

Duck Tracks

By JOHNNIE KAHANANUI

Had Oregon humbled USC three years ago, people would have lined the banks of the Willamette to see if the river wouldn't roll over in its age-old bed and flow in the opposite direction. But the Webfoot did humiliate El Trojan . . . last Saturday, and though it unleashed a wave of elation and satisfaction around here, the tumult wasn't too uproarious. The outcome was more or less a rational expectation — at least it wasn't an utter surprise — USC "hoodoo" and other inhibitions notwithstanding.

A glorious fruition in itself after a decade of unceasing trial and failure, the victory instigated a verbal stream that should soothe even the most violent reactionaries to and critics of Webfoot football. Among other things, Curt Mecham, a six-foot Oregon-adopted, California-born-and-bred halfback, was voted the best back to appear in the Los Angeles coliseum this season. In addition, the 14-karat Duck triple-threat, who "threw passes for all three of his team's touchdowns against Southern California, gave a terrific demonstration of punting, intercepted a pass and ran it back 53 yards," received United Press Sports Editor Harry Ferguson's vote for the "hero of the week-end" in sports.

Mecham Extolled

Even in the camp of the vanquished the gridiron virtues of one, Curt Mecham, were extolled most liberally. Here we quote Al Wolf's yarn in the Los Angeles Times . . . Trojan Coach Sam Barry ad libbing: "It easily could have been a little different—but don't get me wrong. Tex Oliver's got a great ball club, a really great one. I have offered him five players for that Curt Mecham, but he only grins. That boy is a wonder—what passing, and what kicking! He kept us bottled up with those boots constantly going out of bounds inside our 10. After all, he's from Bakersfield."

Another Los Angeles Times story carried the following excerpt: "The result of yesterday's game will be blazed into the Oregon records, because not since 1915 has a Webfoot team turned back the Trojans on the gridiron. That season a powerful Oregon eleven, that a year later was to make New Year's Day history by beating Pennsylvania, 14 to 0, at old Tournament Park, whitewashed S.C., 34 to 0. The game was played at Bovard field, and all the scoring came in the second half.

"On that team were such crack players as the Huntington brothers — Collis and Shy — Tegart, Spellman, Beckett, and others.

"The name of Mecham will go down in history with those stars of another era. All three of his passes into the end zone for scores were perfect shots. A rifle could not have been truer."

Oregon Roars Back

Oregon's victory Saturday roared the Webfoots back into contention for the Pacific coast conference title and revived visions of an ultimate Rose Bowl game.

While Oregon was rolling over USC, were, among unmy thousands and a flock of hilarious Beaver dads, were watching with mild amazement as Oregon State outfought a dispirited Stanford eleven and toppled the 1940 coast champions 10 to 0 at Corvallis.

Coach Clark Shaughnessy's Model T stalled in the deluge of rain that engulfed the field shortly after the battle opened and continued unabated throughout, and collapsed before the concentrated attack of a swarm of inspired Beavers.

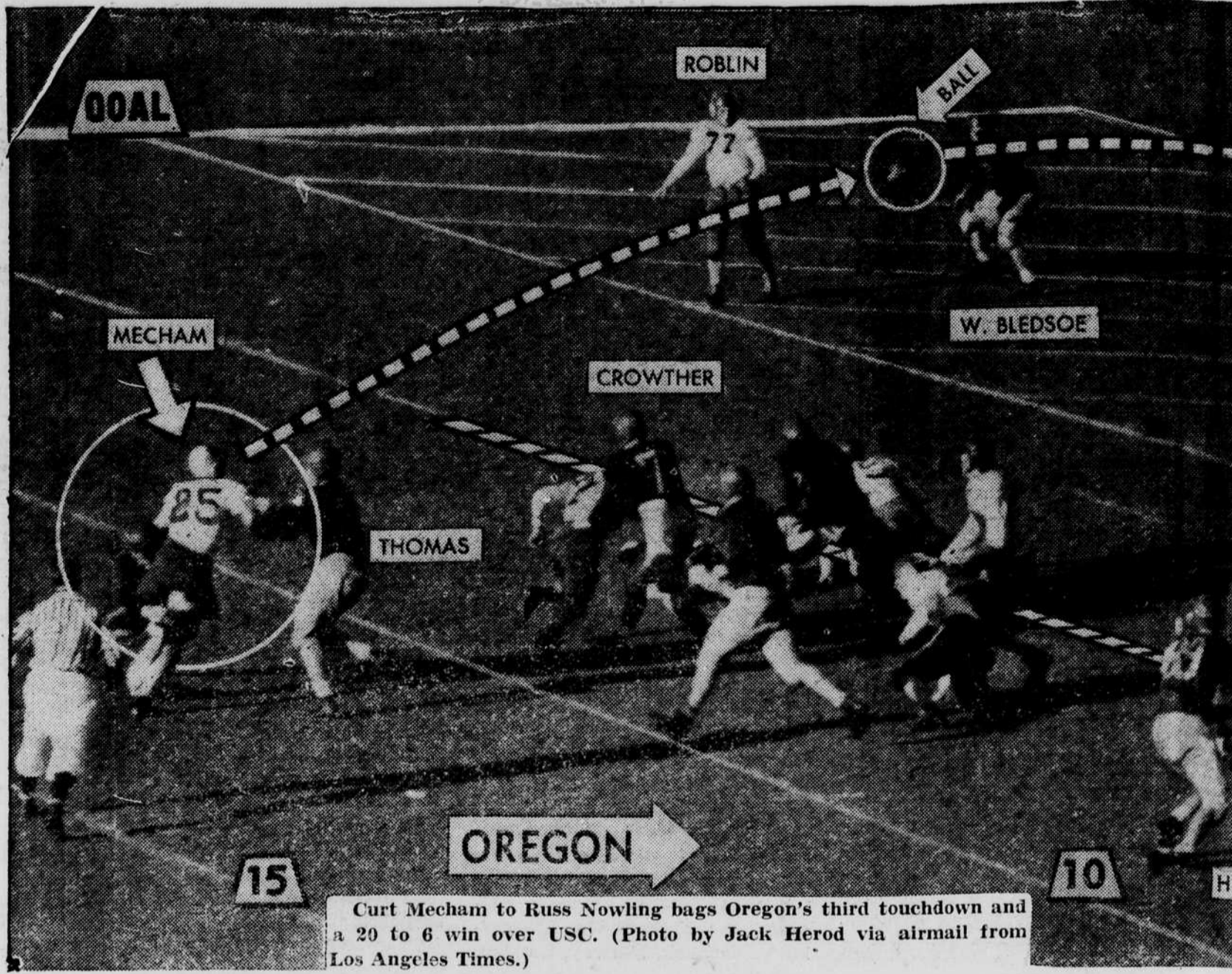
Albert Great

Oregon State looked magnificent in winning; Stanford was a disappointment. However, the invading Cardinals had one shining light—Frankie Albert, every inch an All-American. Seeming to sense the largeness of Oregon State's initial three points (a field goal by Warren Simas) and the additional seven OSC piled up just before halftime, Albert gambled with apparent rashness . . . and got away with it.

Ordinarily, when a team has two yards to go on fourth down and is within the shadows of its own goal posts, a kick would be signalled for. But not Albert . . . he'd send Vucinich rattling through the middle for those two shy yards and 18 more.

With nine minutes left in the ball game and Stanford in possession of the oval inside the Indians' 10, Albert began tossing the thing around with reckless abandon, making some connections, despite the messy ball.

Once last year Stanford reeled back after a 10 to 0 halftime



Curt Mecham to Russ Nowling bags Oregon's third touchdown and a 20 to 6 win over USC. (Photo by Jack Herod via airmail from Los Angeles Times.)

Two Scoring Sprees, Tie Game Highlight IM Touch Football

By ART LITCHMAN

Intramural touch football resumed play yesterday after the weekend intermission. Two teams, Kappa Sig and SAE, romped home easily, while Sherry Ross and the DUs eked out victories by narrow margins in hard-fought games.

Kappa Sigs Blast Deltas, 27 to 6

The Kappa Sigs displayed an effective passing attack as they rolled over the Deltas, 27 to 6. Don Cawley heaved all of the touchdown passes as the Kappa Sigs scored in every quarter.

Early in the first period Cawley passed to Bob Hankey for the first tally after several plays had failed from the five-yard line. Cawley to Higgins was good for the extra point.

Scotty Deeds nabbed one of Cawley's aerials in the second quarter and dashed to pay dirt.

Cawley tossed to Les Jameson for the extra point. Jameson scored the third touchdown on a 30-yard from Cawley late in the third quarter. Hankey converted on a pass.

Deeds outran the secondary after snagging a pass from Cawley and scored the final tally for the Kappa Sigs.

The Deltas staged a brief flurry in the third period and scored on a pass from Jerry Battles to Bill Hoyt. The Delt attack failed to function consistently except in the early part of the second half.

Kappa Sigs	7	7	7	6	—27
Delta	0	0	0	6	—6

Redfield Flings SAEs to 28 to 0 Win

Ossie Redfield pitched the SAEs to a 28 to 0 triumph over the Kirkwood co-op. Redfield's amazing passing accuracy start-

ed clicking in the second period and the game turned into a rout.

Redfield tossed to Bob Farrow for the first touchdown in the second period. Redfield passed to Farrow again for the extra point.

Hoyt Tarola scored the second tally in the third quarter when he caught Redfield's pass in the end zone. Roden converted on a pass from Redfield.

The third tally came in late in the third period when Redfield again passed to Gil Roden for the score. Tarola converted on a pass.

A tremendous heave of over 50 yards from Redfield to Tarola set up the final tally. Redfield then passed to Farrow for five yards and the touchdown. Tarola converted on a bullet pass from Redfield.

SAE	0	7	14	7	—28
Kirkwood	0	0	0	0	—0

Sherry Ross Win 6 to 0 From Canard

Chuck Cutler flipped a pass to Johnny Kahananui in the final moments of the game to let Sherry Ross nose out Canard club, 6 to 0. The touchdown culminated a 65-yard drive after the Canard club had held for down.

Canard threatened several times but the scoring punch failed as the passes dropped in the end zone.

Sherry Ross	0	0	0	6	—6
Canard	0	0	0	0	—0

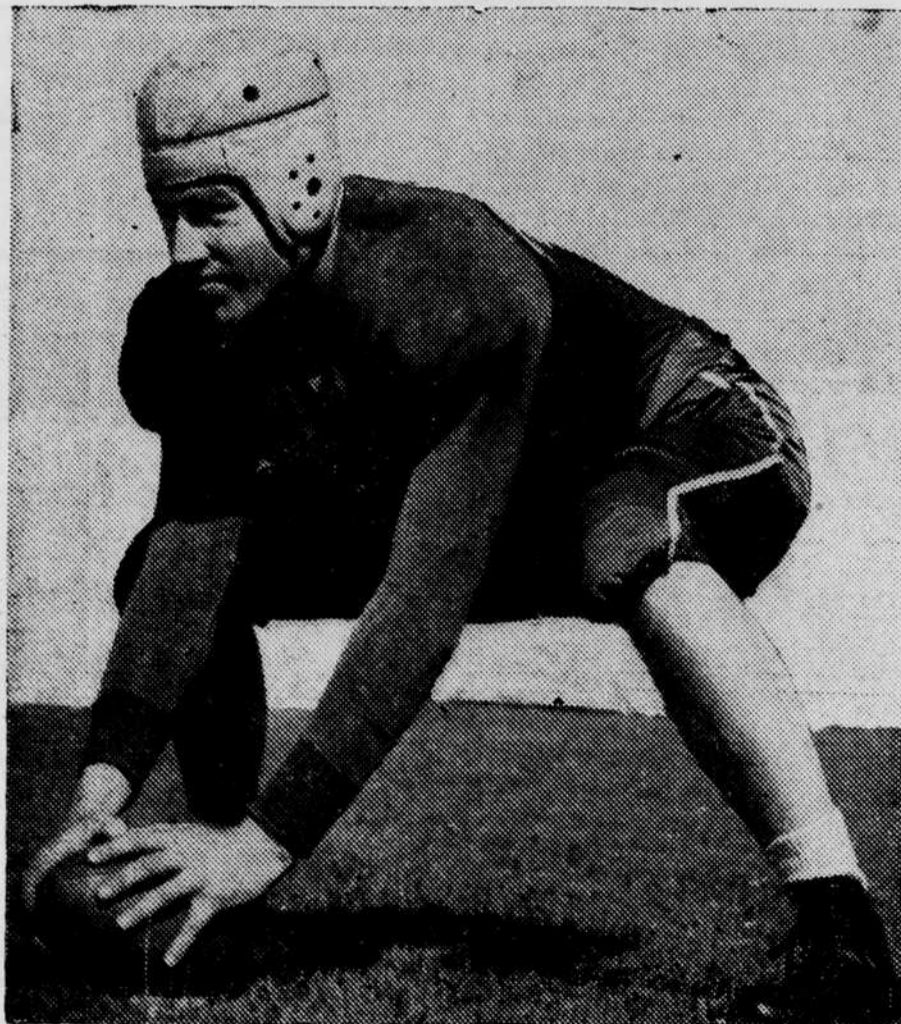
DUs Nip Gamma Hall 1 to 0 in Overtime

The DUs Nipped Gamma hall, 1 to 0 in an overtime game. (The intramural rules state that ties must be decided by each team running the ball for four downs. The team that gains the most ground wins the game.)

The DUs completed one pass for eight yards and Gamma hall only made three. The game was fought on even terms with neither team threatening more than once. In the overtime a Gamma pass slipped through the fingers of the receiver to nullify the gain that would have won the game.

DU	0	0	0	0	—1
Gamma	0	0	0	0	—0

PUSH 'EM BACK MAN



deficit to swamp Washington, 20 to 10, but they lacked the "poop" last Saturday (pardon the vulgar vernacular). Still, Albert looked like an All-American breed of backfield man out there.