1946 HIGHLIGHTS: Judged as two of the top sports pictures of the year were these shots taken in the world series and in the Louis-Mauriello fight. St. Louis Cardinal infielder Red Schoendienst is shown atop Boston's Johnny Pesky at left as the former attempts to complete a double play at first base after forcing Pesky at second. Recipient of one of Louis' lefts, Mauriello is shown at right completely off the canvas. (AP photos)

Xmas Mat 'Royal' at Armory Tonight

Matchmaker Elton Owen's annual Christmas battle royal, the mat frolic in which the gladiators gladiate on an every-man-for-himself basis for an extra $250 purse, will be offered crunch customers tonight at the Ferry Street Garden at 8:30 o'clock. The card was held over from last night because of Christmas Eve.

Billy McEuin

Owen has lined up a pair of nasties, a gent who could be nasty and three cleanies for the action. Those answering to the first part are Billy McEuin, the wee but respected gent from Texas and Sammy Kohen, the hit-and-run rassler who is often dubbed the "Red Devil". The middle man is Salem's Tony (The Fist) Ross who, when urged, can be downright ornery himself. Perhaps the lure of the extra $250 will urge Anthony. The three fair-haired gents are Billy (ExMarine) Fox, Bill (Whirlwind) Weidner and Tex Hager. The latter is making his initial appearance here after an extensive absence during which he has been headlining cards in and around Chicago.

The sextet will commence together at 8:30. The first pair to be spilled, kayoed or fouled are through for the evening. The next pair losing will return later for the semiwindup match. The royal finalists will tangle in the main event for the $250 on a winner-take-all basis. The referee will be George Poppenheimer. Tonight's fare will be the first battle royal offered the customers in months. Usually the rasslin' royal is one of the game's top crowd pleasers because of its oversupply of action.

Bowl Dope: Teams Drill for Classics

Illini Work Secretly; Wives OK For Okies; Georgia Set for Trip

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 24-(AP)-The day before Christmas was just another day to the Illinois and UCLA grid squads. Both had to work. Practice-hungry Illinois held morning and afternoon workouts behind shut gates, Coach Ray Eliot pushing his charges through a heavy scrimmage in the morning and a brisk period of running plays in the matinee.

UCLA also worked in privacy, Coach Bert La Brucherie once again guiding the Bruins in perfecting their running attack. Both squads will have a holiday tomorrow.

NORMAN, Okla., Dec. 24 -(AP) University of Oklahoma football players, down-hearted because they'd be away from their families New Year's day when they play in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., got a real Christmas present today — the Sooner athletic department announced it was going to take their wives along.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 -(AP) College football stars who will battle it out in the annual East-West charity game here New Year's day worked indoors and out today between rainy weather. The showers caused the westerners, training in Menlo park, to remain inside completely, while the eastern squad, working at Santa Clara, went outside for their afternoon drill.

EDGEWATER PARK, Miss., Dec. 24-(AP)-Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice, North Carolina's great freshman triple threat, played the part of his Sugar Bowl rival, Georgia's All-America Charlie Trippi, in the Tar Heels' scrimmage today in preparation for the New Year's day game. Coach Carl Snavely sent his men through a three-hour workout, with plenty of contact. About two-thirds of the time his first string linemen and linebackers were on defense, practicing for the fierce attack which the Georgians are sure to throw at them.

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 24 -(AP) Forty-six members of Georgia's undefeated football team will catch a train tomorrow afternoon for Biloxi, Miss., where they will conclude practice for their Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans New Year's day against North Carolina.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 24-(AP)-The University of Tennessee lost two players, one a first string back, through injuries in practice today, and Coach Bob Neyland said probably neither would be able to play against Rice in the Orange Bowl game New Year's day.

Rocky Hurt, Bout off

NEW YORK, Dec. 24-(AP)-Rocky Graziano, New York middleweight who was to have headlined a boxing show in Madison Square Garden Friday night, was forced to withdraw from the bout late today because of a back injury suffered in training.

Davis Player Kramer Hurt

Tennis Cup Matches To Start Thursday

MELBOURNE, Dec. 24 -(AP)- Another-surprise package was handed to the Australian Davis Cup team and public today in the disclosure of a minor injury to John (Jake) Kramer, ace of America's cup team which will meet the Australians in the challenge round here Dec. 26-27-28.

While the Australians still were in a dither over the unexpected nomination of Ted Schroeder in place of Frank Parker for the second singles berth on Uncle Sam's challengers, the Americans revealed that Kramer, on whose shoulders will rest the heaviest burden, had injured a small bone on the bottom of one of his feet.

The Montebello, Calif., luminary will meet Dinny Pails, Australia's No. 2 singles man, and Schroeder will take on the formidable John Bromwich in the opening singles matches Thursday. The doubles, in which Kramer and Schroeder unofficially are slated to oppose Bromwich and Adrian Quist, will be held Friday and the remaining two singles settos Saturday.

Utah Mentor Eyes Toughie

HONOLULU, Dec. 24 -(AP) Utah's Indians meet the all-star football team of Hawaii's senior league on Christmas day, but already Utah Coach Ike Armstrong is looking ahead with misgivings to the New Year's Pineapple Bowl clash with the University of Hawaii.

Armstrong left no doubt he was impressed by the University of Hawaii's strong showing last night in holding powerful Stanford to an 18-7 win. "I think we'll have a job on our hands," he said.

Seattle Pro Men Have New Coach

SEATTLE, Dec. 24-(AP)-The Seattle Blue Devils of the newly-formed Pacific Coast basketball league have a new head coach. Steve Antoncich, former player and successful amateur coach here, took over today succeeding Stan Riddle, who quit because of "business reasons," league officals announced. After winning their opening two games, the team has dropped six in a row. Their next game is against Yakima here Saturday night.

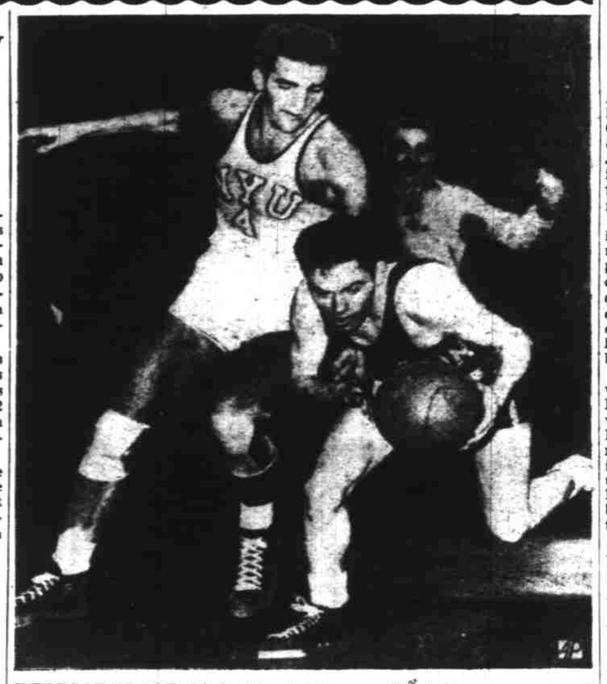
New Testimony In Bribe Case

Judge Tables Trial Until January 2

NEW YORK, Dec. 24-(AP)-Alvin J. Paris, indicted on charges of attempting to bribe two professional football players in an effort to throw a championship game, offered "lucrative off-season jobs" to two other players, a source close to the district attorney disclosed today.

This development came as Paris' trial on the indictment was adjourned by General Sessions Judge Saul S. Steit until Jan. 2 after a heated argument in which the defense sought a month's delay.

The offers reportedly were made about two weeks before the Giants-Bears game. Assistant District Attorney George P. Monaghan declined to comment on this development.



WEBFOOT SURGE: Little Stan Williamson, U of Oregon guard and star of the game, dashes in to take the ball away from NYU's big Center Adolph Schayes (4) in their game at Madison Square Garden. Oregon won, 81-65, and wowed 18,000 fans in doing so. (AP Wirephoto)

Puck Scoring Leaders Hold

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 24-(AP) For the seventh straight week respective scoring leaders in the southern and northern divisions of the Pacific Coast Ice Hockey league retained their advantage, although both lost ground to their closest pursuers in the past week, statistics released here today by Al Leader, managing director of the circuit, disclosed.

Roy McBride, of the southern division San Diego Skyhawks, added five points during the week to boost his total to 52 on 17 goals and 35 assists, while Ab McDougal, of the northern division Vancouver Canucks, raised his to 45 points on 33 goals and 12 assists.

Open House at YMCA Draws Many Youths

The YMCA annual open house, which began Monday, will be closed today, but will begin again Thursday morning with educational tours to Salem institutions added to the program.

Leaving the Y at 9 a.m. Thursday a group of boys will visit the Valley Packing company and the Salem Linen company. At 7:30 p.m. Thursday a tour of the Cherry City Baking Co. will be made. Friday morning at 9 a group will leave the Y for a tour of the Oregon state penitentiary and the State forestry building. Saturday a group will tour Kay Woolen Mills.

The remainder of each day will be occupied with games, sports in the gym, movies, swimming and tournaments. Until January 4 all the YMCA facilities are thrown open to Salem boys every day except Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

During Monday and Tuesday an average of nearly 1000 boys made use of the open house.

Rowe Retiring As Manager at Stayton Plant

STAYTON—Honoring Harry J. Rowe, who is leaving the local plant after 27 years of service, and welcoming his successor, Robert Stewart, employes of the local Mountain States Power company gathered at the Bon Ton Wednesday night for dinner. Plans were discussed for the formation of a Kilowatt club for employes and their families.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Rowe, Robert Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. C. Greenough, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Dombrowsky, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Landon, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wechensky, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saemk, Shirley Bates, Maxine DeJardin and Dorothy Titus, all of Stayton; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cline, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shuey, of Mill City; Mr. and Mrs. Vardie Shelton of Jordan; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Badger of Scio.

WVL Cagers Rest

WOODBURN, Dec. 24-(Special) The Willamette Valley Basketball league will be idle until January 3 due to the holidays. On that date Silverton goes to Molalla, Canby to Sandy, Stayton to Estacada and Dallas to Woodburn. Leading the league undefeated after the first two rounds are Molalla, Silverton, Mt. Angel and Stayton.

NEW MEXICOS ARRIVE

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 24-(AP)-Travel-weary following a 13-hour flight from Hawaii and a train trip from Los Angeles, two contingents of the University of New Mexico football team arrived here tonight for their New Year's Day Harbor bowl game with Montana State.

Vols Refuse to Play Against Negro Whiz

McKEESPORT, Pa., Dec. 24 (AP)- A scheduled basketball game between Duquesne university and the University of Tennessee was called off at the last minute Monday night when the southern school refused to take the floor unless assured that Charles Cooper, negro freshman star, would not play for Duquesne. More than 2600 fans were already in the gym when the cancellation was announced.

'BOWL' FOR ALBANY

ALBANY, Dec. 24 -(AP)- Coach Rex Hunsaker said today that Albany high school has accepted an invitation to play Nampa, Idaho, high school in a football game next Oct. 10 at Nampa, in the "Lettuce bowl."

ON THE TRAIL

The Oregon State Game Commission will hold its annual hearing to consider angling regulations on Saturday, January 11, 1947, at its offices at 1634 S.W. Alder street, Portland. Seasons, bag limits and other regulations affecting the taking of game fish will be determined for the ensuing year.

Fish liberated during 1946 for the benefit of the sportsmen in Oregon lakes and streams totalled 14,608,644, in spite of the fact that hatchery production was handicapped all through the year by the scarcity of the meat products used for fish food. The total weight of the fish turned loose was 139,890.3 pounds.

Releases included 12,158,416 rainbow trout, 468,714 cutthroat, 463,576 eastern brook, 628,273 steelhead, 105,986 loch leven, 248,440 silverside, 529,789 chinook and 5450 chum salmon. The fish were allocated to the 18 watersheds of the state as follows:

No. 1 (Clatsop, Tillamook and Western Columbia counties) 357,479 fish at 21,360 pounds. No. 2 Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Clackamas, Marion, Linn and most of Lane counties, 2,871,311 fish at 35,237 pounds. No. 3 Eastern Columbia, Multnomgh and Eastern Clackamas counties, 177,437 fish at 1664 pounds. No. 4 Hood River and Upper Wasco counties, 387,370 fish at 1489 pounds. No. 5, Lower Wasco, Western Sherman, Jefferson, Deschutes, Crook and Upper Klamath counties, 3,739,523 fish at 22,433 pounds.

No. 6, Eastern Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Grant counties, 295,626 fish at 1902 pounds. No. 7, Morrow and Umatilla counties, 101,641 fish at 3086 pounds. No. 8, Wallowa and Union counties, 654,634 fish at 6966 pounds. No. 9, Baker county, 64,420 fish at 1782 pounds. No. 10, Eastern Harney and Upper Malheur counties, no fish. No. 11, Lower Malheur county, 44,686 fish at 390 pounds. No. 12, Western and Lower Harney county, 189,644 fish at 840 pounds. No. 13, Lake county, 254,095 fish at 2039 pounds. No. 14, Lower Klamath county, 793,712 fish at 1637 pounds. No. 15, Jackson, Josephine and Lower Curry counties, 2,253,904 fish at 17,414 pounds. No. 16, Douglas county, 1,928,457 fish at 10,738 pounds. No. 17, Coos and Upper Curry counties, 125,888 fish at 2580 pounds. Lincoln and Western Lane counties, 348,817 fish at 8626 pounds.

Duck Shooting Bad All Over

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP) Albert M. Day, director of the fish and wildlife service, said today that never before has there been so many hunters to shoot at so few ducks. New reports from the fly-ways bear out earlier indications. Day told reporters, that it has been a dismal season everywhere.

He estimated the duck supply the lowest in five years, despite reductions in the hunting season from 80 to 45 days, daily bag limit from 10 to 7 birds and position limit from 20 to 14. Also he said, there are more hunters and more available ammunition than ever before. The sale of duck stamps exceeded 2,000,000 compared with a previous high of 1,500,000 in January, 1942, although more than 8,000,000 hunting licenses have been sold.

Highlights from latest reports by government game management agents included: Oregon—Smith river flats, Lake Earle, Rogue river and Coos Bay, "very few ducks along coast and on bays." Winchester bay, Yaquina bay and Alsea bay," few ducks. Mostly pin tails."

Washington – Dungeness and Port Angeles, "more ducks than last year."

G. Bishop & Co. Next For Hot Trailblazers

It's the great Gale Bishop & Co. next for Salem's still up-and-coming Trailblazers. The Pacific Coast Professional basketball series hits the Ferry Street Garden arena Saturday and Sunday nights, a two-game stand which will either make or break Salem's aspirations to climb from fourth into third place in the loop race.

At present, Bellingham rides the third place rung with six wins and four losses. The Blazers, after a slow start in which they dropped a pair at Bellingham, have six wins and six losses to date, five of those six wins coming in their last six games. Since the Len Yandles have added Big Jack Vaughn to work alongside Bill (Stretch) Osterhaus and plussed such reserves as Bill Anton and Dave Teyema they've been a solid ball club.

A double win for Salem in the Bellingham series will shove the locals into third place. The series will also mark the initial appearance of the All-American Bishop on local courts. He has a fast-moving and hard-hitting outfit with his Firerests, one that will give the driving Salems what stacks up to be a whale of a series.

Seats are on sale at Maple & Keene's at a dollar a throw for adults, four-bits for students.

Younger Stagg On Grid 'Pan'

SELINSGROVE, Pa., Dec. 24 -(AP)- Dr. G. Morris Smith, president of Susquehanna university, today belittled a reported move by disgruntled graduates to oust A. A. Stagg, jr., from the head football and athletic director post he has held for 11 years.

Earlier at Johnstown, Pa., Attorney Ernest F. Walker, president of the university's alumni association, said he "understood" petitions asking Stagg's removal were circulated soon after the school announced a father-son coaching combination consisting of the present coach and his 84-year-old father, Amos Alonzo Stagg, sr.

Coleman Names 6 Whistle Tooters

SEATTLE, Dec. 24-(AP)-Ralph Coleman, northern division Pacific Coast conference commissioner for basketball officials, has announced six men will handle the whistles in this winter's games. They are Hal Lee, Bremerton; Hal Eustis, Portland; Squinty Hunter, Spokane; John Heinrick, Tacoma; Lloyd Fessler, Bellingham, and Tim McCullough, Seattle.

Portland to Face Strong Bronc '5'

PORTLAND, Dec. 24 -(AP)- The undefeated Santa Clara basketball team, victor over California, UCLA and Southern California, will meet the University of Portland quintet here Friday and Saturday nights. Portland will be bolstered by the addition of 6 foot 6 inch Center Steve Troy who missed earlier games while with the football team in Hawaii.

Albany to Test K-Falls Quintet

ALBANY, Dec. 24-(Special) Coach Rex Hunsaker's unbeaten Albany high Bulldogs face what is expected to be their toughest basketball competition to date this season when they meet the unbeaten Klamath Falls Pelicans here Thursday night. The game will be played in the high school gym and will be preceded by a 7 p.m. preliminary.

Klamath Falls is on a barnstorming trip and will play at Salem Friday and Saturday nights.

BOWLING MEET SET

SPOKANE, Dec. 24 -(AP)- More than 190 men's teams, including bowlers from 17 northwest cities, will compete in the eighth annual BPOK bowling championships starting here Friday night. Tournament Secretary Frank Kachinsky announced today.

Field Trials Set for Year

WATERVILLE, Wash., Dec. 24 (AP)- The state game department has granted permission for the second running of the Hungarian futurity and Pacific coast championship field trials here next year. Doug Keating, local game protector, said Richard Seward, president of the Northwest Field Trials club, has announced the trials will be run the first or second week in April, depending on the weather.

The trials are regarded by many as the No. 1 field trial attraction west of the Mississippi.

HUSKIES LEAVE

SEATTLE, Dec. 24 -(AP)- A 10-man University of Washington ski team left today for the Pacific Coast intercollegiate meet starting at Sun Valley, Idaho, Dec. 28, seeking to defend the Bradley plate award they won last year.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Natives in these parts who still wonder what kind of ball club H. Hobson has at Oregon please take another look at the results of the Webfoot visit to Madison Square Garden Monday night—and especially the glittering words yielded by the Gotham writers on the UO team after its 81-65 shellacking of NYU. Your answer is simple. They HAVE a basketball team . . . In handing the Violets that lacing and drawing all those sweet adjectives from the bigger wordsmen Hobson has gained his revenge for the nasty tales of Oregon hoop-suiting handed out by those same gents a year ago. Now it rests with Slats Gill and his Beavers tomorrow night in the Garden to show 'em the Ducks aren't the only crack outfit from these parts. An item which the Beavers no doubt have foremost in their minds at all times . . . In coming through so brilliantly in the east, Hobson has sort of tipped his hand. Still undefeated and possessor of an outfit which brought raves in the east, Hobson will now find himself and company favored to waltz through the northern division race . . . But on the other hand, if the Ducks don't win the conference chase, think of the prestige the loop will gain in the east when those foreigners learn that the mighty Oregon team they saw just before Christmas isn't the best quint in the northwest! . . .

Howard Hobson

Rumor: That Frank Shone, certainly no longer the "bean bag" he was with the Portland ballgamers, will be moved to either Kansas City or Newark in the Yankee chain next spring. . . . But then there's another which says Frank will be kept right with Br'er Beaver . . . . And Roy Helser, the 20-game winner who graduated from the town Senators before the war, hinted while basketballing with Spokane here the other night that he might be a little tough to talk contract to come training time. Winning 20 for a last place nine is a worthy feat, and Left-hander Roy knows it . . . While in California for Christmas, Solon Biz Boss George Emigh intends putting the double check on the reports that George Vico is stricken with rheumatic fever. George opines 'tain't so . . . Top Xmas card: From the St. Louis Cardinals, adorned with their bat-supported and sprightly red bird spouting "1946 world champions" and wishing the receiver finds in the new year a "winner" also . . .

To date they've done feebly at the gate, and in lieu of this the basketballing Trailblazers' owners intend playing but one game a week here starting next month. Other "home" games will be tried at Eugene, Astoria, etc., or those cities falling into Salem's "territorial rights." After all, what can you expect. Certainly not that the well will never run dry. All going out and nothing coming in can get quite monotonous . . . There is a good chance, however, that the 'Blazer bosses will smile the coming weekend. What with the Great Gale Bishop & Co. coming in for Saturday - Sunday night games, plus the fact that the locals have snatched wins in five, of their last six outings, it's a good bet that the Bellingham series will do well at the ticket window. Two thousand and 2300 saw the Bishops play in Portland last weekend, but they'll settle for a thousand a night here. Which isn't too much when you consider that Len Yandle's crew has a good chance to beat the Bells and move into third place . . .

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