

# Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

W-H-I-S-H! . . . There goes the northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball race—as early as next Friday night, believe it or not—and who, please, is going to unfurl the bunting when the shooting is over almost two months later, March 3? . . . Without preliminaries, this department gives you Slat's Gill's Oregon Staters as the probable division champion, with Hec Edmundson's Huskies of Washington a close second, Jack Friel's defending championship Cougars of Washington State a not-so-bad third, Hobby Hobson's Oregon Ducks considerably off the pace in fourth and Guy Wicks' Idaho Vandals in the fifth hole, but definitely, period.



SLATS GILL

Predicted finish:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Oregon State	12	4	.750
Washington	10	6	.625
Washington State	8	8	.500
Oregon	6	10	.375
Idaho	4	12	.250

The race looms as a two-way one between the Beavers and Huskies mostly, with Gill's gang having the edge in first-line firers but with Edmundson's charges probably possessing more reserve strength. . . . Both teams are proving their worth on eastern barnstorming trips—the Huskies undefeated in eight starts and the Beavers beaten but once in seven as this is written. . . . While the Orangers have not the reserve strength of the Huskies now, they'll have a bit more when Don Durdan, the Rose Bowl all-American, dons hoop scanties.

The race tees off at Eugene and Seattle next Friday, with Oregon entertaining Washington State at Eugene and Washington taking on Idaho at Seattle. . . . Oregon State's baptismal comes a week from Monday night, six days after they return from their current trip, against the Cougars at Corvallis.

## Corvallis Sets Celebration for Bevos

Quite a congregation of prep coaches taking in the double dunking affair between Albany and Roosevelt, Salem and Grant in the Vik pavilion Friday night. . . . Skeet O'Connell and Frank Ramsey from Corvallis, Tommy Swanson and Dwight Adams from Albany, Mush Torson from Grant, Rollie Rourke from Roosevelt, Bill Kuchera from University high and all our Salem mentors—Harold Hauk, Vern Gilmore, Frank Beer and Duane Mellem.

Ramsey, the big guy who used to handle a load of guard berth for the Bevos himself, was more interested in the big stag banquet that is scheduled for the returning Rose Bowl football champions than in basketball. . . . Big Frank is firing a batch of tickets for the feed, scheduled for the Memorial Union building next Friday night, over here Monday for sale among Salem backers of the Bevos.

The ducats, at \$1 per copy, will be in the hands of G. F. "Red" Chambers, president of the Oregon State alumni, here either Monday or Tuesday, and this department advises all those interested in helping pay tribute to the Rose Bowl champs to see Chambers for tickets. . . . It's to be quite an affair—with programs and all the trimmings.

Celebration for the Bevos is scheduled to begin Thursday, the day they arrive at Albany (scheduled arrival 7 a. m., but with trains running considerably behind schedule will probably be much later) . . . Students and college officials are to get the first crack at the champs, rightly enough, in a day-long celebration that is to culminate in a student rally dance.

Friday's feast for the Bevos will be just a starter of course. . . . From then on Lonnie Stiner and his boys will be on a banquet binge for months to come—what with every hamlet in the state out to show appreciation for Oregon's first Rose Bowl victory in a quarter century.

## Dunkin' Dutch Could Be Great Hooper

If Dutch Simmons, of Salem's Viks, had just one weather eye open Friday night, he learned a lot of basketball from a slender, tow-headed youngster named "Whitey" Konstad, who played a scrumptious bout of guard position for the Grant Generals. . . . Konstad gave the best exhibition of combined individual and team play this observer has seen a high school hooper stage for many a moon, and in so doing employed a few basketball tricks that would enable Simmons, if he learned them, to become a great basketball player instead of just a run-of-the-mill dunker of the big melon.

And the only reason Dunkin' Dutch isn't the basketeer today that is Konstad lies in the fact that he has quit learning. . . . While the Vik speedburner should be 25 percent better than last season, he actually hasn't shown any improvement so far this year. . . . If sturdy-legged Dutch would learn to fake and feint, would learn a change of pace to go with his swift, would learn to handle the ball a bit better and would learn the value of using his teammates, he could make any college basketball team on earth.

The kid has all the natural speed and stamina needed to become a great basketball player, but thus far has been content to absorb only those rudiments he thinks necessary, instead of all those his coach knows he should learn. . . . He comes up with a lot of points and is quite a hooper, now, but the point is that he COULD be so much better if he made it his business to learn as many of the tricks of the trade as he could learn.

Vik ball-handling, on the whole, was greatly improved in the Grant game over what is here heretofore this season, and the team gave indication that it is on its way to becoming another of Harold Hauk's driving outfits. . . . It has quite a way to go, yes, but the indication was there for the first time. . . . Little Martin Svarverud, with his quick-handed, ball-hawking play, has helped impart this indication, and Bud Coons has begun to play the hard-driving, aggressive brand of ball he put out all last season. . . . The Viks may be hard to handle by tournament time.

## Beaver Bowl Victory Considered Triumph For School of Hard Knocks by Martin

By WHITNEY MARTIN  
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NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (Special to The Statesman)—Sports trail's short list:

Good old Georgia! The Bulldogs saved us from drawing a total blank in our sections of the winners of five bowl games. The other four crossed us up, in other words, four out of five didn't have it. The only victory that really started us was that of Oregon State over Duke. The other games we figured might go either way, and that's what happened.

Gives their chance, they went the wrong way. The Oregon State victory was a triumph for the school of hard knocks. The Beavers took their lumps through a tough schedule while the Blue Devils had many a breeze, indicating you're going

to have trouble with the streak if you try to sharpen your teeth on cream puffs.

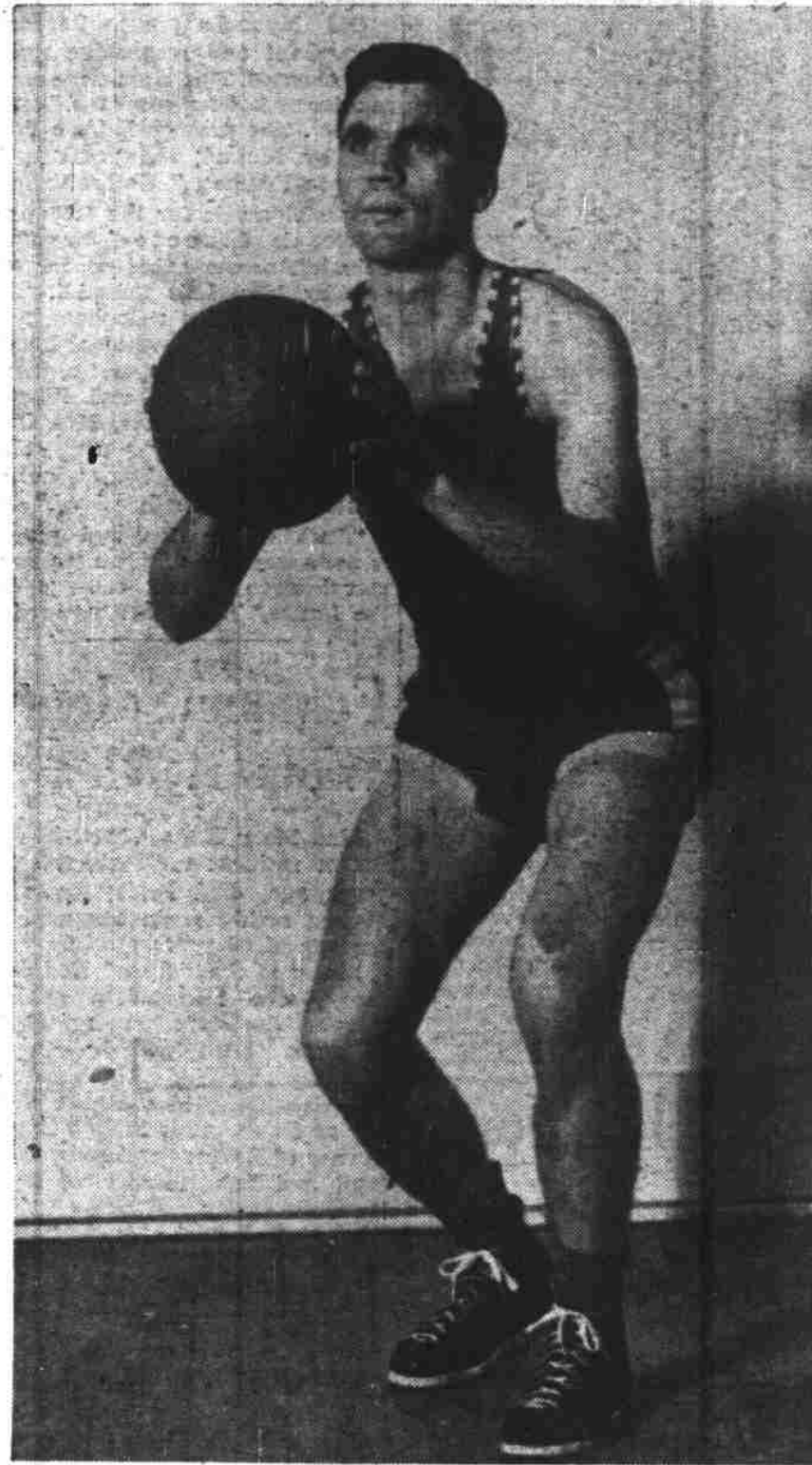
Notre Dame, a little ruffled because much fun has been poked at the fighting Irish due to the fact some of the teams showed lots of fight but little Irish, is listing the pedigree of its basketball players to show that 15 of the 26 on the roster have Irish blood in their veins. Some of it is pretty well diluted, however.

Andy Kerr isn't so keen about the "T" formation with man in motion because he figures it leaves two men out of the play—the man in motion and the quarterback. Wonder why that nine-man Chicago Bear offense works so well.

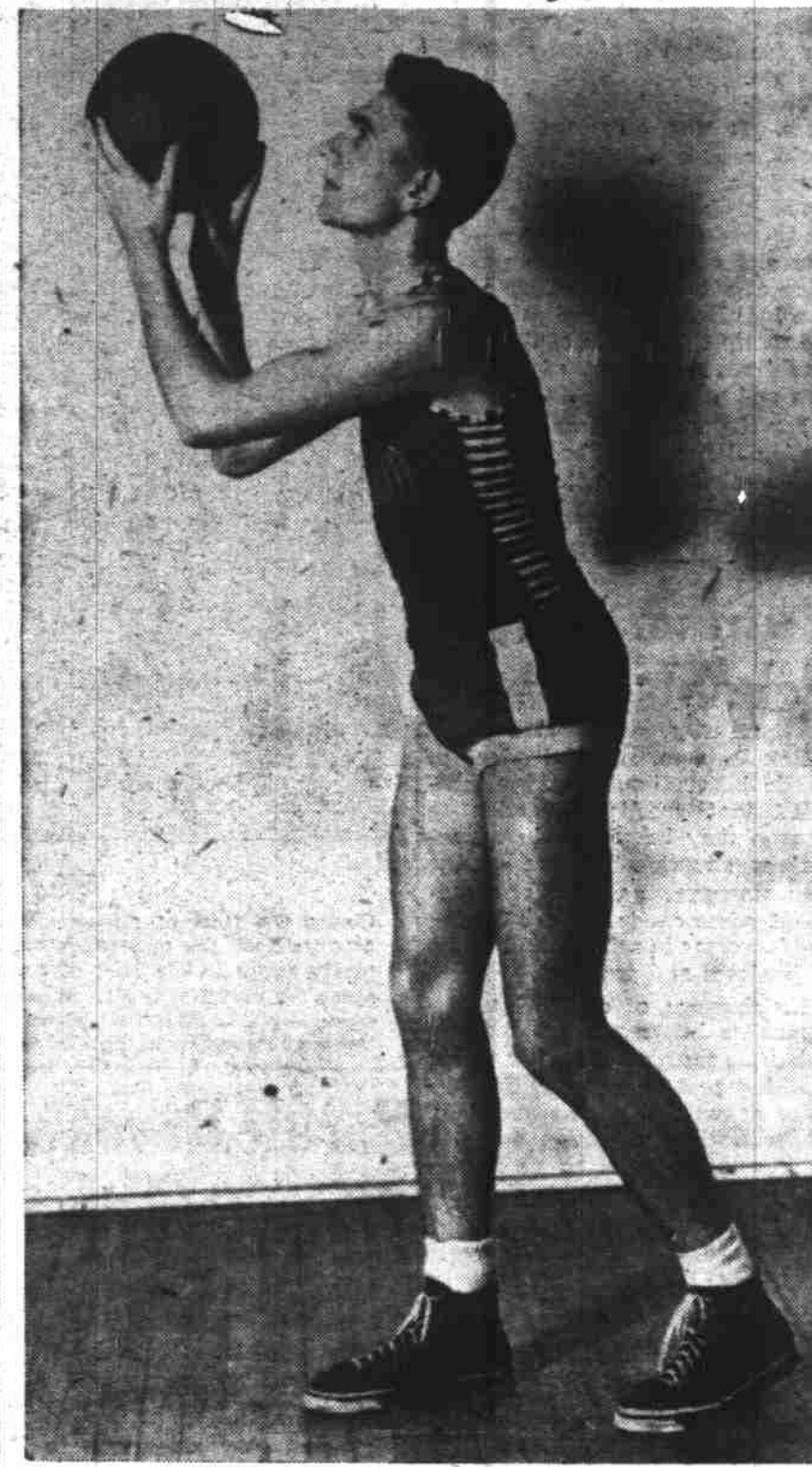
When Fred Corcoran visited Craig Wood in his hotel room the night before the national open at Fort Worth last year he found the champ-to-be, clad in pajamas, chipping balls from the carpet onto a divan. Which, Corcoran points out, gives an idea of the

# Underdog West Gains 6 to 6 Tie

## Return to Bearcat Basketball Wars Tuesday



Jimmy Robertson, left, and Sum Gallaher, veteran members of the Willamette university hoop team which gets back into action here



Tuesday night after a week's holiday. The 'Cats meet the high-scoring Portland university Pilots.

## Vikings Play No Name Loop Clash Tuesday

No Name league competition begins Tuesday night here for Coach Harold Hauk's Viks of Salem high, when they meet Fritz Kramer's Eugene Axemen.

The Jayvees are slated to play Eugene Bees in a 6:45 preliminary, with the varsity clash going on at 8 p.m.

Hauk, who has coached two state champions and one runner-up in the last three years, isn't fully decided upon his varsity squad as yet, but it is probable that Don Cutler will open at the pivot post, with Dutch Simmons and Martin Svarverud at forwards and Bud Coons and Don Chapman at guards.

Friday and Saturday night of this week the Vikings are to be in Medford, to tangle with Russ Acheson's Medford high team.

## Vandals Whip Montana Five

MISSOULA, Mont., Jan. 3—(AP)—Idaho's Vandals moved away from Montana as George Steele looped two baskets to start the second half and extended the advantage with effective sharp-shooting to whip the Grizzlies Saturday night, 42-29. Last night Montana won 55 to 35.

The score had been tied four times in the first half, Montana moving into a 12-9 lead late in the period, only to have three free throws and Benson's shot gain Idaho a 14-12 lead at the intermission.

mental strain under which tournament golfers continually labor. They are afraid to take their mind off the game for a second, and above all are afraid they will lose their putting touch. This is, if they have it. That's why the pros always take their clubs up to their hotel rooms.

They are fearful that the touch might leave them while they sleep, and many a player, tossing restlessly and prodded by fear, has got up in the middle of the night to tap balls across the floor toward an imaginary cup.

Did you take a gander at those Alabama-Texas Aggie statistics? It's ten to one that if you saw them before you knew how the game came out you would have figured the score about 33 to 0 in favor of the Texans, instead of 29 to 21 in favor of Bama. The Tide registered one first down, gained only 75 yards. The Aggies got 13 first downs, gained 309 yards. Which only goes to show, etc. . .

## 'Cat Cagers Start Work Tuesday Against Pilots

Holidays for Happy Howard Maple's Bearcat hoopers end Tuesday night, when they meet Portland university's crack cage crew here.

The 'Cats, who have been searching for a center since Bob Carson was called into the army air service shortly after their return from a barnstorming trip, went back to practice sessions Thursday of last week.

Joe Murray, husky 6-foot-2 fensive player, and Bob Medley, 6-foot-1 sophomore, who has the edge on Murray offensively, are currently working at the open pivot post.

Either Murray or Medley will probably team with Sum Gallaher, Glen Walden, Jimmy Robertson and either Orville Ragsdale or Bob Barnick in the starting lineup.

The Portland team is strengthened this year by Freshman Paul O'Toole, who may be remembered as the outstanding player of last year's state high school tournament, when he was hooping for Columbia Prep.

The Bearcats are also scheduled for an appearance at Corvallis against Oregon State Thursday night of this week, but the game may be moved up to Wednesday night so as not to interfere with the celebration to be staged there for the returning Rose Bowl champs.

## 'Jitter' Bugs Win Last Mix

The Jitterbugs eked out an 18 to 17 win over the Caterpillars in the last day of vacation basketball league play at the YMCA Saturday. Allan Bellinger and Jim Monaco tossed in six points apiece for the winners.

Results: Junior league—Jitterbugs (19)—Gemmell 2, Haeg 2, Bellinger 6, Monaco 6, Evans 2; Caterpillars (17)—Campbell, Ullman 4, Zeeb 4, Yocom 1, Mason 6, Wonderlick 2, Termites (14)—Dunham 3, Knight 1, Smith 3, Mason, Bales 2; Grasshoppers (12)—Harley 2, Shattuck 4, Yeater 6, Wade, Wonderlick, Bedbugs (9)—Cook 2, Pickett 2, Heibert 10, Blumstein 16, Bradford 4; Cook-roaches (15)—Boucher 2, Mase 6, McGee 4, Lovell, Schwartz 3.

Senior league—Doodlebugs (33)—Helmhout 12, Weston 4, Langan 4, Hofert, Farlow 12; Bushouse Gang (18)—Lowery 2, Patton 2, Valenciourt, Chase 10, Clark, J. Lowery 4; Junebugs forfeit to Jeeps.

Cut leaves—Fireflies (25)—Mase 11, Lovell, Yocom, Boucher 14, Forrestel; Beetles (17)—Osborne, McLeod 3, Paul 2, DuVal 3, Harbaugh.

## Ducat Refunds Set by Locey

CORVALLIS, Jan. 3—(AP)—Football fans who bought tickets to the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena will get their refunds in a short time, Percy Locey, Oregon State college athletic director, said Saturday.

In a telegram from New Orleans, Locey said he would stop at Pasadena to confer with Tournament of Roses officials and would arrive here January 9. Issuance of refunds will start the next day, he said.

## Celebration Slated for OSC Gridders

CORVALLIS, Jan. 3—(AP)—Oregon State's victorious Rose Bowl football team will be welcomed home Thursday in a day-long celebration.

Albany, Corvallis, Salem and Portland fans have planned to greet the squad at the Albany railroad depot at 5:15 a.m., when the Beavers arrive from the south.

Players will be guests of the Albany chamber of commerce and breakfast club at a breakfast in Albany.

Then private automobiles will bring the squad to Corvallis for a parade through decorated streets. A student assembly will follow at 11 a.m.

A rally dance will be held in the afternoon and a banquet at 6:30 p.m. when plaques will be presented each player. Pacific coast governors and mayors of principal cities have been invited.

## Syl Johnson Named Coach

SEATTLE, Jan. 3—(AP)—Veteran Moundsman Sylvester Johnson, who cracked a bone in his elbow last September, is not ending his baseball career, it was learned Saturday. Johnson will coach the Seattle Rainiers' rookie flingers next spring and if his arm is in shape will be assigned mound duty.

Dr. William A. Glasgow, the club physician, predicts Johnson will be as good as ever when the Pacific Coast league season opens April 2.

## Smith Receives Captain's Cup

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3—(AP)—Bruce Smith, Minnesota's mighty halfback who didn't get in the East-West game because he was injured and unable to play, Saturday was presented the Capington's cup presented outstanding all-America players by Christy Walsh of the All-America board of football.

## Basketball Scores

COLLEGE  
Bradley Tech 47, Oregon State 46.  
Idaho 42, Montana 29.  
Stanford 54, Arizona 32.  
Washington State 69, Gonzaga 30.

HIGH SCHOOL  
Tillamook 28, Hillsboro 21.  
Junction City 36, Roseburg 14.  
Astoria 47, Woodland, Wash. 21.  
Columbia Prep 31, Forest Grove 20.  
Hood River 42, Baker 23.  
Helix 25, Beaverton 13.  
Grants Pass 37, Klamath Falls 19.

## Match East's Power With Aerial Attack

### Jacobs Evens Count on Touchdown Toss to Bobby Robertson of USC

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3—(AP)—The Eastern stars and their powerful line exactly balanced the West's jinx and passing attack Saturday as the all-star teams battled to a thrilling 6-6 tie in slick mud before a disappointing and shivering crowd of 35,000.

The game, transferred here from San Francisco because of the war, was a ding-dong battle all the way and far more spectacular than the score would indicate. The clubs battled up and down the field and were constantly threatening each other's goal line.

Bill Dudley of Virginia, the nation's highest scorer last season, proved himself a great score-preventer. He intercepted four passes, two deep in the East team's territory.

The smashing play of the Eastern line dominated the scene for three quarters. But in the final period Indian Jack Jacobs of Oklahoma began passing and running to gain a tie and come close to victory in the final minutes. The East, with more "name" players, was favored to win but

GAME STATISTICS		
	East	West
First downs	10	11
Yds. gained, rushing	141	76
Yds. lost, passing	49	118
Passes intercepted by	5	4
Yds. runback passes	25	34
Yds. all kicks returned	30	58
Fumbles recovered	4	1
Yds. lost, penalties	63	32

the same has been true in almost every game of the 16-year-old series for the benefit of the Shriners' children's hospitals. The East has won five, the West ten. This game was the second tie.

The Easterners took the second half kickoff and drove 67 yards to their touchdown in nine plays. The line opened up huge holes as Bill Geyer of Colgate and Bob Westfall of Michigan rammed to the West's 23-yard line. Then, after two plays gained only a yard, Dudley faked back and tossed a screen pass to Geyer.

Geyer took the ball on the 25 near the west side line, following fine blocking for half the distance and stiff-armed two tacklers to score standing up. Dudley missed a place kick for the extra point.

The West capitalized on a fumble by Bob Glass of Tulane which Center Brad Sheafe of St. Mary's recovered on the East 21. Jacobs completed a pass to Vike Francis of Nebraska on the 10 and then tossed to Bob Robertson of Southern California on the goal line. Ralph Fife of Pittsburgh blocked an attempted place kick by Frankie Albert of Stanford.

A few minutes later Jacobs' running carried the ball to the Eastern 26 but a fumble ended the thrust.

A passing attack by Bill Smalls of Penn State carried the ball to the West's nine-yard line in the second period but Ego Naranche of Montana intercepted a pass.

In the third period a Western drive sparked by passing of Washington State's Bill Sewell carried to the East nine, but the thrust was hurled back by Alf Bauman of Northwestern, John Rokisky of Duquesne and the other Eastern linemen.

The East gained 151 yards rushing to the West's 71 and the Westerners led in passing, 118 to 49. The West led 11 to 10 in first downs. Westfall was the day's leading ground gainer with 94 yards in 20 tries.

Endicott Peabody II of Harvard, who had said he wanted to see whether he was really an all-American guard, proved that to everybody's satisfaction. His running mate, Bernie Crimmins of Notre Dame, was equally great, as were the East tackles Bauman, Ernie Blandin of Tulane and Urban Odson of Minnesota.

Bruce Smith, Minnesota's all-America back was unable to play because of an injured knee.

EAST (6)  
Bob W. Odson, Minn., LT; Reinhard, Cal. Peabody, Harv., LG; Thornton, S. Cal. Ingalls, Mich., G.; Lindskoog, Stan. Crimmins, N. Da. RG; Conley, Wn. Ringer, Minne., RE; Kutner, Texas Cousser, Iowa, Q; Francis, Neb. Dudley, Virg., LB; Sewell, WSC Geyer, Colgate, HB; Robertson, USC Westfall, Mich., SB; Bauman, Baylor East.

WEST (6)  
East scoring: Touchdown, Geyer. West scoring: Touchdown, Robertson. Substitutions: East—Ends, Gervais, Pittsburgh; MacIntyre, Harvard; tackles, Bauman, Northwestern; Daniel, Ohio State; guards, Fife, Pittsburgh; center, Bauman; Syracuse. Backs: DeCorvent, Northwestern; Krouse, Penn State; Smalls, Penn State; Glass, Tulane; Wood, Columbia. West—Ends—Gentry, Washington State; Stanton, Arizona; Tackles, Eason, Oklahoma; Sierce, California; Guards, Abel, Nebraska; Frankowski, Washington Center, Sheafe, St. Mary's; West, Albert, Stanford; Brucy, Rice; Casanega, Santa Clara; Jacobs, Oklahoma; Naranche, Montana State.

FORWARD Al Akins, rated by Mentor Jack Friel as the fastest man he ever coached, tallied four times in succession on the play and Guard Owen Hunt counted monotonously. Hunt bucketed 17 points for scoring honors.

Bowerman in Service  
MEDFORD, Jan. 3—(AP)—Medford's high school track and football coach, Bill Bowerman, will leave Sunday for active army duty at Fort Lawton, Seattle. He is a reserve first lieutenant.

## Bierman Gets Surprise Order From Marines

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 3—(AP)—News that Coach Bernie Bierman of the University of Minnesota had been ordered to report to the United States marine headquarters at Quantico, Va., by January 15 exploded like a bombshell at the university Saturday, but officials withheld a formal statement.

President Walter C. Coffey declared he would have to withhold official opinion until confirmation of Bierman's status had been received from Frank McCormick, athletic director and Bierman's direct superior. McCormick is in Chicago, expected to return here Sunday.

General university sources meanwhile were debating the effect of Bierman's recall on the Gopher coaching situation. If Bierman goes on active duty, the general opinion was that the rule of succession would find Dr. George Hauser, next in football command and head line coach, carrying on until Bierman's return.

## Williams Waxens Enthusiastic Over Draft Call

PRINCETON, Minn., Jan. 3—(AP)—Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox slugger, cut loose with a burst of boyish enthusiasm Saturday when he learned that he had been ordered by his draft board to report for preliminary physical examination in Minneapolis January 8.

"Say," he shouted, "I just hope I get in Hank Greenberg's company! Boy, would we have a heluva hitting club! We'd just blast 'em right out of the league. 'Maybe they'll put me in company B. That would be swell, you know—be there when they go and B there when they come back."

## Carolina Stater Wires Congrats

Secretary of State Earl Snell, who won a dinner from Thad Eure, head of the North Carolina state department, when Oregon State college football team defeated Duke university at Durham, NC, New Year's day, Saturday received the following telegram from the eastern official: "Congratulations. Beaver meat too tough. Hope you have enjoyable dinner from Thad Eure at Raleigh Ncar."

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