

Unknown Tops LA Swingers

Harden First-Round Leader, \$10,000 Go

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2 (AP)—Leading the field with the tournament favorites in close pursuit, Jack Harden, 33-year-old ex-GI from El Paso, Tex., fired a sub-par 67 today in the first round of the annual \$10,000 Los Angeles Open.

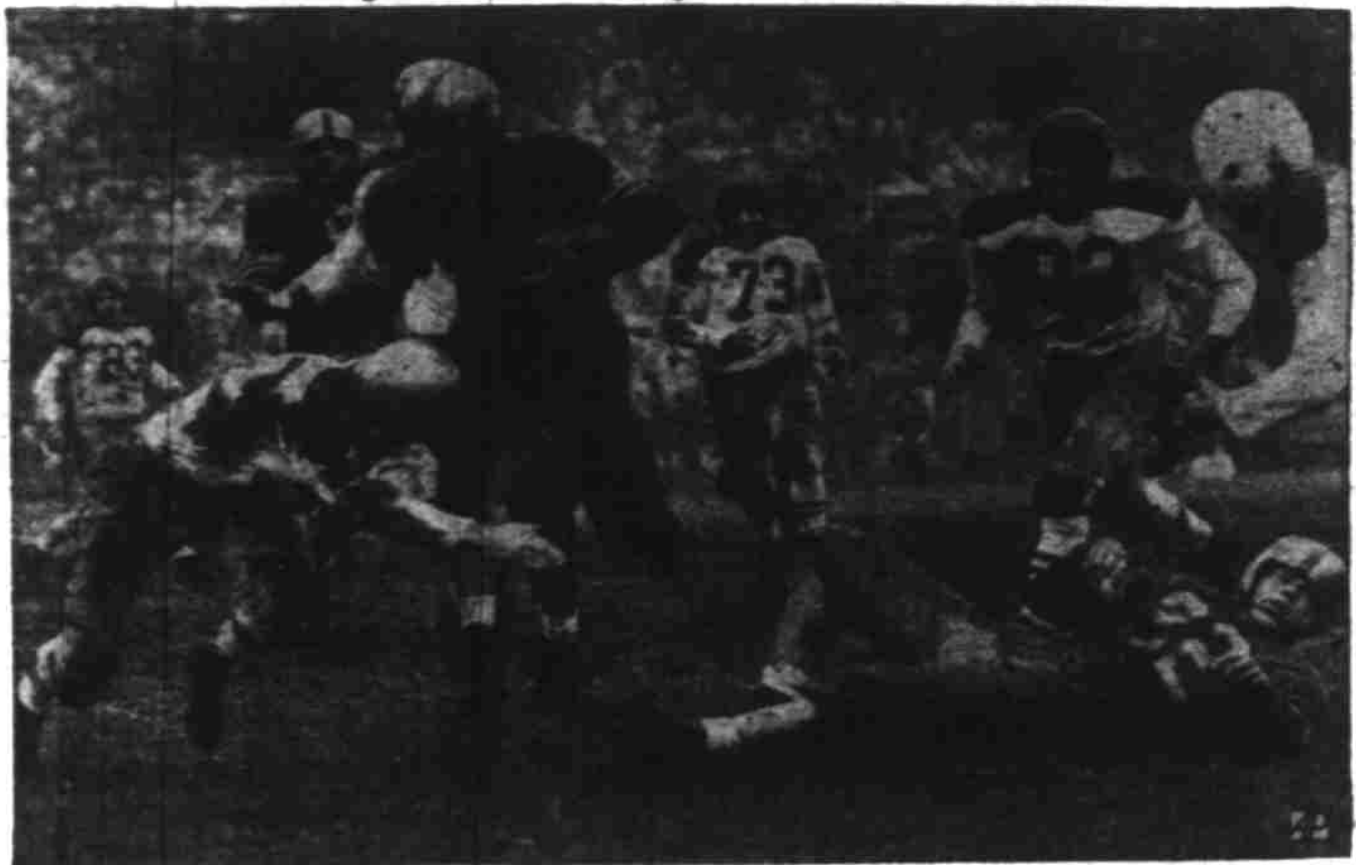
One stroke back of the Texas professional were defending champion Ben Hogan and Bill Spiller, 34-year-old former Los Angeles Red Cap, who carded identical nine hole scores of 36-32-68 for the par 35-36-71 layout of the Riviera Country club.

South Africa's fabulous Bobby Locke and former U. S. National Open Champion Lloyd Mangrum of Los Angeles, finishing the round as fog and darkness closed in, matched scores with 70s, three strokes back of the dark horse pace setter Harden.

Sam Snead, a former Los Angeles Open winner and Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., one-time PGA titleholder, quit the course at the 12th hole, both even with par, and will finish the round tomorrow.

Vic Ghezzi, Kansas City, Kans., had a 69. He won the event in 1935.

The Guy's a Dandy on Defense, Too



Notre Dame's great All-American as an offensive player mostly, shows above in the East-West game Thursday that he's sharp defensively also. He is tackling West back, Virgil Eikenberry of Rice after the latter made eight yards in the San Francisco Shrine game. Other players are (32) George Quist, West halfback, Stanford; (73) Howard Brown, East guard, Indiana; (82) Lou Mihalovich, East tackle, Indiana. Lujack was the shining star of the East's lopsided 40-0 victory. (AP Wirephoto)

Vikings Top Pioneers, Play Portlands Tonight

Hauk Quint Rolls Up 52-35 Victory; Houck Paces Win; Jayvees Capture 3rd Straight

By Al Lightner

Salem high's Vikings came back from their lengthy vacation last night at the Villa, sprung a brand new combination on the Oregon City Pioneers and walked away with a 52 to 35 basketball victory. Coach Loren Mort's evening by notching their third straight decision in the opener over the O-City seconds, 37-28. Both the varsity and Jayvees tonight take on the Commerce Stegns of Portland, the latter opening the pitch at 8:30 o'clock.

Boss Harold Hauk's new starting unit of Waldo Unruh and Keith Farnum at forwards, Carlos Houck at center and Hugh Bellinger and Bud Duval at guards proved to be not only rummy but fast. It was easily the best Salem has looked this season. The return of Unruh to the lineup after his long absence with a sprained ankle seemed to give the Vikes much better balance and moved the capable Houck into the center post where he performed well both defensively and offensively. Houck came up with the top scoring job for the game with his 12 markers.

The two clubs tussled on fairly even terms the first period, Salem holding a 17-12 lead at its demise. The Vikings started galloping faster and found numerous holes in the O-City defense in period two and ran up a 23-15 halftime count. It was 49-29 at the third stop, and to prevent a worse rout Hauk sent in his many reserves to play out the final chapter. Oregon City's seconds were sent in also and tallied 15 points to Hauk's three for the eight minutes. In all Salem hooked 21 field goals, many on fast breaks and lay-ups, while the Pioneers were held to nine. Had Salem hit a good percentage of the many free tosses awarded the score would have been even more lopsided. The Vikes missed 20 of 30 tries and Oregon City hit 17 of 29.

The entire game was marked at times by ragged play by both sides but Salem managed to offset it with splashes of the zip and shooting form which carried the Vikes to the Big Six title and a fourth place finish in the state tournament last season.

O-City (25) (37) Jayvees Lacy (1) (1) Kelly Mills (1) (1) Kally Mills (1) (1) Lankford Service (8) (8) Bacon Worker (2) (2) Garver White (4) (4) Oregon City reserves—Straight 1, Mager 7, Paulus 10, Giron 1, Error, O-City (35) (32) Salem Spiess (1) (1) Unruh (1) (1) Behnabf (0) (0) Farnum (1) (1) Hoffman (2) (2) Houck (4) (4) Samuels (3) (3) Stegns (1) (1) Rummel (0) (0) Duval (1) (1) Ruby (1) (1) Spigoff (0) (0) Sneyd (1) (1) Giron (0) (0) Deller (1) (1) Grod (0) (0) Cook (0) (0) Neiswider (1) (1) C. Valpita (2) (2) Culbertson (1) (1) W.V.P.I.L. 2 (2) Engert (2) (2) Deder (2) (2) Oskay (0) (0) Gieny (0) (0)

Totals 9 17 28 48 Totals 16 16 24 42
Officials—George Engh and Al Lightner.

BOZEMAN WIN

BOZEMAN, Mont., Jan. 2 (AP)—Taking an early lead and never losing it, Montana State college defeated Whitworth college of Spokane 69 to 59 here tonight in the first of a two-game series.

Philly Eyed As Fight Site

CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (AP)—Joe Louis shoved off for Philadelphia and a meeting with his co-manager Marshall Miles today after spending New Year's with his two children.

Louis and Miles plan to meet with promoter Herman (Mugsy) Taylor to discuss the possibility of shifting the boxing king's 25th championship defense to Philadelphia from New York next summer.

Louis said his challenger next summer would be Jersey Joe Walcott.

Hoop Official Pans Mentors

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—bur Johns of UCLA and Jack Gray of Texas, Johns who also happens to be chairman of the rules committee, stated at a luncheon here last week that in his opinion "the officials were ruining the game for the fans with too much whistle blowing."

"It is unfair to criticize the officials as spoiling the game for the fans," Begovich protested. "It's those new rules that cause all that whistle blowing. What people don't consider is that basketball as played today is far different from what it used to be years ago. It has been speeded up tremendously."

"Consequently many more violations are being committed than previously," he added. "The officials must adhere to the rules."

Elated Wolverines Gobble Press Notices

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 2 (AP)—Michigan's all-conquering Wolverines, the plaudits of Rose Bowl observers still ringing in their ears, boarded a noon train today taking them back to their Ann Arbor lair.

Coach Fritz Crisler, his 44 players and assistants left on a special section of the Santa Fe Super Chief at 11:50 a.m. (PST) after an "evening on the town" celebrating their tremendous 49-0 victory over Southern California's Trojans.

"Relax and enjoy yourselves" was Crisler's only post-bowl instructions to his Big Nine champions after the game. And they immediately struck out for the bright lights of Los Angeles and Hollywood.

Injuries in the contest were minor. All-America Bob Chapman, who passed and ran to a new Rose Bowl record of 279 yards, aggravated a torn leg muscle which he claimed "dodged me up some." End Dick Effenburg, who caught one touchdown pass, came out with a hurt shoulder, and his running mate, Bob Mann, suffered a knee injury.

The Wolverines carried armfuls of newspapers aboard the train, planning to spend most of the homeward trip reading their rave notices which included unstinted praise for their speed and blocking, as well as their much-heralded deception.

Among the required reading items:

Paul Zimmerman, Los Angeles Times sports editor—"We suggest that the best thing the Pacific Coast conference can do is buy up the Big Nine's contract. At the present reading, the best clause in the five-year pact is the one which will keep both Illinois and Michigan from returning next season."

Earl (Red) Blaik, Army coach—"It's almost impossible to compare Michigan and Notre Dame. Notre Dame operates the perfection. Michigan is perfection from the single wing."

And Crisler himself—"The greatest performance by the greatest team I ever coached."

As boys tried all the way, they were just too many for us."

Stanford edged out a fighting University of Oregon basketball team, 52 to 45, tonight at the San Francisco Cow Palace before 5,500 fans.

During the second half, the Indians held a lead that was constantly threatened by Oregon's nifty guard, Stan Williamson.

With five minutes to go in the game, Williamson fouled out, with the score then 45-43 in Stanford's favor. Oregon sorely missed its star guard, and the Indians built up the margin.

Stanford jumped out to an early lead and held a 6-1 edge after the first five minutes.

In the middle of the first half Al Popick put Oregon ahead with a field goal, 11-10. With three minutes left in that period, Stanford again took the lead, with Dave Davidson, guard, sinking one from mid range.

Roger Wiley, six foot eight inch Webfoot center, was high point man with 17 tallies, but Stanford's defense held him bottled up in the second half.

Stanford 52 Oregon 45
Oregon City 37 Portland 23
Totals 17 16 24 42
Officials—Eustis and Edwards.
Halftime—Oregon State 23, Portland 14.

Kansas 'Goat' Assumes Blame

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 2 (AP)—Quarterback Lynne McNutt whose fumble on the one-yard line in the last few minutes of the play killed Kansas' chances of tying or possibly defeating Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl today said today Tech "stole the ball but it's all my fault." Tech won 20-14.

The 24-year-old Kansan, who'll enter law school next year, said "Dick Monroe (the center) gave me a perfect snapback and I just didn't hang onto it."

"I don't know what caused me to drop it. Nothing like that ever happened to me before."

Transfers for Penney Executives Announced by Salem Manager

R. L. Manning, assistant manager and merchandise manager of the Salem J. C. Penney store, has been transferred to Newberg as manager of the store there, it was announced Friday by Mal Rudd, manager in Salem. Manning is being succeeded in Salem by B. F. Looser who has been connected with the Salem store for several years.

H. J. Hemann, section manager in Salem, has been transferred to Mt. Vernon, Wash., as assistant manager, Rudd also announced, and is being succeeded in Salem by Jack Jones of Independence.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Ore., compiled by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.

Jan.	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
1	6:11 a.m.	8.0	12:38 p.m.	2.3
2	6:26 a.m.	8.0	1:00 a.m.	2.1
3	6:41 a.m.	8.0	1:01 a.m.	1.4
4	6:56 a.m.	8.0	1:02 a.m.	1.0
5	7:11 a.m.	8.0	1:03 a.m.	0.6
6	7:26 a.m.	8.0	1:04 a.m.	0.2
7	7:41 a.m.	8.0	1:05 a.m.	0.2
8	7:56 a.m.	8.0	1:06 a.m.	0.2
9	8:11 a.m.	8.0	1:07 a.m.	0.2
10	8:26 a.m.	8.0	1:08 a.m.	0.2
11	8:41 a.m.	8.0	1:09 a.m.	0.2
12	8:56 a.m.	8.0	1:10 a.m.	0.2
13	9:11 a.m.	8.0	1:11 a.m.	0.2
14	9:26 a.m.	8.0	1:12 a.m.	0.2
15	9:41 a.m.	8.0	1:13 a.m.	0.2
16	9:56 a.m.	8.0	1:14 a.m.	0.2
17	10:11 a.m.	8.0	1:15 a.m.	0.2
18	10:26 a.m.	8.0	1:16 a.m.	0.2
19	10:41 a.m.	8.0	1:17 a.m.	0.2
20	10:56 a.m.	8.0	1:18 a.m.	0.2
21	11:11 a.m.	8.0	1:19 a.m.	0.2
22	11:26 a.m.	8.0	1:20 a.m.	0.2
23	11:41 a.m.	8.0	1:21 a.m.	0.2
24	11:56 a.m.	8.0	1:22 a.m.	0.2

Huskies Stop Bears, 54-51

White Paces Victors in Close Hoop Fray

SEATTLE, Jan. 2 (AP)—Forward Sammie White paced the Bears, trailing by 11 points with only five minutes left to play, but on a great comeback in the face of a Washington stall and narrowed the gap to 53-51 just before the final gun.

It was a wild, fast tilt with the count tied four times in the first half and three in the second. California missed 16 tries from the foul line.

California (51) (54) Washington
White (10) (12) Bayley
Cuneo (1) (1) Millikan (0) (0)
HWalker (1) (1) Millikan (0) (0)
Hanger (0) (0) Kothorne (1) (1)
Smith (1) (1) Kothorne (0) (0)
Tryon (0) (0) Kothorne (0) (0)
Kretzinger (0) (0) Taylor (2) (2)
Kenton (1) (1) Forgan (1) (1)
Strader (1) (1) Forgan (1) (1)
Riemcke (0) (0) Bird (0) (0)
Wolfe (0) (0) Bird (0) (0)

Totals 23 52 51 Totals 23 10 19
Free throws missed: G. Walker 4, R. Walker 2, Hanger 1, Smith 1, Strader 3, Wolfe, White 5, Vandenberg 2, Nichols 3, Engstrom.

Woolens Enter Tourny Final

PORTLAND, Jan. 2 (Special)—Salem's Page Woolens, state AAU basketball champs last season, tonight entered the Central Oregon C.A.'s tournament finals by losing out the Club Meccas of Portland, 43-42. The Pages' Saturday night play the winner of tonight's Semler-Yanks-Fee's Rollerdomes for title, the game starting at 8:30 at the "H."

The Woolens led 20-16 at halftime and with three minutes to play were ahead by seven points. But a spirited rally by the Meccas brought them up to the narrow finish. For Salem Frankie Page hit 18 points and both Eddie Engstrom and Al McRae had 10. Bus Bayley pitched 12 for the Meccas.

Woolens (42) (42) Mecca
Page (18) (12) Bayley
Salstrom (10) (10) R. Dunn
McRae (10) (10) G. Knott
Jones (8) (8) G. Knott
Bower (0) (0) J. Dunn
W. Knott (0) (0) J. Dunn
Garber 2, Bochner 6, Mecca 10

Annual Ryder Plan Rejected

LONDON, Jan. 2 (AP)—A high official of the British Professional Golfers association said today that a proposal for annual Ryder cup matches is "impossible" of fulfillment.

The official, who declined use of his name, said that British PGA has not enough money to pay the match expenses of a visiting U. S. team or the traveling expenses of a British team every year.

The annual matches were suggested by Henry Cotton, captain of this year's British team which was defeated in the United States. Cotton said the annual matches were proposed to him by U. S. pros.

The British PGA practically emptied its till this year to send its team to Portland, Ore., the official said.

Big Nine Cagers Slate Openers

CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (AP)—The big nine basketball races will open tomorrow night with a two-game card featured by defending champion Wisconsin's clash with unbeaten Illinois, currently stamped as the team to beat for the conference crown.

In addition to the Illinois invasion of Wisconsin, Northwest and Ohio State launch the conference campaign at Columbus, Ohio.

C-Catholic '5' Trips Academy

Central Catholic high's Rams of Portland last night annexed a 37 to 30 victory over the Sacred Heart Academy basketballers at St. Joseph's hall, after leading 23 to 15 at halftime. Jack Soring of the losers salvaged high scoring honors with 11 points. In the pre-lim the Central Bees swept to 48-29 win.

Central (37) (38) Academy
Foster (4) (4) F. Foster
Jaha (4) (4) F. Foster
Mollenber (8) (8) J. Collier
Dancer (6) (6) G. (1) D. Dayer
Grabham (4) (4) (1) W. W. W. W.
Central subs—Hattrup 2, Weber 2, McDowd 5, Sacred Heart—W. Dayer 5

Rollin' Along

By JERRY STONE

The mayhem committed on Southern California's Trojans by Fritz Crisler's wallowing Wolverines again emphasizes that Pacific Coast football is definitely not on a par with the brand played in other sections of the country. What is wrong? Perhaps the creeds will once again swing us around to teams with the potency of Howard Jones' mighty Troy club or the Stanford "wow" boys, leamed way over backwards in quipping that the USC's were in Michigan's class but were unfortunately having a bad day. Putting it truthfully, the only Coast teams of modern times ever to approach the current Wolverines and Notre Dame clubs in effectiveness probably were Head Man Jones' vicious Trojans of the early '30s. . . . The lads point to the Wolverines' greater point margin over Jeff Cravath's crew as proof that the Ann Arbor bunch is a better eleven than Notre Dame. Foolishly, we still stick with the Irish. Comparative scores are never a true criterion of relative strength, and it seemed obvious at the time that the Notre Damers could have collected more or three more scores against Troy if they'd wanted 'em. . . . It would't be the real "dream" game though — Michigan vs. Notre Dame. . . .

We've indulged in our share of retrospection concerning the events transpiring in the late and perhaps a bit lamented 12 months — and now what about the year ahead. It looks like a big and jam-packed one for the sports world, for it's Olympic games time once again. Gulp! You know what that means? It means more headlines and more stories. Now ordinarily that would be great, for the more stories you get inside a news room the spicier is existence. But what is going to make a lot of scribes mean is the fact that space limitations in '47 made necessary the cutting of stuff to the bone, and it looks like it is going to be even worse in '48 what with added volume from said Olympics, etc., plus little encouragement from the newsprint vendors. . . .

The Sporting News, along with a lot of other critical people, seems to think Ted Williams was the top major leaguer last season despite the awarding of the American league "Most Valuable" logo to Joe DiMaggio. The Baseball Bible names Ted the No. 1 player of '47 in its annual selections. In case you're interested, the ball sheet picked the Yankees' Bucky Harris as outstanding manager and the Dodger's Branch Rickey as No. 1 executive. . . .

How will the community's contributions to professional baseball fare during the New Year? Of course we're all hoping that Bill Bevens notches something close to a 28-win season for the Yanks. Rod Province, the strong-armed ex-Salem higher, will have a chance to move up the Cleveland farm ladder if he has an effective hill year for Bakersfield in the California loop. Riddy Gienzkow, who had a fine year in the outfield and at plates for Albuquerque of the classic West Texas-New Mexico loop last year, stands a good chance of sticking with the local Soles come the '48 campaign. Same goes for Woodburn's Paul Halter. And then another Woodburn gent, Dick Whitman, may find a slot with the Brooklyn Burns after a year of seasoning with Montreal. . . . Bill Beard, who did such a great job behind the plate for the Senators in '47, later being called up to the parent Portlanders, probably will do a good bit of his receiving at Vaughn street this year. . . .

Academy Tops Newport Quint

NEWPORT, Jan. 2 (Special)—An invading Salem academy hoop team edged Newport high's squad here tonight, 39-35, with Piveter Lowell Mikkelsen hitting 20 points for the winners. The Salem quint was on top at the end, 23-30.

Salem academy (39) (35) Newport
M. Mikkelsen (1) (1) W. Piveter
Punk (10) (10) W. Piveter
L. Mikkelsen (20) (20) E. Hanson
Gierzen (15) (15) J. Johnson
Whaff (0) (0) G. Gibanich
Subs: Anderson (12) Cox, Riders (8) Parsons, O'Hara.

Hapless Indians Sign 3d Pilot

PORTLAND, Jan. 2 (AP)—Harry Root, 6-foot 1-inch guard, became the Portland Indians' third coach of the season today, with the task of tugging the Indians out of the Pacific Coast professional basketball league cellar.

Root succeeds Roy Prigard, who resigned as coach after a three-week try. Johnny Bianco, coach at the season's start, resigned in December.

The Indians have managed only two wins in 17 starts.

BOWLING Scores

MERCANTILE LEAGUE			
Team	Score	Opponent	Score
Walton-Brown (3)	179	187	490
Simons	180	188	486
Johnson	138	167	426
McKenny	171	171	435
Prael	150	164	451
Totals	765	841	2447
Railway Express (8)			
D. Jones	117	146	378
G. Jones	110	131	351
Hodgson	171	160	432
R. Flux	152	152	438
C. Losner	121	177	438
Jack Olney	627	684	2000
Ron Motors (2)			
Curtis	171	151	318
Farrar	171	160	331
Stettler	158	127	285
Rickley	157	167	324
Kilzmiller	151	137	288
Totals	860	813	2423
Knights of Columbus (1)			
B. Kennedy	179	163	453
M. Miller	178	131	445
B. Salstrom	134	152	366
T. Bigler	174	166	450
Totals	671	512	2428
National Battery (2)			
A. Lovell	170	145	404
A. Manke	130	165	404
A. Mery	143	162	405
A. Halvorson	163	167	462
Totals	716	709	2294
Crested (2)			
J. Albrich, Jr.	213	134	349
Rickley	131	122	312
Albrich, Jr.	185	167	516
A. Brent	150	167	447
Jack Olney	162	167	496
Totals	679	708	2477
Busick's (2)			
J. Brent	171	199	416
A. Morris	180	197	413
D. Averbire	157	170	379
J. Haagenon	158	155	373
J. Ross	189	175	341
Totals	871	821	2522
Standby (1)			
M. Merrill	192	226	408
M. Merrill	146	126	326
H. Merrill	144	160	317
R. Albrecht	180	163	325
McKinney	162	167	405
Totals	628	653	2435