

Sluggers, Not Hurlers, Predicted to Determine Series

Sports Report

By CHUCK BOICE

The case of little Sam Wesley at Oregon State looks very pale alongside some of the scandals and super rule-breaking the year has uncovered.

Yet he probably will lose the balance of his college athletic career because of being registered for a few February days at Lincoln University in Missouri.

When an athlete's days before he entered his present school come back to haunt him, the big-wigs just want to determine the truth of the charge. The penalty is cut-and-dried.

Through the years there have been a number of such cases. Some of them have had their amusing sidelights but most of them also had their aspects of tragedy for the athlete.

One of the earlier such mixups, and certainly the most publicized, was that concerning Joe Lillard, a Negro half-back imported from the Chicago area by Coach Doc Spears and the University of Oregon.

In 1930 Oregon opened at Drake and Spears returned with a victorious team and "Happy Joe." There are many who still insist that Lillard was the greatest halfback to play in these parts. Certainly in his freshman year he looked the part. He did everything superbly. That still was an era of innumerable adjectives in journalistic copy but writers of the day were nonetheless hard put to express their enthusiasm for the boy's talents.



SAM WESLEY ... hit by technically

Most Publicized Soph in 30 Years

We'll say one thing. In a lengthy check of old newspaper files some time back, we had to conclude that he was the most publicized sophomore in at least 30 years of conference play. Everywhere they talked of the "Midnight Express."

It's true there had been very few Negroes in PCC sports up until that time. While there had been enough to make it no novelty, it probably was a factor in the publicity as it was in what followed.

Lillard played two varsity games. He was held out of most of the action against Idaho but showed enough in a few plays to excite everyone all the more. The next opponent was Washington and he led the Ducks to a 13-0 victory, reportedly one of their greatest upsets.

Aside from running wild, Lillard twice punted over 65-yards out-of-bounds.

The next week was to be the super test against perhaps the greatest of all Howard Jones teams at USC—Shaver, Pinkert, Baker, Brown, Smith, etc.

However, it never came about for Lillard. Hours after the Washington game the word was out that Lillard would have to face charges of playing for a travelling semi-pro baseball team.

The story drew the top, banner headlines on the front page of the Portland papers for the next week. Lillard produced evidence that he was merely a low-paid bus driver for the team and now-and-then filled in for an injured name player.

The Avery Brundage of His Day?

The PCC faculty representatives rushed to a special session which certainly ranked with the hottest they've had. Some resigned in mid-argument and then raged back into the room.

A professor W. B. Owen of Stanford, apparently the Avery Brundage of his day, insisted that they then and there stop winking at semi-pro baseball and follow the letter of law of amateurism. He had his way but some fought hard on the other side, perhaps angered by some of the loud anti-Negro whispers from some parts of the conference.

As there was irony in Wesley sitting out the other night while the convicted Trojans played, so there was irony that earlier day in Los Angeles. Lillard was out while Oregon was drubbed unmercifully by among the best-paid football players in the land, many of whom had played several years in high school, several more at Blackhawk Military Academy, one or two at a junior college and their full quota at USC.

Lillard? He starred several years for the then rough-and-tumble Chicago Cardinals. Then he disappeared into the colored semi-pro ranks and became quite a legend in manner of Josh Gibson and Satchel Paige in Negro baseball.

A couple of years back we were surprised when shown a clipping by Doug Hertz, the former New York promoter and for a time a Salem resident. One of his ventures was a football game during World War II, a bond selling affair between the Army All-Stars composed of many All-Americans and the Negro All-Stars.

One of the stars of that 1943 day, running alongside a kid by the name of Jackie Robinson, was Joe Lillard. We figured he must have been close to 35 . . . Hertz said probably older than that.

Texas Game a Mistake

One of the most amazing, and clear-cut cases, to come up was that of a fullback at UCLA who went by the name of Ted Key. He wasn't the best on the Coast by a long way but during the '50s the Uclans were struggling for recognition and he was a valuable member of their team.

Key made the mistake of showing up for an intersectional game in Texas. Not only was he recognized but quite a career was revealed.

The big fullback, whatever his real name was escapes us, had not only previously played four years of college ball but had been a professional wrestler for several years!

In the depression years a good many must have earned a living this way. One giant with whom we were well-acquainted played three years at Southern Oregon Normal, a term at Oregon for spring basketball and football, three years at George Washington and then moved on to a small school in the South.

After some time there someone blew the whistle on him and he was ready for the Navy and more athletic competition. Reportedly his picture was circulated with deans of admission across the nation . . . but there have been hundreds who played several extra years.

It was particularly difficult to detect when they changed their names and so convincingly acted as if they had not previously been introduced to higher learning.

Two Passes and a Flunk

There was the story of the hulking star at a small Southern school who threatened to quit just before the big game because he had flunked an English mid-term exam.

The worried coach rushed to see the big boy, positive it was serious when such concern was shown for matters academic.

"How can you flunk me in English One in this dump," howled the irate muscle man. "I got C's in it in two of the best schools in the Midwest!"

Tramps, perhaps, and certainly not to be confused with the unfortunate technical cases. Nor should they be confused with the over-developed juvenile delinquents who have caused true campus scandals. These wanderers knew their trade and gave out with a good game regardless of the school colors.

Mostly, perhaps, because it beat the WPA. In post-war years there have been several other cases of technically over-stretched eligibility in Oregon. We'll recall those in a special follow-up column tomorrow.

Yankees Get Nod For Title

Both Teams Full Strength for Opener

By JOE REICHLER

BROOKLYN (U)—Either out of force of habit or because of their past winning ways New York ruled a solid 8 to 5 favorite to defeat Brooklyn in the 1956 World Series but was only a 6 to 5 choice to win today as the Yankees' Whitey Ford and the Dodgers' Sal Maglie squared off in the opener at Ebbets Field.

A crowd of about 34,000 jammed the ancient Flatbush ball park with Dwight D. Eisenhower, the first president to attend a World Series game in 26 years, scheduled to throw out the first ball.

Cool, clear weather was forecast, with predicted early morning showers supposed to end before the scheduled starting time of 1 p.m. EDT. Fans not fortunate enough to obtain tickets, had a choice of watching it on television (NBC) or listening on network radio (Mutual).

Maglie against Ford is a strange contrast and not only because 39-year-old Sal is righthanded and 28-year-old Ford throws left. Maglie, oldest pitcher ever to open a World Series, has never won a postseason game although he has started two. Ford has won three, two over the Dodgers. In his only series start at Ebbets Field, he lasted only one inning.

"My Best Pitcher" Maglie, the elder, was working with only three days rest. Ford had not pitched since he failed in his bid for victory No. 20 last Wednesday.

Yankee Manager Casey Stengel's explanation for nominating Ford in a park considered a southpaw's graveyard, was simple.

"Ford is my best pitcher," he said. "I can't afford to hold him out until the third game."

Dodger Manager Walter Alston's reason for going with Maglie was equally as simple.

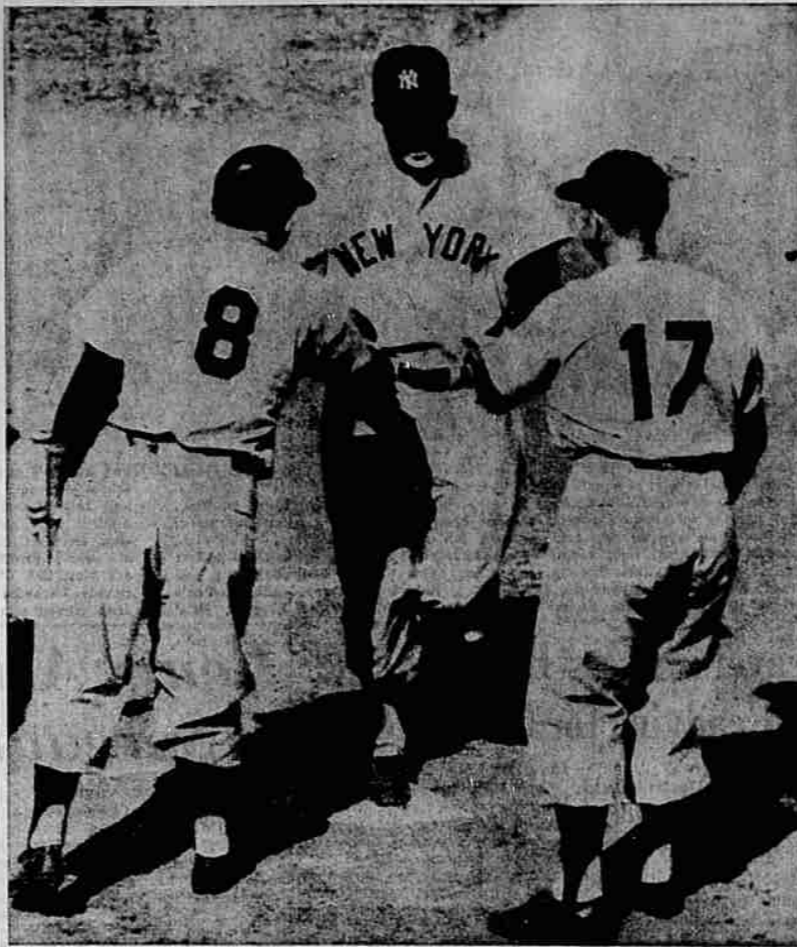
"Sal has been the club's best pitcher over the past two months," he said. "He's won our clutch games and there is no one I'd like better to pitch such an important game as this one."

Alston's only concern has been whether Maglie's ancient arm could stand the strain. Maglie dispelled his manager's doubts yesterday when he assured him:

"My Arm's Okay" "The arm is all right. I'll be ready to go tomorrow."

With due respect to the proven ability of Maglie and Ford, this does not figure to be a pitching series. In fact, it looks very much like the hitters, led by the Yankees' Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra and Hank Bauer and the Dodgers' (Continued on Page 2, Col. 9)

Welcome Home, Mickey



EBBETS FIELD—It's a double handshake for Yankees' Mickey Mantle as he scores on his home run high over the right field screen in first inning of opening World Series game against Brooklyn. Reception line is Yogi Berra, 8, next batter and Enos Slaughter who scored on the big blow. (AP Wirephoto)

'Eugene Plan' Set for Talk

The "Eugene plan" of running a community-backed baseball club will be presented to a group of potential Salem Senators backers soon as the result of a community meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce last night.

Money troubles during the past season were discussed by the group with the community-sponsored team plan being favored.

Stanley Grove, manager of the CC, observed that the difference between a going town and a dying town is the support of community projects like a ball club.

Senator General Manager Hugh Luby reported that expenses had been cut to the bone with little gain last season. More money must be raised, he said.

Eugene Emeralds President Frank Graham will discuss the "Eugene plan" with a picked group of potential Senator supporters.

Olympic Heads Set Emergency Meeting

Anti-Professional Rule May Be Modified

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (U)—Top Olympic officials, meeting in emergency session here tonight, are expected to modify at least temporarily the rigorous and controversial anti-professional pledge introduced in the new Olympic rules.

The executive commission of the International Olympic Committee, convened by I.O.C. President Avery Brundage, may decide to suspend the amateur-intention phrase in the new pledge until after the Melbourne games, and so meet the widespread criticism of the

pledge for the time being. Brundage himself, anxious to preserve the amateur status of Olympic athletes, was one of the main supporters of the new pledge. It was not certain how he and the nine other senior Olympic officials would feel about suspending the pledge, but some I.O.C. sources said privately it was difficult to see what other course was open.

Sports Groups Protested The pledge, under Article 34 of the new rules, requires each Olympic athlete to sign this declaration, printed on the official entry form:

"I, the undersigned, declare on my honor that I am and intend to remain an amateur and fulfill the conditions stipulated by the Olympic rules."

The words "and intend to remain" were introduced for the first time by the new rules published in July.

Sports organizations in the United States, Europe and Australia have protested vigorously. Brundage, before leaving the United States for the Lausanne meeting, said "some amplification and explanation" of the wording would be necessary.

Brundage is due to arrive here from London tonight, together with the Marquess of Exeter, I.O.C. vice-president.

The I.O.C. executive commission and some additional I.O.C. members, is expected to take a final decision on the pledge at least as for the Melbourne games, opening on Nov. 22, are concerned.

Falls City Men Get Their Deer

Monday forenoon found nine deer in the cooling room of Walker's Locker market in Falls City.

Dick Bowman, Falls City's postmaster, brought the first buck into the cold storage room Saturday.

In the Guthrie vicinity a party of five hunters killed a nice buck each, Saturday, in the Valselt area, all having their tag filled by 1:30 p.m.

They were Vernie Parks, Albert Schultz, Frank and Wes Welch and Kenneth Littleton.

Two of their kill were forked horns, two were three-point and one was a four-point.

Northwest Cowboys Score High at N. Y.

NEW YORK (U)—Four Pacific Northwest cowboys earned high placings Tuesday night in the Madison Square Garden Rodeo.

Deb Copenhagen of Post Falls, Idaho, won the saddle bronc riding event and Dean Oliver of Boise topped calf roping with a time of 12.9.

Bill Linderman of Walla Walla earned third place in bareback bronc riding and Ross Dollarhide of Lakeview, Ore., placed second in steer wrestling with 7 seconds flat.

Speedy Ducks Given Nod in UCLA Battle

UO Risks Unbeaten Mark Friday Night

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — UCLA opens its Pacific Coast Conference football campaign at the Los Angeles Coliseum this Friday (Oct. 5) at 8:15 p.m. by facing one of only two undefeated teams left in the conference. That would be Oregon's classy Webfoots, rated the best team Coach Len Casanova has ever had at Eugene.

The Ducks, paced by the fastest backfield the Bruins will meet all season, come to town with opening victories over Colorado, 35-0, and Idaho, 21-14. The visitors will be favored to break a six-game losing streak to UCLA, having last knocked over the Bruins in 1948, 26-7.

Oregon will turn loose a trio of superb runners in Halfback Jim Shanley and Fullbacks Jack Morris and Fred Miklancic. Shanley is not only one of the finest break-away runners on the Coast but is also the team's leading pass catcher. He's averaging 5.7 yards on 24 carries and has caught three passes for 97 yards and a touchdown.

Morris, 188, and Miklancic, 206, are a pair of powerful backs who are averaging 5.9 and 7.7 yards per carry, respectively. They give the Ducks a tremendous 1-2 punch as fullback. Oregon also has two nifty quarterbacks in Tom Crabtree and Jack Crabtree, both of whom have passed for TDs this season.

Red Sanders' Bruins will be out to bounce back after a jostled 42-17 loss to mighty Oregon last week. Although outmanned and outclassed, the youthful Bruins displayed the traditional fight and spirit for which Sanders teams are famous.

UCLA figures to be much tougher Friday with four seniors opening their abbreviated five-game season. Slated to start are End Pete O'Garro, Tackle Preston Dills, Guard Captain Don Birren and Wingback Chuck Hollaway.

Hollaway, the fastest man on the squad, will give the Bruins much needed speed in the backfield. He'll probably start with Doug Bradley at tailback, Bob Bergdahl at quarterback and Barry Billington at fullback, all of whom played their hearts out against Michigan.

Hollaway and O'Garro, who topped the UCLA pass receivers last year with 10 each, also will bolster the aerial game. O'Garro and Dick Wallen, UCLA's truly great sophomore, give the Bruins a pair of nifty ends.

Another standout soph, the 171-pound Billington, was the leading ground gainer against Michigan, booming for 39 yards in seven carries for a 5.5 average and a TD. He's pushing Bradley as the Bruins' leading ball carrier. Bradley's two-game total is 90 yards as compared to 74 for Billington. However, Bradley has carried 37 times, more than double Barry's total of 16.

Bradley, who suffered a possible nose fracture in the Wolverine battle, is still expected to play Friday. He'll be backed up by Don Long, still another classy soph who showed improvement against Michigan. Edison Griffin, UCLA's No. 3 tailback, is still doubtful this week because of a knee injury which kept him out of the Michigan game.

Bearcats Face Four Straight NWC Tests

Games Include 2 Loop Giants, Pacific

A big month of Northwest conference games—four in a row—faces the Willamette Bearcats starting with the Pacific university Badgers Saturday night at Forest Grove.

To Coach Ted Ogdahl, at least two of the contests will demand supreme effort—Oct. 13 at Lewis & Clark and Oct. 20 against College of Idaho at McCulloch stadium. Those two conference giants are rated 1-2 on paper, and they are to knock heads this Saturday at Caldwell.

The Bearcats started preparations Tuesday for Pacific's varied offense, which employs versions of the wing-T. Pacific, which beat Willamette last year 19-6, lost to College of Idaho last week, 39-7.

Injured Recovering Ogdahl felt good about scarcity of injuries resulting from the 12-27 battle with the big Fresno State college team here Saturday night. Tackle Dale Greenlee and End Roy Barnes, both out with blows to the head, reported in good shape Monday.

Bill Long, capable sophomore center, is back after being out with a knee injury all of the early

press box.

Fire Lt. Walter Reilly, 47, collapsed on the roof of the stands while fighting the extra-alarm blaze late Tuesday. Flames shot as high as 40 feet above the stands and were visible from the Loop. Deputy Fire Marshal Frank Thielmann said the blaze started in the press box at the park, home of the Chicago White Sox baseball team and the Chicago Cardinals professional football team. The Cardinals were working out on the field at the time.

A White Sox official estimated damage at about \$100,000. He said the press, radio and television booths, the main concession stand, washrooms and stairways in the area would have to be rebuilt.

Ed Short, the White Sox publicity man, said he doubted whether the press box and radio and television booths could be rebuilt in time for Sunday's football game between the Cardinals and the New York Giants.

Welters Fight In TV Bout

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (U)—Up-and-coming Jimmy Becham makes his television debut against ringwise Hector Constance Wednesday night in a 10-round welterweight fight for the Babe Zaharias Cancer Foundation.

The Philadelphia 21-year-old probably will be a slight favorite, mainly because he beat Constance, 25, last December in a match at Caracas, Venezuela.

Constance, of Trinidad, is an extremely fast counterpuncher. He said he "never makes a prediction" before a fight, but hoped to prove he could whip Becham.

25-8-8 Record He has a record of 25 victories, eight draws and eight losses. He knocked out seven opponents. He lost to Virgil Akins at St. Louis in his only match this year.

Becham, winner of 14 out of 16, has worked out hard for this match. His manager, Angelo Dundee, lopped off 60 pounds of scheduled sparring because Becham was working out too hard.

Former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan beat him in Havana six weeks ago. The only other fighter that took his measure was Charlie Joseph, who broke Becham's jaw.

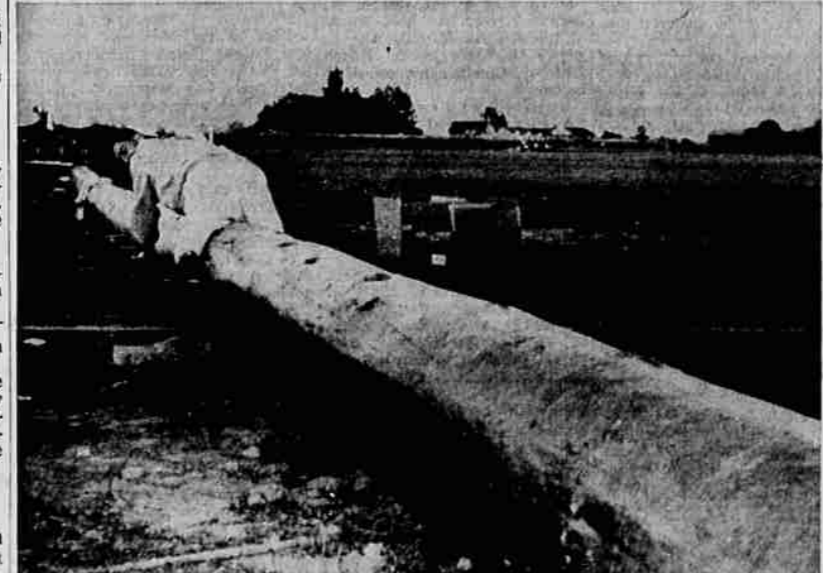
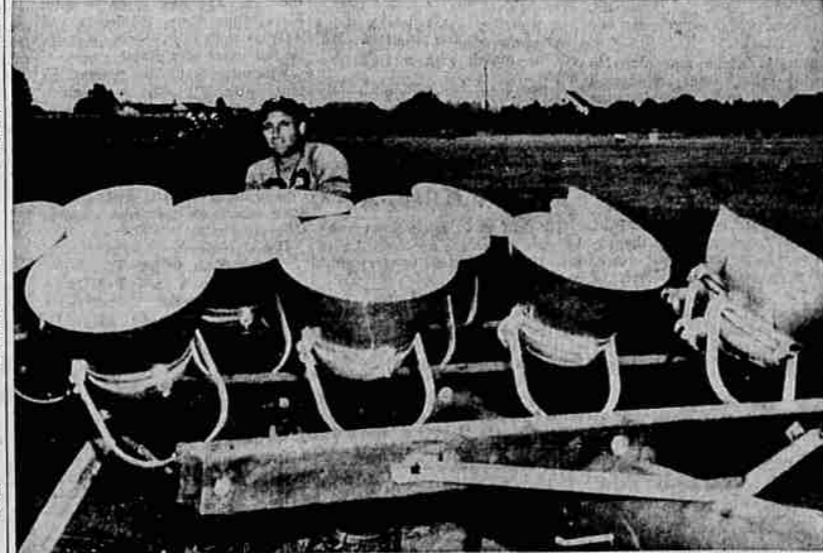
NCAA Committee Meets Thursday

KANSAS CITY (U)—A four-man committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. will open a two-day investigation Thursday of possible infractions of the NCAA code.

Walter Byers, NCAA executive director, said several pending cases will be considered. A report will be submitted to the NCAA council later this month. Byers said all cases involving member schools will remain confidential until acted upon by the council.

LONDON, England—Dick Richardson, 203½, London, awarded decision over Ezzard Charles, 202, Cincinnati. (Charles disqualified in second round for "persistent holding.")

Arcs to Illuminate His Serra Gridiron



Coach Leo Grosjacques of Serra Catholic high school stands (top) by the triple decked lights mounted on poles which were to start going up today at the new football field. There will be six such poles to be erected for the dedication game here Friday against Silverton. Below, helping to gag it up, is assistant Gordy Domogala, who appears to be climbing one of the poles. Only one thing is wrong: The pole is flat on the ground. (Capital Journal Photos)

Women Golfers Near Final Play

Semifinals of the Salem women's fall golf tournament were being played today at Salem golf club with Mrs. Glenn Stevenson playing Mrs. Harold Olinzer and Mrs. Werner Brown meeting Mrs. Merritt Trux in the championship flight.

Mrs. Brown gained the semi's Tuesday by downing Mrs. D. Dunn. Mrs. Robert Herrall beat Mrs. Paul Silke and Mrs. James Van Keulan topped Mrs. L. C. Berry in third flight matches to

complete all third-round action Tuesday.

Finals in the six flights will be played any time between Friday and next Tuesday. Today's regular play featured a most 5's competition plus the finish of the eclectic tournament.

\$400,000 Bet Placed On Yankees by Texan

BROOKLYN (U)—A late boost in odds, due according to the odds-makers to a \$400,000 wager placed on the Yankees by a wealthy Texan as oil man, sent the Yankees into the opening game of the World Series today as 8-5 favorites to win the whole series.

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