



A LARGE GALLERY braved the rain to watch Ben Hogan and Bing Crosby as they holed out on the 18th green at Peninsula Country Club, Pebble Beach, Calif., Jan. 14. Crosby sends a 5-foot putt into the cup for a birdie 4 on the hole. Hogan stands at left between caddies. (AP Wirephoto).

Pro Bowl Rhubarb Waxes Hot in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nowhere in the world does rhubarb, the football variety, grow like it does in Southern California in January.

In Sunday's Pro Bowl game, the East beat the West 31-30 but early photographic evidence seems to indicate an official pulled a boo-boo on the next to last play of the game.

Veteran football men said Field Judge Joe Gonzales had missed a call.

This was the set-up: Bert Rechichar of the Baltimore Colts tried a desperation 50-yard field goal for the West. It fell short and Joe "Scooter" Scudero of the Washington Redskins took the catch.

Many believe that Scudero was standing on the one or two yard line and then almost casually took a step or two back and grounded the ball in the end zone.

A photograph, published in The Los Angeles Times, shows Scudero standing a yard inside the playing field when he caught the ball. It also shows Gonzales right on top of the play.

Gonzales ruled that the ball went through the plane of the end zone and for that reason called an automatic touchback. The ball was placed on the East 20 a moment before the game ended.

Many others thought Scudero provided the impetus himself to ground the ball behind the goal line. That would have

made it an automatic safety and given the West a 32-31 win.

Scudero had this to say: "Before the goal was kicked, I asked the official, 'if this kick goes into the end zone and is not a field goal, am I correct in assuming that I cannot run it out as it will be an automatic touchback?' The official told me that was correct."

"I thought I was standing with one foot in the end zone and one foot on the field of play when I caught the ball. I turned and set it down in the end zone, then flipped it to the official."

However, the photo shows that Scudero's rear foot, his right, was standing at least a yard inside the marker.

The rules allow a latitude of interpretation. If Scudero had been forced backward by the impetus of the kick into his end zone, regardless of where he was when the ball was caught, then it was a legitimate touchback.

The only time he would not be allowed to step backward into his end zone is when his progress is forward as he catches the ball.

Closest man to Scudero—only a couple yards away—was Gonzales. The press box is a long way off.

Meanwhile, the score remains East 31, West 30, just as Pasadena's Rose Bowl game ended Michigan State 17, UCLA 14. That was another great rhubarb producer.

Duck Tracks

By Chuck Mitchelmore
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"You bet this kid Robinson is good," Cal's Coach Pete Newell is talking now. "I've never seen anybody with so much natural spring. I'm going to jump him at center—no, I'm not kidding, he outjumped (Max) Anderson out there, and he gets the tip from anybody on our squad. He'll be one of the great sophomores in the league, along with (Dave) Gambee at Oregon State."

This comment after the 19-year-old sophomore springster Earl Robinson had practically single-handed the Golden Bears to a series split with an eight-point effort in something just over five playing minutes. But the Oregon fans knew Robinson was great after he had potted 27 points Friday with a top-of-the-ladder jump shot.

Before the Oregon series Robinson hadn't done too much in the way of the spectacular. He was shooting with an average of 8.4, fourth on the Bear squad. At Oakland high school he "never made much of a name as I remember," said Don Delbon, sophomore Duck guard who played baseball against him. "He played third base—was a real great hitter—I think he could have signed several times, but I never heard of his basketball playing until now."

Knees May Bother Robinson

The Cal press book lists Robinson's knees as a possible deterrent to his success on the basketball court. Newell said, "Well, the one's still taped up, but I think he'll be all right," then quickly stepped to the nearest bench and knocked twice.

The Bears' trainer Jack Williamson whom Oregon's Bob Officer calls the "greatest in the nation" was a bit more optimistic. "They're old football injuries, but they're coming along fine. The tissues in the muscles aren't bad. Actually the really bad one is the one we aren't taping now."

"Oh, yeah, that boy's equipment's all right," continued Williamson. "He's got the best equipment I've seen in a while. Wish I had some like that."

Max Tough to Defense

Back in the Bear dressing room Newell was handing out opinions. "You bet it was a rough series. You (Oregon) kept hanging on—a lot of teams wouldn't do that. And that Anderson is the toughest center we've had to defense against all year. Of course, next week we play San Francisco, but Anderson's the toughest so far."

Cal's clutch star Larry Friend interrupted and used two writers as Oregon players to demonstrate to Newell that he hadn't fouled anybody in making the game-winning shot, then the Bear mentor continued, "I like this new conference setup. With the division idea it got old fast for the boys. They'd get to know each other too well over the years. This way it's something a little different or new more often. Makes a lot 'cuter' game as far as the fans are concerned."

On the officiating Newell said Friday's contest was "the best refereed we've been in this year. Saturday? Well, let's not say anything about that, huh?"

UO Swim Team In Training Grind As Season Nears

Splashing sounds of furious activity are being heard these days from the direction of the men's pool, where Coach Bill Borchardt is working his boys hard preparing the team for Northern Division conference competition.

"Although the team will not be in top shape until midway through the season," reports Borchardt, "they should progress and better themselves as the season gets underway."

The relay team appears to be weaker than last year: only letterman Jerry Froebe returns to compete in this event. Bob Hays and Steve Hall should represent the Ducks adequately in the breast stroke. In the back stroke, Coach Borchardt will rely upon Bill Goodwin, up from the freshmen. Goodwin will also compete in individual medley events.

Yoji Matsushima and Don Jacklin will strengthen the Webfoots in the distance events, the 220 and 440. Jacklin may also be a point winner in the sprints with veteran Bob Beatty. The diving department will be handled by Bill Warner.

The swimmers will get a chance for needed competition in the coming state AAU meet to be held in the Vancouver, Washington pool Jan. 21 and 22. Then Northern Division action will get underway when the defending champion Washington squad, favored to repeat, will invade Eugene Feb. 3.

The Oregon team will travel to Pullman, Washington to meet WSC and Idaho on successive days, Feb. 10 and 11. Feb. 18, Oregon will compete against the Oregon State Beavers at Corvallis and then return home to face OSC again. The season will close March 2 and 3, when all the ND schools head toward Pullman for the conference meet.

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