

Sam Nevills Left Clank of Boilermakers To Batter Linemen In Calm Northwest

By Jack Landrud

"I am very glad to be at Oregon because it's a swell school and it was here that I met my wife," laughed sandy-haired Sam Nevills, veteran tackle on Coach Jim Aiken's 1949 version of the Oregon football team. Sam stands six feet, two inches tall and fills his football uniform with 238 pounds of muscle, accumulated in 24 seasons. He was a standout lineman with the Webfoots all last season, climaxed with his play in the Cotton Bowl Classic, and has been nothing short of tremendous so far this year.

Nevills spent his prep days in Thornton Township High School of South Chicago, where he lettered for three years in football and track. After graduation in June of 1943, he entered the Army and played football with a service team at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi.

In 1945 Sam was sent overseas and upon arrival in Paris he won a spot with the European All-Stars, a service football team which played games all through Europe but lost the service championship in the final game. He became interested in wrestling when football season closed and, although he had little experience in the bone-bending sport, he amazed his mates by winning the Heavyweight Wrestling Championship of the entire

European Theater of Operations!

After receiving his discharge in April of 1946, Nevills enrolled at Purdue University where he won a varsity football letter as a freshman under wartime eligibility rules. It was at Purdue that Sam met Tom Hughes, present Oregon football trainer, who was then a student at the LaFayette, Indiana school. The two became good friends and when Tom graduated and made plans to come to the University of Oregon, he talked Nevills into making the transfer with him.

Coast Tries Again To Regain Battered Gridiron Prestige

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6 (UP)—Two more chapters in the football feud between the Big Nine and the Pacific Coast conference will be written this weekend—and the west needs to win 'em both to gain a season's edge.

Out of the three intersectionals played thus far, big Nine's Michigan and Minnesota racked up easy wins over Stanford and Washington respectively. Only UCLA's surprising Bruins, with a 41 to 25 victory over Iowa, upheld the honor of the coast.

Saturday, the West gets its chance to forge in front with Southern California playing high-scoring Ohio State at the Coliseum at Los Angeles and Pappy Waldorf's Golden Bears tackling the "new" Wisconsin at Madison.

Series Weather

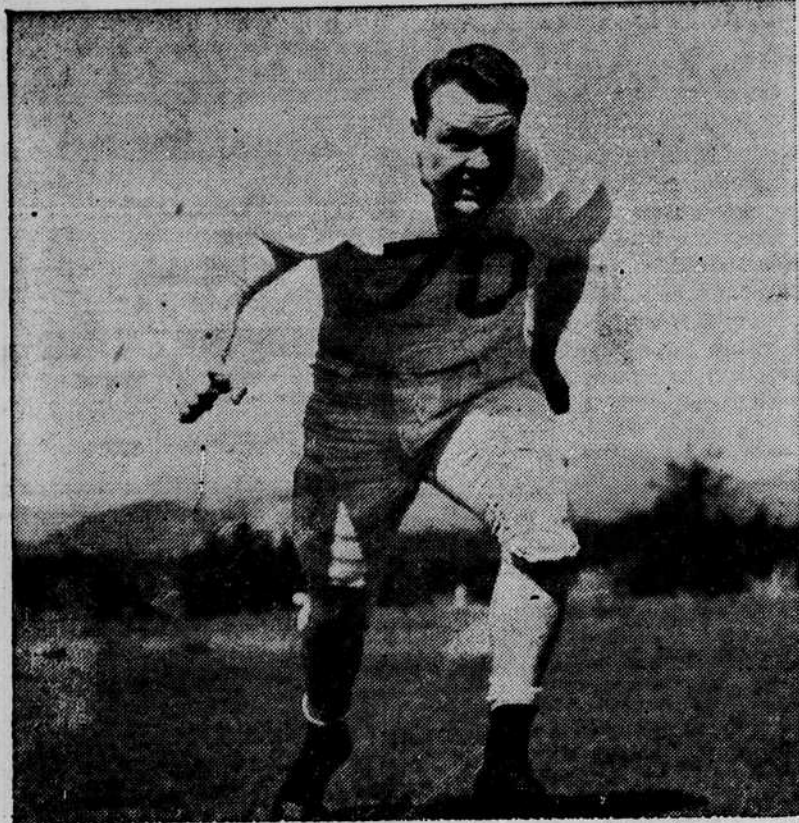
NEW YORK, Oct. 5—(UP)—After predicting rain for the second game of the World Series today, the weatherman changed his mind last night and said that the rain won't begin until tonight—well after game time.

In a revised forecast, the weather bureau forecast fair weather this morning, followed by increasing cloudiness in the afternoon with temperature ranging in the upper 60's.

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Autos have changed things for the undertaker who used to consider Sunday a day of rest.



SAM NEVILLS, 238 pounds worth of the reason that Oregon got into the Cotton Bowl last year and why the Webfoot line will make it tough on 1949 foes. Nevills, a senior, is rounding out his last year with the Ducks, and plans to go into pro ball and wrestling after his graduation.

OREGON DAILY EMERALD SPORTS

Yanks Slap Bums As Henrich Homers

NEW YORK, Oct. 5—(UP)—Tommy Henrich, the old pro with the watermelon heart, broke up the most magnificent pitching duel in the world series history yesterday when he smashed a homerun in the last of the ninth to give the New York Yankees a 1 to 0 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers in the first game of the 1949 classic.

It was a ball game that will go down in history, for the Dodgers got only two hits and the Yankees five. The great crowd was keyed to an unbearable pitch as one scoreless inning after another passed until Henrich patted the one that counted to the accompaniment of a roar that could be heard for miles.

Before he connected on a fast pitch with a count of two balls and no strikes as the leadoff batter in the ninth, it looked as if the game could have gone on for hours.

And after he hit his great drive, as 66,224 fans at Yankee Stadium stormed onto the field in unbridled hilarity, big Don Newcombe, the Dodger hurler, stuffed his mitt in his pocket and walked away in complete dejection.

For the glory of this hour had been his—almost. In the mighty mound duel, Newcombe, the rookie and the only Negro pitcher ever to start a world series game, had just a slight edge over Allie Reynolds, the jubilant winner.

GAME PITCHERS' BATTLE

It was a game in which they battled toe-to-toe on the mound, mowing down the batters instead of taking chances on letting them hit.

Newcombe struck out 11 batters, only two short of the all-time World Series record set by Howard Ehmke, who fanned 13 for the Athletics against the Cubs in the opening 1929 Series game.

Reynolds, veteran with one World Series victory under his belt, was in his own way just as magnificent, for he was a bear-

down guy with runners on base.

Called a "cheese pitcher" because most of his 17 victories were saved this year by reliever Lefty Joe Page, he pitched the game of his life time today, striking out nine batters himself, and giving up but two hits—one in the first inning and the other in the eighth.

This time he needed Page about as badly as a pinch-hitter was needed for Henrich.

The 20 batters the two hurlers struck out between them were only two short of the all-time one-game series high for strike outs, set in 1944 when Mort Cooper of the St. Louis Cardinals got 12 and Denny Galehouse of the St. Louis Browns 10.

And as they operated so determinedly, inning after inning as the score went 0 and 0, 0 and 0, 0 and 0, and the agony and tension mounted, they presented a surprising style in contrasts.

VETERAN VS ROOKIE

Reynolds, the veteran, was the fellow who managed to get himself in trouble. In five different innings he had to pitch out of difficulty with men on base. But the big Indian from Bethany, Okla., called on his heart each time to get him out.

Newcombe, so raw a rookie that he wasn't even on the Dodger roster this Spring, pitched with remarkable poise. Almost always—until Henrich blasted his climatic blow—he was in command. In fact, prior to the ninth, the only Yankee batter to bother him much was Reynolds himself.

Reynolds, just a .221 hitter during the regular season but who wasn't letting himself be denied anything this cloudy, muggy, autumn afternoon, got two of the five Yankee hits, a ringing double to left in the third and a single in the fifth.

Newcombe, who threw only 114 pitches, only 37 of which were

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Series Televised In Flatbush; Tears Flow Like Wine

NEW YORK, Oct. 5—(UP)—A World Series baseball game was televised on a movie screen for the first time in history Wednesday and the customers got all the trimmings of going to the ball park.

Popcorn, peanut and soda pop vendors strode up and down the aisles of the Brooklyn Fabian Fox theater selling their wares while a capacity crowd of more than 4,000 Dodger fans cheered for their beloved Bums.

The admission price of \$1.20 included the regular showing of movies and the doors opened at 3:30 a. m. But many fans, some carrying lunch boxes, started lining up at 8 a. m. By noon, the theater, located in the heart of Dodger territory was practically filled to its 4,100-seat capacity.

One Dodger hooter brought changes of underwear, announcing that "I'm going to stay here for the whole series."

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As Sam says, "Tom told me what a swell school it was and I certainly haven't been disappointed. The spirit here is much better than at Purdue and the whole campus is very friendly."

As a transfer student Sam lost a year of football eligibility when he first arrived on the Oregon campus in the fall of 1947. However, by alternating at a tackle spot with Don Stanton last year he easily earned a letter and is being counted on heavily in this fall's gridiron wars.

When quizzed as to his biggest thrills in sports, "Smilin" Sam replied, "I think my biggest thrill was winning the ETO Wrestling Championship, although being able to play in last year's Cotton Bowl Game was also something I shall never forget."

Nevills plans to graduate at the end of winter term with a degree in physical education. Professional football and wrestling will take up most of his time until he accepts a regular coaching position.

As was mentioned earlier, Sam met his wife, the former Donna Belch, shortly after his arrival in Eugene and they were married four months ago. "She is also a PE Major," Sam explains, "and is interested in Physio-Therapy, so we plan to go into the teaching profession together."

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