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SPORTS

Packers Win NFL Western Crown

Los Angeles – UPI – The Green Bay Packers won the National Football league's western division title Saturday by whipping the tough but outmanned Los Angeles Rams 35-21.

The Rams actually stymied the Packers running attack, but Green Bay took to the air to score what was an easy victory. The Packers got a scare in the fourth quarter when Ram quarterbacks tossed two touchdown passes but the effort was not good enough.

This was the first western division title for the Packers in 14 years. They beat the New York Giants 14-7 for the league's championship in 1944. This year they play the Philadelphia Eagles, eastern division champions, at Philadelphia Dec. 26 in the playoffs.

The Packers finished the season with an 8-4 record and nosed out the Baltimore Colts and San Francisco Forty-Niners – who play today.

The crowd of 53,445 broke into a chorus of boos in the fourth quarter when officials called a pass interference penalty on Ram defensive back Vernon Valdez.

One spectator became so enraged, he rushed onto the field but was nabbed by policemen.

The penalty gave the Packers a first down on the Ram four yard line. On the second play in the series, halfback Paul Hornung dived over from the one for a touchdown.

There was more excitement on the ensuing kickoff – and more boos – when Ram halfback Jon Arnett was ejected from the game for indulging in fisticuffs with Packers end Willie Davis.

The Rams opened up the game with an 80-yard touchdown march the first time they got the ball. Wade tossed a screen pass to fullback Tom Wilson who caught the ball on the Packer 40, which was the line of scrimmage, and rambled all the way.

Bottle Up Hornung

The Rams bottled up Hornung and fullback Jim Taylor and quarterback Bart Starr took to the air. With the ball on the Packer 43, Starr connected to end Max McGee on the Ram 40 and McGee outran the Los Angeles secondary to the end zone. It was good for 57 yards.

Later in the second quarter the Packers were backed up to their own nine yard line and again Starr uncorked a scoring pass – a play good for 91 yards. His target this time was end Boyd Dowler.

Dowler got behind Ram defenders and took the ball on the Los Angeles 48 and sprinted to paydirt.

Hornung joined in the aerial assault on the Rams when he hit McGee with a pass in the second quarter for another score. McGee made a diving catch on the Ram 10 and skidded into the end zone. That one covered 40 yards.

The Packers had a comfortable 28-7 halftime lead after getting a "gift" score in the second quarter when defensive halfback Paul Winslow blocked a kick and recovered it in the Ram end zone.

Oregon Chilled by Penn State 41-12 In Second Annual Liberty Bowl Contest

Philadelphia – UPI – Dick Hoak, a No. 2 quarterback of No. 1 magnitude, picked up a traling Penn State team Saturday and led two units of the Nittany Lions to a 41-12 rout of Oregon in the ice-fringed second annual Liberty Bowl game.

Hoak, the boss-man of the Lions' second unit, dubbed the "ready team" by Coach Rip Engle, hit the Oregon trail after the Webfoots scored a first-period touchdown, and by overcoming goal-line adversity, led Penn State to three touchdowns in the second period to put the game in the deep freeze.

The 185-pound senior from Jeannette, Pa., not only had a ready hand in five of the Lions' six touchdowns, but scored two himself, one on a six-yard dash with a ballet leap into the end zone in the second period and his second on a 11-yard rollout in the fourth.

Brilliant Performance

His brilliant fourth-period performance saw him crowd his 11 - yard TD sprint, an interception, and a 33-yard touchdown pass to halfback Dick Pae, all in the space of four minutes.

Hoak, who won the game's most valuable player award, warmed up 16,624 spectators scattered like pepper dust in the 97-000 seat Philadelphia Stadium with a stand out performance in all departments. He probed the Weofoots' line with searching astuteness, ran when he had to and passed with objectivenesswhich kept the one-touchdown underdog Oregon off balance.

The Wedfoots, who unfortunately lost brilliant back Cleveland Jones on the first play from scrimmage with a kidney injury after he caught a 12-yard pass, broke into a scoring column with a first-period 88-yard- drive in 12 plays with quarterback Dave Grosz going over from the one.

Then, Hoak and his No. 2 unit, which yielded the Duck's score, took command. The Lions began a marcn on their 37, gambled successfully twice on fourth-down running plays, and drew one break when a missed pass found a substitution delay by Oregon keeping the drive alive.

Hoak made the most of the break as the second period opened to send State to a first down on the Oregon 12 and threw a pass to Henry Opperman, borrowed from the first unit, for a first down on the Oregon one. Don Jonas, also also on lend-lease from the first unit, went over from the one and when Opperman converted, Penn State had a 7-6 lead it never lost.

Then one yard adversity struck. Penn State's first unit moved from its 20 following a punt and went as far as the Oregon one. But Sam Sobczak fumbled into the end zone where Oregon recovered and the Ducks had the ball on their 20.

Jonas returned the resulting punt 23 to Oregon 37, and Hoak ran for 12 to 26. The No. 2 quarterback followed with an 11-yard run to the one. State was offside on the next play but three two-yard bolts sent Al Gursky over and State led, 14-6.

OREGONIAN GAINS — University of Oregon's Bruce Snyder (43) picks up yardage in the first quarter of the Liberty Bowl football game at Philadelphia, Pa., before being halted by Bill Popp (64) of Penn State. Also in on the tackle are Jay Huffman (51), Joe Blasentein (62) and Stew Barber (71). At the bottom of the picture is Oregon's Steve Barnett (77). Penn State won 41-12. —(UPI Telephoto)

Hoak personally took charge of the next one-yard line hex. End Len Burnett of Oregon fumbled the kickoff and Jim Kerr recovered on the Ducks' 29.

A pass carried to the 14, Hoak rolled on a keeper for nine and Jonas mare a first-down inside the two. The Lions were penalized five for offside, but Hoak came back with a sweep and a graceful leap into the end zone. It came with 31 seconds left in the half and gave Penn State a 21-6 halftime lead.

For a fleeting moment, the Webfoots made it a game in the third period. First Oregon, too, felt the goal-line jinx when it moved on a 46-yard pass from Grosz to Mickey Bruce to the State one. On the first play, Bruce Snyder slammed into the line but the ball popped out of his hands and Kerr recovered for State on the Oregon nine.

Oregon got it back, however, when Grosz fired 29 yards to Bruce after the put. It carried to the 10-yard line and speed Dave Grayson, voted the game's outstanding back, flew through a hole over guard and went into the end zone.

It made the score, 21-12, but the closeness didn't last. The Lions, with the No. 1 unit in action, opened the fourth period shopping their way from their own five and in 15 plays Ed Caye went over from the one.

Then Hoak called it a day with an interception and a 15-yard return to Oregon's 33. The Lion quarterback then Floated Pae into the open, hit, him with a pass for the final touchdown of the game.

LAKERS BUY JOHNSON

Detroit – UPI – The Detroit Pistons Friday sold rookie forward Ron Johnson to the Los Angeles Lakers, trimming their roster to the National Basketball association limit of 11. Pistons General Manager Nick Kerbaway said that Johnson, who played his collegiate ball at Minnesota, was sold for "considerably more than the waiver price."

GENERAL MANAGER

Salem, Ore. – UPI – Al Lightner, sports editor of the Oregon Statesman, will be general manager of the Northwest league Salem Senators, it was announced Friday. He will take over Jan. 1.

Bidding Contest For KC Athletics

Chicago – UPI – A "bidding contest" was under way Saturday between Kansas City businessmen and a Gary, Ind., insurance executive in an effort to buy the Kansas City Athletics.

Both bidders appeared before Probate Judge Robert Jerome Dunne Friday, submitting identical offers of $1,850,000 for 52 per cent of the stock of the club. Dunne deferred a decision on the matter until Monday.

Meanwhile both bidders will have opportunity to increase their offer. The Kansas City group includes "about 100" men, headed by Byron Spencer, while the Gary bidder is Charles O. Finley.

Gold Ray Fish Count

WEEK ENDING DEC. 17:
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Tornado Hoopsters Down South Eugene

Eugene — Medford High school basketeers, breaking the tussle open in the second quarter, rambled to their third victory of the season Friday night, overcoming South Eugene 59 to 46 in a rough encounter.

Limited in shooting by a tough Axeman defense, the Black Tornado hoopmen, nevertheless made a high percentage of their field shots in fashioning the verdict.

The club from the defending state championship school trailed 4 to 6 in the early going but surged in front at 8 to 6 and led 19 to 17 when the first quarter finished. Medford then, with a few quick buckets, jumped away and putting in 18 markers to South's nine widened to 37 to 26 at the half.

Margin was 15 points at 51 to 36 after three periods on the court.

Bob Quinney and Jim Barry headed the Tornado offensive with 18 and 17 points, respectively, and Dave Tobey had 13 for the Axemen.

.512 Average

Medford charts showed the Rogue river valley team with 19 field goals in 37 tries for a .512 average from the field in the fast breaking action.

Recovery of the ball under the backboards was about even for the teams and Quinney topped all retrieving with 12.

Free shooting by Barry, Quinney and Dick Ragsdale was a factor in boosting the Medford point total. Barry was seven for 10 from the free stripe and Ragsdale and Quinney each made four of five. Dick Robertson put in all four of his free tries for South Eugene.

Quinney suffered a badly cut tongue in the second quarter. He saw further duty through the fray but the injury, from biting his tongue when struck on the top of the head by an elbow, made questionable his availability for last night's game with the Axemen. Medford Coach Frank Roelandt reported that Quinney was unable to sleep in the night after the game and was unable to eat.

The loss was the second in three games for South Eugene.

BOX:

Medford	FG	FT	PF	TP
Brown	1	2-1	4	3
Dowson	3	1-1	2	7
Quinney	7	3-4	4	18
Barry	5	10-7	4	17
Ragsdale	2	5-4	4	8
Hood	0	0-0	0	0
Hoots	0	2-2	0	2
Bray	0	0-0	4	0
Eaton	1	3-0	3	2
Schroeder	0	0-0	0	0
McIntyre	0	2-2	0	2
Totals	19	30-21	25	59

South Eugene	FG	FT	PF	TP
Jost	0	0-0	0	0
Tobey	5	8-3	3	13
Blair	4	4-2	2	10
Meyer	1	2-2	5	4
DuShane	3	3-1	2	7
McNeel	0	2-1	0	1
Carter	0	4-2	2	2
Robertson	1	4-4	2	6
Hohle	1	0-0	0	2
Lockhard	0	2-1	2	1
Brooks	0	0-0	1	0
Ferguson	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	15	29-16	21	46

FIGHTS

United Press International

Sao Paulo, Brazil — Eder Jofre, Brazil, knocked out Billy Peacock, Los Angeles (2). Non-title, bantamweight.

Manila—Flash Elorde, 134, Philippines, outpointed Vicente Rivas, 134½, Venezuela (10). Non-title.

Pittsburgh Obtains Bob Shantz

United Press International

The world champion Pittsburgh Pirates hailed the acquisition of pitcher Bobby Shantz Saturday as the shot in the arm they'll need to "finish where we did last season."

Shantz, the little 35-year-old left-hander used in relief by the American league champion New York Yankees in 160, was picked up from the new Washington Senators Friday night in exchange for three minor league players.

The trade, only the second made Friday, beat the interleague trading deadline by two hours. Four hours earlier, the Yankees purchased Danny McDevitt, another left-handed pitcher, from the Los Angeles Dodgers for an unannounced amount of cash and a minor league player to be delivered at a later date.

To get Shantz, picked up Wednesday in the special AL draft for the two new clubs, the Pirates gave up first baseman R. C. Stevens, third baseman Harry Bright and pitcher Benny Daniels to the Senators.

Machen Set To Fight Bethea

Portland – UPI – Portland heavyweight Eddie Machen makes his first start next week since dropping a decision to top-ranking contender Sonny Liston.

Machen will meet veteran Wayne Bethea of New York Monday night in a 10-round bout.

Machen, currently ranked as the No. 2 heavyweight contender by the National Boxing association and No. 3 by Ring magazine, hopes to beat Bethea as a jumping off point for another shot at Liston.

The Portland heavyweight said he fought Liston with a shoulder injury the last time and he knows a Liston victory would put him in line for a championship fight with titleholder Floyd Patterson.

Phil Moyer of Portland meets Edgar Jones of San Francisco in a 10-round middleweight bout that's billed as a co-feature on the card. Also scheduled are two six-rounders, one featuring middleweight Thad Spencer and the other heavyweight John Massey.

Longhorns and Alabama Tie

Houston, Tex. – UPI – Dan Petty kicked the Texas Longhorns into a 3-3 Bluebonnet bowl deadlock with Alabama's Crimson Tide Saturday, but left a crowd of 68,000 limp at the finish when he misfired on a 25-yard effort after time had run out.

The 210-pound reserve Texas tackle, who had scored five out of six times during the regular season, booted a 20-yard field goal with only 3:44 left in the final quarter to match a 30-yard three-pointer recorded midway the third period by Alabama's Tommy Brooker.

But, after a pass interference penalty had given Texas new life on the Alabama 18 on what apparently was the final play of the game, Petty blew his chance to turn in an upset over the favored Tide when his try from the 25-yard line was short and wide.

Petty also had missed another 25-yard effort by an absurd margin in the third quarter after Brooker – who had beaten Auburn with a similar kick 3-0 during the regular season – had put Alabama out in front.

Defensive Duel

The game had been touted as a possible defensive duel and wound up just that way, although Alabama blew one tremendous chance to score when it failed to penetrate the Texas defense in two plays from the one-yard line in the fading moments of the first quarter.

The remainder of the time, booming punts by Alabama's Laurien Stapp and Texas' Bobby Nunis figured strongly in the outcome.

The Crimson Tide, playing in its 14th bowl game, drew only one penalty during the game, but the 15-yard personal foul call was a big factor in Texas getting close enough for Petty's successful kick.

Another blow, a pass interference call at the Tide 18 as the clock ran out on the game, set the stage for a futile field goal try by Petty.

The touted Alabama defense, spearheaded by linebacker Darwin Holt, kept Texas bottled up in its own end of the field most of the first half, but in the second half the Longhorns got rolling and wound up with a wide statistical edge, 232 yards to 155.

But they could never crack the stout Tide line when the chips were down anywhere close to touchdown territory.

Texas came out in a weird single-wing formation for a few plays in the first half, but abandoned it after some small success with Jitterbug James Saxton operating as the tailback.

Both teams made sporadic use of the pass and an aerial was the key play in each of the scoring drives.

An 18-yard punt return by sophomore Billy Piper to the Texas 34-yard line launched the Alabama drive, but a 14-yard pass from Bobby Skelton to Norbie Ronsonet took the ball down to within kicking range.

Texas staged a 71-yard march, most of it on the ground with fullback Ray Poage the big gainer, to set up its field goal, but an 8-yard pass from the quarterback Mike Cotten to halfback Jack Collins on a fake field goal effort from the 22-yard line was the telling blow of the drive.

Saxton, who gained 48 yards rushing, figured in a 38-yard pass play and got off a 53-yard quick kick, was voted the game's outstanding back, while Alabama's Lee Roy Jordan, a linebacking mate of Holt's, was voted the top lineman.

OSC Trims Tempe Hoop Quint 65-54

Corvallis – UPI – Oregon State's basketball team broke a three-game losing streak Friday night with a 65-54 win over Arizona State of Tempe to revenge an earlier 79-77 loss at Tempe.

And the Beavers did it quite handily. They took the lead after the first four minutes of play and were never headed.

Ahead at 30-25 at halftime, Oregon State clinched the contest with a nine-point outburst early in the second half while the Sun Devils were being held scoreless. The spurt moved the Beavers into a 41-29 lead.

Steve Pauly and Jay Carty paced the Beaver scoring attack with 12 points each. Larry Armstrong led the losers with 17.

Oregon State shot .348 from the field with 25 for 74 and Arizona State was 17 for 52 for .333. Oregon State had the edge in rebounds, 57-46.

BOX:

Arizona State	FG	FT	PF	TP
Clerkvenik	3	3-7	4	9
Hahn	5	4-7	1	14
Prior	1	1-1	3	3
Disarufino	0	0-0	3	0
Armstrong	6	5-6	1	17
Payne	2	7-9	3	11
Daugherty	0	0-0	2	0
Totals	17	20-30	17	54

Oregon State	FG	FT	PF	TP
Pauly	4	4-8	3	12
Jacobson	4	3-5	4	11
Anderson	5	0-0	3	10
Woodland	3	0-0	0	6
Rossi	2	2-2	2	6
Carty	5	2-2	2	12
Johnson	1	2-2	0	4
Monroe	0	1-2	1	1
Baker	1	0-1	2	2
Wold	0	1-2	1	1
Flynn	0	0-0	0	0
Stafford	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25	15-24	21	65

United Press International

Unbeaten Pacific Lutheran is making a shambles of its Oregon small college opponents. The Gladiators ran up their sixth victory of the season and third of the year against an Oregon school by defeating Lewis and Clark, 76-70, in Portland Friday night.

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