

Ineligibility of Wesley Proves Break for OSC

By HOWARD APPLIGATE
Covallis, Ore. —(UP)—The ineligibility of Sam Wesley, a speedy halfback who was slated to hold down a regular spot on this season's Oregon State football team, may have been a blessing in disguise for the Beavers who meet today in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1.

Not that Oregon State didn't miss Wesley, who in addition to his running ability was a top defensive performer.

But when Wesley was declared ineligible, a sophomore speed demon from Los Angeles named Eddie Durden moved into his regular right halfback, on wingback, spot in Coach Tommy Prothro's single wing.

And Durden proved himself the "clutch" kid all season long, especially as Oregon State came from behind four times in its string of six straight victories which carried it to the Pacific Coast conference title in Prothro's second year as head coach.

Named All-Coast

Wesley was declared ineligible after the Missouri game when it was discovered he had neglected to report attending another

SPORTS

Sports Broadcasts

Television station KBES-TV will bring the Green Bay Packers-Los Angeles Rams pro football game to Rogue valley viewers at 1:30 p.m.

school before entering Oregon State.

Durden, who will feel right at home in Pasadena Jan. 1, was so sensational that he was named to the United Press All-Coast team, the only sophomore so honored. He also received honorable mention for All-American. Many opponents called him the finest running back they saw all season — and for good reason.

Durden was the key man as Oregon State came from behind to defeat California 21-13 after trailing 13-0 at the half. UCLA led Oregon State 7-0 but Durden's speed was a big factor as the Beavers pulled out in front to win 21-7.

Against Stanford, Durden caught a pass from another Los Angeles sophomore, Paul Lowe, to set up the winning score in a 20-19 victory. And against Idaho, when it appeared the Vandals were en route to an astonishing 10-7 upset, the Lowe to Durden combination paid off for a long pass-run which again set up the winning Oregon State touchdown.



INSPIRATIONAL — Howard Morris, above, has been voted the most inspirational player on the Linfield college football team for the second straight year. The junior guard and senior tackle Dick Holliday were named honorary captains for the Wildcats' 1956 championship season. Morris was a high school star at Crater in Central Point. He was presented last week with the Arnold Huntley trophy for his inspirational play. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morris, 2514 Country Club dr., Medford.

Sport Parade



By OSCAR FRALEY
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Sydney, Australia — (UP) — Fearless Fraley's facts and figures.

The Olympic games are just about forgotten except by those waiting for planes home and Australia has gone tennis crazy with professionals putting on a tour and the Davis Cup going into its final phases.

If you've ever wondered why Australia has such a strange hold on the amateur game, here is one answer. In Sydney alone there are 30,000 courts — and 50,000 registered tournament players — the laundries must lose 'em, Anyhow, Pancho Gonzales, the world champion of tennis pros, doesn't much care which of the two top Australian amateurs — Lew Hoad or Ken Rosewall — turns pro.

Eat Them Alive

"I personally think I can eat either one of them alive," he said.

"I've taken the best of the amateurs before and I've got a

hunch I can take 'em again."

You'd believe him, too, if you could see how gaunt and hungry looking Tony Trabert has become, knocking his head against the Gonzales stonewall.

Sportsmen quite frequently bump noggins with political officials while trying to get new stadiums in which to compete. It is the same in Australia where one rugby official arguing point-of-view angrily described them as six labor men, two independents and four fruit salads.

Worked in Bank

Pat Crennan, a Sydney horse owner, once worked in a bank which explains why he has named his horses with handles as Interest, Compound, and Foreign Exchange, Eddie Arcauro, the American jockey who gets such a bad time from the bettors when he blows the deuce with an odds-on favorite could sympathize with Aussie booter Jack Thompson. An Australian, Thompson has been able to win

Wrestling Match Won by Hedrick

Hedrick Junior High school seventh and eighth grade wrestling team, vying in their fifth match of the season, beat McLoughlin 45 to 25 on Friday afternoon.

All wins were by falls.

Victors for Hedrick were Jim Berg, Ray Graves, Norm Olson, Bob Walker, Phil Morris, Leonard Featherstone, Paul Garren, Dan Doan and Larry Little. Ross, Worley, Pritchard, Eddy and Jepson won for McLoughlin.

with only four of 24 straight favorites. It is a dead heat as to whether he or the worried wagers go out of their minds first.

Frank Sedgman and Red Hartwig flew in from South Africa for the Australian professional tennis tour. The plane stopped one day at the remote island of Mauritius in the Indian ocean. While the rest of the people aboard the aircraft were busy buying souvenirs, the two pros picked up \$100 each playing an exhibition.

Unknown UCLA Gridder Sets Record Winning Punt Crown

New York — (UP) — Kirk Wilson, an unheralded transfer student who was listed in UCLA's pre-season football brochure as "an unknown quantity," made a significant imprint on the major college record book Saturday by winning the 1956 punting championship with a record performance.

Kirk, a sophomore who transferred from Santa Monica Junior College and missed spring practice, won the punting title with an average of 49.3 yards for 30 boots, according to final official statistics released Saturday by the NCAA Service Bureau.

The 205-pound tailback from Venice, Calif., thus surpassed the old record average of 48.2 yards set by Colorado's Zach Jordan in 1950. In fact, Wilson's mark also is better than the professional record of 48.7 yards set by Sammy Baugh of the Washington Redskins in 1942.

Wilson's first varsity punt this season sizzled off his right foot and traveled only three yards. However, on his next 29 tries he averaged an amazing 50.9 yards, including six punts that flew over the heads of opposing safety men.

Two of his punts rolled dead near the one-yard line and another on the six-yard mark. Wilson's longest kick was a 71 yarder from his own end zone that rolled dead on the Kansas 24. The ball was snapped from the UCLA five-yard line.

In the kick return race, Billy

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Ashland National Guard	0	3	.000
Butte Falls	0	3	.000

Five games are scheduled for Medford Independent Basketball League teams this week with none of the activity on a Medford court.

The week starts off with Mutual of Omaha, tied for second place, going to Prospect for Monday night game. On Tuesday Medford's National Guard Headquarters company will journey to Butte Falls.

Two games on Wednesday will be at the Ashland armory. In the 7 p.m. starter, Medford National Guard company, the unbeaten leader, plays Lea Motors, a shareholder of the second spot knot. Fourth position Hawkins Tire Tread plays the Ashland Guardsmen in the second mix.

Ashland Guard is to go to Butte Falls on Thursday to make up a game postponed from last week.

North Bend Raps GPHS

Grants Pass — Bob Jacobson's two free throws with two seconds left to play proved the margin of decision here Friday night as the North Bend high Bulldogs defeated Grants Pass 55 to 53 in a basketball skirmish here.

The Bulldogs were 14 points behind at 20 to 34 in the third quarter then turned on a 21-point 10-minute spree to go in front 41 to 36. Only break in the rally was a goal by Larry Walker making the score 36 to 29. The scores of 41-all, 42-all, 47-all, 51-all and 53-all were recorded before Jacobson was wounded by Mike Sparlin and got the victory toss chances.

Grants Pass had quarter spreads of 11 to 8, 25 to 17 and 36 to 33.

Jacobson was high gunner for North Bend with 16 chukkers. Jerry Putman, Sparlin and Jim Smith put in 10 apiece for the Cavemen.

Bob Apple Bout Victor

Bob Apple, Medford, scored a third round technical knockout over Ken Dye, Ashland, Thursday, at the Ashland high boxing smoker.

Apple, Medford high football guard, was a last-minute fill-in on the Grizzly card. He went to Ashland after a frantic appeal to the Medford Police Athletic League.

The Medford mittman was outweighed but not outgunned in the 170-pound class tussle. Referee Dick Lopez stopped the tussle after 32 seconds of the third session.

Thursday's action served as a tune-up for Apple who'll meet Dick McGregor, Coos Bay, on the Junior of Chamber of Commerce card on Dec. 29 for United Medford Crusade benefit.

Crater Rally Overcomes Eagle Point Cagers 40-36

(This is another of a series on the outlook of West Coast basketball teams for the 1956-57 season.)

By RUSSELL NIELSEN
Pullman, Wash. — (UP) — Coach Jack Friel apparently has another tough row to hoe this year in his 29th season as coach at Washington State but the team may steady down as the campaign moves along.

Friel's biggest worry right now is finding enough manpower to handle his "two platoon" system which is supposed to wear down the enemy. The early going wasn't too encouraging, either, with the Cougars dropping three of their first four games. However, they lost two of those by one point and were closing fast in another.

The first string seems in good hands with Larry Beck and Bill Galbraith returning to steady the boat. Beck, a 6-4, 215 pound forward, led the team in scoring last year while Galbraith, a 6-7,

Cougars Have Basketball Troubles

191 pound center, turned in a good job as sophomore.

However, Beck is the only senior on the squad which was riddled by graduation.

Friel's other lettermen are Bruce Olson, a 6-5, 193 pounder who paced the scoring for the "second platoon" last year, and guard Ed Steele, a 6-2 190 pounder and playmaker Dick Rask, a 5-11 guard.

Junior college transfers who might be strictly first string before next March are guard Mert Kennedy and forward Ray Kyereck.

Heading the host of sophomores who were eagerly sought by other schools in the Northwest are forward Dick Axelson, 6-0 and 200 pounds, forward Jerry Spanner, 6-3 and 210; and guard Dave Beach 6-3.

"Any of these boys may wind up on the first string," says Friel who has coached some great teams in the past. Despite recent failures, the fans around this college town figure that Jack still may come up with some surprises before playoff time.

Crater Rally Overcomes Eagle Point Cagers 40-36

Eagle Point — Crater high gained its first lead of the game as the third quarter closed out Friday night and held the advantage through the concluding chucker to down Eagle Point 40 to 36 here in non-loop basketball contention.

Don Goyette sank a 25-foot cast as the third panel horn sounded to give the Comets a 29 to 28 edge. Crater upped its margin to five points but its gap was only two counters on three occasions in the last 1 1/2 minutes of play. Fred Herrmann put in two gift tosses with 20 seconds left in the game to place the score at its final standing.

The Eagles hopped in front 19 to 4 in the opening quarter and widened their spread to nine or 10 points in the second frame but Crater crept back. Eagle Point's lead was 17 to 15 at halftime and the home club was on top by two to four points most of the third quarter.

Herrmann High

Crater's two point edges in the closing 1 1/2 minutes were 34 to 32, 36 to 34 and 38 to 36.

Herrmann entered the game in the middle of the first quarter for Crater and was high man with 15 points. Jack Greb collected 14 for Eagle Point.

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NY ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

New York — (UP) — The World champion New York Yankees Saturday announced a 35-game 1957 spring training schedule featured by six exhibition games with the National League champion Brooklyn Dodgers

McLoughlin Quints Win Over Ashland

McLoughlin Junior High school hoopsmen met Ashland here on Friday and made a clean sweep of its three encounters.

The ninth grade won 46 to 33, the eighth 47 to 32 and the seventh 34 to 9.

Bulldog ninth graders, clicking well for their first game, displayed good passing and took good shots as they put together leads of 17 to 5, 28 to 14 and 42 to 21 at the quarters. Jerry Schultz with 20 points was top scorer but Gray had 21 for Ashland.

Quinn Has 19

In the eighth grade game Ashland was in front 12 to 11 at the quarter but the halftime count favored McLoughlin 25 to 18 and the Bulldogs bulge was 30 and 24 after three chukkers. Bob Quinn was high scorer with 19 for McLoughlin. Harris had eight for Ashland.

Clearwater recorded 16 points in the seventh grade triumph and the Bulldogs led at the intermissions 12 to 4, 18 to 4 and 28 to 9.

McLoughlin Quints Win Over Ashland

LINEUPS:

Mc. 9th 46	33 Ash. 9th
Komparek 8	Alley
Bennett 5	Foreest
Schultz 20	Hardy
Hamilton 8	Dickerson
Allen 2	Gray
Substitutions — For McLoughlin, Morrison, Hooten, Ducker, E. E. McLoughlin, Shoemaker, Saltmarsh, Turpin, Morris, for Ashland, Nelson, Tucker, Carman.	

McLoughlin Quints Win Over Ashland

LINEUPS:

Mc. 8th 47	32 Ash. 8th
Ragsdale 7	4 Vora
Quinn 19	7 Reeves
Hoop 6	6 Craper
Hammel 7	7 Sticks
Furston 6	8 Harris
Substitutions — For McLoughlin, Minnick, Riv. Duster, Hoxworth, Hooten, Newman, Morton, Randles, Lingren, Romine, for Ashland, Lewis, Brown, Blair.	

McLoughlin Quints Win Over Ashland

LINEUPS:

Mc. 7th 34	9 Ash. 7th
Nickodemus 2	Robertson
Schroeder 2	2 Colwell
Clearwater 16	2 Moran
Glason 2	2 Wright
Piland 8	1 Linniger
Substitutions — For McLoughlin, Renner, Dexter, Edwards, Bowman, Mack, Curtis, Hubler, Leifer, White, Darby, for Ashland, Calaband, Stevenson, Peterson, Baker, Stultz.	

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