

Owl Outlook

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Football equipment was being put back into moth balls this week on the Owl campus and coaches and players were reminiscing about the "fair" '63 season. Penalties, mistakes and inexperience hurt the Owl squad. However, even with 33 freshmen the Owls placed third in the conference. This year's squad produced several outstanding gridder and all the Owl foes developed a great respect for the Oregon Tech grid squad.

Coach Ron Pfeister said the Owls had hoped for a better record but that he is pleased with the progress every individual gridder made during the season. The Owls will put the lid on the '63 season tonight at the Awards Banquet. The banquet will be at the Winema Hotel. This is a good opportunity for all Owl fans to honor O.T.I. gridder. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. The feature speaker will be George Shaw, former University of Oregon and pro quarterback.

Both the weather and the calendar tell us it is rapidly approaching the time for the great sport of basketball to besiege Owl fans.

For over a week now the activity in the Owls' mile high gym has been progressing at a rapid tempo. Coach Jim Partlow, the Owl head basketball mentor, has inaugurated the Owl hoop-ball program for the '63-'64 season. Thirty one originally turned out for the squad but that number has now been cut down to 21. Coach Partlow was enthusiastic about the number but cautious about the limited experience of his crew.

The '62-'63 hoop season produced the OCC champion for the O.T.I. fans and it will be a long time before Owl fans forget the antics and the outstanding play of the "iron man five."

However, the original five have all parted from O.T.I. and Part-

low is left with the task of defending the title with a crew of inexperienced but promising hoopsters.

Two of last season's "All Stars," Willie Anderson and "Sweet" Sammie Smith, have gone on to greater glories on the basketball court. Both Smith and Anderson are playing on the pro Harlem Stars squad. The squad will play at O.T.I. in January and local fans can once again view the former Oregon Tech greats. Sammie sent word that he might soon retire to accept a position with the government in his academic field. However, let's hope he postpones this until they play in our town.

To fill the positions of the "iron man five" coach Partlow will call on veterans Wayne Dennis, 6-6, Chuck Hawkins, 6-4, and Ron (Will) Wilkerson, 6-10. All three boys are from last season's reserve. Also aiding the cause will be Rich Lyons, 6-1, Contra Costa JC transfer. Lyons, a former All-Conference player, will fill the wing spot on the Owl squad.

"This is definitely a building year for us," summed up Partlow. The Owls will have to build fast before they meet Pacific University a NWC powerhouse, Dec. 5 in the NAIA playoff tournament. "When you play Pacific you get your education the hard way," said the Owl coach.

The tremendous turnout of the Owl hoop fields will enable the Owls to field a JV squad for the first time in several seasons. The Owl understudies will be mentored by Coach Larry Burleson and will play preliminary games in the varsity as well as several individual matches.

While Owl fans anxiously await the first home game, Partlow and colleagues will be busy building a squad that can successfully defend the OCC crown.



BUILDING SKEIN — Gregorio Peralta (right), heavyweight champ of Argentina and Wayne Thornton of Fresno, Calif., exchange blows during their light-heavyweight bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night. Peralta extended his unbeaten string to 43 bouts by pounding out an unpopular split decision over Thornton. — UPI Telephoto

Title Bout Guarantee Wanted In Exchange For Second Bout

NEW YORK (UPI) — Argentina's Gregorio Peralta, controversial split-decision victory over California's Wayne Thornton, said today he'll grant Thornton a return television fight if Madison Square Garden guarantees the winner a shot at the light heavyweight crown.

The victory extended Peralta's unbeaten string to 44 bouts. Promoter Harry Markson wants the return 10-round bout on Dec. 13, because Friday night's Garden fight was so exciting and controversial. Whether Markson can guarantee the winner a title bout with champion Willie Pastrano he did not say.

Dark-haired Peralta, 28, and favored at 11-5, won an unpopular verdict over blondish Thornton, 24, because he had managed to build up what seemed a lead from the third round through the seventh.

However, Thornton's thrilling start in the first round and his stronger finish caused many of the 2,500 fans in the Garden to boo the decision for almost five minutes. Peralta's nearly closed left eye, which trickled blood from a cut on the lid, probably stimulated some of the objections.

Peralta, although heavyweight champion of Argentina, weighed only 178½ pounds Friday night — only three and one-half above the light heavyweight limit. Thornton, a recognized light heavyweight contender, registered 179½.

Rangy, fast-stepping Gregorio used side-to-side tactics during most of the rounds against the stockier straight-line body-blaster from Fresno, Calif. There were no knockdowns although each was knocked back onto his heels many times.

The two judges favored the South American on a rounds

basis as follows: Tony Rosi, 6-3-1, and Artie Aidala, 6-4. However, referee Arthur Mercante had Thornton ahead, 3-4-1. The United Press International favored Peralta, 3-4-1.

An "official" poll by the Garden of 15 sports writers at the ringside favored Peralta: 11-3-1.

Tech Falls To Big Tide

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — Seventh-ranked Alabama combined the driving runs of halfbacks Benny Nelson and Hudson Harris with a timely defense Saturday to defeat Georgia Tech 27-11 in a bruising Southeastern Conference battle.

The Crimson Tide, ahead 14-3 was rocked on its heels by a savage second half Georgia Tech attack, superbly guided by quarterback Billy Lothridge. But Alabama, led by guard Bill Wiseman, put up two immovable stands, stopping the Yellow Jackets at the one and the 25.

Alabama, abandoning the passing game that had been its mainstay all year, scored on a 44-yard run by halfback Raymond Ogdin, two of one-yard and six-yard runs by Benny Nelson and a one-yard plunge by quarterback Joe Namath.

Tech scores came on Lothridge's second period field goal, the 21st of his career, and extending his own record, and his one yard sneak. Lothridge also passed to halfback Joe Auer for two points.

Huskers Hold On For Big Eight Win

STILLWATER, Okla. (UPI) — Ninth-ranked Nebraska withstood a bristling Oklahoma State rally in the fourth quarter Saturday to notch a 20-16 Big Eight victory.

Nebraska, clicking well behind sophomore quarterback Fred Duda, had built up a 20-3 lead when Oklahoma State made its move. Cowboy quarterback Mike Miller rallied his forces for two touchdowns in the final period, but they came too late. Miller completed 19 of 32 passes for 165 yards in the futile rally.

Duda, a 183-pounder from Chicago, substituting for the injured Dennis Claridge, scored one touchdown on an eight-yard keeper and kept two other drivers going with his ball handling.

The victory, the eighth for Nebraska in nine games, kept the Cornhuskers unbeaten in Big Eight play and set the stage for next Saturday's game with Oklahoma to determine an Orange Bowl berth.

Miller passed four yards to

Champion Keeps Title

MANILA (UPI) — A weeping, bloody Gabriel (Flash) Elorde retained his world junior lightweight boxing title Saturday in a riotous melee that ended with disqualification of challenger Love Allotey of Ghana for repeated fouls.

"I'm sorry it had to happen this way," said the Filipino champion, his face awash with tears and blood after the fight was stopped in the 11th round.

"I did the best I could and God knows I would have died fighting in the ring if only it were a clean fight. But he was using dirty tactics."

The 35,000 fans who packed the huge Araneta Coliseum almost staged a riot when referee Jamie Valencia raised Elorde's arm and Allotey tried to lunge at them both.

Hundreds of screaming fans tried to force their way into the ring, as police hurriedly escorted Allotey from the ring under heavy guard.

Iowa Passes To Tie With Michigan '11'

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UPI) — Iowa quarterback Gary Snook flipped two touchdown passes and ran for a third Saturday to lead the underdog Hawkeyes to a 21-21 Big Ten deadlock with Michigan.

Iowa took a 14-7 lead at half-time but Michigan drove for a pair of third period touchdowns by Mel Anthony, who also scored the first Wolverine TD, to jump into a 21-14 lead going into the final period.

But Snook tossed his second touchdown pass of the game on a 15-yard play to Paul Krause and Jay Roberts kicked his third extra point of the game to deadlock the score early in the last period.

Besides the touchdown pass to Krause, Snook tossed a 13-yard touchdown pass to Lloyd Webb and ran 13 yards himself for a touchdown in the second period when Iowa poured across two touchdowns in a three-minute span.

Anthony scored the three Michigan touchdowns on a 13-yard run in the first period and a pair of one-yard plunges in the third period.

Michigan	7	0	14	0-21
Iowa	0	14	0	7-21

Defense back George Donnelly brought in the second score when he intercepted a pass by Badger quarterback Dave Fronek, his first throw of the game, and returned 24 yards for a touchdown.

WHITEY THINKS . . .

Dazed Ford Selected For Dual Yank Position Worth 55 Grand

By OSCAR FRALEY
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NEW YORK (UPI) — Whitey Ford was in a kind of daze when the New York Yankees asked him if he'd like to sign both as a pitcher and a pitching coach.

"I'd just come into the house after speaking at a dinner in New Hampshire for 5,000," he said.

He gulped and added hastily: "Five thousand people, that is."

He "slept on it" and then agreed to his dual role. The fact that an estimated \$55,000 salary went with it helped considerably to make up his mind.

Ralph Houk, whose jump to general manager paved the way for Yogi Berra to become manager, still rode the bench at the announcement. He was a bit apologetic.

"We didn't mean to compete with that other fellow having a press conference today," he said, referring to the fact that President Kennedy was speaking a few blocks away.

Yogi stood around, shifting from one leg to another and

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nodding grimly agreement to Houk's statements as the Iron Major explained a number of items.

Stays in Games

One was that Ford had always worked with younger pitchers, this way all hands would feel free to give or ask advice and that Whitey "has been thinking of staying in baseball as a coach when his pitching days are over." Whitey agreed, asserting that he looked forward to a "couple more years of action."

Houk went on to say that Roger Maris wasn't on the trading block; Rocky Colavito of Detroit wouldn't do well in Yankee Stadium because his power is to left center which is the deepest spot in Yankee Stadium; pitching was the Yankees' strong suit; the Yanks were trying to develop and not trade for future talent; and that the big drive was to produce a catcher for the future as well as power-hitting outfielders.

The question also arose as to whether, when he was pitching and lost his stuff, as pitching coach he would take himself out of the game or whether Berra would make the decision as manager.

Ford Makes Decision

Houk interjected that during the past three years Ford was the only pitcher permitted to make his own decision as to whether he would remain in the game or be relieved. Houk said he doubted whether he had overruled Whitey in the decision more than four of five times.

"I guess it would be up to Yogi now whether I left the game," Whitey said. "When he wasn't the manager and I wasn't a coach he let me know. Every time he'd look into the bench, I knew I was gone."

Yogi shifted to the other leg and grinned.

"He had the possibility of becoming a coach," Yogi said in a statement somewhat comparable to his "Thank you for making this necessary" the time they gave him a "night" in St. Louis. "When it comes to the pitchers, I won't be afraid to ask Whitey's advice."

Houk smiled paternally.

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ADJUSTMENT KEY REQUIREMENT . . .

Former Klamath Falls Gridder Completes Pro Freshman Year

By BILL GOULD
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It's not too difficult for a college gridder to make the transition from collegiate ball to professional ball in either the National Football League or the American loop.

Sure, the players are bigger and better all around, but a sound football player who has made his mark in collegiate play sufficiently to be considered by the pros can usually overcome all problems.

But, consider the collegiate player who makes the big move to Canadian pro football, where not only are the players outstanding but differences in the playing rules must be taken into consideration.

Such is the story of the freshman pro football year for former Klamath Falls and Roseburg grid star, C. B. Simons.

Simons, son of Dutch Simons who posted a fantastic wrestling record at Klamath Falls and was athletic director later at Roseburg, completed his initial year in the professional football ranks this year and is an obvious source of information on the change from the collegiate play to the pay-for-play brand of football.

In Simons' case the change was considerably different.

An offensive tackle and defensive linebacker in both high school and college play, the former state all-star tackle was used as a linebacker in pro ball utilizing his tremendous speed despite his 240-pound, 6-2 frame.

Drafted from Stanford by the Denver Broncos, Simons went through training and three weeks of the AFL counting action before he and Denver officials came to a parting of the ways.

Simons immediately latched onto the Edmonton Eskimos in the Canadian loop.

And immediately he was assigned as a linebacker.

And very quickly the differences in the American game compared to the Canadian brand of football were facing him.

"The biggest thing to get used to was the wider field they use."

"Another thing which bothered me was the five backs and all of them allowed to go in motion any direction."

"It takes a little time to adjust to these differences and another big problem for me from the linebacker position was recognizing the formations with all those backs."

The former Pelican obviously adjusted to the differences quickly and sufficiently to become a No. 1 defensive man for the Eskimos this year.

Simons was one of two rookies on the Edmonton club which was in a rebuilding year. The other was LSU quarterback Lynn Amadee.

In looking back over the first professional football year Simons singles out the earlier meeting between the San Diego Chargers and Denver as " . . . my best game."

But the Canadian runners brought the most praise from him as he tabbed Willie Fleming of Vancouver as the best back.

"He's real shifty and difficult to bring down."

Former Roseburg and Oregon State fullback Nub Beamer, also with Vancouver was singled out by Simons as the " . . . hardest running back I faced all year."

"But, Billy Joe of Denver is as tough and good a back as they come."

Simons was visiting friends in Klamath Falls on his way home which is now San Jose, Calif., with hunting around the local area high in his list of " . . . things to do between now and Thanksgiving."

A pre-dental student at Stanford, Simons plans on returning to Canada soon and continuing his schooling at the pre-dental college of the University of Alberta.

Simons found rookies not too popular with the pro veterans as the training season started. This was natural as the vets who might have been " . . . skating on thin ice" sought to protect their jobs.

"After the season started, though, we were accepted."

Of interest to local people is the work, also, of Simons' younger brother Steve.

Steve Simons, who was born in Klamath Falls, is now a sophomore at Del Mar High School in San Jose, Calif., and as his older brother says, "He's bigger than I was at that age."

Steve is a first-string tackle at Del Mar, weighing a large 190 pounds and standing 6-2.

"I was 6-0 and weighed 180 when I was a sophomore at Klamath Falls," Simons observes.

Another year of professional football awaits Simons at Edmonton next year as the Eskimos attempt to improve upon a record which found just two victories during the season.

"We'll improve next year and probably other players will be added to strengthen the team."

If Simons plays the type of ball he played in high school which gained him top honors at Stanford on a losing series of teams, the attempt by the Eskimos to improve is assisted considerably by at least one.

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