

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



Tentative Quintet Of Raiders Choiesn

Asland-Raider coach Ted Schopf has tentatively decided on a starting lineup for the opening game on Southern Oregon college's basketball slate Thursday evening when it meets Linfield college in Salem.

SOC will play in the opening game of the NAIA Tip-off tournament in Salem and Portland. Willamette will meet Oregon College of Education in the second game at Salem Thursday.

Mississippi's Howard Vaught Coach of Week

By N. JOHN GARCIA
Oxford, Miss. — (UPI) — John Howard Vaught lives on a farm, is a deacon in the Baptist church and perennially turns out one of America's finest collegiate football teams.

Vaught is not what one would call verbally colorful, but what he manufactures on the football field each year is the product of his coaching wizardry.

For his team's performance last Saturday in polishing off arch rival Mississippi State, 35-9, Vaught has been chosen college football's "Coach of the Week" by United Press International.

The win capped the Sugar Bowl bound Rebels' finest year in history with a 9-0 record and the distinction of being the only unbeaten team in the top ten.

For the Rebels, it will be their second straight appearance in the New Orleans classic. Last year they defeated LSU, 21-0.

Vaught, leathery faced at 52, has enjoyed 12 winning seasons while coming out on the short end once and breaking even once. This year he celebrated his 100th regular season victory. His 14 year record of 102 wins, 27 losses and 7 ties is second only to the amazing record compiled by Bud Wilkinson of Oklahoma. In seven bowl appearances, his teams have won five times.

Meanwhile Portland State college will tangle with Pacific university in Portland and Lewis and Clark will battle Oregon Tech.

NAIA star Gordy Carrigan will team with Brad Flanary, the Bend sophomore, at the guards for the Red Raiders. Dave Hughes and Don Vannice will open at forwards while Dave Graham is to be at center.

This will give the Raiders an average height of 6-0 overall and 6-2 in the front line with Graham at 6-5, Vannice 6-0, and Hughes 6-1.

Schopf agrees the Raiders will be lacking on height but he also points out the squad will be one of the sharpest shooting units in the Oregon Collegiate conference.

Almost all of this group are fine shots with Carrigan and Flanary leading the way," Schopf reflected.

The Raider mentor continued on the Carrigan-Flanary duo who he feels "will be one of the best combinations in the OCC. They can shoot the set shot and the jump with equal ability and this will enable us to go against any defense."

SOC will be seeking its first win over Linfield in two years. Last season the two met in the NAIA district playoffs with the Wildcats romping to victory and a berth in the national tourney. The year before, the Raiders were nudged by one point in the final seconds in the same tournament.

Pirate Hoop Crew Drills For Opener

Phoenix - Athletes of two communities combined for a sparkling football campaign which carried the Phoenix High school Pirates into the state A-2 semifinals.

Now the Pirates try for similar results in basketball. Three lettermen from former Talent high, now merged with Phoenix, and four from last season's Phoenix club are now drilling on the Pirate squad under the mentorship of new coach Eldon Durham.

From the former Bulldog aggregation are Bob Jacobs, a two-year letterman, and Tom Johnson and Bob Dickinson with one year each of varsity experience.

Three of the 1959-1960 Pirates are two-year varsity vets. They are Gerald Sloper, Othar Richey and Mike Consbuck. Raymond Thompson has one year of varsity experience.

From Talent also are Rick Seymour, Roger Davis and Butch Thompkins. Others on the squad are Dave Johnson and Curtis Harris, each with junior varsity experience at Phoenix.

Davis 6-5, who has no high school hoop experience but who is "looking pretty good," is the tallest on the squad at 6-5. Richey and Thompson are 6-1 players. Other 6-footers are Dickinson, Dave Johnson, and Seymour.

Players from the football squad have checked in for basketball a few at a time and Monday was the first time the full cage squad has been together.

Durham, who took over hoop reins from Jack Woodward, said the Pirates have been working on offensive patterns and shooting this week. He pointed to quite a bit of game experience on the squad but said he planned to use unit substitution as much as possible against Illinois Valley this Friday and Saturday to give less experienced

East Officials Okehed for Tilt

Philadelphia — (UPI) — Liberty Bowl authorities said today that Oregon has agreed to a plan to have eastern officials work the post-season game here with Penn State on Dec. 17.

It had been reported that Leo Harris, director of athletics at Oregon, was not pleased with an all-East officiating team and suggested the officials from the West Coast.

Ambrose Bud Dudley, promoter of the second annual bowl game, said he received a telegram from Harris which said "Oregon will be happy to accept the officials that are recommended . . ."

Go-Kart Club Meets Thursday

Medford Go-Kart club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Stephenson Lumber Yard office. Club officials have asked as many members as possible to be at the meeting. Plans will be discussed for the club's first trophy race. That event is planned for Sunday, Dec. 11.

4-H Club News

Busy Bees
The Busy Bees 4-H Sewing club met at the home of Jeanne Ann Johnson, Old Stage rd., recently. Mrs. John Truly is leader.

Susan Truly was elected president, Sandra Hufferling, secretary, and Jeanne Ann Johnson, reporter.

Visitors were Mrs. R. M. Hufferling and Danny, and Mrs. J. V. Johnson and Daniel. Our next meeting will be Dec. 10 at the home of Sandra Hufferling, 1497 Beal lane. A Christmas party is planned for then.

Jeanne Ann Johnson, Reporter.

Cub Scouts

Pack Meeting
Yreka - Yreka Cub Scouts held their November pack meeting recently at Veteran's hall.

The flag was presented by Den 6. The first order of business was a report from the Denmers of each den on their part in placing "Get out and vote" posters on doors around town.

Den 4 presented a poem in unison. Den 6 presented a skit on "Rockets to the Moon."

Louis Choate, Cubmaster, presented awards. Mrs. Forest Seright, Mrs. R. M. Jenott,

Mrs. Harold Leal, Mrs. Robert Orr and Mrs. Robert McKean received pins for three years of service with Cub Scouts. Mrs. William Holt received a one-year pin.

Mrs. Seright announced that at the Nov. 13 recognition dinner for Scout leaders held at the Rogue Valley Country club in Medford, Cubmaster Choate received the Golden Leader award.

Scout uniform inspection was held with Jack Young, Walter Adams and Harvey Russell, of the Boy Scout council, as judges. Den 5 received the achievement flag for the best uniformed appearance.

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Baseball Heads Eye Formula To Clean Up Expansion Mess

By STEVE SNIDER
New York — (UPI) — Commissioner Ford Frick and league presidents Warren Giles and Joe Cronin met in an atmosphere of hope today to try to clean up the mess of baseball's expansion problems.

The odds are that the "big three" will agree on a formula but the hitch is that their decisions will have to be returned for action by the two major leagues at their annual meeting in St. Louis beginning next Monday.

"I think we're nearing an accord on a package we can take back to the major league meetings that'll be the rule of procedure not only for 1961 and 1962 but for years to come," said Frick, sounding the optimistic keynote. "These people are now getting serious and I think we can make some important decisions."

Interleague Deal
The American league schedule with a nine-team National league — apparently is dead. It was killed off, insiders say, by the refusal of National league owners to follow Giles' lead in accepting the plan.

The American league said refusal by the NL of the interleague nine-team concept would mean they would charge ahead toward operating with a 10-team circuit in 1961 while the NL waits until 1962 to add New York and Houston.

Still to be worked out, however, is how the American league can move into Los Angeles to round out its 10-team circuit without obtaining the

unanimous approval of National league owners. This unanimous approval is required according to rule one-C of the major league agreement.

Trade Machinery Put Into Motion

By MILTON RICHMAN
Louisville — (UPI) — The world champion Pittsburgh Pirates are "ready to trade," and so apparently are a number of other baseball men who discussed such names today as Ryne Duren, Joe Cunningham,

Minor Leaguers Reject Offer By Cal Griffith

Louisville, Ky. — (UPI) — Cal Griffith and the American association were only about \$1.5-million apart today.

In an effort to settle the indemnities hassle with the association, Griffith increased his offer, Tuesday from \$50,000 to \$90,000.

But President Jim Burris and his club-owners said no dice.

The minor leaguers feel they should receive indemnities amounting to \$200,000 for each of the seven clubs and another \$200,000 for the league. This is what they believe they have coming to them for the Minnesota Twins' invasion of the Minneapolis-St. Paul territory.

They flatly rejected Griffith's latest offer following a two-hour meeting.

"It's up to Calvin now," said owner Joe Burke of the Louisville club. "He'll have to come to us if he wants to talk any more."

If Griffith and the league cannot reach an agreement, the matter will be turned over to a baseball arbitration board.

Alston Signs 1961 Contract

Louisville, Ky. — (UPI) — Back in 1954 the Brooklyn Dodgers appointed one Walter Alston as their new manager, and the widespread reaction was "who's he?"

A look at the record books showed that Alston had gone to bat one time as a major league ball player and had been toiling as a manager in the Dodger farm system. It seemed a pretty inconspicuous baseball biography for a successor to the flamboyant Charlie Dressen, who had just been let out after winning two straight pennants.

Today seven seasons, three National league pennants, and two world championships later, the tall, quiet man from Dartmouth, Ohio, has his eighth one-year contract with the Dodgers and is the senior manager in the major leagues.

The Dodgers, meanwhile, have moved across the continent to Los Angeles, but Alston has become so much a fixture that announcement of his new contract came as a routine one paragraph statement issued at the minor league meeting.

Portlanders Pick Benson To Manage

Louisville, Ky. — (UPI) — The Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast league will be managed next season by Vern Benson, who has been manager of the Tulsa team in the Texas league for the past two seasons.

Benson, 37, led Tulsa to the playoff title last season after finishing third.

He is with the St. Louis Cardinal organization, which recently signed a working agreement with Portland.

Benson is a former infielder who played briefly with several major league clubs but did not play regularly in the big time.

Benson is expected to come to Portland in January or February on a get-acquainted trip.

He managed Winnipeg in 1956-57 in class C baseball, managed Winston-Salem in class B baseball in 1958, and then went to Tulsa on the AA Texas league.

Portland drafted Richard Mauldin, a pitcher who had an 8-4 record with Corning of the New York-Pennsylvania league last summer. He is 17 years old.

Veck Claims Extra Player

Louisville, Ky. — (UPI) — Bill Veck challenged Ford Frick's authority and, for a change, he lost an argument.

The flamboyant White Sox boss tried to claim an extra player in the baseball draft Monday. The commissioner said it was against the rules and flatly refused the claim.

Veck charged he was being denied his baseball rights. Frick snapped back that Veck was trying to embarrass him publicly.

CARDS SIGN FRITSCH

St. Louis — (UPI) — Center Ernie Fritsch, who was in the spring training camp of the St. Louis Cardinals, was signed by the injury-riddled Cards of the National Football league on Tuesday. Fritsch, a 221-pounder from Detroit, will fill the reserve center gap created last week when Chuck Eilzey was sidelined for the season with a broken leg.

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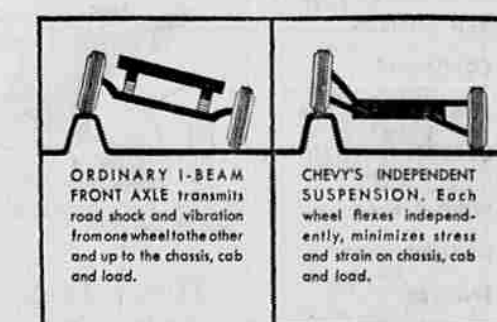
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