

The Sporting Page

CURT MECHAM IS WINNER HOFFMAN GRIDIRON AWARD

Eugene, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Hoffman football award, a handsome gold wrist watch given annually to the outstanding University of Oregon football player, has been won by Curt Mecham, right halfback on the 1941 Webfoot squad, according to an official announcement made here tonight.

The 21-year-old Bakersfield, Cal., youth, the only married man on the team, took the nod over two strong contenders—Ray Segale, guard from Seattle, and Bill Regner, end from Portland. Thirty squad members made the selection.

It was the third annual award. Previous winners were Bob Smith, halfback from Medford, and Dick Horne, end from Long Beach in 1939 and 1940, respectively.

Mecham, a transfer from Bakersfield, Cal., junior college, was the leading ground gainer on the Pacific coast last year, his first season with the Oregonians.

Tex Oliver, his coach said, "I've never coached a better or more conscientious player. Curt played better football with a lame ankle than many good players at top condition. As far as defensive ability is concerned, Curt was a fine tackler and opponents made few long gains in his territory. The record of his many intercepted passes vouches for his pass defense. He is also a good blocker."

ICE ARENA PLANS HOCKEY SEASON

Hockey play at the Medford ice arena will start shortly after

the first of the year, it was announced yesterday by Sparkey Bourque, arena manager and professional, after the organization of teams Friday night.

About 30 players turned out for the practice session and team organization for the Southern Oregon Hockey association. The league will be made up of four teams, all local players, many of whom have had hockey experience in Canada or the east.

The local players, after three practice sessions weekly for several weeks, are hitting their stride now and are expected to provide some thrilling entertainment when league play opens.

Practice will continue through Christmas week, with turnouts on Monday and Friday at 6 p. m. Bourque invited the public to watch the practice sessions.

CHAVES CAPTAIN IN DUKE BATTLE

Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Eleven senior members of Oregon State's varsity squad have selected Martin Chaves, a junior, to be their captain against Duke university here in the Rose Bowl game January 1.

Reason for this selection, a senior always has been selected by Coach Lon Stiner to handle the captain's duties before each game is that Chaves will go into the army air corps after the Rose Bowl game.

The seniors asked Coach Stiner to choose Chaves. He probably will not return to the Oregon State campus with the squad after the game. He is from Baker, Ore., and is 21 years of age.

BEST WISHES
Salem, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague today telegraphed best wishes to Coach Lon Stiner and his Oregon State college football team, which leaves Corvallis today for Durham, N. C., to meet Duke university in the Rose Bowl game January 1.

High School Scores

High Schools
Roosevelt 22, Washington 18 (both Portland).
Milwaukie 25, Columbia Prep 18.
Willamette frosh 21, Tillamook 19.
Baker 29, Milton-Freewater 26.
Eugene 42, Oregon City 37.
Scappoose 30, Forest Grove 23.
Parkrose 25, Woodburn 18.
The Dalles 41, Pendleton 27.
Camas (Wash.) 40, Chemawa 20.
Central Catholic (Portland) 33, Tigard 17.

ROBERTSON STAR OF COAST GRIDS

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The football season is over, the returns are in—and the greatest offensive star in the Pacific coast conference was Bobby Robertson of the University of Southern California.

Figures don't lie, especially when the clinching ones are kept by a strictly unbiased staff of statisticians, and here they are: Robertson, playing every position in the backfield, topped the conference in total offense, running and passing, with 969 yards. Frankie Albert of Stanford was second, with 765, and Billy Sewell of Washington State third with 694.

LAMPOR'S BOWLING TITLE
Lampor's singles open holiday championship will be a new event for the Medford bowling alleys during the Yule season.

Sponsored by Ed Lampor, the championship will start at 3 p. m. today and end on January 3. To the winner will go a trophy that must be won two years for permanent possession. There will be a prize also for the runner-up.

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TRAILING UCLAS WAKE UP, DEFEAT FLORIDA 30 TO 27

Scant Crowd Sees Coast Team Come From Behind To Victory.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Bruins from the University of California at Los Angeles outlasted the Florida Gators, 30-27, today in an intercollegiate grid thriller before a scant crowd of 8,000.

The Gators started off like a brush fire to build up a 20-6 lead and the fans resigned themselves to a walkaway.

Then the Bruins came out of their hibernation and pushed over 24 points before Florida could recover.

The Bruins had plenty of stars. Halfback Leo Cantor sparked the drives for the tying and winning scores with speed, powerful line smashes and flashy end runs.

Florida drew first blood early in the game as Halfback Tommy Harrison passed to End Forest Ferguson for 28 yards and a touchdown. Paul Eller, Florida's placekick specialist, booted the extra point.

The Bruins retaliated quickly. They recovered a fumbled Florida lateral on the five-yard-stripe and Fullback George Phillips bucked across for the touchdown on the second attempt. Snelling's conversion attempt failed.

Halfback Jack Jones threw a touchdown pass to end Carl Mitchell, good for 44 yards in the second quarter. Eller failed to kick the extra point to put Florida ahead, 13-6. Jones then tossed one to Halfback Fondren Mitchell good for 51 yards and another touchdown and Eller's kick was good.

The Bruins came right back for their second touchdown as Solari brought the kickoff out to his own 45. Waterfield passed to End Milt Smith and Smith lateral to Guard Grubb who ran for a touchdown.

Cantor caught fire early in the third to spark a drive to the Florida 15. Waterfield again passed to Smith, putting the ball on the Florida one, and Cantor bucked over for the touchdown. Snelling's kick tied the score.

Cantor's 25-yard end run carried to the Florida one in the fourth quarter. Fullback Ray Johnson plunged over to put U.C.L.A. ahead for the first time. Snelling kicked the extra point. A short time later he booted his field goal from a difficult angle to give the Bruins a 30-20 lead.

AMERICANS BLAST BURMA ROAD RAID

Chungking, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The International air force, composed exclusively of fliers who resigned from United States air forces to defend the Burma Road, had its first clash with Japanese warplanes today and shot down four of them, it was reported here tonight.

The American fliers were said by high Chinese quarters to have encountered ten Japanese planes detailed to raid Kunming, important terminal on the Burma Road, and shot four of them out of Yunnan province skies without a loss to themselves.

RACING

Miami, Fla., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. G. C. Wintrey's long-shot Aboyne opened the Florida winter racing season today by winning a photo-finish victory in the featured \$2,500 inaugural handicap before about 10,000 fans at Tropical Park.

PELICANS GARNER TOP HONORS IN QUINT JAMBOREE

By Ned Liebman
The Klamath Falls Pelicans swept four games and garnered three trophies Friday night in the first basketball jamboree held in the Medford high gym. They beat Medford, 9-0; Grants Pass, 10-5; Roseburg, 6-3; and Ashland, 9-6, in succession. The Pelicans then copped the prize for making the most points, 34; the prize for holding their opponents to the least markers, 14, and the trophy for being the best team on the floor.

Al Weir substitute forward for the Tigers, won the foul shooting contest when he hit 18 out of 20 free throws. John Gray of Grants Pass with 15 baskets was second and Jandreau of Ashland third with 13 out of 20.

The west quad emerged victorious in the scoring when they defeated the eastern teams, 63 to 35, with Klamath accounting for a major portion of the tallies.

Roseburg and Grants Pass opened the six-minute games with the Indians emerging on the long end of an 8 to 3 count. Captain Ed Hughes scored four points for the upstate team.

Medford bowed to the Pelicans 9-0, being completely outplayed. Jim Bocchi, forward for the visitors, made five points.

Roseburg beat Ashland, 6-3, and Klamath beat Grants Pass 10-5 to put the west ahead four games to none. Then Medford won its only game of the evening when it suddenly caught fire and stopped the Roseburg Indians, 8-3, with Wall and Hermen leading the attack. This was the only game the east won during the first half.

With Russ Martindale canning five points, Grants Pass beat Ashland 9-8 to start the second half. Chet Fowler of the Grizzlies also made five points. Roseburg bowed before Klamath Falls 6-3 with the Indians making all their points on foul shots.

In one of the most thrilling games of the evening Ashland edged Medford, 7-5, when Bud Provost of the sister city intercepted a Medford pass under his own basket and made the points just as the horn blew ending the game. The Tigers then took the floor again and bowed before the Grants Pass Cavemen 5-1.

Klamath Falls and Ashland ended the games for the evening by battling to a 9-6 win for the Pelicans. It was a close hard-fought game with the height and scoring of Eugene Love, who made six points, deciding the outcome.

Klamath looked the best of the teams, utilizing their height to advantage. Their two guards, Swanson and Bocchi, repeatedly sank long shots from the middle of the floor. Ashland, which won only one game, looked good. Roseburg, while much shorter than last year, showed form and the Grants Pass Cavemen looked good in beating both Medford and Ashland.

The Tigers seemed to have trouble passing and repeatedly lost the ball to the opposition because of this.

Games and lineups include:
Grants Pass (3) Roseburg (8)
Clayton, f Hughes, f 4
Strombridge, f 3 Stephens, f 2
Martindale, c James, c
Everton, g Cummings, g
Davis, g Noosa, g 2
Medford (9) K. Falls (9)

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Ashland Rink

Monteith, f
Kresse, f
Wall, f
Herman, f
Reynolds, g
Fawcett, g
Webber, g
Ashland (8)
Jandreau, f 2
Provost, f 1
Dunn, c
Riggs, g
Fowler, g
Grants Pass (5)
Shrimp, f
Lathrop, f
Strombridge, f 2
Martindale, c
Harvard, g
Gray, g 1
Medford (8)
Walters, f
Herman, f 4
Wall, c 4
Fawcett, g
Webber, g
Adams, g
G. Pass (9)
Shrimp, f
Lathrop, f 2
Martindale, c 5
Gray, g 2
Harvard, g
Klamath Falls (6)
Brosterhouse, f
Love, f 2
Wall, c
Bliliotti, c
Swanson, g 3
Bocchi, g 2
Medford (5)
Herman, f
Kresse, f 1
Neidermeyer, f
Wall, c 2
Webber, g
Reynolds, g 2
Fawcett, g
G. Pass (5)
Shrimp, f 3
Lathrop, f
Martindale, c
Gray, g 2
Harvard, g
K. Falls (9)
Brosterhouse, f
Love, f 6
Cox, c
Bocchi, g
Swanson, g 3
Brosterhouse, f 4
Love, f 2
Cox, c
Bocchi, g 3
Roseburg (6)
Hughes, f 1
Wimberly, f 1
James, c 2
Noosa, c
Cummings, g 1
K. Falls (10)
Brosterhouse, f 4
Love, f 2
Bliliotti, f 2
Cox, c
Swanson, g 2
Bocchi, g 3
Roseburg (8)
Hughes, f 1
Baker, f
Cox, f 1
Wimberly, f
James, c 1
Cummings, g
Stephens, g
Ashland (8)
Jandreau, f
Provost, f
Rath, c 1
Fowler, g 5
Blam, g
Roseburg (3)
Cach, f
Anderson, f
Shoemaker, f
Cummings, f 1
Baker, f
James, c
Noosa, g 1
Stephens, g 1
Wimberly, g
Ashland (7)
Kannasto, f
Fowler, f
Dunn, c 3
Jandreau, g
Provost, g 4
Medford (1)
Kresse, f
Herman, f 1
Wall, c
Edwards, g
Fawcett, g
Ashland (8)
Jandreau, f 2
Provost, f 4
Dunn, c
Fowler, g
Smith, g

SAM ANGOTT WINS DULL TITLE BOUT

New York, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The New York state athletic commission and the National Boxing association, which seldom agree on anything, find themselves mutually stuck today with Sammy Angott of Louisville, Ky., as the new lightweight boxing champion. Sammy, 27 next month, at least is a better fighter than Lew Jenkins, the gaunt one from Sweetwater, Texas, who had held the New York state 135-pound title since May of 1940. Sammy proved that much in Madison Square Garden Friday night to the rousing satisfaction of 11,343 fans, who paid \$26,816 to be bored stiff for 15 rounds.

There probably have been worse championship fights, but not much. Angott, a little, dark fellow who has been recognized by the N.B.A. as lightweight champion for nearly two years, had Jenkins over a barrel all the way. He won, conservatively, 13 of the 15 rounds, largely because he at least was doing his best, which was none too good.

The country's two main boxing bodies agreed before hand to recognize the winner as champion everywhere.

FOREARM BROKEN IN AUTO MISHAP

Francis E. Wilburn, 25, 905 East Tenth street suffered a fracture of the left wrist in a head-on collision of cars on South Riverside avenue near Ninth street last night.

Wilburn was in a car operated by Allen J. Beaton, 333 Maple street, as was John Shepherd, Hill, Cal. The other car was operated by Arlet A. Anderson, Route 4, Box 180, police reported. Anderson's car was far over the center stripe when the crash occurred, police said. Anderson suffered a small cut over the left eye.

Edward B. Skeels, Auburn,

Cal. operated a car that was struck in the front by the steps of the northbound passenger train last night at the Main street crossing. Skeels stopped to let the train go by but was too close to the tracks to avoid the steps, police said. The car was dragged two feet and its front was smashed.

BULLETIN

Chicago, Dec. 20.—(AP)—After trailing most of the way, De Paul University of Chicago rallied to go ahead in the last two minutes and defeat the touring Oregon quintet, 27-23, in the Chicago stadium. It was the first game of a double header with Northwestern and Pittsburgh matched in the second encounter.

At Seattle: Washington State 47, Kansas State 22.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Oregon State college opened a transcontinental basketball tour tonight by defeating Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland, 47 to 31.

University (Eugene) 18, Grants Pass 17.

WORD FROM MALTA CHEERS HONGKONG

New York, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The hard hit British Mediterranean island fortress of Malta, which went through its 106th air raid today, took time out to send a message to encouragement to its beleaguered brother fighters in Hongkong. The British radio said tonight.

The message signed by Sir William Dobby, governor of Malta, said:

"In the name of the people of Malta I send the warmest greetings and sympathy.

"Our hearts are with you in your gallant defense against the Japanese attacks."

CBS heard the broadcast.

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