

# Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Dabbling in dabs of dissa and data, and all the time wondering what sort of a county it must be which would continue secessionist shenanigans even after its state college had earned a Pasadena pilgrimage? . . . From what can be gathered, Wallace Wade of the Ducks and the Los Angeles sports scribes are on very good spiking terms. . . Last heard of the lady in red, Oregon variety, was that she'd turned Orange until after January 1, at least. . . Give a Beaver stater a horse he can ride and he'll



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no doubt ride it to the Rose Bowl. . . As pre-game proof that Oregon State is more versatile than Duke, how about the fact that Duke rose solely from tobacco leaves while Oregon State stands because of prunes, cherries, hops, wheat, beans, nuts, peas, sheep, cattle, hogs, chickens and many other products, too numerous to mention.

How swiftly the styles do change these days! . . . Here the T, Stanford variety, is but two years old and its chief designer, Clark Shaughnessy, is already planning a new model for 1942. . . This department has it on unimpeachable authority, however, that Shaughnessy's new "variation" won't include featherless ends.

No record available in your correspondent's personal juke box, but Washington State's Dale Gentry is probably the first college athlete ever to be accorded all-American mention in both football and basketball. . . The barrel-bosomed Cougar made hoopdom's hall of fame last season with the western championship WSC team, and has been named on two all-American football selections already this year.

Several students of gridology in these parts assert they'd rather have the Associated Press' second team all-coast backfield playing for them than the AP's first team set of leather lug-gers. . . The second team quartet included Durdan of OSC, Mecham and Roblin of Oregon and Kennedy of WSC, while the number one set of backs were Albert and Kmetovic of Stanford, Robertson of USC and Sewell of WSC.

## Bevo Basketeers Make Season Debut Here

Capital city cage fans get the first public look at the basketball team caddy Slats Gill is building at Beaverville this winter when the Orangemen play their season opener here Thursday night against the Willamette Bearcats. . . With the exception of Don Durdan, who won't be through with football duties until after January 1, the 1941-42 Beaver hoop team is almost intact from last season. . . Back is big John Mandic, the rugged pivoter whom your correspondent rated the best individual hooper in the northern division last season; Paul Valenti, the quick-handed guard; Jack Mulder, and Sam Dement, rangy forwards; George McNutt, the transfer who fitted in so nicely last season; and, up from last year's Rook team, Lewis Beck, the long-shot artist from Pendleton, and Harry Amacher, ex-Portland prep flash.

Aboard the UP's City of Portland today and headed for the Oregon Ducks' fourth straight basketball invasion of the east, is Willson "Weezy" Maynard, ex-Viking, who made the 11-man traveling squad. . . Maynard, who played freshman ball at Oregon in 1939-40, was held out of competition last season.

The Oregon team which finished a notch behind Oregon State in last season's northern division race (OSC in second place and Oregon in third) was hit harder by graduation than the Beavers. . . Lost from last season's Webfoot team were Vic Townsend, the division's top scorer; Hank Anderson, pinch-hitting forward now coaching at Baker; Wally Borrevik, out of action this season due to injuries sustained in an auto accident last summer; Bill Borchers, whose 6-foot-5 frame has been in a football suit all fall; and Evert McNeely, reserve forward.

## Oregon Only Northern Rose Bowl Victor

Question: How old is the Rose Bowl? . . . Answer: Actually 40 years old, counting the Michigan 49 Stanford 0 "first ever" bowl game in 1902, which drew so poorly the idea was abandoned until 1916, when it was resumed and continued annually since. . . Of the 27 Rose Bowl games which have been played, northern teams have taken part in but six. . . Oregon was in twice (Oregon 14, Pennsylvania 0 in 1917 and Oregon 6, Harvard 7 in 1919); Washington State once (Washington State 0, Alabama 24 in 1931) and Washington three times (Washington 14, Navy 14 in 1924; Washington 19, Alabama 20 in 1926; and Washington 0, Pittsburgh 21 in 1937). . . Oregon is the only northern division team ever to post a victory in the Rose Bowl.

And how old the East-West Shrine classic at San Francisco? This New Year's day will mark the 17th game of a skein dating from December 26, 1925, during which time the game was four times played in December rather than on New Year's day. . . The West has won 10, the East 5 and there was one tie, 0-0, in 1938.

Wonder how many have stopped to think of the part Oregon's Curt Mecham played in all the scoring in Oregon State's 12-7 Rose Bowl clincher over Oregon? . . . First off, it was the 15-yard roughing penalty against Mecham to the Duck three-yard line which set up the Beaver's first touchdown. . . Secondly, it was Mecham's great 53-yard drive that brought Oregon's lone touchdown. . . Thirdly, it was Mecham who had the one clean shot at Joe Day when the Beaver fullback was on his 28-yard surge for OSC's second touchdown. . . Then, too, had Mecham held Newquist's perfect pass on the Oregon State five-yard line late in the third period, the score might easily have been 13-6 or 14-7 against the Beavers before they got their second touchdown.

Newquist's pass, thrown diagonally back across the line of scrimmage, hit Mecham squarely in the breadbasket and the left-sided halfback, who turned to his left to attempt the catch, dropped the ball. . . For a fleeting second it looked like a touchdown, certain, as Mecham was only five yards from pay pilot and no one near enough to stop him.

# Hawaiians Bump Bearcats 20-6; Ducks Suffer Worst Defeat Ever

## Longhorns Stampede Coast Club, 71 to 7

Texans Wallop Webfoots Hardest Since 53-0 Loss to USC in 1931

By RAY NEUMANN

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 6—(AP)—The team called Texas' greatest in history reached the end of the gridiron trail Saturday with a smashing 71 to 7 victory over the University of Oregon.

Outclassing the heavier Pacific Coast conference team at every turn, the Texans, scoring almost at will, used three full teams to submerge the Webfoots.

The Longhorn first stringers, headed by Pete Layden, Jack Crain, Malcolm Kutner, et al, were accorded a tremendous ovation when they left the field for the last time.

## Eugene Says UO's Defeat Is 'Stunning'

EUGENE, Dec. 6—(AP)—The stunning—to put it mildly—71-7 defeat suffered by the University of Oregon football team at the hands of the University of Texas at Austin Saturday sent local statisticians scurrying to find some Pacific Coast conference school that had suffered a worse defeat in past years.

The 71-7 defeat was the worst in Oregon gridiron history, the 53-0 loss to the University of Southern California in 1931 being the next most severe beating. On the other hand, Oregon's highest-scoring triumph was posted in 1910 when the Webfoots defeated the College of Puget Sound 114-0.

Although only conference records were available, the 76-0 victory of USC over UCLA in 1929 was the most severe licking, closely followed by the Trojans' 74-0 triumph over California in 1930.

## Oliver Won't Talk; Steers Said at Best

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 6—(AP)—Coach Tex Oliver of Oregon university, whose team was crushed 71-7 by Texas, would not comment Saturday night when asked his opinion of how the Longhorns would have fared in the Rose Bowl, but he did have this to say:

"The Webfoots' play today certainly was not indicative of Pacific Coast conference play." Rumors current here had it that, except for doubts Oregon State officials had of the Longhorns' ability to whip Oregon, the Texans would have been invited to the Rose Bowl.

The Rose Bowl Oregon State last week defeated Oregon, 12-7. "I would not say the Texas team is the greatest I've seen this season," Oliver replied to a question. "On the other hand, I would not say they are not the greatest I've seen."

"Texas has a mighty good team," he asserted. "Pete Layden, Jack Crain, Malcolm Kutner, that fine line and that able blocking back, Vernon Martin, all stood out."

Here's what Coach D. X. Bible of the Longhorns said:

"It was a fine finish for a fine team. I believe every man on the squad was at his best. Oregon caught the Longhorns when every man was hot. I think they tried especially to show their followers they would not have been a gamble on any bowl proposition."

## Oregon Students, Fans Take 'Awful' Beating in Stride

EUGENE, Dec. 6—(AP)—University of Oregon students and townspeople took Oregon's defeat at the hands of Texas "in stride" Saturday, but the 71-7 score was rather unbelievable. There was no talk, however, of a "shakeup or reorganization" of the football program on the campus because fans were familiar with the facts connected with Oregon's worst football defeat in history:

1. The Webfoots were in the worst physical condition of the season after a series of round-robin games plus a contest against Santa Clara and a tilt with Idaho.
2. The players had no incentive other than keeping their self-respect.
3. When the Longhorns announced their decision to decline other than a Rose Bowl bid and concentrate on the Oregon game.

## Couldn't Connect Against Ukes



Gene Stewart, pass-pitching halfback of the Willamette Bearcats, couldn't hit the touchdown mark sufficient times Saturday, his mates failed to hold Nolle Smith, hard-running Uke back, and the 'Cats bowed, 20-6, to the University of Hawaii at Honolulu.

Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, December 7, 1941 6

## Sub Soph Backs Combine To Snag 7-0 Edge For Texas Aggies Over WSC

By GAIL FOWLER

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 6—(AP)—A couple of substitute sophomore backs teamed in the fading moments of the first half Saturday to score the only touchdown for Texas A&M, and give the Aggies a 7 to 0 victory over Washington State college before upwards of 25,000 "Evergreen Bowl" fans.

It was the last game for the Aggies, Southwest conference champions, before they play Alabama in the Cotton Bowl New Year's day.

The starring sophomores were pass pitching Leo Daniels, a soph in competition although not in classes, and Cullen Rogers.

Derace Moser, the Aggies' star passer, had done most of the work as the Aggies got to the Cougar 38. Then Daniels replaced him. He threw a long sharp pass to his left. Rogers hauled it, spun as the flying body of defending Felix Fleicher, WSC half, tried to flag him, then turned and outran safety man Jay Stoves for the touchdown.

It was Rogers' ninth touchdown pass reception of the season. Veteran Jack Webster, fullback, kicked the extra point right out

of the open end of the concrete horseshoe clear down to the railroad tracks which skirt scenic Commencement bay of Puget Sound.

Up to that time the Cougars had dominated the first half. The second half, however, was just about all Aggie.

Early in the first quarter Billy Sewell, Washington State halfback who was the nation's 1940 passing leader, rushed a 19-yard pass to Fletcher on the Aggie 21 as the Cougars launched a lightning drive. But it bogged down on the Aggie 10 with Sewell's incompleting fourth down pass.

The Cougars came right back after Quarterback Fred Small intercepted one of Moser's passes on the 50. Sewell threw a beautiful 10-yard pass to Fullback Bob Kennedy and fought his way across the goal line for a 50-yard gain, but a double penalty against WSC nullified the play. It was ruled the Cougars had only five men on the line when the ball was snapped, besides which, they illegally had some backs in motion.

After Small fumbled and Guard Weldon Maples recovered for the Texans on the Cougar 25, the Aggies worked their way to the WSC five-yard line in the second period before Mo-

ser fumbled on fourth down and threw the ball away. The Cougars winding up by taking over on their own 21.

The Aggie center, Bill Sibley, ended another Cougar threat with one of his vital pass interceptions on the Aggie 25 near the end of the second period.

But the Cougars came back to drive 33 yards to the Aggie 35 before Kennedy fumbled at the end of a twisting run and Moser recovered.

Moser passed six yards to End Jim Sterling, and eight more to End Elvis Simmons before Daniels came running in. The 170-pound halfback nudged a screen pass good for 13 yards, to Marshall Spivey, which wound up on the Cougar 38.

Then came the touchdown pass from Daniels to Rogers.

The Aggies took the offensive at the outset of the second half and pretty well controlled play. They marched and passed their way to the Cougar 10 where on fourth down Webster's field goal try was wide. He was standing

GAME STATISTICS		A&M WSC	
First downs	11	9	
Yds. gained rushing	68	87	
Passes attempted	33	16	
Passes completed	14	8	
Yds. gained, passing	168	75	
Yds. lost, passing	0	3	
Passes intercepted	4	3	
Yds. gained, runback	4	3	
of int. passes	7	7	
Punting average	37.4	37.4	
Yds. kicked returned	30	73	
Opponents' fumbles recov.	3	1	
Yds. lost, penalties	30	28	
* Includes punts and kickoffs.			

## WU Tallies First; Can't Stop Smith

Ogdahl Goes Over, First Period; Ukes Dominate Second Half Play

HONOLULU, Dec. 6—(AP)—University of Hawaii's football team defeated Willamette university of Salem, Oregon, 20 to 6, Saturday before a capacity crowd of 25,000 in the Honolulu stadium.

The Oregonians were unable to cope with the tricky, broken field running of Hawaii's co-captain and fullback, Nolle Smith.

Willamette scored midway in the first period, Right Half Ted Ogdahl going over from the three-yard line on a reverse. The try for extra point failed.

## Trojans, Ukes Play to Only Tie of League

By ROBERT MYERS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6—(AP)—The University of California at Los Angeles Bruins and the favored Trojans of the University of Southern California staged another of their cross-town football dog-fights Saturday before a roaring throng of 65,000 and wound up in a 7-7 deadlock as the curtain came down on the 1941 Pacific Coast conference campaign.

The tie, third in the brief history of the series, left the Trojans with a season record of two victories, six defeats and one draw. The Uclans, with a non-conference game coming up December 20 with Florida, boast a record of four wins, five losses and this one tie. It was the only conference tie of the year.

UCLA burst out midway in the third period, traveling 60 yards in 11 plays for a touchdown and conversion.

The Trojans took the kickoff and countered with a savage 63-yard attack through the air, accomplished in nine plays, for the tying touchdown and place-kicked the extra point.

Quarterback Bob Waterfield led the Bruin march, but Vic Smith, substitute halfback, slithered eight yards for the touchdown.

Bobby Robertson, star senior Trojan back, engineered the USC drive and dived through the middle of the line from the one-yard mark for the tally. Bob Jones, senior end, booted the tying conversion.

It was a bitter struggle. Troy dominated the offense. There was a fist encounter between Bruin Gene Alder and Muri Crittenden, Trojan halfback, but this was squelched without further ado.

Troy held an 8-3 advantage in first downs in the opening half, but its one sustained deep drive into UCLA territory ended with a fumble. UCLA threatened in the final play with a long pass from Bob Waterfield to Burr Baldwin on the Trojan 10, but the gun ended things.

A 24-yard pass, Waterfield to End Milt Smith, started the Bruin touchdown drive. Robertson's pass for 23 yards to Paul Taylor and Taylor's southpaw loss for 25 yards to Dick Manning rushed, the Trojans into scoring range for their tally.

Hawaii took the lead late in the second period, Hart plunging over center from the one-yard line following recovery of a fumble of Bud Reynolds, Willamette left half.

Hawaii dominated the second half, Hart scoring early in the third period from the one-yard line, the climax of an 80-yard drive after the kickoff. Right Half Abreu converted.

Naumu of Hawaii scored late in the fourth period from the one-yard line after an interception of a pass on the Willamette 15-yard line. Abreu's attempted conversion failed.

Smith carried the ball 16 times for Hawaii for a total of 180 yards, including runs of 46, 31 and 26 yards. He also intercepted three passes, two of them in the end zone.

Ogdahl and Fullback Al Walden played outstanding football for Willamette.

Willamette made eight first downs to Hawaii's 19, completed five passes to Hawaii's three and gained 64 yards on passes to Hawaii's 30. Punting average for both teams was 35 yards. Willamette gained 172 yards from scrimmage to Hawaii's 368 yards.

The weather was cool, with a brisk wind sweeping a fast field.

WILLAMETTE (6) (26) HAWAII  
 Reeder LE Kometani  
 Barstad LT Nuchima  
 Friaola LG Kamakana  
 White LG Chung  
 Fitzgerald RG Kim  
 Rogers RT Wataaki  
 Barbour RE Conkin  
 Jacobson QH Wong  
 Ogdahl LH Collins  
 Reynolds RH Abreu  
 Walden F Smith  
 Willamette 6 0 0 6-28  
 Hawaii 7 0 0 6-28  
 Willamette scoring: Touchdown—Ogdahl.  
 Hawaii scoring: Touchdowns—Hart 2, Naumu. Points after touchdowns—Abreu 2.

Willamette substitutions: Stewart, Furno, Hampton, Goodman, Burgess, Moore, Constable, Morley, Barrett, Fitzgerald, Olsen, Kelly, Collingham, Hawaii substitutions—Nelson, Brown, Dowson, Slien, Neff, Coy, Orsilles, Henderson, Amosa, Naumu, Kaohi, Coulter, Walker, Hart.

## Aggie Players' Rooms Robbed

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 6—(AP)—Most of the players on the Texas A&M football team were robbed of valuables left behind in their hotel rooms Saturday while they were playing Washington State college.

Sums of money from \$5 to \$35 each were taken from the boys' trousseaus along with watches, wallets and other personal objects. A team spokesman said about \$200 was stolen altogether.

The thief or thieves made a systematic prowling of the players' rooms in the city's leading hotel.

The police department started an immediate investigation.

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## Football Scores

- COLLEGE  
 University of Hawaii 20, Willamette 6.  
 Texas A & M 7, Washington State 0.  
 UCLA 7, Oregon 7.  
 UCLA 7, Southern Cal. 7.  
 Utah 12, Arizona 6.  
 Mississippi State 26, San Francisco U. 12.  
 Hardin-Simmons 20, Arizona State 6.  
 Florida A&M 15, Tuskegee 7.  
 Rice 6, SMU 0.



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## Basketball Scores

- COLLEGE  
 Tennessee 42, Tennessee Tech. 23.  
 Virginia Tech 63, Emory and Henry 53.  
 Butler 50, Franklin 40.  
 Chicago 43, Illinois Tech 23.  
 St. Francis (Brooklyn) 44, Villanova 42.  
 Syracuse 68, Springfield 49.  
 North Texas Teachers 49, Texas Christian 34.  
 Phillips Oilers 41, Hollywood Fox 34.  
 Southern Oregon College of Education 42, Klamath All-Stars 30.  
 Oregon College of Education 38, Albany 37.  
 Bradford's (Portland) 35, University of Oregon 33.  
 Idaho 32, Whitman 23.
- HIGH SCHOOL  
 Jefferson 41, Langview 37.  
 Astoria 49, Oregon City 17.  
 Washington (Portland) 28, The Dalles 20.