USS Dyer" and "The Good Ship Lofland."

SHOE SHINE BOY

One of our favorite recollections of the 1953 Salem High football season was an incident in the game at Eugene's muddy pasture.

It was time for Ray Taylor to kick one of his conversions for Salem and the first one went wide to the right. His record was saved, though by a penalty against Eugene so before making another attempt he slogged over to the head lineman, who had a towel, and asked him to shine his good right toe. The official complied with a polish job of professional quality—a dramatic moment minus only one ingredient; Shoe polish.

TED OGD AHL ... saw time stand still

Taylor, incidentally, gets credit for 36 of 37 attempts at place kicking during the season, missing only at Gresham after 16 straight. We wish he had four chances against Central Catholic (dreamer).

Add to the rare showing of Salem High in athletics the past year and this: The Big Six and district wrestling championship for Coach Hank Juran's teams, the state cross-country titles for two years under Coach Vern Gilmore, and fifth place in the state track meet plus the Big Six cinder crown last year.

NEED ANY BONES BROKEN?

Lou Thesz defends his world championship about 50 times a year, he told us after last night's near defeat against Luther Lindsey. The Tank, as the rugged Negro specimen is known as, is "a rare mixture of natural power and muscular development." Thesz remarked—"tremendously strong."

Actually Thesz has had to win the belt four times, losing it three times, the last time in 1947 to Bill Longson and winning it in 1948 from Longson again. When he first won it 15 years ago from Everett Marshall in St. Louis in 1933 at the age of 21, "no one was more surprised than I was when Marshall was counted out of the ring," he told Hardy Kruskamp, an old friend.

It was Kruskamp, who admitted to being 46 years old and a tough-as-leather 46 at that, who reminded Thesz that he loaned Thesz the pair of trunks he wore the night he won the world title in 1938.

KOTRE IN GRIP OF UNCLE SAM

Silverton's boxing pride, Harold Kotre, was in Salem yesterday to take his draft physical examination and said he fully expected to pass. He's 28 years old. The big news is that Tex Hager, of Boise, Tri-State promoter, is trying to match him with Garth Painter, the 10th ranked contender for the middleweight title held by Bobo Olson. If arranged, the bout would be either in Boise or Spokane. Hager didn't think too much of the idea of Kotre's fighting Harley Breshears, Ring magazine's lightweight "prospect of the month" because of Breshears' inexperience.

IT'S UNANIMOUS AT SHEDD

Down at Shedd high school the girls have to carry their own books home from school. That's because of 23 boys enrolled, 21 are out for basketball, one is a manager and the 23rd is just out of the hospital with a knee injury incurred in playing basketball.

Albany will have height again this year with at least five 6 feet 4 or taller. Dave Shelby is 6-7, Bob Kelly 6-5, Don Slamps 6-5, Jim Healand 6-4, George Rhodaback 6-3 and Ron Young 6-3. The short ones are only 6-2 or 6-even.

BONUS VERSE:

Oh, the rain will hide the tracks at old McCulloch Where our football fortunes fell in one big thud; But the fame of Salem's team will last forever Though the Rams trod on the Vikings in the mud.

3 Lettermen on Short Salem Academy Squad

Coach Bob Funk of Salem Academy has the job of building a basketball machine from a squad of average height which includes only three lettermen.

The Crusaders have been out a week to prepare for the opening canto against Gervais, Dec. 4, in Salem.

Lettermen are Virgil Fadenrech, 5-9 1/2 guard; Ken Schrader, 6-1 center and forward; and Harold Allister, 5-11 forward.

Among other prospects is a 6-foot-2 center, Bob McClanahan, and a 6-foot center-forward, Bill Pierce, but the others are all under 6 feet.

The Capitol league entry will have a B team which will play preliminaries at 6:45 p. m. There will be 10 home games among the 19 regular games, plus the league jamboree, Dec. 14, in Salem.

Other prospects are Bruce Dalke, 5-11 center; Jim Wallace, 5-9 forward; Dave Phillips, 5-10 guard; Loran Heman, 5-11 forward; Walt Bier, 5-10 forward; Ken McClain, 5-7 forward;

Nelson Paula, 5-10 forward; Delmar Warkentin, 5-11 forward; Don Gunther, 5-6 guard; Hershall McCary, 5-8 guard; and Ron Knox, 5-11 forward.

The schedule:
Dec. 4—Gervais here.
Dec. 11—Walpole there.
Dec. 12—Tad here.
Dec. 14—Leaven jamboree.
Dec. 15—Walpole here.
Dec. 22—Tad here.
Jan. 2—Ovella there.
Jan. 5—Stanton there.
Jan. 12—Columbia there.
Jan. 13—Cascadia here.
Jan. 16—Lebanon, Wash. here.
Jan. 19—Philomath there.
Jan. 22—Beard Heart here.
Jan. 26—Central there.
Jan. 28—Stanton here.
Feb. 1—Cascadia there.
Feb. 5—Columbia here.
Feb. 12—Beard Heart there.
Feb. 13—Central here.

LAVAGETTO RESIGNS

Oakland, Calif. (AP)—Harry "Cookie" Lavagetto, Brooklyn baseball coach, says he sent his resignation to Dodger headquarters Tuesday after Walter Alston was named manager.

Viking Line Coach Gets Promotion

A parting of the ways in the matter of the high school football coaching staff came Tuesday night when Supt. Walter Snyder announced that Lee Gustafson had elected to align himself with the new South Salem senior high next fall.

The directors authorized the shift and a moment later followed along with the superintendent's recommendation that Al Gray, line coach for the Vikings under Gustafson, be retained as head man at the North Side institution.



AL GRAY ... to be head coach

Gustafson and Gray teamed up this year to direct the Vikings through an undefeated season, winning the Big Six title and advancing to the semi-finals in the state championship round.

Snyder warmly praised the two men, not only for their ability as coaches, but as teachers, their moral qualities and their influence upon the boys with whom they came in contact.

The advancement of Gray to the head coaching job was in line with the school's policy of promoting teachers within the Salem system whenever possible. Both Gustafson and Gray are graduates of Oregon State college.

The change in personnel was hastened because of the necessity of setting up the machinery of the new high school which will be opened next September.

Seniors Get Choice It was emphasized last night that next year's seniors who live south of State street will be given their choice of remaining at North Salem high or transferring to the new building. However, those living north of State street will have no choice in the matter and will remain at North Salem.

It is expected registration for the two schools will be made within the next month.

What proportion of this year's championship squad live south of State street and might possibly follow Gustafson to the new school could not be immediately determined.

Gray graduated from Oregon State in December, 1950, staying to complete his master's degree work. He came to Salem as line coach in the fall of 1951, the season Gustafson came from Prineville high school. Gray was an OSC center-linebacker when Gustafson was a coaching assistant to Coach Lon Stiner.

Gustafson has credited Gray with building the strong Salem line this season, a line recognized as having mastered its fundamentals.

There was no mention made of the remainder of the Salem High coaching staff—Backfield Coach Hank Juran or Junior Varsity Coaches Ken Brophy or Don DuBois.

Bevo to Hit Big Time in 'Garden'

Buffalo, N. Y. (AP)—Clarence "Bevo" Francis puts his wares on display here Thursday night before a houseful of college basketball fans who are among the most critical in the nation.

Bevo and his mates from little Rio Grande are the headliners in the first doubleheader of the 1953-54 season in Buffalo's 12,000 seat Memorial Auditorium.

Actually, Coach Newt Oliver's lads probably won't get a real test here, except that they'll be laying before fans who are used to the best of the college game has to offer.

Rio Grande meets Erie Tech, a two year school. In the other half of the program, Canisius opens its season against Western Ontario.

Count Turf, winner of the 1951 Kentucky Derby, was retired in July because of a foot injury suffered while winning the Questionnaire Handicap.

SPORTS

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District Coaches Pick Grid All-Star Team; Five Vikings

Five Salem high school seniors were selected on the District 8 A-1 football all-star list announced today. The six coaches said that they will recommend them for any all-star game or set-up.

Corvallis placed three, Albany two, Lebanon three and Sweet Home one for the 14-player squad. The figure includes three ends, one guard and seven backs.

Player	Position	School	Wt.
Jim Coleman	End	Corvallis	170
Paul Beck	End	Salem	175
Dave Shelby	End	Albany	225
Henry Edwins	Tackle	Lebanon	220
Ken Matheson	Tackle	Corvallis	190
Joe Sprague	Guard	Lebanon	190
Tom Pickens	Center	Salem	175
Herb Triplett	Quarterback	Salem	165
Wendell Scott	Halfback	Corvallis	170
Vic Dixon	Halfback	Lebanon	170
Dan Caselier	Halfback	Albany	158
Mike Campbell	Halfback	Salem	168
Phil Sturholm	Fullback	Sweet Home	215
Ray Taylor	Fullback	Salem	185

Thesz Escapes With Title As Lindsey Almost Wins

World heavyweight wrestling champion Lou Thesz managed to get out of Salem with his title last night.

That's the way it looked to the packed Armory of 1500 souls who saw Luther Lindsey almost pin Thesz in the third and deciding fall—finally declared a draw since both were knocked cuckoo when Referee

Wenatchee Plans To Erase Debts, Remain in WIL

Wenatchee, Wash. (AP)—Stockholders of the Wenatchee Western International Baseball League club decided Tuesday to operate in 1954 and continued plans for raising money to pay off \$18,625 in current debts.

President Paul Thomas announced that WIL Promoters Bob Abel had extended until December 10 a deadline for final word from Wenatchee on its financial condition for next year.

Thomas said the team will make every effort to have its financial picture cleared by their annual meeting, elected a new board of directors with instructions to formulate immediately a program for raising the money.

Thomas said a group of businessmen has offered to operate the team this coming season on a lease basis, providing all old bills are paid.

He reported that George Trautman, president of the National Assn. of Minor Leagues has given Wenatchee until an. 10 to have its 1954 season guarantee of \$3,150 on deposit.

Named to the board of directors were Thomas, Arthur H. Pohlman, who two years ago was president of the club, Dr. Woodrow Murphy, Fred Burnett and Robert Tyler.

OSC All-Opponent Unit Ignores Ducks

Corvallis (AP)—Oregon State's 1953 all-opponent football team ignored the University of Oregon Ducks whom the Beavers downed 7-0 last Saturday.

The team included: Morley and Steinberg, Stanford, ends; Wardlaw, Washington, and Schwenk, WSC, tackles; Bohart, Washington, and Timberlake, USC, guards; Hazeltine, California, center; and Bolden, Michigan State, Larson, California, Cameron, UCLA, and Garrett, Stanford, backs.

Franz Leads OCE in Practice Tilt

Bob Franz of Oregon College of Education led scoring in the second informal practice game last night between the Wolves and Willamette university at the W. U. gym.

Franz, a 6 footer, totaled 10 field goals in the game which saw both coaches alternating playing combinations.

John Lewis, Willamette mentor, cited offensive play of Neil Caubie, 6 feet 7 and Jerry Patterson, 6 feet 6, plus the all-around work of Dick Hoy and Bill Colvard, lettermen.

The Beavers will take Thanksgiving day off, then practice Friday morning to make up for it. The season will open Dec. 3 here against the University of Hawaii.



It's a Draw This was the scene which closed the Lou Thesz-Luther Lindsey wrestling match at the Salem Armory last night, ending in a draw when both were in a stupor from hitting their heads on the deck. Referee Tony Ross at right counts them out just before Lindsey rolled over to pin the world champion (in foreground).



Starting Downfall Lou Thesz (left) bounds off the ropes in the second fall of his match last night, not knowing that within five seconds he would be pinned by Luther Lindsey. Lindsey flipped Thesz over for a body slam and press. Thesz took the first fall.

Gridders Honored At Sweet Home

Sweet Home — A movie showing of the 1952 grid clash between Oregon State college and the University of Oregon was a special feature of a dinner honoring the high school's 1953 football team which was held at Vigue's country club.

Principal speaker was Bill McArthur, football coach at Oregon College of Education, Monmouth.

The affair was sponsored by several mothers of the local players, and invited guests were the boys' fathers, SHUHS football coaches and managers.

Men alcoholics are five times as numerous as women alcoholics.

Bruins Close First In PCC Rushing, Defensive Showing

Los Angeles (AP)—The Ross Bowl bound Bruins of UCLA won the Pacific Coast Conference rushing honors, Stanford the passing laurels and Stanford and California waged a close battle in the total offense department.

In total offense, Stanford, with a total of 3,449 yards, averaged 344.9 yards per game. California, with 3,434 averaged 343.4.

UCLA netted 2,237 yards for an average of 227.7 rushing, with California next with 1,812 and 181.2.

California was second in passing, 1,662 yards and an average of 162.2.

The Uclans were the toughest defensive team in the conference. They led in total defense, 1,696 and 188.4, and in rushing defense, 1,021 and 113.4.

Oregon was the best pass defensive team, with 578 yards and 57.8 average. UCLA was next, with 675 and 75.0.

California collected the most pass interceptions, 23 returned 299 yards with Stanford second, 20 and 148.

Oregon was the second best total defensive team, 2,248 for an average of 224.8.

BASKETBALL SCORES

(By The Associated Press)
INDIANA CENTRAL 71, TR STATE 64.
SALT STATE 82, FRANKLIN 74.
MOUNTAIN 70, CONCORDIA, IND. 63.
TAYLOR 91, INDIANA TECH 64.
ST. JOSEPH'S, IND. 77, ANDERSON 71.
SOUTHWESTERN, OKLA. 56, SOUTHWESTERN, KAN. 56.
PACIFIC LUTHERAN 47, WESTERN WASH. 44.
MARIETTA 73, MARIETTA FRESH 43.
PACIFIC BASKETBALL:
NEW YORK 103, BOSTON 92.
PHILADELPHIA 82, BALTIMORE 80.
SYRACUSE 89, ROCHESTER 80.

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