

Bobcats Here For Big Game

The Ely Bobcats, thirty strong, arrived in Vegas last night headed by their coach, Duke Thayer.

With expectations for a cool, clear day, we expect to see one of the fastest games yet played on Butcher Memorial Field.

Coach Duke Thayer is daily putting his White Pine Bobcats thru their paces in preparation for their contest with the highly touted Las Vegas Wildcats in Las Vegas this coming Saturday.

Las Vegas is already being quoted as 3 to 1 or even money with 14 points and there are plenty of reasons for these odds. To start with Vegas has made 74 points in two games, going undefeated, while the Bobcats have had a struggle in making 29 points in 4 games, being defeated once. The Wildcats will average nearly 10 pounds heavier and have five "5-year" men while the Bobcats have only one player over 17 years old. The Wildcats also consider the White Pine game as the one on which to base their title aspirations, calling any other state contests they might have "practice" games. The Wildcats have been pointing for the Bobcat game since last year when they were defeated here 7 to 6, in what they termed a "fluke" and also have on their side the fact that they have never been beaten on their home field since 1929.

Also the Bobcats' victory over Yerrington last week was very costly, a number of players being on the injured list. Included are Eliades and Pinar with bad ankles; Allison and Jukich with sprained hands; Sutich with a shoulder injury; White with a pulled tendon in his leg and Johnson, Charchalis, Uhalde, Pinter and Adams all suffering from burns caused by a bad lime used on the wet field last Saturday. Another reason for the odds is the fact that the assistant Las Vegas coach was here Saturday thoroughly scouting the Bobcats while it was impossible for any of Thayer's men to get to the Panaca-Vegas game. Coupled to all this is the difference in altitude of Ely and Las Vegas, nearly 5000 feet; the Bobcats have been working out in cold weather while it is still very warm in Vegas and the Babcats will have to play after a hard bus trip.

On the black side of the ledger is the Bobcat place-kicking ability. Thayer will depend to a great extent on the accurate boots of Sutich and Adams. The boys have been practicing every day from as far out as the 30 yard line and may score with field goals. In two games they have tried 3 goals, making two and in two other games have

lost goals because of penalties.

White Pine has developed a fine passing game of their spread plays and will again have the great mystery "1000" play, so successful last year, working for points. The Bobcats have also been given a new set of plays this week which combine the Colgate line shift and the

Notre Dame backfield shift. It is very deceptive and Duke's "Blue Devils," if clicking, may throw the defense completely off guard. White Pine has also been practicing a new 4-3-1-2-1 defense against passes and figure to stop all the Wildcats heave in their direction. In the line, Uhalde "The. Baleful Basque" is likely to show some of the poten-

tial all-state Wildcats the same reception he did Klimpel the all-stater from North Dakota who played with Yerrington.

Thayer is sure of the support of the Boulder City fans when he goes to Vegas as he worked at Boulder Dam and coached at Boulder City before coming to Ely—Ely Times.



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