

Webfoots Defeat Bearcats 34 to 30 in Bitter Hoop Tilt

W. U. HAS LEAD MOST OF GAME

Stamina and Coach Reinhardt's Strategy Save Oregon From Defeat

Doubts which may have been entertained in Salem or elsewhere that Willamette university has the best basketball team turned out at the local Methodist school in many years, were dispelled Tuesday night when the Bearcats lost to the University of Oregon Webfoots; billed this year as the probable northern division Coast conference "champions" by only four points, for the 30, after the Willamette team had held the lead for more than half the game.

A little more stamina on the part of the stocky Oregon players, possibly a little "stage fright" with victory over so formidable a team almost in sight, at any rate, failure to hit the basket when scores would have meant victory, but most of all a little strategy on the part of "Bill" Reinhardt, alert Oregon mentor, prevented Willamette from scoring that unprecedented victory over the Webfoots.

It was by far the most bitterly fought basketball game seen in Salem in many years, with the Webfoots striving desperately to overcome the Bearcats' lead all through the second half until they finally succeeded. Head-on collisions were frequent, and even the referee emerged with a broken tooth.

The Oregon team started playing up points at the opening of the game as it had done Saturday night at Eugene, but with the difference that the Bearcats, inspired by the presence of their rabid following, kept right behind them, with Houk doing most of the early scoring.

Scales Gets "On"

Then when the first half was nearly over, George Scales, whom the Willamette rooters have been confidently expecting to get "on" most any night, suddenly broke loose with a series of beautiful and long shots, and Willamette was leading 18 to 13 at half time.

All this time big Ed Cardinal, Bearcat center, had been getting the tipoff, but wasn't able to score because a husky lad named Edwards was checking him every instant.

At the opening of the second half Scales continued his scoring spree, but when Willamette was ahead 24 to 13, Bill Reinhardt played his "ace in the hole," with Cardinal pretty well worn down, Reinhardt sent in Eberhart, a center who could outjump the Willamette star and who was also able to help out in the scoring.

Milligan Saves Day

Epps finally put the visitors in the scoring column again with a free throw, and Ridings scored a field goal. Up to this time the Oregon team seemed "all at sea," first one player and then another, making a mad dribble down the floor, only to be checked or shot wild; but now they settled down, and began scoring steadily throughout the game, put his team back in the running with three field goals in succession. To offset this partly, Cardinal dribbled the length of the floor to sink a long one.

Ridings shot a long one to tie the score at 28 all, and then Gibson, Willamette substitute, followed suit to put the Bearcats ahead again. Cardinal injured his ankle and was out of the game for a minute, in that interval the Bearcat dropped the ball through the basket, the winning points. The last two were made on free throws also by Milligan.

Summary:

Willamette	.....	30
Adams (3)	.....	6
Cardinal (5)	.....	10
Houk (3)	.....	8
Lodbetter (2)	.....	2
Gibson (2)	.....	3
Steelhammer	.....	5

WITNESS RETRACTS ON FORMER CHARGE

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The hearing by the Boston Finance commission on bribery charges made by Emil Fuchs, president of the Boston Braves, moved toward a close today when the commission resumed its public sessions and heard the testimony of five witnesses.

None of the testimony today was in support of the charges by Fuchs that William G. Lynch, a Boston city councilman, had approached him for a bribe of \$5,000, for each of 13 members of a "bloc" of councilmen, to vote for ratification of the Sunday sports law. In fact, one of the witnesses, Myles T. McSweeney, a Boston sports writer, admitted that the story he told Fuchs concerning two councilmen was false.

When the hearing first opened, Fuchs testified that McSweeney had told him he had "enough on two councilmen to hang them." Fuchs also had said that McSweeney informed him that his knowledge was verified by two witnesses. Today McSweeney told the commission that he had merely heard a rumor that "some one wanted some money," and that the story he told Fuchs was a "mere presumption."

Eddie Mack is Winner Easily

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Eddie Mack, Rocky mountain light champion, won a decision here tonight over Tod Morgan, world's junior lightweight champion in a ten round fight. The fight was a non-title affair.

WHILE STAR FLOPPED TWO CASTOFFS CAME THROUGH



The official National league batting averages, released for winter fan fodder, reveal many interesting things. For instance there are the figures on Kiki Cuyler, George Sisler and Riggs Stephenson. Cuyler, acquired by the Chicago Cubs from the Pittsburgh Pirates, was expected to star at bat. He hit .284 for the season. George Sisler, passed up by American league managers, hit .340 in 118 games for the Boston Braves. Riggs Stephenson, an American league discard, led the Cubs at bat with a .324 average in 137 games. Photos show Stephenson, left; Cuyler, center, and Sisler.

Concluding Funeral Rites Staged for Rickard Today

By BRIAN BELL Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—On the spot where the ring is placed when boxing contests are held at Madison Square Garden, the body of Tex Rickard rested tonight, awaiting funeral services tomorrow afternoon and burial.

Before the final words are said in praise of the genius of the sports promoter who built the great arena where his body lies, thousands of men and women from every walk of life will pay their silent tribute. Tomorrow other thousands will be admitted until 1:30 o'clock, half an hour before the funeral service is held. For three hours tonight the doors of the Garden were swung open to admit the public to pass the massive bronze casket holding the body of Tex.

"Best People" On Hand

In his rise to the front rank of promoters, Rickard was continually striving to bring the "best people" to the ringside for his shows and if not to replace the fight fans of other days, whose uniform was a cap and a sweater at least to push them farther back in the picture.

In death the "best people" in their high hats came with the boys nervously twitching their caps in their hands to pay tribute to a man who succeeded in making boxing respectable.

Boxing champions and titleholders of other days were in the throng, several white haired men who held belts before Rickard ever saw a gloved hand lead a counter, coming to pay respectful tribute to a man whose like was not seen in their day.

Hockey Stars Present

Hockey too was represented, for not only does the body rest near the ring posts for a boxing bout, but on a surface that also resounded to the clang of skates on speeding feet. Boxing was the promoter's first and fondest love, but hockey was second in his affections.

At the funeral tomorrow boxers and hockey players and officials will join with enthusiasts for both sports in saying a final "Well done."

At 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the many doors of Madison Square Garden will be closed and only holders of cards will be admitted after that hour. Card holders will include friends of the family, men prominent in sport, especially boxing and hockey, and officials of the Madison Square Garden corporation, of which Tex Rickard was president and general manager.

Rev. Moor to Officiate

The services in the Garden will be conducted by the Rev. George Caleb Moor, pastor of the Madison

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Buckaroos Defeat Victoria Cubs 2-0

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Portland Buckaroos increased their scant hold on second place in the Pacific coast hockey league by a 2 to 0 win tonight over their closest rivals, the Victoria Cubs.

HOCKEY FINALS

At Pittsburgh: Pitts. Pirates 1; Chicago Blackhaws 0. (extra period).
At Boston: Boston 5; Toronto 2.
At Montreal: Montreal Maroons 1; Ottawa 1 (tied).

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BASKETBALL

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The university of North Dakota quieted its long string of intercollegiate basketball games here tonight by dropping its second straight game to the University of Washington, 45 to 30.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal. Jan. 8.—(AP)—In the roughest and most sensational contest seen on a Stanford court for a long time, the Cardinal basketball team nosed out St. Mary's here tonight after five minutes of extra play, 35 to 33.

How to Escape FLU

- 1 Avoid so far as possible the places where flu germs are most apt to be; crowded cars, public meeting places, warm, stuffy rooms.
- 2 Be careful of close contact with others and beware of all coughers and sneezers. Breathe through the nose.
- 3 Get lots of rest. Eat plenty of citrus fruits. Keep the bowels open. Take every precaution to keep in good physical condition, so your system will have high resistance against germs.
- 4 Above all, avoid catching cold. Any cold may be the forerunner of flu. Take Bayer Aspirin at the first sign of a cold and you can ward it off. Gargle with Bayer Aspirin at first sign of sore throat as this will remove the infection.
- 5 If you have any reason to suspect even a touch of flu, call your doctor.

GOLFERS SET FOR BIG MEET

\$10,000 Los Angeles Open Will Get Under Way on Courses Today

By VICTOR G. SEDLER Associated Press Sports Writer LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Golfing legends, recruited from virtually every district of the country by the magnet of gold and glory, swarmed over this section's courses today in final practice skirmishes before swinging into action in the \$10,000 Los Angeles open.

Early tomorrow a knickered army of approximately 300, split up into threesomes, will march to the first tees of six courses in this section for 36 holes of qualifying play. This pre-tournament battle will put down the field to the 74 low scorers and ties, and this force will fight it out with 42 others who are exempt from this qualifying test because of their showing in the recent national open and last year's \$10,000 open. In a 72 hole drive over the Riviera country club layout, near Santa Monica, Cal., Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Walter Hagen, peer of professionals and greatest money winner of all time; McDonald Smith, the Carnoustie Scot who will be defending the open title; Lee Diegel, national professional cham-

Salem High Plays First District Game Against Dallas High Here Tonight

The Dallas high school basketball team will invade Salem tonight in its annual attempt to down the red and black quintet on the local high school floor.

The principal point of interest about this game is that it constitutes the first district game of the season for Coach Louis Anderson's proteges.

Nevertheless, Dallas is reputed to have a strong team this season, having already taken the measure of the Oregon Normal school "Wolves" in a practice game.

That Dallas is somewhere in Salem's class was demonstrated by the close game it played against the Willamette freshmen, who beat Roosevelt high by an even wider margin than Salem high did.

The Salem high team has been practicing diligently and will not enter tonight's game over confident despite the topheavy victory it scored against Roosevelt high of Portland a week ago.

Red Grange Eyes Kansas City For Gridiron Business

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Harold (Red) Grange has his eye on Kansas City as a possible location for a professional football team.

The former Illinois all-American halfback, has written a local sporting goods dealer to sound out possibilities for a team here.

Professional football was tried for a season in Kansas City a few years ago, but failed to attract the crowds.

GENE TUNNEY SAYS RICKARD DEATH SA

By GENE TUNNEY ST. MORITZ, Switzerland Jan. 8.—(AP)—I am very

grieved to learn of Tex Rickard's untimely death and sympathize with Mrs. Rickard and their little daughter in the great loss.

Tex Rickard was a man of genius in his way. He made a plan for himself through his education of the public to his idea that no man ever before has held and which it is quite doubtful will ever be held again by any individual.

The retired heavyweight champion did not learn for more than a day of the death of the man under whose promotion he won his title and twice defended it.

Tunney, with Mrs. Tunney is in St. Moritz enjoying the winter sports, and difficulty was experienced in locating him. The Associated Press finally reached him by telephone to inform him of Rickard's death. Tunney said that he was "inexpressibly shocked," and at once dictated his tribute.

RICKREALL BASKETBALL TEAMS TO PLAY FRIDAY

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