

President Buchanan Reviews Idaho Football Situation

Deplores Platoon System For Its Effect On Sport

In the winter of 1946, when the University of Idaho was near its full-scale, postwar scope of operation, we did some soul-searching analysis of our intercollegiate athletic situation with the object of arriving at a realistic, rational, and acceptable program in the American tradition. The important facts then were, among others:

(1) The University of Idaho was a member of the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Athletic conference consisting of the following institutions, south to north:

- University of Southern California (USC)
University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
Stanford University
University of California
University of Oregon
Oregon State College
University of Washington
State College of Washington
University of Idaho
Montana State University

The size of these institutions varies from a 20,000-student body for California to a 3,500-student body for Montana and Idaho.

(2) As a member of the Conference the University of Idaho participated in regular competition in football, basketball, track, boxing, and baseball, plus some minor sports.

(3) In general, as of 1946, our past records and showings in conference competition in basketball, boxing, track and baseball, while not outstanding, had included periods of encouraging achievement.

1893-1946: 324 games played, 132 wins (41 per cent), 171 losses, 19 ties, 2 unknown.
1926-1946: 165 games played, 58 wins (35 per cent), 99 losses, 8 ties.
1936-1946: 81 games played, 25 wins (31 per cent), 53 losses, 3 ties.

When we discussed this subject with our friends in 1946 we found those at one extreme would throw discretion and logic to the wind and have us go in for winning teams no matter how.

At the other extreme were those who genuinely felt that intercollegiate sports should be abandoned. However, we believed with the majority that the reasonable position was in the middle grounds between these two extremes.

Certainly there already was too much evidence of near-professionalism in some college sports programs, and equally certain, the American tradition favored intercollegiate competition. At any rate what state university had been permitted to follow the lead of the University of Chicago in abandoning the football?

The Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Athletic conference is known among the great associations of the nation as the strictest in adopting rules calculated to be in the best interests of college sports. Moreover, it enforces compliance with those rules by employing a commissioner whose job it is to find and report rule violations so appropriate and dissuading penalties can be applied.

Faculty Members Govern Faculty representatives from the 10 member institutions are the conference. They receive suggestions from the coaches, athletic directors, and graduate managers, but the faculty group is the supreme and ruling body.

This is the assurance that athletics will not "take over" what are supposed to be educational and research centers.

The Pacific Coast conference, by its rules, definitely prohibits improper and undesirable financial subsidy to young men endowed with ability and interest in college sports.

This principle is its main restraint on the growing cancer of professionalism in college athletics. However, the conference does permit certain specified grants-in-aid to student athletes when awarded by faculty authority, and it permits student athletes to hold part-time jobs if financial help is needed.

However, a maximum monthly earning is specified and a maximum hourly rate of pay is specified. The conference prohibits athletic scholarships.

The conference is definite in its stand that athletes are, first of all, bona fide students. Therefore, the conference prescribes strict academic eligibility before any student may participate in a conference athletic contest.

A further restraint imposed by rules of the conference is that on recruiting of high school athletes. The Pacific Coast conference believes it unwise to permit coaches of its members to have a free hand in circulating around, calling upon immature high school boys, dazzling them, with their attention and bidding for their services.

The conference insists that the coach must first be approached in writing by the boy and even then the coach is not permitted personally to contact the boy off the campus.

New Regulations For Course Change Released By VA

A veteran enrolled in full-time training under P.L. 348 who has not previously changed his course, may now have the change of course recommended by the proper University officials and the Boise Regional Office will accept the recommendation.

It is necessary that V.A. form 7-1905e, "Request for Change of Course," be filled out by the veteran and University officials and forwarded to the Boise Regional Office prior to the date of commencement of the new course.

See Dean A veteran who has previously changed course while in training under the V.A. program must complete counseling with a V. A. advisor and obtain written approval of the Boise regional office before changing course.

Veterans who are contemplating a change of course at the beginning of next semester should confer with the Deans concerned well before the end of the current semester. The Deans may request that a veteran complete counseling before approving a change.

Major Not Included A transfer from one school to another within the University is considered a change of course. (Example: A change from Letters & Science to Education).

A transfer from one major to another within a school is not considered by the V.A. to be a change of course and no notification to the Regional Office is necessary.

The above regulations do not apply to P.L. 16 trainees who must obtain the recommendation of the Training Officer and complete reevaluation with a V.A. advisor before changing courses.

PIG FATALITY HIGH National figures show that only two out of every three pigs born live to the weaning age.

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resources to support multiple-platoon football, which I doubt, I think it would be unjustified. Because multiple-platoon football seems neither possible nor justifiable for Idaho, some other course of action is indicated.

Moreover, I think it is unfair to permit a one-platoon team to be subjected to the physical onslaught and humiliation of lopsided defeat by a multiple-platoon team.

There is a crescendo of criticism and ridicule of the platoon system in the national press and magazines. Whether this will stifle the greed for big gates or influence the makers of playing rules to revert to limited substitution remains to be seen.

If it doesn't the future complexion of American collegiate football is going to be decidedly changed.

Squads Are Better The program met with considerable success. Our squads are better and larger than before. But they haven't shown up any better in the win column. Why?

This is truly the \$64 question. After all the hashing and re-hashing of football systems, coaches, conference rules, recruiting of players, university athletic policy and direction, etc., I think it worthwhile to call this outstanding, and over-riding development to the attention of everyone.

Since 1946, while Idaho has been re-vitalizing its athletic program, there has been another development that has transcended and nullified our efforts. I refer to the evolution of the platoon system made possible by changes in the national football playing rules, in particular the so-called "free substitution" rule.

No longer is it possible for a good squad of football stalwarts from a small or average-sized school to compete with a large school whose resources permit platoons consisting of an offensive team and a defensive team with reserves for each.

University presidents across the nation have long deplored over-emphasis on football and have tried to maintain it as a game within reasonable academic proportions. Their efforts have been circumented by the coaches and ex-coaches who predominate at the sessions where the playing rules are made, and by the pressure of high finance associated with big gates.

Not For Idaho Even if Idaho could raise the

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briefly on a minor sport, with a Norwegian exchange student bringing fame to the Idaho campus. Sverre Kongsgaard established a new North American ski jumping record with a leap of 296 feet at a meet near Seattle.

His jump—since broken—was 11 feet better than the previous mark. Vandal baseballers, lacking a semblance of good pitching but with a wealth of fielding and batting talent, failed to win a conference game until late in the season when they downed Washington at Moscow, 8 to 5.

Later Idaho bumped the champion WSC Cougars, 6 to 5, to conclude the season with two wins in 16 games. Track had its surprises, too.

Idaho opened its season at Eugene against Oregon and went down in defeat, but bounced back the following week to upset Oregon State, 67 1/2 to 63 1/2. Meets were later lost to Washington and Washington State but the Vandals managed to smear Montana in dual competition.

Two New Records In the Montana meet two Idaho records went by the boards, with Dick Armstrong breaking the existing 440-yard dash mark with a time of 48.3 seconds.

Glen Christian, sophomore speedster, set a new mark in the century dash of 9.7 seconds. Idaho surprised everyone at Seattle in the Northern Division meet with the Vandals' Warren Johanson coming through unexpectedly for a first place in the mile run, which gave Idaho third place in the division race.

Students closed their books in June at the university and speculation began almost immediately following the spring practice turnout of football players, which numbered 60 and the unveiling of Coach Dixie Howell's 'Maybe' before a large crowd at Neale stadium May 14 in the annual intrasquad football game.

Fans had been expecting a wide open style of play but instead were treated to a defensive show never before seen on the Neale turf.

The battle between the Reds and White ended 0-0 with neither team able to muster an offensive threat.

Prior to spring practice two new coaches joined the Vandal scene. Babe Curfman, formerly of Texas Tech, and Bill Godwin, former Georgia ace, to replace Perron Shoemaker and Ben Enis.

Golf Club Ready Spring also saw the official opening of the new golf course.

Before Holiday Affairs Dominate Social News

Holiday parties and Beta's Indian Dip held sway over the weekend preceding Christmas vacation. At the Delta Tau Delta house, women guests received miniature Santa Clauses, and at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house, a surprise scavenger hunt was held.

Delta Tau Delta Saturday evening, December 17, the Deltas held a Christmas fireside. Decorations were carried out in the Christmas colors with a tree as the main attraction.

All the women received a Santa Claus filled with candy. Kappa Kappa Gamma A surprise scavenger hunt and Christmas party were held for the pledges Sunday afternoon and an informal fireside in the evening.

Delta Chi Al Shireman was a dinner guest on Sunday. Beta Theta Pi The Betas held their annual Indian Dip December 17th.

Patrons and Patronesses were Mrs. Lenore Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Becher.

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Puckett, Nicholson Announce Plans

The engagement of Genevieve Ruth Puckett, Payette, to Gilbert A. Nicholson, Twin Falls, was announced during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Puckett, a sophomore at the University of Idaho, is the daughter of Ralph Puckett, Payette, and Mrs. Earl Johnson, Long Beach, California.

She is majoring in elementary education. Nicholson, son of Walter Nicholson and Mrs. H. M. Coleman, Twin Falls, is a junior at the University of Idaho, majoring in chemical engineering.

Miss Puckett is a resident of Forney hall and Nicholson of Chrisman hall.

A wedding date has been set for late summer.

Of all the labor-saving devices ever invented for women, none has ever been so popular as the devoted man.

Church News Lutheran Members of the Lutheran Students association will hold a regular meeting Sunday at 5 p. m. in the First Lutheran church.

Pastor H. C. Alden will speak and also lead the discussion session.

Foreign Students Plan Meetings Developing interest between the American and foreign students on the campus through informal gatherings is being stressed by the Cosmopolitan group under the chairmanship of Leo Cespedes.

These meetings will be held on Sunday afternoons, with the next one scheduled Sunday at 2:30 in the Campus club lounge.

The theme of the program for the conclave is "How Christmas is Celebrated in My Country."

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Basketballers At Seattle For Opening ND Game; Play High Riding Huskies

Opening game for the Idaho Vandals in the current Northern division championship race will be played tonight at 8 against the tough Washington Huskies. This game and the one tomorrow will be broadcast by KRPL, Moscow.

This two-game series will mark the 27th year of Northern division play. In the first year, 1923, the Huskies and Vandals tied for top honors and, in a game played at Gonzaga gymnasium, Idaho won 24-21. In the North-South playoff, Idaho won two straight from the University of California.

Idaho Powerful
Coach Finley is bringing one of the strongest teams developed in Vandalville in many seasons of basketball. He has several lettermen who will prove dangerous mixed in with new material. The Vandals have been on a tour of the Midwest and East during the holidays and have shown considerable power against some of the best teams in the nation.

Washington's team has run up a more impressive pre-season record than any other division team. Art McLarney, Husky coach, has no seniors scheduled on the starting lineup. He has announced only two starters, but the other positions will be well taken care of. At guard berths are sophomore Frank Guiness and veteran Louie Soriano. One forward post will be handled by team captain LaDon Henson.

In the tipoff spot McLarney can run either Duane Enoch, sophomore, or Don Stewart, junior. Russ Parthemer is favored to fill the other forward position but Hal Arnason is also vying for the honor.

Stallworth Leads Centers
Idaho is hitting the floor with a team that averages just under 6 feet 3 inches in height. Nick Stallworth, 6 feet 6 inches, will start at center. He was sixth high individual scorer in last year's conference games.

Bob Pritchett, last year's fifth highest scorer in the conference stands 6 feet 3 inches. Pritchett, along with Roy Irons, will fill forward spots. Irons' head is 6 feet 2 inches from the floorboards. At guards will be Sam Jenkins and George Rey. Jenkins is 6 feet 3 inches, while Rey stands only 5 feet 9 inches.

With these rangy boys making up one of the tallest Vandal teams in years, and McLarney's Huskies featuring one of the youngest teams in that school's history, both coaches are placing their faith on the main feature of their respective squads. Finley trusts to the fact that his boys will recover the ball on rebounds. He has also taught the boys some fast breaking plays to go with their slow and easy game. McLarney stressing the fast break, has built his team up to play the whole game like a firetruck on a straight-a-way.

Cagers Win Seven Lose Eight So Far

The Idaho basketball team, weary after its eight games in the middle west and east, returned to Moscow last Friday.

The squad came home with a record of three wins and five losses to some of the most powerful teams in the country. The Vandals ended their 1949 play with a 45 to 35 revenge victory over Gonzaga at Spokane New Years Eve.

Dropping their first two games to Wyoming's Cowboys, the Vandals jumped back into the win column with a 41-39 victory over Iowa State by way of a second half rally. Moving on to Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa, the team became victim to a furious fast break attack and, after a second half rally, wound up on the short end of a 58-53 score.

For its second win, the Idaho quintet easily romped over Moringside college at Sioux City, Iowa, 66-49. The next night the Vandals lost to University of Nebraska at Lincoln, 66-45. For their final win of the trip, the men took a 63 to 44 victory from Lawrence Tech at Detroit. It was probably the Vandals' best night as they made 26 out of 59 shots for a near 50 per cent average. Roy Irons took scoring honors with 21 points.

Rolling on to Duquesne University at Pittsburgh, the team suffered its worst defeat, 55-74. The

Intramurals

Monday, January 9, 1950 at 7:30, intramural "A" basketball schedule is to begin. This year's schedule will feature four leagues with seven teams in each league. Once the hoopsters begin there will be no let up until after the 8, 9, and 10 of February when playoffs will be held.

This year's eligibility rules are somewhat different from those of the past. 1. Freshman numerical winners will be eligible to play. 2. All active squad members drawing equipment and under supervision of the coach in Varsity, or Freshman basketball, Swimming or Boxing will be ineligible. 3. Any member of an organization participating in "A" basketball will be ineligible for "B" basketball. 4. Each house will be responsible for a timer and scorer. 5. Any member organization may enter as many "B" basketball teams as it wishes.

Four Leagues
Leagues I and II are to include fraternity teams while leagues III and IV will make up the independent league. Teams making up league I are PDT, TMA, SN, SC, ATO LCA, and SAE. In league two will be PKT, DTD, KS, LDS, DC, BTP, PGD, and TKE. Independent teams making up league three are CC No. 1, CH No. 1, LH No. 1, PH No. 1, PH No. 3, WS No. 1, and IC No. 1. League IV will include CC No. 2, CH No. 2, LH No. 2, PH No. 2, PH No. 4, WS No. 2, and IC No. 2.

Monday Openers
Game time Monday evening will be 7:30 with TMA meeting the SAE's in the first encounter.

Other games will see SN pitted against LCA, SC against ATO, PKT battling it out with PGD, DTD vs TKE, and KS vs BTP. This will wind up Monday evenings action and set the stage for Tuesday when the independent teams will take over. Tuesday pits CH No. 1 vs. IC No. 1, LH No. 1 vs. WS No. 1, PH No. 1 vs. PH No. 3, CH No. 2 vs. WS No. 2, and LH No. 2 vs. WS No. 2.

Wednesday shows PH No. 2 vs. PH No. 4, PKT vs. SAE, TMA vs. ATO, SN vs. SC, PKT vs. TKE, and PGD vs. BTP. Thursday the 12, DTD will meet DC, KS vs. LDS, CC No. 1 vs. IC No. 1, CH No. 1 vs. PH No. 3, LH No. 1 vs. PH No. 1 and CC No. 2 vs. IC No. 2.

Boxing Publicity Booklet Released

The university has added another press and radio booklet to its list of annual publications.

A boxing booklet, prepared by the ASUX athletic publicity office, was recently printed for use of writers and broadcasters. It is the first boxing booklet to appear at Idaho since adoption of boxing as a sport in 1934.

The book contains a listing of athletic staff members concerned with boxing with a picture and biography of Frank Young, now entering his third year as boxing mentor. Also included is a boxing schedule and 1949 records national team record and pacific team record. National and coast individual champions from Idaho during the 15 years it has produced a boxing squad are listed.

Vandals then headed home.

Coach Chuck Finley used every combination available in preparation for coming conference games. Reserve forward Roy Irons really proved his worth during the trip. In the last four games, Irons slipped through forty seven points. Leading scorer during the trip was center Nick Stallworth, who returned with a count of seventy points. Bob Pritchett came second with fifty-nine points with Irons third. Every member of the squad scored and newcomer, Ken Barker, took scoring honors in the Nebraska game. Barker, an Oklahoma boy, is playing his first season with the Vandals and should prove to be of great value to the squad during conference play.

At Gonzaga Saturday night, good offensive play plus the holding down of Rich, "Mr. Points," Evans by sophomore Sam Jenkins led the Vandals to their seventh win. The team dominated the scoreboard most of the game and, by winning, made a pre-conference record of seven won, eight lost.

Idaho Shrine Game Representative



Carl Killsgaard, Idaho's all-coast tackle was in the news again during vacation when he played for the western team in the classic East-West Shrine game in San Francisco December 31. Killsgaard's biggest moment came early in the third period when he broke through the big East line and nailed all-America quarterback Arnold Galiffa for a nine yard loss. He played probably more than any other player on the West roster.

Idaho Revises Grid Schedule; Cancels Cal., USC Meetings

The University of Idaho has announced a change of football plans affecting the university football schedules through 1953. The announcement was made by President J. E. Buchanan, who said:

"For reasons that are mutually advantageous to the three institutions involved the California-Idaho football game scheduled for November 18, 1950 and the University of Southern California-Idaho game scheduled for October 27, 1951 have been cancelled.

Utah Is Eyed
"This release by the California schools," said Buchanan, "will permit football schedule changes planned by the university. It has been Idaho's desire to schedule more football games with neighboring state institutions. To do so it was necessary for Idaho to adjust its Pacific Coast conference schedule to make feasible two and four-year commitments with schools now being contacted.

"It is anticipated Idaho's revised schedules will be announced within a short time.

"The California schools," Buchanan pointed out, "when appraised of Idaho's situation, agreed to the change, which is naturally a temporary one."

Buchanan pointed out, too, that the Utah-Idaho football series is a particular example of what university athletic officials have in mind. In 1949 it was impossible for these two natural rivals to meet on the football field because of schedule conflicts.

Now negotiations are complete for a two-year series starting in 1950, and further negotiations between the universities is expected to clear the way for a four or six-year agreement.

Freshman B-Ball Schedule Filled

Sixteen games are scheduled for the Vandal Babes during the next two months. The Babes lost their opening game of the season to the Gonzaga frosh but in the same week won over Newport high school.

Schedule for the rest of the season is as follows:

- Jan. 11: Grady's All-Stars in Colfax.
- Jan. 18: WSC Frosh at Lewiston.
- Jan. 20: Montana freshmen at Wallace.
- Jan. 21: Montana freshmen at Wallace.
- Jan. 23: Hat Freeman's All-Stars of Spokane at Moscow.
- Jan. 24: Matheny- & Bacon of Spokane at Moscow.
- Jan. 28: WSC freshmen at Moscow.
- Feb. 3: Grady's All-Stars of Colfax at Moscow.
- Feb. 4: EWCE Junior Varsity at Moscow.
- Feb. 7: Central Valley High school at Central Valley.
- Feb. 10: WSC freshmen at Pullman.
- Feb. 18: Gonzaga freshmen at Spokane.
- Feb. 24: North Central at Moscow.
- Feb. 25: Wallace Elks at Moscow.
- March 3: WSC at Moscow.
- March 4: WSC at Pullman.

Varsity Boxing Squad To Meet EWCE Here Next Friday Night

Idaho's boxing squad is nearing the final stages of preparation for its season opener against Eastern Washington here next Friday night.

The squad, coached by Frank Young, did not lose a single contender by graduation last spring and is near full strength.

Young outlines contenders for the eight varsity weight divisions as follows:

"125 pounds — DeForrest Tovey, Malad, won his letter last year as a sophomore and could easily move into the 130-pound division. He was bothered last season with a broken rib but ended the year with four wins, four losses, and two ties. He will improve over last season.

"Frankie Echevarria, sophomore, showed excellent possibilities in freshman competition last season. He advanced to the semi-finals of the Olympic tryouts in San Francisco and is improving rapidly in punch and speed. He is from Blackfoot."

Both Walkers Back

"130-pounds — Alone in this weight is Norm Walker, Wallace, junior letter winner. Last year he lost a close decision in the finals of the nationals after receiving a cut eye in the second round. He figures to be a national contender again this year."

"135-pounds — Leonard Walker, brother of Norman, and also from Wallace was last year's Pacific coast and national champion in this weight. He won 10 bouts last season without a single loss and is a fine boxer and deadly puncher. A junior this year he should be a terrific contender for the titles he now holds."

"145-pounds — Three men show promise here. Clark (Bud) Lawson, Tekoa, Wash., sophomore, looked promising as a freshman until he broke a rib. He is fast, a good boxer and a hard puncher. He will be far better known after this season is completed.

New Men Report
Gerald Miller, sophomore, is untried in college boxing but has an excellent high school record from

plenty of collegiate ring experience. Last year he won eight and lost three. When he lost a decision in the dual meet with Wisconsin, it was his first loss in his college ring career which included 23 matches."

"175-pounds — Hard luck scrapper of the squad, Ted Diehl, Jerome, is back this year for his fourth letter. Two times in his career he has been either a finalist or semi-finalist in the nationals. Ted is also a quarterback on the football team. He was bothered last season with injuries which made his record unimpressive. He is a rugged and willing scrapper who won four, drew three, and lost two last season.

Ellis Strong Contender
Don Ellis, Kootenai, senior letterman, fought behind Diehl last year. He is rugged and willing but lacks polish. Last year he won two while losing five bouts. He is a good competitor.

"Heavyweight — Larry Hanson, Moscow, junior, who won a letter in this division in 1947 has returned to the ring wars again this year. He may be the solution to our heavyweight problem where

Vandal Ski Squad Sends Nine Men To Canadian Meet

Nine members of the University of Idaho ski team left yesterday for Rossland, British Columbia, to compete in the International Collegiate Invitational Championships this weekend.

University of British Columbia, WSC, University of Idaho, Montana State university, and University of Washington will enter teams in this three-day meet which features slalom and downhill racing and jumping events.

Representing Idaho are Sverre Kongsgaard, Paul Mylebust, Fred Boyle, James Creswell, Tor Lyshaug, "Muddy" Numbers, Kare Reed, Magnar Safer, and Ole Saatvedt.

"We have been without a contender since 1947."

"This is just an informative breakdown of the squad," said Young, "what they can do in this 1950 season remains to be seen."



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