

Depth Problem Hits Owls

High early season team spirit and plenty of great potential seems to be overruling the big lack of depth problem that surrounds Oregon Tech football coach Rex Hunsaker and his two assistants, Art Kirkland and Bob Smith as the first week of practice draws to a close.

Hunsaker has been growing happier every day since his first look at the 1954 version of the Owls' football squad, when the Mile High Campus grid candidates turned out last Tuesday afternoon.

No special person was singled out for praise after yesterday afternoon's scrimmage on the campus football field, but the head football boss was extremely satisfied over the entire squad's early season team spirit and ability to work together as a unit.

After the first week of practice, Hunsaker and his two right-hand men are sending a probable first line squad through workouts in preparation for their season opener at Boise next Saturday night against Boise Junior College.

At this time six lettermen seem to have the inside track on the starting positions, while the remaining five are being filled by top flight freshman prospects.

In the line, Smith has praised lettermen, Ken Sloan, an end, tackles, Greene Rudd and Don Pierce and center Lyle Loffer for their showing in recent practices.

The others who will probably round out the forward wall if they keep up the outstanding showings are guards Spike Carter and Jack Thur, and end John Alford.

In the backfield, Kirkland is using Ray Rosa in the number one quarterback position, while lettermen Odie Canada and Willie Stinson are holding the edge on the halfback positions. In the fullback slot, the Owl backfield boss is using Roosevelt Beatty.

Pushing these prospective starters for chances to break into the starting lineup against Boise next week are letterman Lyle Fleetwood, a halfback, Cal Smith another half, and letterman from last year's team that has shown a great amount of improvement over last season. Paul Weaver, a big 6-3, 200 pound end.

A local boy who is showing signs of making competition tough after a few days of practice is Duane Reeder, the ex-Henley High School football and track star, who was moved to center from his usual tackle position, and the Owl coaches all agree that Reeder is going to help bolster the front line defenses of the Owls.

Injuries on the squad seem to be low for the hard work the three coaches have been sending their boys through, which indicates the top physical condition the team is in. Two reserve quarterbacks are the only reportable injuries and one of those will not keep the griddier sidelined very long.



STEM OF THE OREGON TECH scoring punch lies in the reach of these two Owl football players. Lyle Loffer, the big letterman center from Coos Bay is set to snap the ball back to Ray Rosa, one of the best ball handlers and passers ever to enroll at Oregon Tech. The Mile High Campus grid machine goes into action a week from Saturday at Boise, against the Boise Junior College Braves.

Toole, Witte, Gilmore Sparked Pels In '50-'53

Editor's Note: This is the last article of a series on past football seasons at Klamath Union High School. All of the information used in this series was taken from past issues of the Herald and News.

By CLAYTON HANNON
Bill Toole and John Witte finished out their high school grid days, and other stars such as Cal Gilmore, Vern Pryor, Ken Young, Jim Dougherty, Jim Bevens and Don Dexter took their turns at leading the Pelican teams of Bob Hendershott between 1950 and 53.

In 1950, Hendershott's chargers ran into a tough Grant team and lost the first game of the season 12-0 and then dropped a second encounter to Prineville 26-20 for their only two losses of the season.

The Pels came back with wins over Ashland 19-6, Redding 41-9, Grants Pass 36-14, Springfield 40-19 and Bend 25-13. The two ties came with Medford 7-7 and Boise 12-12 to give the 1950 squad a 3-2-2 season's record.

Toole and Witte were selected to the state Shrine team, and both won outstanding awards as the best offensive back and defensive lineman respectively, while Ed Zarosinski and Gaynor Huck contributed greatly throughout the entire season to help pace the Pels.

In 1951, Hendershott's crew took five beatings while winning twice and tying their opponents once in the eight games played, as Young, Dick Lundsten, Chick Quinowski, Bill Pickett and George Hanson all contributed heavily to the season's attack.

The Grant Generals again proved tough as they pounded out a 27-7 win over the Pels in the annual opener, while Bend finished off the Pelicans in the season's final game by 26-12. The other losses were taken at the hands of Prineville 12-7, Eugene 20-12 and Grants Pass 33-0. The wins came from Medford by a close 13-12 margin and Roseburg 25-12, while Boise and the KU squad battled to a 20-20 standstill for the second tie in as many years.

Vern Pryor, a three year letterman, along with Young, Gilmore, Hanson and Dougherty paced the 1953 Pelicans to a 6-2-0 win-lose-tie mark under Hendershott's guidance.

Young scored going off-tackle in the opening game with Grants to give Klamath the win 7-0 in a hard fought game. The other wins were taken from Roseburg 36-6, Eugene 20-6 Medford 7-0, Ashland 19-7 and Bend by a 33-25 contest that was sparked by Gilmore's three touchdown runs following pass interceptions, one of these went for around 90 yards. The losses were handed out by Redding 28-0 and by Grants Pass as the Cavemen edged the Pels 7-0.

After the season was over Pryor was sent to the Shrine game in Portland where he played for the Staters in the annual gridiron classic that is held at Multnomah Stadium.

Bevens, Dougherty, Dexter, and Greg Schultze gave Hendershott a 7-2-0 record in what turned out to be his last year of coaching at Klamath Union High School.

Wins were taken from Grant 13-7 at Portland, Roseburg 24-0, Redding 13-6, Ashland 20-6, Medford 26-18, Reno 39-27 and from Bend by a walloping 46-13 margin. Eugene and Grants Pass gave out the two defeats by 19-13 and 20-9 counts.

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Standings

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct. GB	
Cleveland	100	40	.714	
New York	94	45	.676	5 1/2
Chicago	88	53	.624	12 1/2
Boston	63	75	.457	36
Detroit	61	78	.439	33 1/2
Washington	60	79	.432	39 1/2
Philadelphia	46	94	.299	54
Baltimore	46	94	.299	54

Thursday's Results

Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 4 (11 innings)
Baltimore 1, New York 0
Washington 2, Chicago 0
Boston 8, Detroit 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct. GB	
New York	87	51	.630	
Milwaukee	85	54	.603	4
Brooklyn	82	57	.590	5 1/2
Cincinnati	66	72	.478	21
Philadelphia	65	72	.474	21 1/2
St. Louis	63	75	.457	24
Chicago	59	81	.421	29
Pittsburgh	48	90	.348	39

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New York 7-0, Chicago 6-3
Brooklyn 10, St. Louis 1
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