



HELMETS, NOW AND THEN — There have been numerous changes made in football headgear over the years and there may be some more coming up. The NCAA has announced plans for further research on helmets and face masks to ascertain whether football injuries would be decreased by more changes. Here, KUHS athletic director



Jim Johnson poses with a progression of helmets, the one he is wearing harking back to the pre-Four Horsemen days. In the picture at the right he holds the present Pelican headgear, while arrayed in front of him are those used by KU squads of old.

Owls, Wolves Clash On Modoc Saturday In Feature Of Oregon Tech Homecoming

Roseburg Athletic Director Succumbs

'Hot' Rivals Finish OCC Season Play

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — James W. (Jim) Aiken, former University of Oregon football coach, died in Medford Tuesday night, just after he had spoken to a football meeting.

Aiken, at the time of his death was athletic director for Roseburg High School.

Aiken, about 60, collapsed after he spoke to the Medford Linebackers Club. He was pronounced dead a few minutes later.

He guided his Oregon club to a 9-1 season in 1948 and an invitation to the Cotton Bowl. The only

loss that year was to Michigan, but California was chosen for the Rose Bowl.

The Ducks lost the Cotton Bowl clash that year to Southern Methodist, 2-13.

Aiken, a colorful coach with a gravel voice, was hired by Oregon in 1947. He coached there four seasons, compiling a 21-20 record. During this period, his teams ran up a 13-game winning streak in Pacific Coast Conference competition.

Aiken started coaching in 1922. He compiled a brilliant record at

high schools in Ohio, capping his record there with a 35-7-1 mark at McKinley Canton High School.

He coached at Akron University next, where he ran up a 20-6-1 record. At the University of Nevada from 1939-46, he ran up a tally of 36 victories, 26 losses and 3 ties. He came to Oregon to complete his active coaching career.

During his time as Duck coach, Aiken was credited with developing Norm Van Brocklin as a major star. Van Brocklin, presently coach of the Minnesota Vikings

of the National Football League, was a pro star at Los Angeles and Philadelphia after sparking the 1948 Oregon team.

Aiken suffered a heart attack a few years after leaving Oregon and entering the lumber business at Roseburg. But he came back from the attack and went into athletics again as Roseburg High's athletic director.

He is survived by his widow, Eleanor; a daughter, Eleanor, and two sons — Jerry, Astoria, and Jim Jr., Eugene.

The best the Oregon Tech Owls can hope for now is a tie for second place in the Oregon Collegiate Conference standings but they have to get past the ever-threatening Oregon College Wolves on Modoc Field Saturday afternoon to do that.

The 2 p.m. game will serve as the conference finale for both the Owls and the Wolves and will also feature the Technicians' 1961 Homecoming festivities.

The only other OCC football game on tap this weekend pairs the league-leading Southern Oregon College Red Raiders and the Eastern Oregon Mountaineers in La Grande Saturday night.

The Portland State Vikings, with

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There has been no little amount of discussion, and there will undoubtedly be a lot more, concerning today's football helmet, and whether it and/or the face mask is a factor in the number of fatal injuries noted across the nation's gridirons this year.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association's equipment committee is planning legislative action against the current headgear when it convenes in January.

There will be much disagreement and many different expressions of opinion, as may, probably, as there are coaches asked.

Just to get an idea how local area coaches felt about the helmet and face mask used today, we asked Rex Hunsaker, Jim Johnson and Bob Williams for their opinions and we found disagreement among the three on the helmets but accord on the face mask.

It might be wise to consider the following points:

First, the 25 deaths listed across the country this year have not been necessarily attributed to headgear. Second, the number of deaths, in so far as we can determine, include every type of football, from sand lot, through pro. Third, not all schools, nor pro teams, for that matter, use the same type of helmet or face protector.

The opinions of the coaches follow.

Rex Hunsaker, Oregon Tech football coach and athletic director:

"You can say I am anti-plastic helmet and pro-face mask."

"Since the advent of the plastic helmet we have seen face injuries, teeth injuries and the like become almost non-existent, so if I'm allowed my choice I will stick with them very definitely."

"On the other hand, I'm against the plastic helmets, at least, as they are today. I understand that there are new plastic helmets waiting to go on the market and that these will have an additional soft covering which will undoubtedly make them safer. However, these will not be sold until equipment dealers deplete their stocks of the present helmets."

"Personally, I'm not so sure that I wouldn't rather go back to the leather helmets of years ago. I believe I was one of the last high school coaches in the state to switch over to the plastic jobs . . . we adopted the new helmets in 1948 at Albany High . . . and I think the chief reason

we did was because of the selling job the manufacturers did in making the pretty new helmets popular with the players."

"I'll admit that the players' vision is impaired by the face mask and I suppose there is something to the statement that the plastic helmet and mask can be used as a 'weapon,' but I feel that if each were covered with a soft material, they would do a lot more good than harm."

"We've always insisted on using the heaviest protective equipment available . . . it may slow us down a little bit, but when you can play 60 minutes of rock and sock football against teams like Humboldt State or Southern Oregon and come out without a scratch I think it has paid off."

Jim Johnson, Klamath Union High athletic director:

"In 12 years of coaching I have never seen an injury that could be charged directly to the fact the player or his opponent was wearing a plastic helmet or a face mask."

"Then too, I feel the old leather helmet was just as hard as the plastic. . . . It might have been even more dangerous."

"Maybe I would question the face mask but still it has been valuable in cutting down on chin and mouth cuts and teeth injuries."

"I feel that the boys' conditioning and training have more to do with injuries than do the helmets or mask. If they tackle properly, tuck in their neck as they should, and are in the proper physical shape, the possibility of injury is cut way down."

"Also the proper fit is important. If the helmet doesn't fit the player he might just as well not wear one. Rather than have softening material added to the

headquartered, Howard C. Seehausen, BPAA executive director, of 465 of the smaller colleges and universities in the United States, is adding bowling to its list of sports and arrangements are now being completed for the first national intercollegiate bowling championship tournament next spring.

A. O. Duer, NAIA executive secretary, in announcing that bowling would now be considered one of the regular sports competitions for NAIA members, pointed out that it is America's No. 1 participant sport.

"Bowling is an ideal sport for college men because nearly every one may compete," Duer declared. "Size and strength are relatively unimportant for proficiency. It is a sport which is of a continuing nature, that can be carried on for many years following graduation."

The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America will assist the NAIA in setting up its bowling program and national championship, and at a meeting in Kansas City, Mo., where NAIA is

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Odds makers Pick Spartans, Ol Miss

NEW YORK (UPI) — Michigan State, the nation's No. 1 college football team, is a seven-point favorite to defeat 10th-ranked Minnesota Saturday in their Big Ten conference clash at Minneapolis.

The Spartans were much stronger favorites in earlier games this season but the odds-makers apparently were impressed by Minnesota's 23-20 upset victory over Michigan last Saturday.

In another meeting between top-ranked teams, Mississippi, No. 2 in the UPI ratings, is a six-point choice over seventh-ranked Louisiana State for their Saturday night game at Baton Rouge, La.

Third-ranked Texas and fourth-ranked Alabama are expected to encounter much easier opposition. The Longhorns are picked to whip Southern Methodist by 22 points and Alabama is a 14-point favorite over Mississippi State.

The only even-money game on the odds-makers' sheet is the Missouri-Columbia clash in the Big Eight conference.

Here's how other big games are sized up:

East — Dartmouth 2 over Yale; Columbia 5 over Cornell; Syracuse 7 over Pitt.

South — Tennessee 2 over North Carolina; Georgia Tech 13 over Florida; Kentucky 13 over Florida State; Clemson 14 over Tulane; Auburn 17 over Wake Forest.

Midwest — Notre Dame 8 over Navy; Michigan 9 over Duke; Oklahoma 9 over Kansas State; Kansas 12 over Nebraska; Purdue 14 over Illinois; Northwestern 15 over Indiana; Ohio State 3 over Iowa.

Southwest — Baylor 3 over Texas; Christian 6 over Arkansas; Texas A&M; Rice 7 over Texas Tech.

Far West — Oregon 3 over Stanford; Washington 6 over Southern California; UCLA 12 over California.

Irish Bantam Nails Decision On Points

LONDON (UPI) — Irish Johnny Caldwell apparently clinched a fight with Eder Jofre of Brazil for the undisputed world bantamweight title on the strength of his repeat victory over Alphonse Halimi of France.

Caldwell retained his European version of the 118-pound crown by outpointing Halimi in a 15-round bout Tuesday night at the Wembley Indoor Stadium. It was the 25th straight victory for the unbeaten Belfast boxer.

Caldwell's manager, Sam Docherty, announced after the fight the negotiations were all but complete for a bout with Jofre, who is recognized as world champion in most areas outside of Europe.

"We expect to tie up all the loose ends and make an announcement sometime Wednesday," Docherty said.

Caldwell won the European version of the title by beating Halimi into a bloody pulp in the same Wembley ring last May 30. However, the Irishman wasn't nearly as impressive in their return bout.

Halimi, in fact, thought he deserved the decision Tuesday night.

"Do I have to kill him to win?" the Algeria-born fighter asked at the finish. "I thought I had definitely won, but the referee said no and that is that."

Caldwell, who weighed 117 pounds to Halimi's 117½, was credited with eight rounds on the UPI scorecard. Halimi won five and two were even.

The crowd of 10,000 cheered only half-heartedly when referee Porfirio Marin of Spain, who took almost two minutes to add up the scoring, raised Caldwell's arm in victory. In Britain, the referee's card is never announced.

Boosters Slate Weekly Meeting

The Pelican Booster Club will meet in its regular weekly session tonight at 6:30 in the Pelican Cafe. All Basin sport fans are invited to attend.

Finalization of plans for the coming Pelican football banquet in honor of the Klamath Union gridders and their coaches will be completed, according to club president Dick Gallagher.

Pel coach Bob Williams will be the featured speaker of the evening.

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ABL Schedule Brings Steers To SF Court

By United Press International

The fledgling American Basketball League presents its third game of the season tonight when Kansas City calls on San Francisco.

The Saints nosed out Los Angeles, 99-96, in the opener while the Steers will be making their debut.

The Steers are led by NBA veterans Win Wilfong and Larry Slaverman, both of whom cavorted for Cincinnati of the National Basketball Association last season. A variety of stars from service and AAU ball round out the lineup.

San Francisco's Ken Sears, who suffered a charley horse in the opener, will be ready for action although Iowa ace Dave Gunther will start in his stead.

Although the ABL has played only two official games, the new rule changes it offers appears to have caught on with the fans.

Actually the game appears to be much closer to the college variety than that played by the long-established NBA, despite the ABL's three-point field goal, wider free throw lane and 30-second limit on taking a shot.

This has resulted in considerably less jamming and rough stuff on driving shots near the basket.

In the Saints-Los Angeles opener, for instance, there was only a total of 31 fouls called. The NBA teams frequently amass more than twice as many.

All ABL teams were idle Tuesday night.

KF Bowlers To Compete In Portland

Four Klamath Falls bowlers, and one from Lakeview, are included in the 12-man squad which will trek to Portland this weekend to compete in the three-day State Game Match championships on the Valley Lanes.

The twelve men earned the right to the Portland competition in the eliminations held in Medford last weekend.

The top qualifier was Sam Sorenson, who rolled a 4819 to best Bud Scott, second, with 4759 pins. Sorenson is one of six Medford bowlers who will make the trip.

Tod Sheldon, Lakeview, was fifth at Medford with a score of 4545; Tom McGreevy, KF, was sixth with 4542; Bert Cohee was seventh with a 4518, and Gino Rosterella was ninth with a 4499.

The Portland action will open with the semi-finals on Friday night when the 40-man field will be trimmed to 15 who will be joined by last year's champion.

This sixteen will vie Saturday and Sunday in match play to determine the top four in the state. This quartet will represent Oregon in the Bowling Proprietors' Association All-Star event scheduled in Miami on Jan. 3.

Pelicans Rated 5th In Prep Rankings

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roseburg, Beaverton and North Salem held their positions as the top three teams today in the next-to-last Associated Press poll on Oregon High school football.

But there was a big shakeup in the other 7 positions on the weekly poll of sportswriters and broadcasters.

Roseburg, which crushed South Eugene 26-0 for its eighth straight victory last week, earned 12 first-place votes.

Beaverton, also 8-0 after a 12-0 whitewashing of Hillsboro, won three votes for the top spot. Once-beaten North Salem retained third place.

Undeclared Pendleton, ranked fifth last week, moved up a notch. Following in order were Klamath Falls, Jefferson of Portland, Grants Pass, Grant of Portland, Medford and Benson of Portland.

Benson dropped six places after losing a 9-6 decision to Grant, which entered the top ten via the upset.

Klamath Falls advanced one place, but Medford fell a couple notches even after defeating Ashland, 14-0.

Jefferson made its third appearance of the season in the top ten. Ranked fifth on the first poll, the Demos fell out of the ratings and did not re-appear until mid-October as the No. 9 team.

The poll (with season record in parentheses)

Points	Team
147	1. Roseburg (8-0)
128	2. Beaverton (8-0)
115	3. North Salem (7-1)
77	4. Pendleton (8-0)
76	5. Klamath Falls (6-2)
65	6. Jefferson (5-1)
61	7. Grants Pass (4-3)
60	8. Grant (6-1)
32	9. Medford (6-2)
17	10. Benson (5-1-1)

Others: Jesuit of Beaverton 15, North Bend 10, Milwaukie 6, Bend 5, Central of Monmouth-Independence and Newberg 3, Springfield 2, Corvallis and Tillamook 1.



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Score Binge Sparks Knick 131-127 Win

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New York Knickerbockers, who won only 21 of 79 games last season, made it four victories in six starts Tuesday night, beating the Cincinnati Royals 131-127 on a fourth-quarter binge sparked by Willie Naulls.

In the second game of the doubleheader at St. Louis, the St. Louis Hawks continued in their tailspin—taking a 107-90 drubbing from the Syracuse Nationals. This from a club that has lost only back courtman Lenny Wilkens from a veteran squad that rolled to its fifth straight Western Division title last season.

The Knicks made up a four-point deficit in the last period. Naulls scored 37 points, 12 in the fourth quarter, when New York poured in 34 points.

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