

Ohio State's Coach Begins Woes Session on Rose Bowl

Editor's note: This is the second of 10 dispatches on the teams which will play in the major bowl football games New Year's Day.

By BOB GRIM

Columbus, Ohio — Coach Woody Hayes, disturbed over a growing casualty list, today presided over a session of work and sweat for his national champion Ohio State Buckeyes before meeting Oregon in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day.

Hayes pinned his hopes on the Southern California sunshine working its healing powers on the squad, which numbered eight injured players prior to Ohio State's departure for Pasadena.

The Buckeyes' No. 1 player was halfback Don Clark, their top scorer and ground gainer, who suffered a groin injury against Purdue.

Clark was the only doubtful starter for the Rose Bowl, however, barring further and more serious injuries.

Not indispensable

Before Oregon supporters begin raising their hopes for an upset, it must be pointed out that the Buckeyes rolled over their two toughest opponents, Iowa and Michigan, without Clark.

Although Clark's absence hurt, Hayes unveiled another standout running back for his grinding split-T offense. Taking over where Clark left off, sophomore fullback Bob White was a one-man wrecking crew against Iowa.

He personally guaranteed the Bucks the Big Ten title and Rose Bowl trip in the final minutes. In one of the most spectacular individual displays ever seen in Ohio Stadium, White carried the ball seven times in an eight-play march for the winning touchdown. He gained 66 of the 68 yards covered in the drive.

The trip to the Rose Bowl will be the second in four years for Hayes. His 1954 unbeaten powerhouse crushed Southern California, 20-7, in the rain and mud. Eight Straight Victories

Hayes believes this Buckeye team has fewer stars but works better as a unit than the 1954

squad. Its record speaks for itself, eight straight victories after an opening loss to Texas Christian.

The main ingredients for the Ohio State success were the development of sophomores like White in the backfield, end Jim Houston and tackle Jim Mar-

shall on the line and a slightly greater emphasis on passing with quarterback Frank Kremblas.

The Buckeyes' secret of winning comes from the absence of damaging fumbles and pass interceptions. Kremblas had only one aerial intercepted all season.

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SPORTS

Niners Open Workouts For Detroit Must Game

San Francisco — The San Francisco Forty Niners went back to work today to prepare for Sunday's playoff game against the Detroit Lions at Kezar Stadium—the third straight "must win" game for each team.

And this one is really a "must win" game because there can be no tie. If the two teams end the regular 60 minutes with a tie score, they will flip a coin for option and continue playing un-

Prep Quints To Contend In 13 Games

Available information shows 13 games on the slate this week for high school basketball teams of this area.

Heaviest night is Friday with seven conflicts listed.

Jackson County B leaguers have two scraps this evening with Jacksonville at Talent and St. Mary's at Butte Falls. Phoenix will meet Illinois Valley at Cave Junction. The two clubs are Rogue league members but this will be a non-counter. They also play on Friday at Phoenix.

Two-Game Stands

Crater and Ashland of the A-1s have two-game series. The Comets are at Oakridge Friday and Saturday nights and Ashland is host to Tillamook those nights. Eagle Point is also a road team playing at Bend on Friday and Saturday.

Other Friday hassles are Jacksonville at Prospect in the B league, Roseburg at Grants Pass and Crater junior varsity at Rogue River varsity.

Eagle Point reportedly is seeking games for Dec. 27 and 28 to fill out its schedule.

Point Lead Held By Detroit Star

New York — George Yardley of the Detroit Pistons is maintaining a National Basketball Association scoring lead that really is wider than it looks.

The balding Piston star led Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks by only seven points, 686 to 679, in weekly scoring statistics announced today by the league.

The Celtics' long reign as the league's top scoring team was being menaced by both New York and St. Louis. The Celtics still led with 110.7 points per game, but the Knicks had 110.0 and the Hawks 109.2. St. Louis allowed the most points per game, 105.8.

Bold Ruler Named 'Horse of Year'

Baltimore — Wheatley Stabile's Bold Ruler was crowned "Horse of the Year" today by the nation's leading sports experts in the Turf and Sport Digest's 22nd annual poll.

Of the 175 writers and sports-casters voting, 78 voted Bold Ruler the best horse in the country while Ralph Lowe's Gallant Man and Mrs. Charles Ulrich Bay's Idum were tied for second place with 28 votes each.

Hoop Referees Will Convene

Rogue Valley Basketball referees association will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Medford Senior High school. Assignment of officials to games will be a matter on the agenda.

Illinois Coach Moves To Furman on February 1

Greenville, S.C. — End coach Robert B. Bob King of the University of Illinois will quit his post after 11 years to return to Furman University, his alma mater, as head football coach.

King, whose shift was announced to Furman alumni Monday night, said he will leave Illinois "certainly with a feeling of sadness," and on Feb. 1 take the job of building up Furman's sagging football reputation.

Gill Praises Gambee Over SU's Baylor

Corvallis — Coach Slat Gill of Oregon State Monday said Elgin Baylor, Seattle University star, is a great basketball player but declined to say whether he thought he was better than his own ace, Dave Gambee.

Gill said, "Let's just leave it as this. I wouldn't trade Dave Gambee for Baylor, or for anyone else."

The veteran mentor said that perhaps Baylor had "a bit more spring in his legs, plays the board a little better and clears the ball for the fast break as well as anyone I've seen since Red Rocha." Of Gambee he said, "Dave has a more wide variety of shots . . . and perhaps is a little harder to defend."

The two played against each other last week when Oregon State took Seattle 63-55. Baylor had 17 points with Gambee guarding him much of the evening. Gambee scored 18.

Kegling Standout At Camp White

Camp White—Members of the Veterans Administration domiciliary, Camp White get a treat on Friday, Dec. 20, when Harold Asplund, top-notch bowler from California appears in an exhibition and demonstration at the VAD lanes.

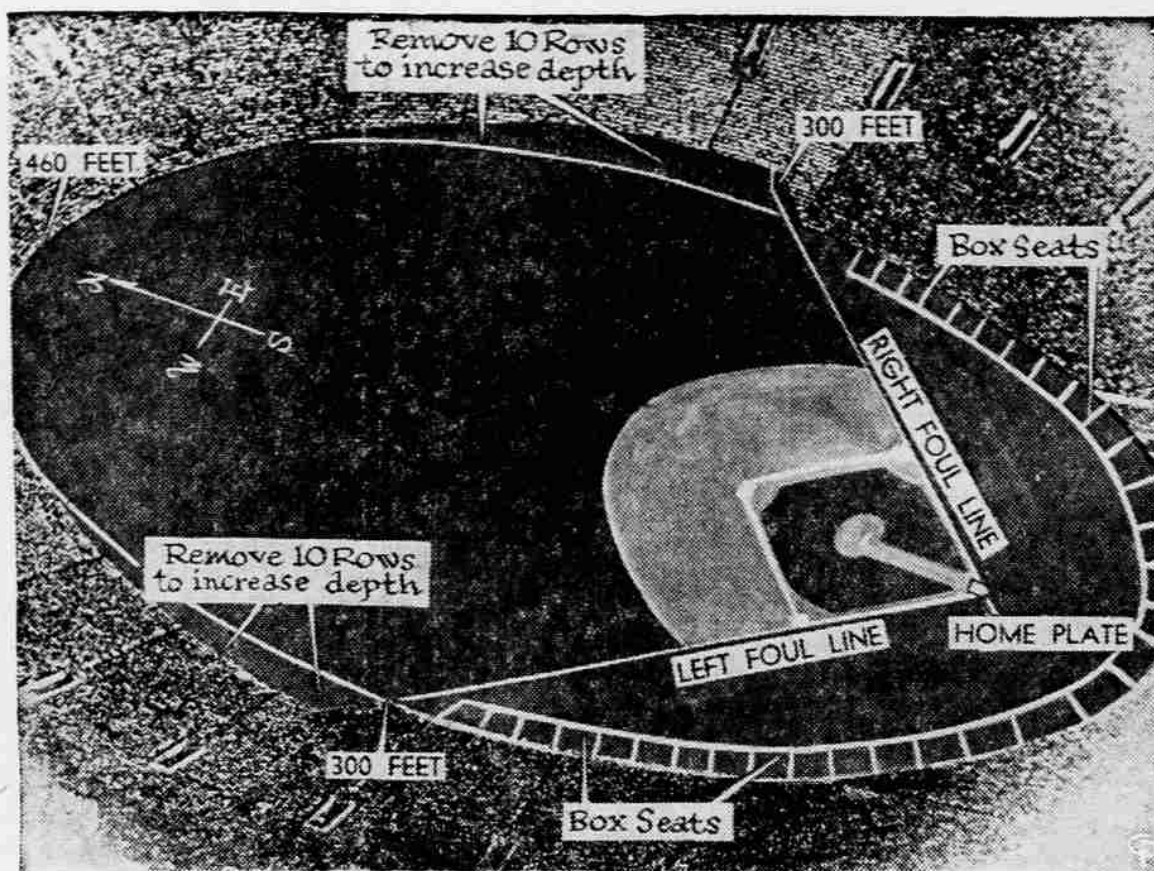
Asplund, a member of the Brunswick, Balke, Callender company advisory staff, is a 200 average bowler in four leagues. He has been a member of the All-West bowling team and has recorded eight 300, or perfect, games and two 299 games. He has placed second three times and third twice in the Peterson classic at Chicago.

Tourney titles include the Ritz classic, St. Louis, Mo.; the Bowl More classic and Presidential sweepstake, Denver, Colo.; the Diamond classic, Amarillo, Tex., and the BPOK classic, Spokane, Wash.

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SEEKING USE OF ROSE BOWL in 1958, Walter O'Malley, president of Los Angeles Dodgers, asks Pasadena officials for permission to turn it into big league baseball park. This is how field would appear after necessary alterations. (International Soundphoto)

Schmidt Takes Rap By LA Factions During PCC Reign

By SCOTT BAILLIE

San Francisco — Out of the wreckage of the Pacific Coast conference walks the loneliest figure ever associated with it, Victor O. Schmidt, who is resigning next June as commissioner.

The bookish, 53-year-old lawyer had the job of proving infraction of the house rules after the gridiron scandals of 1956 began to break. This led to rows between him and UCLA and Southern California, which were fined \$15,000 and \$10,000 respectively by the conference for not letting him come on the campus to quiz athletes under suspicion.

And these fines, plus other stiff penalties against the two schools which joined California in bolting the conference last Friday, led to many attacks against him in the Los Angeles area. Such hostility may have been too much for the unobtrusive Schmidt.

Here's how one source close to the PCC squabble put it to the United Press:

Defamed in Los Angeles

"The vic would have stayed on the job if he had not been defamed so often by certain factions in Los Angeles."

But as matters stand, there may not be much of a job left anyway now that Stanford is the only California school which has chosen to stay in the conference.

Schmidt, who had announced his resignation on Dec. 5, termed Friday's secession "a great disappointment."

And this walkout came on the heels of an erratic fortnight which saw the PCC first beat down a move to curtail his power, then accept his resignation and finally get sandbagged by the Bear-Bruin-Trojan triumvirate.

Schmidt, willowy and shy, joined the conference in 1940. He became acting commissioner in 1944 upon the death of Edwin Atherton. The latter was a rugged FBI man. Schmidt is a student who reads history in his spare time rather than football features.

Not an Athlete

"He never was an athlete himself," another source told the United Press. "And this often has been thrown up into his face by the PCC athletic directors. They would prefer to have some ex-football star or coach holding the post."

In fact, the directors once voted to drop him after his present contract ran out. They were overruled by the faculty representatives who had hired him.

Last September the bombardment on Schmidt got a little hotter during an investigation of the staggering PCC by a committee of the California state legislature. Assemblyman Jo-

seph Shell of Los Angeles charged that the Bruins and Trojans were fined an extra total of \$25,000 because the commissioner had been "affronted" by their refusal to let him on the campus.

His announcement that he was quitting just after getting what amounted to a vote of confidence by the PCC faculty representatives drew another reaction.

"There was much to indicate he wasn't pushed but was shoved," wrote Art Rosenbaum of the San Francisco Chronicle.

One way or the other, he now can get out of the rat race and into the quieter realm of writing contracts.

PCC Draws Tilts for '58 Grid Meets

San Francisco — Athletic directors of the shaky Pacific Coast conference met here Monday to develop football schedules for 1961 and 1962 "on the premise that there had been no withdrawals from the conference."

However, California, UCLA and USC voted last Friday to withdraw from the conference after the 1958 season.

"We went on the premise that there had been no withdrawals from the conference," said Al Masters, athletic director at Stanford and spokesman for the group.

"We drew up the football schedule as usual—but I can't tell you what the schedule called for."

Masters said the group did not discuss possible renegotiating of games scheduled previously for 1958, 1959 and 1960.

"Any possible renegotiation of games already scheduled for those years become matters for the individual schools concerned to decide," he said.

Ohio State Lists Single Drill During Final Week

Columbus, Ohio — National champion Ohio State was listed for only one pre-Rose Bowl football practice this week because of final examinations.

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BASKETBALL

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Hofstra 60, Springfield 59
Georgetown (D.C.) 84, Cath. U. 88

South
Georgia Tech 61, Baylor 59
Memphis St. 70, Citadel 63
K. Kentucky 96, Hardin-Sim. 60
Phillips Oilers 78, Auburn 54
Texas Tech 79, Louisiana St. 72
Miss. South 68, SE Louisiana 63
Tulane 85, Centenary 75
Mississippi 81, David Lipscomb 59

Midwest
Creighton 69, St. Michael's 51
Illinois 64, Colorado 46
Wisconsin 67, Rice 62
Wichita 81, Iowa 78
Nebraska 68, Denver 63

Southwest
SMU 65, Kentucky 64
Kansas St. 63, Arkansas 48
N. Mex. A&M 60, New Mexico 49

Thirty Staters Meet Wednesday

Robert Knoll, Oregon State college alumni director, will be speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Medford Thirty Stater club at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Jackson hotel.

He will narrate movies of the OSC-Stanford football game.

All OSC men grads of the Medford area are invited. Thirty Staters is an OSC booster group which promotes the college's athletic program. It assesses no dues.

HONORS FOR BRUNDAGE

New York — The Sportsmanhood Brotherhood will honor Avery Brundage, president of the International Olympic Committee, and Dan Ferris, Secretary of the AAU, at its annual award luncheon on Jan. 23.

Washington President Claims PCC 'Chaotic' Says Schools To Drop

Seattle — Dr. Henry I. Schmitz, president of the University of Washington, said today the 42-year-old Pacific Coast conference should dissolve.

He indicated the university would take immediate steps in this direction.

California, UCLA, and the University of Southern California voted last Friday to withdraw from the conference after the 1958 season.

"However regrettable it may be the fact is that the withdrawals of the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of California and the University of Southern California from the Pacific Coast conference have made an already confused situation chaotic," he said.

"The University of Washington cannot expect its athletic director and his staff to operate an orderly program under such conditions."

"Accordingly, the university believes the only practical solution is an early dissolution of the Pacific Coast conference. And it is our intention to explore the mechanics by which this can be accomplished. Such action will, we believe, serve the best interests of all institutions concerned."

Schmitz says he has not projected plans for Washington beyond the breakup of the conference. The school has commitments in football through 1960, mostly with PCC schools.

Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, disagreed with Dr. Schmitz. "I do not believe that dissolution of the conference is the line to follow," he said.

Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, said "I would rather let the fragments of the explosions get down to earth and look at them before drawing any quick conclusions about them. One thing that might facilitate matters, however, would be for those who are withdrawing from the conference to make their withdrawals effective immediately."

Dr. C. Clement French, Washington State College president, said the three schools that have withdrawn have been at odds with the conference and the remaining six have much in

common. "With six members remaining, it would be wise to try to retain that nucleus and look for suitable additional members," he said.

Dr. D. R. Theophilus, president of the University of Idaho, also disagreed with Schmitz. "We still have a conference and we should not move impetuously to dissolve it," he said.

Ducks Turn To Finals Before Bowl

Eugene — The Oregon Webfoots worked out today to prepare for the Rose Bowl game with Ohio State New Year's Day, but had only one other workout scheduled this week because of final term examinations.

Coach Len Casanova said another drill is planned Thursday. No scrimmages are slated.

The Ducks fly to Los Angeles this Saturday and 10 practices in 11 days are planned there.

Last week Oregon took four of 16 pre-Rose Bowl drills allotted and Casanova said the team returned after the layoff in good physical condition.

After studying movies of the Ohio State games against Iowa and Purdue, he said, "Ohio State is rightly ranked as the top team in the country."

Hawkinson Tips Pointers, 65-60

Hawkinson dropped Eagle Point in a close basketball clash in the Independent Basketball league last night, 65 to 60.

Hawkinson moved out to an early lead but Eagle Point came back in the second half to tie it and then moved out in front 38 to 36. Eagle Point then held a two-point edge for several traded baskets before falling back again when Hawkinson took over the lead with a 56 to 55 score.

Hawkinson

F 9 F. Johnson Schoppert 13
F 13 Clark Clark 8
C 7 Harris Van Etten 20
G 15 McKay Simmons 10
G 11 Thompson Nelson 14
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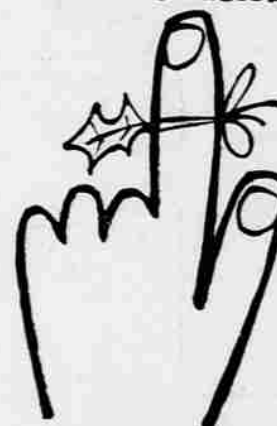
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