

# Three points to win

Percy P. Locey of the San Francisco Olympic club was milling over the names in the crew Dana X. Bible, his coadjutor in the annual East-West Shriners benefit game had selected to represent the West.

He was meditating on the placement kickers he would have in his aggregation for the game just a week off. There was Louie Long of Southern Methodist university, he mused; there were Ted Beckett of California, Dick Bogue of Stanford and Noble Atkins of Texas Christian.

Not a bad lot, he said to himself.

Came December 27, and 52,000 persons crowded Kezar stadium at San Francisco, alternately roaring and groaning. Picked football stars of America were there, paired East against the West. And the game was nearly over.

It looked as though these dry-mouthed spectators would see two goose eggs chalked up on the score board at the final.

The last quarter was on. Johnny Kitzmiller, the "Flying Dutchman" of Oregon, intercepted a pass just when the East seemed headed goalwards, kicked it back into East territory.

Things were livening up.

More kicks. Kitzmiller kicked a freak that bounced straight up after hitting the two-yard line, where Mark Beckett of California killed it. Bruder of Northwestern punted into the clear, Kitzmiller was on the ball and pacing down the field and was at the 20-yard line when Pittsburgh's Eddie Baker brought him to earth.

Kermit Lange of Baker gained a yard but found Selby of Ohio State in the way.

Oklahoma's Colonel "Busted" Mills, all Big Six halfback, cleared left end for four yards more on a backward pass from the "Flying Dutchman."

Fifty-two thousand fans were up on their seats, yelling "touchdown."

Kitzmiller smashed to within a foot of the yards for downs.

Kitzmiller dropped back, held the ball, and the toe of "Buster" Mills kissed it good-bye.

The pigskin sailed through the air right between the East's goal posts, as pretty as a picture, and the crowd roared

as the oval was taken down from the West's score and the figure "3" put up.

The West, for the first time, had won a football game in the annual Shriners' competition. And Bus Mills had turned the trick.

"Bus Mills, of course, was king for the night, and the rest of the year," Harry Borba wrote enthusiastically in the *San Francisco News*. Will Rogers, the paper added, would be pleased to hear about another Oklahoman.

All San Francisco was talking Bus Mills that night.

William Leiser in the *San Francisco Examiner* declared:

It was a game in which defense all around, was too powerful to allow steady gaining, a game in which one or two breaks, or good plays, were bound to win. Kitzmiller and Mills made the plays. And we are inclined to believe that the brilliant work by Mills, as the three points by his toe would indicate, just about represented the difference yesterday.

Mr Borba wrote:

The feller from Oklahoma certainly baffled the opposition. Most of the East boys thought

he was going to forward pass when he went back to the 20-yard line after Johnny Kitzmiller, offensive star of the day, had helped motor the West team deep into the East's goal zone. He didn't. He merely pulled back his good right leg as Kitzmiller took a perfect pass from little Al Tassi and stood the ball on end and let fly.

Locey declared afterwards: "I still think Mills could have run the end on a play we had from the formation and gone the full distance to a touchdown." Perhaps he could have, but he took the easier route.

George Kirksey, United Press staff correspondent, declared that "Mills, virtually unknown outside his own vicinity, proved one of the greatest defensive halfbacks of the year before he kicked the winning field goal in the last four minutes of play. Mills carried the ball only twice, gaining a yard and five yards, but seldom has a more vicious tackler been seen on any field than this cotton-haired middle westerner."

Locey, the Olympic club chieftan, has found his placement kicker. He was from Oklahoma.

Locey selected three players to play in the Olympic club eleven next year, Mills, Dexter Shelley of Texas and Kermit Lange of Baker. The *Oakland Tribune* commented on the selections:

Mills is expected to add not only a new threat to the Olympic club's attack next year, but also a pillar on the defense. It was his defensive game as much as anything else that made him so valuable to the western stars Saturday. Lange and Shelley, too, played consistent football, although failing to stand out as Mills did.



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## "King of the night"

San Francisco newspaper writers enthusiastically proclaimed Bus Mills, '31 arts-sc., of Ranger, Texas, Sooner football star whose agile foot kicked the three points that won the annual Shriners' football classic for the West against the East at San Francisco December 27