

SONS LINING UP STERLING QUINT FOR MAC CLASH

Portland Outfit Expected to Show Normal School What Prospects Are for Ensuing Cage Season

ASHLAND, Dec. 20.—(Spl.)—After four weeks of hard drill on basketball fundamentals and conditioning work, Coach Hobson has weeded out his squad and decided on the boys who will uphold the SONS colors this season. Opening against the formidable Multnomah club of Portland, next Friday and Saturday, the SONS will play a long, hard schedule of some 26 games this year.

The team will have to work hard to equal the record of last year's outfit, which went through the season without losing a series. Osgood, Willamette, Chico, Multnomah club and Monmouth all came out second best in games with the SONS last year. Of the stars of a year ago, however, only Ward Howell, center, returns. Len Yandle, sharpshooting forward, may enter next term. Bud and Willard Jones are both regulars on the Oregon varsity this year and Dick Yocksch did not return this year.

Squad Announced.

To replace these players, Hobson has announced the following squad: At the forward positions, Charlie Patterson, tall colored star who made his letter here last year, and Trux Foreman, all-state player for Salem two years ago, seem to have the edge. Art Merriman, flashy Corvallis star, and Bob Braddock, one of Hobson's Benson stars, are next in line. Dean Joy, red-headed streak from Wallace, Idaho, completes the list of forwards. Of this group, Patterson is the only real tall man. He stands six feet two and has an exceptional reach. He is a clever ball handler and a fine scorer. Foreman is a fast, cool player and very colorful. Merriman is a half-pint speed boy and is really clever, with Joy along the same order. Braddock is the fastest forward on the squad and knows the game well. He may be in the starting lineup this week.

Howell Improved.

Ward Howell is an improved center this year and has a real understanding in Harold Bradley of Eugene. This good-natured giant, appropriately dubbed Ox by his team mates, stands six feet five and easily outjumps Howell. He is improving rapidly and may move into the first firing line anytime as center or forward.

There is a real battle on for the guard positions, with Lyle Heeder, sub last year, showing remarkable improvement so far that gives him the inside track for one of the places. Bill Courtney, captain for two years under Hobson at Benson, and said to be the equal of McLean in all-around ability, will be hard to keep off of the starting five.

Courtney is small but can make up for this handicap very well. He was selected as Portland all-star three years in a row. Marvin Fitzer, six feet three, and very aggressive, is another good guard. He is from Seaside. Another man the same size and a 10-second man along with it is Jack Marica, regular on last year's Washington State freshman team. He has only been out a few days and will cause worry to the present regulars. Bill Robinson, husky all-star from Centralia, Wash., is another good guard. Neil Winkle, tall Bend player, completes the list of guards.

Must Learn New Style.

While most of the newcomers were outstanding in high school, most of them are very weak in the fundamentals given in the SONS camp, and they are totally unaccustomed to the style of play used here. It is just a question of whether the squad can improve fast enough to meet the competition they are asked to face and come out on the long end.

Multnomah club comes here with an unusual array of stars and will let the SONS know just where they stand as to the season's possibilities. The games will not start on either Friday or Saturday until 9:30, to allow business men of Ashland and Medford a chance to attend. The games are to be played at the Ashland Junior high with Ashland high meeting Crescent City high both nights in preliminaries. Tickets are on sale in Medford at the Tuggerly and at the Office Stationery and Supply.

In SONS-MAC Limelight



Len Yandle (left), scoring ace of SONS team last year, who is with Multnomah club this season and will appear at Ashland Friday and Saturday. He may stay here and enter school next quarter. Howard Hobson (center), SONS coach. Trux Foreman (right), all-state star from Salem, who has all but clinched a forward berth on this year's SONS team.

CALLISON HALTS HERE FOR VISIT

Prince G. (Pink) Callison, head football coach of the University of Oregon, and listed by sports writers throughout the nation as one of the "outstanding young coaches," spent yesterday afternoon in the city, visiting old friends. Coach Callison is en route south by auto, to spend Christmas with his kin in San Francisco, and to attend the Rose Bowl game New Year's day. He left this morning.

Mike Mikulak, Bree Cuppolletti and Bernie Hughes, three members of the University of Oregon championship squad, also left today for San Francisco, where they will play in the annual Shrine game New Year's day. The trio attended a high school assembly yesterday, and made short talks. Mikulak is something of an orator, if given a chance.

Coach Callison, as usual, had little to say of the future or the past. He said he was going to the Rose Bowl game to pick up a few ideas, and see an "eastern team in action."

He will return to the university campus shortly after the first of the year. Callison has a one-year contract. Its renewal will be considered by the athletic board early in January.

M'DONALD IN FINAL BASKETBALL SEASON

Fred MacDonald of this city, a member of the state championship high school football and basketball squads during his Medford high school days, is one of the regulars on the Oregon State basketball squad. MacDonald is playing running guard. This is his last and senior year.

Oregon State won the coast basketball title last year and MacDonald figured in two thrilling victories over the Trojan quint, with free throws and baskets when they counted. MacDonald now weighs 190 pounds and stands six feet two and a half inches in his stocking feet.

BEAVER BASKETEERS TRIM OILERS 28-22

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Evening its series with Union Oil basketball quintet, Oregon State's smooth-passing team defeated the Oilers by 28 to 22 here last night. Hibbard at forward was the heavy scorer for the Beavers, getting four field goals, all in the second period when they were sorely needed. The score at half time was 13 to 14 in favor of the Oilers.

The victory balances the 31-to-27 setback the Oilers handed the Beavers at Corvallis Saturday. The teams meet again Friday night.

SEWELL TOUGHTEST AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTER TO WHIFF

Veteran Joe's Eyes Not Dimmed, Official Figures Show—Strikeout Average Only Eight Per Season

By WILLIAM WEEKES Associated Press Sports Writer. CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Fourteen seasons in the American league have not dimmed the batting eye of Joe Sewell, the New York Yankees' third baseman. He still is the toughest batsman in the league to strike out.

The official averages, made public today, show that Sewell, for the third time in his major league career, struck out only four times, in 135 games, leading the American league for the tenth season. Last year he fanned only three times, in 124 games, and he cut down four times in 1925 and 1929. He played in 135 games in 1925 and 152 in 1929.

Fans But Seldom.

During his major league service, which started with Cleveland in 1920, Sewell has been struck out, for an average of a shade more than eight times a season. He first led the league in avoiding third strikes in 1923, fanning 12 times, and continued to head the list in the next six campaigns. He went down 13 times in 1924, four in 1925, six in 1926, seven in 1927, nine in 1928, and four in 1929.

Jimmy Fox, who led the league in batting, also was the leader in driving in runs for the second successive season. His war club sent in 163 scores, with Lou Gehrig of the Yankees accounting for 139 for second place. Al Simmons of the Chicago White Sox, landed third with 119. Nine players drove in more than 100 runs, to 14 in 1932.

Ruth Walks Often.

Three players, Ruth, Mickey Cochrane and Max Bishop of the Athletics, received more than 100 bases on balls. As usual, Ruth led in free transportation with 114 walks, while Cochrane and Bishop received 106 each. The same trio, along with Fox and Gehrig, were walked 100 or more times in 1932. Fox replaced Campbell, the St. Louis outfielder, as the leading knockout victim, fanning 83 times. Campbell struck out 104 times a year ago.

The champion Washington Senators landed in third place in games won at home, but was the best outfit on the road. New York won 81 and lost 25 at home, while the Athletics had a 46 to 29 edge, while the Senators won 45 and lost 30 on their own field. Abroad Washington won 53 and lost 23, while the Yankees took 40 decisions and dropped 36.

ELKS BOWLING TEAM ISSUES CHALLENGE

The Medford Elk lodge all-star bowling team yesterday hurled a challenge to any five-man aggregation in the city to meet them on the lodge alleys Sunday, firing to start at 1 p. m.

The lodgemen swept through the first half of the bowling season like a whirlwind, only being kept within sight of their competitors by reason of heavy handicapping. Now they want to show what they can do in straight man-to-man conflict, and have even gone so far as to signify their willingness to meet any picked quintet in town—loser to pay the alley fee.

Oregon Weather.

Local rain tonight and Thursday, little change in temperature; fresh to strong southwest wind offshore.

Babe Will Head Kids League Is Newspaper Claim

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Inquirer says Babe Ruth is going to ask for his release from the New York Yankees so that he will be free to take over the "Babe Ruth Kids' League," a project backed by a New York oil company.

All the plans have not yet been worked out, the paper says, but it is understood both the films and radio will have a place in the Babe's plan to teach baseball to the kids throughout the nation.

CHRISTMAS PLAY AT HIGH SCHOOL GYM THIS EVENING

Dramatic club and glee clubs of the Medford junior high school will present their Christmas play, "The Quiz of the Wise Men," at eight o'clock tonight in the school gymnasium.

Persons who are interested in the presentation of pageantry are requested to attend and bring their friends. No charge will be made, according to announcement from the school.

The cast includes: Laalah, George Gates; Micah, Don Herried; Hoses, Kenneth Stimson; Joseph, J. E. Garrison; Inkeeper, Harry Stanley; watchman, Don Herried; first shepherd, George Gates; other shepherds, Ronnell Harwood, Merlin Dow, Donald Younger and Jack Hamilton.

Gold Hill

GOLD HILL, Dec. 20.—(Spl.)—Mrs Ruth Byerly is home from Oregon university to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. R. E. Blankenburg transacted business in Medford Tuesday. Vonnie Toppo entertained a number of her friends Sunday afternoon in honor of her fifth birthday.

Mrs. Jno. Cook, Mrs. Ella Patrick and Miss Mildred Smith were among visitors in Medford Monday. Jerry Smith, who has been in the Shriner's hospital in Portland for the past four and a half months, returned home Sunday greatly improved.

Methodist Sunday school will have its annual Christmas program on Christmas eve. Santa Claus will be present and all the children will receive a treat.

Mrs. Ruth Lewis spent last Thursday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Musty of Central Point. Roy Moore and his brother, D. Moore left Sunday for Chesham, Wash., where they expect to work in a box factory.

Mrs. Wigle of Portland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Laura Dungey, and her son, Frank Pink. Mrs. Carrie Cameron, who spent the

CWA APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENT AIRPORT APPROVED

Applications prepared by City Superintendent Fred Scheffel for civil works administration funds for four improvement projects at the Medford airport were approved by the city council last night in regular session. They call for construction of a cross runway, widening of the present runway, repainting of the hangar and administration building, installation of two additional floodlights, and improvement of runway lighting.

The applications were prepared following advice from Basil B. Smith of the airway division of the CWA program, stating that funds would be available for improvement of airports of federal importance. The letter stated that the Medford port was considered one of the most important in the state, and that funds would probably be allocated for necessary improvements.

An immediate survey of the situation was made by Superintendent Scheffel and the city council aviation committee, headed by Frederick Heath. The four projects were then recommended and applications for funds prepared. Mr. Smith stopped in Medford the first of the week en route to Klamath Falls to look over the airport and consider the projects desired. He expressed the belief that at least two of them would be granted, but was a little doubtful of immediate action on the painting and lighting programs.

The four applications are going to the local and state CWA committees.

Kallio Pins Reed To Retain Crown

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Gus Kallio, 160, retained his National Wrestling association middleweight championship belt in a title match here last night with Robin Reed, 156, of Reedsport, Ore.

With a self-strangle hold Kallio took the lone fall of the one-hour match.

week with her son, Geo. Hammersley and family, returned to her home in Klamath Falls Sunday.

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