

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Oregon State is the most beaten pre-game football team in the history of the sport. . . For 10 days, now, every football writer east of the Rockies has had Duke administering gargantuan beatings to our Staters. . . A cartoonist would probably picture the pre-game dope thusly: Eleven satanic Blue Devils, replete with horns growing from their skulls, mammoth forks in their hands, fire shooting from their eyes and tails waving behind their chairs—all sitting around a banquet table on which rested a well-cooked Beaver on an immense platter, marked off like a gridiron. . . Those Devils would be gorging themselves on Beaver meat, cooked with the fur on, and washing it down with great draughts of Beaver blood. . . It'd be a gory sight, if portrayed as the eastern football writers have written.



CHOC SHELTON

Why, to read the reams of stuff coming from back there you'd think our Orangemen from county Benson, city Corvallis didn't have the chance of a rifleman in front of a tank. . . You'd think Stiner & Co. were lambs who'd become crazy enough from eating Oregon loco weed that they were actually invading a wolves' den. . . You'd think the only football the Beavers ever saw was in the movies. . . You couldn't, by any stretch of the imagination, believe they were champions of the Pacific Coast conference—one of the toughest football leagues in the world.

And, on the other hand, you'd think this Duke team is in possession of some sort of secret weapon, the likes of which the football world has never before seen. . . Some kind of ray, perhaps, which would enable the Dukes to stop the Beavers in their tracks when the Beavers have the ball (if, indeed, they ever get hold of it), and would allow the Dukes, when they have the ball (which, it seems, will be 99 and 99/100 per cent of the time), to run through the Beavers like we are the Japs one of these days.

You'd think all this, wouldn't you?

Oregon State Very Much Underrated Team

Oregon State, I think, is the most underrated team since Washington and his hatchet. . . True, the Beavers lost two games, but I'd venture a guess that Duke would have lost at least a pair, too, if the Devils had been playing in this Coast conference this season. . . Actually, I think, a number of those teams Duke ran over this season—like Wake Forest, Maryland, Davidson and North Carolina State—don't even compare to such teams out here as Idaho and Montana, a couple of outfits Oregon State ran over with the greatest of ease.

That Beaver team which meets Duke Thursday is just the best tackling and blocking team in the west, that's all, and it doesn't depend on single weapons. . . It has balance, the best balance of any team on the coast this season, and it can't be stopped by knocking out a key man or two.

While emphasis has been placed on the left-handed Don Durdan and the right-handed Bob Dethman as the manufacturers of the Beavers' offensive, is this entirely true? . . . These half-backs, going each way, as they do, with the threat of a run or pass off every play, are mighty good, all right, but the Beavers have much more than that. . . Many times this season, for instance, I've seen the opposition concentrating on stopping Durdan and Dethman, only to have Choc Shelton or Joe Day come racing up the middle for plenty of yardage.

The Beavers have plenty of speed at the flanks and in the backfield, they've got passing galore and creditable punting, and, after all, they're the best tackling and blocking outfit in the west. . . To beat them, the Blue Devils will have to out-block and out-tackle them—something only one team, Washington State, was able to do out here this season.

If Oregon State plays the game it did against Stanford or Ucla, especially, it'll whip Duke. . . If the Beavers play no better than their worst day out here, which was against Washington State, they still won't get tromped on. . . They've never yet been demoralized, and I don't think they will be January 1.

Played 'Game' Both Off and On Gridiron

Did Spec Keene have anything to say about the Bearcats' game with the University of Hawaii-December 6? . . . Well, frankly, your correspondent had almost forgotten the Bearcats went to Hawaii to play a football game, what with all the interest centered in that sneak play by the Japs. . . Probably wouldn't have mentioned the game at all, but a bystander spoke up, asking: "How about the game, Spec?"

Keene said: "The boys played good ball for the condition they were in. They drove deep into Hawaiian territory four times in the first half, in addition to their one scoring sally, and would have scored two or three more times if their passing attack had been clicking. . . Spec, deeply tanned from contact with the famous Hawaiian sun, said the Bearcats, weakened by seasickness on the voyage over, folded somewhat in the second half.

The Willamette chief, and Mrs. Keene, were prouder over the manner in which the Bearcat boys conducted themselves after the bombing than if they'd won the football game. . . The 'Cat kids carried out the assignments given them, both on the island and during the voyage home, in the same meticulous manner they were taught to do on the football field, according to not only Mr. and Mrs. Keene, but also other members of the Hawaii party.

Halfback Gene Stewart returned to learn he had been caught in the professional football draft, with the Philadelphia Eagles, while Quarterback Jim Burgess expects to be called into the army before long. . . The new draft law will probably catch many others of the Bearcat band, for the squad is generously sprinkled with 20 and 21-year-olds. . . All of them have already had a taste of what it is to pack an army rifle, for all carried them while on guard duty in Honolulu. . . Center Al Barrett even had occasion to fire his "piece," as they say in the army, but it was just a shot in the dark.

Alabama, Texas Aggies Rated Even Bet in Cotton Bowl Mix

DALLAS, Dec. 27-(AP)—Alabama's Crimson Tide will roll into town Monday to find itself an even bet against Texas A & M in the sixth annual Cotton Bowl football game.

At least that's the way money talks in Dallas. It's one and one half points and take your choice.

Which means the Tide and the Aggies are considered more evenly matched than any teams ever to appear before in the classic.

The ticket sale is booming. Only about 6000 remain to be sold to fill the bowl to its 45,507 capacity.

Alabama's squad of 41 players, five coaches and two trainers will arrive at 1:30 p. m. and after the usual parade through the downtown district and welcoming remarks from Mayor Woodall Rodgers, the Crimson will tie itself to the Dallas high school stadium for a workout.

From 1200 to 1500 fans are expected to follow the team, making its sixth bowl appearance in 17 years. The other five were in the Rose Bowl.

The Aggies arrive Tuesday

Atherton, Locey Scrap Over Ref

Crain Canters As South Tops North 16 to 0

By ROMNEY WHEELER
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 27-(AP)—Razzle-dazzle football paid off at 16-0 Saturday as a daring team of southerners whipped the heavier northern All-Stars in the fourth annual Blue-Gray game before 15,571 spectators.

Jackrabbit Jack Crain of Texas, ailing all week with a heavy cold, left illness in his locker and ran, passed and kicked the Yankees into fits. Little Junie Hovious of Mississippi and Boss Pritchard of Virginia Military added an embroidery of swift thrills.

Held in the first quarter, the favored southerners grabbed an accident-insurance lead in the second when North Carolina's Harry Dunkle booted a field goal from the Yankee 12.

It took just seven minutes and 12 plays in the third period for the South to punch across its first touchdown. Crain, running the Yankee flanks like a scared rabbit, worked the ball from the North 35 to the 19 after a partly blocked punt left the Yankees in a hole.

Twice Crain tried passes, and twice they failed. Then Hovious came in, whipped a seven-yarder to Preston Johnston of Southern Methodist, bucked six over right tackle and then passed again to Johnston for the touchdown. Johnston's placekick went wide.

The Confederates hammered home the final touchdown in the fourth period after George Fritts of Clemson, southern guard, recovered Andy Tomasic's fumble on the North 37.

Hovious and Crain took the ball to the Yankee 18 in four plays, and then Crain flipped a 14-yarder to the little Mississippian who took it over his right shoulder and stepped four yards over the goal line. Crain's placekick was good.

The razzle-dazzle promised by Matty Bell of Southern Methodist and his coaching colleagues, Frank Howard of Clemson and Red Dawson of Tulane, produced 25 passes by the southerners. They completed five out of 13 in the first half, and 7 out of 12 in the second.

The North tried only one pass in the first half, gaining 9 yards. Later the Yankees opened up and pitched 10, completing four for 45 yards.

Standouts in line play for the southerners were Fritts and Harold Kungmichael of Texas, while Vance Banonis of Detroit and Al Demao of Duquesne starred in the North forward wall.

Tomasic of Temple, Jim Carrier of Wesleyan (Conn) college and Jackie Hunt of Marshall toted the offensive load for the Yanks.

The victory for the southerners evened the four-year series at two wins each for North and South.

The Yankees were coached by Lynn Waldorf, Bert Ingerson of Northwestern and Carl Snavely of Cornell.

NORTH (6)
Friedland, Mich. St., left end. Moelling, Penna., left tackle. Wolff, Cornell, left guard. Banonis, Detroit, center. Zerich, Northwestern, right guard. Cohen, Penna., right tackle. Squires, Duquesne, right end. Halliburton, Ohio State, quarterback. Tomasic, Temple, left half. Chambers, Northwestern, right half. Carrier, Wesleyan, fullback.

SOUTH (16)
Flanagan, Texas, left end. Fritts, Clemson, left tackle. Kungmichael, Texas, left guard. Guide, Yandy, center. Tittle, Tulane, right guard. Dufour, Tulane, right tackle. Goss, SMU, right end. Cheatham, Auburn, quarterback. Hovious, Mississippi, left half. Johnston, SMU, right half. Thibeauteau, Tulane, fullback.

South scoring: Touchdowns—Johnston, Hovious; point after touchdown—Crain (for Johnston); (placement); field goal—Dunkle (for Cheatham); (placement).

Skiing Better Over Oregon's Winter Areas

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27-(AP)—The weather bureau announced skiing conditions at winter sports areas Saturday.

Timberline lodge—Two-way traffic, chains mandatory. Sixty inches of snow with two inches powdery over granular surface. Chair lift and tow lift operating. Toiletage—Chains not needed. Thirty inches of snow with ten inches unbreakable common crust. Two lifts operating.

Santiam Pass—Thirty-one inches of snow with three inches fluffy. Ski lift operating.

Spirit Lake—Road open to ranger station. Fifteen inches snow with three inches powdery over common crust. Snow stable. Skiing good.

much because of passes against them. That was once Derace Moser, the Southwest conference's top pitcher, was rushed so much he couldn't connect.

Sords' Review of the Year



Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, December 28, 1941 6

Beavers Best 'Bonnies' In 1st Eastern Contest

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 27-(AP)—The Oregon State basketball team opened an eastern invasion here by defeating St. Bonaventure, of Allegheny, 38-33, before 5250 spectators Saturday night.

The Beavers ran up a 16-6 advantage midway through the first half on spectacular one-handed shooting by George McNutt and Paul Valenti, but the Bonnies rallied to trail by 21-15 at halftime. The Pacific coast team pulled away again in the second half, with Frank Zabowski leading another Bonnie drive in the closing minutes.

Zabowski and McNutt shared scoring honors with 11 points each. It was the first defeat for St. Bonaventure.

OREGON STATE G F P T P
Mulder, f. 2 4 2 8
Dement, f. 2 0 3 4
McNutt, f. 5 1 0 11
Mandic, c. 2 1 3 5
Valenti, g. 3 0 0 6
Beck, f. 1 2 0 4
Hall, g. 0 0 0 3
Totals 15 8 11 38
ST. BONAVENTURE G F P T P
Denio, f. 2 0 3 4
Rokoski, f. 2 1 0 5
McCarthy, f. 1 0 0 2
Binnitt, f. 0 2 2 2
Tyndall, c. 2 2 2 6
McDonald, c. 0 0 0 0
Comerford, g. 1 1 1 3
Zabowski, g. 5 1 1 11
Quinn, f. 0 0 0 0
Totals 13 7 12 33

Half-time score: Oregon State, 21; St. Bonaventure, 15.
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season tilt—with Eastern Washington here January 2—before it opens the Coast conference slate January 9 against Oregon.

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Donovan Won't Be Around for Louis, Baer Battle This Time; Buddy Won't Be Scared

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK, Dec. 27—(Special to The Statesman)—Two things that may be said with a fair degree of certainty about the approaching title fight here between Joe Louis and Buddy Baer are that Arthur Donovan, the world's most famous referee, will not be the third man in the ring, and that this particular member of the Baer family will not be scared of Louis.

Donovan won the undying enmity of Ancil Hoffman, Baer's pugny manager, in the wild mix-up that climaxed Buddy's bout with the negro champion last May 28 in Washington, D.C. Donovan disqualified a battered and groggy Baer for refusing to come out for the seventh round, whereas Hoffman thought it should have been the other way around—Louis disqualified and a Buddy proclaimed the titleholder. Remember?

Baer had been smashed down twice by terrific rights to the jaw. The second time the tall Californian barely got to his feet, weaving like a willow in the wind, as Donovan tolled "10." Louis launched himself at his helpless antagonist, and another right whistled toward Baer's jaw.

Undoubtedly the bell ending the sixth round rang before the blow struck, but even if he had heard it Louis could not have recalled the punch.

Buddy crumpled again, this time obviously through for the night.
Buddy's handlers managed to hoist his 237½ pounds and drag him back to his stool, and then they charged on Referee Donovan, demanding Louis' disqualification for having bopped their man after the bell. Donovan granted a positive no, and told them to get to work on Buddy. They only yelled the louder. When

Three in Tie For Lead in Golf Tourney

BEAUMONT, Tex., Dec. 27-(AP)—Paul Runyon of White Plains, N.Y., a pre-tournament favorite, and two dark horses, Chick Harbert of Battle Creek, Mich., and Jim Turnesa of Elmford, N.Y., whipped par by three strokes on the tree-studded country club course Saturday to take the 36-hole lead in the \$5000 Beaumont golf open.

Each added a 68 to his opening round of 70 yesterday to go into Sunday's final 36 holes with low 138's.

The field of 223, largest in the history of the Professional Golfers' association, was narrowed Saturday to the 53 low professionals and 13 low amateurs.

One stroke behind the leading threesome is Herman Keiser of Akron, Ohio, who was even par 71 today after taking a 69 in his initial effort.

Knotted at 140 are five prominent performers, including E. J. "Dutch" Harrison of Little Rock, Friday's leader with 67, who slipped to a 73. Bracketed with Harrison are Ray Hill of Mamaronock, N.Y., Byron Nelson of Toledo, Tony Penna of Dayton, and Lloyd Mangrum of Monterey, Calif.

Nelson unreeled his best golf, firing a blazing four-under-par 31 on the back nine after going out in 38.

Standing alone at 141 was Henry Picard of Oklahoma City, who had a 70 his second round.

Two Texans, Jimmie Gaunt of Longview, and Jack Burke, sr., of Houston, comprise the 142 bracket, Gaunt taking a 72 and Burke a 70 today.

Favored Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., who discovered the toughness of the wooded layout Friday by taking a 33-42-75, was two under par his second trial for a 36-hole aggregate of 144.

Bobby Riegel of Houston, semifinalist in the national amateur tournament this year, was low amateur at the half-way mark with a 145. He had a one-under-par 70 today.

Rams Bow to East In Practice Game

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss., Dec. 27-(AP)—Coach Jim Crowley of Fordham smiled broadly Saturday although his Rams were taking it on the nose 13 to 6 from the eastern All-Stars in a long hard practice scrimmage in raw, gloomy weather.

This and Friday's extended drill with the easterners helped put his team into good condition for the Sugar Bowl meeting next Thursday with Missouri, erasing the overweight he detected on arrival earlier in the week.

Rangers Win, 4-2

MONTREAL, Dec. 27-(AP)—New York came through with two goals in the third period Saturday night to send Montreal down to its fourth straight defeat, 4-2. The victory consolidated the Rangers' hold on third place in the national hockey league standing while the Canadians remain in the cellar.

PC Conference Czar Says OSC Is 'Uppity'

Fitzpatrick Refuses 'Come Ahead' Wire by Bevos' Graduate Manager

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27-(AP)—Edwin Atherton, Pacific Coast conference commissioner, deeply stung over the attitude of Percy Locey, Oregon State athletic director, in the assignment of Tom Fitzpatrick as referee of the Oregon State-Duke football game at Durham, N.C., January 1, plans to carry the matter to the next meeting of the conference.

Atherton, before boarding a train for Detroit for the NCAA meeting, said he does not blame Fitzpatrick for refusing Locey's "come ahead" wire following the Oregon State official's protest on the grounds that he (Locey) was not consulted on the referee's selection.

"I don't know what we shall do for a referee," Atherton asserted. "I can't blame Fitzpatrick if he's persona non grata. Locey isn't running this conference yet. He and Oregon State seem to be getting a little unreasonable since landing the Rose Bowl game.

"I probably will take the entire matter to the conference at its next meeting. Either I am the commissioner or I'm not, but I'm going to ask a showdown."

Fitzpatrick, center of the newest coast grid storm, canceled his transportation tickets and unpacked his traveling bags, despite Locey's beckoning telegram to "come on and referee the game. I'll explain everything when you arrive."



PERCY LOCEY



EDWIN ATHERTON

Trick Plays May Get Call In Rose Bowl

By FRANK B. GILBRETH
DURHAM, N.C., Dec. 27-(AP)—Because the Rose Bowl coaches gave their scouts honor that they wouldn't scout each other, the emphasis may be on trick plays when Duke and Oregon State meet here on New Year's day.

At least that's the theory of big Lon Stiner of Oregon State, a fellow who would like to see scouting abolished for all games.

"The way it is on the west coast," said Stiner, "we scout teams so thoroughly that a coach usually knows everything there is to know about his opponents."

"Why, some of the coaches out there even can tell you which one of my backs has dandruff. No kidding."

"In my opinion, this scouting business is bad because it means that there are fewer Sunday plays. A Sunday play, you know, is one of those tricky jobs designed to catch the opposition flat-footed."

"Well, with all the scouting that's going on, a Sunday play can be used just one time in some one game. After that, it's about as obsolete as the flying wedge."

"But if there weren't any scouting, you could use that play five or six times during the season. Consequently, there would be more emphasis on the trick play and football would be more interesting to watch."

Beaver Students Make Souvenirs Of Bowl Tickets

CORVALLIS, Dec. 27-(AP)—Oregon State college students who bought Pasadena Rose Bowl tickets at the special \$1.65 rate are holding onto them as souvenirs, rather than exchanging them for cash.

Whether a general sale of the returned ducats to raise money for the Red Cross and other war purposes will be held, is to be decided by a conference between OSC and Pasadena officials. Percy Locey has telegraphed from Duke university.

The souvenir sale proposal was first made by Lee Childberg, Portland, in a letter to Gov. Charles A. Sprague.

Oklahoma, Texas Take Hoop Wins

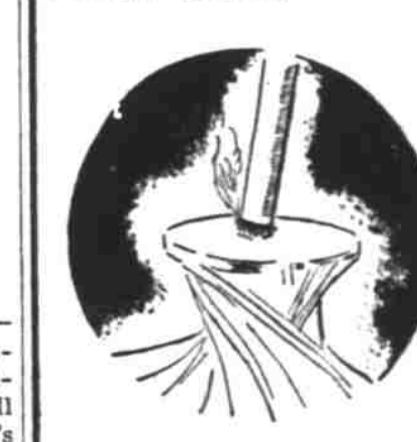
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 27-(AP)—The Cowboy cagers of Oklahoma A & M, three-time champions of the all-college basketball tournament, throttled Baylor's high-scoring Bears 40 to 29 Saturday night to go into the semifinals.

Texas university's Longhorns stamped into the semifinals by overpowering the Red Raiders of Texas Tech, 55 to 45.

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