

Beavers Hurdle Last Bowl Barrier



"The tumult and the shouting dies . . . the captains and the kings depart . . ." It's December, and football is dying. Soon wintry winds will screech through trees left ugly and naked by the ravages of autumn and will swell into an eerie wail, a dirge. Then will descend a flurry of snow to smother the land and bury the king of sports. True, there is a flimsy thread of life, uncut, lingering in its withered body, a thread that will be manifest in a pimple-full of intersectional grid games this weekend . . . like the painful gasps that wrack the body of someone dying; true, football will stagger up from its grave like a "zombie" on January 1 and weave a dizzy pattern in the various bowls—Rose, Sugar, Orange, Cotton, Sun, Pineapple, and what have you—but to all intents and purposes, football is dying.

Make Way for the Obits

Glowing obituaries will stream from thousands of pens and will be shovelled into the grave that will gape and then clutch football to its bosom. Heroes who struggled valiantly and who possessed, among other things, that veritable sine qua non—a rabid press agent—will have their names carved on the myriad of All-American teams for the next nine months of posterity, teams now pecking their ways through their respective shells and soon to be heralded by the collective clucks of "authorities" the nation over.

Yes, it's December, and soon now people will be able to settle down to the less colorful rigors of life . . . at least, until next fall, when the gridiron spirit will again grip the country in a vice of mass insanity, when thousands of usually mild citizens will trudge through the exits of stadiums all over the nation weak from having experienced the gamut of emotions during the past two or three hours and from having publicly demonstrated thereof. Soon now people will be able to relax on weekends without fear of being obtruded upon and bewitched by Army vs. Notre Dame or Oregon vs. Oregon State.

Oregon vs. Oregon State? And the results make my mouth feel and smell like a trench for the Serbian army . . . very unpleasant. Perhaps it's exaggerated nationalism on my part, and perhaps it was an expression on the referee's part of his being imbued with the Yuletide spirit, but that first Oregon State touchdown looked like a refugee from Santa's bag, and if you don't believe it, ask Emerald Sports Writer Wally Hunter.

Wally Swears It's So

"The play was stopped," swears Wally, "and this fellow (Lloyd Wickett, OSC left tackle) came bullying at Curt Mecham with intentions of throwing an open-field block into him. Mecham pushed at him with both hands, and Wickett immediately yelped to the referee. If Mecham tried to slug the guy, I'm the lowest worm crawling around on the turf out there."

On this piece of misfortune, Oregon was penalized 15 yards for unnecessary roughness, shoving the ball up inside the three-yard line. On the third crack at the Webfoot line, Beaver Fullback Lewis Shelton bulldozed through.

Oregon State won the game, however, which made most of the state of Oregon jump for joy. Rah (yawn), rah (yawn), says I, as I cuddle up with the funny papers.

Oregon vs. Texas

At 8:40 p.m. Sunday eve, Coach Tex Oliver huddled his Webfoots, hurts and all, aboard a southbound train and rolled toward Austin, Texas, for the Oregon-Texas game there December 6. The situation is cloaked in gloom, for Texas, with a crushing line to spring Triple-threat Halfback Pete Layden and "Pudgy" Jack Crain into the open, boasts an offense that rolled implacably until crippled by lethargitis against Baylor and Texas Christian, but which exploded with terrifying vehemence last week against Texas A. and M.

Gather around and shed a tear while we unfurl the scroll on Dana X. Bible's snorting Longhorns. Texas, 34, Colorado, 6; Texas, 34, Louisiana State, 0; Texas, 40, Oklahoma, 7; Texas, 43, Arkansas, 14; Texas, 40, Rice, 0; Texas, 34, Southern Methodist, 0; Texas 7, Baylor, 7; Texas, 7, Texas Christian, 14; Texas 23, Texas A. and M., 0. The Longhorns moped into a slump and allowed Baylor to tie them in the final 30 seconds, and failed to bounce back the following week enabling Texas Christian to squeeze over the winning score in the last 20 seconds. Anyway you squint at it, Texas has a marvelous team. To aggravate conditions, Oregon isn't in the best of physical shape.

Ducks Head Southward To Battle Texas Longhorns

By WALLY HUNTER

Oregon State goes to the Rose Bowl. That phrase tells a story, but not a complete one. The score of the annual feud between Oregon State and Oregon's Webfoots was 12 to 7, but it fails to tell the tale of an underdog Oregon team that for four bitter quarters took the best that the mighty Beavers could dish out and still fight until the big red hand on the timer's clock reeled off the final second of the ball game.

From the word "go," until the field was aswarm with the delirious and victorious Beavers at the final gun, it was the most bitter kind of a dog fight. In the way of statistics the ball game was Oregon State's by a rather comfortable margin—but that is typical of a Tex Oliver coached Oregon team. They can win a game, 20 to 0, and still have one foot in the gutter when you add up the totals.

OSC Deserved Victory

It was a ball game that Oregon State deserved to win—but there is many a die-hard Webfoot fan who is still having nightmares when he ponders about the little breaks that went the wrong way.

The game was jammed with thrills and partisan spectators and a grid fan would hobble for many a moon before finding a game that compared. It was hard vicious football at its chilling best and though the Beavers get the free ticket to play Duke, Oregon did its best to turn things the other way.

Mecham's Run

These things, Mecham's 53-yard swirl that brought the Oregon touchdown—the thread and needle place kick of Jimmy Newquist's that followed—"Choc" Shelton's bull-like effort that broke the Duck line—Joe Day's through the center and then down the sidelines tally run—they are all old stuff now but they will live eternally in the minds of those that were witnesses.

Oregon tried to brush all thoughts of the Beaver victory aside Sunday night as they boarded a train that will take them to Austin, Texas, where they will take a whirl at the University of Texas. The Ducks and the powerful Longhorns will play this Saturday in Austin.

Sigma Delta Psi Winners Get Medals Tonight

Oregon's winners in the national Sigma Delta Psi will meet tonight at 7:30 in room 102 PE building to receive medals for their achievements in the meet.

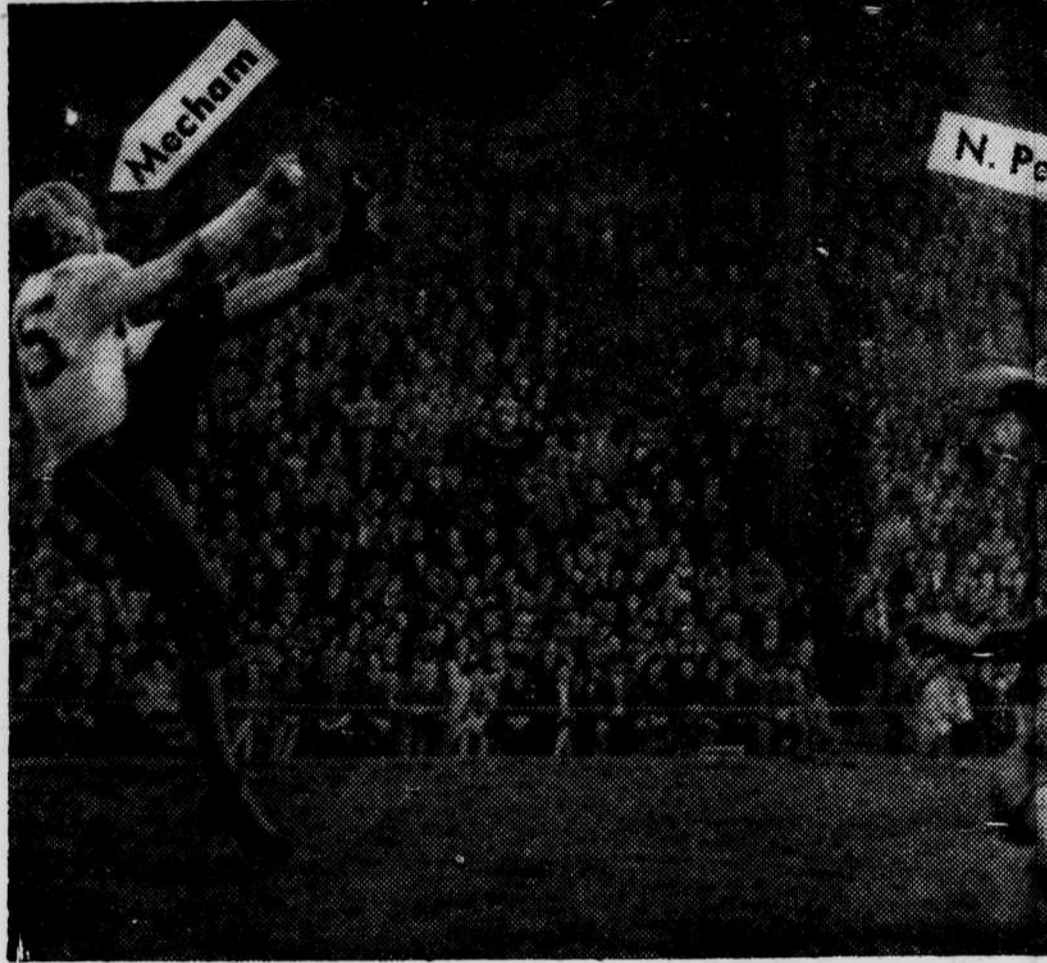
The Oregon athletics ran away with the meet for the third year, posting an impressive margin of victory over the closest contenders. Not content with winning the meet hands down, the Oregon team walked off with individual scoring honors, Les Steers, Ray Dickson, and Warren Fink, garnering the three top scoring honors.

Medals Awarded

The medals to be received by the team tonight will be gold for the first place winners, silver for the second place, and bronze for third place.

Those receiving silver medals will be Jerry Battles, Francis Tuckweilers, Bill Regner, Elliott Wilson, Duke Warner, and Warren Finke.

Gerry Huestis, Bill Beifus, and Bob Newland will receive bronze



OSC Hits Jackpot; Wins Civil War, Title, Bowl Bid

It's all over now but the shouting, and there is plenty of shouting in Corvallis. Oregon State defeated Oregon Saturday to receive the Rose Bowl bid, and coupled with Stanford's loss to arch rival California, won the Coast conference title also.

Joe Day, rugged Beaver back, brought victory to the Orange when he broke loose for a 28-yard touchdown run in the final period to put OSC in front again. Oregon State scored in the third quarter when Choc Shelton plunged over after a penalty had put the Beavers in scoring position.

For a while it looked like the Beavers wouldn't get their victory, for Curt Mecham, star Webfoot halfback, reeled off a sensational 53-yard touchdown run just as the final canto began, and Jimmy Newquist added the conversion to give the Webfoots a 7 to 6 lead. But Day's run brought OSC a 12-7 victory, the title, and the Pasadena invite.

First for OSC

Official notification of the invitation was given Oregon State Saturday night, and the Beavers selected undefeated and untied Duke for their opponent New Year's day.

Oregon State's appearance in the Rose Bowl will be its first in history, and the first state of Oregon representative since Harvard defeated Oregon there by a score of 7 to 6 in 1920.

The third defeat of the season. Ray Dickson will receive a gold medal.

Les Steers, who won high point honors, will not be present at the meeting, but he has two gold, one silver, and one bronze medals coming. Curt Mecham will receive one gold, one silver, and one bronze.

son to the famed T-formation came Saturday when California trounced Stanford by a 16 to 0 count. The Bears salvaged something from a completely wrecked football season by winning over the Indians in one of the most colorful of all gridiron classics.

Washington and Southern California locked horns in a tight football duel, and the Huskies eked out a narrow 14-13 win over the Trojans, to wind up in a tie for second place in the standings.

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