Notre Dame Plans Passes Against Trojans

Good Player Makes a Good Coach

Leslie Avrit Has Outstanding Record both As a Football ist and a Mentor

If you want to be a good football coach, be a good football player. That's a tip, and a well-founded one, too. Leslie Avrit, Klamath Falls coach, was a cracker - jack player and after one brilliant year with the Pelicans it would be difficult to deny his coaching talents.

Les Avrit

The formula, "first a player and then a coach," apparently is an excellent prescription, and so to find out the basis for Avrit's near-championship record with Klamath Falls, it would be interesting to look into his athletic backgrounds.

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In all the long years of traditional battling between Oregon State and Oregon, the Webfoots have come off the gridirons with a nice balance of victories. Recent years, however, have nearly swept away the University's advantage, and Leslie Avrit was one of the Beaver players who turned the flood of Oregon victories into an ebb-tide.

You remember Wes Schulmerich, the "Iron Horse" fullback of the Oregon State teams a few years ago? When you recall Wes your mind naturally turns to the "Iron Pony" of the Orange backfield, and that was Avrit. He was the pony because he weighed only 175 pounds, and the "Iron Horse," who is now one of the best young outfielders in the big leagues, weighed 205.

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Avrit enjoys at least one distinction few other Oregon State men do. When the word goes around that the Webfoots might beat the Orange, this Klamath Falls coach just laughs. Oregon wins mean absolutely nothing to him, for he stopped them all. No university eleven, either freshman or varsity, ever licked a State team Avrit played on!

That is no little item in a football playing record.

In the days when the Rooks and the Freshmen played but one game a year, Avrit, leading the Oregon State attack from fullback, helped knock over the Frosh in 1924, 13 to 12.

The win was so close Avrit swore a solemn resolution never to permit Oregon to border on victory again as long as he was a member of the Beaver varsity.

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The Webfoots never did know about that resolution, but the facts tell the story. In 1925 Avrit, a sophomore, earned a position on the Oregon State backfield, and blasted the Webfoots, 24 to 13. That was Oregon's interim year between the resignation of Joe Maddock and the coming of Captain John J. McEwan from the Army. Dick Smith coached Oregon.

Avrit and the Oregon State team welcomed Cap's first team in 1926 by crashing through to a 16 to 0 victory in the mud of Bell field.

Avrit's final year, 1927, was another successful route for the Orange. The Orangemen invaded Hayward field at Eugene, whirled down on the startled Webfoots and then whirled off with a third straight win, 21 to 7.

The Oregon touchdown came in the final minutes of the game when Ira Woodie tossed a beautiful pass to George Burnell, halfback, who sprinted 50 yards for the score. Burnell's knickname was "Speed," and even Avrit, who chased him down Hayward field, couldn't reach him.

In 1928 Oregon won from the State, 12 to 0, but there was no Avrit on the Beaver squad and no resolutions.

Avrit developed more swiftly than any other Oregon State back, and 1927 was hailed as his best year. But old man injury happened along on Bell field before the conference season started, and the Klamath coach was laid up most of the year with an injured leg. While he played practically every major contest his bad leg kept him out of the starting lineup.

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Go back a little further in Avrit's football record, and you'll find him a great player in his teens. Les played halfback for Corvallis high school when it won the mythicla state title in 1922. Scott high school of Toledo, Ohio, one of the greatest prep teams ever turned out, trekked all the way to Oregon to meet Corvallis. Corvallis had a line averaging 150 pounds and a backfield weighing 152, and so the 32 to 0 win for the middle western team wasn't exactly remarkable.

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Avrit holds onto the Oregon State-California game as his best football exhibition. That was one year, at least, when the north won in the south. The Orange beat the Bears 27 to 7. Oregon won the same year 21 to 13.

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And the inevitable conclusion to this yarn still is that a "good player makes a good coach." Avrit was a good player and is a good coach. His wonderful work with the almost down-and-out Klamath Falls football prospects has all the admiration of the state. Let's hope he returns next season.

TWO ELEVENS WILL THROW BIG ATTACKS

BY PAUL MICKELSON
(Associated Press Sport Writer)

CHICAGO, Nov. 19, (AP)—Southern California's invading Trojans can expect a dazzling counter attack of forward passes Saturday when they storm the football citadel of old Notre Dame.

For years, the impression has prevailed in the camp of the South Bend Raiders that the aerial attack is the chief ground gaining weapon against the Trojans and this year is no exception. Coach Heartly "Hunk" Anderson, bounteously equipped with tossers, expects to start throwing passes from the start of the battle.

Melinkovich Back

Several new aerial plays have been given to the backfield men, and considerable attention has been paid to a lineman named Ed Krause. Those who have watched Krause come out of the fine in practice and heave the leather 60 to 75 yards predicted a rival even for the great "Brick" Muller, of California fame.

Although Coach Anderson wore a worried expression as the game neared today, Notre Dame's hopes of repelling the Trojan invasion bounded upward. George Melinkovich, first string fullback who was injured during the navy game, was back in uniform and will be ready if worst comes to the worst Saturday.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 19, (U.P.)—This is a football lesson on the two styles of play which will be employed by Notre Dame and Southern California in their gridiron battle before 55,000 persons here Saturday.

The "Rockne system" and the "Warner system" are the most widely used in present day football, but Howard Jones of Southern California, during his 20 years of coaching, has developed a style of play just as individualistic as either.

Full Team Shift

The chief characteristics of the Jones system are a full team shift and specialization for each position. The Southern California team shifts twice, first into a tandem formation and then into any one of a variety of nine formations.

The object of the Southern California shift is not to get momentum into the attack, but to cover up as long as possible where the play is going. The quarterback is the back man on all plays, and must be a triple-threat man.

Quarters Pack Ball

The Trojans quarterback does 75 per cent of the ball carrying. On this year's team Gus Shaver and Orville Mohler divide the quarterback job. Shaver starts the game, and then when Mohler comes in Shaver goes to fullback. The Southern California halfbacks seldom carry the ball, and are essentially blockers.

The basis of the Notre Dame system is a backfield shift. Notre Dame uses a balanced line, and Southern California an unbalanced line. The Notre Dame quarterback seldom carries the ball, except when receiving a pass.

The Notre Dame left half does about 50 per cent of the ball carrying. Marchy Swartz, Mike Koken and Frank LaBorne filling that role on the present team. They are all triple-threat men. The fullback must be a line-smasher and open field runner, while the right halfback is primarily a blocker, but is used to carry the ball occasionally.

TUCSON, Ariz., Nov 19, (U.P.)—The University of Southern California football team worked out here for 45 minutes Wednesday in preparation for Saturday's game against Notre Dame at South Bend, Ind.

Coach Howard Jones said his chargers were in excellent condition as they took the field where the late Knute Rockne exercised his men last year just before arriving in California for the annual Notre Dame-Southern California game.

Commander's Dog Is A.W.O.L.; Ship's Crew Searches Over Boston

BOSTON, Nov. 19 (AP)—The navy has landed but hasn't the situation very well in hand, although Greater Boston will vouch for the fact they tried hard enough.

It all started when "King," a Belgian police dog, got himself lost. The dog was the mascot of the destroyer U. S. S. Jacob Jones and the personal pet of Commander Robert W. Cary.

Crew Hunts "King"

"King" was missed Friday and a quiet search started. Then with the anticipation of sailing orders last night the greatest dog hunt in the history of New England was on.

The entire crew of the destroyer took to shore, three radio stations broadcast descriptions, hundreds of police in nearby towns were enlisted in the search.

Such excitement prevailed that in Cambridge the worried populace appealed to police to halt the hunt. The commander was notified but back came the order "the dog must be found."

Still A. W. O. L.

But with the coming of dawn "King" still was A. W. O. L. and the navy had vague fears that he had taken one automobile ride too many, for "King" just doted on motors.

"King" was lost once before in San Diego and found his way back unaided. Commander Cary points out, however, that Boston is not San Diego and as it was "King's" first trip ashore here he feared the streets of the hub might be too much for his sense of direction.

COAST TEAMS, COACHES PLAN FOR BATTLES

(By The Associated Press)

EUGENE—The University of Oregon football team is en route to California for a ten day visit and two hard games. Saturday the northern gridders play U. C. L. A. at Los Angeles, then rest three days and tackle St. Mary's at San Francisco Thanksgiving Day.

MORAGA, Cal.—Coach "Slip" Madigan has started his Gaels on a campaign of breaking up passes. He thinks Southern Methodist will probably use that form of attack in the intersectional clash in San Francisco Dec. 5.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal.—Coach "Pop" Warner has the observers guessing again. He announced he would start Rudy Rintala at fullback against California instead of Dusty Allen. If this is so, observers said, it probably means the Cardinals would not pass during the first stages of the game. Again, it was believed Coach Warner may try to catch California off guard and send Allen in at the start. With Phil Moffat out of the lineup, Allen is the only able Stanford passer.

BERKELEY, Cal.—The chances are that George Watkins, California's A-1 passer and punter, will not play against Stanford. Watkins broke a bone in his foot a month ago and yesterday it was injured again in scrimmage. It is believed the bone was re-fractured.

WELLINGTON, Kan., Nov. 17. (UP)—His hopeful outlook on life renewed, Meyer Rotkin, 15, was going back home to Los Angeles today after a lengthy stay in the county jail for stealing $1.70 when he was "very hungry."

FORMER FOOTBALL STARS IN MATCH

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19, (AP)—Staging one of the cleanest and most interesting wrestling matches seen here, Casey Kazanjian defeated Roland Kirchmeyer, two out of three falls here last night. The heavyweight principals are both former football stars, Kazanjian from Stanford and Kirchmeyer from Oklahoma.

They were evenly matched, but Kazanjian's cat-like speed gave him an advantage. They divided the first two falls, Kazanjian taking the first in 18 minutes 15 seconds with a double step-over toe hold and Kirchmeyer the second in 17 minutes with a flying scissors.

The end came after six minutes of hard wrestling in the final period, Kazanjian bringing his own hold, which he calls the hammer throw into effective play. First grabbing Kirchmeyer by the lower part of his legs he swung him several times and let go. He then grabbed that tall Oklahoman under the arm pits and gave him another whirl. When Kirchmeyer landed this time he was stunned and could offer no resistance.

The wrestlers proved to the satisfaction of the crowd that matmen may stick to clean, scientific grappling, yet make the contest just as thrilling and spectacular as if they had resorted to the usual rough tactics which has crept into the game in recent years.

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The Medford game will mark for first clash between these two outstanding elevens, and will begin promptly at 2:00 p. m. on Saturday of this week. The Columbia team, secent conquerors of the string Whitman college aggregation, has been rounding into fine form during the past three weeks, after having been defeated twice in early season games. The Ashland normal team, although tied twice this season, is as yet undefeated, and has been scored upon only once, in a game with Humbolt Teachers' college. They aim to finish the season with a record of no defeats, and will be in prime shape for Saturday's contest.

Gene Murphy's outfit is one of the outstanding examples of the Notre Dame system, the coach himself having been under the tutorship of Knute Rockne for a number of years. This will be Southern Oregon's only opportunity to witness the Rockne system in action, and against what promises to be exceptionally strong competition.

Care Should Be Used in Disposing Of Razor Blades

SALEM, Ore., Nov. (U.P.)—Be careful with your old safety razor blades!

This warning by the state board of health is not a stupid one, by any means. An infection recently, reported in the press, was traced to a cut from a rusty safety razor blade discarded in a medicine chest.

The housewife cut her hand on the old blade reaching for a nail file on one of the upper shelves.

A hotel maid picked up a glass on a wash bowl, filled it with water and drank the contents. A used blade in the glass caught in her throat, and a delicate operation had to be performed to save her life.

Used blades should never be thrown out with the garbage, the safety experts insist. One of the best methods devised is to put the blades in a small box with a slit cut in it large enough to admit the blade. Some persons take them to the attic and drop them down between the walls of the house. Others bury them.

Portillo, Dozier Battle to Draw

SEATTLE, Nov. 19, (U.P.)—Tony Portillo and "Wildcat" Dozier, lightweights, fought six-rounds to a draw in the main event here last night. The fans "booed" the decision. They believed Dozier should have been awarded a victory by a large margin. Portillo was too slow for Dozier, only landing around eight solid blows during the bout.

In the six-round semi-final, Don Franser, Spokane, was awarded a decision over Leonard Bennett, Seattle. They were lightweights.

A large crowd witnessed the fights.

MOVE IS ON TO CUT BALL CLUB SALARIES

CHICAGO, Nov. 19, (AP)—The opening shot of the long feared campaign to trim baseball salaries has been fired on the American association front.

Taking the initiative of the movement, club owners of the American association today considered one of the most drastic wage cuts in years. Several others, including the major leagues, were expected to follow suit in greater or lesser degrees.

Under the present American association proposal, the player salary would be limited to a maximum of $600 monthly. For years scores of former major leaguers roamed around the class AA league with salaries close to the ones they received for big time baseball.

Thomas Jefferson Hickey still held the presidential seat of the American association today, victor of another fight to oust him. When the balloting became a hopeless 4 to 4 deadlock after two days, the club owners voted unanimously to give him a one year's contract as they did a year ago.

DONOVAN WINS

BAKER, Ore., Nov. 19, (AP)—Cliff White of Denver defeated Wild Bill Donovan, Portland wrestler, with two falls in a match here last night. They are heavyweights.

MARYSVILLE, Calif., Nov. 19, (U.P.)—Tiger Dauia, Hindu wrestler, defeated Nick Velcoff, San Francisco, in straight falls here last night.

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