

# Jeff Cravath Resigns USC Coaching Job

No Immediate Plans; U. Of Minnesota Post Holds 'No Interest'

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Jeff Cravath resigned as head football coach at the University of Southern California Wednesday.

Cravath said he had no immediate plans to accept any other coaching job. He said he was "not interested" in the job at Minnesota, left vacant by the resignation of Bernie Bierman.

Cravath's session with Dr. Fred Fagg, Jr., president of USC, and others followed a "secret meeting" last night at which the alumni group voted to request Cravath's resignation and arrange to buy up his contract.

Speculation, most of it on the hasty side, on Cravath's successor included such names as Paul Brown, coach of the Cleveland Browns pro club; Jordan Oliver of Loyola of Los Angeles; Bud Wilkerson of Oklahoma, and as often tossed about in recent years, the name of Frank Leahy of Notre Dame.

"I regret with all my heart to leave my alma mater as football coach," said Cravath. "I hold no animosity toward Southern California, or any of its officials, however, and I sincerely wish my successor—whoever he may be—the very best of luck."

The job, with a major football institution, carries an attractive salary. Cravath will be paid nearly \$20,000 for the two years remaining in his contract.

His nine-year regime, with a record of 54 wins, 28 losses and eight ties, ended yesterday when he resigned, effective Jan. 1, in the wake of Troy's most disastrous season. The team won two, tied two, and lost five.

Cravath indicated he will take his time about deciding on his future. Friends believe he may enter private business here, unless an attractive coaching offer develops.

Dr. Fagg and Cravath expressed good will toward each other and campus reaction seemed mixed. Players, students and alumni spoke highly of Cravath as a friend and coach, said they were sorry to see him go but guessed that "under the circumstances" it was best for him and Troy.

## Groza's Toe Figured Advantage For Browns

CLEVELAND — (AP) — Maybe early bettors have Louis R. (the Toe) Groza in mind when they rate Cleveland a three-point edge over the Los Angeles Rams for Sunday's pro football title game here.

When you talk in terms of three-point football margins, Cleveland Browns fans think in terms of Groza. The 235-pound tackle has booted 15 three-pointers in 21 tries this season and set a new National football league record for field goals.

There's a prospect of more scoring next Sunday than there was last Sunday when Lou kicked two field goals to enable the Browns to whip the New York Giants 8-3 in the NFL's American conference play-off. But once again a few points may be decisive.

The Rams have a speedy, flashy offense that dated to nine new league records this campaign as they topped the National conference. But the Browns' excellent defense and the sub-freezing weather can be counted on to slow the scoring pace of the west coast club.

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(NEA Telephoto)

**AND THEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT**—This was the beginning of the end for Dave Whitlock (left) of San Francisco as he misses with a left. Light-Heavyweight Champion Joey Maximo of Cleveland, O., glides under with a hard right to the body, then quickly followed with a left and short right to the chin that put Whitlock away for the count. The action came in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round non-title bout at San Francisco's Winterland.

## College Football Attendance Drops Only Slightly From Last Year's Top

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK — (AP) — College football attendance held up surprisingly well in 1950, dropping off only 3.5 percent a game from the all-time high of last year according to an Associated Press survey. Big league baseball was off 14 percent.

The East and Far West, where television takes its deepest bite, suffered severe setbacks but a sharp increase in the Southwest held up the overall average. The Midwest was up slightly and the South dipped about 3 percent, close to the national trend.

Returns from 89 schools, covering 443 home games showed today that the major colleges played to average crowds of 26,678 last fall as compared to 27,651 in 1949. The figures ranged from 36,744 in the Midwest and 45,968 in the Southwest to 19,807 in the East.

**Far West Takes Drop**  
The Southwest average was up 11 percent, the Midwest 2 percent and all the others dropped from the South's 3 percent to 10 percent in the East and 12 percent in the Far West.

Poor weather, particularly the late November snow and wind storms, hurt the gate in the Midwest and East, but most schools were inclined to blame television competition.

In the Southwest, live telecasts are permitted only when a game is an assured sellout in advance. Many of the Midwest schools, with the exception of Notre Dame, did not televise.

**Michigan Leads Nation**  
Michigan, as usual, led the na-

tion in attendance with 501,522 for six games at its 97,000-seat stadium. But the Wolverines were hurt at the gate, declining from their 563,363 of a year ago—roughly a drop of 10,000 per game.

Ohio State was second in the nation with 368,021 and would have had more except for the blizzard that almost obliterated the Michigan game. Nov. 25. They sold 82,500 seats and only 55,503 showed up.

California had another good year with 358,000 paying to see their unbeaten champs in seven home games. But Stanford and Southern California took terrific lacerations at the gate. Rain ruined Stanford's chances of a sellout for the Army game with only 40,000 on hand.

## Basketball Scores

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

By The Associated Press

- Washington 74, Pittsburgh 35.
- Illinois 71, Washington State 42.
- Eastern Oregon 74, Southern Idaho 71.
- Lewis & Clark 86, Southern Oregon 81.
- Gonzaga 71, Colorado A&M 57.
- Puget Sound 35, Whitman 34.
- College of Pacific 61, Pacific Univ. 40.
- Montana 56, Eastern Washington 55.
- Weber State 54, Yakima Valley 51.
- Olympic (Bremerton) J. C. 63, Los Angeles 42.
- Columbia 82, Tulane 56.
- Northwestern 70, Rice 61.
- Villanova 89, North Carolina State 81.
- Syracuse 82, Temple 60.
- Navy 51, Rutgers 40.
- Army 60, Ithaca 37.
- California 86, Taylor 40.
- West Virginia 85, George Washington 66.
- Brigham Young 79, Indiana State 58.
- Louisville 79, Wm. & Mary 47.
- East Kentucky 83, North Carolina 82.
- Purdue 75, Penn 64.
- Arkansas 45, Mississippi 35.
- Idaho State college 86, Colorado Mines 57.
- Arizona 63, Texas Western 52.
- Western Montana 71, Ricks 68.

## FIRST FORWARD

NEW HAVEN — (AP) — Many have claimed the honor of throwing the first football forward pass, but Yale athletic officials say Walter Camp was the first. Against Princeton in 1876. Camp was tackled and tossed the ball to Thompson before he hit the ground. Princeton protested, but the referee allowed the pass after flipping a coin. Yale repeated against the same foe in 1883.

## Lem's Music Team Wins First Half Industrial Bowling

Lem's Music repair won the first half industrial bowling league championship last night at the bowling alley, but not without a struggle.

The champs finished the regular first half play deadlocked with Wilson's Molars of Myrtle Creek, so the two teams rolled a playoff game. Lem's won by 93 pins.

The ten high bowlers in the first half competition are as follows: John Donovan, 174; Ted Shircliff (Wilson's Molars), 172; Verne Boucock (Elks 328), 172; Harold Taylor (Huddleston's), 171; F. Chapin Wilson's), 167; Ted Buettner (Lem's), 167; P. Slutton, 163; Jim Betley (Vets hospital), 163; J. Esberg (Umpqua dairy), 162; V. Nordling (Jovin's), 162.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE		
	W	L
Lem's music	32	13
Wilson's	29	16
Elks 328	28	17
Jovin Brake	24	21
Ump dairy	23	22
Vets	21	24
Huddleston's	22	23
Rsbg L'ndry	21	24
Lentz	21	24
EP&E	20	25
FOE	15	30
Lions	13	32

## Ram Gridders Confident But Admirers Fearful

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — The Los Angeles Rams are confident but their most ardent admirers are fearful today as they fly away to Cleveland for Sunday's battle with the Browns for the National Football league title.

Coach Joe Stydahar, 32 players, officials and newsmen make up a party of 56 leaving at noon aboard a chartered United Air Lines plane. A nonstop flight of about seven hours will get them to Ohio.

Stydahar, already acclaimed as rookie coach of the year for shepherding the Rams to their second straight National conference title, ended nothing but pessimism.

Beating the Chicago Bears last Sunday for the conference title on a fast field, perfect for the Rams' terrific aerial game, was one thing. But meeting Cleveland in the Browns' own park, under conditions of cold and probably snow or slush, is "something else," said Jumbo Joe.

The odds makers here have elevated the Clevelanders three point favorites.

## Boxer Suffers Injury From Knockout Loss

NEW YORK — (AP) — Al (Sonny Boy) West, a 21-year-old Negro boxer from Washington, D. C. hovered in "very critical condition" today after a knockout loss to young Percy Bassett of Philadelphia last night at St. Nicholas arena.

Surgeons performed an emergency brain operation on the stricken lightweight who was carried unconscious from the ring after failing to respond to stimulants.

West was losing but still appeared strong until Bassett tagged him with a straight right to the head after 29 seconds of the seventh round of a scheduled ten. On the cards of all three officials West had won only one round. Referee Harry Ebbets also had one even.

Sonny Boy, moving backward as he was hit, fell flat on his back, his head hitting the ring canvas with a thud. He did not regain consciousness.

## East, West Grid Teams Visit Shrine Hospital

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — The Shrine East and West football teams took time out yesterday from scrimmage for their Dec. 30 battle to visit the kids who will benefit from their gridiron efforts.

Both squads went to the Shrine hospital for crippled children. They spent several hours meeting the handicapped youngsters with a medical care is provided by the gate receipts from the game—some \$100,000 net. Each player was assigned a "niece or nephew" and both the children and their new "uncles" spent a happy morning getting acquainted.

In the afternoon, practice schedules were resumed.

## Yoncalla Quint Whips Creswell Squad, 41-22

Yoncalla's basketball quint gave further notice Tuesday night that they are not to be considered lightly in league play this year. The Eagles whipped Creswell 41-22 at Yoncalla.

It was no contest from the start. They limited the Creswell crew to two points in the first quarter and an additional four in the second. The half ended 21-6. At the third quarter mark it was 31-15 in Yoncalla's favor.

Gerald Rust, a six-foot-five center, made just one less point than the entire Creswell team. He made 21 points on nine field goals and three free throws.

## Villanova Stops Wolfpack Star In 68-61 Conquest

By The Associated Press

Stop Sam Ranzino and you pretty well stop the powerful North Carolina State basketball team.

That's what Villanova (6-0) did last night in a battle of unbeaten fives. Deadeye sophomore Larry Hennessey poured in 33 points in leading the Philadelphiaans to a 68-61 victory at Raleigh.

Ranzino scored only 11 points under the careful guarding of another Villanova sophomore, 5 foot 10 inch Shorty Glassmire. The Wolfpack ace had been averaging 24 points a game.

The Wolfpack (7-1) ranks third nationally in the Associated Press poll.

Another Southern conference power, North Carolina, also lost its first game. Eastern Kentucky walloped the previously-beaten Tar Heels, 85-62.

Purdue forgot three straight defeats and trimmed visiting Penn 73-64. There went another unbeaten record. John Dermody tossed in 29 for Purdue.

Army drubbed Ithaca 69-37, for its second straight, and Navy caught Rutgers in the last 20 seconds, 53-49. Dave Mullaney tossed in the clincher and Chet McDonough added the extra insurance.

Tall Mark Workman scored 44 points as West Virginia (6-0) routed George Washington, 85-66.

Another southern power, Murray State (8-0), came from behind to Edge Beloit, 80-78. Garrett Behear, 28-year-old soph center, sparked the winners with 28 points, 21 in the vital second half.

## New Douglas County Cage League Formed Under AAU

By GEORGE CASTILLO  
News-Review Sports Writer

A new basketball league has been created in Douglas county. It is called the Umpqua Valley AAU league and has cornered most of the available basketball material not in high school or college competition.

It consists of eight teams. The winner in the league is to vie with the winner from Coos county for a berth in the Amateur Athletic union state playoffs. The teams in the league will play under surveillance of the AAU which has a strict amateur code.

The season will be launched Wednesday Dec. 27. A series of articles on the new born teams and their players will follow in the News-Review. It will include a picture of the pre-season talent of the three Roseburg teams and Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Sutherlin and Oakland.

Starting in our own backyard, the K and M basketball squad shows great potentialities. It is made up of players with both experience and height. All but two of the eight men on the roster have had college experience and the team averages over six-foot-one, with two skyscraping giants standing six-seven.

The team is sponsored by Gene Krewson of Roseburg and Gene Martin of Sutherlin — thus the name K and M.

Four guards have turned out for the squad. They are Sandy Moore, Bob Michaels, Sharty Wallace and Clair Thomas. Moore is 25, stands five-nine-and-a-half and weighs 175. He was an all-round athlete at Marshfield high school and was an all-district guard. He played with the University of Washington freshman team. He can shoot with either hand and accuracy.

Bob Michaels is 27, five-ten and weighs 175. He was a De Pauw university guard and played varsity on the University of Colorado quintet. He's quick and alert and a master of the fast-break.

Sharty Wallace is 26, weighs 160 and stands five-ten. He played high school ball at Toledo, Wash. He is excellent at setting up plays and is reliable on long shots.

Clair Thomas, one of the young-est men on the squad, is 22. He's five-ten and weighs 160. He got his experience as a star guard for Springfield high school. One of the best defensive players on the squad, he's a tiger under the boards, but his offensive play is erratic.

When the team started looking for centers, they made sure there were no giants, except in fairy tales. The best they could do was

## Huskies Garner Victory No. 6 Over Pittsburgh

By The Associated Press

Washington's Huskies marked up victory No. 6 last night — a 74-55 conquest of Pittsburgh. In the Midwest, Washington State's Cougars got a merciless 71-48 beating by Illinois.

The two teams were the only Northern division coast conference quintets to see action. Only one is scheduled to take the floor tonight — Idaho's potent Vandals moving into enemy territory against Utah State.

Contrary to the previous night when the weaving Pittsburgh attack befuddled the Huskies throughout the first half, Washington took control of last night's encounter right from the start. Half-time score was 29-16.

Frank Guinness spearheaded the Washington attack and led both teams in scoring with 19 points, 14 in the final half.

It was the undefeated Huskies' final appearance of 1950. Whether weary from their road trip or because of the Illinois power, fell apart in the second half. They trailed only 28-22 at the intermission. Illinois, paced by Bob Peterson and Don Dunderlage, scored 43 points in the final period — nearly as much as the Cougar game total.

Peterson picked up 19 points, Sunderlage 18, to lead both teams in the scoring parade. Seymour Stuurmans topped WSC with 13.

## GRIDDER CALLED

First football player lost to the armed forces by Oregon State is Dick Brand, stellar sophomore defensively ended last fall. Brand recently enlisted in the army air corps.

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