

Oregon Tech Owls Relinquish Football Title

OCC Play Forfeited After Rules Checked

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Oregon Technical Institute relinquished its 1958 Oregon Collegiate Conference football championship today and forfeited all of its conference football games according to an announcement made this morning by Winston D. Purvine, director of Oregon Tech.

The announcement came as a jolt to those on campus as well as Oregon Tech supporters in downtown Klamath Falls. The Owl football team rolled to four straight conference wins this fall to claim the school's first clear-cut championship, but now that throne has been vacated because of a misinterpretation of conference rules on the part of Oregon Technical Institute officials.

Purvine made the unexpected announcement at 9 a.m. Wednesday morning when he made public a letter he had written to Dr. Frank B. Bennett, Eastern Oregon College, president of the Oregon Collegiate Conference. Purvine's letter read:

"All of our 1958 season Oregon Collegiate Conference football games are hereby declared forfeit and any claim to the championship is abandoned. The registration office used an interpretation of

Brave Great Has TB

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Red Schoendienst, Milwaukee Braves second baseman, has tuberculosis but his wife said he is determined to play again in the major leagues.

Schoendienst's personal physician, Dr. Ray Martin, said a series of tests disclosed beyond a doubt that the veteran ballplayer has TB and probably will not be able to play next year.

But Schoendienst's wife, Mary, said Tuesday night that he was "in very good spirits and determined to play again."

Red is in Mount St. Rose Sanitarium here. For a week or 10 days he will not be permitted to receive telephone calls or visitors except members of his immediate family. Dr. Martin said "he's a sick man and needs bed rest."

The doctor made no estimate on how long it would take Schoendienst to recuperate but said he was "optimistic about a full recovery."

Braves officials said the team would miss the slim infielder but expressed confidence they could win without him.

Manager Fred Haney said three Braves are second base material. Mel Roach, Felix Mantilla and Casey Wise. Roach, recovering from surgery to repair torn knee ligaments, apparently is the most likely replacement.

Haney and General Manager John Quinn praised Schoendienst's competitive spirit and predicted he would make a fighting comeback.

Schoendienst, 35 and veteran of 13 years in the majors, led the Braves to their 1957 world championship. He was bothered virtually all last season with a chest cold which developed into pleurisy. He also injured a rib and broke a finger. He batted only .262.

In spite of his rundown condition, he played a splendid 1958 World Series, batting .300 and fielding well.

Red's wife, Mary, said he had told her he intends to return to baseball. "He's always said he will play until he is at least 40 and I'm sure he will," she said.

Detroit Tops Boston Bruins

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Veteran Johnny Wilson of Detroit pulled one of his best games out of the hat Tuesday night and drew the close National Hockey League race into an even tighter knot.

Wilson scored the three-goal hat trick as the Red Wings blanked the Boston Bruins 6-0 and moved into a second-place tie with the Losers. Each is only two points behind the leading Montreal Canadiens.

In tonight's games, the fourth-place New York Rangers, only a point behind Boston and Detroit, meet the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Bruins tangle with Chicago. The Black Hawks trail the Rangers by a single point.

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This corner received its initiation into the "Sunshine Club of Southern California" last weekend along with the Oregon Tech football team. Not only was the football venture cut short by Whittier's 27-8 victory, but the southlands forgot to parade the much-talked-about weather front and center.

Earlier this year when KUHS and Grants Pass met here and Oregon Tech played host to Moffett Naval Air Station, we heard the fans complaining about the weather. Our only words of advice are that we didn't get as cold either of those two nights as we were Friday night in Los Angeles or Saturday night in Whittier—the heart of "sunny" California.

Saturday afternoon we attended the Oregon-UCLA football game at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Nothing different as far as weather conditions were concerned—topcoat and ear muff weather, seasoned by a blustery windstorm and a few sprinkles of rain—yes rain.

But that wasn't all. After leaving Los Angeles early Sunday morning, headed north, the chartered team bus was held up because of snow for an hour and we were no more than an hour and a half out of the big city. In sunny Southern California no less.

The amount of snow on the pavement was no more than a half inch to an inch, but it tied up the dry-run drivers. It just goes to prove that not all is sunshine and honey in the southlands, whether it be weather or college football.

While in Los Angeles we spent the weekend with John McGinnis, former Klamath Union High School football coach, and his wife Janet. Both were fine and passed along their best to all of their old friends "at home."

John is now teaching and coaching at the new high school (Romana) in Riverside. He says things are real fine and he's having lots of fun. This is McGinnis' first year at Riverside after very successful football and baseball coaching duty at Colton (Calif.) last school year.

McGinnis informed us to keep our eye on a Don Hobbs, a senior at Colton this year. Hobbs, according to the ex-Pel football and baseball mentor, stands about 6-0 and weighs 175 pounds. He is expected to make All-Southern California in football, basketball and baseball this year.

"This boy," McGinnis remarked during the conversation, "is good enough to field in AAA pro baseball. His hitting may not be ready for that class now, but it will be. This boy was one of my favorites."

McGinnis went on, "and he is planning to go on to college. Only if such a big financial bargain is made by a big league baseball team, will he forego intercollegiate athletics."

It is McGinnis' opinion that Hobbs will end up at Brigham Young because of religious affiliations. Young Hobbs is a very prominent leader in the Mormon church.

We accompanied the McGinnises to the Oregon-UCLA football game and learned one thing if nothing else that it's always useful to have a pair of field glasses. Especially when you are 69 rows up in the Los Angeles Coliseum, just three below the press box.

Even with powerful glasses it was just about impossible to see much football on the field. There was lots of defense, but the offensive action took second billing, a fact that might have been responsible for a "tiny" crowd of only 22,900 fans.

The home of the Los Angeles Rams and baseballing Dodgers looked like main street of a ghost town despite the fact that just under 23,000 fans were there. You can't visualize the size of the col-

iseum until you get inside. Just across the street from the big Los Angeles sports arena is the shell of a mammoth basketball pavilion. The structure takes up several city blocks and is said to be without a doubt the largest basketball home on the Pacific Coast when completed. The general trend of conversation in Los Angeles is that the "smog city" is trying to lure professional basketball and ice hockey into Southern California in the future to go along with its football and baseball. And this pavilion is a good talking point.

The Oregon Tech football season is history now, and fullback Earl Green and halfback Otis Foster, a pair of California products, shared the offensive honors in the final tabulation of team and individual statistics.

Green led the Owls in rushing with a total of 548 yards in 106 carries for an average of 5.2 per carry. This total is very good considering that the Sacramento boy missed one of the Owls' eight games. His per game average was 78-plus.

Foster, from Oceanside, led the Owls in scoring with a total of 58 points. Green was second in scoring with an even 50. Foster led the Techmen in the best average for rushers, boasting a 6.9 yards-per-carry record. Al "Tiger" Everson was second in rushing with 395 yards.

Charlie Gantner, in our estimation the most improved football player on the Owl roster, topped the Tech statistics in passing, heavily dropping 82 airmails and completing 32, six for touchdowns. Gantner's passes accounted for 664 yards this year. Ardell Hamilton topped the Owl receivers, having snagged 13 passes, three for touchdowns, for

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Brown Seeking TD Mark

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Cleveland's James Brown, who broke the National Football League's ground gaining record last Sunday, has averaged better than 145 yards a game.

Brown surged 152 yards as Cleveland beat Washington 20-10. It brought his season total to 1,163 yards, 17 more than Philadelphia's Steve Van Buren's record of 1,146 set in 1949. Only in his seventh game has Brown gone below 113 yards a game and then he went 83.

Brown has averaged 6.3 yards on each of his 179 attempts and has 4 more games to play. His longest run was 62 yards and a touchdown.

The Cleveland whiz is within one touchdown of Van Buren's record of 18 TD's scored in one season.

Ninth a week ago, Baltimore's Alan Ameche gained 142 yards last week to move into second with 539 yards gained. Cleveland's Bob Mitchell didn't carry the ball once and dropped to third with 518 yards. Jon Arnett, Los Angeles, is fourth with 504 and veteran Joe Perry, San Francisco, fifth with 494.

Eddie LeBaron, Washington, continues to hold the passing lead. He has a 9.2-yard average gain. The lightest player in the NFL, he has thrown 102 passes and completed 36 for 971 yards and 9 touchdowns.

Los Angeles' Bill Wade jumped from fifth to second place with an 8.41 average. He gained 372 yards on 42 attempts for the biggest increase in yards of the season. He has attempted 221 passes, and completed 116 for 1,835 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Lamar McHan of the Chicago Cardinals dropped from second to third with 8.08. Baltimore's John Unitas, idle last week, is fourth with 7.98 and Vito Parilli, Green Bay, fifth with 7.94.

Norm Van Brocklin of the Eagles has thrown the most passes, 279, and completed the most, 146. Wade has gained the most yards, 1,835, and has thrown the most TD passes, 13.

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Merrill Battles Weather As Semi-Final Tilt Nears

Despite sub-freezing temperatures and the disconcerting presence of snowbanks that outline their practice field the Merrill Huskies are going full tilt in a "Drill Till Dusk" campaign in preparation for their next step in the quest of a state B football championship.

Coach Al Keck and his squad of undefeated Huskies clash with the Umatilla Vikings Saturday at 1 p.m. on the Merrill gridiron in a semi-final playoff.

The Huskies moved into the semi-round by virtue of a narrow 26-20 win over the Maupin Redskins at Maupin last Saturday in the quarterfinals.

In an effort to bring the Huskies back to their pre-Maupin sharpness Keck is working his squad until dark every night this week, stressing offensive patterns and rigid defense drills. "We will have to play better ball this week than we did last if we expect to handle Umatilla," observed Keck.

In order that the Huskies might have full use of their field for the week's practices, it was necessary for the school to call on the city of Merrill for the use of a road grader to clear the field of snow that fell at the first of the week.

Merrill practice will taper off Friday afternoon with light special-

ty work avoiding unnecessary contact. Physically the Huskies are in shape with the exception of two regulars, end Brian Fields and halfback Bud Maupin. Fields is suffering an ankle injury that may see him out of action for this week; Maupin is expected to recover from a knee injury in time. He hasn't missed a practice but is being handled delicately.

The Umatilla Vikings, the cream of the northeastern Oregon B football powers, will arrive in Klamath Falls Friday afternoon and immediately head for Modoc Field to get in a practice session in preparation for their state B semifinal.

The Vikings, under the direction of coach Mel Durant, are making their first title bid in his five year tenure as head of their grid fortunes. After sweeping through an unbeaten nine game regular season the Umatilla squad bumped off Joseph, 19-13, in the quarterfinal round.

The Viks, termed "not overly heavy" by their coach, have displayed an enormous amount of desire and spirit during their 1958 season, having scored 303 points

test with the Merrill Huskies at Merrill Saturday afternoon.

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