

The Sporting Page

YOUNG BACKFIELD AND VETERAN LINE HEARTEN WEBFEET

Oregon Optimism Manifest Early — Freshmen Expected Give Ball-Carrying Punch Lacking Last Year

EUGENE, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Right down the squad roster from bewhiskered Captain Tony Amato to the young and enthusiastic lad who will sit out the season on the bench, football optimism makes its annual debut at the University of Oregon. Coach "Prink" Callison takes his hopes of getting last year's coast conference cellarites into the championship running on two pretty good reasons. First, lacking Del Bjork, graduated captain and guard, the Webfoots will throw a veteran line against UCLA in Los Angeles for the season's opener on September 24. Second, Oregon has a good run of sophomore ball carriers who scored a flock of touchdowns last season to win the northern division yearling championship.

Mean Scoring Punch. These freshmen, Callison likes to believe, will supply the scoring so disastrously absent a year ago. The Webfoots scored a touchdown and tied with Stanford in 1936. It was the only touchdown they made against any major team reappearing on this year's schedule. Ten of the 15 returning lettermen are in the line. From this group Gene Shields, line coach, will fit a starting combination to include three athletes: Captain Tony Amato, who still sports a nice crop of whiskers from Eugene's pioneer celebration last summer, Joe Huson and Nello Giovanni, guards; Bill Post, tackle, and John Yerby, end, all 1936 fixtures. Bill Estes, senior letterman from Klamath Falls, Cliff Morris, 217-pound reserve, and Elroy Jensen, 160-pound sophomore, may get chances to fill All-Coast Bjork's job.

The vacancy at right end will be taken over either by Victor Reginato, punting ace from Klamath Falls, or Bud Robertson, a one-year letterman. **Backfield Mystery.** If Callison and Backfield Coach Mike Mikulak want to conceal their backfield combinations, it shouldn't be difficult. The whole thing is much of a mystery even to the mentors. Hank Nilson, former end, and Arleigh Bentley, one-year letterman fullback and quarterback, will alternate at the blocking back position. Ernie Robertson, reserve, and Dennis Donovan, sophomore, pass-catching ace, are two more possibilities.

Jim Nicholson, 167-pound junior, and Dale Laesle, 170-pound senior, both alternates last year, have taken the lead in early practice for the important left half post. Other scoring-play hopefuls are Ted Gebhardt, 178, junior college transfer, Steve Anderson, a fine passer, and Jay Graybeal, the Pendleton jack rabbit who ran frosh opponents into a ditch last season.

Bob Smith Liked. Bob Smith, Medford sophomore, is a favorite for right half. He is a brilliant passer and runner. He will find his chief opposition from Don Kennedy, 170-pound blocking back from last year's team, and Bill Rach, stocky sophomore from Seattle. Mikulak, former All-American fullback at Oregon, likes Paul Rowe, ex-rugby player from British Columbia, and Frank Emmons, Beaverton, as candidates for his old job. Both weigh around 180 pounds and are 16-second men. Rach, when not at right half, may understudy them with Bentley.

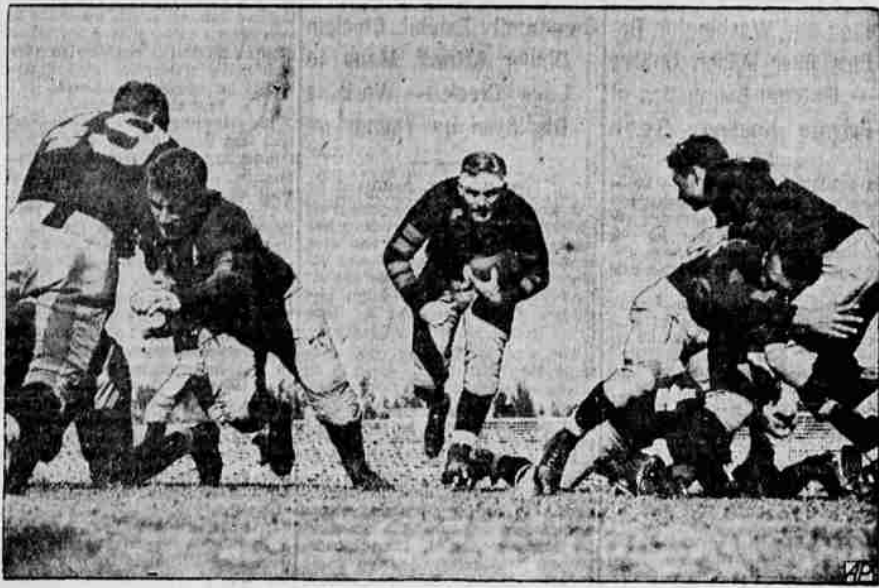
ASHLAND, ALUMNI IN SCORELESS TIE

With both teams threatening several times, but lacking the punch to cross the final stride, Ashland high school's 1937 Grizzlies and a strong Alumni eleven battled to a scoreless tie yesterday afternoon in the opening game of the season. Big Steve Fowler, 200-pound high school fullback and tiny Charlie Warren, quarterback, were outstanding in the Grizzly backfield while Bob Bell and Jack Weaver at the tackles, turned in good performances. Phil Keaton, Alumni end, became the first casualty of the season when he suffered a fractured jaw on the final play of the game. He had just been shifted to halfback, and on his first ball-carrying attempt, he was hit by both high school ends.

GRIDMAN KILLED BY INJURY IN PRACTICE

LAS VEGAS, N. M., Sept. 14.—(AP)—An autopsy was ordered today on the body of Ivan Perkins, 23, first victim of a fatal accident on the nation's college gridirons this season. Only a few minutes after he trotted out for the first practice of the season, Perkins, sophomore football player at New Mexico Normal University here, lay dead on the field yesterday. He collided head-on with another player, Larry Stockton, as both leaped up to catch a pass, then both collapsed on the ground. He was dead when a physician examined him.

Bruins In First Practise



To be sure, heavy bodily contact was carefully avoided, but members of the University of California at Los Angeles varsity went through a light scrimmage on their first day of practice for the 1937 season. Here is Fullback Billy Bob Williams coming through a wide-open hole in the line.

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Billy Hulén Says:
Rich Dish Waits Football Addicts In Coming Season



Probably because of the fact that Medford high's Black Tornado will meet its three southern Oregon conference opponents on foreign fields this season, local football addicts have been doing considerable worrying for fear they will not be served their favorite fall sports dish in large enough quantities. However, a glance at the list of battles to be staged at the high school stadium reveals that this year of 1937 will be just about the biggest in Medford history.

It is not only in quantity that this season figures to surpass all others, but in quality as well. With the definite scheduling of the SONS-Oregon state rock battle for Nov. 5 under the lights, Medford's slate of games was increased to five, and every one a humdinger. With a doubt, the array of encounters to be staged on the green turf of the stadium here is the finest yet.

Jimmy Carr's Hood River high aggression will breeze into town Oct. 1 to inaugurate night football in Medford against the Tigers. Hood River last year tangled with the Portland prep champions for a claim to the mythical state championship, and will field practically the same outfit this season. By and large, that should be one of the year's best ball games.

Game number 2 will be the appearance of Burles, Cal., high on Oct. 16, and anyone who has seen the Californians perform in the past several years will realize what the Tigers are in for. There is a possibility that the game will be played under the lights Oct. 15, it all depending on whether the weather is mild or wild.

Then, comes October 30 and game number 3, with John Londahl bringing his mighty Bend Lava Bears to Medford. Last year Bend went through undefeated and was tied only by an inspired Klamath Falls eleven. Like Hood River, the Lava Bears are reported to have their 1936 club returning almost intact.

Game number 4 will be the Oregon State Book and Southern Oregon Normal affair Nov. 3 under the lights. Last year the teams fought it out in Klamath Falls with the SONS coming from behind in the last quarter to pass across two touchdowns and gain a 13-13 deadlock. It was a thriller, and some more of the same business is expected this season.

And finally, as a fitting climax to its "sudden death" schedule, Bowserman's Tigers will face the Eugene high Avenger of Coach Fritz Kramer, considered by all the 1936 state champions. Undefeated and untied, Eugene last year blasted Medford, 44-0, and no victory this season would seem more dear to the locals than a win over the Eugeneans. So, there they are, the "big five" that will be served local pigskin fans piping hot and boiling over. And all will be staged right out there at the south end of Oakdale avenue. If we were to select one of those five encounters as the highlights of the season, our method of deciding would be the well-known hat and numbers. When you have three of Oregon's finest prep elevens in town the same season, northern California's top team also appearing, and two of the bitterest collegiate rivals staging their annual show in addition, there just isn't any method by which to pick



BUT NO SLOUCH are the Pittsburgh Panthers, coached by Jack Sulzberger (above). The Panthers defeated Washington in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1.

the "big" game. They are all-gigantic, and that's that.

Husky Paul Gehrman, the Bend Ore. boy who was picked up by the Cincinnati Reds last fall when they staged their trouts in Medford, is certainly making the grade in professional baseball. Gehrman was the lone youngster that caught the fancy of Red scouts during the ten-day training session at the high school field. He was farmed out to Durham in the Piedmont league and now it is reported a half-dozen major league clubs are asking a price tag on the sensational right-hander. But, he is definitely slated for the Cincinnati mother team.

Latest Piedmont league pitching averages reveal that Gehrman has won 20 games and lost 10 for a percentage of .667. He has worked in 39 games, one-third of the Durham total, and pitched 243 innings. And his team is a second-division outfit.

SOFTBALL RACE IN SEMI-FINALS

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—(UP)—The Bendix Brakes, South Bend, Ind., who defeated the defending champions, Kodak Park, Rochester, N. Y., led the way into the semi-finals of the men's world's softball championship tournament last night at Soldier field by defeating Weaver Falls, Cleveland, 3 to 0.

Detroit also advanced to the semi-final round by defeating Hamilton, Ont., 1 to 0, and will meet the Brakes today.

The Oklahoma City girls' team beat Buffalo, N. Y., 7 to 2, to gain the semi-final round. The women's defending champions, National Manufacturing company, of Cleveland, entered the semi-finals to compete for the title with Oklahoma City, by defeating Weaver Falls' girls' team, 2 to 0. Quarter final mens' scores: Sapulpa, Okla., 1; Phoenix, Ariz., 0.

Saturday Meeting Will Map Details For World Series

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Representatives of contending clubs in the National and American leagues will meet Saturday to arrange world series details. Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis invited to the meeting President William Harridge of the American league, President Ford Frick of National circuit, and representatives from the New York Giants, Chicago Cubs, St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates of the National circuit; and the New York Yankee, Detroit Tigers and Chicago White Sox in the American league.

The series will start either October 5 or 6 in the home park of the American league winner.

BEAVERS AND ANGELS IN LAST DITCH FIGHT FOR FOURTH POSITION

(By the Associated Press) Los Angeles and Portland prepared today for a last ditch fight for the coveted fourth place in the post-season Shaugnessy playoff as the Pacific Coast baseball league entered its final week of scheduled competition.

Sacramento with a five-game lead was virtually assured first place and \$2500 prize money. San Diego in second place had only a game lead over San Francisco, but both were several games ahead of Los Angeles in the fourth spot. The Angels were a game and a half ahead of Portland. Today the league leaders invade Seattle. Oakland goes to Portland, San Diego opposes the last-place San Francisco Miselons at San Francisco and San Francisco Seals go to Los Angeles.

BEAVERS TALKING GAME IN MEDFORD

Possibility that the Portland Beavers may be seen in Medford this year was announced today by Austin Frazier, secretary of the Medford Athletic association. Frazier said that he had written E. J. Scheffer, president of the Pacific Coast league club, concerning a game to be staged at the high school field after the coast league pennant battle was completed.

Portland is planning a barnstorming tour of Oregon in case it doesn't get in the league playoffs, which consists of the first four teams. The coast league ends this week, with Oakland playing a seven-game series at Portland. If the Beavers fail to finish in the first division, the prospects are good that a game can be arranged here, with an all-star team from southern Oregon furnishing the opposition, Frazier believes.

ESTES' COURTESY LEADS TO DEFEAT BY MEANIE WOLFE

Courtesy is without doubt a becoming virtue, but has no place in the grappling ring. That much Toots Estes learned last night in his main event squabble with Larrupin' Lee Wolfe at the Medford armory.

In one of the roughest, toughest, most thrilling matches staged at the house of horror in many moons, the lanky Texan, who is fast becoming one of southern Oregon's most deplorable citizens, upset popular Toots in a two-out-of-three fall set-to. But, as before mentioned, it was because of the cleaner's extreme good manners that Wolfe today stands as the number one wrestler of this district.

It was with the falls standing one apiece that Estes pulled his "Jack Sharkey." Both boys were in a furious mixup when suddenly Estes fired a vicious double-barreled dropkick. So thorough and devastating was the foot-punch that it not only whammed Wolfe to the carpet but leveled Referee Sailor Dick Trout, as well. Apologizing profusely, Estes ran to the writing form of the ref, and totally disregarding the Wolfe menace, stooped over and tenderly helped the groggy Trout to his feet. With his back to Wolfe, Estes inquired about the health of the referee, a brand of courtesy that Wolfe completely disregarded. The Texan heaved his shaking torso off the floor and cut loose with a flying body scissor. Unprepared for the attack, Estes was helpless and went to the mat where Trout weakly patted Wolfe's shoulders for the deciding fall.

Wolfe, who was meener last night than ever before, if possible, took the first tumble with his favorite puncher, a hammerlock and Chicago crab combined. It was the same hold that incapacitated Marshall Carter last week. However, Estes was able to return for more, grabbing the second tumble 13 minutes later with blistering sonnenbergs and dropkicks.

the last of which connected squarely with the Wolfe button and stretched him flat. That made it one-up, from which point the boys really went to town until the payoff.

Ending of the Marshall Carter-Gorilla Pogi middle event was almost the equal of that displayed in the main go. With the tumbles standing one apiece, Carter sonnenberged from outside the ring, shot through the ropes and found Pogi's middle with a hard, hard head. That was all there was to it. Previous to the maneuver, Pogi had battered Carter from the ring and refused to allow him to return, kicking the daylight out of him whenever he made a move to climb back in. Finally, Carter gathered fast-waning strength for one last effort and it was successful.

The Argentine took the first fall in the second round with a Boston crab after weakening Carter with foul punches and outright choke-holds. Carter went to work in the third canto and sonnenberged and dropkicked his way to the squalling fall. The deciding fall came in the fourth round.

In one of the cleanest and most scientific matches ever seen here, Bobby Wagner, the New Hampshire speedster and Young ("Zibby") Zbyzsko, Polish ace, went six rounds to a sensational draw. Wagner won the first fall in the third round with reverse body slams after fast and furious action and Zibby tied the score in the sixth and final stanza with a series of shoulder flips and a body press.

Although outweighed considerably, Zibby kept moving in at all times and gained a draw with his bulldog tactics. There wasn't a dirty punch fired the entire match, and both boys received a great hand from the large crowd when it was all over.

DRESSEN OUSTED AS RED MANAGER

CINCINNATI, Sept. 14.—(AP)—General Manager Warren C. Giles of the Cincinnati Reds announced today the unconditional release of Manager Charles "Chuck" Dreszen and Coaches Thomas Sheehan and

Schmeling and Farr Rate Tops Among Challengers

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Sept. 14.—(AP)—Germany's Max Schmeling and Tommy Farr of Wales were rated today by the National Boxing association as the best of the challengers for Joe Louis' heavy-weight crown.

Schmeling, who holds a knockout victory over the Brown Bomber, and Farr, defeated in his first title quest two weeks ago, ranked well above former Champion Jimmy Braddock in the NBA's ratings. Back of the German and the Welshman came Bob Pastor of New York as No. 3 contender; Al Baso Lovell of the Argentine, No. 4; Braddock, No. 5; Tony Gallento of Newark, N. J., No. 6; Nathan Mann of New York City, No. 7; Al McCoy of Boston, No. 8; Arturo Goday of Chile, No. 9, and Roscoe Toles of Detroit, No. 10.

Louis was installed as the association's new champion despite President Joseph P. Maloney's criticism

of the bomber's showing in his fight with Farr. Maloney declared: "He was saved by a decision handed to him on a silver platter. In other divisions, the NBA champions were unchanged from last year. They included: Light heavyweight, John Henry Lewis of Pittsburgh; middleweight, Freddie Steele of Seattle; welterweight, Barney Ross of Chicago; lightweight, Lew Ambers of Herkimer, N. Y.; featherweight, Patsy Sarron of Alabama; bantamweight, Sixto Escobar; and flyweight, Benny Lynch of England.

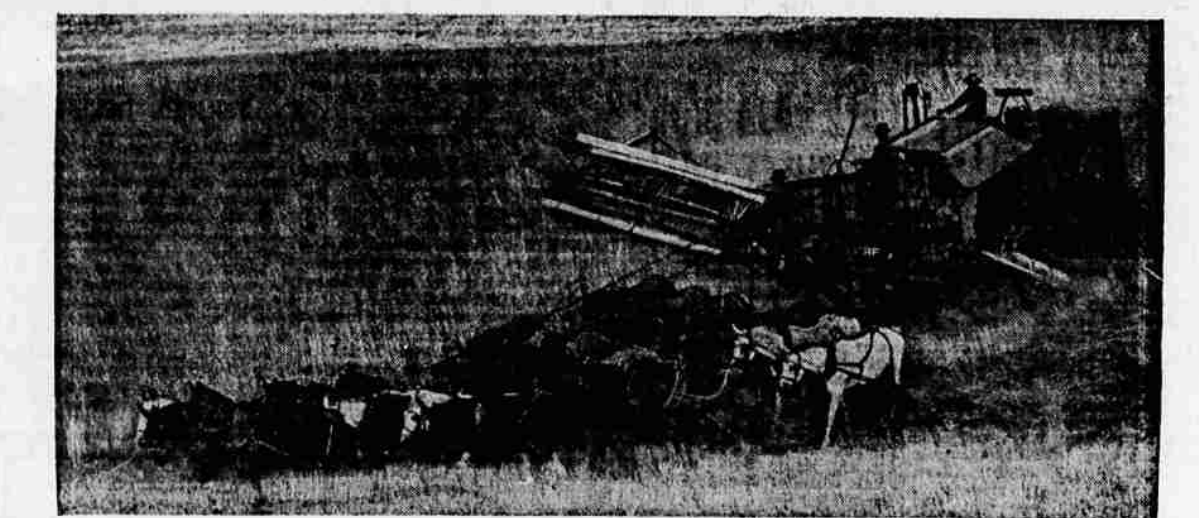
The wrestling association's task of picking a champion was not so easy. John Pesek, the big Nebraskan, was named finally because he was the only mat artist who posted a \$1,000 bond last year to wrestle for the title. Pesek's selection was made conditional on his agreement to meet Everett Marshall or Bronko Nagurski in a title match within six months. If he falls, the title again will be vacated.

SIX INCHES OF ROPE COST ANGLER'S LIFE

ABILENE, Tex., Sept. 14.—(AP)—Beset by dizzy spells and dogged by a fear of drowning, Riley Swift, 38, always took the precaution of tying himself to a tree when he went fishing.

Yesterday his body was found dangling at the end of a rope tied to a willow tree, his head submerged in a little creek. A rope six inches shorter would have saved him.

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