

Former PCC alive again as Ducks, Oregon State join AAWU Big Six

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The old Pacific Coast Conference, which expired in 1958 after a wave of football violations, virtually came back to life today with the scheduled entrance of Oregon and Oregon State into the Athletic Association of Western Universities.

The AAWU (Big Six) announced Tuesday that the two Oregon schools would enter the revamped conference on July 1. And a spokesman for the group indicated that both would be

Duck, Beaver entry known for some time

PORTLAND (UPI) — Oregon and Oregon State membership in the Athletic Association of Western Universities (Big Six) has been a foregone conclusion for some time.

Although both schools have competed as independents since the breakup of the old Pacific Coast Conference in 1958, they maintained relations with nearly all the Big Six schools.

And recently announced future football schedules include all of the other six schools. Basketball coaches already had drawn up several schedules for next season. A 14-game schedule is likely.

There was talk for a time of Oregon and Oregon State joining Rocky Mountain schools in a so-called Great Western Conference. But this idea did not meet with general approval.

Oregon and Oregon State both operate under the State System of Higher Education and it was ruled from the first that both schools would act similarly regarding athletic affiliations.

Presidents James Jensen of Oregon State and Arthur S. Flemming of Oregon agreed at San Francisco Tuesday to an invitation to join up with the Big Six.

Later they issued a statement regarding grant-in-aid at both schools.

It said, "The commitments that have been made by Oregon and Oregon State under their present grant-in-aid program and those which will be made up to July 1 will be honored. Commitments made after the effective date of membership will conform to conference regulations."

Under AAWU rules an athlete is required to work 250 hours a year to get grant-in-aid. The NCAA rules now observed by Oregon and OSU allow athletes room, board, books and tuition without work hours.

eligible to go to the Rose Bowl next January although neither plays a representative league schedule until 1967.

"No decision about this has been reached yet," the spokesman said. "But Washington State became eligible for the Rose Bowl after it joined in 1962 and apparently the same policy will apply to Oregon and Oregon State."

As a result, the Big Six beamed up to eight teams which include Southern California, UCLA, California, Stanford, Washington, Washington State, Oregon and Oregon State.

This was the same group, excluding Idaho, that fell apart in 1958 after disclosures two years earlier regarding illegal aid given by some of the member schools to football players.

The new conference began to form when UCLA, Southern California, California and Washington allied as the big four. Stanford later came in to make it the "Big Five" and Washington State's entrance in 1962 led to

speculation that the Oregon schools would not be long in following suit.

No immediate nickname was at hand for the enlarged AAWU but "Big Eight" appeared to be out as that already belongs to another conference.

Tuesday afternoon's announcement was made through the office of USC president Dr. Norman Topping in Los Angeles after a secret meeting of AAWU executives at a hotel near the San Francisco airport.

Following the announcement, Presidents Arthur S. Flemming of Oregon and James H. Jensen of Oregon State said in a joint statement:

"We are pleased to have been invited to join the Athletic Association of Western Universities and have accepted the invitation. We believe that affiliation with members of the association will strengthen our respective institutions."

Both schools had played as independent teams since the collapse of the PCC.

Russell grabs 31 rebounds, leads Celts to 103-87 win over Royals

By Dick Daw
UPI Staff Writer
BOSTON (UPI) — Big Bill Russell didn't say a word when Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson was named his successor as the National Basketball Association's most valuable player.

Russell even forgot about his talk of retirement. Instead, the hulking center of the six-time champion Boston Celtics led his team to a one-game lead, 103-87 over the Cincinnati Royals in their best-of-seven Eastern Division final series.

NBA playoff action moves clear across the nation tonight when the St. Louis Hawks move into San Francisco to launch their best-of-seven Western Division series.

Russell's boss, NBA coaching dean Red Auerbach, had only one word for his 6-foot, 9-inch star: "Fantastic."

The veteran Boston pivot tossed in 18 points, hauled down 31 rebounds, and even collected a pair of assists while playing 46 minutes Tuesday night.

Unfortunately, NBA statisticians don't keep records on blocked shots. But Russell time and again delighted a 13,000 capacity Boston Garden crowd in this respect. He left them with the abiding memory of a seemingly endless arm slapping basketballs back into the faces of Cincinnati shooters.

Robertson, whose most valuable player selection broke a string of three straight Russell choices, didn't have a basket

for the first 11 minutes of the game. He wound up with 20 points, seven rebounds and three assists while playing 44 minutes. For the record, he averaged 31.4 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists per regular season game.

Boston guard Sam Jones was the man with the hottest hand. Held to seven in the first half, he finished with 27. Tom Heinsohn had 20. Wayne Embry's 21 points in 28 minutes topped the Royals, who qualified to meet the Celtics by eliminating Philadelphia in the preliminary series.

Oregon teams are welcomed

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Athletic Director J. D. Morgan of UCLA today expressed his pleasure that Oregon and Oregon State were joining the Athletic Association of Western Universities.

"We here at UCLA welcome Oregon and Oregon State Universities into the AAWU and look forward with enthusiasm to a resumption of athletic competition with these two fine institutions at the earliest feasible date," he said.

UCLA previously had scheduled football games with Oregon State in 1967-68 and with Oregon in 1969-70.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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Skowron hot at plate

Diamond vets having best of spring training; Rookies slow

By United Press International

The veterans have had the best of it this spring. A fistful of old pros are enjoying an unusually brilliant exhibition season while sharing their positions with the bally-hooed rookies, who, for the most part, have done an early fade out.

Tuesday's exhibition results had a typical (for 1964) veteran flavor which singled out:

—Camilo Pascual, who hurled seven shutout innings to extend his shutout string to 15 as the Minnesota Twins recorded their fifth straight victory, 6-0, over the Philadelphia Phillies' "B" team.

—Vic Power, fighting for the Twins' first base job, who collected three hits in the victory to up his batting average to .429.

—Hank Aaron, who hammered his fourth exhibition home run in the red-hot Milwaukee Braves' 6-3 decision over the Detroit Tigers.

—Sadowski Blanks Tigers —Bob Sadowski, the youthful vet of the Braves who blanked the Tigers on three hits through the first five innings. He now has yielded only one run in 17 innings for a .53 earned run average.

—Moose Skowron of the

Washington Senators, who led a 16-hit attack against Baltimore's Steve Barber and relief ace Stu Miller for an 11-5 victory. Skowron has 13 hits in 22 at-bats for a robust .591 average.

—Ron Hansen, who slugged two home runs and drove in six runs to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 7-6 triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals. Ken Boyer drove in three Cardinal runs, two of them on a home run.

—Marty Keough, who hit his fourth home run of the spring for Cincinnati in the Reds' 4-3 loss to Philadelphia's "A" team.

—And Larry Jackson, who registered his third victory for the Chicago Cubs, pitching seven scoreless innings against the Cleveland Indians. Ron Santo hit a two-run homer and two singles in the Cubs' 6-2 victory.

Pirates Down Mets

In other games Tuesday the Pittsburgh Pirates capitalized on four outfield errors by the New York Mets to gain an 8-4 victory. Rookie Rex Johnston, with three hits, and Willie Stargell, with a two-run homer, led the Pirates' attack.

Charley Lau squeezed home the winning run in the last of

the 10th inning to give the Kansas City Athletics a 5-4 victory over the New York Yankees. Rookie Aurelio Monteagudo held the Yankees scoreless for six innings.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, who have seen their three best pitchers get shelled in the last three days, saw Johnny Podres take a 6-3 bombardment from the Houston Colts. Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale also were pounded in their most recent outings.

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Giants can handle 'cousins'

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI)—The American League could be thankful today that the San Francisco Giants are not among its ten members.

The Giants, who battle the Los Angeles Angels today, made it 16 of 17 against the American League in spring play here on Tuesday with a 9-1 romp over

Boston. San Francisco leads the Cactus League with a 17-4 mark. The Giants' 13-0 record against Cleveland and Boston accounts for most of their record.

The Giants whacked out 14 hits against three Boston southpaws Tuesday, including five extra-base blows.

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Tigers figure Lumpe will fill hole at second base

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 15th of 20 dispatches on the 1964 prospects of the major league baseball teams.)

By Leo H. Petersen

UPI Staff Writer

LAKELAND, Fla. (UPI)—It's been 19 years since the Detroit Tigers have won the American League pennant, largely because of a weakness at second base, and this is the year they think they have corrected that fault.

In an off season of major deals, they came up with Jerry Lumpe from the Kansas City Athletics in an effort to fill the gap.

"He'll do the job," says Manager Charlie Dressen confidently. "We like the other players we got in trades, too." They are outfielder Don Demeter from the Philadelphia Phillies and pitchers Ed Rakow and Dave Wickersham from the Athletics. To get them they gave up pitcher Jim Bunnin, outfielder Rocky Colavito and catcher Gus Triandos.

"We gave up a lot," admits Dressen, "but we think we got more in return."

Kansas City and Philadelphia may not agree with that appraisal, but baseball men will. They also feel, however, that the Tigers could have a championship infield and also come up short in the relief pitching department.

Dressen insists he's not worried about either one.

Tighten Up Infield
"Lumpe is bound to be a big help to Dick McAuliffe at short," Dressen claims, "and that's going to tighten up our infield." It will have Norm Cash, who hit 26 home runs with 29 runs batted in, at first base and Don Wert, a gambler at third.

Wert came up from Syracuse last season and hit only 259 in 78 games with the Tigers. But Dressen liked what he saw of

his potential. If Wert fails to measure up the Tigers could be in trouble for they haven't too much behind him. There's Jake Wood, who for one season looked like he would fill the Tigers' second base gap, and then slumped off and veteran Bubba Phillips, who has been kicking around baseball for 16 years without finding a permanent home.

Demeter will be the center-fielder with Bill Bruton in left and the meal ticket of the Tigers, Al Kaline, in right. Demeter hit 22 homers for the Phillies last year and knocked in 83 runs on a batting average of only .258.

Dressen thinks he will better all those marks. For one thing, Demeter will be an outfielder and will not have to play third base as he did with the Phillies.

Bruton has been patrolling centerfield, but he has slowed up so he is being shifted to left. Kaline, one of the game's super stars, hit .312 last season and wound up with 27 home runs — low for him — and 101 runs batted in, also below his par.

To back them up the Tigers have George Thomas, a disappointment last season after being obtained from the Los Angeles Angels; Willie Horton, who came up late last year after hitting .333 for Knoxville and Pinal Goldy, who hit only .261 at Syracuse.

In Bill Freehan, the Tigers think they have one of the game's coming stars. He'll be the first string catcher this year, and not share first base duties, as he did in 1963.

Has Hitting Tools
Freehan hit only .243 in his rookie season with nine home runs and 36 RBIs but it's generally agreed he has the hitting tools. Behind him will be Mike Roarke, whose 1963 average of .318 was deceptive for he played in only 23 games.

Even with the addition of Rakow and Wickersham, there is a big if on the Tiger pitching staff—relief hurling aside. The question mark is Frank Lary, who used to be an even money bet to win 20 games or more. Lary, who has looked better this spring than at any time since he came down with arm trouble in 1962, won only four games and lost nine with the Tigers last year.

That leaves for starters Rakow (9-10), Hank Aguirre (14-15), Phil Regan (15-9) and Mickey Lolich (5-9).

Wickersham (12-15) wants to be a starter but Dressen is thinking of him in terms of relief, putting him in the bullpen with Terry Fox (8-6), Fred Gladning (1-1) and rookie Pete Craig, up from the minors where he won eight and lost six with Duluth and Knoxville. The only trouble with that array is that all are right handers.

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