

Aiken Hopeful Of Grid Future

Oregon Coach, Football Banquet Speaker, Makes Hit With Pel, Hornet Athletes

Although steering clear of anything which might smack of "proselytizing," Jim Aiken, University of Oregon head football coach, did a pretty good job of selling the Webfoot campus as a place where good football material is appreciated last night at the annual Lions club gridiron banquet. The grumpy-voiced Aiken was the principal speaker and proved to be a good one.

Aiken said that although the Pacific Coast conference's athletic code kept him from actively soliciting the enrollment of high school stars in the university, there wasn't any law to keep him from "hoping" and he hoped some of the Klamath Pelicans and Henley Hornets would show up on his squad a couple of years hence.

The banquet was given in honor of the Pelicans and Hornets and Aiken's story-studded talk went over big with the young athletes as well as grown-ups of the overflow audience.

Aiken left no doubt that he is aiming for the Rose Bowl next season, saying that he was even entertaining Rose Bowl thoughts this past season when the Webfoots finished in a tie for second place in the coast conference.

"And we couldn't have done any worse than Southern Cal did," the rough-talking coach said.

During last night's festivities, trophies were presented to Tommy Edwards and Lester Foster, two of the most capable boys on the Pelican squad, for their performances on the striped field last season.

Edwards, a three-year star at halfback, was named the "most inspirational player" on the Pel 1947 team, and Foster, who came into prominence just last season at guard, was voted the outstanding lineman. Both boys are seniors and both amply deserved the awards. Selections were made by the squad members.

The latter award, to Foster, is a new one this year. The former is in its third year and previous winners were Bill Sari in 1945, Bob Redkey in 1946.

Coach Ed Ryan made the presentation, and the members of the coaching staff themselves were presented wallets by the Pelican squad.

Fain Returns Unsigned Paper

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15 (AP)—Just so Connie Mack won't think he's "gone soft," Ferris Fain has returned unsigned his 1948 Philadelphia Athletics contract although it embraced a salary hike.

Fain, who batted .291 last season as the A's rookie first baseman, explained:

"It's tradition, you know, to never sign the first one. The boss might figure you've gone soft. "Besides maybe I can get more lettuce."

Sixty-one pedestrians were killed in rural areas in Oregon traffic in 1946. The Oregon State Motor association urges drivers to keep alert in rural areas where pedestrians may be walking along roads.

Lujack Athlete Of Year

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—Johnny Lujack, Notre Dame's All-America quarterback, today was named male athlete-of-the-year for 1947 in the annual Associated Press year-end poll.

The 23-year-old star, winner of the Heisman Memorial trophy and named the standout player of the January 1 East-West Shrine game at San Francisco, drew almost twice as many first place votes from the nation's sports editors as his nearest competitor.

Fifteen thought Lujack was the No. 1 man and eight voted for runner-up Jack Kramer and eight for Joe DiMaggio, on a point basis, with five for first, three for second and one for third. Lujack piled up 116 credits to 78 for Kramer, the national tennis champ, and 49 for DiMaggio, flashy centerfielder of the world champion New York Yankees.

WALKER SUPPORTED
Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn's first baseman who was the first negro to play in the big leagues in modern days, drew considerable support. So did Doak Walker, Southern Methodist All-America halfback.

But Lujack was the winner by a comfortable margin on the strength of his play for the unbeaten, united fighting Irish. Honored as a fit successor for such great Notre Dame quarterbacks as Harry Stuhldreher, Frank Carideo and Angelo Bertelli, the modest unassuming senior capped his collegiate career with a brilliant performance at San Francisco on New Year's Day.

Lujack, a 180-pound six-footer from Connelville, Pa., said he would play pro ball next fall after he has graduated from Notre Dame but he has not decided between the Chicago Bears of the National League and the Chicago Rockets of the All-America conference.

DAVIS' LAST YEAR

The Notre Dame passing star succeeds another football player, Glenn Davis, who won the award last year while rounding out his brilliant career with Army. DiMaggio was the only previous winner who drew any votes. Joe Louis, the runnerup in 1946, being completely overlooked after his fight with Jersey Joe Walcott.

Baseball dominated the first 10 although a football ace was the winner. DiMaggio was third, Robinson finished fourth, Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox was fifth, Ewell Blackwell of Cincinnati was eighth and Joe Page of the Yankees was ninth. Doak Walker, who finished sixth and Lujack, were the only footballers. Golf was represented by Bobby Locke of South Africa in seventh place and Jimmy Demaret, the No. 10 man.

Among the Bantus in South Africa, cattle are regarded as a measure of wealth and killing cattle to eat is so frowned upon, except on ceremonial occasions, that owners of large cattle herds often suffer from malnutrition.

Nickel and cobalt have been successfully plated on metal surfaces without the use of an electric current by a newly developed process.

Ruby Goldstein, Ring's Most Capable Referee, Was Also Good Fighter

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (NEA)—Of the three officials assigned to the Louis-Walcott fight, Ruby Goldstein alone was right—seven rounds for the challenger, six for the champion and two even.

And Reuben Goldstein was the only one of the three with the courage and good judgment to call it as he saw it, and give the decision to Jersey Joe Walcott. Judge Frank Forbes' point total pointed to the Great Father of Camden, yet his vote went to Joe Louis.

Few good fighters make competent referees, but Goldstein is an exception proving the rule.

Ruby, the Priceless Jewel of the Ghetto in the late 1920s, broke in as a third man acting as a substitute at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn while serving in the army in 1942, applied for a New York state license, and has been active ever since.

By September of 1946, Goldstein, who belies his 40 years, had established himself as New York's finest. Chairman Eddie Egan of the New York boxing commission showed he agreed with that by naming Goldstein to handle the first savage Zale-Graziano middle-weight championship match at Yankee stadium.

Goldstein, who now carries his 170

pounds well, was the youngest of four children born in a cold water flat on New York's lower east side. His father died when he was two weeks old, his brave mother, who is still alive, raising her brood the best she could.

The late Hyman Cantor, widely known in New York as a boxing instructor, first saw young Goldstein as a skinny, brown-eyed kid in the gymnasium of the Educational Alliance on the lower east side.

By the summer of 1925, competent critics called Goldstein, not yet 18, the slickest prospect they had ever seen. Here was a boy whom a lot of learned juffes said hit harder and had more stuff than the great Benny Leonard.

Before he could box more than six rounds, Goldstein was the biggest New York box office attraction outside of Jack Dempsey.

By June, 1926, after a string of spectacular knockouts, Manager Cantor was convinced that Goldstein, not yet 19, could knock out any lightweight he could hit.

Certainly he could hit Ace Hudkins, so that seasoned campaigner was brought on from Los Angeles for a six-round match at the Coney Island stadium.

In the first round, Goldstein dropped Hudkins flat on his face with a right-hand punch to the chin, amid as wild a scene as the prize ring ever saw.

You wouldn't have given a plugged nickel for Hudkins' chances of getting up, but the lion-hearted Nebraska Wildcat climbed up the home boy's legs and hung on. Hudkins weakened Goldstein with a body attack toward the end of the third, and hung him over the middle rope to dry in the fourth.

This discouraged young Goldstein, but he rallied back to collect a \$25,000 purse for being knocked out in the first round by Sid Terris

CRANDALL FAR AHEAD IN HOOP SCORE RACE

By The Associated Press
The boys bore down on Cliff Crandall as the northern division hoop season spun into action, holding the high scoring Oregon State guard to 33 points in four games and opening the way for another Oregon starter to skid into the pace position in the division race.

Norm Carey, OSC guard, collected 44 points in the defending champions' four-game swing through the Palouse country to get the jump on the other bucketeers in the chase

Cassill Says New Mentor Can Be Hired

SEATTLE, Jan. 15 (AP)—Athletic Director Harvey Cassill returned Wednesday from his eastern quest for a University of Washington football coach with a "no comment" on published reports that Coach Howie Odell of Yale is the man.

As he stepped off the train, the non-committal athletic executive commented: "I'm all alone, as you can see. But I can say this—negotiations are in this form: We can have a new coach in a hurry."

"I will confer with Dr. Raymond Allen, president of the university, and give him all the information I have. I do not think much time will be wasted in naming our coach once my talks with Dr. Allen are concluded."

In response to a direct question about the Seattle Times report that Odell would be the choice, Cassill replied:

"I can only answer by saying without reservations that to this minute we have no agreement with any coach. At this stage of proceedings it would not be good business for me to mention a name or names."

The Times reported Odell was now heading for Seattle.

Beavers Can Use Stadium Three Years

PORTLAND, Jan. 15 (AP)—Portland's Pacific Coast league baseball club can continue to play in its present park, the city council decided Wednesday by a 4 to 1 vote. It will continue there under a revocable three-year permit, provided that certain improvements to lessen fire hazard are made. George Norgan, Vancouver, B. C., president of the ball club, earlier had agreed to rebuild part of the bleachers, increase the number of exits and make certain other changes. The council action, however, requires also that a sprinkler system be installed.

Lone vote in opposition came from Commissioner Kenneth Cooper, in charge of the fire bureau, who said, "this puts us back to where we were three years ago." The stadium has been condemned as a fire hazard and today's council action was on appeal from the condemnation order.

Norgan has announced plans for a new stadium to be completed in 1951.

Cincy Hires WIL Slugger

CINCINNATI, Jan. 15 (AP)—Virgil Stallcup, shortstop, and Hank Sauer, slugging outfielder, were signed for the 1948 season today by the Cincinnati Reds.

Stallcup, who batted .338 for Jersey City in the International league last year and fielded sensationally, is expected to play short for Cincinnati this season, with Eddie Miller moving over to third base.

Sauer, voted the outstanding player of the International league the past season, batted .336.

Bly Gets Return

BLY, Jan. 15—The Bly Loggers were defeated by the Bonanza Antlers 43-20 in a non-conference game here Tuesday night, but got another chance Friday with a return game and one that counts at Bonanza. Both squads are in the county high school league and neither have won a league game. Dennis Davis, tall center for the Antlers, popped in 24 points during Tuesday's game.

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