

Negro Boys Handicapped In Football

Coast Tingles With Mixture of Envy And Resentment

By JOE PIGNEY

Intermingling feelings of envy and resentment along the battle front of the Pacific coast football conference in regard to colored players have complicated the already entangled relations between the rival members. The year case that neither race nor creed, particularly in public institutions, has nothing what-so-ever to do with football apparently has been completely overlooked, and the problem of the negro boy on the athletic field has received more notices than it is worth.

There is absolutely no possible legal action to limit negro participation. The whole matter is a personal affair with each institution, and because there hardly are two schools in this region with similar views, it is altogether unlikely that any mutual agreement will ever be reached to disbar the colored competitor.

It is unnecessary to go farther than the University of Oregon and Oregon State college to discover the two most varied attitudes.

Paul J. Schissler, coach of the Orangemen, never has been reticent in expressing a thorough opposition to colored boys and not in the memory of the football generation has a negro worn the State colors. But at Oregon first Captain John J. McEwan and now Dr. C. W. Spears honestly asserted they were after athletes, white, black or brown. Consequently to much of the unhappiness in the story of Oregon State victory and defeat—the Webfoots for the last six years have benefited by the brilliant performance of some fine colored boys, all sensational athletes and all gentlemen.

If Schissler would not have a negro on his team, there was nothing to prevent his having a negro on the bench. Bobby Robinson, one of the sweetest, trickiest, triple-threat backs the northwest has seen in years and years, was sent to attend the Corvallis school. Robinson had a magnificent record as a prepster. He loved the game and was eager to play it. Just before his intended enrollment at Oregon State, he heard news that sent him over to Captain John J. McEwan at Oregon.

Schissler, it was reported, solicited Bobby's services for Oregon State. The State mentor was fully, and wisely, too, convinced that it would be more profitable to have Robinson on his bench than in the Oregon backfield. Naturally Bobby would have nothing of that, so he went to Eugene. Chuck Williams, a sturdy defensive back who played regularly for Oregon for three years, followed him, and these two negro chaps gave the Beavers plenty of grief.

It is impossible but to admire colored athletes. Many of them turn out to be backs, and the best sort of backs, too. But from the first moment they set foot on the gridiron until they put away their toes three years later, they are marked men. Tacklers single them out for the most vicious pummellings, but ball carrier can receive, but until the very end of the contest, though limp and weary, they go hard and strong. It takes courage.

The Albany Democrat-Herald soundly chides the Corvallis Gazette Times, a paper partisan in the interests of Oregon State. The Gazette-Times was abnormally aroused by Oregon's list of negro players. This year the Webfoots have another, Joe Lillard, one of the greatest backs on the coast. One is almost convinced that the more one sees the quality of the players themselves than any artificial reasons of race. But to quote the Democrat-Herald:

"Well, the University of Oregon has excellent precedent for using colored football players. A little more than a generation ago, Harral had a whole of an end in the person of a colored gen-

Oregon Team Off to Scale Walls of Troy

COAST TITLE MAY DEPEND ON OUTCOME

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 15.—The Oregon football team left Eugene, Wednesday noon for Los Angeles, where the Webfoots and the Southern California Trojans will meet Saturday in a battle for supremacy in the Pacific Coast conference.

Dr. Clarence W. Spears, in his second year as head coach at Oregon, has moulded a group of inexperienced players into the strongest Webfoot team in recent years. Famous for developing an offense with power and drive, he has men who run strongly to speed this year and his men are expected to present a strong, well-diversified attack against the Trojans.

The Oregon team came through its unexpectedly strong showing in defeating Washington 13 to 0 last week, in fine physical condition and the Webfoots are expected to be at full strength when they face the Trojans.

Spears sent his men through brick scrimmage sessions here Monday and Tuesday before the Webfoots entrained for Los Angeles. Oregon will work out at Oakland on the way south and will arrive in Los Angeles early Friday morning.

The Oregon team boasts of a complete set of capable reserves. Lillard, who was acknowledged one of the best ends of his day. If cultured Harvard, the home of the Cabots and the Lowells and the cod, can use a negro football star, why not Oregon?

"So far as our information goes, there is no disposition on the part of Eugene students to draft negro players into the fraternities or to date them with the co-eds. It is not too much to say that the colored players themselves do not expect it. But that is no reason why they should not play football. The amenities of society are one thing and the proprieties of football are quite another."

"There are many white football players on many university eleven who walk on a lower social plane than many of the co-eds. But we never heard of a coach barring them on that account."

And the Gazette-Times also mentioned that "To import a colored professional is still more reprehensible."

That, of course, means Joe Lillard.

Few athletes are protested on the Pacific coast. Many persons may "swear" unthinkingly to Lillard's professionalism in semi-pro baseball. But, be assured, there are too many eligibility skeletons at every school to make too formal claims. Mum's the word all around, and turn about is fair play!

More harm than good can come of the Pelicans' coasting with the alumni next Friday. It is not impossible that injuries might be sustained to prevent several of the boys from playing against Medford, October 24. It is fine to see the stars of yesterday come back, but for the Pelicans who are ambitious to climb in the state football world, is it worth it?

Helene Madison Sets One World, Seven U. S. Marks

SEATTLE, Oct. 15, (AP)—An orgy of record breaking by Helene Madison, champion woman swimmer, gave her a new world's mark for the mile swim and seven new American marks in an exhibition before "home town" fans last night.

Swimming against time in a 36-yard pool, the "short course," she covered the mile in the new world's record time of 23 minutes 37 1-5 seconds. She broke her own world's mark of 24 minutes 34 3-5 seconds, and lowered the American mark held by Miss Ethel McGary, New York of 25 minutes, 36 seconds.

The other six American marks she upset were at various distances in the mile, six of which were held by Miss McGary. She swam without any opposition.

This season for the first time in recent history and the Sparsmen are confident of giving the Trojans a real battle.

Probable Lineup

The probable Oregon starting lineup will include Orville Bailey and Bill Bowerman, ends; Erwin Nilsson and Bill Morgan, tackles; Captiala Ivy Scholz and Ken Wilson, guards; Eric Forster, center; Ed Moeller, quarter; Leighton Gee and Happy Joe Lillard, halfbacks, and Bud Fosso, fullback.

Webfoots and Trojans have met only twice before on the gridiron, with each team having one victory. Oregon took the first meeting in 1915, 24 to 0, and Southern California won the second, 21 to 0.

The University of Oregon football team, the only undefeated Pacific coast conference eleven in the Northwest, passed through Klamath Falls last night enroute to Los Angeles to tackle the Southern California Trojans Saturday. Although Oregon will be the underdog, the northern sector of the coast will hope for its first victory of the season over California rivals.

U. S. Champion Football Team To Get Trophy

CHICAGO, Oct. 15, (AP)—The new trophy to be awarded to the 1931 national championship football team, on the basis of the Dickinson rating system, will be known as the Knute K. Rockne memorial.

The first edition of the award was won permanently last year by Notre Dame, the first institution to win it three times over a period of ten years. Its donor, Jack F. Rosenman, has offered another one under the same conditions, with Professor Frank G. Dickinson of the University of Illinois, who formulated the rating system, decided to make it a memorial to the late Notre Dame football wizard.

Notre Dame won possession of the first trophy by ranking as the best eleven in the country in 1924, 1925 and 1930.

STAGG RESTS TEAM

CHICAGO, Oct. 15, (AP)—Coach A. A. Stagg withheld the U. of Chicago squad from scrimmage again tonight and evidently isn't going to take chances on injuring any of his small squad before the important Yale game, over a period of three today. Passing practice was stressed today, and it begins to look as if the Maroons will flood Stagg with a barrage of passes Saturday.

IOWA GUARD HURT

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Oct. 15, (UP)—Harold Hantlemaan, guard, was added to Iowa's list of injured players here tonight when he sprained his ankle during scrimmage. Austin Akin will be shifted from tackle to guard to fill Hantlemaan's place if he is unable to play against Indiana Saturday.

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Army to Play Navy

The Army-Navy game at New York Dec. 12, originally the one big charity clash, now takes place as the climax of a great football festival for the relief of the unemployed.

To Hold Tournament

The four New England institutions will meet in the Yale bowl Dec. 5, while the others will come together at New York Dec. 9, in each tournament, two 20-minute preliminary games will be played, with the opposition decided by lot, and the two winners will meet in a 20-minute final.

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STEVE SAVAGE WINS IN PORTLAND BOUT

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15, (AP)—Steve Savage, Chicago heavy-weight wrestler, in his first appearance here, defeated Pat McKay, two out of three falls. Savage took the first fall in 31 minutes 20 seconds with a full Nelson and flying mare. McKay took the second fall in 15 minutes 29 seconds with a reverse body press, preceded by a series of rolling headlocks. Savage ended the match in six minutes to take the deciding fall with a half Nelson and crash his opponent to the mat.

Casey O'Dale and Bob Kruss overshadowed the main event with five rounds of spectacular wrestling, which ended in a draw, each man taking a fall. Kruss

Trojan Seconds Use Minnesota Shift in Trials

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15, (AP)—Using the so-called Minnesota shift, the second string team of the University of Southern California held the Trojan varsity to almost a standstill in practice last night. Coach Howard Jones announced following the scrimmage that the prospects for his team against the University of Oregon Saturday at the Olympic stadium were none too good.

IRISH MEET DRAKE

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 15, (UP)—Scrimmage in the mud was the order of the day for Notre Dame's varsity as preparations went on for the Drake game Saturday. Coach Hartley Anderson concentrated on defense against the Notre Dame system as used by Drake and the Irish looked fairly impressive against their own style of play.

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opened up with a lot of new stuff. He took the first fall with a series of snappy flying wristlocks after having Kruss in dangerous spots only to have the bell save him, O'Dale finally got his fall with a body slam, followed by a crosleg and arm-lock.

Jack McCarthy took one fall over Ken North in the curtain raiser.

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