



Oregon Technical Institute was dealt a severe blow this week when it became known that four ineligible players were used during the football season, and the Oregon Collegiate Conference championship which Tech won this year was forfeited. All of this action came as a result of a check by OTI officials who decided to clean up their own "back yard."

Above all, the bitterest part of the pain was absorbed by the football players themselves. Even the four involved were unsuspecting of such action, and for that reason Winston D. Purvine, school director, and Rex Hunsaker, athletic director and head football coach, have refused to permit their names to be made public, even though some individuals within the conference are demanding such action.

Under the same conditions as their scholastic status now stands, these same four boys who were declared ineligible because of a technicality would be eligible to play in most other athletic conferences in the country. But not in the Oregon Collegiate Conference. Could it be possible that this conference needs revision and bringing up to date in its outmoded constitution and bylaws?

This we think may be the case. In the two forthcoming conference meetings. The coaches and athletic directors meet this coming week end in Portland. Then the presidents of the five conference member schools gather next month in a meeting where all official business is handled. The first meeting is more of a "bull session" where recommendations are made to the president's council.

We doubt very much that any change in transfer credit rules will be made. Why? Because such a rule change might benefit Oregon Tech, and the Owls are battling against 3-2 and 4-1 odds when conference votes are cast as it now stands.

Do you know that all of the boys questioned in the Oregon Tech investigation could have played football this year at any Pacific Coast Conference school — as far as their transfer credits are concerned? The PCC rules maintain that semester hours are transferred into term hours. Thus 10 semester hours is equivalent to 15 term hours. But not in the Oregon Collegiate Conference.

This past week while glancing through the columns of the Salem Statesman sports section, we found two articles written by Al Lightner, Statesman sports editor, that may be of some value to members of the OTI football team and their boosters in this part of the state.

Before we go much further it should be pointed out that Al definitely shows a spot of favoritism for Oregon College and Williamette — schools in his area just like we favor schools in this section of the state such as Oregon Tech. But when evasion of the facts interfere with this "favoritism," it's time to stop, look and listen.

In a column written earlier in the week, Lightner calls Whittier College a "so-so team" and remarks that Oregon Tech is not "now so all-fired hot to play Williamette." The well known scribe and football-basketball official goes on, "Surely not after that 27-8 thumping the Klamath Falls Owls took from a so-so Whittier College club Saturday. . . . The Bearcats (Williamette) proved at Yuma (losing 7-0 to Arizona State at Flagstaff) they definitely deserve the lofty national rating. . . . they are head, shoulders and blocking pads above anything else. In the Northwest 'small college' index."

For Al's information, this "so-so" Whittier team has an identical 8-1 record as Williamette, and on the two schools' schedules were the tough Cal Aggies, which the Bearcats defeated 20-0, and Whittier turned back 13-6. For his further information, this "so-so" team stood 15th in the nation (NAIA) in total offense prior to the OTI game, and the Owls topped their per-game average then. And to top it

off, in Williamson's national rating system — considered by "experts" as the best system — Williamette is rated this week as #4.3, while that "so-so" Whittier team is rated at only #4.3. That's right those almighty, untouchable Bearcats and those "so-so" Owls are classed on even ground.

This seems to erase the fact that Williamette is "head, shoulders and blocking pads above anything else in the Northwest 'small college' index." Especially when you consider the fact OTI played the Poets under NCAA rules including limited substitution.

The other item we found very interesting came Thursday under a Lightner byline with the news of Oregon Tech's forfeiture. Where the information came from we do not know, but we have our hunches as to who laid the "facts" before the Statesman sports chief.

Lightner points out that 18 of the 42 Oregon Tech footballers listed on the official program for the Oregon College-OTI football game this year were from out of state. The article gave the impression that Oregon Tech was going out of state to get its athletes.

Well here are the exact and official figures of the present and past Oregon Tech enrollments and you make up your own mind:

Since 1949 and including this fall term, the Oregon Tech enrollment figures have totaled 9400—even. Of this number, 7786 have been students from Oregon, and 1596 are students from other states in the nation, Alaska, Hawaii and District of Columbia. The other 18 are from other nations.

This fall term, there are 1019

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Medford Nabs A-1 Final Spot

MEDFORD (AP) — Medford's second-ranked team moved into the state Class A1 football championship round here Saturday night by nudging a stubborn Pendleton club 27-26 in a semi-final game.

Jefferson gained a spot in the finals—to be played next Friday night in Portland—by beating West Linn 38-0 Friday evening. Jefferson was rated one through the season's Associated Press high school football polls, while Medford was second.

SCORES

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSN. By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boston 105, Philadelphia 100

New York 114, Syracuse 99

Detroit 103, Cincinnati 86

SCHOOLBOYS POPULAR

CANTON, Ohio (AP)—Attending to the great popularity of high school football here is the fact that the only school in Ohio to outdraw

Canon McKinley High during a season is Ohio State University.

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