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## Otters Trying for Perfect Season—But Not Capital

According to former Dispatch sports writer Paul Walker, it was A. Blair Knapp, Denison University president, who said: "A perfect season in the Ohio Conference is 4-4. Otherwise, you are overscheduled or engaging in practices we cannot condone."

Walker quoted Knapp at a Kiwanis Club luncheon, and the theme of the thing was this week's annual blood bath between Capital and Otterbein Saturday in Bernlohr Stadium.

"Capital has a 4-3 record and Otterbein is 3-4-1," Walker went on, "so they can make it a perfect season if Otterbein wins the game."

That would be the season in a nice neat package but would throw the all-time series standing out of kilter, for Otterbein is already ahead, 16 wins to 15 for Capital. There hasn't been a single tie in the whole 31-year shebang.

CAPITAL COACH JACK LANDRUM doesn't think much of this share the wealth idea and made quite a stunk by saying, "I hope we'll have B. O. Sunday—beaten Otterbein."

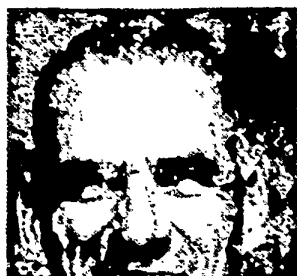
Capital has beaten the Otters four straight times and Otterbein coach Bob Agler admits to a fast-developing inferiority complex.

"One thing I've learned is never to have a defeatist attitude," explained the former Los Angeles Ram player, "but this guy Landrum is giving me one."

Agler reckoned, nevertheless, as how "this might be the year."

On comparative scores, it's hard to figure—as if this grudge battle can be doped out in advance.

Capital beat Kenyon 18-14, Otterbein lost 16-8. Capital beat Marietta, 21-14, Otterbein lost 14-12. Capital beat Oberlin 30-21, Otterbein beat 'em 18-12. Cap lost to Denison 39-8, Otterbein only 14-0.



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## Everything Available but Ink

The talk turned to manpower and the limited rosters in the Ohio Conference and that prompted Agler to comment on the furore over Woody Hayes using only about 15 players—his “first team”—at Ohio State.

Agler offered a solution for all those OSU gridders who never get to play:

“I’d like to have the second 15 at OSU,” joked Agler, “and I’d let Jack have the third 15.”

“I’ll take ‘em,” snapped Landrum.

In all seriousness, though, many high school graduates will find themselves much better off in the Ohio Conference or some of the other 34-football playing schools in Ohio besides OSU. As Agler pointed out,

“THE ONLY THING YOU CAN’T GET at small colleges is national publicity. If you want to play professional ball, the pros will find you. At least half of the pros come from colleges you never heard of.

“I believe small colleges have so much more to offer the boy who wants to play football. We have 40 boys on the squad and we sometimes overlook a player. Think of the boys you miss in a big school.”

“If they’re good enough, they’ll get the same pro opportunities as those at a big school. Look at Landrum’s squad. Jack had three who tried out with the pros last season. They didn’t make it, but at least they had the opportunity to try.

“When I went to Los Angeles, a teammate took me aside and asked, ‘Say, Bob, just where IS Otterbein?’”

## Something of Value—Winning

But likeable “Moe” from Mifflin and Otterbein way of LA and the Calgary Stampeders, couldn’t stay serious long. On the subject of high-powered offers to prep athletes, Agler stipulated that “If any of my players are driving a new convertible, it’s their parents’.

“I know, because the coach drives around in a 1950 Mercury. Of course, I haven’t checked at Cap to see what kind of cars they drive.”

But this Saturday, Agler and his Cardinals will be checking in at Bernlohr Stadium for the 2 p.m. game and they can see for themselves. Agler admits that you can learn a lesson by both winning and losing but left his listeners with his final observation:

“This Saturday, we want to show the value of winning.”

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