

Medford's 'Wonder Team' of 1928 Recalled By The Dalles Opponent

L. H. Gregory, Oregonian sport editor, recently interviewed Capt. Tommy Ward, The Dalles and Oregon State College athletic star whose comment on Medford's wonder team of 1928 is of interest here. The portion of "Greg's" column pertaining to Ward follows:

Do you remember back to Paul Schisler's Oregon State teams of 1930, '31 and '32, and Tommy Ward, the 133-pound halfback and quarter who used to go in for "spot" situations and often broke loose for a long surprise gallop? It's now Capt. Tommy Ward, and after 34 months with the 41st division in New Guinea and Blak he's back in the states again on leave.

Capt. Tommy weighs 150 these days and has actually gained an inch in height since football days, to 5 feet 7. He commanded one of the rifle companies of a famous Oregon regiment in the 41st, and later had its anti-tank company. Of all the heavy action the 41st went through, he nominates the fighting on Blak as roughest of all, harder even than that original push over the Owen Stanley mountains from Port Moresby which opened the southwest Pacific offensive.

Capt. and Mrs. Ward are visiting through his leave, which extends to about January 30, with Mr. and Mrs. Allen McLean, 4202 N. E. 70th. From

here he goes somewhere for re-assignment, but after nine attacks of malaria—though he looks husky and in buoyant health—isn't likely to be sent back to the Pacific.

Capt. Tommy recalled those football days at Oregon State, and prior to that at The Dalles high school under Bob Murray. Just about the toughest game he ever played in, he believes, was the one in 1928 when Prink Callison brought up his great Medford high school eleven to play The Dalles, which also was undefeated, with the state championship hanging on the outcome.

"What a team that was!" said Tommy. "We were pretty good, but just had no chance against that Medford club, which was certainly the best high school team I have ever seen. The score, as I recall, was 42-0—we were nobody's setup, either, but Medford was just that much better. That team could have gulped down most college freshmen elevens, and have done it right in stride. They had Melvin in the backfield and big Bill Morgan at tackle and Bernie Hughes at center. It was this game that got Prink Callison his promotion to freshman coach at Oregon the next year, for Capt. John J. McEwan, the Oregon coach, said he just must have him after seeing that game, and later Prink became Oregon head coach."

SPORTS

BYRD NOSES OUT NELSON IN TEXAS OPEN FOR \$1000

Three Players Break Former Record for 18-Year-Old San Antonio Golf Classic

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Sammy Byrd, former New York Yankee outfielder, held the top prize—\$1,000 in war bonds—in the 18th Texas golf tournament after firing a brilliant 66 on the last round yesterday for a total of 263 to nose out Byron Nelson by a single stroke.

Byrd's 72-hole total was 16 strokes under par for the regulation par 72 Brackenridge Park layout. The Detroitier established a new record for the Texas open, three strokes under the 271 set by E. J. (Dutch) Harrison in 1939.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Danford, Me., came in third with 270 Claude Harmon of Grosse Pointe, Mich., took fourth and \$450 with a 275.

Nelson Collects \$700
Nelson, of Toledo, O., collected \$700 in war bonds for second place and McSpaden won \$550, also in bonds.

Sam Schneider, Corpus Christi, Tex., wound up in fifth place with 278 good for \$350 and Ray Gafford, Fort Worth; Leland Gibson, Randolph Field, Tex., and Leonard Ott, Denver, tied for sixth place with 279. They divided \$266.

Bob Hamilton, Chicago, national PGA champion, rolled up a 281 for \$190 while Denny Shute, Akron, O.; Frank Strazza, Greenwich, Conn.; Leonard Dodson, San Francisco; Ky Lafoon, Chicago; Tony Penna, Dayton, O., and Mike Turnesa, White Plains, N. Y., were tied at 282.

Revolta Breaks Par
Other par-breakers were Defending Champion Johnny Revolta, Evanston, Ill.; Tex Consolver, Wichita, Kan., and Jimmy Gaunt, Ardmore, Okla., tied at 283.

The leading amateur, Ed Furgol, Detroit, was awarded a \$100 war bond for his 285.

JIM THORPE, ALL TIME STAR, WARS ON DELINQUENCY

Vallejo, Calif., Jan. 28.—(U.P.)—A new way of life beckoned tonight to the greatest athletes of them all—Jim Thorpe.

At 37, still in robust health, he is laying the foundation for what he hopes will be a nationwide stage tour on which he plans to campaign against juvenile delinquency and for better citizenship privileges for Indians.

He is completing a line of patter and testing it out on night club audiences here. He draws \$200 a week—a far cry from the money he used to make when he was hailed as America's greatest all-around athlete—but enough to live on and leave something for a savings account which Thorpe hopes to build up enough to return to the soil and outdoor life from whence I came.

He obtained the job through Eddie Kay, a sports fan who owns the night club and Thorpe's friends say that the big Indian has turned over a new leaf "and now is walking the straight and narrow."

Thorpe wants to settle down to ranch life after he completes his contemplated tour.

His act isn't polished yet, but he is giving the job all he has, just like he used to go all out on the football field, the baseball diamond and the score of other sport fields in which he excelled.

MASK-DAVIDSON MAT EVENT SET

Harold (Blood and Guts) Davidson, who gave the Gray Mask a torrid time in a match here late last year, has been signed by Promoter Mack Lillard to face the Mask in the top main event at Medford Armory Thursday night.

Pete Belcastro and Terrible Tony Ross, close rivals for laurels as the "dirtiest" workers currently appearing here, will square off in the four-round middle event in a match that probably will steal the spotlight from the main event.

Georges Dusette, a newcomer from Canada, will oppose Tarzan Potvin in the opening match. Dusette is said to be a classy wrestler and an artist with the full nelson hold. He is a strong matman who relies on his tremendous strength for victories.

PRO BASEBALL FUTURE HINGES ON SESSION

New York, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The most fateful week in baseball's history lay ahead today, with Major league executives facing the question of whether or not to open their parks for a regular schedule in April and of selecting a new high commissioner to succeed the late Judge Kenesaw M. Landis.

The club owners meet here Friday and Saturday and what happens in the emergency sessions may well shape the future history of both Major and Minor circuits.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

OREGON MOVES UP IN NATIONAL PLAY

New York, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Ohio State, Oregon, Pennsylvania and South Carolina, four basketball teams which caught up after slow starts, acquired enough stature during the past week to move into the national championship pattern today, at the expense of some front runners now fallen by the wayside.

Each is eligible for competition in forthcoming National Collegiate Athletic association district eliminations, and any might be the recipient of a bid to the national invitational tournament here in March, if their play from now on maintains the same high standard.

Oregon moved to the fore in the Pacific northwest with successive victories over Washington's Huskies, the early season leaders, and now have a two and a half game lead over their rivals from Oregon State.

Southern California still leads

FRESHMAN HOCKEY STAR BLANKS RANGERS TWICE

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THE GRANGE

Gold Hill Grange
Gold Hill grange H. E. C. meeting Jan. 24 was preceded by a covered dish luncheon. More money and points from sale of fat were turned in. There

is almost enough stamps from the penny collection to buy a bond. Next H. E. C. meeting will be Feb. 14 with the usual covered dish luncheon.

Flora friends remembered were Eva Wigle, Florence Lance and Marie Christensen. A prize went to Myrtle Reel.

Serving committee for grange Feb. 1 will be Florence Lance, Nina Dusenberry and the Long family.

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BASKETBALL

Saturday Scores:

California Blues, 31; St. Mary's, 29.
Fl. Lewis, 52; Washington V-12's, 41.
San Diego Dons, 37; San Diego State, 35.
Caltech, 42; Redlands, 25.
Williams Field, 38; Santa Ana Air Base, 30.

Pacific Coast Conference Basketball Standings:

Northern Division			
W	L	Pct.	
Oregon	7	2	.777
OSC	4	3	.571
Washington	4	4	.500
WSC	4	4	.500
Idaho	0	6	.000

Southern Division			
W	L	Pct.	
USC	2	0	1.000
UCLA	1	1	.500
California	0	2	.000

(UCLA win over USC Jan. 28 nca-conference competition).

Magnate Hopeful
Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Thomas H. Richardson, president of the Eastern league, expressed confidence today that the Minor leagues will operate in 1945—Jimmy Byrnes permitting.

WEATHER
Northern California—Partly cloudy today, tonight and Tuesday with early morning fog in the coastal valleys.

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