

# Prep Playoff Crucials Stated Tonight; Lutes Stop Raiders 27-21 in Pear Bowl

## Final Period Rally Decisive

### 5000 Watch Simpsons Lose Close Contest

MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 27-(AP)—Pacific Lutheran college of Tacoma came from behind with a two-touchdown rally in the final quarter to defeat Southern Oregon College of Education, 27-21, in the Pear Bowl football game today.

Some 5000 fans saw the Thanksgiving day contest between the Tacoma school which is co-champion of the Winco league and the Ashland, Ore., school, which is co-champion of the Far Western conference.

The winning touchdown was scored by John Jurkovich, who plunged over from the eight-yard line at the end of a 57-yard march.

Southern Oregon, scoring twice in the first quarter on a 42-yard punt return and on a 43-yard drive, took an early lead and held the advantage through three quarters.

The Lutes scored once in the second. Then, in the third, their offensive of forward passing and line thrusts through tackle began clicking.

They went into the fourth on the thin edge of a 21-13 margin, and in the first minutes marched 59 yards to make the score 21-20. Final tally came midway in the quarter, and when the game ended, the Lutes were on Southern Oregon's 1-yard line.

## The General Kept His Promise



WATERBURY, Conn., Nov. 27-(AP)—Two tickets to the Army-Navy football game were promised ex-GI Daniel V. Kerwin by General Mark Clark at Anzio, Italy, in 1944. Kerwin wrote Clark recently reminding him of the promise. The general, now commanding the 6th army with headquarters at the San Francisco Presidio, promptly answered with a letter and a pair of tickets to the Service classic which will be played Saturday in Philadelphia. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

## Jeff, Indian Clubs Favored

### 'Dogs, Hilhi Rated Underdogs in Semis

By the Associated Press

The state high school football playoffs reach the semi-finals tonight with the Dallas Indians invading Albany and Hillsboro Spartans meeting Jefferson of Portland in Multnomah stadium at Portland. Both tilts will start at 8 p. m.

The Dalles, unbeaten but tied once, and Jefferson are favored to advance to the finals, although both Albany and Hillsboro are considered capable of upsetting the dogs.

In quarter-final games Albany outscored Marshfield, 25-13; Hillsboro downed Milwaukie, 12-0; Jefferson walloped St. Helens, 31-7, and The Dalles gained a yardage decision over Klamath Falls in a 13-13 deadlock.

Winners of tonight's crucial clashes will tangle for the state prep grid crown in Portland's Multnomah stadium on Dec. 6.

Featuring speed and a potent passing attack which carried them through an unbeaten season, The Dalles is expected to carry too many guns for the Albany of Rex Hunsaker. However, if the Hunsakers are "up" for this one they may spring a real surprise, for they reputedly have one of the top forward walls in the state.

Jefferson will have a big weight advantage as the goes against Hillsboro and also boasts an array of dangerous backs. The Hillsboro ball carriers are light but speedy.

## Beavers Aim for Win Against 'Husker Club'

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 27-(Special)—An inter-sectional rivalry that dates back to 1916 will be renewed here Saturday when an in and out Oregon State football team winds up its season against the University of Nebraska of the Big Six conference. Kickoff time is 2 p. m. and a crowd of over 25,000 is expected.

Coach Lon Stiner's Beavers will be out to snap a three-game losing streak and end the 1947 campaign on the victory side of the ledger. Oregon State has been riddled by injuries all season and will have four regulars out of the starting lineup in all probability Saturday. Left End Dick Lorenz didn't make the trip. Right End Dave Anderson, center Jim Swarbrick and Right Half Don Samuel were included in the traveling party but are still on the question side.

The Beavers are expected in late today and will engage in a light workout tomorrow.

## Middy Eleven Hopeful Club

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27-(AP)—A navy football team—hungering for the victory over Army that would make this heretofore dismal season a glittering success—dropped anchor here today and promptly set down to what the Middles hope and believe will be the first of two feasts.

On this Thanksgiving day the menu was turkey and trimmings. Come Saturday in Municipal stadium, before some 100,000 spectators, the Middles look forward to a "mule" army mule—and to the taster tidbit.

"The men have a great will to win, and I think they have a great chance to do so," commented Coach Tom Hamilton. "All our reports on the Army are complimentary, but we think we're good, too."

That would seem somewhat of a contradiction to the Middles' season record which shows a lone win over Cornell, a tie with Duke and six losses: To California, Columbia, Penn. Notre Dame, Georgia Tech and Penn State.

But the talk around town was of an even contest, with some possibility that Navy might go into the game a slight favorite.

Coopsters backing the Middlesmen pointed to Navy's "suicide" schedule as having given the Hamilton charges a sterner drilling for this test.

## Lively Rassel Card Slated

The clean duo of Buck Weaver and George Dusette will have opportunity to gain revenge for last week's tag team licking at the hands of Joe Dorsetti and Al Williams as they clash with the pair of meannies in a team match as the main event feature of Tuesday night's armory mat card.

Weaver and Dusette demanded the rematch and vow that they'll dispose of Dorsetti and Williams in short order Tuesday eve. The meannies accepted the challenge promptly and are confident of duplicating their win of last week, even though the coming tussle will be a team go—as demanded by the Weaver-Dusette faction.

Tuesday eve's semi-final will pit Milt Olson opposite Buck Maine, a newcomer of the cleanie variety from Salt Lake City. That fracas will be two-of-three falls or 30 minutes. The 20 minute prelude sees Local Boy Tony Rassel stretching muscles with Billy Hixson.

## Orange Cagers Slate Debut

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 27—Fourteen men, eight of them lettermen from other years, make up Coach Stiles Gill's traveling roster for the opening basketball clashes of the season in Portland this weekend.

Friday night the defending Pacific Coast conference champions test their basket eyes against the Portland university Pilots. A night later the Beavers tackle Fees Rolderemo AAU quint. Both games will be played at the Portland armory.

Probable starters for Oregon State are Cliff Crandall and Ernie Neal, forwards; Alex Petersen, center; Norm Carey and Frankie Roelandt, guards. All five are lettermen and all-but Neal played on the 1946-47 OSC squad.

## Grizzlies Pound Colorado Eleven

MISSOULA, Mont., Nov. 27-(AP)—Montana university's Grizzlies played their best football of the season today to defeat Colorado A. and M. 41 to 7 on a soggy gridiron while more than 5,000 fans shivered in a drizzle.

Montana's Arnie Scott, veteran halfback, turned in an exceptional game, scoring three touchdowns—two on a 71-yard dash.

## Vikings Cage Slate Ready

A 23-game basketball schedule, to be followed by the annual district 11 tournament on the Salem floor, was yesterday announced for the Salem high Vikings by Athletic Director Vern Gilmore. The Vikings start here December 12 with the Jefferson Democrats of Portland and finish regular season play February 26 when the Oregon State Rooks play here. The district playoffs will be with Silverton, Mt. Angel, Woodburn, Sacred Heart Academy and possibly Stayton and Jefferson.

Coach Frank Fox has been drilling his squad regularly for the past two weeks and will accelerate the workouts next week. The Vikings captured the Big Six title and fourth place in the state tournament last season. The schedule to date:

December 12—Jefferson at Salem. Bobby Layne close his college gridiron career with a flurry of passes and runs that whipped the Aggies for the eighth straight year.

A crowd of 41,000 watched the mighty Longhorns, beaten only by Southern Methodist this season, roll up 26 points in three quarters and coast in.

Layne passed for one score, set up another, made one touchdown himself and quarterbacked the Longhorns flawlessly.

## Redskins Slam Rivals, 40-14

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 27-(AP)—Utah's Redskins smashed their old rivals, the Utah State Aggies, 40 to 14 today in a wild contest that saw the victors play their best football of a sparkling season.

With a flawless demonstration of offensive might, Utah settled the issue before a record-making paid attendance of 29,132 by scoring four touchdowns in the third quarter. It was the largest turnout for a sporting event in the state's history.

## No Breakfast Club Meeting for Today

There will be no meeting of the Salem Breakfast club this morning at the Marion hotel, President Harry Collins reminds. The weekly session was called off because of the Thanksgiving day holiday. Collins reports a lively program is being arranged for next Friday however.

## Denver Triumphs

DENVER, Nov. 27-(AP)—The Denver Pioneers, with Hawaiian Howard Benham besting chunky Harry Narcisius in a red-hot running and passing duel, closed out their 55-year-old football series with Colorado today with a 26-20 victory in one of the hardest fought games of their ancient rivalry.

## Bear String Continues

DETROIT, Nov. 27-(AP)—The rip-roaring Chicago Bears, running a red-hot winning streak to eight games in a row, used long runs and long passes to set up all five of their touchdowns today as they whipped the Detroit Lions 34 to 14 in a National football league game.

## Bearcats Will Be Small Team

Willamette U's varsity basketball band won't be rubbing any paint off the rafters with their noggin this season, but Johnny Lewis' crew looks as if it will cause a few fits for the enemy with its ability to run and shoot. Not blessed with the long-legged species of cage talent—the tallest basketballer on the squad is Center Jim Johnson at 6-feet, 2-inches—Lewis hopes to make up for the shyness of height by having his hoopers outgallon and outfire the foe.

In the three weeks of workouts so far the Cats have at times been impressive with their point making. On other occasions, when they take full advantage of fast-break openings, their swiftness has been encouraging to the new basketball boss. It is the defense which has Lewis hard at work now and if he can install measures which will keep enemy pointmen moderately collared the Bearcats may surprise a goodly portion of that enemy this season.

The dozen aspirants who so far make up Lewis' crew, and who likely will go to Corvallis next Tuesday night for the opening game with Oregon State are Jim Johnson, Dale Bates and Bud Nelson, centers; Bob Johnson, Bob Medley, Don Waldron, Milt Baum and Ted Johnson, forwards; and Tom Warren, Fred Ihander, Bruce Barker and Roy Harrington, guards.

# SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

**BUNNY GRIFFITHS**  
erstowns into third place in 1946 but had to settle for seventh last season... After sizing up the Rose Bowl setup for Jan. 1 we're sure those gens who moaned loud and long over the Coast conference-Big Nine tie-up of last year are now again sorry. Given a free hand at inviting a Pasadena foe, be assured the Trojans would pick on Alabama, Penn State or the likes, and would lose a shoulder at the great Michigan team that even anti-freeze wouldn't dent. Particularly since the Illinois so thoroughly chastised the UCLA's last January. So far the FCL-Big Nine agreement has been perfect in every respect. So far the FCL-Big Nine agreement has been perfect in every respect, ridiculing all the griping done when it was signed. And chances are it will keep right on being perfect for the remaining three years of its existence...

The advent of new Station KOCO, with Al Schuss play-by-play Senator ball games, the Willamette Football games, the Breakfast club gatherings and the boxing matches... has been just about the nicest thing to happen to the Salem sports scene in years 'n years. And now station attache Bruce Williams tells us they will 'cast not only the Breakfast basketball games this season but also those played by the Vikings...

Nearly all Oregon prep elevens

# Most Valuable Toga Handed to DiMaggio

## Yanks' Gardener Edges Williams for Amerk Honor; Gordon Seventh

By Joe Reichler

NEW YORK, Nov. 27-(AP)—Joe DiMaggio, star centerfielder of the world champion New York Yankees, today won the American league's most valuable player award for 1947, by the narrowest possible margin, one slim vote, over Ted Williams, the circuit's batting king.

DiMaggio, who previously had earned the most valuable honors in 1939 and 1941, compiled a total of 202 votes to 201 for the Red Sox slugging outfielder in the vote of the 24-man committee of the Baseball Writers' Association of America for the Kenesaw Mountain Landis Memorial award.

The balloting for third place also was decided by one point, with Lou Boudreau, shortstop-manager of the Cleveland Indians nosing out Joe Page, lefthanded relief pitcher of the Yankees, 168 votes to 167.

George Kell, Detroit's fine third baseman, finished fifth with 132 points, and George McQuinn, Cinderella Yankee first baseman, was sixth with 77 points. Seventh and eighth places went to the Indians' Joe Gordon and Bob Feller, respectively. Gordon whose splendid work both at bat and in the field following his acquisition from the Yankees, was largely responsible for the tribe's first division finish, accumulated 59 points, one more than Feller, the league's strikeout king and only 20-game winner, received.

Pitcher Phil Marchiondi, 19-game winner of the Philadelphia Athletics was ninth with 47 votes and Luke Appling, ageless shortstop of the Chicago White Sox, was tenth with 43.

**78,205 Watch Penn Triumph**

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27-(AP)—Pennsylvania's bruising football team smacked down Cornell 21 to 0 today to climax its first unbeaten season in 39 years.

Before a sell out crowd of 78,205, the Red and Blue air and ground attack, strong enough to overcome six foes and tie the Army 7-7, never moved into high gear against the rugged Cornell defenders. But Penn's defenses were good enough to decide the issue.

**Unbeaten Henley Gains B Finals**

LaGRANDE, Nov. 27-(AP)—The Henley Hornets, who haven't lost a grid game for six years, defeated Union, 6-0, in a state semi-final game today to win a berth in the state "B" high school championship contest.

Henley will meet the winner of this weekend's semi-final between Amity and Myrtle Creek.

## Baseball Meet Tuesday

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 27-(AP)—Baseball is due for a thorough out-of-season going over beginning Tuesday as 2,000 delegates with twice that many ideas gather for the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues convention.

The gathering is for minor league executives, and some already have arrived but the majors will be around in large numbers to see what goes on down on the farms. Robert E. Hannegan, erstwhile post-master general and now an owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, will be on hand to meet his new sports friends.

Sam Breadon, Cardinal boss for a century, will accompany Hannegan. Breadon officially will bow out of the baseball picture.

Branch Rickey planned to fly to Ciudad Trujillo this weekend to complete arrangements for his Brooklyn Dodgers' spring training camp in the Dominican Republic. He and other Dodger officials will be back in time for the conclave.

League rules, scouting, a uniform baseball and countless other problems are due for discussions during sessions. But swaps and trades, barbers and bargains are bound to make news from the sidelines.

## Longhorns Wallop Aggies, Sugar Bowl Berth Accepted

NEW YORK, Nov. 27-(AP)—The Thanksgiving day college football menu provided at least one opponent for the major New Year's day post-season classics when the Texas Longhorns defeated Texas A&M 32 to 13 today and immediately jumped into the vacant Sugar Bowl spot.

The once-beaten Longhorns thus were matched against Alabama for the 1948 show at New Orleans which will bring together high-ranking teams from the southwest and southwestern conferences.

By prevailing over the Aggies before a crowd of 41,000 at College Station, Texas also gained a chance to tie the Southern Methodist in the Southwest Conference race. S. M. U., already tabbed for the Cotton Bowl against Penn State, plays Texas Christian Saturday.

In the east's big game, Pennsylvania whipped the traditional Ivy league opponent, Cornell, 21-0, to give the one-tided Quakers their first unbeaten season in 39 years. A crowd of 78,205—the day's largest—jammed Philadelphia's Franklin field to see this one.

The Arkansas Razorbacks hung up their first turkey day victory since 1941 in beating the University of Tulsa 27-13 before a crowd of 22,000—a record for a Tulsa football game. St. Louis university shaded Duquesne 14-13 before 9,272 in an inter-sectional clash at St. Louis. Rutgers' Scarlett gridgers wound up the best season in their long history by defeating Brown 27-20 before 18,000 at Providence, R. I.

At Richmond, Va., William & Mary already tabbed, as one half of the Dixie Bowl at Birmingham, kayped the University of Richmond 35-0 to clinch the Southern conference championship. The largest crowd in Virginia football history—29,000 spectators—turned out at Roanoke to see Virginia Military Institute beat Virginia Tech 28-14 at Charlotte, N. C., an underdog South Carolina eleven nudged Wake Forest 6-0 to give the Gamecocks third place in the final conference standings.

In the far west, Denver defeated Colorado 26-20, while Colorado A. & M. took a 41-7 licking from Montana.

**Graham Leads Browns**

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27-(AP) Quarterback Otto Graham and the Cleveland Browns, avenging their only defeat of the 1947 All-America football conference campaign, packed too many explosives for Los Angeles today and whipped the Dons 27-17 before 45,000 fans in Memorial coliseum.

## Dodds Snares Harrier Event

CINCINNATI, Nov. 27-(AP)—Gilbert Dodds, one of the world's greatest trackmen, today won the annual six-mile cross country run here for the fourth consecutive time. He was hard pressed all the way by Mike Stavole of Miami university.

Dodds, running under the colors of the Wheaton A. C., of Wheaton, Ill., made the run from near Ft. Thomas, Ky., to the Elks lodge at Fourth street and Lytle park, Cincinnati, in 29 minutes, 44 seconds, just 12 seconds under the course record he established a year ago.

## Layne Shines, Final Contest

COLLEGE STATION, Tex., Nov. 27-(AP)—Texas blistered Texas A. and M. 32-13, today in a rough and tumble game that saw Bobby Layne close his college gridiron career with a flurry of passes and runs that whipped the Aggies for the eighth straight year.

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## No Holiday for Walcott, Louis

GRENOCH, N. J., Nov. 27-(AP) Jersey Joe Walcott spent his Thanksgiving day by pounding three sparring partners in five rounds of milling before a holiday crowd of 300.

Manager Joe Webster and Trainer Dan Florio agreed after the workout that the challenger is almost ready for the Joe Louis championship shot a week from tomorrow night in Madison Square Garden.

The challenger appears confident. He says the Louis event "is just another fight," and that he will be in the best condition of his career when he faces the Brown Bomber.

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., Nov. 27-(AP)—Joe Louis' three spar-

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