



FIELD GOAL EXPERTS of two generations discuss Oregon's last Rose Bowl try, and their next appearance New Year's Day. "Skeet" Manerud (left), who accounted for three of the Ducks' six points against Harvard, and UO fullback Jack Morris both have been Webfoot handymen in the kicking department.

(Emerald photo by Louis Parker)

Ohio State Battle Recalls 1920 Bowl

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The headline proclaimed "Oregon Battles Buckeyes in Rose Bowl," and the big, grizzled man shifted his legs and began to read about Shanley and Mondale and Woody Hayes and three touchdown odds. A line caught his eye: "It will be Oregon's first Pasadena showing since 1920, when they lost to Harvard 7-6." Thirty-eight years he exclaimed to himself—it sure doesn't seem that long since...

A noise behind the chair interrupted his thoughts. "Dad," came the voice of his youngest son, "We've got it figured out now so that we can hitch-hike to Pasadena, stay at this kid's place and come back the third with his uncle. What do you say?"

"I say it'll still be more expensive than you can afford," he countered. "But we'll see." Then in a softer tone: "You know, I was just thinking—I was only two years older than you when Oregon played in the Rose Bowl the last time. Says here," he poked at the page—"that a fourth of the student body is going down. Hell, there must have more of us down there than that, even in 1920. We filled up one whole section."

The youth looked down at his father. "You saw the game? I never knew that before—how come you never mentioned it?"

... Until This Year

"Oh, I don't know why, really — a bunch of us took the train down as far as Frisco and hitchhiked from there." He re-examined the sports page on his lap. "According to this, Oregon's the underdog this year—we were then, too, but you'd never have known it. Let me tell you—that game beat anything I've seen Oregon do—until this year, anyway."

"Oh now Dad, how about the Cotton Bowl team? They weren't slouches then either. Van Brocklin..."

Then he folded his paper and stood up. "I'll bet you've never even heard of some of the big stars of my time: Eddie Casey, and Arnold Horween for them, Shy Huntington, Skeeter Manerud, Bill Steers and Vince Jacobberger for us. Come to think of it, it seems to me your mother kept some kind of a scrapbook on the whole thing—she was going with somebody on the team at the time. Let's see if we can find it."

Soon they were pouring over the old black volume, full of quaint snapshots and yellowed clippings. "You see, son, this wasn't just another intersectional game—I remember all the sportswriters calling this the match between the East and West. Somebody—I think it was an Eastern writer—said afterwards that the game was the first to really put the West Coast athletics on the map."

A "Morning Oregonian" caption on Harvard's Eddie Casey came into view. "He was supposed to be their biggest star," said the grey-headed man. "As I remember, they had a great big team—all the first-string were war veterans. There was some argument before the game that Harvard wasn't the best team in the East—I guess they were worried because WSC and Oregon had beaten Eastern teams in the Bowl in 1916 and 1919. Anyway, we knew they had beaten Yale and tied Princeton, and there was something a little scary about playing one of the big Eastern teams."

Dive-Bombers and Movie Stars

They turned another page. "What's this about an airplane diving on the field just before the game, Dad?" asked the son, examining a story entitled "Pasadena Sidelights." "What? Well, I'd forgotten all about that—right after we got to the stadium, an old biplane came over very low and dropped the game ball into a Harvard player's arms. The whole thing was a circus. We had Babe Ruth, Charlie Chaplin, Doug Fairbanks and some other big names sitting on our side—seems like it was pretty cold most of the game."

"Look here, Dad—George Bertz wrote the Journal's game story. Didn't he retire as Sports Editor last year?"

They read the lead of Bertz's 38-year old account of the game. "Playing the greatest contest a Eugene aggregation ever uncorked, with a fighting spirit the equal of which was never displayed by a Webfoot team—Oregon went down to a 7-6 defeat before the mighty Harvard eleven here in a brilliant, well-played and hard-fought football game."

"It was a real thriller all right," said the father, pointing to game-story clippings from the Journal, the Oregonian and even the Literary Digest. "Listen to this lead: 'In one of the greatest football games ever played and with 35,000 football fans howling their heads off, the University of Oregon lost a heart-breaking game to Harvard this afternoon...'"

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MINUS HAMMER

BY JIM SEASE
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Minus the full-time services of Coach Bill Hammer the Oregon wrestling team has begun daily practices in preparation for their opening match against the University of Washington here Jan. 11.

As coach of the Bowl-bound Webfoot line Hammer will be making a slight detour through the Rose Bowl Jan. 1 before he can devote full-time to the Duck wrestlers.

Heading the five returning lettermen on the team this year will be team captain George Krupicka, 1957 PCI champion at 167 lbs.

Other returnees are Jim Beaton, 157; Howard Timmons, 147; Dave Fish, 177, and Ken Karnes, 137.

Seniors Krupicka, Timmons and Karnes will be in their last year of college wrestling.

Two year lettermen Krupicka and Timmons will be entering their third year of varsity competition while Karnes, also will be returning after skipping the 1957 season. He lettered in 1956 as a sophomore.

Up from the 1957 freshman team and looking tough in the battle for starting sports are Lynn Matthews, 137, Kim Brewster, 147, Gary Parks, 123, Rodney Cottle, 191, Ron Conner, 130, Jay Dearing, 157, and John Parker, 147.

Juniors Jim Linden, heavy-weight, and Bob Curtis, 167, will also be scrapping for starting positions.

Jan. 11	Washington*
Jan. 15	Lewis & Clark*
Jan. 17	S.O.C.E.
Jan. 23	Portland State
Jan. 25	Washington St.
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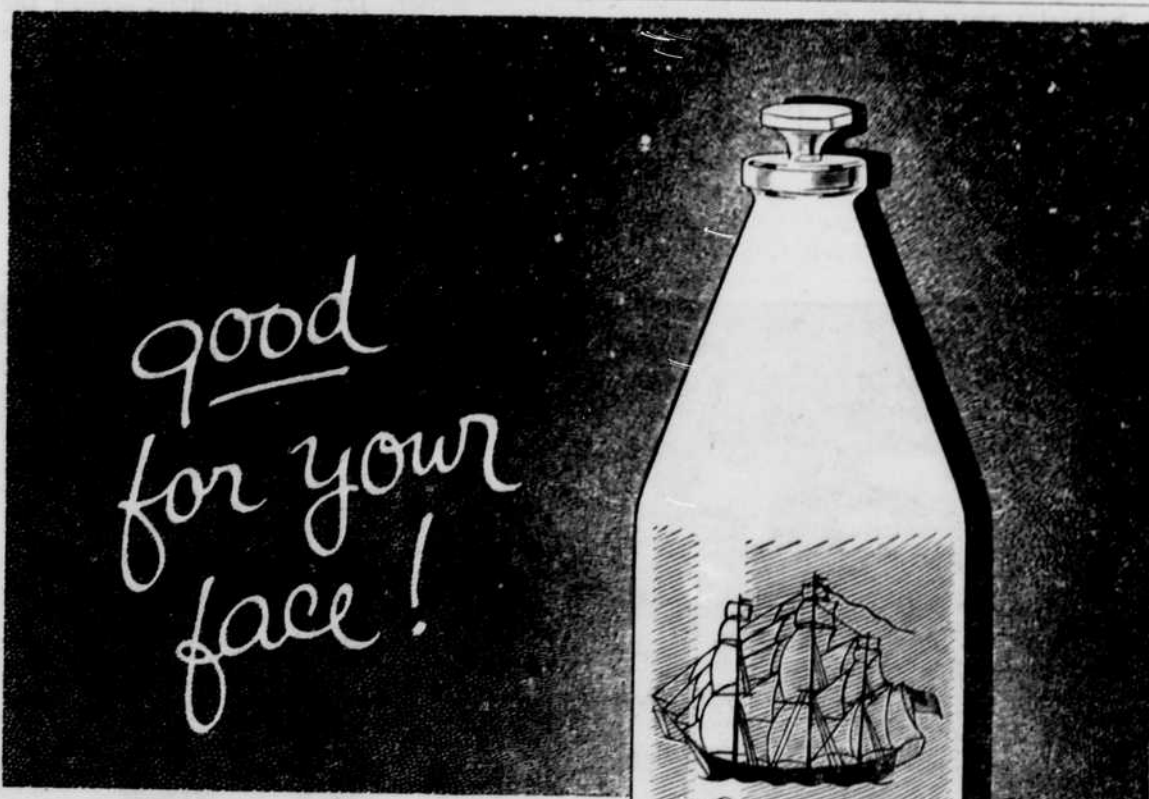
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