



BREEZING ALONG at top speed, John Henry Johnson, San Francisco 49er halfback, circles right end for sizable gain as 49ers beat Los Angeles Rams, 31-10, in Los Angeles. Key block by Bud Laughlin springs Johnson for extra yardage. (International Soundphoto)

Casanova on United Press Rating Board

New York — (U.P.) — Six new coaches — John Michelosen of Pittsburgh, Bobby Dobbs of Tulsa, Len Casanova of Oregon, John Roning of Denver, Bill Meek of Houston and Jack Mitchell of Arkansas — will serve on the 1955 United Press Football Coaches Rating Board.

As in previous years, five outstanding coaches from each of the seven sections of the country will make up the board and rate the collegiate teams weekly.

They will begin ranking the teams this year after the games of Saturday, Sept. 24. Their ratings have become recognized generally as the official standings of the teams.

Michelosen, Roning, Meek and Mitchell replaced on the board the coaches they succeeded at their respective schools. Michelosen took over for Lowell Dawson; Roning for Bob Blackman; Meek for Clyde Lee, and Mitchell for Bowden Wyatt.

Dobbs replaces Jennings Whitworth, who left Oklahoma A&M, as one of the board's five midland coaches. Casanova takes the board post held previously by Laverne Taylor of Oregon State. Wyatt in South

Wyatt, who went from Arkansas to Tennessee, will serve as one of the board's five coaches in the South. He replaces the man he succeeded, Harvey Robinson.

The first 1955 rating will be released to afternoon newspapers of Tuesday, Sept. 27. As in past seasons, the ratings will be released first alternately on Tuesday morning and afternoon papers.

Each of the top 35 coaches will

rate the top 10 teams weekly. Their selections are used only to reach a consensus and never on an individual basis. Points are awarded on the basis of 10 for a first place vote, nine for a second and so on down to one for a 10th place vote.

The coaches who will comprise the 1955 United Press Football Coaches Rating board:

East
Charles Caldwell, Princeton; Edward Erdelatz, Navy; George James, Cornell; Lou Little, Co-

Eugene Holds NWL Crown

Salem — (U.P.) — Eugene wrapped up the 1955 playoff series for the Northwest league crown here last night with a four-run ninth-inning rally that produced a 9-6 victory over the Salem Senators.

The victory gave Eugene the decision in the seven-game set by a 4-2 margin.

With one out in the Eugene ninth, Ted Hesse walked. George Matile singled to right. Salem starter Bill Whitson then gave way to Bill Dials, victim of Sunday's 3-2 12-inning Eugene victory.

Bill Eastburn, first hitter to face Dials, belted a three-run homer and the second hitter, George Huffman, also hit one out of the park.

Dials yielded to Ron King who retired the side without further damage but Salem was unable to score in its half of the ninth.

Salem had moved ahead in the eighth.

SPORTS

Gridiron Outlook Brightens For University of Oregon

University of Oregon, Eugene — Oregon's outlook, which was rather grim under mid-summer scrutiny, now looks considerably brighter as Coach Len Casanova's Ducks make final plans for the 1955 opener next Saturday night at Salt Lake City against the University of Utah.

The Webfoots still are suffering from a bad case of inexperience brought about by the loss of 17 lettermen, including seven starters from the third place 1954 team, and are lacking in depth to the point where a few key injuries would wreak havoc. However, fall practice has developed some bright spots which may go a long way toward balancing the weak spots.

First, the quarterbacking of the unrelated Crabtree, Tom and Jack, and Wally Russell has shown promise. None of the three are expected to be another George Shaw this fall, but the Crabtrees have shown an ability to run with the ball and their passing is far from hopeless.

Second, the fastest crop of rookie backs in a decade gives hope that the Webfoot game will have the open field potency it has lacked for the last few seasons.

Line Develops
Third, the line has shown signs of developing more rapidly than had been hoped, which enhances the chances of the backs getting loose to use their speed.

And finally, Coach Len Casanova says, "This squad has worked extremely hard and their efforts may well pay off in more victories than anybody expected."

These conclusions have been reached as the result of some excellent practice sessions and have yet to be tested in actual competition. The game with Utah will give the coaching staff a chance to check their estimates against game performance.

Unless there are unexpected changes in the next few days, the Ducks will open against the Redskins with seven lettermen, a junior college transfer, a non-letterman and two sophomores in the starting lineup.

Phil McHugh, rated as one of the best all-around ends in a decade, will be at right end and George Slender, a fine pass catcher from Santa Rosa JC, has the edge at left end. Capt. Lon Stiner and Harry Johnson, both open at tackle with Reanous Cochrane, a regular last year, and Spike Hillstrom, a converted non-letterman center, will be at guard and the line will be completed by Art Weber, a two-year reserve at center.

Chapman On 2nd Unit
In the backfield Tom Crabtree, a converted letterman half back, will open at quarterback with Dick James, the most versatile back in the conference, at left halfback, sophomore Jim

Shanley at right halfback and Jack Morris, the 1950 freshman sensation now back from the air force, will be at fullback.

The rookie flavor of the 1955 Oregon squad really shows in the second unit where not a single man from last year's squad is listed. J. C. Wheeler, a converted full back from Oregon City, and Bill Tarrow of Boise JC are the ends, sophomores Jerry Kerschner and John Raventos are the tackles, Harry Mondale, a 1951 letterman back from the army, and Jack Pocock of Boise JC are the guards Norm Chapman, a Medford sophomore is the center.

Jack Crabtree will probably be the quarterback, Jack Brown, another sophomore service returner, and Chuck Osborne of Menlo JC will be at halfback and Fred Miklanic of Boise JC, a power runner with considerable talent, will be at fullback.

Then there are five sophomores, three lettermen, two non-lettermen and a junior college transfer in the third unit. Anyway it's counted, the Webfoots are short of veterans with only 12 lettermen on hand.

The Ducks will leave for the vital test of their inexperienced squad on Friday by chartered plane and will take their final workout at Salt Lake City. No further scrimmage work is expected prior to the game.

Reserved seat tickets for the Medford-Gresham high football encounter here this Friday are now on sale at the high school office. Hours at the office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

UO Athletes Do Well in Classroom

University of Oregon, Eugene — One member in three of the 1954-55 University of Oregon freshman and varsity athletic teams scored better than a B-minus for his year's scholastic work, it was announced here today after a final check was made of the records of 150 athletes.

President O. Meredith Wilson expressed pleasure at the result of the survey and said, "We are proud that so many of our athletes have distinguished themselves in the classroom. It is reassuring evidence that both our coaches and our athletes recognize the importance of good scholarship. Since so much cynicism about college athletics has developed, it is a pleasure to call public attention to this demonstration that academic excellence and athletic skill have been combined at Oregon in the past year."

During the 1954-55 athletic year the Webfoots finished third in the PCC football race, second in the Northern Division basketball chase, won both baseball and track, captured the division golf dual match title, tied for second in tennis and wound up fourth in a 13-team field in their first try at the Pacific Coast wrestling championship.

20 Better Than B
There were 20 of the 51 athletes who had compiled better than a straight B average and the other 31 ranged from a B-minus to a B. Football led in those with better than a B average with seven players while track had six, baseball and golf three and wrestling one.

The distribution in the B-minus group was fairly even, also, with football again leading with height, basketball and baseball having seven each, track five, golf three and wrestling one.

Included in the B-plus group were four members of the current football team. Three of these, Phil McHugh, Capt. Lon Stiner and Tom Crabtree, are holders of scholastic scholarships. The fourth man is sophomore tackle John Raventos. McHugh won the Dean Walker Memorial scholarship and is on the All-America scholastic team. Stiner was the winner of the Town club scholarship and Crabtree is now in the third year as the holder of the Richard S. Smith Memorial scholarship.



SINGLES CHAMP—Tony Trabert, who won the National Tennis Singles Tournament at Forest Hills, N. Y., shows his wife the trophy, after the finals match in which he beat Australia's Ken Rosewall. The new champion says he has no immediate plans to turn professional.

Vancouver Council Studies Oak Proposal; Seals Must Settle Backing by Sept. 23

By ELDON BARRETT
Seattle — (U.P.) — San Francisco's "Little Corporation" nursed a king-sized financial headache today and the Oakland Oaks appeared ready to move to Vancouver, B. C. in hopes turnstiles there might play a happier melody.

Those two developments highlighted yesterday's meeting of the Pacific Coast League directors here.

Brick Laws, Oakland owner, and Claire Goodwin, PCL president, were to sit in on a meeting of the Vancouver city council today. The council may act on Laws' proposal to move the Oaks to the Canadian city and Goodwin indicated the move would be approved by the directors.

"We'll take that matter up when we find out how the council acts," Goodwin said. "But if Mr. Laws wants to move to Canada I am positive the league will go along with him."

Meanwhile, an ultimatum was issued to the "Little Corporation," owners of the San Francisco franchise, to put their financial house in order by Sept. 23.

Damon Miller, president of the "Little Corporation," said Anthony Longo, retired Los Angeles furniture dealer, had been delegated the job of trying to dig up financial backing for the Seals in 1956.

Longo will present his findings to Miller who will present them to the league directors on Sept. 23. If Longo can raise adequate capital the "Little Corporation" will be permitted to operate the Seals next year, Miller said.

Directors spent four hours discussing the Seals' financial plight yesterday. S. H. Patterson and his son, Norwood, owners of a San Francisco radio and television station, turned down an option to purchase the Seals.

The Seals were able to operate last year only after they obtained a \$150,000 loan from the league and a \$50,000 bank loan. This year their finances failed and the Pattersons, who guaranteed the bank loan, picked their option Sept. 3, the last day they had to exercise it.

In other action the directors: 1. Approved transfer of ownership of the San Diego Padres to the Westgate-California Tuna Packing Co. of San Diego.

2. Authorized counsel Leslie M. O'Connor of Chicago and Goodwin to revise the constitution and present the revised form to the league for its acceptance.

3. Authorized a Best three-out-of-five playoff series between Los Angeles and Hollywood to determine third place in this year's standings. That series begins tonight.

OFFICIALS TO MEET
Basketball and football referees of the Rogue valley will convene at Southern Oregon college gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Main business will be election of a commissioner to assign basketball arbiters. Football officials will conduct a discussion.

Harbert Captain Of Ryder Team

New York — (U.P.) — Former PGA champion Chick Harbert of Northville, Mich., has been elected by the other members to captain the United States Ryder Cup golf team in its annual series against Britain at Palm Springs, Calif., Nov. 5-6.

Other star golfers on the team are Marty Furgol, Cary Middlecoff, Sammy Snead, Doug Ford, Tommy Bolt, Ted Kroll, Jerry Barber, Jackie Burke Jr., and Chandler Harper.

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Babe Starts Cancer Fund

Galveston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Famed athlete Babe Didrickson Zaharias appealed to everyone "to get in this fight" against cancer today as she prepared to leave the hospital after a second bout with the disease.

The Babe is scheduled to leave John Sealy Hospital Wednesday. She said she and her husband, George Zaharias, wanted to start a voluntary fund for early detection and treatment of cancer "to save as many lives as possible."

The famed woman golfer, often referred to as the world's greatest all-round woman athlete, announced establishment of the fund from her hospital bed Monday.

A Galveston bank pledged the first \$1,000 to the fund and the Babe matched the bank's contribution.

Hospital attendants said Mrs. Zaharias was in "good" condition, and she corroborated it qualifiedly.

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