

KU Football Post Is Declared Open

Ed Ryan Turns In Resignation Letter

The position of football coach at Klamath Union high school has been thrown open to applicants.

Meeting late Wednesday, the school board officially declared the post vacant and subsequently received a letter of resignation from Ed Ryan, who gave up all coaching duties but retained his regular work as physical education instructor. With his letter, Ryan passed along eight suggestions he believes will be of value to his successor.

No successor has been appointed, but school athletic officials have learned of several possible applicants to the job, among them Al Simpson of Southern Oregon college, and Dick Sutherland of The Dalles.

Ryan's letter of resignation, addressed to Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of schools, pointedly assailed the public "Main street" attitude here in Klamath Falls that athletics at the high school are a "civic affair" rather than a school matter.

Ryan declared he no longer cared to coach any athletics at Klamath Union high until this situation is made for the "betterment of the student body at large."

After a season as assistant gridiron coach in 1945, Ryan moved up to the post of head Pelican football coach in 1946 and 1947, becoming one of the youngest head coaches in the state. His 1947 team won the Southern Oregon title but was edged by The Dalles in a 13-13 tie game for the state tournament quarter-finals.

He also coached baseball last spring and won a district championship, and successfully handled freshman basketball for three years.

His open letter to the school board contained these suggestions to his successor:

Pressure Group Coaching Deplorable

First—As has been recognized for many years, unofficially, Main street MINORITY pressure groups must not be allowed to exercise the importance that they have in the past years in order that athletics in Klamath Falls be operated on a higher, more educational plane than does now exist.

Second—The Quarterback club, as originally planned to help and promote athletics in the high school was fine, but the extent to which the coaches have been made unofficially accountable to this group of second guessers is deplorable.

Third—Gambling on local high school contests destroys stabilization of the program, for there are those who start a whispering campaign against the good names of innocent parties when they lose a wager.

Fourth—A much better relationship of the coaches with the director of athletics and the outlets for public relations (press and radio) could be established with a little conscientious effort or guidance from the proper higher authorities.

Fifth—Protect your coaches from the petty dictates of selfish individuals by stating once in a while the purpose and policy under which our athletic program is trying to strive.

Sixth—Don't change coaches every other season or so. As you know, we have had six (6) coaches in the past 10 years, many of which have had fine records and high moral characters. The sole fault can't always lie in the coaching. Establish a criteria of what you consider a good football coach.

Seventh—Recognize the fact that we are an isolated school and we must go more than "half way" in our relationships with other schools in order to obtain athletic contests for our minor and secondary sports.

Eighth—Let the high school handle the sale of season tickets and take off the exaggerated atmosphere that exists on the football program and try to strive for a more rounded program of athletics.

I feel the most important thing that could be done is more time be given to the rest of the student body rather than the extreme concentration that exists with only about 15 per cent of the male population of the school. Develop a strong intramural program so that all students, boys and girls alike, can take part in some form of activity.

These are not to be regarded as criticisms, far be it, but are my honest convictions as to what might prove to be of some value to you as a group toward fostering better all-around relationships.

EDWARD J. RYAN.

EIGHT OLYMPIC DUCATS HELD FOR NCAA BOXERS

MADISON, Wis., April 1 (AP)—Eight lucky lads will earn free tickets to the Olympic trials in the National Collegiate Athletic Association boxing tournament opening today at the University of Wisconsin.

First-round and quarter-final matches this afternoon and tonight will pare the field of 62 boxers to 32 for tomorrow's semi-finals. Champions in eight weight classes will be crowned Saturday night—and to each will go berths in the Olympic tryouts at Boston June 28 and 29.

The top middleweights are Herb Carlson of Idaho and John Lendak of Wisconsin, who won NCAA titles a year ago at 155 and 165 pounds, respectively. Other titleholders back are 125-pound Gerry Auclair, Syracuse, N. Y., who'll fight as a bantamweight; Charles Davey of Michigan State, lightweight, and Art Saey, Miami (Fla.), heavyweight.

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Warren Picks Track Squad

EUGENE, April 1 (AP)—Track Coach John Warren has started naming his teams for the annual clash with Oregon State college here Saturday.

The 400 and 800 yard events will see Bob Weber, Skiles Hoffman, Leo Rubstello and Dave Henthorne in action.

Curt Butterfield will appear in both the mile and the two mile event. In the mile he probably will be joined by Dick Snelton, Bob Driener, Bill Bell. His two mile mates are expected to be Al Piet-schman, Jim Hoag and Pete Mundle.

Three men, George Rasmussen, Jack Doyle and Mercer Brown, have been named for the shuttle-hurdle event. A fourth must be added.

Verducci Named St. Mary's Coach

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1 (AP)—St. Mary's college, whose galloping Gaels scaled football heights under such nationally known coaches as Edward "Slip" Madigan and Jimmy Phelan, has reached into the prep school ranks for its latest gridiron mentor.

Little Joe Verducci, native San Franciscan who coached three championship teams at Polytechnic high school here, is the new St. Mary's coach. He succeeds Jimmy Phelan.

PHOENIX — Art Hardy, 150½, San Diego, Calif., outpointed Johnny Gardea, 158, Los Angeles, 10.

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Training Camp Briefs

VERO BEACH, Fla., April 1 (AP)—Jack Banta, hard-throwing rookie righthander of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has an excellent chance of striking with the Brooks.

Banta, who led the International league in shutouts and strikeouts last year, blanked his former Montreal teammates without a hit for seven innings yesterday, as the Dodgers won 5-4.

TUCSON, Ariz., April 1 (AP)—Bob Feller does not plan to pitch a full nine-inning game until the Cleveland Indians' opening game in Cleveland April 20 against the St. Louis Browns.

He may twirl seven innings, his longest route of the spring, today when the Tribe meets the Chicago White Sox. Feller claims the weather has not been hot enough for him to loosen up.

BRADENTON, Fla., April 1 (AP)—Al Brazie, Ken Johnson and Ted Wilks were selected by St. Louis Cardinal Manager Eddie Dyer to face the Boston Braves today.

Del Wilber, who caught Murry Dickson's no-hitter against the New York Yankees Tuesday, said the right-hander used a "sinker" which Wilber says, is new for Dickson.

SARASOTA, Fla., April 1 (AP)—Boston Red Sox players and officials are highly confident that erstwhile Shortstop Johnny Pesky will be more than adequate at third base where Manager Joe McCarthy has assigned him for the season.

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Skate Titles Are Defended

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 1 (AP)—Gretchen Merrill and Dick Button begin the defense of their national figure skating titles today.

Six women sought to dethrone the pretty Boston girl as the senior women's school figures started this morning.

Button, winner of the Olympic and world titles, stars his compulsory figures this afternoon with only three men opposing him.

One champion got off to a good start in defending his title yesterday.

Hayes Allen Jenkins of Cleveland won first place in the junior men's school figures. Peter Kennedy, Seattle, placed tenth.

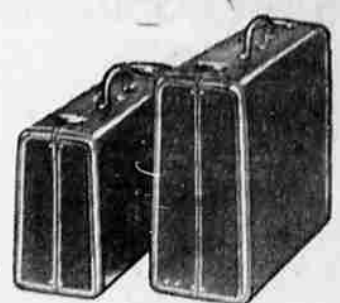
Pelicans Enter Swimming Meet

EUGENE, April 1 (AP)—Final preparations for the first annual Oregon state high school swimming championship meet here Saturday at the University of Oregon pool are near completion.

Meet Director Ray Kirellis, Web-foot swim coach, said 13 schools have entered.

Klamath Falls tops the entry list with 14 boys. Grant of Portland has 13. Others represented are Salem, West Linn, Franklin, Jefferson and Benson of Portland, Oregon City, Springfield and University of Eugene.

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