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**GRIDIRON MAY BE DRY FOR CLASSIC**

Southern California and Tulane Greet Sunshine With Lighter Hearts.

By Paul Zimmerman  
(Associated Press Sports Writer)  
PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 29 (AP)—Prospects for a dry gridiron on New Year's day at the Rose Bowl lightened the hearts of Tulane and the University of Southern California football squads today.

Although official weather reports called for showers today, a promise of clearing skies was made for Wednesday, and there was indication that the storm had run its course.

The Rose Bowl tournament game, although below the level of surrounding grounds, is well drained and the sod is firm. With two days of sunshine the greensward probably will be firm and fast, attendance said.

Coach Howard Jones of the Trojans admits that a muddy gridiron would confine his team to its power driving offense, making a diversified attack almost impossible. He thinks perhaps it would handicap the Green Wave as well.

Bierman Non-Committal  
On the other hand, Dr. Wilbur C. Smith, Tulane athletic director, expressed the opinion that the Greenies' chances should in no wise be altered by heavy going. Coach Bernie Bierman, given to a pessimistic outlook, was non-committal. The Green Wave followers willingly point out that Duke Zimmerman, the chief forward passer, has shown a marked ability at throwing a wet ball handily in games during the past season as substantiated by Dr. Smith's contention.

Trojans Favored  
Local sentiment continues to prevail that rain or shine, the Trojans should win by a couple of touchdowns at least, regardless of the invaders' record of only one defeat in two seasons. There has been considerable comment to the effect that Tulane's style of defense with a six-man line, is made to order for the crushing Trojan power attack. No team employing such a defense has effectively stopped Southern California this season except California.

Coach Bierman has refused to comment on his plans for the game but the six-man line has been in vogue throughout the last year.

The Greenies will drill inside again today if Tournament Park field does not dry off sufficiently. Coach Jones hoped to put his proteges through an outdoor workout if possible as the Trojans did not get into action yesterday. Players of both teams are reported in good condition.

**Football Needs No Defense, Says Coaches' Leader**

By Alan Gould  
(Associated Press Sports Editor)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—College football coaches from all parts of the United States, in session to take annual stock of the gridiron sport, were greeted today by the declaration of their retiring president, John M. (Chick) Meehan, that "the game needs no defense."

Meehan's statement, voicing the views of a big proportion of his associates, was accepted as the opening shot in a move by the coaches to check unthinking attacks or over-zealous attempts to alter football rules because of the extraordinary number of deaths from gridiron accidents in 1931.

Radical Changes Opposed  
None of the coaches sought to minimize the gravity in a situation that has cost the lives of 48 youths. At the same time they were not prepared to recommend any radical changes in the rules.

Stricter enforcement of some of the existing regulations, especially with reference to use of hands, was regarded by most coaches as the vital factor.

Meehan took the leadership today in an attempt to bring several controversial subjects out into the open. In his farewell presidential address, prepared for delivery at the opening session of the American Football Coaches' association, Meehan expressed himself strongly in favor of spring training.

Would Lessen Injuries  
"Possibly one way to lessen the injuries and reduce the number of fatalities," he said, "is to be fair with the boys themselves and to allow the coach more time to teach his squad more thoroughly the fundamentals of the game. A boy should be allowed to enjoy reasonable spring practice."

"We, as coaches, realize that the education of the youth is paramount. In our respective institutions, our teams comply with both the entrance and eligibility requirements. Therefore, the responsibility of a football program rests with the institution itself."

"The game needs no defense and the game's value to the American youth will assert itself more than ever in the years to come."

Yale will furnish the coaches' association's next chief executive, Dr. Marvin A. Stevens, head coach of the Elis, headed the slate to succeed Meehan.



Jimmy Caveney, veteran infielder with the San Francisco club of the Coast League, who has been named as playing manager of the team.

**He's Seal Boss**

championship at St. Anne's, in 1926, the club designated a large and cheery room in the second floor, for the professional competitors, where they could gather and be served food and drink, the amateur contestants and club members having the ground floor and lounge.

Bobby Broke Barriers  
The funning thing about that arrangement was that Bobby Jones always went up and made himself very much at home in the professional's quarters, whereupon the club members and the visiting amateurs flocked to that room also, and a general mingling began which, I feel sure, has done much to alter relations between pros and amateurs in Britain.

I see by a magazine article written by D. Scott O'Neil, that Sandy Herd, world's records-holder with 18 for the number of holes he has done in one shot, has been elected to honorary membership in the very exclusive Huddersfield Golf club, an English institution at which Sandy was professional for 20 years.

That was 20 years ago; the veteran has not been associated with Huddersfield since.

And now he's a member. That's pretty fine, I think; and a pretty tribute to one of the distinguished veterans of professional golf, mentioned always along with the Great Trumvirate, Vardon and Taylor and Braid, of whom Sandy is a contemporary.

Progressive  
Sandy was born at St. Andrews in 1886, and recently, at the age of 63, he was able to uncock sufficient golf to progress to the last eight in the British professional championship in 1932, and thereby hangs a tale.

The Haskell rubber-core ball had just come on the market then; and, like most innovations, was viewed with suspicion in Britain, where the big boys were doing very well, thank you, with the old gutty.

Of all the field, Sandy Herd was the only player of any note who gave the new ball a try. Sandy, who was never a big hitter, led the way from start to finish, walloping Mr. Haskell's new idea 30 and 40 yards farther off the tee than his adversaries, and getting home with a drive-and-pitch at hole where they were taking two wood shots.

Next year everybody was doing it. But it was Sandy, first.

**Sport Slants**

By Alan J. Gould  
(Associated Press Sports Editor)

Sport storms may move along with the political and economic breezes in 1932 to make the year one of the most entertaining since the war.

The storm of Olympic competition, from the snows of Lake Placid in February to the balmy climate of Los Angeles in mid-summer, will whip the competitive side of athletes to a high pitch of excitement.

Despite conditions that have hit the sporting treasures all over the world, every indication points to leading nations being fully represented in the Olympic program.

They will not send squads as big as they could muster when the quadrennial meet was nearer home but the outstanding stars, from Pavo Nurmi to Jules Ladoumègue, from Mike O'Shea to Helmut Koerig, will be there to give the American hosts all they care to handle in the mammoth Olympic stadium.

The warning signs have been hung out: 1931, so far as track and field is concerned. No nation is likely to take world honors away from the United States in the 1932 Olympic team competitions, but France, Finland, Germany, England and Japan, as well as several of the Latin-American countries, have developed individual specialists capable of beating anyone.

The Tenth Olympiad, by all odds, should be the greatest athletic show ever put on, in a setting that has had no parallel in the sporting history of this or any other country.

**Football Shake-up Looms**

The upheaval in American college ranks, conspicuous as it has been ever since the famous Carnegie report, Bulletin 23, is likely to be accelerated as a result of conditions surrounding the close of the 1931 football season.

The specific signs of it already are apparent. New York university, one of the institutions subjected to criticism by the Carnegie investigators, has forced the resignation of John F. (Chick) Meehan as football coach and plans a sweeping reform of its athletic structure.

The University of Wisconsin and University of Iowa are experiencing shake-ups again. On the Pacific coast, developments of long-standing have been brought toward a climax of "house-cleaning." Southern leaders have agitated for reforms and new standards in athletics; for the control of subsidizing and recruiting.

The sharp decline in football gate receipts, aggregating a 25 per cent falling off for the past two years, has forced colleges to face situations that they were able to pass off in the boom days.

When the profits were flowing in, graduate managers had a potent weapon with which to silence opposition. Now that they have lost a good part of it, the job of overhauling the biggest business in college athletics is rapidly getting under way.

**Football NOT OVERDONE IS STUDY REPORT**

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—In answer to charges that football is over-emphasized, takes up too much time and lowers class-room efficiency, a special committee that has studied the question a full year presented a blanket denial to the Football Coaches' association today.

From a mass of figures compiled on the basis of the answers of 400 universities and 273 varsity captains to a questionnaire, Lou Little, of Columbia university, head of the committee of five, drew this conclusion:

"It is the opinion of the committee that the information obtained indicates that football is not over-emphasized. That it may be over-emphasized in some institutions we do not deny but to condemn the game because too much attention is paid to it in few institutions is manifestly unfair and unjust."

"It would be just as sensible to condemn a religious or political institution in its entirety because some officials was lax in the performance of his duty."

**East And West Teams Working Out Under Sun**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 (AP)—East and west football teams, in hopes of catching up on their practice schedule for the annual Shrine charity game here New Year's, had hard work assignment to accomplish today, as California's famed sunshine finally came out of hiding.

After practicing under difficult weather conditions ever since arriving in the city, the men were greeted by the sun yesterday and both squads went through long scrimmage practices. Turfs at Stanford and the University of California, where the workouts are being held, were almost as wet as during the actual rain, however, and the eastern squad donned tennis shoes to gain a better footing.

Coaches of both squads today hinted what backfield combinations would be depended upon for the scoring threat. Dick Hanley and Andy Kerr of the east had the running attack centered about Reb Russell, of Northwestern, and Clark Hinkle, Bucknell. Both are big, hard running ball carriers, and may alternate at the fullback and quarterback posts as in the Warner system.

Percy Lacey and Dan X. Bibbe, west coaches, liked the work of Francis "Bud" Toscani, of St. Mary's college, so well they used him in both back field combinations. One quartet included Hufford, Toscani, Mason and Davis, while the other had McCoy, Kleckner, Toscani and Johnson running together.

**Thistlethwaite Resigns Coaching Position Monday**

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 29 (AP)—Glenn Thistlethwaite, head football coach at the University of Wisconsin since 1927, followed in the football steps of Athletic Director George Little by resigning his post.

The resignation of the coach was made public after an executive meeting of the athletic council last night. The council accepted the resignation and voted to recommend their acceptance to President Glenn Frank and the board of regents. Director Little presented his resignation Dec. 24.

Although Coach Thistlethwaite had intended on several occasions an intention to resign, it was expected that the adverse criticism to which he has been subjected would result in the choosing of a new coach for next year.

The athletic council made no announcement as to the successors of Mr. Little and Coach Thistlethwaite.

**Brushing Up Sports...**

WHEN THE A'S WERE REALLY FUNNY!

Providence	AB	R	H	O	A
Hines, cf.	7	3	1	2	1
Farrell, 2b.	7	4	1	3	0
Star, 1b.	7	4	1	3	0
Radbourne, p.	7	3	4	0	4
Irvln, ss.	6	2	2	2	4
Carroll, lf.	6	2	3	2	0
Denny, 3b.	5	4	3	3	2
Cassidy, rf.	5	4	3	3	2
Gilligan, c.	3	3	3	5	0
Totals	53	28	26	27	14

PHILA. AB. R. H. O. A.  
Parcell, lf. 4 0 1 0 1  
Manning, rf. 4 0 2 0 0  
Gross, c. 4 0 0 0 0  
McClelland, ss. 4 0 0 5 3  
Coleman, cf. 4 0 2 3 1  
Ferguson, 2b. 4 0 0 4 1  
Warner, 3b. 3 0 0 1 1  
Farrar, 1b. 3 0 0 7 0  
Hagan, p. 3 0 1 1 1  
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Errors—Philadelphia 27; Hagan 11, Gross 8, McClelland 3, Warner 2, Manning 1, Coleman 1, Ferguson 1, Providence 4; Radbourne 1, Irvln 1, Carroll 1, Gilligan 1.

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Shoes of some kind were known from earliest times. There is frequent mention of them in the Old Testament. The Egyptians wore sandals and shoes of rushes, or leather, beautifully wrought.

**This Game of Golf**

By G. B. Keeler

Our British cousins are loosening up a bit, in the relations between their golf clubs and their professionals.

Our early excursionists came back with dismal tales of stiff and cold-blooded treatment of golf professionals by club members, who would play golf with them occasionally, but never thought of inviting them to luncheon after or before a round.

Indeed, it was reported cheerlessly, over there a pro wasn't allowed in any part of the clubhouse but his own shop.

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**Count or Counterfeit? Times Writer Tells of Harkovsky Getting Medal!**

Count or counterfeit? That is a question that many wrestling fans in La Grande were asked themselves and their neighbors when Count Ernak Harkovsky, of Russia, was wrestling in La Grande with Howard Cantonwine and Jack Root.

From all indications, however, the count is the real thing—at least he was a nobleman when Czar Nicholas and his predecessors ruled over the then mighty Russia.

The mid-western states worried about his qualifications earlier this year when Harkovsky appeared in several cities with 12 consecutive American triumphs to his record, finally to fall victim to Ed "Strangler" Lewis in two championship matches. And so the sports editor of the Kansas City Times devised a little test; and here is the story the Times carried after the test had been completed:

"You know the spurious nobility. It has overrun the midlands in the last 10 or 12 years, preying on credulous persons who have a weakness for the great.

"There was the phony prince, you may remember, in search of a rich family's name to forge, the imitation marquis, looking for a rich widow to desert; the Count de So-and-so, suffering the excruciating humiliation of being a ham-and-egg prize fighter. Most of them never were farther from the backwoods than the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

"Well, Gabe Kaufman, the promoter, walked in yesterday with Count Ernak Harkovsky, member of the Russian nobility, formerly a lieutenant colonel of the border guards in the Russian army, and an interview—a bit sheepishly. He had brought in so many members of the nobility and royalty in the last 10 years.

"Count Harkovsky, however, was proud and confident. He had been in newspaper offices many times. You have seen him, no doubt, on the streets—an aristocratic brute, a huge truck-driver of a man, striding along in fine, tight-fitting boots, black riding trousers, a purple silk shirt and a long blue coat trimmed in gold braid.

"The count stood at attention, heels together, head up as if a gold strap were fastened under his chin, while Mr. Kaufman made his sales talk.

"Count Harkovsky is going to raffle for me Monday night, and I figured you might want a story on Russian history. Swell guy, regular fellow!"

"Mr. Kaufman squirmed like a fibbing child. One could only sit and sneer. The nobility, in this case, might have come from the East Side of New York. A blue anchor was tattooed on his wrist, the usual stamp of Mr. Kaufman's wrestling artocracy.

"The count bowed profoundly and set down. Then he brushed up the black hairs of his mustache with a thick forefinger and scrutinized his examiner with shrewd brown eyes. He was not very convincing. Russians usually are fair. Here was a dark-haired one, a swart one with a trace of Roman in his nose.

"It must be said that the count was very glib. He had left his White Ulans in 1922 when all was lost. He escaped into China, thence to Paris, where he became a wrestler. His brother and sisters were prisoners in Russia, if they still were alive.

"Little traps were set for him, but he eluded them. Russian literature? He knew that. He was a great reader.

"Dostoevsky, Pushkin, Chekov, they've much good, but Tolstoy, he is the great writer. Gorky? Yeah, Heusen man, what you call, see?"

"Very good. It is easy to memorize Russian literary names for the newspaper offices. The phony price and the imitation marquis both had a charming accent. The count's accent wasn't very convincing. And so:

"Say, count. Let's go over to the union station and meet that distinguished gentleman and Russian scholar, Dr. M. W. Pickard, the surgeon in charge of the Terminal company's hospital. He speaks Russian. Maybe you'd like to talk to him."

"Mr. Kaufman slid down in his chair several inches. His sharp exhalation sounded like the grunt of a prize fighter at the instant of his knockout. The count was confused. He blushed.

"Well, ver' good," he said. "How long is it that he has been in this country?"

"Ah, ha. So the count was preparing his defense? Dr. Pickard had been in Kansas City more than 40 years, but the count didn't find it out. No doubt he wouldn't understand Dr. Pickard's Russian. He wanted to be able to say: 'Well, he no spit Russian ver' good. He been here too long.'

"Dr. Pickard does not look like a sentimental man. He is rather stern at first glance; the kind of a man who would clip an appendix or gibbet a fraud without changing expression.

"Oh, yes," he said. "Count Harkovsky, eh? A wrestler? Well, well."

"Then the doctor addressed the wrestler listened with a happy smile and responded. Mr. Kaufman listened with surprise. Apparently he had doubted, deep in his promoter's heart, that the count even spoke Russian.

"The doctor and the wrestler talked for 15 minutes, both with increasing excitement.

"And then, suddenly, the doctor said in English:

"Ah, yes, I knew of your father. He lived across the Black Sea from my province. Your family was admitted to the nobility in the reign of Catherine the Great."

"Yes, yes," murmured the count, his face rapt.

"I have here in my desk," continued the doctor, "the medal of Catherine the Great—the prettiest Russian medal. You know—it was given for

**Perfect Baseball Games**

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