

By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

WHILE GETTING SOME odds and ends cleared off the desk before football season opens fire on the local sports scene, which is closer than the average fan expects, we found a couple of notes that will probably be of interest to Basin football and baseball enthusiasts.

John Witte, the ex-KUHS and Oregon State College star is now playing football for Fort Richardson near Anchorage, Alaska. The big fellow who was selected as the outstanding lineman in the Shrine game at Portland in 1951 is playing plenty of ball and with some other fairly big gridders.

According to a clipping received by his family, John is the second largest lineman at 210 pounds. The largest is 265, while the smallest pushes the scales for an even 200 pound mark. The total weight of the five linemen (not counting the ends) is 1085.

GEM BASEBALL followers will probably remember Mike Shade, the local boy who compiled a remarkable pitching record at KUHS in his school days, and was then signed by the Gems of the Far West League.

We see that the ex-Pelican is doing a bang up job for Salt Lake City in the Pioneer League. Shade just recently won his 17th ball game of the season.

Another ex-Gem who was a favorite with the fans, Joe Nicholas, is back in the Western International League after staying with the Portland Beavers through the first part of the season. Joe is now using his famed submarine ball as part of the Salem pitching department, after throwing for Victoria for a short time.

FOOTBALL gets underway here this Saturday night on Moebe Field, as Grant and Klamath meet in their annual season opener. The Generals, usually the kingdom of Portland inter-city competition, are always a rough team, and this year should pack plenty of power to the local gridiron as they meet the Pelicans.

With head coach John McGinnis in the hospital (convalescing from an appendectomy at the time of this writing), Gerald Bevans, McGinnis' right hand man with the backfield men and Harry Russell the peppery, well like line coach are handling the last minute preparations of the Pelican practices.

Also on the local scene, Rex Hunsaker, head coach of the Oregon Tech Owls, seems to have found a pot full of gold, if the turnout on the Mile High Campus indicates anything.

Two promising gridders from California, Ray Rosa, a Daly City quarterback, with tremendous passing qualities, and Roosevelt Beatty, a 195 pound hard running fullback are among the candidates who reported yesterday for the opening practice session.

BEFORE THE SUMMER season is clear out of sight, a word or two of congratulations are in order for Bob Bonney, city recreation director, and his number one helper in the summer recreational program, Jack Kemnitzer.

Bonney has built the local summer softball and hardball programs for youngsters into the largest in Southern Oregon and one of the best in the entire state. Some might include towns the size of Klamath Falls, all over the Pacific Coast, to elaborate on Bonney's success.

Kemnitzer also deserves a hearty pat on the back for his work with the young ballplayers of the five different leagues. At the be-

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-JEFF YORK-

Stranahan Raises Eyebrows

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP)—The decision of Frank Stranahan, golden boy of amateur golf, to turn professional and fight it out hand to hand with the grim money players over the tournament trail must have caused much conjecture and eyebrow raising throughout the golfing world.

Why would a young man with unlimited wealth behind him and apparently not a care in the world coming from suddenly forsake the pleasant and enviable life of the amateur sportsman in favor of the professional's unending quest of eating money? Especially when the purses that he figures to win in the dog-eat-dog competition he now faces probably won't do much more than keep the spark plug heir in caddy fees.

In the statement he left behind as he winged off to Brazil, Frank said such things as that he long had wished to play the pros on their terms, and that he didn't consider it fair that he was in position to compete all year while his fellow amateurs were restricted in that respect. If the latter were the compelling force behind the young man's strange move,

beginning of each season, Kemnitzer supervises a school to instruct the small fry in the correct methods of the game, and during the regular season, devotes almost every evening to handling games on Conger Field and Kiwanis Park.

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and we're not exactly saying it wasn't, then it took a long time to take hold.

A more logical explanation might be that the two-time British Amateur champion simply wearied of shelling out perhaps \$20,000 per year for the privilege of indulging his hobby and decided to do something about it. As a professional he presumably will be entitled to put down the sum as legitimate

operating expense the next time he reaches for a tax form. He's no longer an unemployed playboy.

Whatever the reasons for Stranahan's "wrong way" flight—most pros would love to be in position to play the game for fun—can't help wondering how long it will take for the novelty to wear off. The likable young man with the rippling muscles is about to discover that he has yanked open the door of a brand new golfing world.

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DETROIT — Marty Marshall, 189 1/2, Detroit, outpointed Sonny Liston, 204, St. Louis, 8.
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Charley Salas, 151, Phoenix, Ariz., outpointed Billy Lauderdale, 151 1/2, Hialeah, Fla., 10; Bo Willis, 184, Miami, outpointed Sid Peaks, 219 1/2, St. Albans, N.Y., 10.

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Owls Start Workouts

Football season got underway at Oregon Technical Institute yesterday, as Coach Rex Hunsaker welcomed close to 40 gridders including seven lettermen, and began preparing them for their 10 game schedule this season.

Hunsaker and his two assistants, Art Kirkland, the Owls' backfield mentor and Bob Smith the line coach were busy sending their charges through opening day sessions, as the Owls prepare for the 1954 season opener in Boise against Boise Junior College September 13.

All seven of the returning lettermen were back in the OTI spangles. Odie Canada, the swift running halfback, and Lyle Fleetwood the other letterman half were both present as were linemen, Greene Rudd, Don Pierce, Lyle Loffer, Dennis Johnson and Ken Sloan, the lone returning end.

Besides the lettermen, Hunsaker is fairly well fortified with some stand-out freshmen prospects from California and Ohio as well as Oregon high school graduates.

Dick Blevins, Grants Pass, Stanley Smith from The Dalles and Dave Herberger of Rogue River are among several standout Oregon prep stars, while California's contribution to the Owls squad includes quarterback Ray Rosa and tackle Jack Thur from Daly City, and Roosevelt Beatty one of the most outstanding backs in Northern California.

Gridders from the Mid-west, who have enrolled at Oregon Tech include some members of the Ohio all-state team in the West Virginia-Ohio ballgame held last month. The game's outstanding back, Willie Sunson is among the several hopefuls.

Duane Reeder, ex-Henley High football and track star, is also enrolled at Oregon Tech this season after a year at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. The big 260 pound tackle is expected to help bolster the Owls' line.

Bill Posedel, coach of the St. Louis Cardinals, is nicknamed "Barnacle Bill" because he served in the Navy before entering organized baseball.

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BATTING — Monte Irvin, New York Giants, doubled home two runs in the 11th inning as New York defeated Philadelphia 3-1.
PITCHING — Ruben Gomez, New York Giants, won his 14th game by pitching 10 1-3 innings of New York's 3-1 11-inning victory over Philadelphia.

Pioneer League Begins Playoffs

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
First division teams in the Pioneer League begin the Shaughnessy playoffs Wednesday night—with the Salt Lake City Bees determined to shake off a jinx that has prevented the regular season from ever winning the post-season affair.

The Bees, who clinched the pennant on the final day Monday, will play third-place Idaho Falls at Idaho Falls and fourth-place Great Falls will host second-place Billings in the opening play-off games Wednesday night.

Not since the loop was organized in 1939 has one team been able to win both the regular season championship and the playoffs.



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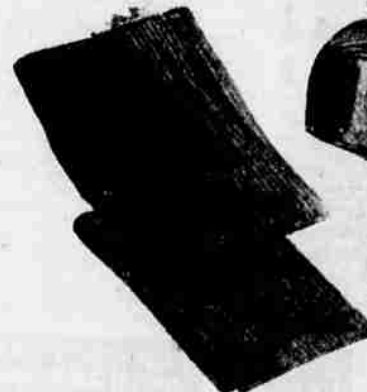


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Texas Rated As Top Team In Conference

DALLAS (AP)—Texas is the most overwhelming favorite in 40 years of Southwest Conference football but since nobody has offered to forfeit, Coach Ed Price is preparing to play the season out.

Texas is two and three deep in veterans at all positions, and has everything it takes to win not only the championship of the conference but to make a big splash nationally. The Longhorns have a schedule that could bring No. 1 rating or it might wreck Price's hopes of winning or tying for the title three times in four years of head coaching.

Texas opens the season next week against Louisiana State at Austin. Then come Notre Dame, Washington State and Oklahoma before the conference strife.

Baylor, although chock full of sophomores, and Rice, with a modicum of the powerful line that swept Alabama in the Cotton Bowl, are rated the best chances of overturning the Longhorns' chuck wagon.

Baylor's sophomores, to go with 11 solid veterans, are about the best first-year men the Golden Bears ever have had. They feature the finest passer to come out of Texas high school football in years—Doyle T aylor.

Among Baylor's opponents this season is the University of Washington. The two met for the first time Oct. 16 at Waco, Texas.

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