

22 LETTERMEN GREET OREGON TECH COACHING STAFF



PRETTY BETTY FRANKLIN isn't a football letterman. An office employee at Oregon Tech she's been boosting the ticket sales that opens tomorrow morning at the Chamber of Commerce. Here she's loaded with tickets — and a smile.



JACK BROWN



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KEITH THOMPSON



DEAN WEEKLEY



DON MCINTOSH



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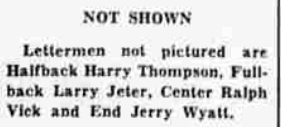
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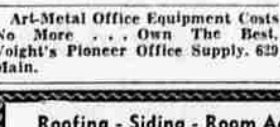
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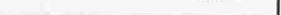
DON FOREMAN



GEORGE CLARK



BILL BUCKINGHAM



NOT SHOWN

Lettermen not pictured are Halfback Harry Thompson, Fullback Larry Jeter, Center Ralph Vick and End Jerry Wyatt.

Hunsaker, Kirkland Can't Hide Optimism

By RED HURD

Hepped-up football fans, after Oregon Tech's most successful grid campaign last year, said the Owls had "come of age."

They should reach peak maturity this year if the team proves as good on the field of battle as it does on paper.

There'll be lettermen back in every position—22 in all.

Then there's a flock of newcomers on hand who, if they live up to their high school headlines, will give the veterans a run for their money.

Coch Rex Hunsaker may be somewhat of a football prophet. In 1950 when he and Assistant Art Kirkland quit a successful run at Albany High School for the Oregon Tech job, Hunsaker said they would build a great team, but that "it will take three years."

This is the third year. Even Hunsaker and Kirkland, unlike most coaches, can't help but show elation at the prospects. Their optimism is showing.

Back from last year's team that won six and lost three—far and away the best record in the school's football history—are seven ends, three tackles, two guards, one center, five halfbacks, a quarterback and two fullbacks. In addition there's Letterman Fullback Dean Weekley who was beginning to show outstanding ability a couple of seasons back when Uncle Sam grabbed him.

Ralph Vick is the lone letterman at center. But there's two lads on hand who should give the Coos Bay boy a race for the pivot job. One is Jerry Schubert, ex-Klamath Union High School player, who now carries an imposing 200 pounds on his frame. The other is Eugene Locust, a Steubenville, O., prospect.

Jerry Edinger, who saw some duty at the pivot spot last year but not enough to earn a letter, may be moved to a guard spot.

The seven ends are Dick Flaningam, Grants Pass; Cecil Spencer, Portland; Ralph Perkins, Banks; Johnny Henslee, Pilot Rock; Laverne Cimfl, Gold Hill; Don McIntosh, West Linn; and Jerry Wyatt, North Bend. Spencer will be seeing his third year of action with the Owls, the second at the end position. He started out as a backfield man.

Tackles with experience are Keith Thompson, Phoenix, Ore.; Leroy Wilding, West Linn; and Charles Wagner, Bonanza.

GUARDS
Floyd Printz, St. Helen's, and Paul Patrick, Springfield, are guards back with a year's know-how.

A glance at the backfield lettermen would make any coach do backflips for sheer joy.

There's Halfback Don Foreman, prominently mentioned last year—but not picked—for Little All-American honors. He's a constant touch-

down threat.

Almost as dangerous on the ground—maybe as much if given the opportunity to run—is George Clark of Texas. He wasn't given a chance to show until late in the season, but gobbled up yards like crazy when he was finally given the go-ahead signal.

Three other halfbacks who can go are Bill Buckingham of Medford, Harry Thompson of Steubenville and Len Genetin of Amsterdam, O. Thompson nursed a leg injury most of last season. If his leg is ready for full-time duty, he'll very likely come into his own this year.

Fullback Jim McIntosh, who runs with the emphasis of a throttle-open express train, is back. And then there's the aforemen-

tioned Weekley and Larry Jeter. Jack Brown, who throws strikes from the quarterback spot and should prove to be a good field general after one year of understudy Querno (Little Caesar) Lelli, is the Number 1 signal-calling prospect.

Some first-year candidates showing early promise, in addition to those already mentioned, are Greene Rudd, a tackle from Muskegon, O.; Dennis Johnson, a Roseburg guard; Alden Rondeau, a West Linn guard; John Flack, an Amsterdam end; Gino Lelli, brother of Querno of Steubenville, a quarterback; and Odie Canada, a fullback who showed well in the recent Shrine high school all-star game in Portland, from Washington High School.



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