

Trojans Envislon Upset Over 'Bama

USC Pass Defense Seen as Key; Rain, 'Flu' Take Toll on Teams

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Alabama is rated 18 points better than Southern California for the Rose Bowl football game but Coach Jeff Cravath of the Trojans figures his team has a good chance to upset the southerners, if (and it's a big if) it defends well against Harry Gilmer's forward passing.

Apparently Cravath isn't alone in his conviction that the Trojans hold a chance, even though the Crimson Tide is generally favored to do a good job of passing 'em dizzy. The coaching board of strategy has designated Bob McNeish, an expert on pass defense, to perfect the plans against Gilmer. McNeish, as a Trojan, had only three passes completed against him in his territory.

Keith Spait, a first class thrower who was ineligible this season, has been throwing lob passes by the hundreds. This sort of business has taken up much of the Trojans' preparatory work.

Hard rains in recent days has interfered with practice and influenza has made inroads against both the Trojan and Alabama squads.

Coach Frank Thomas will lead the visitors into Alhambra, their detaining point, at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, and they will do their practice work at Occidental college field, not far from Pasadena.

Christmas day will be a holiday in the Trojan camp. With more rain forecast for Wednesday, Southern California may be forced to stay indoors and further study the reports of scouts Cece Hollingsworth and Buck Bailey, who saw Alabama. The scouts told Cravath his only chance for victory was in the strong USC line, which was getting better as the season closed.



HAL NEWHOUSE Ace of Amerk loop.

Slab Laurels To Newhouse

By Jerry Liska

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Slim Hal Newhouse of Detroit's world champions was far and away the busiest and best pitcher in the American league last season, official 1945 statistics showed today.

The 24-year-old southpaw won 25 games and lost nine, for a .735 percentage, and fashioned a superb earned-run average of 1.81. Bob Muncie of St. Louis actually posted the best won-lost percentage, .765, but his 13-4 record was 12 victories behind the talented Tiger tosser.

In compiling his amazing earned-run average, Newhouse also led the league by toiling a total of 313 innings and facing 1,132 batters, while his run-way bag of 212 strikeouts was 83 more than his closest rival.

Only two other 20-game winners were recorded. Rookie Dave Ferriss of Boston, who also set a new freshman record by pitching a stretch of 22 1/2 scoreless innings, had 21-10, and Roger Wolf of Washington posted 20-10. Wolf, incidentally, did an amazing turnabout after being maulled for a 4-15 record and an earned-run average of 4.99 in 1944.

Ferriss yielded the most hits, 263, and Marino Pieretti of Washington the most runs, 114. Only no-hitter of the season was turned in by Dick Fowler of Philadelphia against St. Louis on Sept. 9.

named to the all-Phi Delta Theta national honorary football eleven, an announcement from Menasha, Wis., where the paper is published said today.

Kiser-Lipscomb Go Tops Xmas Mat-Bee, Armory Tonight

The raslin' Santy Claus visits the Ferry Street Garden tonight to deliver right-down-the-alley style for many Marion county grappling followers. The Kringie guy comes through by bringing back, right on time, Jack (Pin-up Boy) Kiser, certainly one of the most popular and spectacular force-twisters ever to work up a sweat locally.

Kiser, absent and sojourning in California bleep bins many weeks, returns to meet Mustachioed Jack Lipscomb in Match-

maker Elton Owen's Christmas crunch party main event tonight. The blond adonis is only one of a number of the remembered oldies who are being beckoned back to the circuit to make with topnotch matches with the Lynams, Martinellis, Joneses, Stonefaces, etc.

In fact, tonight's main event winner is already set for a sizeable scuffle next Tuesday night, Kiser or meanie Lipscomb, the winner next week tackles freshly-returned Tough Tony Ross, himself scarce around these

parts for almost a year. Match-maker Owen is extending himself with efforts to attract more and more new blood to the northwest, and Kiser and Ross are his first two acquisitions. Crunch customers are in for some mat gigantes from here on, according to the aspiring match-maker.

The evening's mainer, as if the clients couldn't guess, will be a case of Kiser's swift and cleverness — and he has plenty of both — against Lipscomb's

nastiness — and he has considerable.

The semiwindup special pits Sgt. "Babe" Small, another roughie-toughie of means, against lithe Gust Johnson, the silent Swede who likes his grappling on the orthodox order. The 8:30 curtainraiser sends a pair of populars against each other, Angelo Martinelli and Fortlander Ernie Filuso. Both being aggressive gladiators, and cleanies, theirs could be a dazler.

Huge Sports Boom Seen by Writers

Prognosticating Editors Vision Comeback as Biggest in History

By Austin Bealmer

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Now that peace has come once more to a war-weary world, this country is set for a tremendous sports boom that may overshadow even the Terrific Twenties, sports writers from coast to coast agreed today in a poll conducted by the Associated Press.

Asked to speculate on the effects of the war on sports of the immediate future, the writers were virtually unanimous in their belief that the expansion of the nation's sports program will surpass anything ever seen in previous years.

Such phrases as "we are cascading into the biggest sports boom America has ever known" and "a sports boom the like of which this nation has never experienced" were sprinkled throughout the ballots.

Many writers were of the opinion, however, that sports will not return to prewar standards until 1947, although most of them predicted that once the program swings into high gear it will snowball into amazing proportions.

There were some who pointed out that prewar stars, both amateur and professional, who returned from the armed forces hit their stride immediately despite the layoff. And these suggested that the anticipated boom was already under way.

As for 1945 itself, the majority of the writers selected the abundance of money — earned as a direct result of the war, waged in unprecedented amounts and poured into record gates — as the war's principal effect on sports during the year.

Of course, there was the shortage of playing talent, equipment and transportation which reduced the quality of sports again this year. Many noted that the return of such servicemen as Hank Greenberg, Bob Feller, Ben Hogan and others gave sports a much needed shot in the arm.

Beavers Play CCNY Tonight

OSC's in 1st Game 'Garden' Twin Bill

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A pair of teams with the identical nickname and a third outfit with identical twins at the forward posts feature tomorrow's basketball doubleheader in Madison Square Garden.

In the night's first game, Oregon State and City College of New York are the opponents with the Gotham five starting a revamped lineup. Each club is nicknamed the Beavers.

Tennessee, with Roy and Troy Gregg slated to do most of the marksmanship for the Vols, are billed in the nightcap against Long Island university. The visitors are unbeaten this year.

Nat Holman, coach of CCNY, said he would start Al Siegel and Moe Chefee in the guard slots "because I haven't got anyone taller. Oregon State has us bested physically." The West Coast team never has lost in the Garden.

Yakima to Get WIL Pow-Wow

YAKIMA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The schedule-adopting meeting for the Western International baseball league will be held here Saturday and Sunday, January 5-6, according to Fred Mercy, Jr., holder of the Yakima franchise. Directors of the league's eight clubs and President Robert Abel are expected to meet. Yakima, Wenatchee, Spokane, Salem, Tacoma, Bremerton, Vancouver and Victoria are league members.

The league is scheduled to open April 30 after a three-year lapse.

Silverton Sets Thursday Game

SILVERTON, Dec. 24.—(Special) Silverton high's Silver Foxes, unbeaten in Willamette Valley league play, step from circuit competition here Thursday night to take on the Sweet Home Huskies. The contest, booked for 8 p. m. in the high school gymnasium will be preliminarily at seven by a game between second squads of both schools.

The Foxes have also scheduled Central Catholic high for a game here January 30. They return to WVL play January 4 against McLalla here.

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

'Babe' Reported New 'Zag Boss

Gonzaga Said Ready To Resume Football

SPOKANE, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Charles R. Stark, Jr., sports editor of the Spokesman-Review, said today that Gonzaga university will resume intercollegiate football competition in 1946 with Orin E. (Babe) Hollingbery, dean of Pacific coast football mentors, as head coach.

Hollingbery, now in San Francisco where he will coach the West All-Stars in the annual Shrine New Year's day football classic. Notified Joe Albi, president of Spokane's athletic round table, that he was not seeking the University of California job as has been reported but that he was interested only in the spot at Gonzaga, Stark said.

Father Arthur Dussault, athletic director at Gonzaga, has made no official announcement that the Bulldogs will resume football, dropped at the school at the 1941 campaign.

Hollingbery's salary will be partly underwritten by the Athletic Round Table and is reputed to be \$12,000 a year, Stark said.

Eyre Winner Golf Turney

Dave Eyre, 10-handicapped regular, grossed a 76 and 40 Roodles points for his 18-hole round over the weekend to win the Men's club Roodles tournament at Salem golf course. Second place in the meet was divided between eight-handicapped John Emlen and five-capped Lawrence Alley. Emlen carded a gross 75, Alley a 74. Each had 39 Roodles.

No special tournament has been announced by the committee for Christmas play today.

Cowboys Win Easily

LARAMIE, Wyo., Dec. 24.—(AP) The University of Wyoming cagers, in their final action before departing on an eastern tour, swamped Kansas State here tonight, 62 to 33, with the first team seeking action little more than half the time. The victory was the fifth straight of the season for the unbeaten Cowboys.



JACK KISER, one of the most popular grapplers ever to show in Salem, makes his return to the armory tonight after a long absence to meet Jack Lipscomb in the main event.

Niagarans to Enjoy Ducks on Xmas Menu

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 24.—(AP)—More than 1,000 wild ducks perished last night and early today when they were swept over Niagara Falls during a dense fog. Riverman William "Red" Hill reported. He explained that during a fog ducks landing on the upper river in search of food and rest often are carried over the cataract before they realize what is happening.

Christmas Skiing OK at Timberline

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Ski tows here will operate Christmas day, lodge officials stated. The snow now is 120 inches deep, four inches new. Nearly 2,000 skiers flocked to Mount Hood Sunday.

Pelicans Top Quint

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—"A" honors in the Rogue valley basketball tourney went to Klamath Falls high, after turning back Grants Pass, 50-21. Sharpshooter Clyde DeWitt chalked up 38 points to pace Reedpoint, "B" winner, to a 69-14 victory over Glendale.

Weather Bogs Shrine Teams

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Disregarding pelting rain, eastern football players worked out on a soaked Santa Clara field today in preparation for the East-West charity game here New Year's day. Inclement weather also hit the western squad, training at Menlo Junior college.

Coaches Andy Kerr, Bernie Bierman and Beattie Feathers of the East were additionally handicapped when three of their stars, George Savitky, tackle, from Pennsylvania; Bob Dobelstein, guard from Tennessee, and Merrill Frost, quarterback from Dartmouth, were unable to suit up due to colds.

Co-coaches Orin Hollingbery and Homer Norton put the Westerners through semi-scrimmage, employing both the T-formation and the single wing. Halfback Jack Price, Baylor, and Quarterback Bob Stevens, Oregon State, showed good passing form while Bob Goode, Texas A & M, and

Georgia Liked Over Tulsa 11

7 Points on South In Oil Bowl Game

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 24.—(AP) Tulsa's Golden Hurricane rolls into town Thursday, preceding by a day the Georgia Bulldogs, as the southwestern and southern football clans gather in Houston for the second Oil Bowl game due to attract a capacity crowd of 27,000 to Rice stadium.

When Henry Frnka, a Texas boy who has made good in big-time coaching, arrives with his Tulsans he will find Georgia established as a seven-point favorite. That probably will be good news for Henry, who usually has his team on the spot.

The Georgians, coached by Wally Butts, the Mr. Five-by-Five of football, are being made favorites because of that tossing, ball-toting genius, Charley Trippi, and his famed receiver, Reid Moseley.

Jake Leight, Oregon, impressed with long, high punts. Both squads will hold brisk workouts Christmas day.

We haven't seen anything of the 1945 Duration league football all-league team and presume selection of same isn't to be made. Which is quite all right for the simple reason that too often such star teams ignore deserving kids. But if the Duration men do get around to balloting, they shouldn't overlook one lad, "Kicking Cal" Picard of Chemawa. He's the 6 foot, 135 pounder who did all the punting for "Chief" Thompson's Indians, and what punting! We'll match these figures against those compiled by any prep footballer and 99 of 100 college brand in the country:

Average for the season, eight games and all punts measured from the line of scrimmage, 47.5 yards. Average on five punts against Silverton in final game, 49.7 yards. Longest boot of season, 79 yards in the air against Dallas! We saw that one. Best kick of season, a 67-yarder (from line of scrimmage) against Woodburn that went out of bounds on the Bulldog seven line. We saw that one, too, and

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it dang near knocked Jiggs Burnett's band from the undefeated ranks.

Coach Thompson is convinced 135-pound Picard's punting rates in the high college caliber index, and little wonder. A lad who can foot the football so astoundingly certainly belongs on any prep all-star eleven. He'd put a real kick in it.

Incidentally, Thompson rates Picard as still another of Chemawa's "very good all-around athletes." The kid is a high jumper, pole vaulter and hurdler in track and is a high scorer on the basketball team.

And Only 18 Years Old

Another youthful comer carrying quite a niche as a big time operator locally is Warren (Brownie) Valdez, Salem high student, outfielder on last summer's Legion Junior nine and just about as good a bowler as there is in town. It's in this pin-

topping that Warren is excelling. Perfection Alleys magistrate Joe Coe aims to check with the American Bowling Congress on the good possibility that Valdez is the supreme 18-year-old kegger of the nation.

Possessor of what the bowling bugs bill as a "beautifully working ball," Valdez sports a 183 average in the local major league, a mark identical with those owned by tested and true trundlers Walter (Pappy) Cline and Clayt Foreman. In fact, the 183 is a mere two pins short of Hi Haman's league-leading 185. Not bad for an 18-year-old—and not meaning Haman.

'Bergie' Quits Baseball

Remember Bob Bergstrom, the John Warren-coached Astoria basketballer who, along with Wally Palmberg, wound up at Oregon State instead of Oregon, and then in 1941 whacked a .325 for the town Senators as an outfielder? Bob has long been a lieutenant in the navy, but is now stationed at Corvallis air

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