

No Tearing Down Walls After Olympic Victories Of 1960; Davis Seeks Job

(Editor's Note — Writer Bill Bowerman had trouble getting into the Olympic Village and talking to his athletes. Monday four letters were received at Eugene from the University of Oregon mentor, indicating that postal service had been bad. All the information has been wrapped up in one story through the editorial efforts of Dick Strite, sports editor of the Eugene Register-Guard. Bowerman will be asked to do a special story when he returns home.)

By Bill Bowerman
Oregon Track Coach
Rome — In the first Olympic Games in 1956 B.C., you recall, the winner of the race was a youth from the village of Elias. Coreubus was hoisted on the shoulders of his village folk, carried across the plain of Olympus and at the village the wall was torn down to carry in this hero.

There will be no tearing down of walls in 1960. Herb Elliott (1,500-meter winner) goes to England to study at Cambridge. Don Bragg (gold - medal winner in the pole vault) returns to Fort Meade, Md., where the commanding officer prefers that his walls remain intact and that Bragg either vault them or swing over via grape vines.

Otis Davis (400-meter winner and anchor of the winning 1,600-meter relay team, both in world record times) will eventually return to Eugene—job hunting. Otis prepared himself as a teacher and dedicated his summer to preparation for the Olympics and to represent his country—which he did so well.

Davis Fine Teacher
Now he needs a job. I hope he gets one in Oregon, either in Eugene or Portland, or some other city in the state. Presently he will be making the Scandinavian tour following meets in Greece and London. Then he returns. He is a marvelous teacher, as all of the youngsters who were under him in practice teaching will attest.

In the modern tradition it has been customary to laud our champions, but by the same token the hero accepts his honors with humility and as a responsibility rather than a license—and he is the one who grows in stature throughout the years.

I am sorry I was unable to do the kind of job for your readers I hoped to accomplish, but the problems were just too much for me, I guess. Getting into the Village was next to impossible. It took me from as little as 30 minutes to as much as three hours, and the issuing of passes to the visitors' gate was red tape of the highest order. I know that Pincus Sober (manager of the U.S. men's track squad) received your (Dick Strite) wire asking for credentials, but he referred me to Art Lenz (public relations director)—and I was never able to run him down.

Had it not been for the efforts of the U.S. athletes and the people from New Zealand, there would have been at least five of the eight days that I would not have been admitted to the area where the boys lived. I like to think the boys appreciated my advice and fellowship. In fact, they and the other U.S. team members were most gracious in their appreciation.

Had Otis Davis followed the instructions of his coach, he would have been second in the Rome Olympics. We visited briefly two hours before the 400-meter finals and I told "Otis" that a 21.6 would get him a 45-flat. A 21.6 being the first 220—and a 45-flat would have gotten him second.

The field was off very fast and Davis, in this third lane, appeared to be slightly behind Singh of India and Spence of South Africa. Kaufmann of Germany was even with Davis. Time for Otis at the 220 was 21.5. In the middle of the turn Otis made his move, but with him was Kaufmann and they both swung by Spence and with the rest of the field only a stride behind.

At 100 yards it appeared as though Davis would be in, as he opened daylight on Kaufmann. At 50 Kaufmann surged and was ahead of Davis by a chest—and on they came. At the tape Davis finished smoothly and Kaufmann dove to try to hold off the final lift that Otis had dug up from somewhere.

Davis Leaps High
Five minutes, ten minutes and then one of the officials walked over to Davis and he leaped 17 feet in the air (after all he came to Oregon as a basketball player with backboard ability, and for that reason I urged him to try high jumping on my track squad). It was obvious that an Oregon man had won a gold medal for the U.S.

Age, experience, mental preparedness, physical fitness—those are the things that went into the 1,500-meter run. The greatest miler the world has seen to date (Elliott) spread-eagled the 1,500-meter field. Four years ago, at the age of 20, this man missed the Olympic Games because of some misfortune or prank that caused a piano crate to drop on his foot.

Burly (Dyrol Burleson) was to try to get on the leader at the 880 mark and stay there until 100 yards out. He could not gain that position. He made every effort that was possible on Sept. 6, 1960, and he ran the fastest 1,500 of his life—well under the Olympic record and placed sixth.

Burly Prepares Now
Was Burly disappointed? Yes! Was he discouraged? No! Determined that the preparation for the 1964 Olympics (Tokyo) begins not in October, but now. He will race in the European tours and when he returns to school we will see how much of Arthur Lydiard's material fits into our needs and abilities. Lydiard is the coach of the New Zealand team that produced a gold medal in the 5,000-meters.

Grelle (Jim) also found the race his toughest ever. He finished eighth in the world's championship. All of us learned things, that if taken advantage of, will be most helpful.

Let me tell you about the 1,600-meter relay in which Otis Davis anchored not only a winning, but world-record effort. Otis took this competition with complete seriousness. The only time he was out of his bed was for work-out, for meals and to take place in all of his heats and finals. But he was the only "man of Oregon" who showed emotions. When he was told of his world record in the 400, he jumped about the stadium like a very young boy who had just learned that he had won a scooter.

U.S. All Way
In the relay it was supposed to be a tossup between the

SPORTS

OTI Owls' Back Lost By Injury

Klamath Falls — Disaster in the form of "fullbackitis" has struck head coach, Rex Hunsaker, a cruel blow.

After losing Little All American Stan Glass last year, Coach Rex had a sleeper in Dick Ho from Boise Junior college who was one of the greatest prospective fullbacks in Owl history, but a broken collarbone occurring in last Saturday's scrimmage took him out of play for the season.

Lanny Myers, 1959 Shrine Allstar halfback from St. Helens received a hip-pointer in the same scrimmage, which will take him out of play for an indefinite period and hurt depth in the backfield.

This year spectators may expect the Owls to take to the air. With the loss of fine rushing backs like Glass and Ho and with 1958 all-conference end Ardell Hamilton returned to the squad and the gain of Artes Palmore, 6-3 185-pound (100 yards in 9.8) transfer from Oakland City college, in end positions, the type of play will be different than anything previously seen in a Hunsaker squad.

Football practice for the Oregon Tech Owls began Sept. 6, with eight days available for practice before traveling to Salt Lake City for the season opener with Westminster college. Nothing on campus is important enough to interrupt two practice sessions each day and a skull session in the evening.

Head coach, Rex Hunsaker, is pleased with the spirit of this squad — they want to play football, but he is concerned about the lack of experienced players. With Ho and Myers out of the squad, twenty-three of thirty-nine players have had no collegiate experience and seven others have had only one year.

Backfield coach, Jim Cordial, and line coach, George Miller, are pushing the squad in tactical skills. Conditioning is a real problem in the short pre-game period.

LEADS MONEY WINNERS
Dunedin, Fla. — (UPI) — Arnold Palmer, who has won seven tournaments and finished in the top five in 14 others this year, leads the money winners in golf this year with \$75,400. Ken Venturi is second with \$43,200 and Dow Finsterwald is third with \$40,300.

U.S., Germany and South Africa. While it was not a runaway, it was the U.S. all of the way. Jack Yerman led off and he gave a three-yard lead to Earl Young, who came in even. Then it was Glenn Davis, who really poured on the coals in the third leg. He won the race, but I'm sure Otis would have done the same had not Glenn run a tremendous 44.5 for his leg. Otis received the baton about five yards in front. He moved easily around the turn and made Kaufmann (Germany's anchor man) work to catch him at the 220 mark.

Kaufmann was blowing on Otis' shoulder and it was just the right tempo to set Otis afire. At the middle of the last turn Otis lifted into a beautiful sprint that left the German floundering. The U.S. won by a clear six yards. The new world's and Olympic record speaks quite eloquently for the performance.

Bandaged Thigh
Otis (although he had a bandaged thigh) went through every competition with great ease. He had no distress in any race and jogged easily around the infield after each performance.

To we Americans, we had much to be pleased over with Max Truex. He was in contention throughout the entire 10,000-meter race, the fastest by over a minute any American had ever run. His name appeared on the electric scoreboard in sixth place and his time was within five seconds of Vladimir Kuts' Olympic record. I am pleased if we, in Eugene, had some small part in his improvement. He was with us for three weeks. I believe that credit should also go to Mike Igloi, who worked with Max the last week before the race. But Max was the fellow who ran the race—and it was tremendous.

When I had dinner with Lydiard, he said he will bring his two champions from New Zealand to our area next year, in turn, we send a couple of our boys to New Zealand. Get out your map, look over the country — and go into training.

When everything was over, we had dinner with Dave Edstrom, Grelle, the Dellingers (Bill and Myrna), Burly and Chic Ciocchetti — and we all went out to see the sights.

Tornado Stressing Defense In Drills For Pirate Tussle

"We'll have our hands full, that's for darn sure." That was Head Coach Fred Spiegelberg's remark last night concerning Medford high's football game here Friday night with Marshfield high of Coos Bay.

Spiegelberg said that the Black Tornado is concentrating on defense to stop the attack of the much heavier Pirate aggregation. A lot of running has been in order for the Tornadoes since the head man and his staff were of the opinion that the Medfordites were not in the best of condition for the Arcata game.

The tutor listed tackle John James as "doubtful" so far as playing against Marshfield is concerned. James suffered a concussion last Friday night against the California club. The veteran may be able to play but is engaging in no contact work this week. Monte Jones, who took over for James on defense, and Sam Knudsen, who replaced him on offense, could have those starting assignments this week.

Seven Defense Regulars
Information on the Marshfield squad has been provided by Kenn Hess, sports editor of the World of Coos Bay. He reported that from the Pirate game against Thurston of Springfield it couldn't be told whether Marshfield was really that strong or Thurston that week. The new Willamette Valley school has eight lettermen from last year's Springfield club, four of them regulars.

No member of the current Marshfield offensive starting unit was a regular last year. Playing the most was Don Austin, 217 pound fullback, who had a couple of real good games at the end of the season. He was an alternate, as was Dave Hansen, 227 tackle. There are seven regulars back on the defensive team, Bill Smith (160), Wylie Smith (160), Terry Shore (180), Bob Burles (200), Bob Reichert (175), John Layton (208) and Hansen. This crew is bolstered by Josh Mattox, 253-pound tackle transfer from Independence, Mo.

Line Big
Says Hess: "The line is big (it averages 208 pounds on offense), but my personal observation is that it lacks good mobility as (Dan) Sieg, (Mike) Hood, (Dick) Ragsdale and Co. (of Medford) may well prove. They were real tough at times

against Thurston, especially up the middle. I believe this year's team has more depth than that of a year ago, especially in the backfield. (Gary) Crabaugh (154), although he hasn't earned a starter's spot yet, is a caty little seatback who wowed 'em Friday night. But Bob Reichert will probably start. He has pretty fair speed but is no demon."

Wylie Smith, halfback, is a spirited competitor, according to Hess. Austin "just runs ahead." At quarterback, Sam Landes (150) is pressed by Fred Loffer (162). They were third and fourth string last year.

Of the possible Pirate starters all are seniors except Layton, center, and Stan Traxler (175), end. They are juniors.

Franchise Sales To Be Discussed

Portland — (UPI) — Potential sale of two franchises to major league baseball clubs will be among the items discussed at the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast league directors here Sept. 21-22.

The sale talks will concern the purchase of the Vancouver, B.C., and the Seattle clubs by the Milwaukee Braves of the National league and the Boston Red Sox of the American loop, respectively.

PCL President Dewey Soriano said other topics to be discussed include the rental problems of the Sacramento Solons for Edmunds field in Sacramento, Portland's plans for the 1961 season and the 154-game playing schedule for next year.

BUY TWO PLAYERS
Cincinnati, Ohio — (UPI) — Catcher Hal Bevan, who is hitting .304, and pitcher Ray Riddlemeyer, who has a 15-12 record and 2.30 earned run average, have been purchased from the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast league by the Cincinnati Reds.

DODGERS GET PITCHER
Los Angeles, Calif. — (UPI) — The Los Angeles Dodgers have acquired 20-game winner Jim Golden from their St. Paul farm club in the American Association in exchange for two other minor league players. Golden has a 20-9 record and a 2.32 earned run average.

Tentative Red Raider Unit Picked

Ashland — Southern Oregon college has exhibited what coach Al Akins called his tentative offensive lineup for the Myrtle Bowl football clash against Sacramento State college in Coos Bay Saturday afternoon.

Akins plans to start flashy Gordy Carrigan and Howard Hartman at the ends to be on the receiving end of quarterback John Buck's aerials. Buck was a fine surprise in the Sunday scrimmage according to Akins who feels he has finally found a signal caller.

Jess Munyon at left tackle, Ron Mullanix at right tackle, Tony (the Tiger) Brauner at left guard, Willie Garner at right guard, and Neil Green at center appear to be the interior linemen for the opening.

With Buck in the backfield will be Al (the Horse) Barnes, no one. From there on the weights get somewhat lighter.

The backfield with Barnes, Bransom, Francis, and Buck will average 179 pounds with the 205 pound Barnes leading the way.

Dave Hughes who was making the grade at end was shifted to quarterback as Buck's understudy. Hughes has played the role before and with the number of qualified ends on hand, Akins feels Hughes would be valuable behind Buck.

With the line from tackle to tackle averaging 210 pounds, the Raiders will have a large forward wall with the 240-pound Green anchoring the center. Emphasis has been placed on the smallness of the Raiders but this first unit line will be taking a back seat to

CONDITION POOR

Portland — (UPI) — The condition of Rolfe Truitt, veteran Portland baseball announcer, was listed as "poor" today by attendants at Holladay Park hospital. A spokesman said Truitt, who suffered a severe heart attack last week, had not been resting well.

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