

# All-America John Witte Eyes Future

By **REN WHEELER**  
Corvallis, Ore. — (U.P.) — Sitting in the press box of the Los Angeles coliseum last September, one reporter commented, "What guy acts like he's looking for business?"

The man he had his eye on shown on the field was Oregon State's All-American John Witte. The quip was in reference to the big tackle's ambition to become a mortician.

Coach Tommy Prothro, who took Oregon State from the Pacific Coast Conference cellar to the championship in the two short years he has been at the football helm, describes Witte simply as "the greatest tackle I've ever seen."

**Another Undertaker**  
The jump from All-American Rose Bowl performer to mortician may not be a common one but it's not without precedent at Oregon State. Don Durdan, standout back on the 1941 Oregon State team, the only other Rose Bowl team in the school's history, is now a mortician in Corvallis, the home city of Oregon State.

Durdan's Oregon State team pulled a major upset in beating Duke, 20-16, in the 1942 bowl game, transplanted to Durham, N. C., when war hit the Pacific. Witte hopes his 1956 edition of the Beaver variety does equally as well.

Between the Rose Bowl and the role of a mortician there may be a what at professional football and almost certainly a try at the pro-wrestling ranks by this 232-pound lineman for Oregon State.

**Drifted By Rams**  
The large-size tackle has already been drafted by the Los Angeles Rams. He first enrolled at Oregon State in 1951, then spent a two-year hitch in the Army between his second and third years of school. The professional team was quick to pick up draft rights on him when his class graduated back in 1954.

But Witte isn't sure about the play-for-pay game. Right now it comes second to his ambition as a professional grunt and groaner.

If he can work it out he would like to do both, in the pattern set by the San Francisco Forty Niners' Leo Nontellini.

How does Witte himself feel about all the mention accorded him this season?

"I just hope that I deserve half the stuff that is coming my way this year," the overly-modest tackle says.

**Passes On Acclaim**  
The 23-year-old native of Klamath Falls, Ore., is quick to pass off any acclaim accorded him.

"When you have a couple of fellows working beside you like I have," he said, "they can sure make you look good."

The six-foot two-inch lineman is also quick to credit his ability on the coaching of the Oregon State staff.

"If I'm any good it's because of the things Tommy Prothro, Clay Stapleton and Bob Zelinka the latter two assistant coaches, have taught me," Witte says, struggling off talk that he naturally was a great football player.

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**SINKING FOUL SHOT**, Med Park (left), helps make scoring record in National Basketball Association. This point brought St. Louis Hawks' score to 137 against New York Knickerbockers' 128. Grand total of 265 is highest recorded in NBA game. (International)

## MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

### Chet Forte Shining for Columbians

By **FRED DOWN**  
United Press Sports Writer  
Chet Forte, a 5-9 shrimp in an era of seven-foot court giants, had even a trio of skeptical NBA scouts convinced today that there's still room for a good little man in basketball.

A full 15 inches shorter than Kansas' amazing Wilt Chamberlain, the 145-pound Forte showed he can be just as upsetting an influence on a game Wednesday night when he led unbeaten Columbia to a 78-68 victory over Dartmouth. The pro scouts, who included Fuzzy Levane of the New York Knickerbockers, saw Forte hit on six of 11 field goals and seven of eight free throws for 19 points in addition to being credited with seven assists.

Dartmouth's taller Indians "ganged up" on the little guy, but he then acted as a decoy and helped pass off to Rudy Milkey, who tallied 24 points. It was the sixth straight victory for Columbia.

Forte's performance raised his season point total to 171, an average of 28.5 per game which ranks second only to Chamberlain's 36.2 average.

The mere appearance of the pro scouts was a personal triumph for Forte. If he's signed at the completion of his college career, Forte would become the smallest National Basketball association player in history.

Western Kentucky, meanwhile demonstrated that the honeymoon is really over for San Francisco when it rallied to beat the Dons, 61-57, at Louisville, Ky. The 17th-ranked Hilltoppers were outscored from the field, 24-23, but had the edge at the foul line, 15-9. It was the second straight "official loss" for the Dons, who less than a week ago were riding high with their record 60-game winning streak.

Guard Eric Beck tallied 17 points for Western Kentucky but San Francisco's Art Day was the game's outstanding player with 23 tallies.

### Rickey Observes 75th Birthday

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Branch Rickey, who is 75 today, looked back upon his 55 years in baseball as a rich, rewarding experience that began by accident.

The retired general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who created baseball empires in St. Louis and Brooklyn, paused from a game of chess at his suburban Fox Chapel home to reflect on the past.

"I had not intended to go into sports permanently or as an athletic director," he said. "I had intended to follow the law but got sidetracked. It seemed the sidetrack became the main line for me, but not regretfully so. It's been an interesting 55 years."

### Hawkeyes Have Serious Work

Pasadena — (U.P.) — University of Iowa's Rose Bowl football team got down to serious work today after taking an afternoon off to visit Disneyland.

Coach Forest Evashevski put his Hawkeyes through a morning and an afternoon drill. He said the squad would work out twice daily and the rest of the week.

The Hawkeyes held a secret workout Wednesday morning and then joined their Rose Bowl opponents, Oregon State, for a tour of Disneyland in nearby Anaheim.

### BIKE TOUR OPENS

New York — (U.P.) — A six-day bicycle tour, sponsored by American and European promoters, opens at the Cleveland arena, Jan. 22. In addition to American riders the contestants will include many Europeans. The tour will include stops in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Indianapolis and Houston.

### MORRIS SCOREKEEPER

McMinnville — Howard Morris, Medford, ex-Crater high athlete, was official scorekeeper last week end for the Linfield college Old Grads basketball tournament. Mitchell was winner of the tourney sponsored by the Cardinal L. lettermen's club.

### Australian Tennis Snub Ires Yanks

By **LEO H. PETERSEN**  
United Press Sports Editor  
Adelaide, Australia — (U.P.) — United States Davis Cup players are incensed today over an Australian snub but even their best friend "Down Under" says it won't do 'em any good.

The bad feeling developed when Australia violated an unwritten rule by not inviting the U. S. players to remain there for the national championships at Melbourne next month. The Aussies wouldn't have been more blunt if they had said, "go home, Yanks, you're so bad nobody wants to see you play."

Billy Talbert, non-playing captain of the U.S. "unwanted," protested vehemently because he wants youngsters Mike Green of Miami Beach, Fla., and Myron Franks of Santa Monica, Calif., to gain added experience in the nationals and a meeting was scheduled to settle the dispute later this week.

### Miracle

Some experts thought the snub might inspire the U.S. players to "show up" the Australians by beating them in the challenge round, Dec. 28-29 but Denny Pails, who qualifies as the Yanks' best friend "Down Under," says that "would take a tennis miracle."

"I'm not going to say this is the worst U. S. Davis Cup team ever to visit Australia, but on paper it figures to lose in five straight matches," said the former Aussie net ace who has helped coach the last five U. S. teams. "None of the American players measures up to Lew Hoad or Ken Rosewall."

Pails, who Talbert says "is an invaluable aid to us," did give Vic Seixas, the 33-year-old star of the U.S. team, "a chance to beat Hoad under certain conditions" but he added, "don't count on it."

### DEAN ELIGIBLE

Portland — (U.P.) — Jay Dean, former Oregon State baseball and basketball star, has been declared eligible to play for Oregon Dental school for the rest of the season in the Metropolitan Basketball conference here.

Dean played two years at Oregon State and a third at Northwest Nazarene.

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### Husband and Wife Turn Home Into Bow-Arrow Factory

Albany, N.Y. — (U.P.) — A state office worker and a bacteriologist have gone into the bow and arrow business — for fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown have turned one room of their home into an "arsenal" for making their own archery equipment. He's the state worker, she is the bacteriologist.

Long interested in hunting, fishing and camping — with a special love for the sound of a whistling arrow — they belong to a field archers club, an organization of hunters and target shooters.

Archery isn't an expensive sport, especially if you "do it yourself," Brown said.

The workshop is filled with supplies of lemon wood, specially ordered for the bows, and cedar for the arrows, along with an array of home-made gadgets to make the various shapes. Vapors of the various lacquers are more pleasing than French perfumes, according to Mrs. Brown.

**Many Bows**  
Brown usually makes a dozen arrows at a time, on an assembly line basis. He first cuts round sticks, or shafts, into proper length, then dips them twice in lacquer.

A modified pencil sharpener shapes the ends which next are fitted with arrow heads and nocks for the bow string to fit in.

Then, Brown begins the creasing, or decorative painting, to personalize the arrows. For the final step of fletching — putting the feathers on the arrow — he has a special clamp which holds the selected turkey feathers in place while the glue sets, and a homemade electric device trims them into shape.

While the paint is drying, Mrs. Brown finds time to stitch up a new quiver or armguard.

Building a bow is more involved than arrow-making, but Brown has a closet full of them. His newest model is made of laminated wood and fibreglass.

**Tracer Experiments**  
"To follow Isoniazid in the body," said Drs. Roth and Man-

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE, THIRTEEN

### New Insight Gained Into Drugs To Fight Tuberculosis

New York, N.Y. — (U.P.) — New insight into the curative properties of certain chemicals which combat tuberculosis is being gained through the technique of tagging drugs with radioactive atoms, it was stated by Drs. L. J. Roth and R. W. Manthei, of the University of Chicago and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, respectively.

"The major aim of this work," said the scientists, "is not merely that of following the travels of the drugs in the body but of discovering what happens chemically and how the substances act against the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis."

"In the past decade some progress against tuberculosis has been made through the use of three new drugs—streptomycin, para-aminosalicylic acid (PAS) and Isoniazid. While none of the three is completely effective in eradicating the microbe, they give good control over the disease and have provided investigators with an opening wedge for determining how the tubercle bacillus can be attacked and finally conquered. Investigation of the way in which these drugs act against the microbe has now begun."

**Successfully Labeled**  
"The first objective was to find how a drug reached the tubercle bacilli. Very soon after Isoniazid was introduced as a TB drug, Drs. Arthur Murray and Wright H. Langham of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory succeeded in labeling it with radioactive carbon 14 for tracer work."

Isoniazid, the investigators explained, is an organic chemical containing six or more atoms of carbon arranged in the form of a hexagon to one corner of which another carbon atom is attached. In its normal state, Isoniazid contains no radioactive carbon. The scientists at Los Alamos learned how to replace all or any desired normal atom with an atom of radioactive carbon. The presence of the latter can be detected and measured by means of Geiger counters as well as by photographic plates.

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**56 Egyptian Children Named After President**  
Port Said, Egypt — (U.P.) — Fifty-six children have been born in Port Said since the Anglo-French attack on Egypt and have been named after Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, it was reported today.

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