

Webfoots Override Stanford

By The Associated Press
Vengeance-minded Washington and Oregon rode to victory last night over invading basketball quintets from Minnesota and Stanford.

Reversing the previous night's result, Washington led nearly all the way to dump Minnesota, 53-46 and Oregon came off a 26-26 halftime deadlock to measure Stanford's Indians 58-51.

Two other northern division fives were not so fortunate. Idaho's Vandals fell 58-53 before Drake at Des Moines, Ia., and Washington State was downed 67-59 by Bradley at Peoria, Ill.

The even break in the night's play raised the northern division coast conference's record in inter-sectional play to 333—seven wins in 21 outings.

Both Idaho and Washington State play again tonight. The touring Vandals play their third game in as many days, meeting Morningside at Sioux City, Ia. Washington State tackles Kansas State at Manhattan, Kas.

Washington's Huskies trailed only twice—early in the first half—in handling the Gophers their first loss in six games. Halftime score was 22-18 and the Huskies led throughout the second half by margins up to eight points. Lou Soriano, ex-Bremerton prepster, paced Washington with 15 points.

It was pretty much the same story at Eugene where Stanford took an early lead.

Washington State played without the services of Ed Gayda, who sprained an ankle in the cougar's losing effort against St. John's in New York Monday. Three quick Bradley field goals broke a 4-4 tie early in the going and the Braves were never seriously threatened again. Ron Button led WSC with 10 points.

Idaho couldn't match Drake's fast break in the first half and matters were made worse when the Vandals hit only four of 31 shots in the initial period. As a result, they left the floor at halftime trailing 33-16 and even their furious second half rally couldn't make up the difference. Bob Wheeler, Idaho guard, counted 13 points for the Vandals.

In other games of the evening, Willamette ousted Western Washington 73-59 despite Stan Peterson's 24 points for the Vikings; Indiana State won the second straight game of its Northwest invasion, whipping Southern Oregon 74-44; Yakima Valley Junior college, leading by three points with two minutes to play, took advantage of Lewis & Clark college fouls in the closing seconds to win 64-54; and Washington's frosh won their second tilt in as many nights, dumping Skagit Valley J. C. 38-48.



RED SILK OF CRESCENT MANOR, known intimately as "Droopy," plows through the snow with a duck just to show that a 7-month-old cocker spaniel pup can take the second half of the split duck season in stride. "Droopy" is owned by Perry Carle of KFLW and was putting on quite a show yesterday in snow up to his long, golden ears.

Living Made Easier Around Second Base

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Life will be safer for infielders in 1950 if the new baseball rules are enforced.

The rules committee officially adopted the new code last night after nine months of strenuous effort. The rough stuff around second base came in for plenty of attention.

"Interference" by a base runner was interpreted in simple, direct terms that place a heavy burden on the umpire. The ump always had to call interference, but now his attention is directed to the rule in specific wording.

"A batter is out when a preceding runner shall, in the judgment of the umpire, interfere with an infielder," the rule will read.

That's about the same as in the past. However, a new interpretative paragraph has been added. It goes like this:

"The objective of this rule is to penalize the offensive team for deliberate, unwarranted and unsportsmanlike action by a runner in leaving the baseline for the obvious purpose of crashing the pivot man on a double play rather than trying to reach his base."

Shortstops and second basemen who have been hurtled through space by football-minded runners probably will get some relief. The "rolling block" came in for some hot criticism last summer when the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox took turns bowling over infielders.

The infielder, too, was warned against roughness. When an infielder who does not have the ball "obstructs" a runner, the umpire can determine the penalty.

For instance, if a batter hits a ball against the fence that the umpire thinks was long enough for a triple, he can award the batter there bases if he is "obstructed" at first by a shove, or trip.

LOUIS TOYS THROUGH EIGHT WITH UTAH BOYS

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 22 (AP)—Former Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, stoical and unruffled, toyed his way through eight rounds with Utah's two top heavyweight fighters in an exhibition last night.

Both the Utah boys—Jay Lambert and Rex Layne, made good on their promises to carry the battle to the Brown Bomber, but he brushed off their best efforts. There were no knockdowns.

Louis weighed 223 pounds. Lambert, 1948 U. S. Olympic heavyweight fighter from West Jordan, Utah, weighed 185. Layne, former national AAU champ from Lewiston, Utah, weighed 186.

Louis used his right sparingly, fighting most of the two four-round bouts with left hooks and jabs.

Layne's attempts against the former champion drew the best comment. He waded in from the opening bell and managed to crash a

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Hub Kittle Okays Gems' Job Again

Hubert (Hub) Kittle, who managed the Klamath Falls Gems during the 1949 baseball season, will again pilot the Gems in 1950, Business Manager Dick Maguire reported today.

Kittle has not been signed but agreed to return to Klamath Falls via long distance phone conversation with Maguire and also with Don McShane, scout for the Phillies.

Maguire said he would go to Yakima after Christmas to take Kittle a contract. The veteran righthanded pitcher was popular as Gems manager here last summer and is sticking with the Phil's baseball organization for possible future advancement in the managerial ranks.

He developed 10 players last season who are due for higher class ball this coming spring and is particularly capable in working with young pitchers.

McShane revealed the Phils had been caught napping on one player coming up from Klamath Falls. Rick Small, who played first base for the Gems in 1948 and for Salina, Kas., last year, was picked up by the Brooklyn Dodgers organization in the recent baseball draft.

Small will be placed with a club in class B or higher in the Brooklyn organization.

A meeting of officials and directors of the Far West league will be held sometime early in January, Maguire said. At that time the league is expected to take affirmative action in admitting Reno and Eugene into the circuit.

Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press
Today a Year Ago—Official National league averages disclosed Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson as best defensive second baseman.

Three Years Ago—Oregon upset New York university in basketball, 81-65, at Madison Square Garden.

Five Years Ago—Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians was officially crowned as the American league batting king with a .327 average.

Ten Years Ago—The Pittsburgh Pirates sent Pitcher Cy Blanton to Syracuse of the International League.

Fairview Cops Class A Title

Fairview won the class A grade school volleyball title yesterday afternoon, going through the double elimination tourney undefeated and dumping Riverside 15-8, 15-6 in the final match.

The school won the class B title a week ago, and physical education department trophies will be presented at a special assembly tomorrow.

Maurice Anderson coached the champion squad, composed of Jesse Fleming, Lloyd Kocken, Erwin Mullin, Larry Yarnell, Bill Anderson, Denny Todd, Don Williams, Richard Smith, Howard West and Michael Savage.

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Fesler Closes Book on Rumors He's Out Of Buckeye Coaching, Into Private Work

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 22 (AP)—Coach Wes Fesler, a diplomat, politely declines to be drawn into any discussion concerning the changing tactics of the California line.

There have been mutterings from unidentified sources that the Golden Bears had a habit this fall of charging a fraction of a second before the ball was snapped.

"I have complete confidence in the officials of the game," said Fesler. "If California is offside, I anticipate that California will be penalized. But I'm not going to yell before I'm hurt."

He repeated that his scout reports indicated the Bears had a hard, fast charging line.

The Buckeye Rose Bowl squad was headed into another drill today. Fesler indicated he planned no rough work. Four players who missed yesterday's double drill—Jerry Kral, Ray Hamilton, Tom Rath and Shag Thomas—were due back to practice today. Their ailments were minor but all were excused from practice.

Fesler, meanwhile, closed his book on further rumors that he has resigned the head coaching job to enter private business. He said he had received an offer that he could not afford to ignore but that he definitely has not made any de-

cision, much less resigned. Nothing will be decided until his main objective has been accomplished—defeat California January 2.

Meanwhile, Kenneth L. (Tug) Wilson, commissioner of the Western conference, looked over the Rose Bowl scene today but declined to comment on the pact between the Big Ten and the Pacific Coast conference.

Details pertaining to the agreement, which has one more year to run, will be on the agenda of the Big Ten at their spring meeting in March.

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