

Bob Sanders Carving Notch Among Webfoot Immortals

By BILL CLOTHIER

Bruising Bob Sanders, North Bend's gift to the Green machine, is a calm, soft spoken senior, who by attitude and action on the campus, flatly contradicts his explosive qualities on the gridiron.

Though somewhat bashful around the Sigma Chi house, his bashful manner on the football field has an entirely different connotation. Ask anybody from Washington State.

Fullback to most of us, "Oregon's third halfback" to Jim Aiken (because of his blazing speed on end sweeps), he was nothing less than a small edition of a mark four tank to the hapless Cougars who couldn't get out of his way.

Including statistics from games played last Saturday, Sanders ranks as the eleventh highscoring collegiate player in the entire nation with 54 pts. to his credit. This includes teams of all colors—from mighty Oklahoma to relatively unheard of McMurry College of Abilene, Texas.

In the PCC, Sanders is far out in front in rushing with a net gain of 596 yards in 109 times at bat for a neat 5.2 yards per carry. He has carried the ball thirty nine times more than any other player on the team.

Small wonder that he is tabbed the backfield workhorse. Tom Hughes, Oregon trainer, calls Sanders one of the finest team players he has ever known. When Hughes was interviewed, he waved his arm at the clippings kept on the training room bulletin board. A lot of them concerned Oregon's fullback.

"Bob doesn't care about that—he plays for the team, not Sanders. He is our best blocking back. He is so fast Aiken calls him his third halfback, and besides his great speed on the end runs, he can blast for yardage through the center of the



BOB SANDERS

line. We will really miss him next year."

His savage rushing ability has won some rare praise from a noted critic. After the Iowa game, L. H. Gregory of the Oregonian sent a special delivery letter to Bob at the Sigma Chi house, congratulating him and his teammates for an outstanding game, the score notwithstanding.

Hughes said such personal congratulations were never tendered by Gregory before, either to Jake Leicht or Norman Van Brocklin.

Sander's post school plans are not as yet definite. Though a business administration major, he indicated he was interested in playing professional football for a few years if the opportunity presented itself.

When queried about the coming California game at Berkeley, he said, "They had better be very high for us. There is nothing we would rather do than defeat California. And I think we can do it."

And it wouldn't pay to take his prediction too lightly. Bob Sanders believes in carrying a football—not talking about it.

Ducks' McKay Stars On Cage Court, too

By JOHN BARTON

He's five feet, nine inches tall, with 170 points of tricky muscle attached to his 25 year old frame.

That's Oregon's Johnny McKay, the consistent offensive and defensive left halfback who is putting in his final year on the gridiron for the Ducks.

McKay is no stranger to a football field. He played high school ball at Shinnston, W. Va., carried the oval for the 3rd Air Force team while in the service, and played one season at Purdue.

While in high school, McKay was selected on the West Virginia all-star team for two years, and, incidentally, also gained all-state honors in basketball. Playing basketball for Maxwell Field while in the Army Air Corps in 1945, he averaged 12 points a game on the maples.

On the third Air Force team with McKay were football names such as Charley Trippi and Bob Kennedy. When playing for Purdue, in 1946 Johnny met Tom Hughes, who made All-American for the Boiler-makers, Ed Chrobot, and Sam Nevills.



JOHNNY MCKAY

This, John says, was his main reason for coming to Oregon. He liked the country too, he asserts. While in the service, he passed through the state one fall and decided that he wanted to live here.

Majoring in physical education at Oregon, John says he wants to be a football coach after his graduation next spring. He will do some work on his master's degree spring term, and will finish it later.

Bell Won't Ring Next Year For Lemon and Green Team

By JACK LANDRUD

To campus women he is known as "Gorgeous George," but in the Oregon starting football lineup he is simply "G. Bell, halfback." Of course, we're referring to handsome George Bell, veteran backfield star on Coach Jim Aiken's varsity team.

Bell pushes the scales up to a trim 185 pounds, and the height measurement doesn't stop until it hits the six foot, one inch mark.

He is twenty-four years old and has been married over a year to a very attractive Oregon lass, the former Nancy Swen, whom he met in the Spud Nut Shop and—but that's a different story.

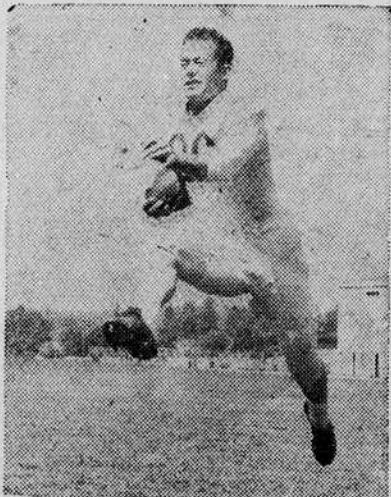
Bell was born in Oakland, California, but he attended high school at Walnut Creek which is about three miles outside of Oakland.

It was here that he met Bob Oas and Norm Van Brocklin, both ex-Duck grid greats, and they all played on the same prep team. George also participated in high school basketball and track.

Graduation came in June of 1943 with Bell entering the Army Air Corps shortly after. He was discharged on January 2, 1946. The next day, January 3, he and Bob Oas both enrolled at the University of Oregon.

During the fall of 1946 Bell turned out for football under Tex Oliver, who was then head grid coach, and earned a varsity letter as a freshman.

It was that year which produced his biggest football thrill. Playing the University of California at Berkeley before a huge throng of "home town folks," Bell was called



GEORGE BELL

off the bench in the first quarter to play defense in his first conference game.

Before he had been on the field one full minute, he intercepted a Jackie Jensen pass on the 50-yard stripe and ran all the way across the Cal goal line for a touchdown.

Bell has been a standout on offense and defense ever since that 1946 season and is currently earning his fourth major football award.

As to his present surroundings, George commented, "I like Oregon very much and plan to make my home here."

Bell, who is a business Administration major, plans to graduate at the end of the present quarter. When quizzed as to future plans, he replied, "I'm not sure yet but definitely no professional football because," he added with a smile, "my wife won't let me!!"

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