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All-Stars Meet To Prepare For Shrine Contest

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22 (AP)—The nation's football capital moves to San Francisco today as the greatest array of talent to be assembled this season gathers in preparation for the annual east-west Shrine's charity game New Year's day.

Twenty-two stars composing the strong eastern contingent, and eight members of the west team, selected from mid-west and southern teams, are scheduled to arrive at 8:30 this morning together with their coaches, Dick Hanley and Andy Kerr of the east, and Dana X. Bible, co-coach of the western combination.

MALLORY, MOHLER HAVE COLDS LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22 (AP)—Miss the services of two of its backfield members, Tom Malloy and Orville Mohler, both of whom are suffering from colds, the Trojans have resumed training for their New Year's engagement with the Tulane football team in the Rose Bowl.

Coach Howard Jones barring all visitors from the field. Tulane is scheduled to arrive here early next week.

Ralph Greenleaf Defeats Rudolph

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22 (AP)—Ralph Greenleaf, 11 times champion of the pocket billiard world in 23 years of competition, holds an unblemished record in a championship tournament.

The New York completed his final game of the 1931 tournament last night with a 125 to 141 winning victory over the dethroned champion, Erwin Rudolph, of Cleveland.

Earth and Moon The length of the earth's axis is about 7,900 miles, while the diameter of the moon is 2,100 miles. The earth's surface is about 13 1/2 times as great as the moon's; its volume or bulk is nearly 50 times larger; and owing to its greater density, the mass or total amount of matter contained in the earth is about 81 times greater than that of the moon.

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JONES PLEASED WITH '31 ELEVEN

Coach at U. S. C. Says Team to Battle Tulane is His Masterpiece.

By Paul Zimmerman (Associated Press Sports Writer) LOS ANGELES (AP)—There is no fear in the heart of Coach Howard Harding Jones for the welfare of his University of Southern California football eleven which makes so bold as to try the stopping of Tulane's Green Wave at Pasadena, New Year's day.

Given to few words and no predictions, Troy's head man is willing to intimate that the Trojans are capable of taking care of themselves in any grid game by saying, "If Tulane wins the Rose tournament game, then it will have beaten the best football team I ever coached."

Coach Jones believes his team will accept the Tulane game as its chance to avenge in a degree the three defeats administered by southern teams, and put Pacific coast football back in the running with opponents from below the Mason and Dixon line.

"My boys have come along pretty fast, especially since the Notre Dame victory," said Coach Jones, "but of course it's pretty hard to tell just how good this Tulane team is."

"I have every reason to believe Coach Beernie Bierman's team was stronger than it showed against Washington State, which was the only game we had an opportunity to scout."

"And you'll have to discount our game with Georgia as a basis of comparison. We were on the peak for that game and besides we got a lot of breaks."

Louis Tulane backs "You can be sure of this much, we won't be too cocky to suppose Tulane can't beat us. Where a team has such fine punters and passers as Nollie Felts, Harry Glover and Don Zimmerman, it can make it tough for the best eleven in the country. It's awful hard to build a pass defense against a fellow like Zimmerman, who throws 'em on the dead run."

"Of course we'll have a lot of power to our own defense, and we hope to change the plays around a little now that Tulane's scouts have seen us work to cross them up a bit."

"I understand that Vernaou Haynes is every bit as good an end as Jerry Dalrymple, and a couple of good ends can play havoc with your offense sometimes, especially if the rest of the line holds up well."

Cardinals' Scout Finds The West Full Of 'Ivory'

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The Pacific coast, with no organized baseball league except one AA circuit, offers an excellent field for inauguration of a good minor league, in the opinion of Charley Barrett, veteran Cardinal scout who recently returned from a western "ivory hunt."

Promising material is plentiful on the California sandlots, Barrett reports, but chances for the youngsters in organized ball are few and far between. Many big league clubs neglect to scout the region because of the expense of bringing young players east.

"I picked up four youngsters in a month in California," Barrett said. "By staying out there a while longer I could have accumulated enough prospects to furnish half a dozen Class D leagues."

Just now the Cardinals have so many requests for tryouts from young players "that we can't afford to finance all the trials."

However, Barrett added, "if the young men are willing to go to one of our camps at their own expense, we will agree to reimburse them for their expenses if they show enough to warrant signing them."

Wrestlers Here For Heavyweight Matches Tonight

Cliff White, of Denver, and Count Harkovsky, former Russian, were in La Grande early today in readiness for their appearance tonight on a wrestling card at the Eagles hall at 8 o'clock.

Harkovsky is to meet Howard Cantonwine, Iowa heavy, in the main event and White will match holds with Frank McCarroll, of Boise, in a 30-minute semi-final.

Cantonwine left Portland early this morning in his automobile and was scheduled to reach La Grande this afternoon. McCarroll left Boise this morning also, and was due here about noon.

Ray McCarroll, promoter, announced that Roy Parram, would serve as announcer and as referee for the preliminaries and the semi-final.

Gerald Butcher will meet Kid Kavanaugh in a four-round boxing preliminary.

Fans are anticipating a whirlwind of a main event with both Cantonwine and Harkovsky favorites here. The former has defeated every man he has faced on a La Grande mat, and Harkovsky holds the same record, although two weeks ago was his initial match here.

At that time the count manhandled Jack Root, of Denver winning with two straight falls.

The opinion of the fans was still somewhat divided although the majority pinned their faith on the Iowan to emerge a winner tonight.

HORNBSBY HAS BRIGHT HOPES FOR THE YEAR

(Note: This is another of baseball series on the results of major league shakeups, and prospects for 1932.)

By Paul Mickelson (Associated Press Sports Writer) CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP)—Manager Rogers Hornsby harbors no baseless indications as he busily assembles his Cubs for the next National league pennant dash.

"We should be much stronger with Burchigh Grimes pitching for us and with some fine recruits coming up," Hornsby said as the Cubs completed the big deal by which they acquired the Cardinal mound ace for Hack Wilson and Pitcher Bud Tschott.

"We may not win the 1932 pennant because of the strong Cardinal opposition but we ultimately will climb to the top and may stay there for six or seven years."

With William Wrigley's bankroll attracting a large group of minor league stars, the fortunes of the Cubs for 1932 appear excellent. Grimes should give them one of the finest balanced pitching staffs of the league coupled with Pat Malone, Charlie Root, Guy Bush and Bob Smith.

Hornsby's idea of a great ball club is one of great speed on the bases and afield, and he is constructing the club along just those lines.

His most perplexing problems are third and second bases, and one position in the outfield. Lester Bell apparently is through defending the third sack because of his sore arm. The Cubs have acquired Stanley Hack, Sacramento star of the Pacific Coast league.

Shame contracts the spirits, fixes the ramblings of fancy and gathers the man to his himself.—South

U. S. C. Credited With Best Team Work of Season

(Note: This is the second of a series of four stories featuring the views of the nation's sports editors and writers on the athletic highlights of 1931. The accompanying story is in response to the Associated Press query: "What was the outstanding team achievement in sports for 1931?")

By Alan Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor) NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—By a margin equally as convincing as that gained by Pepper Martin in the individual field, Southern California's sensational football team is credited by the nation's sports experts with the outstanding individual team achievement for 1931 in any branch of sport.

That's how highly they regard the Trojan victory that ended the three-year winning streak of Notre Dame. "There has been nothing in years to compare with that four-quarter comeback and triumph of Southern California against the Irish," wrote one sports editor who voiced widespread feeling. "It was a magnificent team achievement in every respect."

Heavy Vote Southern California, in the national poll of sports editors and writers conducted by the Associated Press, received 72 votes out of a possible 131. This was exactly double the total for the St. Louis Cardinals whose feat in overthrowing the world champion Athletics was voted the outstanding accomplishment by 36 experts.

The glamor of college football, still fresh in mind, perhaps swayed the opinions of some observers. On the other hand, many pointed out that the chief factors in the Cardinal baseball victory were three exceptional individual performers—Martin, Grimes and Hallahan—whereas Southern California came through on the strength of its superb teamwork in the crisis against Notre Dame. Moreover, while the vote for the Trojans largely was based on what they did against the Irish, the fact also was pointed out that U. S. C. outdid most every football foe after dropping the first game of the season to St. Mary's.

If a clincher is needed to the argument, the majority of St. Louis experts disclosed they had no prejudice or doubt in their minds by voting for Southern California in preference for the home-town Cardinals.

The results of the Associated Press poll: Southern California football team, 72. St. Louis Cardinals, world baseball champions, 36. Philadelphia Athletics, American league champions, 6. Army football team, 5. Navy crew, Poughkeepsie champions, 3.

St. Mary's football team, victor over U. S. C., 3. Tulane, southern conference football champions, 2. Oklahoma City football team, undefeated in 14 games, 1. British Columbia cup team, victor over United States, 1. Columbia's football team (for improvement), 1. Michigan's football team (for defense), 1.

This Game of Golf

By O. B. Keeler Funny, how the thing we call luck runs in strings — and not so funny, either, when a break comes like that which retired Horton Smith from the great match play open golf tournament at San Francisco, a few hours after the tall Missourian had led a grand field under the wire in the 96-hole medal qualification test.

Horton, swinging with the smoothness that once made him the sensation of the professional world in the big winter tournaments, had led the field with cards of 68-75-143, a stroke better than par on the sodden, rain-drenched course. He looked at least as formidable as any man in the show.

And three hours later he was out of it—with a fractured bone in his right wrist, suffered in one of the oddest motor accidents in the books. Horton, riding with Joe Kirkwood returning to the Lake Merced club for a dinner engagement, put out his right arm as a signal, assisting Joe, who was backing the car into a parking space. There was a post he did not see. The arm was jammed between the post and the car. An X-ray revealed a fracture which doctors say will keep Horton out of golf for all the winter season.

Had Just Found Form Not the least bitter phase of the accident is its occurrence just when Horton seemed to have ironed out his swing and worked his game into the form that was the admiration and despair of his fellow-professionals in the brilliant winter campaigns of 1927, 1928 and 1929.

Horton at his best displayed a tiny defect or rather an idiosyncrasy in his beautiful stroke which, properly controlled, did not affect his play sufficiently to keep him away from the very top rank in tourney after tourney in those years.

Rated a short swinger, a careful examination of the stroke showed that while the club in a full shot never approached the horizontal, the hands were lifted very high at the top of the swing; and the first motion in starting the downward stroke was a further "cocking" of the wrist, so that the arc and the hand-action were as extreme, even as those of Bobby Jones, without the extraordinarily free pivot of the latter.

The Trouble But there was just the suspicion of looseness in the left wrist and elbow at impact; a sort of flexibility at variance with the almost rigid firmness

prescribed for this juncture by the orthodox. When he was going well, this never seemed to bother Smith. Perhaps he got to thinking about it; perhaps the continuous grind of competition got on his superb nerves a trifle—whatever the reason, he began strewing his big shots a bit. In 1930, he was off-line this way and that, and even his exemplary chipping and putting—his best factors—failed to hold his game to a winning level.

Always thoughtful and studious, Horton set about correcting the trouble. And it seemed he had about accomplished the correction, and was set for a great winter spin, when this accident put him on the sidelines.

An unusually tough break — and one sincerely regretted by a host of fans and by all the golfers who looked on for the shortest competition with him this season.

Sport Slants

By Alan J. Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor) So far the reports as to whether Old Man Dempsey still has the stuff for a big come-back in 1932, designed to hand the flat depression and perhaps some leading rival a knockout

blow, remain a trifle vague and confusing. One of our former slouths, Frank Wallace, who now writes sports for the New York Daily News and football books for his public, reports that Dempsey "looks good," so far as he has gone.

Mr. Wallace is conservative in his estimates, but he gives me the impression that Dempsey still can "lay 'em out" when he really lets go, though he is slowly getting back into good condition and prefers Max Schmeling to any of the other prospective opponents discussed for him in 1932.

"Schmeling," points out Mr. Wallace, "is the type Dempsey likes. The German is a willing mixer. By wading in, he would give Dempsey the chance to throw punches with a minimum of legwork."

Dissecting Opinion On the other hand, I have this ring-side view of Dempsey the barnstormer from the observing Mr. George T. McConville of our St. Paul forces: "I know you are one of the boosters of the old man and if you really like him, keep him away from the younger boys. In the ring here he was just an Old Man who knew how to take care of himself.

"Of course he was using 12-ounce gloves, but there didn't seem to be the zip on his punches he had the last time I saw him, which was against Billy Miske here years ago. His legs are his legs and they have been tot-

ing him around too many years to stand the going. "The strangest thing about him was he was down on his heels, and when he let a punch go it was just with his arms and shoulders, and none of the old leg spring back of it."

"I'd hate to see him get into the ring with some hard hitting youngster with brains enough to stay away from him for three or four rounds. There is a story going around here he has made about \$300,000 so far out of his trip. That may or may not be so, but if it is he should act on the alibi already well established that he will not be able to get back into shape for a championship fight."

Touchdown Gift To the collection of football's queerest happenings of 1931, Don McGuire of our Des Moines staff contributes this one: "I think it was the shortest return of a punt for a touchdown during the season, a five-yard run by E. Ronzani, Marquette quarterback.

"Against Drake here Thanksgiving day, Becker, Marquette end, punted, the ball being downed on Drake's five yard line. "Lindstrom, Drake quarterback, putting from behind his own goal line, got off a weak kick that went crazily to the left and fairly high. "Ronzani raced across the field and took the ball on the five yard line

directly in front of the goal posts, running unopposed to the touch-down. Marquette won 32 to 0.

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