

OTI Hosts Southern Oregon For Homecoming

OC Foes Vie Here Saturday

The Oregon Tech Owls roll out the carpet for their alumni this weekend, and are out to serve the "old grads" with a first-class celebration, a victory over Southern Oregon College's Red Raiders Saturday afternoon at Modoc Field. Game time is 2 o'clock.

Coach Rex Hunsaker's Owls, trying to snap a three-game losing streak are at high spirits and have promised to give to the school's returning alumni a big win over the highly favored Raiders, who are billed as the co-favorites in the Oregon Collegiate Conference football ratings.

While Hunsaker's small, but spirited band of gridders await their clash with Southern Oregon, the Raiders under the coaching eye of Al Akin have been grooming their "Power-T" offense, plus working on pass defense in hopes of clipping the Owls aerial wings. So far this year, Tech's main weapon in gaining yardage has been on the passing arms of quarterbacks Bob Stoy and Charlie Gantner.

With Tech in possession of two boys who can heave the pigskin with deadly accuracy, and Southern Oregon claiming a little All-American quarterback who also fills the air with passes, the conference clash is shaping to be a wide-open and free-scoring affair before the final horn has sounded. Southern Oregon will counter with Bill Seymour, who ranks very high nationally in small college quarterbacks. The "Slinging Sam" of Southern Oregon was injured the first two games, both of which were dropped by SOC, then Seymour returned to the team and has led them to two straight OCC wins.

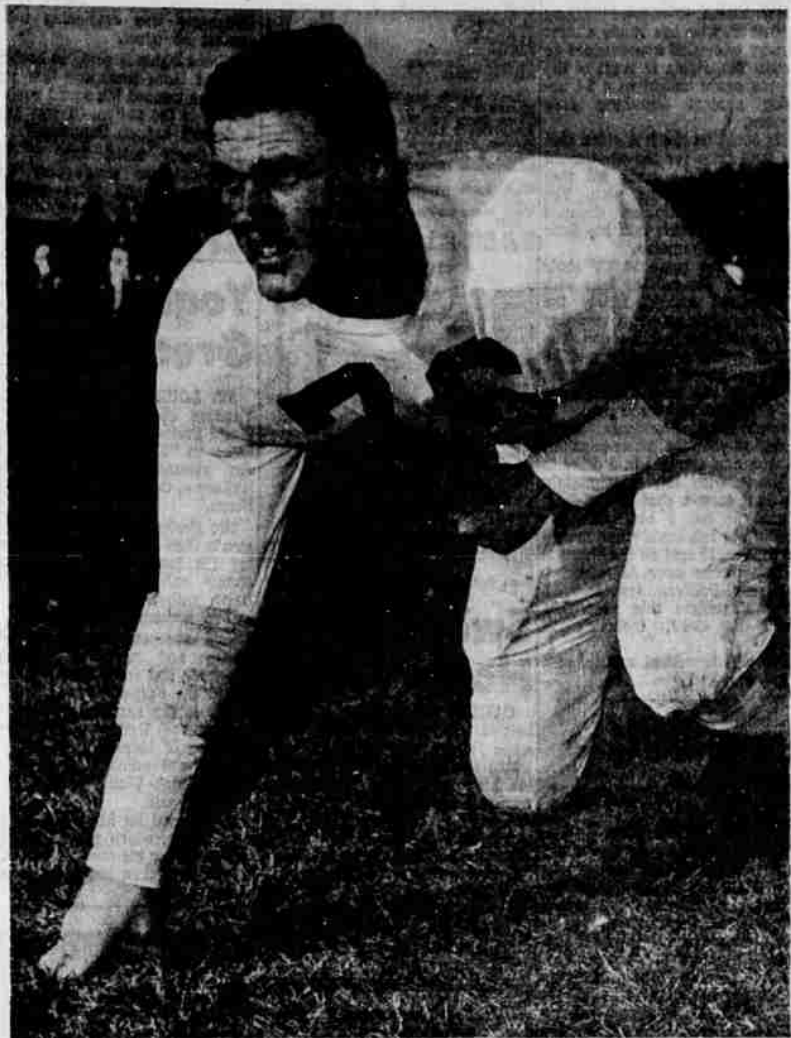
According to the latest statistics released by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Seymour is the nation's number one passer. Last year against OTI, Seymour threw 37 times. As a team the Raiders completed 14, while Seymour was hitting 12 of his 17 attempts. Two of his tosses went for touchdowns.

In the past meetings between the two schools, Southern Oregon has won three while Tech has managed to pick up the honors in two. The big win for the Owls was in 1952 when Southern Oregon folded like a broken kite and bowed 89-0 to Hunsaker's club. Last year, SOC won 33-0.

As the Raiders move into their third conference fracas of the season with a perfect record, Akins will have several Klamath Basin high school graduates on his club, and one or two who may start the game for the Ashland collegians. Accompanying the SOC eleven on their trip over the Greensprings will be Henley's Jim Tacchini and Marion Jack, Malin's Norm Oliva and Andy Travis, and Klamath Union's Modesto "Mighty Mo" Jimenez.

Stated for possible starting chores for SOC tomorrow afternoon include Norm Hedgepeth and Larry Schweinfurt, two ex-Grants Pass prep standouts, at end; Herb Colley, Jim Allen or Jack at tackle; Chuck Romine, John Garrett or Jimenez at guard; and Bill Stewart at center. Working with Seymour in the Raiders backfield will be fullback Ralph Clarno, and halfbacks Ted Tenney and Larry Maurer. Fullback Don Kornis and halfbacks Andy Travis and Chuck Crandall are certain to see lots of action.

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OREGON TECH'S BIG Al Van Lewven, a 200-pound package of grade-A football talent will be seeing lots of action Saturday afternoon as the OTI Owls meet Southern Oregon College in the annual Homecoming Game for the Techmen. Game time is 2 o'clock on Modoc Field. Van Lewven, who hails from North Bend, has been the outstanding lineman so far this season, and will start at an end position against SOC Saturday.

Football Season Running True To Form With Very Few Upsets

By JACK CUDDY
United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (UP) — The football season so far has been just about as formal as the cuties in a Broadway chorus line.

And like the girlie dancers it is rare when any of the teams get out of step.

There hasn't been an old-fashioned shocker of an upset so far. Here and there underdogs win, to be sure, but the bookies are claiming that most of their upsets are just in the point spreads—a team will come close to beating a team that was rated a big margin occasionally and that's about the size of it.

What's the cause for this close adherence to form? Well, one odds-maker who does a big volume of football business insists that it is because teams are being scouted more closely than ever before.

MULTI-MILLION
The hound dogs who are keeping a close watch are the representatives of the men who make the football odds and who conduct a multi-million dollar business of action.

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each season in the football parlay cards distributed practically everywhere. They have followers keeping tabs on every team, watching for injuries, for staleness after a big game, for a club that is getting "up" for a special opponent.

And when the parlay cards and the point spreads are posted each week, that represents an accurate line on the entire operation, perhaps more accurate than ever before obtainable. In the past many upsets simply were due to wrong information, or perhaps no information at all.

POSSESSION
But there are other reasons, too. One of the big ones is the new "high fashion" of ball-control in the college ranks. There is a strong trend toward possession and a theory that the other team

can't score as long as you have the ball.

It makes for long series of "punch-punch-punch" plays with occasionally a breakaway runner getting through for a long gain or a touchdown. When a favored team gets the ball and hangs on to it, the chances for the other team scoring an upset are minimized.

And, of course, this also could be the week when form is smashed to pieces on the college gridirons, too. Because the upsets certainly are behind schedule.

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NY Boxer Leads US Olympic Team Trials

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — Classy boxers into the final phase of their Olympic trials.

Vince Ferguson of New York, winner of 52 straight fights, goes after two more tonight as he leads the United States' finest amateur

Ferguson, 18-year-old NCAA light middleweight champ from Wisconsin, was one of five collegiate titlists to advance to the semifinals of the three-day Olympics slugfest. A sixth NCAA representative, Chosen Maekawa, Michigan State bantamweight from Hawaii, goes into the final against Dave Abeyta of Idaho State, a Western regional winner.

Vince uncorked a dazzling array of crosses and counterpunches to stop Air Force champion Dave Smith of Seattle in the third round. Ferguson felled the rangy Smith with a right cross on the jaw and hit him twice more in the stomach. Then the bout was halted.

The original field of 105 was trimmed to 30 for 10 semifinal and 10 final fights to select the United States boxers for the Olympic Games at Melbourne, Australia, next month.

Middleweight Paul Wright of Flint, Mich., interservice and AAU winner, punched out a three-round victory over Ed Hawkins, a fellow Air Force boxer, last night.

Another Wisconsin entrant, NCAA lightweight champ Orville Pitts, had the most impressive victory in the marathon 42-bout card. With one punch—a scaring left hook—he knocked out Donnie Hall of Louisville in the opening round.

Other collegiate champs to reach the semis were welterweight Gil McLane of Louisiana State, default over Henry Brown of Wichita, Kan.; middleweight Roger Rouse of Idaho State, KO victory over George McCorkle of the Air Force; and heavyweight Harold Espy of Idaho State, who outpointed Jesse Barber of Los Angeles.

Griffith has only 12 days to get everyone's agreement before the Oct. 31 deadline for transfers effective for the 1957 season.

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Oregon's Defense To Get Test From Tribe

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — The Oregon Webfoots, who have not yielded a touchdown via the aerial route all season, have to deal with Stanford's John Brodie Saturday—the same guy who passed them dizzy last year.

Brodie currently leading the nation in total offense with 743 yards with virtually all of it stacked up through his fancy aerials, took a personal hand in wrecking the Ducks last year. 44-7. Everything he threw seemed to hit during a first half spurge. Will it happen again?

Coach Len Casanova of Oregon is taking an optimistic view. He figures if he can maintain his airtight defenses against Brodie that the Ducks may snap a three-game losing streak. However, Stanford has been posted as an eight-point favorite.

Washington and Southern California, two of the three teams banned from the Rose Bowl for two years after being found guilty of conference infractions, meet in a regionally televised PCC tilt at Los Angeles.

TROJANS FAVORED
The ninth-ranked Trojans, are 13-point favorites to defeat the Huskies, currently tied with UCLA for first place in the conference race.

The Bruins, also banned from the bowl for conference infractions, meet California and have been made one-point underdogs by the slide rule gang.

Actually, the Bruins shut out their last two conference opponents and have won three out of four this year while Cal has dropped the same number.

The Bears are scheduled to take the wraps off Jerry Drew, a hard-hitting fullback, for this one. Drew, a sensation with the 1954 Cal squad, spent last season out with an injury then was dinged for taking illegal loans and restricted to five games this season. This marks his first time out while UCLA's quarterback Bob Bergdahl and tailback Doug

San Diego State endeavors to stretch San Jose State's losing streak to three straight in a night game on the Aztecs' home lot while Fresno State is a heavy favorite to defeat San Francisco State.

In regional tilts Arizona (Tempe) State meets Hardin Simmons and Arizona tackles New Mexico. Idaho, pulverized 41-0 last week by Tempe, gets the day off.

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