

Coast Race Tightened by Oakland's Crash

Ashland's New Coach

Versatility Assured By Appointment of Forrest O'Connell, Former Oregon State Ace.

Whatever else Ashland high school got, it assured itself of a versatile coach with the selection of Forrest "Skeet" O'Connell, appointed this week to head the athletic fortunes of the Lithian teams.

O'Connell has been a well-known young man in Oregon and on the Pacific coast for something like 10 years. He jumped into prominence as a freshman at Commerce high school at Portland and his light certainly didn't flicker when he went to Oregon State college.

O'Connell, tall, slender and wiry, is known to Klamath Falls for his broad jumping exhibition on Modoc field two years ago at the Southern Oregon-Northern California track and field meet. He represented Oregon State. Not only was he a top-notch runner in northwest and coast track meets, but he also holds the state interscholastic record.

O'Connell perhaps is best known as a basketball player. He was the star of the Beaver championship teams and was a member of the combination that walloped Southern California for the coast title.

In high school the new Ashland coach starred in four major sports—football, baseball, track and basketball. He worked under Gene Shields, now line coach at the university, and Alvin Burnett, a former Oregon athlete. But despite the advice of these old time Webfooters, O'Connell selected Oregon State. The selection wasn't especially to the liking of the university, for the Webfoots found him difficult opposition in every sport he entered.

Light for varsity football and too busy to play baseball, O'Connell concentrated on track and basketball at Corvallis.

Rival members of the Southern Oregon conference should find an improvement in the quality of the Ashland teams as soon as O'Connell gets to work. While his specialty will be basketball—a sport in which Ashland has built up a wonderful reputation—his knowledge of football is extensive. His inclinations are toward speed and deception and when the Pelicans meet the Lithians on the gridiron next fall, there should be some sparkling play.

One thing is certain, O'Connell's presence at Ashland should be a credit to the conference. He will make it a tighter race in every major sport.

Slipping Oakland Team Defeated by Yakima Indians

YAKIMA, Wash., June 2, (UP)—Following the example of the Seattle Indians, the Yakima Indians of the Northwest league last night hammered out 15 hits to defeat the Oakland Oaks 10 to 5 in an exhibition game.

The co-owners of the Coast league leadership collected seven hits from Chesterfield, Yakima hurler, who went the full nine innings.

Score: R. H. E.
Oakland..... 6 7 2
Yakima..... 10 15 0
Seervent, Olds and Hartje, Keys; Chesterfield and Callagart.

TOP DIVISION CLUBS BUNCHED

This Week's Series May See Drastic Shift in Standings.

By Associated Press
With the young Oakland A's cut down to the size of other first division clubs, the Pacific Coast league presents as pretty a race as any baseball fans could desire. No club is as high as .500, and none as low as .400. The veteran Seattle Indians are tied for first with the comparatively inexperienced Oaks, whose six game lead they wiped out last week. Only a game behind are the San Francisco Missions, and two games back the San Francisco Seals, both crippled by injuries.

Oaks Tackle Beavers
The Seals split the circuit into two distinct divisions for the first time this season by putting three and a half games between themselves and the San Diego Padres. Interest this week will center in Portland, where the tobogganing Oaklanders will try to put the breaks on a slide that cost them ten of their last 11 games. The youngsters cracked badly under the strain of forever coming from behind to win on pure fight.

They had captured the first eight series of the season—often taking the last four games to do it, and winning many of their games in the ninth inning. The crippled Missions put the skids under them two weeks ago.

Tribe Entertains Seals
Manager Bill Meyer blamed injuries for their downfall. Wee Willie Ludolph, the circuit's leading hurler, and Jack La Rocca, a fine night ball hurler, have had bad fingers; Centerfielder Earl Bolyard hurt himself on a fence; their third-sacker, Tommy Hitchcock, has a torn ligament, and Second Baseman Darlo Ledigiani has a sprained ankle.

The injuries are comparable to those of the Seals and Missions who engage in a hometown battle, while the clubs they conquered last week, Los Angeles and San Diego, battle in the Padre's park.

In Seattle the tribe entertains Branch Rickey's Sacramento Senators, who League President Wilbur Tuttle decided are a hustling bunch of youngsters—though some of them aren't so young—after watching them win from Portland. The St. Louis Cardinals' chain store bunch always puts on its best performances for Tuttle, who called them "bush leaguers" in a pre-season tirade.

Bill Hallahan Sold to Reds

ST. LOUIS, June 2 (UP)—Wild Bill Hallahan, leading southpaw of the St. Louis Cardinals' pitching staff since 1929, was sold to the Cincinnati Reds Monday.

Vice President Branch Rickey of the Cardinals announced the sale. He did not disclose the sum the club received for the veteran left-hander.

Hallahan is expected to join the Reds immediately.

RULE CHANGE SOUGHT
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal. June 2. (AP)—Stanford delegates to the Pacific coast conference meeting in Spokane next week said they will seek elimination of the ruling on "untouched" entries in non-conference track meets.

Coast Prexy Changes Tune; Now Singing Praises of Sacramento Club

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2, (AP)—President W. C. Tuttle of the Pacific Coast Baseball league sang the praises today of the St. Louis chain gang youngsters who he previously feared would flop completely on the Sacramento club.

"They came to Los Angeles and won eight out of nine from that veteran club, and was my face red," chuckled Tuttle who blasted Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals for scouring the bushes for the Sacramento club personnel.

Sacs Trim Ducks
"Now here I am in Portland, just in time to see them wind up a series in which they will have five out of eight," Tuttle continued.

"I'll just have to admit that I have become quite an admirer of these kids. They don't bother about 'inside baseball.' They aren't trying to be smart and forsy. But they're fighting every minute to make runs for themselves and win the game."

Rich Fox Quits Coaching Post With Idaho Teams

MOSCOW, Idaho, June 2, (UP)—Richard A. Fox Monday announced his resignation as University of Idaho's baseball, basketball and assistant football coach.

Fox said he had no announcement to make now regarding his plans.

"I wish to announce my resignation, which I tendered several months ago and which has just been accepted by President M. G. Neale," Fox' statement read.

After nine years on one job I feel anybody would need a change. I want to thank the students and faculty for splendid cooperation throughout my service."

Coach Fox denied rumors that had been circulated to the effect that he was resigning due to poor health. He was graduated from the university in 1922 and returned after three years of coaching at Pocatello high school and a year at Polkath. His 1936 baseball team concluded its season last Wednesday.

Brown Returns to Seek Match With Al Spina

PORTLAND, June 2, (AP)—Elmer "Buzz" Brown, Portland featherweight boxer, returns here from conquests of two nationally ranking fighters in the mid-west and went on the warpath for a bout against Al Spina who recently has risen to favor in Portland featherweight circles.

Brown beat Armando Sicilia of Springfield, Ill., and Frankie Wolfman of Detroit, both in 10-round scraps, his manager, Tex Salkeld, said. Wolfman holds the Canadian championship and is rated number three by the National Boxing commission.

If the Spina match can't be arranged for early July, Brown will return to the east, Salkeld said.

Agreement on fighting weight has stymied the Spina-Brown match so far.

AMERICAN NET HOPES BLASTED

Victory for Australia Leaves U. S. Without Challenge.

PHILADELPHIA, June 2, (AP)—Another American Davis Cup campaign was in the discard with the prospect that it will be many a moon before Uncle Sam's men in white recapture it.

Everything turned black as far as 1936 is concerned Monday when Jack Crawford hung a five-set defeat on Wilmer Allison, 4-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, giving Australia the decisive third point in her American zone final against the United States.

Badge Lone Hope
Australia's margin of victory finally was 3 to 2 as Donald Budge achieved a meaningless 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Adrian Quist in the fifth and final encounter. It was Budge's second singles win. He outlasted Crawford in a five-setter on the opening day, and it merely served to emphasize that until some other discovery is made he is America's lone international hope.

The hot and cold performance Allison exhibited in both singles assignments, with Quist, his opponent the first day, virtually spelled his finish as an international contender. After a dismal showing in England last year, he came back and in a puzzling recovery of form captured the national title. Indications now are that he'll have to repeat next September at Forest Hills to warrant cup consideration next year.

Two Defend Choice
Allison's two defeats in the series revived the controversy in connection with his selection over Bryan (Bixie) Grant. Walter Merrill Hall, president of the U. S. Lawn Tennis association and "Big Bill" Tilden, who went through many cup wars, rushed to the defense of Captain Walter Pate's selections.

The closeness of the scores—all but one of the four important matches went five sets—"Justified Pate's selections," said Hall.

"It turned out as I figured it would," Tilden said crisply. "We played the best men available. We'll never win the cup again unless we take young players and develop them, just as France did with Cochet and Lacoste; England with Perry and Austin, and Germany with doing with Von Cramm, Lud and Henkel. Germany will win the cup in the next couple of years."

"Mercer Grant might have won both his matches," Allison's chances of regaining the cup after a lapse of 16 years were brightened considerably by developments in the last 48 hours. Bunny Austin's injury and Fred Perry's defeat in the French championships were regarded by the Aussies as hopeful signs.

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Sport Awards Presented to Academy Boys

Athletic awards were presented to students of both high and elementary classes at Sacred Heart academy last week, when the final assembly of the year was held.

The entire high and grade schools were in attendance, and the presentation was followed by a clever puppet show given by the fifth and sixth grades.

High school students receiving letters were as follows:
Seniors: Irwin Baker, Alvin Christie.
Juniors: Ralph Crawford, Maurice Lundell, June Stout, Francis Mahoney.
Sophomores: Barney Cavanaugh, Joseph Sexton, Berkeley Baker, Wilma Tompkins, Nellie Barry, Margaret Mahoney, Helen Krueger, Naomi Le Masters.
Freshmen: Lyman Lundell, Gene Smith, Louise Andrieu, Mariette Wallaert.

Students receiving chevrons were:
Juniors: George Schnable and Patricia Stebbins.
Sophomores: John Schnable, Kathleen Singleton and Grace Baker.
Freshmen: Walter Grey, Carol Worsley, Dorothy Marsrow, Patricia Sexton, Irene Weinberg, Lorraine Carroll and Patricia Canton.

Pupils receiving grade letters were:
Eighth: Raymond Crane, Richard Igl, Lawrence Gallagher and Rosemary Zupan.
Seventh: John Noud, Loyal Ayres and Ellis Young.
Sixth: James Schnable, Anna Zupan and Julia Tillman.
Fifth: James Wright, Robert Harsho, Martha Krize and Madeleine Hugo.

Trophy cups were awarded to the high school as follows: Soft ball, to Tigers and Eagles, cup donated by the Mothers' club; volleyball, to the freshmen, trophy presented by the Mothers' club; tennis, Gene Smith, freshmen singles, cup donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDonald.

Chinese Grappler Beats Lipscomb

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2, (UP)—Walter Tinkit Achis, 155, Dayton, Ohio, gained two of three falls from Jack Lipscomb, 157, Indianapolis, in a slam bang wrestling match here last night.

The semi-final went to Danny McShain, 158, Hollywood, who took the odd fall from Walter Stratton, 159, Ohio.

Aged Golfer Makes Ace at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2, (UP)—A hole in one rewarded Bob Brown, septuagenarian golfer, as he teed off on the 124-yard 15th hole of the Rose City golf course.

Brown, past 70, was playing with J. H. Carson, Arthur Herdler and Robert and Edith Slack when he scored the dodo.

COWBOY FACES HARD STRUGGLE

Al Stecher Hopes to Explode Chick's Record in Klamath Falls.

Al Stecher, the stoic wrestler from Canada, will step into the armory ring tonight in an effort to explode the opinion that Dude Chick, cowboy grappler from the Wyoming range country, will win another main event.

The veteran Stecher is fully confident he will continue his successes of last year when he appeared frequently as a main event feature at the Legion hall matches. He wound up his old year stay in Klamath Falls with a fast draw against Les Wolfe, the figure-four scissor specialist from Texas.

Stecher watched the cowboy wrestle in Medford last night and believes he has learned a defense for the airplane spin. If he can effectively stop this favorite hold of Chick's, the athlete from Canada is pretty sure he can go on to hand the cowboy his first licking in Klamath Falls.

Although Chick appears heavier and stronger, the wrestlers will meet at almost equal weights. Chick may hold the advantage of one or two pounds.

With the possibility that Chick may meet his first reversal, interest in the event was bubbling. Chick has twice been held to draws—once by George Wilson and again by Pete Belcastro. The Belcastro battle went the full hour without a fall. Chick lost his only fall since coming to Klamath Falls in his first meeting with Wilson.

Despite assertions that Pete Belcastro might prove too tough and rough for Cecil McGill, this semi-windup match looked like one of the highlights of the weekly wrestling show. McGill has lost two hard matches here, one to Ted Christy and the other to Bob Kennaston. His popularity has not been affected, and his big following expects him to make things disagreeable for the junior heavyweight champion of the coast.

Two young aggressive wrestlers, Bob Kennaston and Danny Savich, meet in the one-hour opening match.

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