From Midfield

By WES GUDERIAN

With the Oregon high school football season practically over, every undefeated team in the state is trying valiantly to jump the claim of the Pelicans to the state title—title for which there has never been a play-off, loving cup, or official honor—a mythical title which is claimed by the team having the best state record in class A schools during the season. The Pelicans have put forth the strongest claim to that title, but two upstarts from the rainy portion of the state have the audacity to question their ability.

Little Newberg has probably the only recognizable authority to doubt Klamath's title. Its season is over, and it has emerged untied, undefeated. That in itself is an honor. To match Newberg against the Pelicans would be like matching UCLA against Whitman, or Klamath against Keno. They're just not in the same league.

No matter how good a B league team is, it is not a match for an A league team—especially a team proven to be as strong as the Pelicans. The game would draw no gate—would end in the defeat of the smaller team, and thus would be a mistake for both the winner and the loser.

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Marshfield—an insolent upstart—is a Class A school, would probably be more of a match for Klamath, but can't point to such a brilliant season. They're undefeated, but they have been tied by a team that Klamath tromped on 31-0. Definitely they're out of the running, despite all the insulting remarks made by their coach to the contrary.

We caution the Marshfield supporters to go easy on their title claims until after they have finished their season. They still have their tough traditional foe to conquer—North Bend. They might have to eat all and sundry of their title crows after that session.

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Another post-season struggle for the Pelicans is virtually out of the question. Not because they are afraid and resting on their laurels, but because weather conditions may not permit practice. A winning football combination cannot be produced by playing in tennis shoes on the gymnasium floor. If Klamath should play a post-season game in the valley, the Pelicans still might not be able to practice.

The Vancouver debacle was indicative of this. For 10 days previous to the game, snow kept the team indoors. The only outdoor practice they had was rolling snowballs and dragging the field to clear it of nightly snow falls. On the day of the game, Klamath's much vaunted line showed this lack of practice. They tackled high and clumsily. They couldn't block. The backs handled the ball like a mattress and ran as if they were barefooted on cinders. They did not play the 'heads-up' brand of ball they had in other season games, and the blame may be laid at the door of the weather.

We're not running down the Trappers. Vancouver played a great game. They have probably as smooth-running a team as we have seen. Great blocking, great running—especially by Allinger, and just plain good football. But we think it could have been a much better game if Klamath could have had the 10 days of practice that the Trappers did have.

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Credit Quarterback Lee Jacobs with the smartest crack at Orville Bailey, the Marshfield coach who claimed Klamath Falls had several "easy" games on its schedule.

"When the Pelicans got going, all games looked easy," said Mr. Jacobs. "And one of the easiest was with Grants Pass, which tied Marshfield."

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Al Lightner in his Salem Statesman column takes apart Mr. Tommy Roblin, the Oregon back who was ejected from the Oregon State-Oregon game for rough tactics last Saturday. Lightner, who watched the game from the close sidelines, claimed Roblin should have been bounced from the field earlier in the game. "Those kind don't qualify for All-anything on our scratch-pad," said the indignant Mr. Lightner.

Sly dirty work in the pile-ups is too common in football, including the high school brand. Those flare-ups where fists fly are usually the result of that sort of thing.

Camouflaged Contest

Members of U. S. armed forces at Midway island relieve tension of constant vigil with rousing boxing match in shadow of camouflage net.

No Bets on Boston for Roses Tilt

Not Even Pound of Coffee To Say Boston Won't Play New Year's Day Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 25 (AP) They would even bet you a pound of coffee here today that unless there is a big hitch somewhere along the line the Boston college sophomore team which marched to fame in the Sugar Bowl of 1941 will finish right there New Year's day against the ramblin' wreck from Georgia Tech.

Those boys who feel the daily pulse of the silent Sugar Bowlers tell you that win, lose or draw with Georgia Saturday the Atlanta Engineers will dip into rationed sugar and let the roses lie.

The Pacific coast bouquet probably won't be $100,000 this year, they argue, particularly if Washington State gets in to dampen California interest in Pasadena. Even the smaller Sugar Bowl expects no sellout under wartime transportation difficulties.

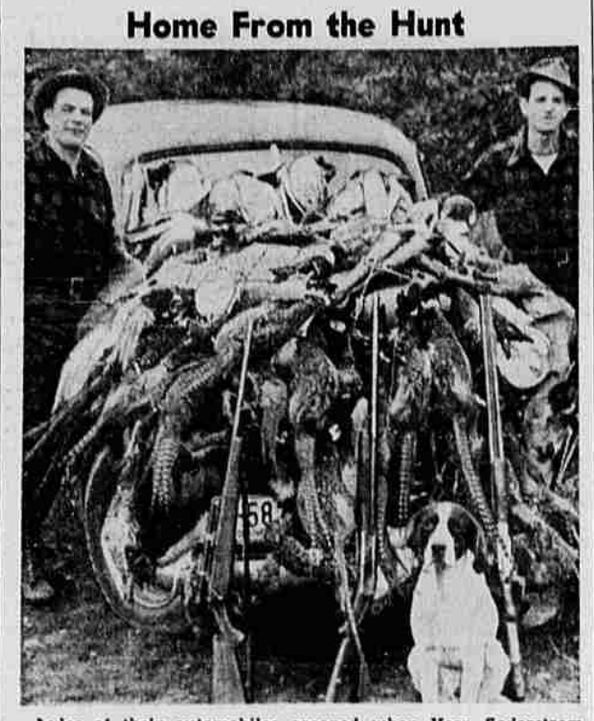
They believe Tech would rather meet the current No. 1 team in the national poll than an oft-beaten eleven in the Rose Bowl.

Sugar Bowlers, expected to announce their teams Sunday, leaned to Georgia Tech even before Auburn kicked Georgia, those in the know say, because Sinkwich and company were expected to go west.

Boston college, a big favorite with local fans, has been linked to this bowl in all early speculation and most people think the Eagles are certain starters. As for Tulsa, its support has faded somewhat and the Oklahoma outfit may be practically out of the picture.

Anyway, come Saturday night there'll be several football managers sticking to their phones.

Home From the Hunt



Axles of their automobiles groaned when Vern Soderstrom, left, and J. C. Kirby, Seattle hunters, returned from three and one-half days of shooting near Baker, Ore. The load: Two two-point buck deer, limits of pheasants and Hungarian partridges, near-limits of ducks.

Vest Pocket Army Battle In Navy Park

Army-Navy Tilt Goes From Philadelphia Stadium At Navy Gold Braid Request

By SID FEDER

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 25 (AP)—They're unfolding the vest pocket edition of the Army-Navy football game in the Middies' compact ball park here Saturday, and if Army finishes on top—as it figures to do—the cadets can thank the Navy for handing it to them on a platter.

For, if it hadn't been for several Navy gold-braids, who wanted the game to be played, there just wouldn't have been any Army-Navy game.

All this was learned today from a source close to the Navy, along with the fact that before the president ordered this year's Army-Navy game transplanted from Philadelphia's municipal stadium to the Naval Academy's field, it had been wiped off the slate entirely. The war department, it was learned, had definitely turned thumbs down on playing the tussle at all this year, principally because of the transportation problems involved and because of the rubber and gasoline that would have been wasted.

That's where the navy men stepped in. Now, they must have known, from the way Coach Red Blaik had the army guys rolling, that the cadets figured to mow down the Middies this time. Yet, in spite of it all, the Navy Biggies went all out in their argument to have the game played, regardless of consequences.

Several of them went to Washington to lay their case before the top authorities.

Well, they put up a convincing case before the judge and jury. Anyway, President Roosevelt gave it his blessing, and the boys will be out there winging Saturday. So, you've got to hand it to those navy fellows, they aren't sure whether they'll win or lose, but they're willing to go to the mat and rassle it out, anyway.

Airing Set For Pelican Title Claim

PORTLAND, Nov. 25 (AP)—The state high school football championship situation may be clarified here Saturday at a meeting of the state high school activities association board of control.

Not that the board will take any action, for it has disclaimed any responsibility so far, but rival coaches may get together on post-season games to settle the issue.

Coach Frank Ramsey of Klamath Falls, one of the title claimants, will attend the meeting.

He may arrange a game with Coach Loren Douglas of Newberg, another of the claimants. Both have expressed willingness for a contest.

Coach Orville Bailey of Marshfield, also a claimant, has not announced his plans.

One Point Win Good For Irish

Notre Dame Expects Close Game With Southern Cal

By ARNOLD DERLITZKI

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (AP)—Notre Dame's Frank Leahy says he will settle for a one point victory over the Trojans of Southern California in their intersectional football clash Saturday.

Leahy's remark came as the Irish squad of 35 players stopped off here en route to Los Angeles.

Said Leahy:

"Our scouts say Southern California has improved from week to week. Right now it's probably the best team on the coast . . . . We know it has speed and passing . . . And that Mickey McCardle is good at both . . . .

"We look for a close game. One point might decide it . . . . Maybe a touchdown . . . I'll settle for a point."

One point has been the margin of three of Notre Dame's nine victories in the 17-year-old rivalry with the Trojans. Last year it was two points, the year before four points and in 1931 Southern California won by two points.

In fact, Notre Dame's 27-0 triumph in 1930 is the most one-sided score of the series in which the coast team has won six games. There was one tie.

Guldahl to Drop Golf for War After Purse Win

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 25 (AP)—Big Ralph Guldahl hopes to pocket part of the $5000 purse for the Miami open tournament next week, then he's checking golf in favor of war work.

"I'm not going to be idle," vowed the two-time national open champion, expressing keen disappointment over cancellation of the usual winter round of resort competition.

"I've sold my home here, and as soon as the open is over I'll go to California and get into some kind of war work."

There's no longer a living in golf, he lamented, with few tournament prizes to shoot for and the big name professionals dropped for the duration from sporting goods company payrolls.

"I had thought of making a connection with a club in Denver or somewhere else," he added, "but you have to make a heavy investment in equipment, and I wouldn't take a chance because club and ball sales are off 50 per cent now and you'll have a hard time getting balls by next summer."

Semi-Pro Baseball Will Increase If Minor League Out

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (AP)—Ray Dumont, president of the National Semi Pro Baseball congress, said today that the 1943 semi pro program might be increased if many minor leagues were unable to operate next year.

"It is our hope and belief that minor league baseball will survive the war period," he declared. "However, if many of the leagues are unable to operate in 1943, the semi pros will increase the scope of the national program to permit professionals to continue to play."

Dumont said directors of the Semi Pro congress would meet in Chicago next week at the same time as the major league sessions.

Memorial of Former Players Goes to Georgia Victor

COLUMBUS, Ga., Nov. 25 (AP) A memorial trophy, honoring two former football players killed in action with American forces, will be awarded the winner of the Georgia Tech-Georgia football game at Athens, Ga., Saturday.

The trophy pays tribute to Tommy Witt of Georgia, who died in action in Egypt, and Bobby Beers of Tech, who was killed "somewhere over England."

A history of the two, who were attached to the air forces, will be engraved on the trophy.

Basketball League To Determine Fate At Friday Meeting

With the basketball season right around the corner, Recreation Officer Dave Bridge is anxious to know how many organizations want to enter teams in the Church league.

Due to a shortage of players, this year's league will be confined to a Church league only. In the past there has been two leagues, the other being the Commercial league. Most of the players of Commercial league caliber have entered the armed services.

Bridge states that there will be a special meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock in the council chamber of the city hall. At this time the date of the City Basketball league will be decided. All interested parties are urged to attend the gathering.

Isbell Chasing Sammy Baugh for Passing Honors

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (AP)—Cecil Isbell, the Green Bay passing expert, may beat out Washington's Sammy Baugh yet in their duel for passing honors in the National Football league.

Isbell, 1941 champion, fell behind last week, but today's figures showed he had bounced back and was tied with Baugh for the leadership. Isbell led in the number of completions (125 to Baugh's 118), but the situation was reversed in percentage of completions with Baugh leading with .573 and Isbell next with .551.

Isbell, however, still has two games to play and Baugh only one. Isbell also has the better of his rival in yards gained by passing (1711 to 1396) and in touchdown passes, (20 to 14).

Don Hutson, Isbell's favorite receiver, last week ran his catches for the season to 71. This is 13 more than the record he held jointly with Don Looney of Pittsburgh.

PRO GOLFER ENLISTS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Nov. 25 (AP)—Horton Smith, 34, professional golfer, has enlisted in the army air forces and was scheduled to take his final physical examination today at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Smith said he decided to enlist because he was "tired of my indefinite status, both as to golf and to military service."

When he was not retained by the Pinehurst, N. C., club this season, Smith returned to his Springfield home.

TENNIS CONDITIONER

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 25 (AP)—Soldiers at Gowen Field think their invention, commando tennis, is tops as a conditioner.

A tennis ball is tied to a rope and dropped from the ceiling. The soldiers, armed with ping pong paddles, try to knock the ball into each other's face.

What makes the game tough? Each player must wear full field equipment, including helmet, gas mask, pack and rifle, while flailing away at the ball.

No Rest for Wicked Cougars—Even on Thanksgiving Day

PULLMAN, Wash., Nov. 25 (AP)—The Cougars of Washington State college, taking their final Pacific Coast conference football game very seriously, will have no holiday tomorrow.

Coach Babe Hollingbery said his charges would wind up their preparations for the Washington game with two Thanksgiving day workouts, one in the morning and one just before they board an evening train for Seattle.

The team will have only one day of rest after the Washington game before heading south to meet Texas A. and M., December 5 in San Antonio, returning to Pullman Sunday and leaving Tuesday.

FIGHTS

By The Associated Press

BROOKLYN—Mickey Harkins, 156, Philadelphia, outpointed Andre Gomes, 156, Havana, Cuba, (10).

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Johnny Compo, 130, New Haven, outpointed Henry Vasquez, 132, Barcelona, Spain, (10).

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—Al Costa, 155, Woonsocket, R. I., outpointed Bob Howard, 155, Worcester, Mass., (8).

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Bobby Yeager, 134, Los Angeles, outpointed Lupe Gonzalez, 130½, Mexico City, (8).

BADGERS SELL OUT

MADISON — Camp Randall stadium is sold out for the Wisconsin-Minnesota football game, November 21.

Wartime Baseball Out If Wolves Ride the Players

CLEVELAND, Nov. 25 (AP)—President Alva Bradley of the Cleveland Indians expressed doubt today that fans want wartime baseball and declared that he "would rather not open" the ball park next spring if he thought the "wolves" would ride his players for not being in the military service.

"I would rather not open the ball park next spring than go out there and hear the wolves yelling, 'Why aren't you in the army, you big lug?' " Bradley asserted.

"The members of the Indians will have a very good reason for not being in the army," he added. "They'll have wives and children to support.

"But I want to know whether the public will accept that as a valid reason."

Bradley said he had talked to a lot of people who said they wanted baseball, but he explained that these people did not represent a "cross-section of opinion" since most of them were aware of Bradley's baseball connections.

He said he wanted "an expression from the fans" to take along to the major leagues' mid-winter meeting in Chicago next week.

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (AP)—If, as we have been arguing, the current hockey season will give an indication of the wartime fate of other sports, you can stop worrying about 'em and send your mind off on a long vacation . . . There's a precedent in the meeting of the National Hockey league governors from Canada to play in the United States, but when they started to cut the player limit to give the weaker clubs a break, they compromised on a reduction of one . . . The clubs that have more than 14 besides a goalie now will be able to keep that extra man, even though they can't use him in every game, instead of selling off their surplus.

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SIGHTED SAVAGES, ETC.

Now that it's no longer a military secret, Bob McCarty of St. Martin's college at Lacey, Wash., feels he can tell the public about the "naval battle" November 14 between the St. Martin's Rangers and the Eastern Washington Savages . . . Seems there was a "high fog" that day and the field was covered with water, sometimes five and six inches deep . . . The chalk lines were only a vague memory; the subs and coaches retired to the covered grandstand and, when a team went back into a huddle, the referee had to hold the ball so it wouldn't float away . . .

New Military 'Wheel' Gridiron Offensive Bewilders Opponents

HARTSVILLE, S. C., Nov. 25 (AP)—The Hartsville high school football team is employing gridiron tactics patterned after the military "wheel."

The players form a ring tangent to the line of scrimmage, start circling, come to the required one-second stop, snap the ball, then pick up wheeling again with the ball carrier swinging wide off the rim in a snap-the-whip fashion while bewildered opponents gawk.

The play scored as Hartsville beat Darlington.

"Oh, yes," Bob Oh Yesses, "St. Martin's won 6-0."

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SPORTS MENTION

A new story on why the Dodgers fired Chuck Dressen is that Chuck has been outspoken about being anything but fond of Branch Rickey . . . Don Meade, who can resume riding January 1, when his suspension ends, will winter at New Orleans and has leased his Miami house to Marshall Cassidy . . . The idea of having midshipmen substitute for the absent army cheering section at the Army-Navy game isn't exactly new in military circles. For years West Point and Canada's Royal Military academy have furnished rooters for the visiting team in their hockey series . . . Mel Ott is due in town today. Maybe after reading all the news about the Dodgers he wants to prove the Giants still are in the league . . . The fight mob has decided that Henry Armstrong would have trouble making the lightweight limit again so now it looks as if Henry's return to Madison Square Garden will be against Bimmy Davis late in January.

Huskies Warned to "Watch Kennedy" in Intra-State Battle

SEATTLE, Nov. 25 (AP)—"Watch Kennedy" was the warning in the University of Washington football camp today as the Huskies concentrated on ways of stopping "Battering Bob," Washington State's potent fullback, in the annual big game here Saturday.

The Huskies will be in top shape, and Scout Tubby Graves warned that they would have to be if they expected to stop the hardest driving offensive team on the coast. Coach Ralph (Pest) Welch said hard body contact would be eliminated from the week's practice so the players "can store up all their energy. We've had enough scrimmage."

BETTER THAN HUBBELL

NEW YORK—Watching Sammy Baugh again, Steve Owen of the New York Giants remarks that the Washington Redskins' passer has as much control as Carl Hubbell and perhaps a better change of pace.

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Oregon Sports Notes

By FRED HAMPSON
Associated Press Staff Writer

Manny Vezie, the ex-Notre Dame end who is a sort of part-time helper for University of Oregon coaches (he is employed only during football season and has no annual contract), has a plan to eliminate the injustices of north-south trips in the Pacific Coast conference.

His plan, as outlined by Dick Strite of the Eugene Register Guard, confines all north-south competition to the first four weeks of the season, the last week of September and the first three weeks of October.

At that time there is less difference in conditions, for example, in Los Angeles and Seattle, the extremes of the league. From the last week in October until the end of the season teams in the two ends of the league would stay away from the opposite extreme and play one another.

As Vezie sees it, the northern teams would thus be spared those November invasions of Los Angeles which usually take them from a chilly rain and a soggy practice field, to warm and bright weather and fast, firm playing fields. It would also lessen the chance that a southern team coming north would have to play in a quagmire after practicing on dusty turf.

It is these weather differences that have cost Oregon so many lop-sided losses to USC, Vezie thinks, and have hatched so many upsets of favored southern teams in the north—like UCLA at Eugene this year.

It's the timing that suffers, and a good team with its timing out of gear is an ordinary team at best, says the Webfoot grid helper.

Fred Zimmerman of the Salem Capital Journal sees the defeat of Leo Turner, the negro heavyweight, and Keller Wagner, also heavyweight, in Portland last week as a tough break for the fight business in the Rose city. Both are from the Salem region.

"The two scrappers were real attractions and had built up a strong following, but apparently took in too much territory when they included California and Kansas (California's Costello Cruz blacked out Turner in two rounds while the Kansan, Ernie Nordman, chilled Wagner in one)."

Harry Leeding of the Oregon Journal, hunching a tie between UCLA and Washington State for the Pacific Coast conference title, sees several good reasons why the pair ought to be matched in the Rose bowl. First — it would reduce traveling; second—it would end the conference race with a clear champion (barring a New Year's day tie); third—it would be a perfectly fresh attraction since UCLA and WSC did not play during the regular season.

Although he admitted schedules in those days were frothy compared to the eight and 10 hard games played annually by modern football teams — still Victor Zednick, graduate manager at Washington during Gil Dobie's days, says the Seattle school never had a coach like the dour Scot. Dobie was unbeaten in nine years up to 1916. We won't bother with a comparison of football now and then. That makes it easy to agree with Mr. Zednick that no school ever had better coaching during those nine years.

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