



The Oregon Tech Owls have a lot on their minds and a lot of work to do in getting ready for their jaunt to Arcata where they'll tangle with the powerful Humboldt State Lumberjacks Saturday night.

But they weren't too busy Tuesday to take time out for an action which we hope will be duplicated on college gridirons the country over.

Every sport fan in the country will recall the horrible air tragedy that claimed the lives of 17 Cal Poly football players en route home from their game with Bowling Green just about a year ago now.

When the UPI's Hal Wood uncovered some facts concerning the plight of the players who survived the accident and the families of those who were killed (his story follows), the Owls decided they wanted to help.

Read the story, then check the Techmen's reaction.

By HAL WOOD
United Press International
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — It was just a year ago Oct. 29 that a plane carrying a band of Cal Poly football players crashed in the Midwest, killing 17 and maiming many others for life.

It was one of the worst sports disasters in history and today the survivors in San Luis Obispo, Calif., the home of the small school, still are in trouble.

The result is that there'll be a Mercy Bowl grid game played in Los Angeles Nov. 23 between Bowling Green and, probably Fresno State.

The promoters hope to raise \$300,000 to help the survivors and pay off some of the costs of the tragedy—costs that still hang and are mounting every day. The list is tremendous.

—One griddier still is taking treatments, has a \$28,000 hospital bill—and sees nothing bright for the future.

—Funeral expenses for the 17 men still haven't been paid.

—One football player left a wife and four children, all under six years of age.

—Two players still are under medical care and probably will be for the rest of their lives.

And so it goes on through the list.

The airline that was carrying the team to its day of doom went bankrupt, and the insurance company found a loophole on this basis that it did not have to pay off. Not a nickel's worth of insurance ever was collected.

The college did have an NCAA insurance policy, but this paid off only at the rate of about \$5,000 a person—which was chicken feed for any destitute wife to try to bring up children on.

About \$60,000 came in last fall after the crash on the pleas of news media. But the backers of the Mercy Bowl game say that at least \$300,000 more is needed.

Ticket sales opened last week and the first week found \$20,000 in the till. But they'll have to do better than that.

It's strictly a nonprofit, simonpure game. All the players participating in the game will pay to get in. So will officials, sports writers, publicity men, ushers and all others. The Coliseum is donating its facilities.

Roy Easley, a Los Angeles State football player who happens to be student body president, is working out a deal asking every college football player in the country to buy a ticket. The National Football League already has donated \$7,500. Many pro teams are purchasing tickets.

But more and more is needed. The hope is that enough money can be collected to provide trust funds for the 11 surviving children of the eight married men who died in the crash.

So if you know anyone who wants a ticket to the Mercy Bowl, please have them forward the money to: Mercy Bowl Football Classic, Box 800, Los Angeles State College, Los Angeles, 32, Calif. Tickets are \$3 each.

West, Baylor Fire Lakers; Gap Widens

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The St. Louis Hawks, who've made winning the Western Division of the National Basketball Association a habit, may have a tougher time of it this season now that young Jerry West has come of age.

West, the former West Virginia All-America with the all-round skills, hit the 30-point figure for the third straight game Tuesday night as he and incomparable Elgin Baylor fired the Los Angeles Lakers to a 124-122 victory over the Cincinnati Royals.

When the rookie-studded New York Knicks upset St. Louis 112-110 in the second game of the doubleheader at Madison Square Garden, the Lakers found themselves 1½ games up on the Hawks with the season hardly started.

St. Louis has yet to win in two starts while the Lakers are 2-1 and showing no special weakness now that it is established that Baylor won't have to carry the heavy scoring alone.

Upon hearing of the Mercy Bowl plan the entire Oregon Tech team, the 33 players, the managers, and the coaching staff, took about two seconds to decide they would help 100 per cent.

Their check for 39 tickets to the Mercy Bowl game will be en route to Los Angeles State College this weekend.

We sincerely hope others in Klamath Falls and across the nation will follow their lead.

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NCAA Council Adopts Rigid Rules

Pels Face Comets Minus Key Back

For many seasons past the annual Klamath-Medford game has been the "big" one for the Pelicans but this year it's Friday night's game with the Grater Comets at Central Point that gets top billing.

A victory over the Comets Friday night means the KU eleven still has a possible shot at a playoff berth—a defeat and they can hang up their gear for the season.

A pair of factors, the injured knee of halfback Gary Buchholz, and the "shotgun" offense of the Comets, could pose some problems for the Pels Friday night.

Buchholz, who took over at right halfback after Ken Lewis was benched for the season with an injury, suffered a twisted knee in practice this week and will be unable to play Friday night.

Working in his position are Bud Wolter, Earl Brinson and Roger Macy, the defensive star who turned fullback for one play and a touchdown last weekend.

Coach Keith Johnson's Grater squad is the first team the Pelicans will have faced which employs the "spread" formation.

He claims a backfield with plenty of speed, provided by wingbacks John Champ and Jerry Wald, and an accurate passer in the person of Mike Glines.

The emphasis in KU preparations this week is definitely on pass defense since the aerial is the prime factor in the shotgun offense.

The game is the final regular season tilt for the Whitebirds who have chalked up a 5-2 record in overall action to date. Their losses were 13-12 to North Salem and 13-7 at Grants Pass.

In other Southern Oregon Conference action this weekend the Medford Black Tornado hosts the Ashland Grizzlies and Grants Pass draws a bye.

'Pepper Pot' Pars Record

SAN MATEO, Calif. (AP)—The California turf record of a jockey winning six races on one program was equaled at Bay Meadows Tuesday by Ralph Neves, a veteran of 27 years in the saddle.

The "pepper pot" of Portuguese descent thus became the fifth rider to take six horses to the winner's circle. He shares a mark held by Johnny Adams, Basil James, Johnny Longden and Willie Harnatz.

Neves, 43, has a career total of 3,378 winners which places him sixth on the list of winningest jockeys. He is leading the current Bay Meadows meeting, now in its final week, with 40 winners in 147 starts.

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WAC Scheduling Awaits Approvals

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI) — Tentative schedules of the new Western Athletic Conference were sent to university presidents of the league today for final approval with the question of expansion still left unanswered.

The tentative schedules were agreed upon Tuesday at the final session of a three-day meeting of representatives of the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming and Brigham Young University.

Paul Brechler, the Skyline Conference Commissioner, who will lead the new league, explained that anything done at the meeting would have to be approved by university presidents of the league.

Brechler said nothing definite could be announced on schedules until they were approved by the schools. He said that the presidents were expected to meet in December and the schedules probably would be made public around that time.

On the question of expansion, Brechler said the presidents decided two weeks ago "this is not the time they will weigh the problem of expansion. When they will I don't know."

The commissioner said he thought everyone felt that eventually there would be more schools in the league, but he added "whether there would be eight, eleven or twelve, I don't know."

College Players To Be 'Shielded'

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association still smarting under the basketball scandals of last March, aimed today to tighten the regulations on college players to the extent that they will be completely shielded from outside influences.

The powerful 18-man council of the NCAA—a body which rarely, if ever, is questioned by the organization, Tuesday adopted four amendments to NCAA rules which would tighten the holds on college players.

The four amendments will be presented with the council's backing at the annual NCAA convention in Chicago on Jan. 11-13. They are almost certain to be passed.

The amendments are:

1. The barring of all outside basketball competition, including the summer leagues.

"Originally," said Walter Byers, executive director of the NCAA, "the recommendation was to bar the players from summer competition."

All KU parents and rooters, whether club members or not, are invited to attend.

The program is to be conducted by the KU coaching staff under the direction of Bob Williams. Movies of the Pelican-Springfield game and the Oregon State-Idaho game are to be shown. The city grade school coaches will be honored guests.



GARY BUCHHOLZ
... injures knee

Pollsters Elevate Roseburg

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A new leader took over the Associated Press high school football poll today—Roseburg, the undefeated power from the always rugged District 5 of southwestern Oregon.

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