

SPORTS

TEX OLIVER FACES PRECARIOUS TASK AS OREGON COACH

Little School in League of Giants Is Death Trap for Mentors — Average Tenure Only Three Years

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 7.—(AP)—A fellow with a Phi Beta Kappa key and a metronome has assumed the job of tutoring University of Oregon football teams succeeding Prince Callison and following in the footsteps of such grid notables as Hugo Bezdek, Captain J. J. McEwan and Doc C. W. Spears.

The newcomer with the key of wisdom and the tick-tock is Gerald A. Oliver, late of the University of Arizona. When he took the Oregon job, he stepped into the most precarious Pacific coast conference berth after five years on the mesa where his teams won 32 games, tied 11 and lost a negligible four. Since the pre-war days of Bezdek Oregon—the smallest school in a league of giants—has been a professional death trap for coaches. The average tenure has been three years.

Has Confidence Nevertheless, the rhythmic Oliver, whose nickname is "Tex," took office with a flourish of confidence, an ambiguous promise to make "Oregon the No. 1 unknown quantity of the league," and several new wrinkles.

Most conspicuous innovation was the metronome. The Arizonaan is a stickler for timing. Like Chick Mehan he insists the boys stay in step even when they break huddle. During spring practice they huddled, broke, lined up, shifted and started the play to the mechanical ticking of the timing device that keeps little Willie in the groove during his piano lessons.

The gridiron reactionaries scratched their dubious chins at such mole-skin streamlining, but they had to admit that the Oregonians were well coordinated in spring games.

Versatile Attack, "Tex" Oliver promised a "versatile" attack. His style, dissimilar from any used at Oregon recently, calls for fast men in all backfield positions. He lets them all carry the ball.

Beyond that guarded revelation, Tex is secretive and a great believer in closed gates. Even in spring practice few were permitted to see the Webfoot variety when it removed its wraps.

Oliver has reasonably good material for his maiden season. Only three 1037 backs succumbed to graduation and the frosh supplied four smart backfield replacements in Hallak, quarter, Hankinson and Leberg, halves, Stanford and full, Hankinson is already an accomplished passer.

Returning veterans include Nilson, 1937's Ironman quarterback, Nicholson, Graybeard, Gebhardt, Smith, Anderson, Bach and Gammon, halves, Donovan, quarter, and Emmons, full-back.

Tackle Trouble Tackle weakness tax the Oliver optimism. Jensen and patera, juniors, with limited experience, look best. Spare parts are scarce. The ability of Inskerp, Stuart, Winetrot and Escutt, reserve tackles, to meet varsity specifications is doubtful.

Ends, however, are strong and numerous. Yerbey is a two-year veteran. Lance, out last season with a broken arm, and Reginato, are big and tough and fast. Reginato is one of the team's best punters. Speetzen, Robertson, Blenkinsop, Howe and Henderson are all good.

Equally plentiful are swift, bulky guards. Walden, understudy for the graduated Captain Amato last year, Giovannini, Husk, Passolt, Robertson and Smith are all formidable. Husk is the baby of the crowd and he weighs 195.

"Cat" Cadenasso, tall and thick-chested center, is hailed the equal to Oregon's great Bernie Hughes. He is a transfer from St. Mary's, Cal., and becomes a eligible this season. Jacobsen and Samuels can make him step to hold his position.

The Webfoots open against Washington State at Pullman, Wash., Sept. 24. They play U.C.L.A. at Eugene Oct. 1. Stanford at Palo Alto Oct. 15. Portland at New York Oct. 22. U. S. C. at Portland Oct. 29. Idaho at Eugene Nov. 5. California at Berkeley Nov. 12. Washington at Portland Nov. 19, and Oregon State at Portland Nov. 26.

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To Give New Deal



"Tex" Oliver (above), new coach at Oregon University, promises several innovations in the 1938 Webfoot edition. He aims for a versatile attack with fast men in all backfield positions, with all getting a chance to carry the ball. Strong for timing, he insists the players stay in step, even when breaking a huddle.—(A.P. Photo.)

HOW THEY STAND

Table showing National League, American League, and Pacific Coast League standings with columns for W, L, Pct.

KENASTON TAKES GRAPPLING TITLE

Sgt. Bob Kenaston of Gold Hill is the new junior heavyweight wrestling champion of the world. It was learned by Promoter Mack Lillard today, the ex-marine officer defeating Cowboy Dute chick for the title Monday night in Hollywood's new half-million dollar Legion stadium, two falls to one.

Lillard stated that Chick won the first fall with his lariet spin, and Kenaston came back to take the next two tumbles with his Gold Hill crab hold.

Kenaston's victory climaxed a steady rise to the top during the last three years, in which he has appeared in Medford many times. Lillard said that he would attempt to obtain the new champion for a series of matches here as soon as possible.

Scores Yesterday

Table showing scores for American League, National League, and Coast League.



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HAMPEL RECORDS .583 AVERAGE TO TAKE BAT HONORS

With the highest average produced in the past five years, Orval Hampel, slugging first-baseman of the Medford Craters, won the 1938 Southern Oregon league batting championship by lacing out 14 hits in 24 trips to the plate for a mark of .583, far ahead of Manager Paul "Hoosier" Hoffard, Crater manager and next in line. Hoffard, playing the entire schedule whereas Hampel appeared only in the last few games, socked the ball at a .444 clip, and led the league in total bases with 48.

The home run leadership was divided between Cliff McLean, Crater catcher, and Hampel, each of them belting three round-trippers. Bill Glendale third baseman, led in triples with five, and Russell Blacksmith, Grants Pass second baseman, hit six doubles to head all in that respect.

The Craters topped the field by a wide margin in team batting average, ending the regular schedule with a mark of .333.

Lefty Mike Koll of Crescent City won 11 and lost 2 games to lead the pitchers. Other hurlers loeing into the game were Orval Hoffman of Grants Pass, with seven victories; Lowell Brown of Medford, with six wins, and Steve Crippen of Grants Pass, with five conquests.

Final averages, released by League Secretary Austin Prazer and including only games during the regular schedule, are as follows:

Table showing Team Batting and Individual Batting statistics for various players.

Hampel, Medford 24 14 14 29 583 Hoffard, Medford 63 28 48 444 Rickett, Medford 57 24 34 421 M. Koll, Crater 53 17 22 355 Patterson, Ashl. 38 3 15 17 411 White, Medford 42 12 17 28 404 Willis, Glendale 50 8 20 30 400 Porterfield, Ashl. 45 5 17 19 381 Rogers, G. Pass 39 4 8 8 381 Short, Yreka 45 9 17 26 377 Blacksmith, G.P. 49 18 26 35 376 Deo, Crescent C. 41 5 15 20 365 McLean, Medf'd 70 17 25 41 357 Hess, Ashland 30 9 12 34 357 Matson, C. City 70 13 24 29 343 Ball, Glendale 57 9 19 28 333 Drolette, G. Pass 39 4 8 8 331 Clary, Yreka 18 2 8 8 331 Bennett, Yreka 57 12 18 25 315 Baughman, Ash 18 2 5 5 312 Calvert, Medf'd 65 18 20 27 307 Schopf, Ashland 54 11 16 28 306 Howerton, G. P. 72 16 22 35 305 Miller, Cras. C. 72 14 22 35 305 Agger, Ashland 46 4 14 16 304 Reynolds, C. C. 62 9 18 20 290 P. Brazil, Yreka 30 11 17 22 289 Avery, Glendale 52 12 15 19 288 Colt, Yreka 66 7 19 28 287 Spann, Cras. C. 57 11 16 26 280

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Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén says:

Local Sport Fans Given Triple Dish During Week-End

Thrill-seeking sport fans enjoyed a field day over the Labor day week-end, what with Medford's crashing Craters copping the second-half Southern Oregon league pennant in a brilliantly played game at Grants Pass, Eddie Simmons and George Harrington staging their great 36-hole golf match for the Southern Oregon - Northern California title, and Sockeye Jack McDonald belting Pete Belcanto into a daze in the climax of a whopping wrestling-boxing card at the armory.

Yes, the double-holiday was packed of full of "big moments" for sport enthusiasts. Those who attended any one of the above mentioned classics received more than their money's worth, and them that took in the works are probably still shaking with excitement produced by the triple dose of "thrillers." Let's briefly review the goings-on of the past week-end.

Early in the campaign, several local baseball bugs of this city came out with the statement that this represent Medford was the finest to look like those loyal supporters were not wrong in stating up the current Southern Oregon league entry. With Grants Pass definitely brushed aside in their pennant drive, the Craters have only to wallop the Koll-less Crescent City Merchants a couple of times in the next three weeks to lead to Medford its first circuit championship in many moons. We predict such will be done in two straight games.

Last Sunday's battle at the Climate city saw the locals reach their season peak in defensive performance. All along a terrific-hitting outfit, Medford combined its usual heavy plate work with spectacular fielding to nudge Jud Pernoll's club out of the running, 10 to 1. Shortstop Dick Lewis, who is hot when he's hot and cold when he's cold, was stizzling Sunday, turning in several plays that can't be called anything but sensational. In the ninth inning, with an enemy runner on, he went clear past second base to take a smash bring to the batter at first with an off-balance throw. And, Riney Cook at third base came up with a pair of glittering defensive maneuvers, one of them the start of a double killing that almost resulted in a triple play.

With Grants Pass runners on second and first, Cook grabbed a drive to his left, tagged the runner going to third, and in doing so was knocked down. From a slipping position on top of the runner, Cook fired the ball to Calvert at second base, forcing the runner coming from first, and Calvert whipped the ball to Hampel at first in a play which missed getting the hitter by a

half stride. It was almost a triple play developed from a ground ball, one of the rarest sights in baseball.

Before leaving that ball game, let's hand a few more bouquets to Orval Hampel, the guy they can't get out of the plate. Hampel hit five for five Sunday, five clean singles, to run his string of consecutive basehits to eight. In the last two games, he has connected safely every time he trod in at the plate. He socked three for three against Crescent City two weeks ago. Two perfect days in a row. In his last 12 times at bat, he has hit safely 11 times, and in his last 17 trips he has blasted out 14 base knockers. Which is what we call fancy stick work.

Naturally, Eddie Simmons deserves the lion's share of hurrahs for his grand golf performance Monday at the Regue Valley club, when he came from behind a four-hole disadvantage at the end of the first 18 holes to defeat George Harrington, 1 up on the 35th green, for the tournament championship. But there are plenty of nice words to be said for his opponent, Medford's popular young junior high school athletic coach.

Harrington played really fine golf all through the tournament, providing a minor upset in the semi-finals by defeating Hubert Bentley, defending title-holder, and proving that he has made steady improvement in his game in the past two years. Although he was a member of the Linfield college golf team for four years, George is not overly long on experience in comparison to many other local shotmakers. This year he served notice that from now on he will be among the top fighters of southern Oregon.

As for that heavyweight prizefight in the armory Monday night, there has probably never before been anything so equal in for thrills and spine-tingling action, locally, anywhere. Neither Sockeye nor Pete showed much in the way of boxing ability, but for downright slugging activity the two can't be beat. They threw 'em until they couldn't stand up, and if one of those wild, wind-mill wallops of McDonald had ever landed, Pete would have suffered two broken ankles, at least.

The 300 fans who attended missed the climax, however, when Pete and Referee Earl Yoskley exchanged punches in the dressing room after this was all over. Pete figured Yoskley gave him a heavy cut of 10 in the second round, when he was KO'd by one of Sockeye's right-hand smashes, and attempted to get even with the official. Neither was knocked down in the locker room, but they tossed plenty of fists before police and boxing commissioners halted proceedings. Yoskley is a former pugilist, and is said to be extremely handy with his dukes.

School Teacher Is Best Bronc Rider ELLENBURG, Sept. 7.—(AP)—C. C. Coe, Hooper, Wash., school teacher, who finished second last year, won the open bronc riding honors in the finals yesterday of the 18th annual Ellensburg rodeo.

Coe rode a second mount to victory after his first mount proved a washout. He also won second day money Sunday. Eight thousand saw the victorious ride of the country school teacher.

George Nelson, Warmk, Ore., placed second, Chet Morrison, Ellensburg, third and Kenneth Depew, Galena, Ore., fourth.

Truck Wrecked GRANTS PASS, Sept. 7.—(AP)—F. DeTraz drove his Seattle motor express company truck from Los Angeles, today estimated trailer and cargo damage of \$1,000 from wreckage when the truck was forced off the Pacific highway north of here.

AMATEUR GOLF STARS TO OPEN TITLE QUEST MONDAY AT OAKMONT

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—(AP)—An army of 159 of the nation's crack amateur golfers will start after the national championship at Pittsburg's Oakmont country club Monday in the first qualifying round of the tourney.

The first round includes two notable pairings. Johnny Goodman, of Omaha, the defending champion will play around with Frank Strafaci, the former U. S. public links champion and Ray Billow, runner-up to Goodman last year, is paired with Charlie Yates, of Atlanta, who Billow was a member of the Walker cup team and the British amateur champion.

Benno Jannssen, Jr., of Oakmont and Alvin L. Dolling of Roanoke, Va., will be the first pair to tee off for the opening 18 holes of medal play. They will start at 5 a. m. (P.S.T.) and will be followed at five minute intervals by the other two-somes.

The field will be cut by about 20 or 30 players for Tuesday's second medal play round, of 18 holes, in order to leave ample time in case a playoff is necessary to decide the last few of the 64 qualifying places for the match play, which starts Wednesday.

34 OUT FOR FIRST PIGSKIN WORKOUT

Thirty-four pigskin performers were on the field in uniform yesterday afternoon as Coach Bill Boverman sent his 1938 varsity Medford high football squad through its first official practice session, consisting of limbering-up work, pass and punt receiving and other first-day maneuvers.

The squad will be swelled considerably later in the week and next week, when players now working in the fruit report for school. The mentor said workouts would be held daily from now on.

Those answering the opening call yesterday were Jim Hickman, Vern Johnston, Bob Verlick, Dick James, Rodney Stead, Gene Hayes, Don Gillespie, Wyman, Melton Pitts, Charles James, Ray Crosby, Jack Florey, Ted Johnson, Roy Giltzen, John Prentice, Frank Jones, Shorty Campbell, Gene McCurdy, Bob Taylor, Bob Newland, Mel Caples, Don Croucher, Douglas Eden, Bill Piche, Harry Thurman, Warren Young, Dale Howard, Bill Clute, Bob Kent, Louis Thurman, M. Sausbary, Dale Hoffman, Al Barrow and Gene Miller.

ABE GOLDBERG ON COMING MAT CARD

Although he won't have next Monday night's wrestling card completely lined up until tomorrow, Promoter Mack Lillard announced today that one newcomer and one old favorite would definitely appear on the program.

The new boy will be Abe Goldberg of New York City, one of the top-notch heavyweights in the game. A clean and beautifully scientific wrestler, Goldberg will be making his first appearance in the northwest.

Tiger Traskoff, 200-pound Bulgarian and inclined to be rather rough, has been signed for his first showing here in over three years. Since leaving Medford, Traskoff has appeared in the east, and also made a tour of Europe.

Lillard stated that Sockeye Jack McDonald would leave immediately for the east via California, and that it would probably be several months before the big ex-logger returned.

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press.) PITTSBURG — Tommy Brand, 149, Toronto, Ont., outpointed Leon Zorritts, 146, Puerto Rico, (8).

NEWARK, N. J. — Billy Miake, Jr., 172, St. Paul, Minn., outpointed Bill Walters, 175, Newark, (4).

SAN JOSE, Cal. — Fred Apostoli, 160½, San Francisco, knocked out Mike Payan, 160½, San Diego, (10).

WEST HAVEN, Conn.—Eddie Blunt, 216, New York, and Nate Mann, 188, Hamden, Conn., drew, (10).

EXPENSE CHECK BACK IN MOODY POCKETBOOK

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The check for \$1,309.45 that has been batted back and forth between Mrs. Helen Willis Moody and the Wightman Cup committee of the United States Lawn Tennis association is back with Mrs. Moody today. Both parties are just where they started.

Mrs. Moody sent the check to lawn tennis governing body August 23 with the explanation inasmuch as she was unable to enter the national championships at Forest Hills because of poor physical condition, she was returning the expense money given her for her trip to England, where she played on the victorious Wightman cup team and won the Wimbledon women's title.

WONDERLAND NAMES PUBLICITY DIRECTOR FOR HUGE CAMPAIGN

REDDING, Cal., Sept. 7.—(Sp.)—Preliminary plans for an intensive and prolonged campaign to widely publicize the scenic and recreational attractions of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland were today announced by Tom L. Stanley, association general manager, coincident with the appointment of Trefle R. LaSney as director of publicity for the Wonderland organization. The campaign is intended to impress the thousands of visitors to the Oregon-California region during exposition year with the desirability of traveling through this Wonderland region. In the opinion of travel authorities there will be an unprecedented flow of tourists through California beginning with the opening of the Golden Gate International exposition in San Francisco next February, and it is considered important that the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association begin immediately to induce travel through its region by properly publicizing its attractions in ample time to permit careful planning of tourist itineraries.

Mr. LaSney, who comes to the association to direct this activity, has had long and varied experience in this work. He is a former newspaper man, a past director of the California-Nevada Travel association, and as executive-secretary of the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce was for years active in the promotion of the "Scenic San Joaquin" region and the planning and exploitation of the "Generals Highway" and the Kings River canyon highway of the central Sierras.

Headquarters of the publicity director will be at the association offices in Redding.

Fewer Enteg. Schools. PORTLAND, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The public school system registered 41,149 scholars yesterday, about 758 less than the opening day a year ago. High school enrollment went up but grade school attendance declined.

PENNSYLVANIA COURT PERMITS EARLE PROBE

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The Pennsylvania supreme court today permitted a special committee of the Democratic-controlled legislature to go ahead with an investigation of campaign charges against Gov. George H. Earle and 13 associates which also form the basis of a proposed grand jury inquiry.

Without ruling on the constitutionality of new laws designed to stay the grand jury inquiry until the house committee concludes its work, the court vacated an order of Judge Paul N. Schaeffer impounding material collected for the grand jury.

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