

Oregon Accepts L-Bowl Bid

Nittanies, Webfoots Meet 3 Years Early

Penn State and Oregon will inaugurate athletic relations three years-early in the second annual Liberty Bowl game in Philadelphia Stadium Dec. 17.

Originally, the Lions and Oregon had scheduled a home-and-home series for 1963 and 1964 but Bud Dudley and his Liberty Bowlers sold the Webfoots on Philadelphia and a premature look at Penn State football.

The Webfoots accepted their invitation last Tuesday following Penn State's acceptance Monday night.

Coach Len Casanova's boys recorded a 7-2-1 log compared to 6-3 for Rip Engle's Nittany Lions.

Oregon's wins were over Idaho, 33-6; Utah, 20-17; San Jose State, 33-6; Washington State, 21-12; California, 20-0; Stanford, 27-6; and West Virginia, 20-6.

Their losses were to Rose Bowl bound Washington, 7-6 and Michigan, 21-0. The tie was with Oregon State, 14-14.

This will be Penn State's second straight Liberty Bowl appearance. The Lions dumped Alabama, 7-0, in last year's inaugural. Engle announced that Penn State would follow the same practice routine used last year.

That means the Lions will take light drills on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and heavy drills on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Oregon is slated to begin heavy work this weekend.

Once again, scouting will be done by film exchanges with each team supplying three.

Engle has asked for films of Oregon's games with Stanford, Washington and Oregon State.

Oregon's big offensive gun is quarterback Dave Grosz who was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles last year.

Grosz is 14th in the country in total offense with 1,140 yards, including 910 through the air.

Washington Gets Gabler, Semproch

By JACK HAND

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—The new Washington club of the American League yesterday acquired pitchers John Gabler and Ray Semproch as its first players while the majors drafted 22 men from the minors for \$472,000.

Another man also was picked in a delayed draft by Bill Veeck, president of the Chicago White Sox, but Commissioner Ford Frick ruled the club already had the maximum 40 men on its roster. Frick said the roster was frozen Nov. 7 with 36 players and Monday's four drafts filled it up, Veeck dissented.

Ed Doherty, general manager at Washington, selected Gabler from the New York Yankees' Richmond farm of the International League as his first official act. Gabler, a 30-year-old righthander had a 3-3 record with the Yanks and 4-4 with Richmond last season.

Semproch, 29, was picked from the Spokane roster of the Pacific Coast League. The right-hander pitched with the Phillies and Detroit in the majors and had an 11-2 record at Spokane as well as 3-0 with Detroit.

Washington was permitted two selections after the close of the regular draft. It henceforth will get special priority in American League waivers. This indicated Washington definitely expected to operate in 1961.

Baseball men see little possibility of the National League's accepting the proposal of the American that each expand to nine clubs in '61 and play an inter-league schedule. The National has voted to expand to 10 clubs in 1962 by taking in Houston and New York and is having no part of a compromise.

American Leaguers appear determined to push ahead with 10 clubs by taking in Los Angeles. However, the outcome of the summit meeting with Frick on Wednesday can shape the entire future of baseball.

Among familiar faces back for another trial were catcher Valmy Thomas, drafted by Cleveland from Rochester and catcher Hank Foiles, picked up by Baltimore from Denver. Foiles was with Kansas City, Cleveland and Detroit last summer and hit .262.

Cagers' Weak Bench Could Prove Costly

John Egli isn't exactly joyful over the prospects for the 1960 basketball season mainly because his Nittany Lions lack reserve strength.

With State playing most of its games (66.7 per cent) on the road, an inexperienced bench could turn the season into one long nightmare for Egli.

"It's the same old story," the Lion coach said yesterday, "we just don't have the reserve strength."

"We're just a plain old wagon, with four wheels. A wagon like that could do a good job if it goes downhill all the time, but the one we have has to go uphill," Egli said quite seriously.

Mark DuMars, State's All-American guard candidate, 1959 rebound leader Gene Harris and forwards Jake Trueblood (6-5) and John Phillips (6-3) give Egli a good nucleus.

But after that, the ranks are woefully thin.

Don Wilson, who missed most of the 1959-60 campaign with a broken hand, will probably be the fifth starter. He's an erratic shooter who can make five straight and then throw five right over the basket.

Sophomores John Mitchell (6-1) and Earl Hoffman (6-5) have looked good in spots during pre-season practice but Egli feels they have a long way to go before breaking into the starting lineup.

Egli was expecting help from Bill Saul and Dave Robinson, a pair of football players, but Lib-

erty Bowl activities will keep them out of basketball uniforms for at least another month.

"We definitely lack size and weight," Egli said in summary.

"On the other hand, we have fair speed and the shooting is fairly decent. The schedule? I think that speaks for itself," he added.

The Lions open the gruelling 24-game campaign at Maryland Thursday before returning home to meet All-American Terry Dischinger and the Purdue Boilermakers Saturday night.



RIP ENGLE

The Ducks also have one of the smallest players in college ranks.

He's halfback Cleveland Jones who stands only 5-3 and weighs 148. Jones was Oregon's leading pass receiver and second leading ground gainer.

Defensively, Oregon has one of the top teams in the nation. In fact, the Ducks hold the season's record for lowest rushing yardage in one game.

Against San Jose State, Oregon held the Spartans to minus 29 yards rushing.

U.S. Davis Cup Stock Rises

By WILL GRIMSLEY

Associated Press Sports Writer MELBOURNE (AP)—America's Davis Cup stock was at its highest level of the season yesterday after two teams smashed into the doubles semifinals of the Victorian Tennis Championships.

Three of Uncle Sam's youthful stars previously had gained the singles quarter-finals.

"We are not conceding anything to anybody now," said team Captain David Freed. "We're just beginning to roll. A few days ago it looked as if Australia had the doubles point clinched. That is not the case any more. We have shown we can hold our own in the doubles."

The young scramblers—Dennis Ralston, 18, of Bakersfield, Calif., and Chuck McKinley, 19, of St. Louis—gave U.S. hopes a tremendous lift by whipping Australia's national champion doubles team of Bob Mark and Rod

Laver 12-14, 7-5, 6-2, 7-5 Monday.

Big Barry MacKay of Dayton, Ohio, and Earl Buchholz of St. Louis also gained the semifinals, by defeating the strong Australian tandem of Bob Howe and Bob Hewitt 6-2, 6-2, 2-6, 9-7.

It was their most impressive exhibition of the year.

MacKay, Buchholz and McKinley also gave U.S. its best representation in the Victorian singles in many years and set up the possibility of the first all-American final in this tournament.

Franchise Switch

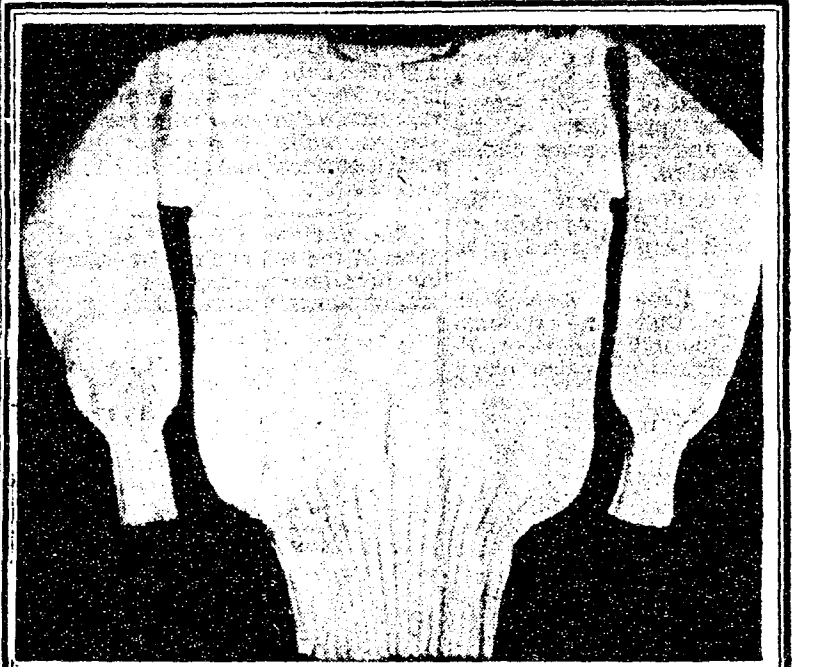
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