

Dick Wilkins Top Webfoot Scorer

Freshman Has 263 To 264 For Bob Hamilton

Leading scorer for the University of Oregon Webfoots in 22 pre-season basketball games has been Dick Wilkins, a talented 19-year-old freshman forward who has been given a medical discharge from the U. S. Marines.

The former Lincoln high hooper has scored 263 points, an average of 12 per game, in the contests exclusive of the Astoria Jamboree's four 20-minute skirmishes. This gives him a one-point margin over the northern division, Pacific coast conference's top 1944 scorer, Bob Hamilton, the only returning regular from Oregon's 1944 second-place aggregation. Hamilton, with 262 points, has averaged 11.9 points per game. Wilkins leads in field goals with 117, and Hamilton in freethrows with 52.

Hays Third Scorer With 188

Ken Hays, the 6-foot, 7-inch sophomore center from Walla Walla, Wash., is third high Oregon scorer with 188 points. These three Webfoots are expected to pace the attack in games against the University of Idaho at Moscow Friday and Saturday nights, and against Washington State College at Pullman the following Monday and Tuesday. There are two other leading scorers in Jim Bartlett and Del Smith, a pair of freshmen forwards who have tallied 126 points each.

These five hoopers are certain to be included on the team squad that entrains here Thursday morning, with the possible exception of Chuck Slammer, a freshman forward from Marshfield, the travelers remain a mystery. Coach John Warren, making his varsity coaching debut in the conference this season, may include one or more of the newcomers that reported Tuesday, but said he would not announce the squad personnel until Thursday morning. Another player who was sure to make the trip before he suffered a sprained ankle was Frank Hoffine, a freshman, guard from Marshfield.

The Webfoots closed their 22-game pre-season schedule at the Tillamook Naval Air Base last Saturday night with a 64-41 triumph for a record of 16 victories against 6 defeats — and eight straight triumphs over collegiate opposition.

Average 55.5 Points Per Game

The record shows triumphs over Willamette University, 55-35, 69-49, 70-51, 48-37; Klamath Falls Marines, 51-36, 60-40, 65-63, 70-57; University of British Columbia, 55-51, 63-59; Western Washington College, 50-45; University of Oregon, 49-39; Astoria, 49-39; Hanford, 48-35, 52-35, and a 60-36 triumph over the Tillamook Sailors besides the Saturday victory.

Losses were suffered at the hands of the Seattle Coast Guard, 67-58, 53-44; Fee's Music Makers of Portland, 40-38, 50-43; Vancouver Junior Chamber, 49-37, and the Fort Lewis Warriors, 52-38, the most decisive defeat with Gail Bishop pacing the 14-point margin of victory.

In the 22 games Oregon has scored 1220 points for an average of 55.5 points per game, as against 1016 points and a 46.2-point average for the opposition.

Individual scoring data, not counting the Astoria Jamboree, follows:

	G	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wilkins	22	117	28	54	323
Hamilton	22	105	52	48	302
Hays	22	75	30	42	188
Smith	21	47	32	73	126
Bartlett	18	52	22	40	126
Hoffine	15	31	14	19	76
Kotnik	18	24	16	25	64
Elder	18	14	8	7	34
Slammer	19	7	11	9	25
Pulham	2	0	0	0	0
Huff	2	0	0	0	0
Allen	2	0	0	0	0
Lee	2	0	0	0	0
Wright	2	1	1	0	2
Predickson	2	1	1	0	2
Butler	2	0	0	0	0
Corderio	2	0	0	0	0
Zabot	2	0	0	0	0

(*) No longer member of squad.

Polio Fund

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Prep Hoop Jamboree — \$214.00
Water-Highclimber — 7.00
Total — \$221.00

Portland Sextet Wins Over Vancouver, 9-2

PORTLAND, Jan. 2. — (AP) — The Portland Eagles of the Pacific coast hockey league posted their seventh straight victory by beating Vancouver Vanguards 9-2 here Monday night. The Eagles now are only one game behind the league-leading Seattle Stars and Seattle Ironmen.

ERIC A BRAC WINS

AGUA CALIENTE, Mex., Jan. 2. — (AP) — Eric A. Brac, four-year-old son of War Admiral, today was the first handicapped winner of the year at newly reopened Agua Caliente race track after galloping home with the Nuevo Ano handicap yesterday.

13,000 AT TROPICAL PARK

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 2. — (AP) — He Rella and Skytracer took the two divisions of the first running of the \$5000 added New Year's handicap at Tropical Park Monday before a crowd of approximately 13,000.

HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

First sports question in 1945: How much sports will we have?

Jack Beck and his brethren of the turf world may have to keep their "nags" confined to the stables and practice ovals—but it doesn't appear as though manpower, war department or OPA ultimatums will handicap local sports to any considerable extent.

There will probably be less fish-tackle and fewer golf balls; some of younger baseball "old-timers" may be drafted into the army and defense jobs, and further gas rationing may keep our teams closer to home. But in an area that includes 19 high schools and further stimulation of athletics for grade and junior high schools, there will still be sufficient sports to keep the public morale at its highest.

The University of Oregon is certain to retain intercollegiate basketball, and any possible addition such as baseball or football would be an increase over the previous two seasons.

Yes, Lane county's sports picture for 1945 is just as bright as during the past year.

MAIL A BUCK

With more than two weeks remaining before Oregon's Webfoots basketball season (against Washington State at the Igloo, January 19-20) John A. Warren is extending to every community in Lane county an invitation to enter their freethrow champions in a series of contests to be held during the half-time intermission of coming contests.

"Honest John" proposed the plan some weeks ago, suggesting that high school kids compete in such an event. But during one of the bull sessions at the Astoria Jamboree, Slat Gill of Oregon State asked why the freethrow shooting should be continued to prepsters and pointed out that former hoopers of any age should be physically able to stand on the gift lines and toss ringers. John immediately agreed and said the idea presented an outlet for the fellows who sit in the stands and criticize youngsters for missing the gift shots under pressure.

So, the proposed freethrow tournament will be open to men and boys of all ages, and the suggestion has been made that community champions be selected in every "R" and "A" high school community. These men or boys would then be entered in the McArthur court competition which would be held under one or two systems—shooting until a miss is made, or shooting 25 shots.

Entries can be made by writing either to Warren at the University of Oregon, or to the sports department of the Register-Guard.

Speaking of freethrows, Gill said he recalled when one man shot all of the gift tries when the hoopers used to make 19 out of 20 consistently. We asked whether or not the old style of spread legs and a coordinated pendulum swing wasn't the most logical manner to shoot freethrows, instead of the varied wrist shots and one-handed pushers of today. Slat said that two of the best shots he could remember—Eddie Durno of Oregon's coast championships of about 1916 and one of the Fox brothers at Idaho had entirely different styles. Durno, using a wide stance, brought the ball down to his shoestrings and came up through a long arc and eventually finished on one foot. Fox, on the other hand, used a simple wrist snap. Her Edmundson said the best freethrow shooter he recalled was a fellow by the name of Gray that he coached at the Vandal school, a fellow who connected on 102 of 125 one shots.

We used to think our freethrow record as a senior in high school was "hot stuff" but find the 80 connected in 144 tries is nothing to write home about.

MAIL A BUCK

Warren's freethrow idea is just another effort to provide Oregon basketball fans with some added attraction — something that has been wanting in past intercollegiate sports. The colleges and the high schools, who vie for the patronage of sports followers, will soon realize the school that provides the most comforts and entertainment will attract the majority of cash customers.

Such things as dressing teams in good-looking uniforms starting contests on schedule and providing the best available officials all adds to the spectacle. But there are other things, such as providing comfortable seats.

One high school fan has suggested that we add the players' numbers to the summary of games so that the players could be recalled by their numbers instead of their names (which many fans do not know) in reading the account of the contest the next day. This would be as confusing as the manner in which we've attempted to explain the suggestion.

Basketball in the local high schools has seldom sold expenses, but could pour dollars into the athletic coffers if handled properly. One added pleasure for fans would be to provide fans with a program, giving the players' names and numbers, at each game. The programs would not have to be elaborate, but a mimeographed affair. Let's make this a New Year's resolution!

MAIL A BUCK—our individual

fund for Lane county's infantile paralysis campaign now numbers 7. Sit down at your desk right now and write out a check to the Polio Fund and "mail a buck" to this department.

360,000 Fans See New Year's Football Classics

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK, Jan. 2. — (AP) — It was happy New Year for all the favorites except Georgia Tech and the East All-Stars in the annual Jan. 1 football bowl deluxe played before more than 360,000 fans at 10 different sites.

Ranging from G. I. versions in Marseilles, France and Italy to a customary \$1,900 turnout in Pasadena's Rose

Bowl, the general pattern ran pretty much true to form on team and individual performances.

Southern California stretched its Rose Bowl win string to eight by handing Tennessee a 25-0 setback, their first of the season, and completing an unbeaten, though twice-tied campaign.

Oklahoma Aggies smothered Texas Christian 34-0 before 37,500 at Dallas' Cotton Bowl,

but Duke had to come hard in the closing minutes before catching Alabama 29-26 for a Sugar Bowl triumph that thrilled 72,000 customers.

Georgia Tech ran into trouble in its Orange Bowl date with Tulsa as the Golden Hurricane startled 30,000 fans by striking for a two-touchdown lead in the first period and never letting up before earning a 26-12 decision.

The Western All-Stars shoved over two last-quarter scores to

shade the East 13-7 in San Francisco's Shrine charity game that drew 60,000 persons.

Southwestern of Texas set a scoring record in the Sun Bowl, crushing an out-matched University of Mexico squad 35-0 as expected by the turnout of 13,000.

The Fifth Army posted a 20-0 shellacking of the 12th Air Force in the Italian Spaghetti Bowl before 25,000 G. I. Joes.

The soldiers in France subdued

a Riviera Bowl for last year's Arab Bowl classic in Africa and 18,000 turned out at Marseilles to watch the railway shop battalion unit smother the army all-stars 37-0.

Texas College of Tyler, Tex., tripped up Greensboro (N.C.) A. and T. 18-0 in the Negro Flower Bowl contest at Jacksonville, Fla. Tennessee State scored a 13-0 win over Tuskegee Institute in the Vulcan Bowl Negro game at Birmingham, Ala.

Axemen, Lion Vie Tuesday

The northern division, trict 6 high school basketball inaugurates 1945 petition at the Cottage union high school gym Tuesday when the tide-fa Eugene high Axemen enrage Lions. The game will be at approximately 8 o'clock, following a B-squad contest.

Two other Tuesday games on the district docket, U. S. City high traveling to Let for a game against the B. and Junction City playing to St. Mary's of Eugene.

Seven "B" league games District 6 contests, a No. 1 tilt and one inter-league, will be played Friday.

Coach Hank Kuchera's men, who have won 11 starts this season, will be favored over Curtis French's who have been beaten on Myrtle Point in a short season schedule. The Lions always give Eugene a tough on the Grove court, are an outside chance for vic-

Trojans Thump Tennessee 25-0

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 2. — (AP) — The Southern California Trojans held two Rose Bowl victories over Tennessee today after whipping the Volunteers 25-0 before a crowd of 93,000 fans in Monday's classic.

It was the second time that the Vols suffered a shutout at the hands of the Trojans—they were beaten 14-0 in 1940—but they proved they were a fighting outfit from the first touchdown until the final gun.

Stephens Leads Volunteers

Bus Stephens, the Knoxville freshman, fought like a fiend. He couldn't carry his team to victory alone, but he made all the things the southern sportswriters said about him come true. He lugged the ball 15 times and averaged just a notch short of six yards a try against one of the country's heaviest lines (USC held a 16-yard edge per man) and eagles backfields.

It was Stephens' kick, the first of the day, that Jim Callanan blocked and scooped up on the Vols 26 to make it 6-0. But Stephens came back a couple of minutes later with a 32-yard run from the shadows of his own goal posts to put the ball in the middle.

Like the first, Troy's final touchdown was a thriller, with the ball still in the air en route from Capt. Jim Hardy to End Doug MacLachlan over the goal line as the gun went off. A 22-yard toss from Hardy to End Paul Salata in the end zone, gave the Trojans their second tally in the second period.

Hardy Trojan Hero

Hardy was the Trojan hero. After a sleepless night with a stomach ailment and a fever of 101, the triple-threat quarterback sparked his team all afternoon, flipping passes that caught Tennessee flat-footed, slanting three punts out of bounds beyond the Volunteer 10-yard line, making one touchdown himself, and completing two pay-off passes for his 10th of the season and a new Southern California record. It broke by one the mark Russell Saunders set back in 1929.

Southern California capped a powerhouse 73-yard drive, reminiscent of the best days of the Thundering Herd, with a touchdown as the fourth period opened, marching the distance in 10 plays. Hardy packed the ball over from the 11-yard line and Pat West made the day's only conversion.

USC gained 305 net yards and 15 first downs to Tennessee's 169 yards and 8 first downs.

Southwestern Wins Over Mexico, 35-0

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 2. — (AP) — Southwestern University had two consecutive Sun Bowl victories to its credit today, after swamping Mexico National University 35-0 in the international New Year's day classic.

Southwestern scored in every period, despite penalties and fumbles that halted several threats. The first tally came when the charging Southwestern line blocked a Mexico punt from the 35, and Captain Joe Blodinski fell on the ball over the goal line for the score.

In the second period, Quarterback Tom Bretchehal shot a short pass to R. E. McDonald on the goal line.

The Pirates scored twice in the third on sweeps and passes. Bob Ulrey traveled six yards after taking a lateral for the third score and McDonald ripped through the center of the Mexico line from the six-yard stripe for the fourth.

In the final minutes of play, Southwestern scuttled the previous bowl scoring record by adding another touchdown and extra point.

Kiser Defeats Ross In 'Royal'

Jack Kiser, the Pacific coast light-heavyweight wrestling champion, won the New Year's day "bottle royal" at the Pearl Street arena Monday night, taking the referee's decision in a scheduled three-fall finale against Tony "The Terrible" Ross.

The first match of the new year—and the final one for the Pearl Street arena in view of next Saturday's re-opening of the Armory as Lane county's wrestling emporium.

Kiser and Ross battled their way into the finals, with the coast champion forced to meet the challenge of two villains in the final three-fall finale. The first round was a close, but Kiser won the first round. The second round was a close, but Kiser won the second round. The third round was a close, but Kiser won the third round.

Bama Beaten By Duke 29-26

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2. — (AP) — The offensive splendor of two great football teams, playing every minute as if their collective lives depended upon victory, gave football fans material for months of conversation today in an aftermath to Duke's 29-26 triumph over Alabama in the most colorful renewal of the Sugar Bowl series.

Even in a loser's role, all hands concerned had most praise for Harry Gilmer, the brash freshman from Birmingham whose long precise passes, daring runs and heady quarterbacking put the favored Duke eleven on the defensive almost from the start. The little guy tossed eight passes and had a 100 per cent completion average, accounting for 142 yards. Two of his flips went more than 50 yards a piece, both of which set up touchdowns. His running and play-calling sparked Alabama's original touchdown drive of 66 yards, although he didn't throw a pass in that advance.

Duke's team of veterans, showing the finesse and experience which counted in the clutch stages of the fourth period, scored the winning touchdown on a 61-yard march after being denied seconds earlier when Alabama's line held with Duke a half yard out. Gilmer guided the ball for an intention-al safety to make the score 26-22 and gave the Tide a free kick from its own 20. That strategy backfired when Duke scored on two running plays after the punt return, with George Clark getting the victory touchdown. Clark was the victim, earlier in the fourth period, of a pass interception by Hugh Morrow, 17-year-old 'Bama freshman, who grabbed his touchdown thrust and raced back 73 yards for what looked like the winning touchdown.

For Duke, the all-around star was Tom Davis, whose defensive play stopped Tide drives time and again, and who accounted for much of the 319 yards the Blue Devils gained on the ground.

Red Wings Threaten

(United Press)
The Detroit Red Wings, pushing over the National league lesser lights in an effort to overtake the Montreal Canadiens, were within one point of the league leaders today, closing in with a 4-2 victory over Chicago Blackhawks Monday night.



'PIN BOY,' 75—Seventy-five-year-old William R. Casey, Chicago's "Tenpin Slim," picks up six bowling pins in a time. A professional pin boy, Casey started in 1897, says he picked up all ten pins at once when younger.

Tulsa Trims Tech, 26-12

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 2. — (AP) — Tulsa's Golden Hurricane balanced its "bowl book" today with a glorious 26-12 revenge victory over Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl, which squared accounts for the loss suffered to the same team in the 1944 Sugar Bowl game.

Staging the first football upset of 1945, before 30,000 fans, the Tulans struck for a touchdown in the first four minutes and left no doubt thereafter that they would conquer the wily Engineers with difficulty.

Coach Henry Frnks, the young mentor who has sent Tulsa to four bowl games in as many years, crossed up the opposition with a style of play totally unlike that which had held the Oklahomans in good stead through the regular season. Instead of concentrating on a ground game, the oil country boys chose to throw the ball, and passes accounted for two of their four touchdowns. And on pass defense, their weakest department all season, they were seldom found wanting, hurrying the Tech passers and smothering their receivers to nullify an aerial attack that had been effective throughout the 1944 season.

The most spectacular play of the day, a double dazzling lateral from Perry Moss to Clyde Goodnight to Barney White in the third period was good for 65 yards and a touchdown and looked as if it might have been lifted from Tech Coach Bill Alexander, himself, the old master of gridiron hocus pokus. That play even overshadowed a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Camp Wilson to provide Tulsa's final score. Those two were scarcely necessary because Moss, the Tulsa spark plug, and Ed Shedlosky had collaborated for the first two all-important touchdowns. Moss tossed a 14-yard pass to Shedlosky for the first score and engineered the drive to the five-yard line where Shedlosky worked the mossy Statue of Liberty play for the second.

Tech's one passing threat produced its first touchdown with Frank Broyles throwing 31 yards to Johnny McIntosh, who went 20 more to score. The last score of the game came on a two-yard plunge by Rumsey Taylor of Tech.

Hoop Scores

Brooklyn College 35, T.C.U. 31.
Valparaiso 54, Hamilton 41.
Puerto Rico 46, St. Joseph's 41.
DePaul 63, Illinois 56.
Minnesota 45, Lawrence 30.
Minutemen 62, Long Island 52.
Akron 51, Baldwin Wallace 39.
Temple 38, Wyoming 27.
Great Lakes 60, Ohio State 50.
Western Kentucky 50, Canisius 45.

Turner Keeps Title Drawing With Pease

PORTLAND, Jan. 2. — (AP) — Leo "The Lion" Turner retained his Oregon middleweight championship here Monday night against Mickey Pease, but he was hard pressed all the way. The husky Negro was awarded a draw on the basis of a 10th round comeback.

Until the last round, the fight was fairly even, with Mickey having a slight edge because Leo was content to let his opponent lead.

LILY BOWL GAME

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan. 2. — (AP) — Soldiers and sailors in Bermuda announced plans today for their annual "Lily Bowl" football game in which their teams will put on uniforms used by West Point and Annapolis academies in the last Army-Navy game, and square off for their third and "rubber" meeting next Sunday.

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West Upsets East, 13 to 7

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2. — (AP) — A fourth-period surge of power, sparked by the great kicking toe and passing wing of Bob Waterfield, gained the Western All-Stars a 13-7 football triumph over the East before a New Year's day crowd of 60,000.

It was one of the most stirring finishes in the 20-year history of the Shrine charity classic. Waterfield, triple-threat quarterback from U.C.L.A., demonstrated some first rate ball-packing, shot passes with unerring aim, and turned in the best punting performance seen in those parts for many a year.

Waterfield's Kicks Amaze
He got off amazing kicks of 87, 73 and 58 yards—his average for the game was 58.8 yards—and with the help of a capable line and backfield he pulled the game out of the fire for the West by taking a pass himself and scoring the winning touchdown with only three minutes remaining.

The favored Easterners tallied first midway in opening period as Quarterback Frank Daniewicz of Notre Dame shot a 30-yard pass to End Jack Mead of Wisconsin, who hooked it on the eight and shook off two Westerners as he rambed to the goal.

Then the west unleashed its fourth-period might, driving 64 yards to score as Fullback Bob Kennedy of the Third Air Force sliced through the right side of his line for 13 yards to the goal, but the East still held a 7-6 margin.

Rob Kennedy's Pass Scores

A few minutes later the Westerners reached the 13 again on a long pass from Waterfield to Clarence Howell, end from Texas A. & M., and Kennedy, former W.C.C. star, shot a touchdown pass to Waterfield to score. Kennedy's place-kick was good for the final 13-7 score.

The westerners had a marked edge in the statistics. They ran up 159 yards from rushing as against 78 for the East, and tallied 127 from passes against the East's 92. They made 14 first downs, and the East six. The names of two All-Americans (Kelly of Notre Dame and Horvath of Ohio State) appeared in the lineup—and little else for the East.

Texas College Negroes Win Flower Bowl 18-0

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 2. — (AP) — Center Willie E. Green was almost the whole show when Texas College of Tyler, Tex., defeated A. & T. College of Greensboro, N. C., 18-0 in the annual Negro Flower Bowl game here yesterday. He scored two touchdowns, one from 32 yards on an interception and the second on an 88-yard run, and set up the third touchdown by intercepting a pass.

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