

Oregon State, Southern Cal Launch 1st Big Week End Of Collegiate Grid Season

By JOHN GRIFFIN
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Oregon State, touted in the "early line" as a slight pre-season favorite to win the West Coast berth in the Rose Bowl, tackles Southern California Friday night to touch off the first big week end of the 1958 college football season.

Games this week end are the first real test of the college game's new extra-point

rule—two points for running or passing to a conversion, one point for a place kick—and that adds new spice to the opening program.

Detroit—George Washington and Davidson—Catawba are the only other games of note Friday night, but the old pigskin starts taking a lot of new bounces Saturday when many of the nation's top teams swing into action, including UCLA, Pittsburgh,

Penn State, North Carolina, Rice and Texas Christian.

Oregon State tied for the Pacific Coast conference title last year and, despite the loss of ace back Joe Francis, is expected to be perhaps the strongest of that doomed league's bowl-eligible teams this year. Southern Cal comes up with a team that relies heavily on sophomores but is rated much faster than last year.

UCLA, still under bowl suspension by the NCAA, is a 7-point pick as host to Pittsburgh in one of Saturday's big intersectional games, although Pitt is reportedly stronger than the squad that had a 4-6 mark last year.

In other big intersectionals Saturday: Missouri is a one-point favorite over Vanderbilt in a nationally televised game from Columbia, Mo.; Oklahoma State is favored by 7 over Denver in a regionally televised game; Penn State, rated one of the three best teams in the East with Army and Navy, is picked by 13 over Nebraska at Lincoln; Texas Christian, highly touted in the Southwest conference, is favored by 7 over Kansas; Rice, loser in last year's Cotton Bowl game, is picked by 6 to get back on the right trail over Louisiana State, and Texas is a 7-point pick over Georgia in a night game.

Y Swimmers Resume Drills

Medford YMCA swim team resumed practice Wednesday for the winter season.

Approximately 30 boys and girls were on hand for the practice, with a number of new swimmers taking part.

Medford Y is a new member of the Lower Columbia Valley Swimming League, which was formed late last year. Approximately 10 teams will take part in league activities, with two championship meets already on the schedule for the season.

A meeting will be held during the latter part of this month to schedule meets for the league members, and to plan for the two championship tournaments.

In addition to the league swims, the Medford team will take part in the state high school championships in the spring and the Northwest championships, to be held in the Tacoma area. Invitation to the YMCA national championships has also been received.

They will be at Colorado Springs, Colo., April 9, 10 and 11.

New members are welcome to attend the team practices sessions every Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m., and every Saturday at 5 p.m. Boys and girls of all ages are welcome to join the team. Further information is available at the YMCA.

About one-third of all timber removed from the forests in the United States has been used by man. The other two-thirds has been destroyed by fires, tree diseases and tree insects.

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Grants Pass Entertains North Bend

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Another big week end is on tap for Oregon high school football teams with 70 games scheduled, many of them counting contests.

Marshfield, which swamped Klamath Falls last week, meets Hillsboro in an "intersectional" tilt.

Jefferson of Portland, the defending state champion, takes on Roosevelt while Madison, which surprised Grant last week, meets Lincoln.

Other top games this week end include Scappoose at Hermiston; Newport at Astoria; Springfield at Beaverton; Medford at David Douglas; Milwaukie at South Salem; Dallas at St. Helens; McMinnville at Oregon City; North Bend at Grants Pass; Corvallis at Roseburg; South Eugene at Klamath Falls; Baker at La Grande; Pasco, Wash., at Pendleton; Ontario at Weiser, Idaho; Redmond at The Dalles; North Salem at Albany; Sweet Home at Bend and Parkrose at Gresham.

Virg Akins' Plans Hurt By Flanagan

St. Paul, Minn. — (UPI) — Del Flanagan, a veteran with an accurate left hand, upset the big-money plans of world welterweight champion Virgil Akins Thursday night by scoring a unanimous win in a 10-round, non-title bout.

The loss to Flanagan stalled Akins' bid for a bout with ex-welterweight and middleweight champion Carmen Basilio in the near future.

Flanagan took charge of his ex-stablemate and sparring partner from the opening bell. He scored almost at will with a stiff left jab that halted Akins' attack before it began. Flanagan also landed heavily with combinations to the head and body in the later rounds and had Akins lunging weakly when the final bell sounded.

The two judges and referee awarded the fight to the St. Paul boy by scores of 98-93, 97-93, and 99-92.

Miss Football Begins Reign

Berkeley, Calif. — (UPI) — Mary Helen Eaton, a 22-year-old Kansas State senior, today began her reign as "Miss Football of 1958" at the 13th annual National Football festival.

The brunette coed from Harper, Kan., was crowned Thursday night after being judged the most beautiful and poised of 12 representatives of colleges and universities throughout the West, South and Midwest.

Last year's winner, Mary Ann Mobley of the University of Mississippi, went on to win the Miss America title this year.

Miss Eaton, as ruler of the annual two-day festival ushering in the fall collegiate football season, will ride the principal float in a parade through Berkeley tonight.

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Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Wayne Scott, writer for the Klamath Falls Herald and News, came up with one of the week end's understatement in high school football when he declared that the Klamath Union Pelicans hardly got off to a flying start in their season opener. The Pels had their wings clipped 47 to 0 by the Marshfield Pirates.

On the basis of performance against Klamath, the Marshfield Bucs loom as a rugged foe for Medford here on Oct. 3. Medford will learn something of what its chances are with Klamath in an Oct. 17 Southern Oregon conference game. The Pels by the mid-October date should prove a lot tougher for the Black Tornado than they were for the Coos Bay club.

PETE MODERATE

Bill Gould, writer for the Roseburg News-Review, has this quote from Pete Susick, Marshfield coach:

"With just three regulars from last year, I can't figure us being tough this year. I look for us to have a pretty fair club in two years."

It appears to us that Susick was a bit moderate with his words.

Three of the Midwestern league grid coaches disagree with the Buc mentor's words, according to Gould. The three pick Marshfield to regain the title after having been side-tracked last year by Springfield.

MORRIS UNSUNG HERO

Jack Morris, ex-Medford High and ex-University of Oregon gridiron standout, now with the Los Angeles Rams, was recognized by his coach, Sid Gilman, as the "unsung hero" of the Rams on Jon Arnett's thrilling 87-yard punt return against San Francisco's Forty Niners last week end. Morris laid three outstanding blocks as Arnett scampered from sideline to sideline on the run.

Morris may know more definitely next Monday whether he'll stick with the southern California pros. He survived last Monday when, cuts were general throughout the National Professional League.

The ex-Black Tornado star apparently has been doing o.k. with his defensive abilities earning him a lot of duty. He started on defense in two exhibition games. Jack didn't open in the third but played most of the defensive portion of the fray. In the Forty-Niner game he played only a little because of an injury suffered in practice but he teamed at double safety on one occasion with Arnett.

Morris has shown good speed as a pass defender at halfback. He's a threat to get all the way on an interception.

It's a rather dreary fall for women's golf team. Johnny

ahead for Neil Plumley, Medford High's all-state and all-American tackle of 1956. Plumley has been drilling with the Oregon State college grid squad since practice began on Sept. 1. But decision was made last spring to hold him out of game action this season and save him for three future seasons of eligibility.

Apparently Coach Tom Prothro and his staff are sticking by the decision. Plumley, therefore, is on the "red shirt" crew which drills with the varsity but does not get to play.

There's some consolation, however, for Neil will be able to increase his savvy of the Prothro system, improve his ability and mature physically before seeing varsity service. Plumley, a sophomore at OSC, is just 18.

McLAUGHLIN TO SOG

Dick McLaughlin, teammate of Plumley, both at Medford High and on the Oregon State rook squad last season, is transferring to Southern Oregon college. McLaughlin plans to play football for the Red Raiders but is ineligible this fall under rules of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

FRANCIS SURVIVES

Latest information on Joe Francis, ex-Oregon State college grid standout, shows that he's being tried by the Green Bay Packers with several others on defense. Joe, like Jack Morris, survived the Monday roster trimmings.

In August drills Francis was a bright light among newcomers. He demonstrated ability at quarterback (after playing fullback at OSC) of running the club well and of being able to roll out, stop and look for receivers and then throw. Older hands, however, appear to be getting the call ahead of him.

Joe is the son-in-law of the Norman Neathams of Medford and, of course, has a good number of other rooters in the Pear city.

GREENS PLAY TRICKS

Rogue Valley Country club's tricky golf greens draw comment from Dick Strife, sports editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, who was here to play in and cover the recent Southern Oregon tournament.

He said that the Medford links "will cause a sane person to jump off that nearby Indian cliff (Table Rock) after watching repeated putts go scooting past the cup and off the green."

Strife in his Highclimber column, also says that University of Oregon athletic director Leo Harris is still missing a bet by not forming a women's golf team. Johnny

SPORTS

SPORTSCASTS

Radio station KJYC will carry the Medford-David Douglas High football game at 8 o'clock tonight and a delayed broadcast of the Oregon State college-University of Southern California game at 10:15 p.m. On Saturday, KJYC will have University of Oregon versus Idaho football at 1:15 p.m. and on Sunday the station will bring the Los Angeles Rams-Pittsburgh Steelers pro grid game at 12:30 p.m.

Television station KBES will present the Johnny Busso-Carlos Ortiz fight at 6 o'clock this evening. Saturday school includes Milwaukee-Cincinnati National league baseball at 10:25 a.m. and Missouri-Vanderbilt college football at 12:45 p.m. On Sunday KBES will have New York-Baltimore American league baseball at 9:55 a.m. and the Pacific Southwest Tennis tourney at 1 p.m.

Radio station KMED will broadcast the Busso-Ortiz scrap at 6 o'clock tonight and the Medford-David Douglas football mix at 8 p.m.

Radio station KWJN will air the Southern Oregon College-Moffett Air Base football game at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Stratford Lone Unbeaten Team

Minneapolis — (UPI) — Only one team, Stratford, Conn., was still unbeaten today after five games in the World Softball Championship tournament.

Seattle, Long Island City, N. Y., and Lake Charles, La., all sporting one loss, were still in the double elimination tournament.

In Thursday's feature event, Stratford walloped Seattle, 12-4, as the Connecticut team got to fast baller Bob Fesler for 10 runs in the third inning. It was the battle of the only two unbeaten teams left in the tournament.

Lake Charles stayed alive by winning twice. The Louisiana team downed Vancouver, B. C., 3-1 and edged the U. S. Air Force, 1-0.

McKay has volunteered to coach such players as Sue DeVoe, Medford, Southern Oregon champion, Shirley Siegmund, Eugene, medalist in the SO, and Elaine Porritt, Eugene, a past Southern Oregon runner-up. There is also an indication that Carole Jo Kabler, Sutherlin, links lady of national stature, may return to the UO campus before spring.

PCC Slate Opening for Last Time

By SCOTT BAILLIE

United Press International
The Pacific Coast conference opens a football season for the 42nd and last time tonight when Southern California plays favored Oregon State in what passes as the home park of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

That game, which finds the Beavers nine-point favorites, precedes a full slate of Saturday football action highlighted by Stanford's invasion of Washington State.

Both Oregon State and Washington State have been tabbed as head-and-head contenders for the Rose Bowl. The Cougars are picked to get off on the right foot, having been made eight-point choices over the Indians.

Southern California and California also have something in common. Each lost nine out of 10 games last year and this is "get off the mat" time for sophomore coaches Don Clark of the Trojans and Pete Elliott of the Bruins.

The Bears take on College of Pacific and swift Dick Bass in their opener at Berkeley. Despite rumblings that COP is on the brink of a hot season and the brittle Bass is in the peak of condition, Cal is rated an eight-point favorite.

UCLA, still banned from the Rose Bowl and limited in the number of games its seniors can play, takes on Pittsburgh in the Coliseum Saturday afternoon. Coach George Dickerson's Bruins are given a seven-point edge for the Coast's lone intersectional of the week end.

Huskies-Spartans
Washington and San Jose State, which also had bad seasons last year, meet at Seattle where the Huskies are 15-point choices to start getting well before the Spartans do.

Oregon, just about as strong as last year's Rose Bowl team, is expected to handle Idaho without too much trouble.

Arizona State at Tempe, undefeated and untied last year, takes on an underdog Hawaii team which was beaten last Saturday by Kentucky, 51-0.

Other Saturday tilts: Fresno State at Brigham Young, Utah State at Arizona, Chico State at Pacific U., Arizona (Flagstaff) State at Cal Pomona Poly, San Diego

Busso, Ortiz Seek To Settle Ring Dispute

New York — (UPI) — Lightweight contenders Johnny Busso and Carlos Ortiz will settle their "third-man" dispute tonight in a return TV fight at Madison Square Garden.

The 10-rounder between the two New Yorkers will be televised and broadcast nationally.

Busso won a split decision over Ortiz at the Garden June 27. After that first defeat of his career, Carlos charged angrily, "It was the referee—not Busso—who was responsible."

Busso said today, "I'm fed up with his excuses about the referee. I'll prove tonight I can lick him any time we meet—no matter who referees."

Ortiz is favored at 7-5 to turn the tables on Busso because waging men apparently believe the June referee, Barney Felix, had been ultra-strict in breaking the fighters at close quarters and thus interfered with Ortiz' buzz-saw combinations.

Elvis Presley Due

For Duty in Germany

Fort Hood, Tex. — (UPI) — Elvis Presley was headed for Germany today for duty as a truck driver, much to the dismay of fans who have been causing traffic jams in nearby Killeen.

Presley's father had rented a house in Killeen, and Presley fans and the curious had been cruising the streets in efforts to get a last minute look at the rock 'n' roller before the Army ships him overseas.

State at Santa Barbara, Whit-tier at Cal Aggies, Pepperdine at Nevada, Colorado State at Cal Poly, L.A. State at Sacramento State, Pomona at Colorado college, Chino institute at Laverne, College of Idaho at Humboldt State.

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