

Gaels Not Worried by Slow Start

(This is another of a series on the outlook of West Coast basketball teams for the 1956-57 season.)
Moraga, Calif. — (UP)—Don't take St. Mary's too lightly even if its basketball team has been knocked off rather often in the early going, for Coach Jim Weaver is looking ahead to next month when they start playing for keeps.
"If all the boys don't improve, I'll be surprised," the mild mentor said. "This is a building year and we'll lose some games which we could win if we were in contention. We could be doing when the California Basketball association season opens in January if we get some of our humps out of the way early."

There are only four letters returning on a 13 man squad building with sophomores. The nucleus is Odell Johnson, St. Mary's biggest star since the Frank Apple-Kudeika era of 1948. Johnson, who averaged 18.8 per game last year, is close to it with an official 13.3 as of today and shapes up as the take charge guy.

Coaching
"We're looking to him for guidance," Weaver says. And Johnson bore the coach's statement out last Saturday by sinking 14 out of 16 free throws while meshing 18 points to hold the Gaels together against victorials California.
The starting lineup usually spots Mike Carosielli (6-6) at center, Johnson (6-1) and Larry Jasso (6-6) at forwards, Andy Sloan (5-10) and Dick Sigaty (6-4) at guards. Sloan is the only letterman in the starting lineup. The rest of sophomores.
Weaver rates Jasso as having lots of ability despite a tendency to be erratic while Carosielli and Sigaty both are good on the boards and the latter also a hot shot from outside.

The reserves are headed by center Lou Ferrario (6-6), sophomore forward Joe Barry (6-3) and Jack Witry (6-1) a senior guard from Chicago who missed last season because of a baseball injury.
Ferrario was not used much last year but managed to finish eighth among the team's scorers with his fancy hook shot. Barry has picked up two more inches since finishing 62 points as a freshman. Witry is a fine defensive man and fires the team up.
Call told, Weaver doesn't look too worried despite the slow start.

Butte Falls Nabs City Loop Fray

Butte Falls subdued Headquarters company of the National Guard 42 to 32 last night in a Medford Independent League basketball game.
Halftime count favored Butte Falls 20 to 7. Bruce Bateman of Headquarters scored 17 points.
On Monday night Keith Johnson with 25 tallies paced Mutual of Omaha to a 90 to 51 verdict over Prospect.
Two tussles are set for this evening at the Ashland armory with Company A of the Guard playing Lea Motors at 7 p.m. and Ashland National Guard and Hawthorn Tire Tread playing at 8:30 p.m.

IV Cougars Beat Chiefs

Cave Junction — Illinois Valley had control of the backboards and outgunned the Chiefs from the field here last night to down the Rogue River high hoopsmen 57 to 41.
The Cougars had intermission spreads of 21 to 11, 33 to 19 and 45 to 28.
Don Hoffman scored 16 points for Rogue River while John Goodwin of IV took high honors for the game with 24 and Roy Woodbury put in 15 for the Cougars.
Illinois Valley also won the Junior Varsity clash 43 to 34.
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The first Europeans to see what is now the state of New Mexico were the Spaniards Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Baca and three companions, who were shipwrecked off the Louisiana coast in 1528 and made an incredible eight-year march across Texas and southern New Mexico.

Stengel, Tebbets Chosen Major Managers of Year

New York — (UP)—Casey Stengel of the Yankees and Birdie Tebbets of the Redlegs, a pair of pilots from entirely different schools, were named the major leagues' managers of the year today by the United Press.
Both the 67-year-old Stengel, winner of his sixth world championship this year, and the 45-year-old Tebbets, who led Cincinnati to a surprisingly strong third place finish in the National League, won the titles by overwhelming margins.
Stengel collected 33 votes from baseball writers throughout the eight American League cities to wind up with a comfortable margin over runner-up Paul Richards, the Baltimore manager who was named on five ballots.
Tebbetts gathered 43 votes and had an even greater margin than Stengel. The Redlegs' manager's closest competitor was Walt Alston, who led the Brooklyn Dodgers to the National League pennant. Alston received three votes.
Although Tebbets is a great admirer of Stengel, he employs different managerial methods.
Regarded more as "one of the boys" by Cincinnati players than Stengel is among the Yankees, Tebbets admits he uses psychology to a great extent in handling his men and also has a tendency to use his starting and relief pitchers interchangeably.
Stengel, on the other hand, doesn't bother too much with psychology. A lineup-juggler of the first order, Casey is a firm believer in the platoon system.

Desire Important Factor In Iowa's 1956 Success

This is another of a series on the teams in the major football bowl games.
By WILLIAM E. BEST
Pasadena, Calif. — (UP)—For a team that was supposed to lack speed, experience, and plain old native ability, Iowa's Hawkeyes have managed to do very nicely.
At the start of the 1956 season experts back in the Big Ten country looked at all the talent Coach Forest Evashevski didn't have and decided that Iowa would finish among the conference also-rans, perhaps a dead last.
And oh how wrong they were. Instead, the Hawkeyes, using intense desire to make up for some of the other talents they supposedly didn't possess, ran up a spectacular 8-1 record, losing only to Michigan on their way to the title.
More over, Iowa was cast in the role of underdog week after week as these same experts simply refused to believe that the Hawkeyes were as good as they looked. Iowa seldom won impressively, but they won. That was the main thing.
Ends Buckeye Streak
The climax came when Iowa wound up its season with a 6-0 triumph at Ohio State and ended a record of 17 straight conference victories for the Buckeyes. By then people were convinced that Iowa was loaded with talent and by then the Hawkeyes were in the Rose Bowl.
One of the victories along the way was over the same Oregon State team they will be facing here on New Year's day. That triumph by a squeaky 14-13 margin came when Iowa cut loose with passes and scored two touchdowns in the fourth period after trailing 13-0 and appearing to be facing certain defeat.
"That typified this club perfectly," said Evashevski. "I never saw a team that wanted to win games like this one. It was almost a crusade with the boys every time they got out on the field."
This was the way his boys carried on Saturday after Saturday. Twice on successive weeks linebacker and Co-Captain Don Suchy was carried from the field unconscious. But he came back to play, rigged up with a special harness that protected a bad wrist.
Star Tackle Changes
End Frank Gilliam knocked down opposing blockers like cord wood to expose the runners to his teammates. Halfback Billy Hoppel stole passes from would be receivers who outweighed him by 60 pounds.
Tackle Alex Karras, the team's outstanding lineman, lost his football scholarship a year ago because of his "attitude." Completely changed, he came back and reflected the spirit of the entire team as he played a jarring, slashing game throughout the season that landed him a berth on the United Press All-America second team.
Toward the end of the season, Iowa's offense began to show great improvement. Before then the team had capitalized on a tremendous defense. But led by Kenny Ploen, a nimble thinking quarterback, the Hawkeyes began to click running up impressive yardage both on the ground and with passes.
That's the kind of a team Oregon State faces on New Year's

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Seixas Says Shoulder Has Shouldered

By LEO H. PETERSON
United Press Sports Editor
Adelaide, Australia — (UP)— The United States Davis Cup tennis hopes rest today on a well shouldered and a swelled head.
The shoulder is the one which recently bothered U. S. ace Vic Seixas but which he now says is fully recovered. The head is Australian star Lew Hoad's—and Aussie critics say it's become too big to wear any crown.
Seixas, America's chief hope in the Dec. 26-27-28 challenge round, reported his ailing right shoulder is healed and happily advised non-playing U. S. Captain Billy Talbert, "everything's okay now." The 33-year-old Philadelphian gave Billy the glad tidings after the U. S. team's first workout on the Memorial Drive courts where the challenge round will be played.
Aussies In Tizzy
U. S. observers aren't the least bit worried about Seixas' head but what may or may not be going on inside Hoad's has the Australians in a tizzy.
Hoad, the No. 1 amateur exponent of power tennis, hasn't won a major Australian tournament this winter and Aussie experts are warning that he's about to go into one of his temperamental moods. The Australians believe it was just such a mood that cost them the Davis Cup in 1954.
Harry Hopman, manager of the Australian team, hasn't yet joined in the criticism of Hoad, however, leaving some experts to believe the newspapers "are making a mountain out of a peanut."

KU Talent Not Limited To One Man

By TIM MORIARTY
United Press Sports Writer
Don't believe all that guff about Kansas being a one-man team.
Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain may be grabbing all the headlines for the nation's top-ranked college basketball team, but it was Ron Johnson, a substitute forward from Sea Cliff, N.Y., who led the Jayhawks to a come-from-behind 66-56 victory over California Tuesday night.
Kansas fell behind the Bears in the opening minute and didn't catch up until midway in the second half when a basket by Lew Johnston put the Jayhawks ahead, 37-45. It was still nip-and-tuck until Johnston took over and netted six straight points to give Kansas a 60-53 lead with less than three minutes remaining.
Johnston wound up with only eight points, but it was his clutch shooting that turned the tide for Kansas.
Double-Team Wilt
Chamberlain, meanwhile, was double-teamed by the Bears and had to settle for 23 points—well below his average 40-point output. It was the Jayhawks' fifth straight victory and concluded a successful three-game Western tour.
Duke, ranked 16th in the week's United Press ratings, upset sixth-rated Kentucky, 85-84, on a last minute field goal by Bucky Allen, while ninth-ranked St. Louis beat sixth-ranked Louisville, 93-77.
Kentucky converted 60 per cent of its field goals in opening a 50-40 lead over Due in the first half and led by seven points with only two minutes remaining. However, the Blue Devils rallied to close the gap and Allen then came through with his winning basket.

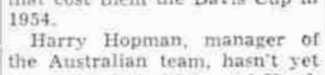
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The Red Raiders, under their Coach Ted Schopf, played before a large partisan crowd who whooped it up every time the Red and Black scored. This SOC win was the largest score posted by the Ashlanders so far this season, and their first victory over Chico State since the fall of 1953, when Raiders turned the trick 87-55.
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Hollingsworth 5 13-20 4 23
Oliva 6 2-4 3 10
Jacobson 6 0-0 0 0
Crandall 1 4-5 1 12
Owings 1 1 0 0
Bates 1 0-1 2 0
Tenney 1 0 0 0
Penny 1 0 0 0
Christensen 1 0-2 0 0
Lowrance 1 0 0 0
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Chico State FG FT PF TP
Spasidotto 2 6-8 4 12
Wagoner 2 0-4 3 5
Ellis 2 2-3 2 6
Graham 4 0-7 3 14
Darby 1 1-4 2 11
Forberg 1 0-1 2 0
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Philadelphia — (UP)— Rick Casares, who led the Chicago Bears to the National Football League's Western division championship, wound up the 1956 regular season only 20 yards short of equalling the league record in yards gained rushing.
The former University of Florida fullback, grinding out 190 yards in last Sunday's clincher against the Detroit Lions, ran the ball for 1,126 yards in 42 games for an average of 4.8 yards per carry on 234 attempts. The only player in NFL history to top that was Steve Van Buren, who totaled 1,146 yards for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1949.
Ollie Matson of the Chicago Cardinals gave the second best running performance with 924 yards on 192 carries, also giving him an average gain of 4.8 yards.
Brown Heads Passers
Quarterback Eddie Brown of the Bears, who ranked second among passers in 1955, finished first this year with 96 completions out of 168 passes thrown for 1,667 yards, 11 touchdowns, and an average gain of 9.92 yards.
Billy Wilson of San Francisco caught 60 passes for the first time in his career, gaining 889 yards and scoring an even dozen touchdowns.
In points, Detroit's Bobby Layne was the leading scorer with 99, followed by Casares with 84 and George Blanda of the Bears, who scored 81.
Norm Van Brocklin of the Rams successfully defended his punting championship, finishing

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