

Sport Graphs Ken Washington Leads Nation's Grid Ground-Gainers

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Billy Hulén says:

Two Highest Grid Honors Given To Lefty Bob Smith

All Medford joins in extending congratulations to Bob Smith, University of Oregon halfback, whose selection to play for the West in the annual Shrine charity game followed on the heels of his being voted the most valuable player on this year's Webfoot aggregation . . . those two honors are just about the highest any college grid player could receive, except possibly being named on one of the bona fide all-American teams, and this city is justly proud of him . . . Of all the fine football players Medford has turned out, strangely there hasn't been many backs who have enjoyed major-college grid careers . . . only two, in fact, in the past dozen years — Bill Bowerman, and now Bob Smith . . . the number will be increased to three when Bob Olson, who has one more year of competition at Oregon State, is graduated . . .

Although it is far too early to definitely state where certain members of this year's local football team plan to continue their grid activities, it can be said that Guard

Dale Howard would like to attend Oregon State, ditto for Tackle Al Barrow, and that John Saulsbury, fullback, has leanings toward Harvard, and Bob Newland, left halfback, toward Stanford . . .

Rumor foundry: Is Snowy Gustafson really having alumni trouble at Klamath Falls? . . . Minnesota's Bernie Bierman denies he's going to Vanderbilt, but the stories persist . . . is that true about Kenny Washington, U.C.L.A.'s great Negro halfback, being considered by Mike Jacobs as a successor to Joe Louis? . . . if it is, and if Kenny can fight as well as he can play football, he may be the next world's champ, at that . . .

Elliott Cushing of the Rochester Democrat-Herald comes up with this honey: "There is no doubt that Russia looks great on paper. They've got 'em ten deep and have power to burn. But look at the schedule they play." . . .

"The best-dressed football team in the country this year was Fordham . . . British football players are striking—to have their pay raised from 10 shillings (about two bucks) per game . . . Oregon loses 10 men by graduation from its football team next spring, and Washington's Huskies drop only two . . . hardest hit coast grid club, however, will be U. C. L. A., which loses Ken Washington, practically a whole team, himself . . .

We haven't yet seen an all-American aggregation without Nile Kinnick on it . . . latest coach reported to be seriously dickering for that Stanford job is none other than Homer Norton who, in case you've never heard of him, is the gent who manufactured the Texas Aggies this season . . . Coach Frank Thomas of Alabama has turned down an offer to mentor the pro Brooklyn Dodgers, plus an interest in the club . . .

The New York Yankees were all set to acquire George McQuinn of the Browns for their first-basing job next year, when the American league made that rule taboing intra-loop trades with the champions . . . now, the only way the Yanks can obtain players from other clubs in their own loop is via the waiver route . . . and, who would waive on McQuinn, one of the league's best initial-cushioners?

UCLA STAR ROLLS UP 1,365 YARDS DURING CAMPAIGN

Michigan's Tommy Harmon Second With 1,356 Yards —Eakin Third With 1,342

By Gail Fowler
Seattle, Dec. 14.—(AP)—It's so close there probably will be a recount, but Kenny Washington, the great Negro halfback from the University of California at Los Angeles, ranks today as the nation's leading gridiron ground gainer of 1939.

Washington's sterling performance against Southern California last week sent him from third to first place just a scant nine yards ahead of Tom Harmon of Michigan, who in turn is just 14 yards ahead of Kay Eakin of Arkansas.

The blanket finish means a thorough recount, the American football statistical bureau, which compiled the figures, announced. The recheck will be made before the bureau announces its final, official figures.

Here are the figures for total offense—gains from both rushing and passes—of the three leaders:

Washington—In 10 games he carried the ball 170 times, passed 90 times for a total of 260 plays; he gained 828 yards rushing and 537 passing for a total of 1,365.

Harmon—In eight games he carried the ball 129 times, passed 94 times for a total of 223 plays; he gained 868 yards rushing and 488 passing for a total of 1,356 yards.

Eakin—In ten games he carried the ball 119 times, passed 193 times for a total of 312 plays; he gained 872 yards on the ground and 370 in the air for 1,242 yards.

Others among the top ten in total offense, with the number of yards gained, are:

Junius Plunkett, Vanderbilt, 1,129; Grenville Lansdell, Southern California, 1,119; Paul Christman, Missouri, 1,095; Jim Lalane, North Carolina, 1,001; Nile Kinnick, Iowa, 998.

Al Hostak's Victory Smile



Al Hostak (left), Seattle's middleweight champion, wears a broad grin after his first round knockout of Eric Seelig (right) in a title fight at Cleveland this week. Hostak put his man away in 1 minute and 21 seconds of the opening round.

DAIRYMEN RALLY TO TRIM PACIFIC HOOPERS, 30-27

A blistering rally in the second half, after trailing at the intermission, 6 to 14, gave Medford's Lost River Dairy basketball club a 30 to 27 victory over the barnstorming Pacific university cagers in the high school gym last night.

Tonight, Pacific moves to Ashland to tangle with Jean Eberhart's Southern Oregon College of Education five, with Butte Falls high and Ingle's Cowboys slated for the preliminary game starting at 7:30 in the college gym.

It was a pair of former Medford high stars — Billy Piche and Paul Lowery—who sparked the Dairymen's second-half rally. They each scored seven points in the final 20 minutes to pull their team from behind and keep them in front.

Pacific scored first and maintained its lead until midway through the third period, when three field goals—one by Bill Hoxie and two by Darrell Leavens—plus a couple of free tosses by Leavens, deadlocked the score at 14-all. Lowery then put the Dairy ahead for the first time by dropping in a two-pointer, and after Pacific's soph flash, Roy McCabe, tied it again at 18 to 18. Lowery once more broke loose for a field goal to give the locals a 20 to 18 lead, which they never relinquished.

Piche, member of last year's Tiger state title runners-up, then went to work in the fourth period. He sunk a free throw to increase his team's lead to 21 to 18, then hit three field goals in rapid succession to make it 27 to 19. The collegians desperately attempted to pull it from the fire in the closing minutes, but Piche and Lowery had done their work too well and the Dairy lead was too great to overcome.

Pacific's defense proved almost impregnable in the first half, with only Leavens, Piche and Lowery being able to crack it for field goals, but in the second half the locals started to sift through and sink cripple shots.

McCabe of Pacific was high scorer with 12 tallies, followed by Leavens of the Dairy with 10 and Piche and Lowery with nine apiece.

In the preliminary, Ingle's Cowboys of Ashland, last year's A. A. U. champions, defeated Lewis Super Service of Medford, 26 to 22.

Lineups:
Lost River—Pacific—
Hoxie 2—F—Siem 6
Leavens 10—F—McCabe 12
Lowery 9—C—Woodside 2
Harrington—G—Eilertson
Warren—G—Osburn 1
Subs: Dairy—Porterfield, Piche 9. Pacific—D. Cooney,

LOCAL RIFLE CLUB LEADS COOS BAY IN POSTAL SHOOT

Returns received on the first stage of the Coos Bay rifle club Medford rifle club postal match give the local riflemen a lead of 30 points, team scores being 1789 and 1819. Last night the Medford team of Ed Lull, Mrs. Ivan Waddell, Lew Conger, Otto Howard and S. M. Tuttle totaled 1837x2000 for their score in the second stage. The match has one more week to run.

A number of pistol shooters have finishing their qualifying targets for marksmen and sharp shooters ratings, but none have made the expert requirements yet. A couple of rifle shooters, Otto Howard and Bob Tuttle, have turned in the highest scores to date in slow and timed fire with the pistol.

Shelby Tuttle, Mrs. Waddell and Ed Lull finished neck and neck in the regular weekly handicap match last night, with a number of the others shooting over their averages.

Complete rifle handicap scores follow:

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Shelby Tuttle | 391 |
| Mrs. Ivan Waddell | 390 |
| Ed Lull | 389 |
| Lew Conger | 384 |
| Ivan Waddell | 381 |
| S. M. Tuttle | 380 |
| Mrs. S. M. Tuttle | 380 |
| Otto Howard | 379 |
| Mrs. C. C. Gall | 378 |
| C. C. Gall | 376 |
| Bob Tuttle | 365 |
| Clyde Richmond | 363 |
| Bruce Smith | 354 |
| Herman Farra | 348 |
| Hilbert Young | 335 |

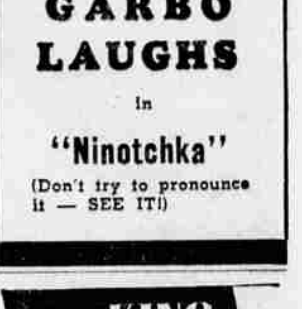
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TEAM MATCH ON MONDAY GRAPPLE

It will be a team match in the armory grappling ring next Monday night, with Bobby Chick and King Kong Clayton pooling their talent against Sgt. Bob Kenaston and Paul Bozell, Promoter Mack Lillard announced today. The quartet will wrestle for one hour, or until one team obtains four falls.

In the special semi-windup, Clara Mortensen and Gladys Nolan will meet in a rematch from their hair-pulling affair of

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Lou Ambers Voted Comeback King of Year; Grove Second

By Sid Feder
New York, Dec. 14.—(AP)—After considerable wrangling in the ballot box, the sports experts of the nation decided today that Lou Ambers' punches paraded just a little bit farther along the comeback trail in 1939 than old Lefty Mose Grove's "dead soupbone".

Two-ton Tony Galento also figured in a three-cornered battle of votes in the Associated Press' ninth annual poll for the leading comeback of the year by an individual. Yet, while these three led the list, the 73 voting experts couldn't get together on any one comebacker who stood head and shoulders above all the others. Altogether 67 athletes were nominated.

The voters were asked to name their choices for first, second and third places, with ballots counting three, two and one points, respectively. On this basis, Ambers, who exploded the fistic theory that "they never come back" by regaining the world lightweight championship from Henry Armstrong, drew 13 nominations for first place, five for second and seven for third for a total of 56 points. This selection as No. 1 comebacker thereby topped off a year in which the little Herkimer (N.Y.) hurricane became the first fighter to win back the 125-pound crown from the man who took it away from him.

Six points back of Little Lou was Grove, the greatest left-hand pitcher of his generation. In 1938 Lefty walked off the mound one day with his pitching arm gone suddenly and mysteriously "dead". This year, the 39-year-old Boston Red Sox veteran came back to win 15 games

lose only four and turn in an earned run average of less than three per nine-inning game. For this, the experts gave him a total of 50 points, with ten picking him No. 1.

Nine of the experts selected Galento as No. 1 in a year which saw him skyrocket above the average, shake off pneumonia, actually floor heavyweight champion Joe Louis and then go on to his amazing knockout of Lou Nova. For this record, the barrel-shaped gent from Jersey received 43 points.

Bill Clute, giant Medford high school football player, is rapidly convalescing in Sacred Heart hospital from an appendectomy he underwent last Saturday evening. Hospital attendants said today he was "getting along fine."

Clute's appendicitis attack was the second in a series of minor misfortunes to befall him recently, he having suffered two broken fingers during the latter part of the football season.

BOWLING

In Commercial league bowling matches in the Medford alleys last night, Monarch Seed and Peed defeated Piche Sports, 3 to 1; McDonald Candy company and Littrell Parts each took two points and Mail Tribune beat Rolling Pin, 4 to 0. Scores follow:

| Monarch Seed and Peed | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Handicap | 30 50 50—150 |
| White | 139 194 154—487 |
| Mikache | 117 121 163—401 |
| Ryan | 170 136 126—431 |
| Webster | 106 183 159—448 |
| Newland, N. | 178 199 198—575 |
| Totals | 757 882 850 2489 |
| Piche Sports | |
| Boone | 151 138 193—482 |
| (Irwin) | 140 140 140—420 |
| Rezeppa | 123 171 189—483 |
| (B. Nelson) | 140 140 140—420 |
| Tollefson | 151 148 145—444 |
| Totals | 685 737 807 2229 |

| McDonald Candy Co. | |
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| Handicap | 33 33 33—99 |
| Shorty Morse | 159 158 186—503 |
| Dell Bullock | 184 142 128—454 |
| Stearns | 160 102 132—414 |
| Penny | 164 94 177—435 |
| Fisher | 133 145 134—412 |
| Totals | 793 694 800 2287 |
| Littrell Parts | |
| Mims | 124 154 154—432 |
| Littrell | 107 137 157—401 |
| Sweatinger | 116 169 146—431 |
| Long | 142 234 151—527 |
| Stromberg | 136 166 189—471 |
| Totals | 625 860 777 2262 |

| Mail Tribune | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Handicap | 51 51 51—153 |
| Gilstrap | 146 189 126—461 |
| Greene | 149 151 99—399 |
| Kraus | 143 134 132—409 |
| Latham | 114 145 147—406 |
| Hagan, Al | 144 141 373—458 |
| Totals | 747 811 728 2286 |
| Rolling Pin | |
| Vukovich | 121 135 98—354 |
| Dickinson | 143 134 138—415 |
| Strode | 145 118 118—381 |
| Kent | 140 140 140—420 |
| Kroschel | 132 165 111—408 |
| Totals | 681 692 625 1998 |

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