

# Webfoots Come From Behind To Whip Vikings

## Oregon Ekes Out 50-45 Victory

By DICK STRITE

The University of Oregon's spirited Webfoots don't know when they're licked. For the third consecutive night, coach John Warren's Oregon five came from behind in the closing minutes of play to hang up a victory, this time over the Western Washington college Vikings by a 50-45 count played before 1500 spectators here Wednesday night.

The Webfoots had every reason to lose, missing the train in Vancouver earlier in the morning and reaching here just in time for a short warmup before the opening whistle. Taking the end of atrocious officiating by a couple of "homers" with whistles holding the advantage for only 15 seconds of the 40-minute contest.

Monday night the Webfoots defeated University of British Columbia 55-51 after trailing in the final two minutes. Tuesday night they defeated the Thunderbirds 63-59 after being on the short end of the score with only three and one half minutes remaining. The Oregonians demonstrated here Wednesday night the courage of a champion by staging a comeback after trailing by 15 points late in the first half.

Frank Hoffine, the game legged freshman from Marshfield tied the count at 43-43 in the final four minutes of play with a long push shot on which he was also charged with a foul. With three minutes to go, Jim Bartelt, another yearling, canned one of two free throws (with Captain Bob Hamilton giving the casaba a lucky kiss) for Oregon's first advantage since Hamilton's basket in the opening 12 seconds gave the Webfoots a momentary lead.

It was big Ken Hays, the sophomore center who sailed the game away. With the partisan fans calling on their hoopers for a victory, Hays tipped in a basket, 30 seconds after Bartelt's gift. And with one minute of play remaining the 6-foot 7-inch pivot man scored again from close in to make the count 48-43. Oregon, with Hamilton in command, froze the ball and refused one free throw before one of the many violations charged against the Webfoots gave the Vikings the ball long enough for Jim Gilday to score a final basket on a howitzer.

Ray Wark tied the score for 22 for WWC after Hamilton's initial count and Gilday's gift put the Vikings ahead 3-2. They retained this advantage until Bartelt's free throw in the fading minutes of the nightmarish skirmish.

After the Vikings had taken a commanding 20-10 lead in the opening 10 minutes of the game, coach "Doc" Lappenbusch ordered his publicized "front line" defense. The close checking normal school hoopers had the Oregonians bewildered and they rushed into a 29-14 lead with only four minutes of the half remaining.

With Kotnik, who joined the squad here after missing the Canadian jaunt leading the offensive, Oregon narrowed the margin to 30-26 in the first 30 seconds of the second half. The Viks rallied, however, and went eight points in front, Kotnik, Bartelt and Wilkins scored in rapid succession to close the gap to 36-32 with less than 13 minutes of play.

Oregon was scheduled to play Fort Lewis Warriors in Tacoma Thursday night before moving to the Astoria Jamboree.

**Summary:**

OREGON	FG	FT	PP	TP
Wilkins, f	4	3	10	10
Smith, f	1	1	0	3
Hays, c	4	3	3	11
Kotnick, f	2	3	9	9
Hamilton, f	3	3	7	7
Bartelt, f	3	3	7	7
Hoffine, f	1	0	2	2
TOTALS	19	12	47	49

WESTERN WASH.	FG	FT	PP	TP
Gilday, f	9	3	4	8
Pay, f	3	2	4	5
Silverstein, c	5	5	11	11
Chapman, g	2	2	4	4
Wark, c	5	0	3	3
Graham, c	0	0	0	0
Parvick, f	1	3	7	7
Barland, g	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	18	9	19	48

Final score: Oregon 50, Western Washington 45.

Free throw missed: Western Washington—Pay, Silverstein, Chapman, Wark, Graham, Parvick. Oregon—Wilkins, Hays, Kotnik, Bartelt, Hamilton, Hoffine.

Officials: Bryan Lewis and Earl Jensen.

## Highclimber

By DICK STRITE

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 20.—One of the greatest at the Victoria dock last Monday when the Oregon quintet was en route to Vancouver was one of the finest athletes in Webfoot history—Flight Officer George "Porky" Andrews. Porky is stationed at Pat Bay and is playing basketball with the RCAF quintet. The air base is only a few miles from his home town. When not playing basketball, Porky flies a twin-engine bomber and he is working with the army in radar and gunnery training.

Andrews played basketball at Oregon for several seasons, finishing about 1941 when Oregon finished third place in the northern division when WSC won the title and defeated Stanford two straight for the coast title. . . . Vic Townsend, the scoring champion that season, was a forward on that team. Others were Warren Taylor and Paul Jackson—all in the service now.

Porky did not compete in any other varsity sport, but scored one of the highest marks in the annual Sigma Delta Psi (athletic honorary) tests. He would have been a great baseballer, griddier and track man.

Andrews wasn't the only Oregon athlete that came to Eugene from Canada. A sure-fire all-American fullback was Paul Rowe, the kid that would have been the greatest quick-kicker in collegiate football and he remained in college . . . and still another was Hank Rowe, the smooth-working hooper, but not related to Paul.

Hank played only part of one season as a freshman before conditions at home forced him to quit. He is now playing basketball with an army team at Vancouver, and doing very well despite shrapnel wounds suffered while serving with the Canadian army in France. Hank, incidentally, has been awarded one of the highest combat decorations given by the British government. . . . Porky, by the way, reports that he has averaged about 18 points a game to date, playing the front court instead of his old Oregon guard position. The RCAF quintet won the Canadian championship two years ago, but since that time the government has placed a restriction on service athletics that allows only an exhibition schedule.

(MAIL A BUCK)

There's certainly been a big turnover in the Oregon basketball squad during the past year. On this trip there are only four familiar faces—Bob Hamilton, Ed Allen, Ken Hays (who took the pre-season trips last year) and Nick Weddie, the all-American member in his freshman year.

Eleven members of last year's squad are missing, eight of 'em in the service. . . . All-American Wally Borrevik and George Bray are both in the merchant marine. Luke Bacceleri, Ernie Danner and Norm Henwood are in the navy (Henwood playing for the Gonzaga basketball team this season as a V-12 trainee). Bill Phillips is in the marines and Lee Wimberly in the army air corps. Bob Caviness and Barney Koch are now professionals, the two 4-F's entering organized baseball last spring. Caviness with Birmingham and Koch with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Bill Mayther is also a pro, having played football with the Portland Rockets last fall. Dick Humphreys is now associated with the First Christian church.

(MAIL A BUCK)

We talked to Orlando J. Hollis about Humphreys last week and the acting university president and faculty representative to the coast conference reports that Humphreys is through as a varsity hooper.

Dick, who would help John Warren's Webfoots considerably this season, did not play in his freshman year. The next year he played with the Northwest Christian college in the Eugene City AAU league, costing a year of eligibility. The next season he played with NCC in the Eugene Church league—and there is the point of argument.

Hollis informs that any Oregon player could compete with a church team, but not with any other team in a church league without losing a year of eligibility. Humphreys claims that the NCC team represented the Christian church and therefore he should not lose his last year of eligibility. Hollis said Humphreys' case was not taken up at the last conference meeting, but he questioned several representatives who were unfavorable in their opinion regarding the case.

Dick hasn't give up, however, and has written the president of the conference—a professor at

## Shrine Teams Hold Workout

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Twenty-three of the best civilian football players east of the Mississippi, rested after a wearying train trip, lined up under gloomy skies today for their first real workout in preparation for the Shrine East-West charity game here New Year's day.

Coaches Bernie Bierman, George Hauser and Andy Kerr put the squad through a brisk drill late yesterday upon their arrival, mainly to iron out travel kinks. A longer one was on today's program.

Les Horvath of Ohio State, all-American halfback, was the only player missing. He remained behind to catch up on his studies and will join the outfit here shortly after Christmas.

The West squad went through its initial workout yesterday under the eyes of coaches Homer Norton, Texas A. & M., and Orin (Babe) Hollingsberry, former Washington State college mentor.

## Ross, Kiser Will Trade Holds, Groans

Tony Ross and Jack Kiser have been signed by Matchmaker Don Owen in a special 30-minute match, for the weekly wrestling show at the Pearl street arena. Owen also said that the Gust Johnson - Ernie Piluso match would also be limited to 30 minutes, and that both these matches have the same billing.

The completion of the card puts two champions of the bill, and all the rest are potential challengers.

The complete card lines up now as George Wagner and Buck Davidson in the main-event, and the other two aforementioned matches to precede it.

And the Wagner-Davidson feud is still brewing to the point that it ought to reach red-hot rivalry by match-time Saturday night. It all started over Davidson calling Wagner a fancy-dan. Wagner became so incensed over this that fans should not be too alarmed if he appears in the ring with nothing but his wrestling tights on. But Wagner, a stickler for appearance, is dead sure that Davidson will have to eat his words when they go at it.

The Ross-Kiser match is due to attract considerable attention itself. Kiser, the Pacific Coast Light-heavyweight champion, has not been forced into a title go for some time. On the other hand, ever since his return here has been after Johnson's junior-heavyweight belt, and likely will force just as must promise in getting a crack at belt that now adorns Kiser's mid-section. If Ross should win this go, a championship match the next week would almost be inevitable.

## Northern Jamboree Schedule Disclosed

ASTORIA, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Schedules were announced for play in Astoria's second annual university basketball jamboree here Friday night.

At 7:30 p.m., Oregon and Washington will start the first half of the game, and Oregon state and Washington state will complete the full game by playing a half. In the second game, Oregon state tackles Washington, and Oregon finishes against Washington state.

Play will be speeded up by elimination of the delay between halves and games.

## Cards Top Ballhandlers Of 1944 National Race

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Defensive skills of the St. Louis Cardinals, painfully obvious to the Browns in the World Series, were officially recognized today in the National league fielding records showing the champions set two major league team records and swept four of seven individual titles.

Billy Southworth's Red Birds established a new mark for both leagues with a .982 percentage and, by committing only 112 errors, eased the old standard hung up by Cincinnati in 1940. It was their third successive fielding title to back up three straight pennants.

Ray Sanders at first base, Marty Marion at shortstop, Whitey Kurkowski at third base and Johnny Hopp in the outfield showed the way in their divisions, leaving to "outsiders" such scattered laurels as best fielding second baseman Woody Williams and pitcher Bucky Walters of Cincinnati. Leadership in all positions, except pitcher, was based on playing 100 or more games.

McCormick Nosed Out Sanders' .994 mark was just two points better than Frank McCormick of the Reds. Marion nosed out Eddie Miller of the Reds by one marker at .972. Kurkowski's .985 gave him a wide edge over Steve Mesner of the Reds and Hopp showed the way among the regular outfielders with .977, four ahead of the Giants' Joe Medwick.

## Vols Light But Fast And Tough

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 21.—(AP)—They may not be big, but they're fast and full of fight.

That was the impression given by the Tennessee Volunteers in their initial, unlimbering workout after arriving yesterday for their Rose Bowl clash with Southern California's Trojans.

Three hours late in a four-day trans-continental jaunt, the Vol party was greeted by a brass band and pretty 16-year-old Mary Louise Rutte, Rose queen. Miss Rutte and Billy Bevis, blocking back and acting captain for the Vols on New Year's day, posed for numerous photographs. Then Coach John Barnhill whisked his 38 charges away to work off their "train legs."

In a two-hour drill, the Southerners showed speed and spirit—also extreme youth and slimmness. One veteran observer said the Vols appear to be the smallest team ever to come to the Rose Bowl. Twenty-nine of the squad, and seven of the starting 11, are freshmen.

While program weights give the Dixie boys a team average of 192, they looked considerably lighter. The line which Barnhill assembled yesterday averages 197 to the Trojans' 211, while the Vol backs average 183 to USC's 178. Troy's starting team will have a bulge of at least seven pounds per man.

Vol heavyweights are tackle Bob Stewart, 205, and guard Bob Dobelstein, 200. USC's tackles, all-American John Ferraro and "Peewee" Pehar, tote 235 and 265, respectively.

The Tennessee backfield included Buster Stephens and Mark Major, rugged freshmen, and a pair of 24-year-old juniors—the "old men" of the team—Bevis and Casey Stephenson.

Trojan Coach Jeff Cravath put his squad through another defensive drill, using reserve tackles Jackie Musick and Clark Higgins at guard to get even more weight in the line.

## Beavers, Huskies Make Road Trips

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Coach A. T. "Slat" Gill, Manager Phil Williams and 10 Oregon State basketball players left Corvallis this morning for the second annual northern division basketball jamboree at Astoria Friday and Saturday nights.

The Beavers will stop off in Tillamook tonight for a return contest with the Tillamook naval air station five. Gill's men defeated the navy boys 49 to 31 at Corvallis two weeks ago.

Minus the naval trainees which last year were their strength, the Washington Huskies will invade the Jefferson high court here tonight to meet the Fee's Music Makers quintet, one of the outstanding independent teams in the northwest.

Appearance of Hec Edmundson's basketballers will signal the beginning of a holiday parade of northern division teams in Portland in pre-conference contests.

## LAST GAME

BRENHAM, Tex., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Capt. Joe Routh, All-American football guard in 1936 and 1937 while at Texas A. & M., was killed in action in Europe Dec. 10, his wife has been notified.

Routh was commander of an infantry company.



SPEARHEAD—of the Oregon attack is that bouncing forward Bob Hamilton, who boomed off the forecourt about two jumps ahead of opponents. Bob is leading scorer of the Oregon team at present.

## Uni-Hi Cagers Drop Redmond Five 45-50 In Hardfought Home Fracas

By DICK SCHIMBERG

The Golden Tide of University High defeated the Redmond Panthers 45-40 in a thriller at McArthur court Wednesday night.

The Panthers played on almost equal terms with the Tide the first quarter but could not quite keep up with the pace set by them. The rest of the game proved to be a stalemate until the last of the third quarter when University lengthened their lead six points and kept it for the rest of the game.

Honors for first points went to Snavely Takes Post As Tarheel Coach

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Carl G. Snavely, who was released earlier today from his coaching contract at Cornell university, Wednesday accepted a five year contract to coach the tar heels of the University of North Carolina at an "estimated" salary of \$8,500 a year.

Snavely's appointment is subject to ratification by the university board of trustees at their meeting in January.

Eugene Recreation

The U. S. army engineers measured the Beeson keglers 2-1 at the Eugene bowling alleys Thursday, while the Pik 'n Pak outfit was taking care of the Medo-Land squad, also 2-1. In other games the Morrison-Henning league leaders proved up to form by trouncing the McDonald Candy pin-topplers 2-1 and the Eugene Farmers whitewashed Snappy Service 3-0.

Ronnie MacDonald, star forward of the Panthers, who tipped in the first four and scored one more free throw to make five at the quarter. Both Jim Connell and Dud Scroggie of University dropped them in that frame to top Redmond's quarter score of 12-14.

The second quarter proved to be Redmond's with Hagman scoring four goals, which helped put the Tide ahead at intermission 21-18.

University High's first string boys went in at the half and really put on the pressure. Chuck Gillanders, Tide forward, was really on the rest of the half, for he sank baskets from all over the court. With both Doc Sargent and Julian Hultgren sinking them the Tide took over for the

rest of the game with a point lead at the three-quarter mark, increasing it slowly to the final gun.

The University High "C" team beat Woodrow Wilson Junior in a speedy pre-varsity tilt.

Substitutions: University—Gill (11), Connell (11), Chapman (11), Sargent (6), Hultgren (11), Gorman (11), King (11), Hultgren (11).  
Officials: Small and Stageman.

## Browns Voted 1944 Bombshell

By FRITZ HOWELL

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The St. Louis Browns already tagged as having furnished the year's biggest sports surprise in winning the American league flag, landed new laurels today as the No. 1 comeback team of 1944.

So decided 87 sports editors participating in the country-wide Associated Press poll, 20 of whom pointed the comeback finger at Luke Sewell's boys, along with seven other voters who picked 'em for the place or show spots.

On a basis of three votes for first place, two for second and one for third, the Browns piled up 71 points to beat out Sam Snead, golfer who came back from two years in the navy to win the first tourney in which he played. Snead, with 10 first place votes, had a 56 total.

by the scribes, but the Browns, in boosting their 72-80 won-lost percentage of 1943 into an 89-65 pennant winning mark in '44, were clearly a standout. The Browns, after losing the league lead, swept the last four games from New York to nose out Detroit by a single contest.

Horvath Ignored

Oddly enough, only single third-place votes went to two of the year's outstanding individuals. Bob Montgomery, who suffered Madison Square Garden's quickest knockout, 63 seconds at the hands of Al Davis, and came back two weeks later to win the New York version of the lightweight fistful laurels, was one of the almost-ignored duo. The other was Leslie Horvath, Ohio State's great back, who returned after a year's layoff to make the All-American, to become the Big Ten's most valuable player, and

to take the Heisman award as the country's top griddier.

The Charley Grimm-Chicago Cubs combination took third place with 27 votes for finishing in the first division after losing the first 13 games of the National league campaign, and Duke's football team won fourth for its late-season spurt which landed the Blue Devils in the Sugar Bowl.

The vote, with first place ballots in parentheses:

St. Louis Browns (baseball) (20)	71
Sam Snead (golf) (10)	56
Charley Grimm-Chicago Cubs (6)	27
Trize (football) (5)	25
Dick Wakefield (baseball) (3)	19
Stote Thame (football) (3)	17
Hal Newhouser (baseball) (4)	15
Utah (basketball) (1)	14
Frankie Parker (tennis) (2)	14
Tennessee (football) (4)	14
The second test Navy, football (2)	13
Detroit Tigers, baseball (2)	11
Petty Berg, golf (1)	11
Ben Chapman, baseball (1)	11
Ken Strong, football (1)	11
Philadelphia Eagles, football (1)	11
Nearcup Poirier, baseball (1)	11
Henry Arzuffee, boxing (1)	11
Mike Kreevich, baseball (1)	11

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