Rice Next For Oregon Cage Quint

University of Oregon, Eugene —Fall term final examinations and the talented Rice Owls occupied roles of equal importance here today as Coach Steve Belko began preparations for the next home stand of the Oregon Ducks.

Rice, Missouri, Oregon State and Oregon will take part in the second doubleheader of the season next Tuesday night with the Beavers playing the Tigers in the opener at 7:30 p.m. and the Ducks tangling with the Owls at 9:30 p.m. The four teams move to Corvallis the following evening and switch opponents for the next game.

Final examinations will occupy the greater part of the Ducks' time until next Tuesday and Coach Belko has limited his daily practice sessions to one hour to give his squad ample time to study.

The Owls, like the Texas Longhorns the Webfoots upset last Saturday night, are a towering club and carry only one man on their roster of 13 players under 6-2. The Ducks are particularly worried about working out ways and means of slowing down Temple Tucker, a 6-10 center who has been named to numerous pre-season all-American teams and is rated as one of the finest big men in the country.

Soph Forwards

Rice also has a fine pair of sophomore forwards in Tom Robitaille, a 6-6 giant, and W. A. Preston, who stands 6-6. Coach Don Suman also has four other lettermen to go with Tucker and the Rice team is once again co-favored with Southern Methodist to win the Southwest Conference championship.

The Webfoots, who started the season with a shaky performance against Portland and then came back with the astounding win over Texas, are still searching for a solid first unit and will again lack experience and height in the games with Rice and Missouri.

Hal Duffy, the 228-pound center who has come along nicely, is apparently set at center while Charlie Franklin, Bill Moore, Eli Morgan, Ed Bingham and Henry Ronquillo battle for the forward jobs. Morgan and Franklin may have gained a temporary edge off their performance against Texas, but still are not regarded as fulltime regulars.

Bud Kuykendall, the set-shooting sophomore, has done a fine job at guard and will probably team with Prop Hastings again, although John Lundell, Dick Valentine and Rich Costi are far from out of the picture. Phil McHugh, the regular last year, will not return to the squad until after the Rhine football game in San Francisco on Dec. 29.

CUBS BUY WISE

Chicago —(U.P.)— The Chicago Cubs have purchased farmhand K. O. Dye, an infielder, from their Los Angeles affiliate in the Pacific Coast league and have sent catcher Joe Hannah to the Angeles in exchange. Wise, the PCC all-star shortstop in 1956 with a .317 batting average, is 24-years old. Hannah played with the same team last season and batted .272.

COUGAR TUTOR QUITS

Pullman, Wash.—(U.P.)—Leon McLaughlin, assistant football coach at Washington State college last season has resigned.

Black Tornado Plays Pirates Friday in Home Slate Opener; North Bend Here on Saturday

Coach Frank Roelandt still will be seeking the Medford High school basketball combination which works best when the Black Tornado opposes Marshfield and North Bend aggregations this week end at the Hedrick maple-court here.

Games will open the home season for Medford.

The Tornado tackles Marshfield's Pirates on Friday night and North Bend's Bulldogs on Saturday. Ashland and Medford junior varsities will vie in 6:30 p.m. openers with the varsity scraps due at 8:15 p.m. The Buccaneers and Bulldogs are longtime non-conference rivals of the Tornado.

Medford's mentor has indicated that he'll open the game with a line-up of letterman. The likely quint includes three regulars of last season's state runner-up club, Dick McLaughlin and Dick Copple, forwards, and Neil Plumley, center. Guards probably will be Larry Perkins and Dick Puhl.

Two other problems face the Tornado as it seeks its best combination and works to get into top condition. The long football season gave a big share of the Medford cagers a late start at the winter sport and this year, with the Southern Oregon conference league slate boosted from 12 to 16 games, they have just six rather than the seven or eight pre-new year scrapes of past seasons in which to prime for the loop encounters. Teams can play only regular season games.

Just what experimenting Roelandt will do depends on the course of the conflicts but Larry Slessler, Tom Hamlin, Jay Mullen and Steve Wisely are among players who could see plenty of duty in the two night's performances. Slessler missed the trip to Eugene last week end because of illness.

Another footballer joined the hoop squad this week with Mike Stearns reporting on Tuesday. He suffered a sprained neck in the state gridiron quarter-finals.

Conditioning is still an aim of the Tornado but the Medfordites should be in a lot better shape than they were against Eugene.

Medford will meet a rugged team in the Pirates on Friday. All indications, also, are that the Bucs have taken their late turn from football to basketball in full stride. The Marshfield starting hoop quint likely will be made up of youths who were football regulars. Probable quintet is Hardy Spurgeon and Chuck Amsbary, forwards, Barry Bullard, center, and Roger Johnson and Jack Shanley, forwards.

North Bend on Saturday will present a team well ahead of Medford in its preparations for the season, although the Bulldogs have been on the losing end of games with Jefferson and Benson of Portland.

There are seven men back from North Bend's varsity of last season. They are Chuck Whittick, Ken Carver and Bob Jacobson, regulars, and John Blomquist, Bill Rust, Dennis Smith and Mike Thomson.

Possible starters are Jacobson, Carver, Thomson, Rust and Whittick. Among the reserves is Dan Corrigan, senior transfer from Gonzaga high of Spokane.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Work Progresses on Rogue Fish Screening Projects; Boat Landing Sites Ready

Screens at Savage Rapids dam on Rouge river to prevent destruction of downstream migrating fish in turbine intakes should be in operation by the start of the 1958 irrigation season, Cole Rivers, state game commission fishers agent informed members of the Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton league this week.

Rivers also told Waltonians that installation of louvre type screens at the Ideal Cement company plant on Rogue river above Gold Hill has progressed so far that it is certain they will be in operation when the fish go down stream in the spring of 1957.

The Grants Pass man, speaking at the club's monthly meeting, reported in addition that eight game commission boat landing facilities between McLeod state park and Robinson bridge on the Rogue are ready for public use.

Gold Ray Tests

On the Savage Rapids screening appropriation for which Waltonians worked hard to secure, Rivers said that manufacture of screens has been arranged. They will be ready when concrete construction is completed. This concrete work will begin immediately after the 1957 irrigation season. Tests to determine steps necessary to protect the downstream migrating fish at California Oregon Power company's Gold Ray dam will be finished in June of 1957, according to the game agent.

Boat landings listed by Rivers are at McLeod and Casey state parks, at the mounth of Indian creek on the east bank, at Dodge bridge, at Gold Hill at the south bank at Ben Hur Lampman state park, at the south end of the bridge at the city of Rogue River, near Grants Pass at a point three miles below the bridge on the south bank at Schroeder park and on the north bank immediately above Robinson bridge.

Roads to the landings have been well-marked and concrete aprons, as well as parking facilities, have been provided, Rivers stated.

Gain In Chinook Run

Waltonians were active in securing the development of the landings.

Rivers reported count of the spring run of chinook salmon at the Gold Ray station totalled 29,960 this year. The figure is 163 per cent of the parent run or 63 per cent gain. However, the agent predicted a poor run next year.

Count of the summer run of steelhead at Gold Ray was 2,358 which is 85 per cent of the average for the last 10 years. Rivers said that most of this run arrived later than usual, accounting for the poor showing in the upper river in the early fall fishing.

The Walton meeting was held Monday at the Jackson hotel.

Jackson county Waltonians, the city schools and several members of the local lumber industry sponsored the attendance of five Medford High school seniors at the Young Outdoor Oregon convention at Eugene last week end.

Chisox Crowned For Top Fielding

Chicago—(U.P.)—The Chicago White Sox officially were crowned the American league's best defensive club for 1956 today and placed four players on the circuit's all-star fielding team.

The White Sox not only had the highest fielding average of any team in the league, .979, but also came up with individual fielding leaders in first baseman Walt Dropo, second baseman Nellie Fox, catcher Sherm Lollar and pitcher Jim Wilson.

Other fielding leaders included George Kell, Orioles; Harvey Kuenn, Tigers; Jim Piersall, Red Sox; Mickey Mantle, Yankees, and Karl Olson, Senators.

Oregon State Grid Team One That Could Not Wait

By KEN WHEELER

Corvallis, Ore. —(U.P.)— They started kicking the football around back in 1893 at Oregon State College. Since then there has been an orange and black team each year with out three omissions. But in the lengthy history of gridiron toying, only twice has Oregon State been named as a Rose Bowl team.

The 1956 edition of the Beavers was a team that early season experts dubbed as another of the also-rans. Coach Tommy Prothro, highly respected in his second year at the Oregon State helm, simply didn't have the horses to carry Oregon State into title contention this year. The Beaver team of destiny was still a year away, they said.

But Prothro, bringing ground power single wing football with him when he moved north two years ago after a notable career as an assistant to Red Sanders at UCLA, had a team this fall that couldn't wait.

At the season's start, though, even Prothro admitted he thought the squad probably was still a year from serious Pacific Coast Conference championship competition. He even went so far as to say that although Oregon State would be better this year than a year ago, the Beavers might not win as many games.

Shaky Start

Oregon State got off to a shaky start. They opened with a 20-13 win over Missouri but then came successive setbacks on the next two outings.

Southern California pinned the first blemish on Oregon State's record with a 21-13 decision in the second week of the season. Then Iowa followed with a two-touchdown fourth period the following week that netted the Hawkeyes a 14-13 win.

The experts pointed to the basically sound football the Beavers played in the opening contests, and raised a chorus of "next year."

The Oregon State loss to Southern California turned out to be the only setback on their 1956 conference record. Between it and Thanksgiving day came six Pacific coast conference wins before traditional rival Oregon battled the already Rose Bowl bound Beavers to a 14-14 draw.

The Beavers suffered another early season loss outside the football schedule. Just before the Southern Cal game, Sam Wesley, veteran wingback and key member of the starting backfield, was ruled ineligible.

Clutch Player

But in the clutch, Oregon State came up with Earnel Durden, a sophomore understudy for Wesley. By the season's end, when the 175-pound speedster was named to the United Press All-Coast first team, there were few who doubted that he would have been a hard man to keep on the second squad.

Ending with a 6-1-1 conference mark, the Beavers earned the Rose Bowl invitation as a champion, free of any stigma of being a second-best entry from the Coast as many experts had forecast would be the result of penalties meted out forbidding three teams to make the excursion to Pasadena.

Tour by Russians Not Permitted

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Eighteen Russians homeward bound from the Olympic games left here early today by plane for their native country after substituting a hasty bus tour of Hollywood and Disneyland for their proposed cross-country tour of the United States.

The Russians had planned to make a tour from Los Angeles to New York following their arrival here Wednesday from Honolulu aboard a Pan American Airways plane. The tour, however, was cancelled by immigration officials for "security reasons."

The group spent less than 16 hours in the United States during their stopover between planes.

Nine states supply 50 per cent of the nation's nurses.

Crater Vies At Phoenix, Eagle Point

Central Point—Crater high's Comet's graduated into A-1 and Southern Oregon conference competition this year but they have two foes of their former Rogue league days on their pre-league basketball slate. They meet each of them this week end.

The Comets go to Eagle Point on Friday and to Phoenix on Saturday night.

Coach Jim Nau of Crater reported that his probable starters for Friday are George Juveland and Wayne Allen, guard, Randy Campbell and Dick Davis, forwards, and Craig Cochran center. For the Eagles mentor Art Thompson may call on Wayne Christian and Jack Greb, forwards, Gary Foran, center, and Ron Veach and Dennis Boren, guards.

This week the Comets have been working to smooth out the offensive flaws which showed in the Oakridge series and to tighten the defense, particularly down the middle. Against the Eagles they'll be out to halt the scoring efforts of Greb.

The Phoenix line-up for Saturday night could be Jim James and Gary Simmonds, forwards, Doug Witte, center, and Jim Stout and Jim Heath, guards.

Olympic—Ramblings

By BILL BOWERMAN
U of O Track Coach

Honolulu, T.H. (En route home from Olympic games) —Dec. 9— This garden spot is everything that one could ask. The blue Pacific on one side; the towering green mountains on another; friendly people; and restful hotels, beach to bask on, pools to bathe in and rollers that come in for a mile to either body surf or surfboard on.

A person should not come here alone. This restful gem needs to be shared. I intended staying a full week but with Barbara, my bride of 20 spring times, not being able to get away from our grade school youngsters, I'm going to get back to Oregon as soon as I can get space. I hope the flyways are not too clogged with returning Olympians.

The swimming is delightful—either surf or pool. Two sets of Oregonians showed up here in the pool at the Princess Kaiulani hotel in the hour I swam this morning. From Portland, the Tompkins (I guess) and far down at Myrtle Creek, in Douglas county, Barbara and Mildred Bloom.

Toured With Wray

The great little track man and football quarterback of 15 years ago's Tornadoes, Cato Wray, showed me some beautiful sights on the island this afternoon. The winding road through tha mountain road that divides the mountain; the pass that looks over on to the rainy side of the island —so green it almost hurts the eyes. We drove along a coast with palisades similar to our Oregon coast but not so ruggedly majestic as Oregon—softer, sort of placid majesty.

We came up another winding road and were on a sort of plateau where acres and acres of sugar cane grew on one side and miles of pineapple on the other. The whole was surrounded by a crown of green mountains. We stopped at a stand and refreshed ourselves with slices of fresh pineapple, then came through a low pass and down to Pearl Harbor. A beautiful and restful trip.

At the pineapple stand I learned that the tip is cut from the fruit which can be planted to produce a new plant. I have not quite decided whether to send gift cuttings to Oregon friends or whether to be selfish and just bring a couple of cuttings. I would have the only pineapple plantation in Lane county.

Moves to Beach Side

Honolulu, T.H., Dec. 11—I am grateful that I was able (through writing these reports) to express my appreciation to the people of Medford who made it possible for me to have this great experience.

In winding up my report (I'm climbing on the waiting list and may get out tomorrow night) this advice I have for those who may visit the Islands. Stay in a hotel on the beach, beach side. I was in a hotel on the main thoroughfare, mountainside and could not sleep for noise and cars. This being a free country, and having awakened at 6 a.m. from my three good hours of sleep, I packed and moved to the Reef on the beach.

Here, I can watch the swimmers, the surfborders and outrigger canoeists. Best, I think is the gathering of ukelele plays that start wandering to their favorite spot about 10 a.m. I am told this happens each day. Never more than two Hawaiians, many visitors and a few locals. From two to 15 ukeleles in the beautiful Island music. It is recommended.

I'm sorry I could not give a colorful report on my experiences but I'm grateful if it has been of interest. I've learned much. I've enjoyed myself and I'm deeply appreciative.

Small Mallard Flocks in Valley

Portland—(U.P.) — The weekly report on fishing and hunting conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

Southwest: Steelhead should move in Douglas county but high water may prevent angling: Sawyers rapids area in Umpqua reported good; south coastal streams slow.

Coastal areas producing fair to good waterfowl hunting; hunting good in Gardiner area. Coos county should be fair to good for waterfowl; small flocks of mallards moved into Rogue valley along the river.

OWL SELECTED

Elko, Nev. —(U.P.)— End Al Von Lewven of Oregon Tech at Klamath Falls today was named on the 1956 all-American junior college football squad picked by the National Junior College Athletic association.

MRS. HOBERECHT DIES

Watonga, Okla. —(U.P.)— Mrs. Earnest T. Hoberecht Sr., 65, mother of Earnest Hoberecht, United Press vice president for Asia, died here Wednesday.

Charlie Silvera Sold By Yankees To Cubs

By MILTON RICHMAN

New York—(U.P.)—Charlie Silvera, trying hard to gloss over the catch in his throat, said goodbye to his former Yankee teammates today and promised the Cubs he'll be "out there hustling every minute" to do a job he hasn't worked at in 10 years.

Few Yankee players ever were more popular than the smiling 32-year-old receiver and few ever get less of an opportunity for regular work.

Eclipsed by Yogi Berra, Silvera nevertheless was considsidered something of a Yankee institution even though he rarely appeared in more than 20 games a season since joining them late in 1948. Then suddenly on Monday he was sold to the Chicago Cubs.

"I thought to myself maybe it isn't true," he said. "Maybe it was just a rumor . . . maybe it was a misprint . . . but the next day I went out and got the papers. The story was in all three of them. Then I knew this was it."

Usually, the easy-going, sandy-haired Silvera has a quip or a joke he likes to tell but now he looked like a man with all the humor drained dry.

It Came Unexpected

"I realized it was bound to come some day but I wasn't expecting it now," he said. "You know, there's an old baseball axiom that says never worry when you see your name mentioned in the papers you're gonna be traded. The time to start worrying is when you don't see your name mentioned. Well, mine wasn't mentioned in the papers all this winter."

Saddened as he is at leaving the Yankees, Charlie is heartened that he may get a chance to catch regularly next season—something he hasn't done since he was with Portland of the Pacific Coast league in 1948.

"I'm not exactly a doddering old man," he said, grinning for the first time. "I think I can still do the job. But whether all that inactivity has hurt, I won't really know until I give it a shot next spring. I'm very anxious for the chance, though."

Kept Busy

Silvera didn't exactly prop his feet up on the desk during his years with the Yankees. He put in long hours in the bullpen, caught batting practice every day and was always on call, when Berra required a day or two of rest. Nor was he lightly regarded by Casey Stengel.

"There ain't many people that know this," Casey once confided, "but Silvera can do a lotta things behind the plate that Berra can't."

Charlie wasn't a pushover in front of the plate, either. In his last full season with Portland, he batted .301 and his lifetime mark with the Yankees was a respectable .293.

It is estimated that Silvera picked up better than $50,000 in World Series shares while he was with New York but he didn't think about the money alone when he learned he was no more a Yankee.

"You make a lotta friends in eight years," he said, "and it really hurts to lose 'em."

Salinas—(U.P.) — Leo Thomas, veteran Pacific Coast League third baseman, has been named manager of the Salinas Packers of the Class C California League. Thomas replaces Eddie Lake, another PCL alumnus, who managed the Packers to seventh place last season.

PARADE THEME SET

Portland — (U.P.) — Theme of the floral parade in the 1957 Rose Festival, scheduled for June 15, will be "Melodies in Flowers."

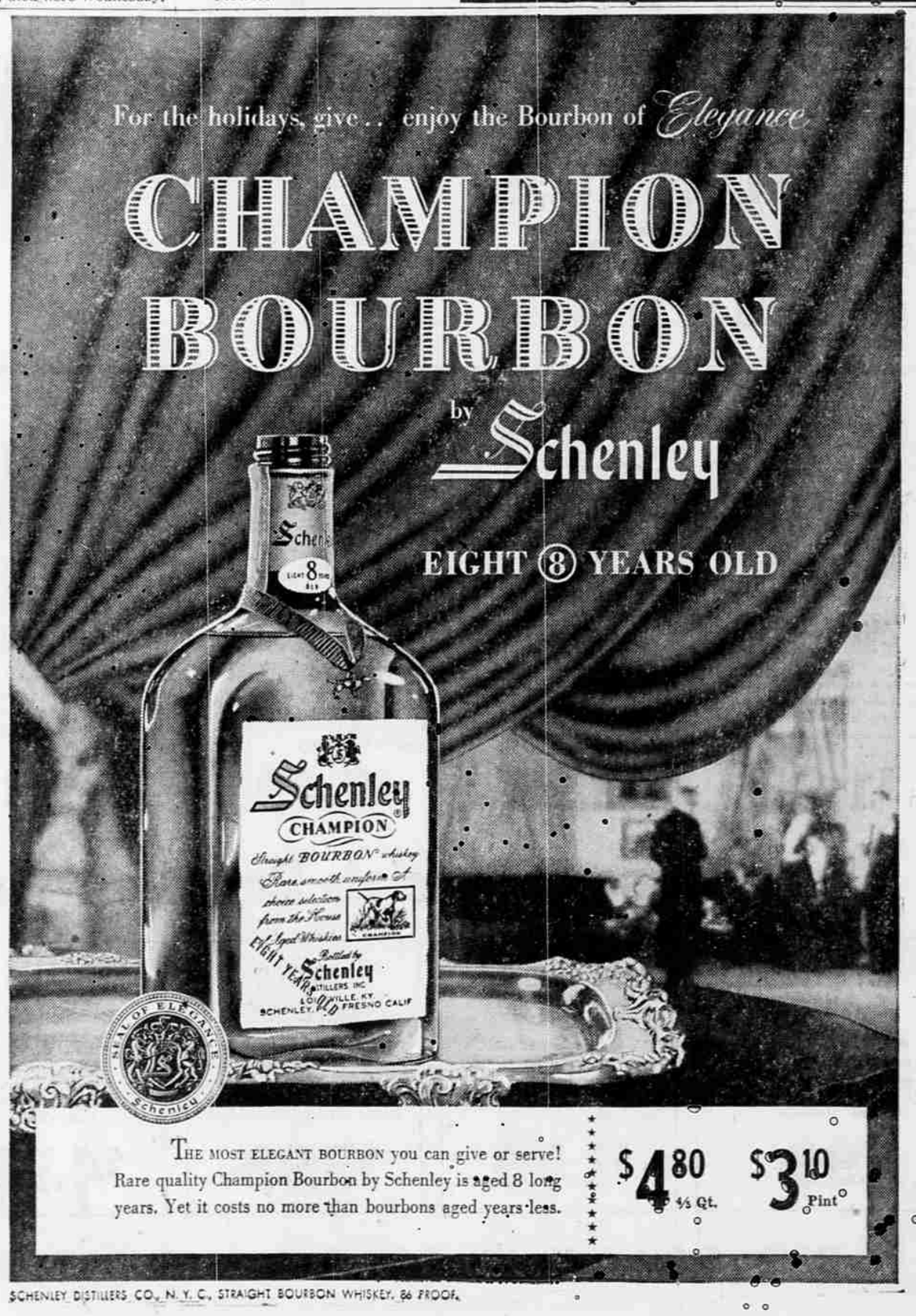
NSC To Discuss League Findings

Raleigh, N. C. — (U.P.) — The North Carolina State college faculty athletic council will meet Saturday to discuss a finding by the Atlantic Coast conference that the school violated conference rules in the Moreland recruiting case.

Chancellor Carey H. Bostian revealed Wednesday night that the preliminary report of a conference investigation said that the school had offered illegal financial inducements to freshman basketball player Jackie Moreland of Minden, La.

Net Stars Plan Larsen Benefit

New York—(U.P.)—Professional and amateur net stars alike banded together today for a special benefit tennis competition to aid former national singles champion Art Larsen of San Leandro, Calif., who is blind in one eye and partially paralyzed.

Don Budge, former "grand slam" champion and chairman of the Larsen benefit committee, announced Wednesday night that a special tennis benefit will be held here Jan. 11 with all proceeds going to Larsen, who was seriously injured in a highway accident Nov. 10.

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