

Svarverud Paces 24 to 20 Vik Hoop Win Over Silver Foxes

Brownmen Rack Up Second Straight as Diminutive Forward Pockets 14 to Down Duration Leaguers

Paced by diminutive forward Martin Svarverud, who canned 14 points and turned in as nice a floor game as you'd want to see, Salem high's Viks made it two wins in a row Wednesday night at the Villa with a 24-20 job over the Silverton Silver Foxes of the Duration league.

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

First-hand information from Pvt. Bill Van Natta, who once rode herd on the Statesman news desk and dropped in on his way through while on furlough, says that Sgt. Lee Fallin is doing a right good job as specialist instructor in the Camp Roberts pre-officers training school, and unlike most sergeants, who are always advertised as bewhiskered and bull-like behemoths who spit fire and fury, Fallin is extremely well-liked by the men in his platoon.



LEO GROSJACQUES

Van Natta himself hasn't found army life so tough—he told of having dinner with California's Governor-elect Earl Warren and Movie Actor Leo Carillo whom he knew while sports editing in Los Angeles a few years back. Also in Fallin's platoon are Villagers Fred Bernau and Very Taylor . . . Warren Ling, speedy Viking hoopster of two seasons back, is now in the marine quartermaster corps and at Uncle Sam's leathernecks have the situation well in hand—Guadalcanal . . . He was grounded out as a pilot, but 1st Lt. Paul McGinnis, the ex-Spokane, Vancouver and Seattle feather-footed infilder is doing right well in the air force anyway. He's in charge of armaments at the Rice, Calif., base reports Staff Sgt. Ed Hlavac . . .

Round Table's Award Coming

SPOKANE, Dec. 23—(AP)—Some unsuspecting person who builded better than he knew in the world of sports this year will look down at his first ere long and find it clutching a \$500 war bond.

The Spokane athletic round table—which engineered "bundles for congress" and is known from the rock bound C of M to the sunny shores of C of M to the sea-rewey bunch which holds its Christmas party in July—will give the bond to the person who made the greatest contribution to the American sports scene in 1942.

This has been going on for three years. The award has received little publicity, possibly because the round table is less spectacular in its serious moments. In other years it gave a wrist watch, valued at \$500 and engraved with the recipient's name.

Last year Marvin "Bud" Ward, then the round table's secretary, got the award because of his inspired play in winning the national amateur golf crown before a hostile gallery at Omaha, Neb.

The round table doesn't do the picking. A board of sports writers representing newspapers throughout the nation selects the winner. The winner will be announced some time before the end of the year, said the round table's committee in charge.

Cagle's Death Said Accident

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—(AP)—Christian Keener "Red" Cagle, 1928-29 army All-American football star, apparently died as a result of an accidental fall on a subway staircase but investigation is being continued, police said Wednesday night.

Cagle died early Wednesday. Death was due to a fracture of the skull and hemorrhage of the brain, an autopsy showed.

A police report, made under the direction of Detective Lieutenant Patrick Cotter, disclosed that Cagle entered a lower Manhattan subway station about 3 p. m. Saturday. He fell when about three-fourths of the way down the stairs.

A woman and two men placed him on a station seat, then took him by subway to Long Island. They stopped at a tavern to apply ice packs and then removed him to his apartment house about 11 o'clock.

They left him in the foyer and about three hours later he staggered into his first-floor apartment. His wife treated him and on Sunday morning he was taken to the hospital.

Vik Club Presents \$50 War Bond

Salem high school's letterman's club Wednesday forwarded a \$50 war bond to the daughter of Lt. (jg) Vernon Gilmore, former Salem high school athletic director and advisor for the S club.

Gilmore was commissioned in the navy last summer and is on leave of absence from his post at the high school.

Sports

AL LIGHTNER
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Pickin' Up A Few Pointers



SGT. JOE LOUIS demonstrates some of his pet punches to boxing rookies at the cavalry replacement training center, Fort Riley, Kas., where he is conducting classes. Getting a glove lesson are Privts. Joe Lobosco, Corona, N.Y., and James Wilson, Douglaston, N.Y.

Attendance Drop First In 'War Effect' Poll

By JUDSON BAILEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—(AP)—Of the widespread effects war has produced on sports, the decline in attendance was the most obvious a poll of the nation's writers by the Associated Press showed Wednesday.

Virtually everyone of the 90 scribes who cast ballots mentioned the blow to attendance as one of the major imprints the year of war has left on competitive athletics—but the experts were at odds on how to interpret this fact.

In general they agreed that it was not a lack of interest in sports which has reduced the size of crowds for the most events and forced the abandonment of some. Rather it was the difficulty of travel and the enrollment of a great multitude of customary patrons in the armed forces and in vital war work.

Several writers pointed out that the millions of men now in the army and navy are the same men who used to jam the ball parks, the race tracks, the football stadia, and the basketball arenas. Others who used to have leisure time in which to watch these spectacles now are tied to their jobs for long hours. Because these men can't get to games and meets now, many of the women and children who formerly accompanied them also no longer turn out.

Yet, the writers conclude, these men, women and children still are interested in sports, even in absentia, and the American soldiers and sailors stationed in camps at home and in bases throughout the world have expressed their continuing enthusiasm for all sports.

One trend noticed by some of the observers was a switch from spectators sports to participation sports and mass athletics of one kind or another, although golf was noted as an exception because of the difficulty in getting to the courses and restrictions on the manufacture of equipment. Emphasis on physical conditioning and increased attention for contact sports was evident in this connection.

Some writers sensed that the war had placed sports in a new perspective where victory or defeat in games was no longer of paramount importance. They pointed to erratic performances and unexpected results of individuals and teams throughout the year. Another explanation for these anomalies was the entry of many athletes into the services. This affected the calibre of the teams and particularly their reserve strength.

Sports contribution of millions of dollars to the nation's war chest also was noted favorably.

Most admitted that the outlook is confused and that the increasing pressure of the war might have a disastrous effect with more and more curtailment of sports.

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| Aces (44) | (38) Pioneers |
| Brown (15) | (14) Hendrix |
| Clay (7) | (12) Allison |
| Helbert (10) | (7) Barber |
| Chamberlain (8) | (1) Bacon |
| Boyle (4) | (6) Boggs |
- Subs for Pioneers: Kouscher 4. Referee: Irving Hale.

East-West 11s Buckle Down On 'Home' Turf

Easterners Stress Passes by Governor

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23—(AP)—Football stars who will meet here New Year's day in the annual East-West charity game annual east-west charity game buckled down Wednesday in practices at their permanent training quarters.

The Eastern 22-man squad, coached by Andy Kerr, of Colgate, George Hauser of Minnesota and Dud DeGroot, of Rochester, held their initial workout at the University of Santa Clara field. A few miles away, the Westerners under Orin Hollingbery of Washington State and Don Faurot of Missouri got down to business at Stanford university.

That the east will go in heavily for passes this time was a foregone conclusion. The throwing ace of the team is Paul Gernall of Columbia, rated this year as one of the best in the Eastern sector. Gernall, at left half, was the key man in a backfield which also included Steve Filipowicz of Fordham at fullback; Les Horvath of Ohio State at right half and George Ceithami of Michigan at quarterback.

This left another backfield unit composed of Bill Daley, Minnesota at left half; Bert Stiff, Pennsylvania, at fullback; George Lynn, Ohio State, and Max Kelbasa, Duquesne, at right half. Kelbasa did not practice because of strained thigh muscle, hurt when he slipped during a brief workout at Ogden, Utah, en route from the east. The Duquesne entry was in uniform and is expected to be ready shortly.

The Western squad also engaged in a double drill, engaging in fine work and running off a few plays from single wing formations. The coaches made a few backfield switches from Tuesday's practice and one of the new combinations ran this way: Jim Jurkovich, California, tailback; Tom Robin, Oregon, fullback; Don Reese, Missouri, quarterback; Frank Porto, California, wingback. The other unit lined up with Bob Kennedy, Washington State, tailback; Tony Compagno, St. Mary's, fullback; Willie Zapalac, Texas A & M, quarterback; Bob Steuber, Missouri, wingback.

Another double workout was scheduled for Thursday.

Husky Downed By EWCE Five

ELLENBURG, Dec. 23—(AP)—An underdog central Washington college basketball team turned in the major upset of the December warmup campaign here Wednesday night by noosing out the previously undefeated University of Washington Huskies, 53 to 40.

Trailing 30-24 at halftime, the teachers matched the Huskies' speed and outshot them in a brilliant second half comeback. The lead see-sawed through the final quarter of the contest, with the score tied at 48-48 for the last time, with about two minutes to play. Tall Russ Wiseman's field goal made it 50-48 then he added a free throw and Clipper Carmody contributed another field goal while holding the Huskies to a lone free throw.

Central Wash. (53) (49) Wash. Wiseman, 13 F 5 Ford Carmody, 13 F 5 Gilbertson Pease, 8 C 1 Gilman Hubbard, 6 G 16 Leask Hubbard, 5 G 13 Morris Central sub: Sliva 0, Nygaard 4, Howard 2, Brodnika 2. Washington sub: Bird 3, Brown 7, Grandale 0, Taylor 2, Glasberg 0, Dahl 0.

Basketball Scores

(College)
Creighton 51, Washington State 36.
Duquesne 43, Wyoming 33.
Akron 48, Heidelberg 39.
Indiana U 58, U of Ky. 52.
Central Washington 53, University of Washington 49.
Great Lakes 82, Ft. Sheridan 33.
Camp Grant 37, Oklahoma 34 (High School)
Salem 24, Silverton 20.

WSC Clipped By Creighton

OMAHA, Dec. 23—(AP)—Avenge the 48-39 setback handed them in the NCAC western championship semifinals last year, Creighton's undefeated Bluejays handed the previously undefeated Washington State basketball team a 51 to 36 setback Wednesday night.

Ralph Langer and Ed Belsler, seniors who played in the losing game, led the Jays with 15 and 14 points, respectively, while Capt. Owen Hunt was the Cougar's best, with 13 points. Creighton Coach Eddie Hickey pulled out his best men after the Jays gained a 24-11 halftime advantage, but promptly put them back in when the westerners exploded with 10 points in a minute and 34 seconds.

Would Have Major 9s Train Near Army Camps

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23—(AP)—Government direction of major league baseball spring training in 1943 to the extent that such clubs as the New York Yankees, Brooklyn Dodgers and others be sent to play exhibition games with military service teams throughout the country, is proposed by Sports Editor Curley Grieve of the Examiner.

"The answer to where major league baseball teams should train next year is very simple," Grieve writes. "They should train at or near training camps and permanent quarters of the army, navy and marines to supply them (the armed forces) with entertainment and competition."

Trappers Schedule Attractive Shoot

The Salem Trappers club will hold a Hillbrand handicap merchandise and turkey shoot next Sunday, December 27, starting at 9:30 a. m., on the 25th and Turner road range. Secretary Clarence Townsend announces that the Hillbrand handicap purse is now \$434. All types of shooting will also be held and shooters will be matched as evenly as possible in these lesser events.

Trade Uniforms



BUDDY ROSAR



ROY WEATHERLY

Biggest trade of the hot stove league to date involves the two players pictured above and two others, Oscar Grimes, infielder of the Cleveland Indians, and Roy Cullenbine, Yankee outfielder. Grimes and Roy Weatherly, Indian outfielder, were traded for Cullenbine and Buddy Rosar, Yank catcher.

It's Teacher Billy Conn Now

CAMP LEE, Va., Dec. 23—(AP)—Corporal Billy Conn, the Pittsburgh Irishman, was made boxing instructor at Camp Lee Wednesday, and the "golden boy" of heavyweight boxing immediately began mapping plans to pair his new recruits with the Fort Riley, Kas., team instructed by Sergeant Joe Louis, the world heavyweight champion.

"And if we get the match, I'd like to meet Louis in the heavyweight bout, on any conditions," Conn declared. "I'm more convinced than ever that I can beat Louis."

Conn, who entered the army in March, 1942, was transferred to Camp Lee Wednesday from Fort Wadsworth, on Staten Island, N.Y. Conn said he weighed 198 pounds as compared to the 174 he weighed when he battled Louis for the championship in June, 1941.

Woodburn Noses Mt. Angel 27-26

WOODBURN — Coach LeRoy Pierson's Woodburn Bulldogs edged out the Mt. Angel Preps, 27-26, in a Duration league basketball game here Tuesday night. The battle was close all the way and no more than three points separated the two teams at any one time in the contest.

Mt. Angel led 2-0 at the first quarter, 12-11 at halftime and 19-18 at the three-quarter mark. Kestell looped nine points to pace Woodburn and Frank Grosjacques made an equal amount for Mt. Angel.

Georgia, Ukes Stress Timing And Defenses

Rose Bowl Rivals Romp Through Drills

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 23—(AP) Georgia is driving hard to regain split-second timing on its running and passing attack. UCLA is drilling long on forward pass defense.

That's the picture Wednesday in the rival Rose Bowl camps. Georgia apparently isn't greatly concerned over the intricate ball-handling of the Bruins, but UCLA is trying to work out a variegated defense to smother All-America Frankie Sinkwich and his capable understudy, Charlie Trippi.

The Bulldogs have had four brisk practice sessions, all devoted to throwing and catching the ball. Coach Wallace Butts goes into each huddle with his boys, calls the signal and the Georgians, running to their positions, count loudly in unison until they charge.

Georgia's pass handling has made a marked impression on California observers. Sinkwich and Trippi seem to throw equally well, but the catching of such boys as Lamar and Van Davis, George Poschner, Ken Kuiper, Walt Maguire, Dick McPhee and Jim Todd caught the fancy of the crowds.

The 5-foot, 6-inch Butts doesn't subscribe to severe scrimmage sessions, such as those the Bruins go through just before games. The Bulldogs scrimmage a lot early in the season and from then on confine the heavy bodily contact to actual games.

Neither Butts nor Babe Horrell, head man of the Bruins, will make anything even resembling an optimistic statement. Butts says he can't get over the way the Trojans beat Tennessee in 1940.

"Why I thought that was a mighty good football team," the affable but cagey mentor declares, "but Southern California knocked them up into the one dollar seats. I just hope we can put on a good show. Don't ever think I'm overconfident."

Butts is concerned about the injury to Sinkwich's left ankle, which is encased in a heavy bandage with splint. He says he doesn't think there is any chance Sinkwich will be out of action, but he's afraid his effectiveness may be curtailed somewhat. Flatfoot Frankie runs with a noticeable limp.

The Bruin coaching staff contends Trippi is as good a passer as Sinkwich and a more dangerous runner. Trippi modestly denies such laudatory appraisals, says the Bruin scouts saw him on a "lucky day," but that he'll do everything he can to make them look good.

Says Cece Hollingsworth, UCLA scout who watched the Georgia rout of Georgia Tech, 34 to 0: "Sinkwich is a shifty runner. He's not the breakaway type but a powerful plunger, really a fullback, and he'll give us trouble. But watch out for Trippi. That fellow can pass as well as Sinkwich and I figure him a better runner."

Montana Sans 'Nother Coach

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 23—(AP)—Clyde Carpenter, Montana university athletic coach, was commissioned a lieutenant, junior grade, in the navy Wednesday, and ordered to report to Chapel Hill, N.C., on January 7.

Within a period of four months four coaches have been called from the university—Douglas Fessenden to the army air corps, George Dahlberg and Harry Adams to the army, and now Carpenter to the navy.

Winding Up Year in Sports

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—(AP)—A few casual impressions left by a fading sports year:

Best fight — An eight-round semi-windup at the Garden between Jimmy Edgar of Detroit and Jake La Motta of New York.

Worst fight — Jimmy Bivins vs. Lee Savold.

Toughest luck — Joe Gordon, who couldn't get started in the world series and wound up by getting nipped off second in the final game to earn the title of goat.

Greatest collapse — Lou Nova, who collapsed right out of the heavyweight picture in losing to Lee Savold and Tami Martello.

Most uncomplaining — Bucky Harris, who suffered in silence through a hopeless season with the Washington Senators, and took his dismissal as pilot without a yelp.

parent there was no hope of overtaking the Cards.

Best juggler — Uncle Sam, in keeping the Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight in the air for weeks, finally dropping it with a crash.

Most erratic — Your favorite football team (Tuls excepted).

Most charitable — The pro golfers, again.

Quickest jump — The major league clubs in leaping from a "training as usual" stand to a frantic search for new quarters when the government hinted it might not be a bad idea.

Longest jump — The St. Louis Browns.

Most unorthodox — Beau Jack.

Earliest prediction — Where the Phils would finish.

Hardest prediction — What would happen from week to week during the year.

Most remarkable figure — Still Mr. Connie Mack.

Most uncooperative — The colleges in their contributions, or lack of contributions, to war relief from fat game receipts.

Quickest about face — Leo Durocher after he had listened to Branch Rickey.

Most notable speech — Joe Louis: "We'll win because we're on God's side."

Most persevering — The race tracks.

Most cautious — US Golf association.

Most excited — Chick Wegeles when his Beau Jack tipped Tippy Larkin for New York's world lightweight title.

Fastest skid — Lew Jenkins.

Lowest crash — Billy Conn's unit when he hit Fappy-in-law Jimmy Smith on the noggin.

Most heroic figure — Barney Ross.

Most befuddled — Yours very truly.

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