

Wagner, Davidson To Renew Grapple Feud On Pearl Mat

COMPLETE PROGRAM
Main Event—George Wagner vs. Buck Davidson.
Semi Final—Jack Kiser vs. Gus Johnson.
Opener—Ben Sherman vs. Tony Ross.
Referee—Elton Owen.

Farmer George Wagner has things other than the spring planting on his Pleasant Hill farm to worry about—the whereabouts of the "Grey Mask," the failure of the Eugene wrestling commission to reverse the decision that caused his defeat at the hands of Buck Davidson, and the prospect of having Elton Owen as referee for Saturday night's match at the

'Battle Of Backs' Rose Bowl Prospect

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 29.—(AP)—If the Rose Bowl game between Southern California and Tennessee New Year's day narrows down to a battle of individuals, it will probably be a duel between the skillful right arm of Trojan Captain Jim Hardy and the sturdy legs of freshman Buster Stephens, the Vols' jolting tailback.

While the Trojans have displayed a good running attack in thrilling seven and tying two opponents in nine games, Hardy's spectacular passing has been the spark of the T-model machine. Coach Jeff Cravath has built Hardy, in his third and final year, set a new USC record by completing 53 of 102 passes for 684 yards and eight touchdowns. That's an average of 52 per cent.

Stephens, in eight games (of which the Vols won seven and tied one), rolled up 631 yards in carrying the ball 101 times. Despite his inexperience, the 21-year-old freshman is already being favorably compared with such volunteer immortals as Bobby Dodd, Gene McEver and Beattie Feathers.

Hardy doesn't do much running, and Stephens doesn't do much passing—although he may have to cut loose in this game. The Vols completed only 15 of 55 tosses tried, and Buster logged eight of those.

Underdog West Said In Best Condition

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The rains let up to some extent—Thursday afternoon, and the West football team got in its final stiff scrimmage in preparation for its clash with the East in the annual Shrine game here New Year's day.

Co-coaches Babe Hollingbery and Homer Norton gave their boys a final brush-up that saw a full hour of bruising play and after the workouts sidelines who have been watching both teams in action were of the opinion that the West was farther advanced than the East—and that the 3-1 odds for the visitors were strictly out of line.

TCU Coach Gloomy Over Cotton Game

DALLAS, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Both times that big Jim Lookabaugh saw Texas Christian's Horned Frogs play they were defeated but the coach of the Oklahoma Aggies said today he had no illusions of any easy job when his cowboys meet the Frogs in the Cotton Bowl.

"We don't pay much attention to the score, you know," Lookabaugh drawled. "I saw a well-balanced T.C.U. team—one that can run, pass and kick. That's what I'm concerned about."

"Sure, we outscored them this season but they had a better defensive record. I can't see where the folks get this 21-point stuff. We have a hard day's work ahead with T.C.U."



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Pearl Street arena. The most serious worry for "Gorgeous George" is not the selection of the proper robe to fit his mood for Saturday's engagement—but the prospect of suffering a second straight defeat at the hands of Davidson.

Arena To Be Bulging
Wagner, who protested last week's decision so loudly that Matchmaker Don Owen signed him for a rematch, isn't at all certain he wanted the assignment after all. A defeat would virtually ruin the former coast and world light-heavyweight champion's chances of meeting the "Mask," if the hooded hoodlum should happen to turn up.

The arena is almost certain to bulge at the seams by the time the opening match gets under way at 8:30 o'clock, although the Club cigar store ticket agency reported early Friday a limited number of reserved seats still available.

Matchmaker Owen has done "himself proud" in arranging an outstanding show for the 1944 finale. Attracting as much interest as the headliner will be a semi-final between two Pacific coast champions—Light-heavyweight Jack Kiser, and Junior Heavyweight Gus Johnson.

Johnson, the Swede from Seattle who won the Junior title in a Portland tournament several weeks ago, and Kiser, who has been king of the light-heavyweights for many months, are expected to provide one of the really great scientific mat classics in local wrestling history.

Owen-Wagner Tiff Certain
Two other main-events will appear in the curtain-raiser—Ben Sherman and Tony Ross. It will be the only main event, clean bout on the program, the others being either all-scientific or all-villainous.

Sherman, former Olympic games champion and later a professional who has appeared in every grappling center in the world, will be meeting a formidable foe in Ross, the "Toledo Terror." Both men are former mittmen and should Ross attempt to use fistfuffs he is sure to find a willing slugger facing him.

Regardless of Wagner's continual protest, the Eugene wrestling commission has announced no changes in the appointment of Elton Owen as referee for the three matches. With the former University of Oregon gridman as the third man in the ring, added activity in the main event appears inevitable. Wagner and Owen are almost certain to get into some kind of scrape.

Country Club Golfers Trade Calked Shoes For Dancing Pumps

Eugene Country club golfers will trade their calked shoes for dancing pumps following Sunday's divot activities—and will attend an open house and New Year's eve celebration at the clubhouse Sunday night.

The New Year's eve party, for members and their house guests, has been scheduled between 8 p.m. and 1 a.m., with dancing and a buffet supper available at any time during those hours.

Beaver Hoopsters To Meet Fee Five

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Oregon State's basketball team left Corvallis this morning for Portland to seek revenge tonight against the powerful Fee's Music Makers quintet which administered the only pre-season defeat to the Orangemen.

Saturday night the Beavers will play the Oregon medical school five.

Orange Bowl Mentors Bow To Each Other

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Rival Orange Bowl coaches tossed verbal bouquets at each other today and tried to drape the other's team with the robes of the favorite.

Coach W. A. (Bill) Alexander, of Georgia Tech, declared, "Henry Frka is one of America's smartest young coaches. We always look for the unexpected when we play him."

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Axemen Drop Tiders 47-15 In Top Polio Feature

Billies. Gaels Stage Contest

By DICK SCHIMBERG
The Pleasant Hill Hillbillies beat the Gaels from St. Mary's in the first game of Thursday night's Polio Benefit games 33-24. The second game proved to be a walkaway, with Eugene High trouncing the Tiders of University High 47-15. This was the final night of benefit and the net ticket sales totaled over \$200.

The first game belonged entirely to Pleasant Hill, which kept its lead the entire game. Both the first and second periods showed the Hillbillies, with both Chet Hutton and Don Kimball sinking fielders. In the third quarter the Gaels moved up and allowed Pleasant Hill to make only three points. Gale Kimball went into the game at this point and was really wearing his shooting eye to be high point man with nine points.

Billies Lead
The first quarter score turned for the Billies at 8-3 and the second period turned out even better for them with 21-9 at the intermission. In the third frame Dick Weitzel helped the Gaels on with six more points to end the third quarter mark at 24-18 for Pleasant Hill.

Both Kimball and Bill Hunter were the spark plugs on their respective teams.

The second game proved to be a futile battle for Coach Harry Davis' Tiders by their taking the worst beating this season. Uni High just couldn't seem to get on at all for in the first quarter Julian Hultgren scored their only hooper while Dale Warberg starred for Eugene. The quarter ended a low 7-2. In the next period both Warberg and Clay Thomason made four points to lengthen the score to 19-7 at the half.

In the third period the Tiders again made only two points, this time scored by rugged Doc Sargent. Eugene's total went up to 36 with Darrell Robinson, Bill Fulps and Warren Hunter sacking them in.

The final frame showed Ronnie Salt of University showing more pep and "go-return" than any other man on the squad, but this proved to be too late for the Axemen's third string held them off until the gun.

The biggest surprise of the game proved to be Coach Davis' starting of part of the first string, which has sat on the bench for the first half of the last four games.

ST. MARY'S (24) (33) P. HILL
Weitzel, 8; F. 7; D. Kimball 8; Hutton 8; C. 8; D. 8; Hunter 9; G. 2; Casey 2; Portales, 4; G. 2; Smith 2; Subst. 2; S. Thomason. Officials: Stan Summers and Marv Reynolds.

EUGENE (47) (15) UNIVERSITY
Hultgren, 7; F. 1; Scroggie 1; Warberg, 9; C. 1; Cornelius 1; Robinson, 10; C. 2; Hultgren 1; Hultgren, 4; G. 2; Gillian 1; Ruth, 2; B. 2; B. 2; Subst. Eugene—Frederick, Rider, Dock, Wilde, 1; Bradford, Hendrickson, 2; Fulps, 4; Mitchell, Denner, Smith, Thomason, 8; Miner, Garrett, University—Sargent, 2; Salt, 2; Clausen 1; Brown, Connell, Purcell, 2; Haley. Officials: Al Diaz and Ed Krasinski.

'Clothes Don't Make The Man' Vows Eager Prep Basketball Sub

CRAFTSBURY, Vt., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Embarrassing moments! A Barton academy basketball player substituting at a crucial stage of the game with Craftsbury academy last night discovered himself on the playing floor without his trunks.

In divesting himself of his sweat pants, the anxious substitute also pulled off his trunks, unnoticed, and was on the floor reporting to the referee before the omission was observed. Other players surged around him quickly.

Score: Barton 21, Craftsbury 18.

Alabama To Rely On Stout Defense Play

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Alabama's "iron men" who compiled the best defensive record of any team playing in a New Year's day football game, will seek to hurl a negative challenge at Duke's most of fine running backs when the teams compete in the Sugar Bowl, Coach Frank Thomas indicated today.

The Crimson Tide, still working out at Baton Rouge on the Louisiana State campus, is putting most of its stress upon defensive scrimmage, hoping to capitalize on its season record in which it yielded only 144 yards from scrimmage per game.

Stars Top Wolves In Coast Hockey Tilt

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Seattle Stars returned to the top of the Pacific Coast Hockey league ladder today by virtue of a powerful 11-5 repulsing of the Hollywood Wolves last night. Nine goals poured into the net in the final period, six of them by the winners, who returned to straight hockey after displaying a "fancy Dan" offensive in the middle frame.

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DEL SMITH, freshman from Rainier, is one of the leading forwards on the University of Oregon varsity basketball squad.

FISH TALES —By DICK STRITE

We continue to pick up such bits of fishing news—such as 106 steelhead being caught at Sawyer Rapids on the Umpqua during a two-day period last week—but the angling creel has been so empty of late that our weekly "Fish Tales" appear doomed. . . . The Umpqua news isn't exaggerated, according to word from Sgt. Homer Parks, the former semipro outdoorsman who is home for the holidays. Homer caught limits two days running, and said one native caught 22 in one day.

Two years ago we had a big day on the Siuslaw, and when our "limit" was caught we reined in the front of Freeman Stratton's boat and took the role of observer. . . . and catching 22 steelhead in one day seems like a rather large assignment. The water is still too low for good bank fishing on the Umpqua, and must be terribly low in Lake Creek and the Siuslaw. You'd think guys like Stratton and Al Walmsley would let a fellow know the score on steelhead fishing down Indiola way—but not a word since the first fish was caught early in December.

About all we've heard about the Siuslaw country for the past few weeks have been from servicemen in the South Pacific yearning for a chance to hook a 12-pounder. Ford Danner and Bob Schlier, two Siuslaw devotees, have expressed such feelings in recent letters. They have both assumed that we have been on several trips to western Lane county to date—but the manpower shortage is really serious around this desk at the present sitting.

—MAIL A BUCK—

While anglers await heavier rains than those that hit Lane county Wednesday night, which would send the steelhead up the streams, nimrods are eyeing their final fling at waterfowl shooting. . . . The season closes January 1, and according to the state laws, this date is inclusive. . . . But January 1 will mark a new year and you'll need a 1945 license. . . .

The state game commission reports excellent shooting at Summer lake, but we imagine there are plenty of ducks and geese to be had in these parts.

Here are some interesting notes from the report book of a Boise, Idaho, game warden: "One Coeur D'Alene hunter killed two deer with one shot. He dropped one with a shot through the neck. Blood stains were seen beyond the edge of a thicket. A second deer was discovered mortally wounded. Just another innocent bystander incident."

"John Franklin of Hope went out for a buck and came back with a seven-foot cougar. He killed it, appropriately, near the head of Cougar gulch."

"Two other hunters bagged a cow and a calf. The calf was an animal being raised by a farm girl as a 4-H club project."

Mrs. Santa Claus was certainly good to us—coming up with an unobtainable creel, complete with zipper lid and a zipper leather-bound pocket for odds and ends. . . . It's a large-sized one and we're going to have a terrible time finding those South Fork trout once they're deposited in the basket. . . . Creels are not on the Canadian sporting goods shelves, incidentally. . . . And the prices on available angling equipment are high. . . . We got a bargain on tapered Spanish-cut leaders at \$1.29 each, marked down from \$1.49.

—MAIL A BUCK—

You wanted a fishing story.

ch? So we'll let DeWitt McKenzie, AP feature writer, spin one that is being told especially for fathers:

"Draw in a little closer to the campfire, and I'll spin you a yarn of the greatest fishin' trip I've ever had during golden years of angling in many countries of the two hemispheres. That was last June, amidst the lakes and streams of the famous Alleghash region of northern Maine—dreamland of fly fishermen."

"The success of this expedition into one of the wild regions of the United States was due to a very special circumstance unique in my experience. It wasn't that we caught a lot of fish, though we landed so many trout that we were returning them to the waters unharmed, because we could not eat them all and there was nobody in that primitive region to whom we could give them. It wasn't that the trout were big, though we took some magnificent ones and I was lucky enough to get the prize with a hard-battling fellow who dragged my scales down to eight pounds. But I'm getting involved. The story really begins this way:

"When it finally was decided that I could go into the Alleghash wilds, I had an inspiration. There is in our home a son of 13 who was christened Kent Robert but wears the nickname of Major. Now it's an unfortunate circumstance—over which nobody had any control—that much of his young life he and I have been separated, because of my travels abroad. The result was that when things settled down a bit early this year, after my 35,000 mile aerial trip through the war zones, and we finally got together we found that we were pretty much strangers. And that's a mighty unhappy position for son and father to be in."

"Being a great believer in the power of fishin' to cure many of the world's ills, it came to me that the tumbling waters of the Alleghash might solve the difficulties of the little Major and me. When I broached the subject by mail to my prospective guides, they promptly demurred. After some debate they finally agreed reluctantly, and that left me with only one other worry. The youngster would have to be taken out of school just as final examinations were in hand for the annual promotion, and that put a knotty decision up to his school principal."

"There are a lot of kind and understanding people in this world. When I set down my problem for the principal, he did not hesitate for even the fraction of a minute, but his voice was husky as he said:

"You take him! I'd rather see you and the boy go on that trip together than anything I know. It will be a wonderful thing for both of you. Let me have him for another week if you can, but if that isn't feasible—you two go right ahead and everything will be all right."

"As we settled into our seats and started what was to be the most memorable experience of our lives, the Major looked at me with a quizzical and rather diffident little grin and said: "I hope we're going to get some good fishin', Dad."

"And being endowed in some degree with the gift of prophecy, I replied: 'You bet we are! It's going to be the finest fishin' we ever imagined.' "It was, too."

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Zimmerman Finds Webfoots 'Duck Soup' But Oregon Wins

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The sizzling shots of rugged Jim Zimmerman gave the University of Oregon basketball team plenty of trouble last night but it came through to defeat University of Oregon medical school 49-39.

The big center, one of the army and navy trainees on the medical school squad, formerly played at Washington State college. He caged eight field goals and four free throws for 20 points.

The Oregon man-for-man defense was difficult for every Medic except Zimmerman, who scored from all angles, including one-handers, keyhole shots and tip-ins.

After a close first half, in which the Medics twice led, Oregon went in front and stayed there. The halftime score was 28 to 23, Webfoots.

The victory was the sixteenth for Oregon in 22 pre-season games.

Four minutes before the end of the first half Zimmerman put the Medics in front for the second time, 20 to 19, with a one-hander. It was then that Oregon took the lead it never lost. Bartlett, Allen

and Hamilton scored field goals and Smith a free toss for the 28-23 advantage.

Webfoots Get Hot
Oregon kept the pressure on when the second half opened and ran the advantage to 36 to 25.

A field goal by Zimmerman, together with free tosses by Vaughan, Brown and Zimmerman, cut the margin to 36 to 30 and made things interesting again.

Oregon's power told, however, as it ran up ten straight points on a pair of field goals by Hamilton, and one each by Bartlett, Smith and Allen to make it 45 to 30 with 12 minutes to play.

From then on the Medics did most of the scoring, Zimmerman leading the way with three field goals, but the Webfoots were too far in front and coasted in.

Outstanding for Oregon was Bob Hamilton at guard with seven field goals for 14 points.

Summary:

OREGON	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wilkins, f	4	0	1	8
Stamper, f	0	0	1	0
Smith, f	1	0	1	2
Hays, c	0	0	0	0
Allen, c	2	0	0	4
Bartlett, f	4	3	5	11
Hamilton, f	7	0	0	14
Kotnik, f	1	0	1	2
Eider, f	2	0	2	4
Butler, f	0	0	0	0
Fredrickson, f	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	21	7	17	49

MEDEX SCHOOL FG FT PF TP

Jensen, f	0	0	0	0
Brown, f	0	0	0	0
Sloan, f	1	2	3	4
Stamper, c	3	4	2	10
Irvine, c	0	1	1	1
Brown, f	3	3	1	9
Vaughan, f	2	1	3	5
TOTALS	14	11	10	39

Halftime score—Oregon 28, Oregon Medical School 25.

Officials—Vern Reynolds and Harold Regale.

Mexico Team Girds For Sun Bowl Tilt

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 29.—(AP)—The old razzle-dazzle, the wide-open brand of football which has marked many a grid game in the Southwest, promises to give an expected near-record crowd an interesting afternoon when the University of Mexico meets Southwestern of Texas in the Sun Bowl New Year's day.

Both the Southwestern Pirates and the Pumas from south of the border play "thrill a minute" football, featuring tricky passes and speedy backs.

The Mexicans may need their classic tricks for this 11th cactus classic, the warring gentry opines. Mexico mentor Bernard A. Hoban, former Dartmouth player, says his team will average only 165 pounds. "We'll be out-weighted 15 pounds per man," he said, "but we are used to that. We'll give 'em a real battle, and I wouldn't say it is impossible for Mexico to win."

Use The Water Boy!

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 9.—(UPI)—Basketball score: 43 to 1.

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