

# Ohio State's Freeman on Road Back

By JOHN GRIFFIN  
United Press Sports Writer

Ohio State's Robin Freeman, once again the "biggest little man" in college basketball, took another long stride today on the road that leads back from bitter disappointment to a possible national scoring championship.

The five-foot, 11-inch Buckeye, who took over this week as the country's top scorer, added another 34 points to his total Thursday night as he paced Ohio State to an impressive 94-73 victory over touring Washington.

That hit his best-in-the-nation average of 34.5 points per game almost on the nose and was added evidence that this year the little senior from Cincinnati intends to go all the way in the point race.

Last year Freeman was the No. 1 scorer in the country for the first five weeks of the season. Then he dropped to second place but still was only one point behind eventual champion Darrell Floyd of Furman when the combined effects of exhaustion and an injured ankle started slowing him up. He was forced to drop out of school in mid-year to build himself up, but his per-game average of 31.5 points stood as the fourth highest in major-college history.

**Freeman Leaps High**

Freeman, who leaps high to pop the ball over the heads of startled giants, tallied nine baskets and 16 free throws for his game-leading total Thursday night.

Wake Forest, scoring its fourth win in four nights, sprang Thursday night's big upset by beating Brightman Young, 86-80. It was the second loss in two nights for Brightman Young, the nation's No. 5 team which had been beaten by North Carolina State on Wednesday.

Wake Forest, fresh from winning the Carrousel Tournament, led all the way, piled up a 49-38 halftime lead and stood off a Cougar second-half rally that cut the margin to 66-63 with 2 1/2 minutes left.

Manhattan turned in another major upset by beating 11th-ranked George Washington, 71-63, at New York's Madison Square Garden. The Jaspers prevailed despite a brilliant 34-point performance by G. W.'s Joe Holup, who sank 13 of 22 shots.

**Other Top Game**

In other leading games: Connecticut beat NYU, 90-82; Indiana took an 82-79 comeback win over Drake; Tulane led all the way to hand Washington State its sixth loss in seven starts, 91-52; Miami, Fla. beat Bradley, 80-73, at Miami; Southern California notched a revenge 68-50 win over Dartmouth; Southern Methodist, ranked 12th nationally, routed Wichita, 85-67; and Colorado A & M beat Colorado, 60-58.

National champion San Francisco seeks its 33rd straight victory tonight at New Orleans against Loyola of the South. The Dons' current streak of 32 ties them for the fifth longest winning streak in major-college history.

Illinois, ranked 13th, hosts Oklahoma and 19th-ranked Vanderbilt visits Iowa State in other features tonight.

**'Santa' Sought In Slaying of Two**

Alexandria, La. — (U.P.) — Police hunted for an unemployed burglar who told a little girl he was Santa Claus and then killed her father and his father-in-law when they surprised him looting their home.

The intruder yesterday entered a bedroom where Mary Susan Felkner, 4, and her brother Frank, 2, were sleeping.

He quieted the awakened Mary Susan by telling her he came to leave presents under the Christmas tree "for your daddy."

Air Force Capt. Edward M. Felkner, 32, and his father-in-law, Frank E. Miller, 55, Clinton, S.C., were killed with six shots from a .22 caliber pistol when they surprised the burglar in another bedroom.

Authorities questioned 13 persons without finding a single clue to the identity of the slayer. The search for the killer ranged from Oakdale, La., to Natchez, Miss.

**WASTED TIME**

Auburn, Me. — (U.P.) — Burglars worked night-long to batter apart a safe in a garage only to discover that it was empty and the safe door was unlocked.

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# Third Gator Bowl Contest For Five Auburn Plainsmen

This is another in a series on teams in Bowl games.)

By RAY LACKEY  
Auburn, Ala. — (U.P.) — Football fans at Jacksonville, Fla., on Dec. 31 will see five familiar figures on the gridiron when Auburn and Vanderbilt get the 11th annual Gator Bowl under way.

They are Auburn seniors who no doubt will set some kind of record by starting their third Gator Bowl game.

There are two backs and three linemen in the group, and together they have led Auburn from football obscurity in 1952, when the Plainsmen lost eight and won two, to three successful seasons resulting in the three Gator Bowl appearances.

Heading the list is fullback Childress, a line-plunger who demolished Baylor in last year's Gator Bowl by gaining 134 yards, scoring two touchdowns and kicking three points after touchdowns.

**James Slow But Fancy**

The other veteran back is fancy Fob James Jr., a halfback who has the ability to stop and start quickly which more than makes up for a slight deficiency of speed. James scored four times this season on dashes of more than 60 yards, and he promises to be Auburn's closest approach to Vandy's great runner, Cha-Ho Horton.

The other seniors, tackles Frank D'Agostino and M. L. Brackett, and center Bob Scar-

borough will anchor the Auburn line.

The Plainsmen used a varied offense to win eight games this year — losing only to Tulane and tying Kentucky. Childress and James carried the brunt of the ground attack for Auburn.

Two youngsters were the key to the Auburn passing attack. Quarterback Millard Howell Tubbs, named for Millard (Dixie) Howell who was famed at Alabama as the man who threw the ball to Don Hutson, was one of the most improved passers in the Southeastern Conference this season.

**Phillips Receiving**

On the receiving end of many of Tubbs' tosses was sophomore end Jimmy Phillips, a big, fast youth who may develop into one of Auburn's great football players before his college career closes.

The Plainsmen have gotten down to the grind of pre-bowl practice in good spirits and in good physical condition.

Coach Ralph (Shug) Jordan warned his squad that in the Commodore they must be ready to face a hungry team that was knocked out of the Sugar Bowl by a last-game loss to traditional rival Tennessee.

Auburn made its first Gator bowl by Auburn date back into the 30's. In 1937, the Plainsmen tied Villanova 7-7 in the Cuban National Sports Festival, the Rhumba Bowl in Havana, and in 1938 they beat Michigan State in the Orange Bowl.

# MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

## Otto Graham Chosen Pro Gridiron Player of Year

By EARL WRIGHT  
United Press Sports Writer

New York — (U.P.) — Otto Graham, the 34-year-old quarterback who will lead the Cleveland Browns against the Los Angeles Rams Monday for the National Football League championship, today was named the pro circuit's Player of the Year in the annual United Press poll.

Graham ended a brief retirement shortly before the 1955 season began and led Cleveland to a division title for the 10th straight year. He won the individual passing crown while directing the team that led the league in scoring with 349 points.

**Won Title Easily**

Graham was voted the season's outstanding pro player in voting by 30 sportswriters who covered the games in the various league cities. He received 13 votes, winning the honor easily.

Graham's closest rivals in the balloting, rookie fullback Alan Ameche of the Baltimore Colts and end Harlon Hill of the Chicago Bears, each drew four votes.

Quarterback Norm Van Brocklin, who will lead the Rams against the Browns Monday at Los Angeles, and end Gene Brito of the Washington Redskins each received two votes.

Quarterbacks Ed Brown of the Chicago Bears and George Shaw of Baltimore, fullback Howie Ferguson of the Green Bay Packers, halfback Doak Walker of the Detroit Lions and linebacker-fullback Chuck Drazenovich of Washington each received one vote.

**Didn't Plan To Play**

Graham didn't plan to play this year. After leading Cleveland to the 1954 championship, he announced he would be selling insurance and working on several other business ventures while the Browns tried for their sixth straight Eastern Division title this year.

But he agreed to play one more year when Coach Paul Brown was faced with starting the 1955 campaign with only one quarterback, George Ratterman.

Graham was a bit rusty at

first but soon regained his brilliant passing form. He wound up with one of his best seasons, completing 98 of 185 passes for 1,721 yards and 15 touchdowns. He won the passing title by averaging 9.30 yards per throw.

He has announced that Monday's game will be his last "even if Paul Brown has to play quarterback next year."

**DINNER GUESTS**

Hallandale, Fla. — (U.P.) — Willie Hartack, the nation's leading rider who on Wednesday hung up his tack for 1955 with 412 victories, and Frank H. Merrill Jr., the top trainer of the year, will be honored guests at a "Dinner of Champions" on Wednesday, Dec. 28. Both will be presented with appropriate trophies by James Dunn, president of Gulfstream Park.

**PIRATE AIDE NAMED**

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Douglas A. Molony of New Orleans, a member of the Louisiana State Bar association, and a former ticket agent for the New Orleans Pelicans of the Southern Association, has been named assistant to Pittsburgh Pirates General Manager Joe L. Brown. Molony also served as traveling secretary, secretary-treasurer and business manager of the Pelicans. He is 28 years old.

**BAHAMA VERSUS MELIS**

New York — (U.P.) — Yama Bahama of Miami, Fla., winner of his last 18 bouts, has been signed to meet Paola Melis of Montreal in next Monday's TV-radio fight at St. Nicholas Arena in place of Chico Vejar. Vejar pulled out of the fight because of an ailing back and faces a possible 90 day suspension because examining physician could find nothing wrong.

**SKIER'S TIME GOOD**

Spout Springs, Ore. — (U.P.) — Mack Miller of McCall, Ida., measured his way over a slushy rain-soaked 4 1/2 mile course here yesterday in the remarkable time of 70:48.6. His effort led 22 other Olympic ski hopefuls in training at Spout Springs, Ore. It was the first cross-country time trial of the training season for 23 men shooting for six berths on the U.S. Nordic combined ski team.

# Bowling

CITY LEAGUE

Lampports Sporting Goods took over first place in City Bowling league by taking a 4 to 0 win over Ed's Barber shop. Norman Hillier of the Barker team rolled an all spare game. Lampports came up with high game with a 910. Lloyd Knapp of Crater Electric rolled top individual game of the evening with 234 followed by Gordon Schulz with 208 and Les Schneider with 203.

Standings:	W.	L.
Lampports Sporting Goods	15 1/2	4 1/2
MacCartney Clark & Leden	12	8
Mogan Lumber Co.	12	8
First National Bank	12	8
Central Market Co.	11 1/2	8 1/2
Norton Lumber Co.	8	12
Calif. Oregon Power Co.	8	12
Ross Lumber Co.	8	12
Ed's Barber Shop	7	13
Water and Olsen	6	14
Tru-Mix Construction Co.	6	14

Results:

M.C.L.	Mogan Lbr.	3
E. Blind	485	493
D. Turner	492	478
Absentee	471	478
H. Shaw	484	513
Handicap		39
2377		2497

Norton Lbr. 2 Crater Elec. 2  
M. Olsen 468 P. Dorff 9  
E. Olsen 462 G. Eberius 457  
M. Moran 399 L. Knapp 538  
C. P. Foster 376 H. Vallee 442  
N. Hillier 553 Absentee) 510  
John Kantor 432 J. Farrar 529  
Handicap 114 2616  
2196

Ed's Shop 0 Lampports' 4  
E. Paschke 442 B. Piche 50  
F. Couch 453 B. Meyer 47  
Joe Kantor 468 H. Schatz 363  
N. Hillier 553 Absentee) 510  
John Kantor 432 J. Farrar 529  
Handicap 114 2616  
2196

Tru-Mix 0 Central Mkt. 4  
(Absentee) 444 B. Hayman 491  
J. Cummings 468 H. Nissen 473  
(Absentee) 468 F. K. Leber 330  
Jim Balize 302 J. Keener 308  
M. Bell 441 C. Schulz 322  
Handicap 174 2500  
2321

ROGUE VALLEY LEAGUE

Seven Up took three games from Klivers to take back the top spot in the Rogue Valley league Thursday. While Andys dropped three to Darrell Miller Co., John Bradish rolled a 594 to take high series and Vern Allen had high game of 247.

Standings:	W.	L.
Seven Up	40	28
Andy's Jewellers	38 1/2	29 1/2
Forest Patrol	36 1/2	31 1/2
Star Body Works	35 1/2	32 1/2
Klivers Machine Shop	35	33
City Hall	32 1/2	35 1/2
U.S. National	32	35
Darrell Miller	28	36
Lorenz Co.	26	39
Pine Tree Market	22	42

Results:

Seven Up	3 Klivers	1	
K. Shaw	405	W. Eberius	402
D. Coates	471	M. Jacobson	434
G. Dayon	545	E. Isaacs	392
J. Rader	381	D. McCormick	463
D. Swan	535	V. Allen	535
Handicap	51		
2370		2324	

Miller Co. 3 Andy's 1  
J. Haven 468 E. Floate 430  
D. Tremblay 460 D. Johnson 316  
B. Wright 462 H. Schatz 363  
H. Wyatt 397 L. Smith 511  
C. Cox 392 T. Anderson 418  
Handicap 177 2207  
2117

U.S. Bank 3 Lorenz Co. 1  
S. Doty 448 C. McWhorter 496  
G. Rader 464 D. McCormick 463  
E. Humphrey 428 W. Gottfried 414  
F. Eastwood 475 B. Tye 503  
F. Shafer 464 D. Stockton 448  
Handicap 210 J. Mathes 494  
2406 2372

City Hall 2 Pine Tree 2  
N. Dow 461 B. Jenkins 535  
E. McKinstry 410 B. Chapman 372  
G. Brown 418 S. Mallon 372  
B. Duff 450 F. Chapman 527  
J. Compagnoni 536 D. Kreer 511  
Handicap 189 2117  
2484 2358

Star Body 1 1/2 Forest Patrol 2 1/2  
A. Robinson 350 H. Van 473  
B. Graham 350 H. Smet 321  
C. Emery 421 J. Bradish 584  
D. Graham 425 D. Stockton 448  
L. Graham 512 T. Maul 479  
Handicap 21 2448  
2233 2319

**COUNCIL OBJECTS TO 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT**

Central Point — An objection by the city council here to the 40 mile per hour speed limit on Front st. in Central Point, has been denied by the state speed control board of the Oregon State Highway Commission.

In a letter to the council this week the speed control board said the 40 mile limit was reasonable and correct.

The United States exported nearly 2,000 more cattle by air than by boat last year.

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# Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
Ranger-Naturalist

From time to time my mail is brightened with a good story, a classroom boner, or a dude howler that deals with some aspect of natural history. I like 'em. Keep 'em coming. Matter of fact, the best boner dealing with a natural history subject will win next week's award of the 30-volume set of Encyclopaedia Americana. If boners are duplicated, the postmark settles the argument. Fair enough?

A sign at a Drive-in restaurant in the Florida Keys: "Old Fishermen never die, they merely smell that way."

A fellow ranger at Yellowstone turned this one in. Dude: "Ranger, the light's not right for picture taking. What time in the morning will you be turning



the falls back on?"

A fishing friend in Minnesota sent in this one. An old Texan, attending an anglers' banquet in Minneapolis, was getting more and more irked as speaker after speaker told tall tales of Minnesota fish. Finally, the Lone Star visitor was asked for a few brief remarks. "Well, we all don't have any fish in Texas worth bragging about," he began humbly — holding his hands apart about 12 inches. "To tell the truth, I never saw a fish any bigger than that." He paused and then went on: "Of course, you have to remember, in measuring our fish between the eyes, we don't make allowances for the extra size of the eyeballs."

A New York reader sent in this one: A sign in a New York City store window read "Fishing Tackle Sold Here!" Noticing the error, a customer briskly pointed it out and added: "Funny, hasn't anyone else told you about it before?"

"Oh sure," replied the dealer. "Plenty have dropped in to tell me. But you know, once in, they mostly buy something..."

**Price of Apples**

From Tacoma. A woman in a grocery store was more than exasperated at the high price of apples, and said as much. "I know they are high, ma'am," explained the clerk, "but you know apples are scarce this year."

"Scarce? Why just this morning I read in the paper that there was such a heavy crop that they're rotting on the trees."

"That's just it, ma'am," the clerk replied. "That's why they are scarce. It just doesn't pay to pick 'em."

From a Pittsburgh weatherman. "If there's anything people get sicker of than two months without rain, it's two days with."

But best, I think are some of the classroom howlers submitted by pupils and teachers.

A Butte teacher says a student was making an extemporaneous speech in her science class when he came up with this gem: "After sinking a shaft 100 feet at the mine, they finally struck bedpan."

From a Kansas City student's examination paper: "They don't raise anything in Kansas but Alpacas grass, and they have to irritate that to make it grow."

From a Santa Barbara parochial school test paper: "False doctrine means giving people the wrong medicine."

From an Everett, Wash., oral examination: "Doctors today say that fatal diseases are the worst."

An Oakland geography examination paper produced this blopper: "The equator is a menagerie lion running around the earth."

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# Recommendation Due On U.S. Defense of Quemoy, Matsu Isles

Honolulu — (U.P.) — Army Secretary Wilbur Brucker was en route to Washington today with a secret "recommendation" on whether the United States should defend the Quemoy and Matsu islands from Communist attack.

The secretary refused to disclose at a press conference yesterday what the recommendation would be.

Brucker is on his way to Washington after completing his first tour of the Far East since he became Army Secretary.

Brucker said he had a three-hour briefing on the Far East situation by CINCPAC Adm. Felix B. Stump and was carrying some of Stump's recommendations to the Pentagon. He also declined to discuss Stump's recommendations on grounds of security.

The Army Secretary said visits to Formosa and Quemoy and a 90-minute conference with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek left him impressed by the ability of the Chinese Nationalist army.

"If the Communists come over from the mainland," he said, "it is very evident that the Chinese Nationalists will be ready for them with all they have."

Brucker also conferred with President Syngman Rhee of Korea.

Asked if he thought Rhee would carry out his threats to resume the Korean fighting, Brucker replied: "I got the impression that he was very cooperative and desires to work with the American government in every conceivable way... but he reserves the right to be independent."

# Investigation of Price Gouging on Farm Prices Set

Washington — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department today pressed its investigation to discover if price-gouging by middlemen may be partly the cause of plummeting farm profits.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said he wants to know if middlemen are reaping "improper" profits at the expense of the nation's hard pressed farmers.

Benson announced yesterday the farmer's share of the consumer food dollar declined to 39 cents in November, the lowest point in 15 years.

However, he said while farm prices had declined 10 per cent compared to one year ago, retail food prices were down only 2 per cent.

He said his department is making detailed studies of marketing charges of various farm products to learn if the charges are unfairly inflated. Earlier this month he said "we know" some middlemen's charges are out of line.

Benson said the farmer is squeezed between rising farm costs and falling farm prices. He called the squeeze "a real obstacle to a solution of the farm surplus problem."

He said in an interim report on his investigation that beef and pork are outstanding examples of the farm price spread. He said prices paid farmers for pigs and beef cattle have declined about 10 cents a pound during the last year, but retail beef prices have declined only four cents and retail pork prices 6.1 cents.

Demands have been made both in and outside of congress for an investigation of the price spread. Rep. Sid Simpson (R-Ill.), a member of the House Agriculture Committee, has proposed the calling of a bi-partisan farm conference to study the problem.

**4-H Club News**

**Southwest Poultry Club**

Members of Southwest Poultry club met Dec. 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elie Nougier, 1579 Kings highway. Dates were set for future meetings and a contest on livestock judging was held. A Christmas party for the members was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith, 1306 South Columbus Ave.

Norman Renner,

**Laughs of the Day**

Washington — (U.P.) — Patrolman Daniel J. Andrews caught two men fishing coins from a sidewalk telephone and captured them with a minimum of trouble.

Andrews hailed a passing taxi and had the driver pin the phone booth door shut with his cab, holding the two men inside until the paddy wagon arrived.

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — Patrolman John Milcinovic said a motorist he accused of drinking readily admitted the patrolman's charge that his eyes "looked glassy."

"One of them is glass," the motorist told Milcinovic.

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Mrs. Ann Stoica, 33, won a divorce from swimming pool builder Eli M. Stoica Jr., 38, on the ground he watched television so much she became a "television" widow.

"He even liked the commercials," she said.

Niagara Falls, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Schoolteacher Gertrude Krutenet has no love for whom ever wrote "I love you" on her classroom desk in bright red crayon.

Miss Krutenet told police the writer was also a music lover, for he stole two record players from her room.

Miami Beach — (U.P.) — Ricky Salomon, 8, received a traffic summons Thursday.

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