

Rose Bowl in Limelight; Teams About Even

Among Sports Stars of 1940



Otto Skopli, husky guard of the 1940 Willamette U whoop team, who was accorded an all-Northwest conference position for the second straight year.



Ben Gifford, sturdy righthander, who was a mainstay of the 1940 Salem high pitching staff.



Les Pearmine, senior wing, who was outstanding on the 1940 Salem high football team which annexed a No Name league co-championship.



Bill Thompson, hard-hitting tackle of the Vix club which gained a spot in the first annual Oregon high school football championship playoffs.

Stanford has Offense Edge

Nebraska Line Is Deemed Stronger, Also Holds Margin in Weight

By ROBERT MYERS
PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The hopes and dreams of two finely matched football teams are thousands upon thousands of loyal followers mounted with each tick of the clock tonight as the hour drew near for the clash between the University of Nebraska and Stanford university in the 24th consecutive post season classic in the Rose Bowl.

The scene was set for the game. Fair weather was promised. The big stadium, its emerald green turf a little soggy from recent rains, was ready to receive its annual full house—something like 90,000 persons, who will fill every crook and cranny in the place.

Nebraska's determined Cornhuskers want to win this game more than any other. The university is winding up a year-long celebration of 50 years of football. This contest, Nebraska's fulfillment of a long coveted invitation, is the crowning touch.

Stanford, the Cinderella team of the west, undefeated champion of the Pacific Coast conference and still favored to triumph, goes into a golden anniversary celebration when the New Year bells toll at midnight tonight.

Loss to Minnesota
The Husker 1940 record bears one smirch. They fell before mighty Minnesota, but went on to defeat Indians, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa, Pittsburgh, Iowa State and Kansas State and capture their ninth Big Six conference title in 13 years of play.

Stanford, with Coach Clark Shaughnessy taking over the reins for the first time after a disastrous 1939 campaign, rose from rags to riches and bowled over San Francisco university, Oregon, Santa Clara, Washington State, Southern California, Washington, UCLA, Oregon State and California.

The Indians from Palo Alto ran up 175 points, their opponents 73. Nebraska hit the scoreboard for 170 points and held the enemy to 54.

T-Formation Tough
Stanford's backfield, guided by All-America Quarterback Frankie Albert, boasts speed and a dangerous passing attack based on Shaughnessy's now famed T-formation style of play. It is generally rated an edge over the Husker backs—which might be erroneous.

Nebraska may have the better line. Warren Alfson, right guard, was All-America, but several others alongside him pressed hard for equal recognition. As a team, the Huskers hold a slight advantage in weight and with eight seniors and three juniors on the starting eleven, as compared to Stanford's three seniors, four juniors and four sophomore linemen, packs a more experienced club.

The Indians, taking their colors into the Rose Bowl for the seventh time, were quoted as 11-5 favorites by the wagering faction. The game starts at 2:15 o'clock (Pacific Standard Time).

There was no New Year's eve celebration for either squad. That will come tomorrow night.

Northwest Titles Won by Salem Y

Junior Mermen, Wrestlers Shine; 985 Take Part in Sport Program

An average year in sports was that of the Salem YMCA during 1940, according to Fred Smith, who started the year as physical director, and Carlton Greider, who began in September when Smith was made boys' work secretary.

Operating on the principle that not everyone can be a star but might like to improve his skill in athletics, 43 classes were conducted by the Y, with 985 persons regularly participating. These included 350 boys, 200 young men, 160 men, 175 women and 100 girls.

Championships among northwest Ys were won by two teams, junior swimmers and wrestlers, who tied for first. The junior basketball team was second.

Other than these teams a large number of inter-city matches were played by Y squads in handball and badminton. The badminton club sponsored entry into the northwest tournament. Volleyball, boxing, fencing and weight lifting were joined in by many.

Y sponsored basketball tournaments provided excitement early in the year. General Piusine team won the City major league, and Dunsmoor Painters the minor crown. In the church loops, the First Baptists and two Presbyterian squads won the "A," "B" and "C" divisions.

Camp Director Fred Smith reported 783, both boys and girls, were at the Y's Camp Silver Creek for a week of recreation.

Cunningham Has First Leg Injury

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Glenn Cunningham, the old master of distance running, hobbled about with a torn ligament in his right leg today for the first time in 15 years of track competition.

Cunningham injured the leg while working out at Kansas university while on a holiday visit. He now is connected with Cornell college at Mt. Vernon, Ia.

Sports

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, January 1, 1941

Even Dozen Selected Football Teams Cavort in Bowl and All-Star Games; 340,000 Fans to see Grid Classics

(By The Associated Press)
Ten hand-picked college football teams and a carefully selected squad of players from other schools will draw close to 340,000 fans through the turnstiles tomorrow for the six Bowl games and the annual East-West contest stretching from Florida to Hawaii.

Some 90,000 are expected to pack the Rose Bowl at Pasadena to see Stanford's undefeated 12-0 team, the "miracle" team of the Pacific coast conference, engage once-beaten Nebraska Cornhuskers. The Huskers season 4-6-1 while Clark Shaughnessy, coaching the Indians for the first time, led Stanford out of the conference cellar into the coveted bowl bid.

The second largest crowd of the day, 73,000, will jam the Sugar Bowl for the only bowl game involving two unbeaten eleven-Tennessee and Boston college. A year ago Tennessee invaded the Rose Bowl and lost to Southern California.

Fordham's Rams, making their first bowl appearance of any kind after losing only to St. Mary's, and the powerful Texas Aggies, Barbara back only by Texas in their final game of the regular season, expect to attract a capacity crowd of 45,500 to the Cotton Bowl at Dallas.

Georgetown, licked only by Boston college, and when by just one point, and unbeaten but once-tied Mississippi State tangle in the Orange Bowl at Miami with 32,000 spectators expected. Temple Teachers represent the Border conference in the Sun Bowl at El Paso for the second straight year with Western Reserve offering the opposition while in Hawaii the University of Hawaii and Fresno State meet in the Pineapple Bowl. The Sun Bowl expects a crowd of 15,000 and the Pineapple Bowl, 22,000.

While having no definite college connection the annual Shrine game at San Francisco, bringing together eastern and western stars, will draw one of the day's biggest crowds. Showers are predicted but the game is expected to attract 62,000.

January
Stanford, Tennessee, Texas Aggies, Georgetown and Arizona State will bowl games (Oh Yeah?). Lou Nova stops Pat Comiskey. Brooklyn fan tries to reserve world series ticket.

February
Billy Conn announces he has gained three pounds. Tackles set-up exercises and losses them. John Munkal sensation of indoor track season. Byron Nelson burning up winter golf circuit.

March
Bartlesville Oilers win AAU basketball title. Sixteen first division major league clubs start training. Brooklyn fan insists his world series ticket must be behind third base.

April
Byron Nelson wins masters golf tournament. Dodgers and Indians off in front in major league races. Phillies can't be located.

May
Phillies found at Miami beach. Didn't know season had started. Bold Irishman wins Kentucky derby by and Preankness. Wilbur Shaw wins 500-mile Indianapolis race. Brooklyn fan wins promise of world series ticket. Yanks edge to front in American league. Dodgers still tops in National.

June
Conn confounds fans by out-punching Joe Louis. Gene Sarazen wins national open, California the Poughkeepsie regatta, and USC the NCAA track championship.

July
Henry Pickard wins PGA golf title. Yanks four games in front in American league. Reds edge in ahead of Dodgers in National. Dodger fan offers to sell world series promise at discount.

August
Bobby Riggs and Helen Jacobs win national tennis singles titles. Reds, Dodgers, Cardinals and Pirates in National league first division. Yanks, Indians, Red Sox and Tigers in that order in American.

September
Bud Ward wins national amateur golf title. Yanks win American league pennant by seven games. Reds win National by five games. Dodger fan wants his money back, charging false pretenses.

October
Reds win world series, four games to two. Football coaches start waiting. Texas, Mississippi State, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Northwestern, Washington State look good.

November
Northwestern, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Mississippi undefeated and untied. Sixteen coaches checking timetables.

December
Bears retain pro football title. Bowl committees all claim, they got pick of teams. Brooklyn fan asks, please sir, can I reserve world series ticket for 1942. Which brings us right up to another new year in which we hope will be as happy for all as 1941.

Pearson Sold to Cincinnati Reds
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The rebuilding plans of the New York Yankees brought about the sale of Pitcher Monte Pearson to the Cincinnati Reds Monday for cash and a rookie ball player.

The amount was not announced, but was estimated at \$20,000. In addition the world champion Don Lang, who played for Indianapolis last season and who is expected to perform for one of the Yankee farms in 1942, was sold.

Pearson was the third member of the Yankees' four times world championship combination to leave the club since the close of the 1940 campaign.

College Sport Purges Hinted

Athletic Associations Are in Doghouse; Teeth in NCAA Constitution

By SID FIDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Although everyone tried to keep it a secret for some reason or other, the heads of college athletics in this country whipped out the "big stick" today and took several steps apparently designed to clean up the collegiate sports picture, particularly football.

They waited until this final day of the three-day convention of the National Collegiate Athletic association and the American Football Coaches association to start cleaning the firework but when they finally did, the impression was created that a shakeup of considerable proportion was promised, despite the efforts of all concerned to knock down the implication.

While talk, but no action, still went the rounds concerning various coaching vacancies, there were new indications that Paul Brown of Massillon (Ohio) high school was definitely slated for Ohio State and Tass McLaughry of Brown was on the way to Dartmouth.

Asks Closer Link

Dean Christian Gauss, chairman of Princeton university's council on athletics, in a startling speech on college football, declared that in many places "the teams have no more relation to the college than the Cincinnati Reds have to the school system of Cincinnati."

Speaking to athletic directors and faculty representatives, he urged the abolishment of the old athletic associations in the interest of "progress," on the theory that they "no longer perform any useful function," and he suggested that athletics in every college become a department in that college, solely under the control of the institution itself.

He brought grins when he said "We all know that every first-rate scholastic athlete today gets invitations to at least six or seven colleges, with 'no questions asked' and all expenses paid."

The NCAA amended that section of its constitution dealing with termination of memberships, and adopted a rule by which not only a school could be booted out of the organization for failure to maintain "acceptable" athletic standards, but also that the entire conference to which such a school belongs would be liable to expulsion.

Crisler President

Finishing up the business portions of their meetings, the football coaches advanced H. O. "Fritz" Crisler, Michigan's pilot, to the presidency of their organization, and the NCAA elected Prof. Phillip Badger, of New York university its president. De-

Discord in East's Squad Is Rumored

Big-Name Team now Rated Little More Than Even to win Over West

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A listless eastern squad, including some of the most famous names in 1940 football, was a slight favorite today to win the 16th East-West football game in Kears stadium tomorrow before a capacity crowd of 42,000.

Oddly on the brilliant eastern aggregation dwindled from 2 1/2 to 1 a week ago to 10 to 8 as rumors of dimension followed unimpressive workouts in the eastern camp.

In contrast the western squad had worked out hard and harmoniously. The westerners were not so famous nor so fast, but they were just as tough and bruising, and a little bit bigger.

It was the names of the brilliant array of talent from the east, including Michigan's Tom Harmon and Forest Evashevski, and Penn's Frank Teschman that sold out every seat in Kears stadium more than 10 days ago. If headline names alone would win the game, the East would be a cinch.

But the West was no pushover. It, too, was made up of stars. They appeared to be in better condition than the easterners, in better spirit, and they averaged out on a tonnage basis at 232 pounds per man to 198 for the East.

The Charity game will be a battle of bruisers that the crippled children in Shrine hospital have may walk again, with Coaches Babe Hollingbery and Matty Bell pitting the weight and will of the west against the array of speed and name to confound with lined up by Coaches Andy Kerr and Bernie Bierman.

Beeler Boys and Mudcats Champs
Vacation Leagues Wind up; Lang and Prince top Circuit Scorers

FINAL STANDINGS
Senior League
Beeler Boys 4 0 1.000
Boomers 2 2 .500
Pioneers 1 2 .333
Swishers 0 3 .000

Junior League
Mudcats 2 0 1.000
Webfoot 2 1 .667
All-Stars 1 2 .333
Yanks 0 4 .000

Leading scorers—Lang 56, Sheldon 32, Whittemore, Nelson 20, and Hough 25.

The Beeler boys and the Mudcats ended an undefeated, four game series at the YMCA yesterday afternoon as each was crowned champion of its respective loop.

Scores:
Beeler (41)—Lang 12, Palmer 4, Hough 15, Brown 2, Whittemore 11, Boomers (31)—Nelson 8, Sheldon 10, Hultenburgh 3, Dietrick, Adams 8, Close 4.

Mudcats (47)—M. Maud 6, Farnam 8, Prince 22, B. Maud 4, Pulp 8, All-Stars (13)—Satter 2, Ullman 2, Kretz 3, Jacobson, Kephart 4.

Monday's games:
Pioneers (22)—Morgan 6, Gemmell, Wenger 5, Chapman 2, Farnlow 5, Cross 2, Boomers (23)—Sheldon 7, Neimeyer 9, Close 4, Adams, Simmons, Nelson 6, Upjohn 1.

Swishers (2)—Merk, Hancock 8, Page 8, Smith 4, Zeller 2. Beeler (48)—Lang 15, Lowe 6, Hough 8, Whittemore 14, Mack 3, McCallister 2.

Yanks (12)—Clay 2, Campbell 2, Adams, Blumstein 2, Evans 6. All-Stars (22)—Satter 7, Ullman 13, Kretz 1, Jacobson 2, Kephart 1, Webfoot (8)—Pickett, England 1, Blumstein, Malm 2, Bales 5.

Mudcats (23)—Farnam 2, M. Maud 6, Prince 8, Pulp 7, B. Maud.

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