

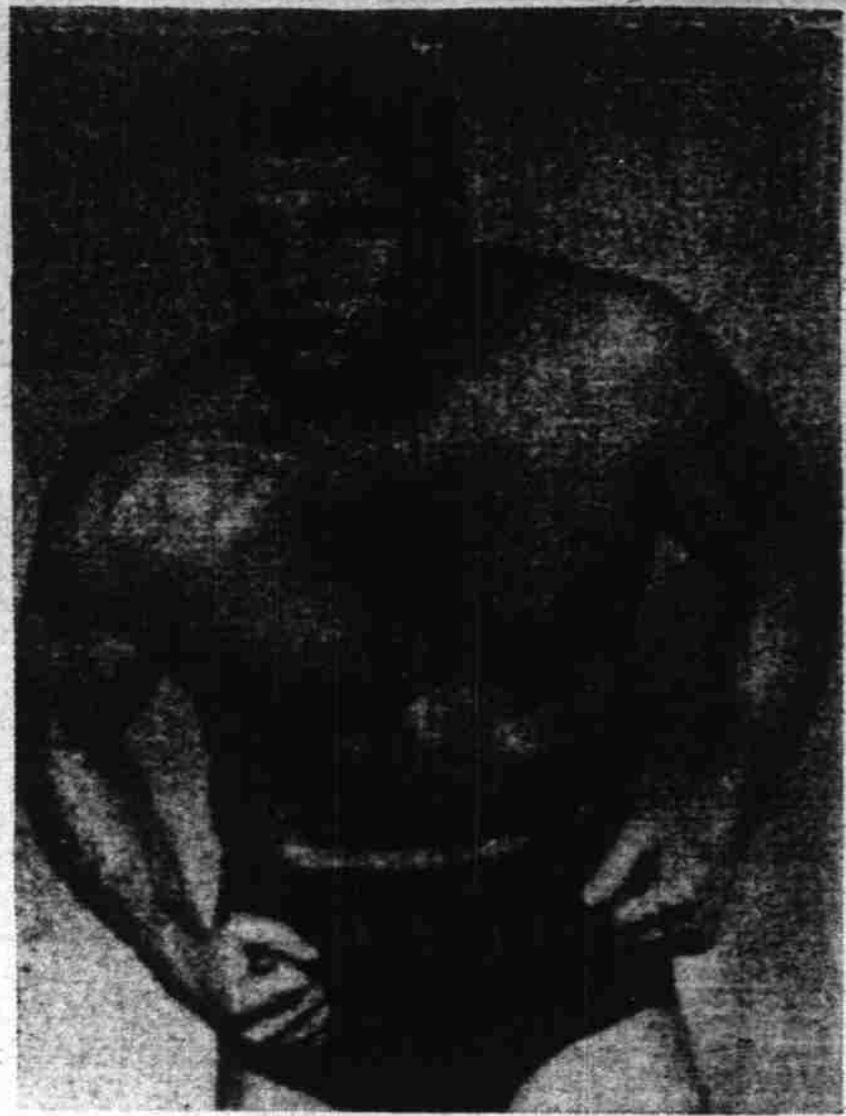
Duke, Alabama May Set Mark

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25 (AP)—The Duke Blue Devils and Alabama Crimson Tide—two veteran Bowl participants—will make Sugar Bowl football history on New Year's day if either wins by more than eight points.

Only one in ten Sugar Bowl games has a team won by as much as eight points. Texas Christian holds that distinction by virtue of a 15-7 verdict over Carnegie Tech in 1939. Twice, teams have won by seven points and three times by a single touchdown. Others have gone for not more than 2 points, including TCU's 3-2 "who pitched" victory over Louisiana State in 1936.

Ninth Race Oked for Florida Oval

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 25 (AP)—The Florida State Racing commission today approved the running of a ninth race daily at Tropical park for the benefit of the Horsemens' Benevolent association. Gerald Brady, tropical racing director, said the purse would be subtracted and the net proceeds, which normally go to the track turned over to the horsemens.



TONIGHT'S ROYAL: Jack Kiser, Coast lightweight mat champ, is one of the contestants in tonight's Holiday Battle Royal at the armory starting at 8:30 p.m. Tony Ross, George Wagner, Ernie Piluso, Buck Davidson and Mill Olson are the other biceps.

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Christmas sweep-up: Dispatch from Yakima says that whether the Western International decides to operate or not next summer, the Yakima Junior Chamber of Commerce has decided not to attempt to take a team in the circuit. The JC of C happens to be the No. 1 baseball sponsoring faction in the apply city. They give as reason the old reliables: Transportation and draft situation. And speaking of the draft situation, the wettest of the wet blankets on the probable



'LEFTY' WILDER

WIL reopening could have been tossed when only last week the sports page headlines clarified the cracking down on all professional athletes by Gen. Hershey & Co. Already the nation's horse race tracks have agreed to close down after January 3 as per request by the government, and what with pro athletes in the 4-F class due for re-examination and probable reclassification, all pay-for-play sports stand to take it on the chin. With horse racing setting such a precedent, it wouldn't be silly to surmise that pro baseball and football, crowd gatherers de luxe in themselves, might undergo a serious change ere long also. Naturally, such sports "will make every effort to go ahead", as has been their policy since the war began. But one word from the government asking that they subside, a la horse racing, will mean curtains. And from what we've heard and read in the past, there won't be a dissenting voice in the lot. Getting the war won and forgotten is foremost in a sportsman's mind also. As for prospects of a WIL reopening next summer, it's harder than ever to predict now. If reclassification of 4-F athletes is undertaken on a large and sweeping scale, those ball clubs in operation will certainly keep close to home all available playing personnel—that is, if those ball clubs are permitted operation. . . . Chances are when the league directors merge for their pow-wow next month they won't have any more of an idea what to do than they have now. . . . At least the newest move by the government wasn't exactly a Christmas present to be fondled happily by professional athletes and their operators. . . . Santy wasn't so nice this year. . . .

'Nother Brother Act at St. Paul High

Add sports brother acts: The solid-sending St. Paul high quint, unbeaten so far and playing regularly as if it won't be this whole season, is successful mostly through the hooping efforts of the Kirk brothers, "J" for Jack and "R" for Robert or "Bob", we're told. In all games to date, including their walk-off with the Marion county jamboree at Willamette a few weeks ago, the Kirk duet has turned in the lion's share of the caging for Lew Urhammer's quint. Our informant also adds that in Guard Lou Phillips, who manages to hoop more than his share of the points per game, Coach Urhammer has one of the "fastest and hardest-driving hoop guards" he's seen in prep ranks in years 'n' years. Incidentally, we take it the "J. Coleman" who also plays on the Saint quint is another upcoming son of Ross Coleman, founder of Salem's Junior baseball league.

Speaking of basketballing in the valley's lesser towns, we're also told that the trophy won by Woodburn in the recent Duration league jamboree at Mt. Angel was one of the finest awards ever taken down by an Oregon high school. "Wasn't a gold-plated trophy with miniature basketballer atop or the likes, but a hand-carved totem-pole bearing figures in representation of all six teams in the circuit. Warren 'Lefty' Wilder, the not-too-old ex-Chemawa athlete and coach who has now merged with Harry Hobson in his Chemawa highway-cutoff sports shop, carved the piece with that only hand of his, and they say it's a splendid product. Along with his coaching at Chemawa, 'Lefty' always did have the reputation of being an artistic craftsman. He taught the art classes at Chemawa also, before resigning earlier this year. Incidentally, the hand-painted Christmas card we received from 'Lefty' is a dinger also. Looks just like us—blowing our fool head off through a whistle while galleries beller in the background. "Robber—Blind Tom—Where's Yer Seem? Eye Dawg?—Etc." Ain't it the truth!



MARY RUTE, winsome 16-year-old daughter of Col. and Mrs. Louis R. Rute of Pasadena, has been chosen Queen of the Tournament of Roses and will preside in the royal box at the Rose Bowl game New Year's Day. (AP Wirephoto).

Byrnes Offers Views on Pro 4-F Rejectees

Re-Examinations May Bring on Induction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—Physical standards for military service have not been lowered, but this does not necessarily mean that 4-F professional athletes called up for re-examination would be again rejected.

This question arose today as the result of War Mobilization Director Byrnes' instructions to selective service to review the military qualifications of men in professional sports.

Byrnes said it was difficult for him and the public to understand how men can be physically unfit for military service and yet be able to compete with the greatest athletes of the nation in games demanding physical fitness. A substantial number of these athletes hold 4-F classifications due principally to injuries sustained in sports competition.

A selective service source pointed out that many of these 4-Fs may be borderline cases, and that local draft boards would check their records to spot such cases. Re-examination may disclose that the physical conditions of some of these borderline 4-Fs have changed for the better since their last examination, making them acceptable for induction into service.

It is not unusual for selective service to submit such cases to the army or navy three or four times, the selective service pointed out.

Alley Sweeps SGC Golf Bee

Lawrence "Monk" Alley became champion of the annual Christmas Sweepstakes tournament at Salem golf club Sunday when his net 71, carded Saturday, held up for the two-day jaunt-against-par. Alley fired a 76 and used his handicap of five. Three tied for second place in the field of 26, Bud Waterman, Bill Goodwin and Glen Lengren. All had net 74s, Waterman after shooting an 80, Goodwin after scoring a 79 and Lengren after tagging a 77.

The first round in the Winter Slicker tournament playoffs was postponed until next weekend, it was announced.

Aussie Racing Also Altered

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 25 (AP)—A spokesman for the Australian Jockey club, chief racing body in Sydney, said today Australia had placed restrictions on racing for purposes similar to Washington's decision to close tracks during wartime. In order to save labor and critical materials, the spokesman said, Australia dropped her race fixtures during a normal 111 annually to 40 at one stage. Recent modifications have restored the number to 55.

'South' Stars Stress Passing

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 25 (AP)—The Southern All-Stars continued work on passing plays today, determined to outflank a formidable Northern line in the annual Blue-Gray football game here Saturday.

Charlie Trippi, former Georgia university backfield star and sparkplug of the Third Air Force Gremlins, did most of the passing in pre-game workouts but also on the throwing end were Y. A. Tittle of Louisiana State and Pete Layden, former Texas star who played this season with Randolph Field.

The receiving combination was composed of Ted Cook, former Alabama end and one of Trippi's Gremlin receivers; Dewell Rushing of Florida; Dub Lamb of Maxwell Field, and Jack Russell of Randolph Field.

Wings Near Lead

DETROIT, Dec. 25 (AP)—The Detroit Red Wings grabbed a 5-2 lead in the second period here tonight, hung on to whip Toronto for the fourth time this season, 6 to 4, and moved within a single point of the national hockey league lead. A holiday throng of 10,907 fans watched the game.

Vikings Slate Medford Next

Tall Tornado Quint Here This Weekend

A step into the win column deservedly theirs after trouncing soundly the visiting Redmond quint last week, Salem's Viking basketballers step out to extend that winning streak this weekend with a two-night skirmish against Medford's Black Tornado loop-suiters. The contests are booked for Friday and Saturday nights, both to be preliminary to battles featuring Frank Beer's scintillating Sophomores and Herm Schwartzkopf's undefeated Juniors.

According to meager advance dope, the Medfords will bring to town one of the tallest point-pitching packs in the state, one which opened its season indeed successfully with a dual victory over North Bend's potent crew. And since the outfit is under the tutelage of one Al Simpson, who last year guided his Ashland cagers to a state championship and more recently herded the Tornado footballers to another, the visitors can be expected to be rugged as a foe.

Coach Frank Brown's band, over the hump at last after absorbing six straight setbacks, displayed classy hooping energy against Redmond to stamp them as tough opposition for any prep quint if they keep it up. Outside the guard positions on defense, the Brownies left little to be desired of any basketballing bunch in their victory. A two-listed scoring attack was provided by Center Tom Boardman, who hit his stride after two seasons' of trying when he counted 19 points. Additional performances such as that turned in by Boardman last week will make the Villa customers forget all about those half-dozen losses. Brown has ordered lengthy drills today and tomorrow so as to be in top fettle for the Black Tornado visitor.

Bulldogs Meet Beaverton Five

WOODBURN—Fresh from their trophy win in the annual Duration league jamboree last week, Coach Jiggs Burnett's Woodburn Bulldogs swing back into pre-Duration league play Thursday night here with a return clash with the Beaverton high quintet. The game is booked for Woodburn gym at 7:30 o'clock. Early last week the Burnett men trounced Beaverton at Beaverton, 28-13.

Burnett will likely start the same quint which has now won four straight games, including the jamboree, since dropping its opener to Newberg. Same would be Hal McKee and Babe Reed, forwards; Bill Austin, center and Charley Sauvain and Curly Mattison, guards.

Relays Revived

PULLMAN, Dec. 25 (AP)—Athletic Director J. Fred Bohler of Washington State college said today that the Inland Empire relays for high schools and colleges would be revived here March 25 after the lapse of a year.

Oregon Staters Slate Two Portland Quintets This Weekend

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 25 (Special)—Portland fans will get their first and only look at the 1944-45 Oregon State basketball team next weekend when the Beavers take on a pair of strong city clubs at Jefferson high school. Friday night the Orange will play Fee's Music Makers and Saturday night the

Oregon Medical school quintet will furnish the opposition. The Music Makers handed the Beavers their only pre-season campaign defeat on the Corvallis floor by a 43-26 count last week. However, the Orange were in the middle of a bad slump which has since been broken with two victories in the Astoria jamboree. Coach A. T. (State) Gill's men are sure they will give the independents a much tougher battle this time.

It also will be the second meeting of the Orange and the Medical school. In their third

Tough Tony, Gorgeous Georgie in Same Ring Again Holiday Mat 'Royal' Set for Armory Tonight

Matchmaker Elton Owen offers his annual Christmas present to the village crunch customers to-night in the form of a rassistin' battle royal at the armory, the festivities to start at 8:30 p. m. And it isn't a royal of the run-of-the-mill species. Six of the top torso-twisters in the circuit, including the three topmost maters in the lightweight flock, are signed on for the action.

First and foremost is Jack "Pin-up Boy" Kiser, the reigning Coast lightweight champion; then in the same breath since both are rated equal top contenders for Kiser's title are Villager Tough Tony Ross and Gorgeous Georgie Wagner; next, Bowlegged Buck

Davidson, not more than a step behind either Ross or Wagner in effectiveness, and bringing up the rear, Milton Adolphus Olson, the "human football," and Ernie Piluso, the popular Portlander. The sextet will open the free-for-all at 8:30 o'clock. The first pair to fall will be eliminated for the night. The second pair will return to rattle a 30-minute semi-windup event, and the last pair will come back for a main event, two of three falls, one-hour with the ultimate winner promised a crack at Gust Johnson and his Coast Junior Heavyweight championship.

Despite such glitter, however, the top plum for the clients offers itself in the free-for-all

when Villager Ross and Bathrobe Fancier Wagner find themselves in the same ring with each other again. They met last night in Portland, but despite the verdict it's a clutch either will be hot after the other in a manner easily remembered by local fans. Ross and Wagner staged some of the rippin'est of the rip-smorters ever seen here a year ago, and now that both are back again after the same thing, Kiser's crown, any get-together by the two promises to be a top attraction for the clients. Having Kiser himself involved won't hurt matters.

The show appears on paper to be one of the creamiest of the crunch offerings.

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Webfoots Set More Hooping

EUGENE, Dec. 25 (Special)—With 13 victories in 17 regulation games behind them, excluding the Friday-Saturday northern division jamboree dates at Astoria, University of Oregon's Ducks return to their strenuous 24-game pre-league season schedule this week with four more contests. Tuesday night Coach John Warren's youthful but promising cagers meet the Vancouver Ramblers at Vancouver, Wash. Wednesday at University of Oregon Medics will be played at Portland and on Thursday Fee's Music Makers is slated for a Portland game also. Saturday night the Ducks play Tillamook Navy at Tillamook to end their pre-season schedule.

The Webfoots came off their week-long barnstorming trip last week with two top players hobbling, Captain Bob Hamilton and Forward Dick Wilkins, the foremost scorers on the team, received leg injuries during the jaunt and will likely be kept under wraps until the Ducks open their conference schedule January 5-6 against Idaho at Moscow.

Spaghetti Bowl Lineups Ready

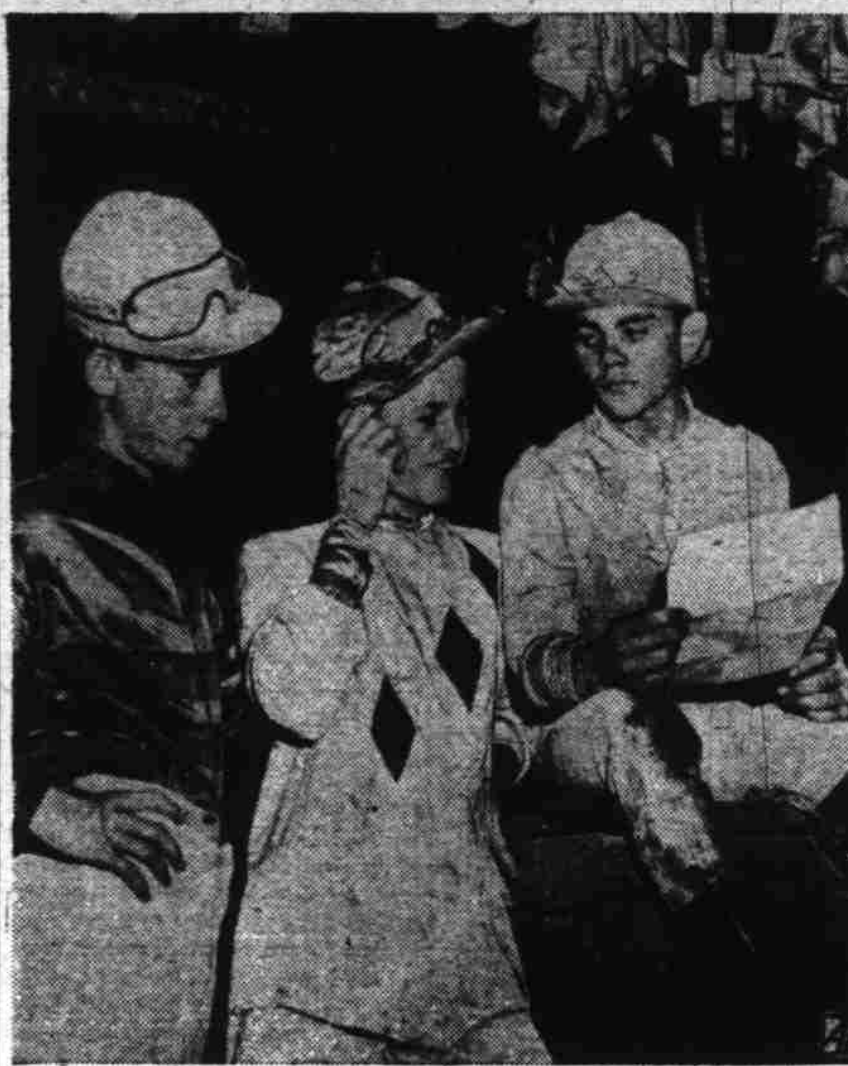
SPAGHETTI BOWL HEADQUARTERS, Italy, Dec. 25 (AP)—The possible starting lineups for the New Year's day football game between the Fifth army and the Twelfth air force, scheduled in the Spaghetti Bowl at an unannounced site, are filled with former college players.

The opening array, announced today, shows the airforce blockbusters boasting a backfield averaging 201 pounds behind a line stacking up at 214. The doughboys will rely on an all-corporal batch of balltoters averaging 197, operating behind a forward wall averaging 218.

The contest will be staged in a stadium seating somewhere between five persons and 25,000.

Capt. Billy Madden of Buckley, Wash., is at right half for the Twelfth airforce.

But the spectators, second largest crowd ever to attend a pro-



UNHAPPY JOCKS: Arthur Fisher, Billy Nichols and Dickie Meade (left to right) were not too happy as they talked over the government request that all race tracks close down by January 3. They met between races at Gulfstream track, Miami, Fla. (AP wirephoto).

Record Betting Throng Opens Brief Tropical Park Program

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 25 (AP)—A big Christmas crowd gave racing a merry start on its last lap today by betting a record sum of \$716,718 at Tropical park's inaugural program. There was a surge of optimism at the track as 14,171 brightly-dressed spectators poured through the turnstiles, and horsemen began to take renewed hope that the government might relent and take some of the sting out of a request that the sport shut down Jan. 3.

There was a rumor that Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the Tropical's directors and a leading official, would go to Washington in an effort to have the ban modified, perhaps to permit racing twice a week, but Swope later declared that he had no such plan.

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Columbia Coach Lou Little Says: Football Better Than Ever

By Frank Eck
NEW YORK—Lou Little, veteran coach of Columbia's Lions, says the difference between present day football and the type played 25 years ago is like "night and day."

"Football players have the same physical makeup as those of years ago," asserts Little.

"But the play is more diversified and the game is more interesting from the spectator viewpoint."

Little has had some fine football talent—and some fine teams—during his 15 years at Columbia. There were the Luckmans, Montgomeries, Gernalinis, Stegals and Barabas. But the war has taken a heavy toll and during the past two seasons he has been handicap-

ped just like most other coaches.

"About 70 per cent of this year's team consisted of Navy V-12 trainees," says Little. "We practiced slightly more than an hour a day five days a week and that's just about less than half the practice necessary to keep a team on edge from one game to the next."

Little holds the distinction of visiting the Rose Bowl twice, once as a player and once as a coach. He played for Pennsylvania in the 1917 game when the Quakers bowed to Oregon State, 14-0. His 1934 Columbia team, however, fared much better, upsetting Stanford, 7-0.

Though Lou has been suffering from a vocal condition the past two seasons, his voice still is very authoritative when it comes to suggesting football rule changes. They talk of him as "the smart coach with constructive ideas to improve the sport."

Trojans Rated 19-Point Bulge In Rose Bowl

Teams Enjoy Xmas; Back to Work Today

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25 (AP)—Southern California's Trojans, unbeaten in seven Rose Bowl appearances, tonight ruled 19-point favorites to trim Tennessee in the Pasadena stadium next Monday.

The betting odds were posted as both teams put in brief coaching, then took the remainder of the Christmas holiday off.

Coach John Barnhill put on a Santa Claus party for the Volunteers this morning, then sent them through a brisk afternoon workout.

The Trojans, under direction of Coach Jeff Cravath, confined their activities to blackboard diagrams. Defense was stressed by the Volunteers, particularly passing. Assisting Barnhill was Herman Hickman, line coach for the Army's team at West Point, who is stopping here briefly. He was a Tennessee guard of 12 years ago. Both teams return tomorrow to two drill sessions a day.

Horyath Joins 'East' Eleven

'West' Forward Wall Molded by Mentors

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25 (AP)—Paced by All-America back Les Horyath of Ohio State, Eastern football stars held their best workout today preparatory to the East-West charity contest here New Year's day. Horyath, late arrival due to studies, checked in last night and was welcomed by Coaches Andy Kerr, Bernie Bierman and George Hauser. Around his pass throwing and running ability will be built the East's offense.

The Eastern boys, drilling at the University of Santa Clara, went through one long workout before sitting down to Christmas dinner, Gold watches, gifts of the Shriners' organization sponsoring the game, were passed out.

The Western squad had an even more intense workout. Coaches Orrin Hollingbery and Homer Norton sent their charges through a practice lasting more than three hours.

Tentative lines today saw Don Paul, sturdy center from the University of California at Los Angeles, converted into a guard. The forward walls were manned as follows:

Team A—Ends, Jack Roderick, University of Washington, and Dub Woolen, Oklahoma; tackles, Jack Oakland, Utah, and Bob McClure, Nevada; guards, S. J. Roberts, San Francisco Coast Guard, and Jim Kecker, Missouri; center, Roger Harding, California.

Team B—Ends, Clarence Howell, Texas A & M, and John Westrum, San Francisco Coast Guard; tackles, Monte Moncrief, Texas A & M, and Gobel Bryant, March Field; guards, Don Paul, UCLA, and Ed Schneider, Denver; center, Jack Sachs, University of Texas.

The two squads will resume two-a-day drills tomorrow.

St. Paul Trounces Gervais Quintet

ST. PAUL—Keeping their seasonal record unblemished, St. Paul high's basketballers walloped Gervais 46-13 at Gervais Thursday night. The outcome was not in doubt from the start. Center Jim Kirk, with 17 points, led the scoring. In the Bee game the St. Pauls won 13-10. It was a North Marion county "B" league game.

ST. PAUL (46) (13) GERVAIS
E. Kirk (9) F. (3) Firschweiler
D. Smith (4) P. (4) Phillips
J. Kirk (17) T. (8) Tolley
J. Coleman (4) G. (0) Manning
L. Phillips (18) C. (6) Jorgensen
St. Paul subs: Don Smith 2, Casey, Gervais: Patterson 1, Vecker 2, Brown. Officials: Dick Barklow and Lefty Wilder.

The 29 victories pitched by Hal Newhouse (above) for the Detroit Tigers in the American League pennant chase are rated as one of the topmost individual achievements of the year in sports. Newhouse is a military rejectee.

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