

# Tuesday Mat Lineup Complete

Two mat bouts promising plenty of fireworks have been added to Tuesday's armory card which will feature a non-title main event go between Coast Light Heavy Champ Ted Hager and Irish Jack O'Reilly.

The 30 minute special puts Whitley Wahlerberg, the fast and clean gent, up against the Stocky Knetsen bewhiskered Tennessee tough guy—Stocky Knetsen. In this one, which will be decided with a decision or two-of-three falls, it'll be Knetsen throwing his

meantime tactics in an attempt to offset Waltherberg's scientific antics.

The 8:30 opener will feature The Phantom and the veteran Buck Davidson in another fracas which should put the fans on the edge of their seats. This one will also be 30 minutes of two falls.

The mainer is scheduled for the one hour distance or two of three falls, with an Ired O'Reilly ready to really go after Hager. Hager has refused to offer the Irishman a crack at the belt until O'Reilly beats Rene LaBell. Irish Jack thinks Hager's putting him off and figures his best chance at the Coast crown is to whip Hager. Tuesday night will tell.

## Proctor Given Chance To Topple Montgomery

Little Jimmy Proctor, younger brother of the well-known Powder Proctor, has a good chance of upsetting the more experienced Chief Montgomery when the pair clash in the 10-round main event of the Vets of Foreign Wars ring card at the armory Wednesday night. That's the opinion of such a ring connoisseur as Matchmaker Tex Salkeld—and Salkeld likely is recalling the two times Proctor beat Monty when both were amateurs.

The younger Proctor, subbing in the coming bout for injured Paule Cook, is said to be imbued with great quantities of boxing ability—and the one question in his case is whether he'll freeze up against the sharp-hitting chief from Klamath Falls. If he doesn't, Montgomery may be in for a bad time. One thing certain. The bout has a good chance of not going the full route.

Says Proctor: "If I can outbox Monty I know I can beat him. He can punch, but he will have to hit me to win and I think I am just too fast for him."

The six-round semi-final Wednesday night will pit Irish Johnny O'Day against Paul Kennedy, an up-and-coming youngster from Longview.

The prelims will see Salem's Abney brothers resuming action. In the top four-rounder Dean Abney clashes with Kelly Jackson, Portland welterweight, and another four heat go puts brother Bud up against Al Cliff. The clouters in the third prelim mix will be announced later.

Interest in the coming bout indicates the gate may be one of the biggest of the year. Tickets go on sale at Maples Monday.

## Viking Quintet Seeks Revenge

With six wins and two losses on their record thus far this season, Harold Hauk's Salem high Vikings resume action Thursday night on the 14th street court in a return mix with Hillsboro. The Yamhill county quintet notched a close 30-27 victory over the Vikes in their first encounter Thursday night.

Hauk hopes to have Forward Benny Pitzer back in action as the Salems seek revenge against the Hillsboro outfit. Pitzer missed the first tilt because of a leg injury.

The Hauks move into second round Big Six league action Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Corvallis.

## Pistol League Being Formed

In the process of formation is a Willamette Valley Pistol Shooters league, with teams to date being lined up from Hubbard, McMinnville, Newberg, Sublimity, Albany and Salem. Silverton and several other towns are planning to enter.

The league will be operated under National Rifle association rules.

A meeting will be held in Salem after the first of the year for completion of organization. Any interested in entering the league may contact Vick Withrow, 364 State st.

## Souths Smack Norths, 24-14

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 25—(AP)—Rebel yell rang out in the Orange Bowl tonight as a team of southern college all-stars whipped a gallant band from the north, 24-14 in a benefit football game before 22,024.

# Rollin' Along

by Jerry Stone

Since the free substitution ruling made its way into college football there have been many who have raved about it—and almost as many who verbally slashed at it. Generally speaking, the coaches go for the platoon system, as the situation brought about by the ruling is now popularly called. But a good share of the scribes and radio men are agin' the thing. Life magazine recently broached the question to a panel of five members and five well-known sports writers. Four out of the five coaches were all for the free-sub measure. Three of the news

men, one of our Statesman staff writers whose earlier years were spent on the soil of the Lone Star state. To Dick's way of thinking there isn't a shed of doubt who'll capture the Texas-flavored bowl games New Year's day. In the Cotton Bowl? Why Southern Methodist, district coach. In the Orange Bowl? No doubt about it, of Texas. U is going to take Gwagla. In the Dixie classic? Baylor, sub, is a cinch. Dick's confidence is awesome—and it must be the real thing since he backs up his faith with his pocketbook. And, of course, he's just the gent a lot of us Webfoot supporters have been looking for...

Speaking of bowls—and who isn't these days—a glance at the lineup of the major ones shows the south leads (as usual) in representatives in the annual bowl m a n e s s. Dixieland has five teams which will see action New Year's day. Four clubs are from the midwest, three from the west coast and southwest and only one from the east sector.

Hoss racing is a fascinating sport—but to most of us the fascination lies in showing greenbacks through the pari-mutual windows and getting a profitable return. Recently an unhalcyon film showed here, "Sleeper" is the popular name. "The Winner's Circle" it was called—and, by all means, all race track followers should see it. The acting was from mediocre to lousy in the six—except on the part of the horse. He was the main character, really, and the story was told from his viewpoint. The tale ran from the time this horse was sired, then through his complicated period of training for the track, on into his miserable failures in the short sprints as a two-year-old—and finally climaxed with his success as a three-year-old in the distance events. Because of seeing this film we're going to appreciate the horse's side of the racing game more hereafter...

Joe DiMaggio had a good year for the New York Yankees and now the boys along the grapevine are whispering that DiMagg is asking 100 grand for his services in '49. But let us turn to a lad named Musial. Rumer Row isn't given to any hope that Stan will ask a substantial salary from the St. Louis Cards. And yet Musial had one of the greatest hitting records in diamond annals the past season. Why? Because fate destined Stan for a skimping club like the Cards. Too bad...



STAN MUSIAL

hawk were definitely opposed and another wasn't overly enthusiastic... Columbia's Lou Little backs up the ruling with: "To provide the best game of football the 11 best men must be on the field. We can't have them there without liberal substitutions. We can't get all men to do all things; this rule permits us to use the men for what they can do best. It doesn't hurt small teams, either; no legislation can make a strong team stronger and a weak team weaker..." On the other side here's Harold Claassen of the AP: "I don't like the unadmitted specialization permitted by the rule. You might as well put a new player into a tennis match when one man's backhand gets tired. It'll be for unlimited substitutions in football when a baseball manager can send nine sluggers up to bat and then substitute nine fielders on the defense..." Anybody else wanna chip in with his two-bit worth?...

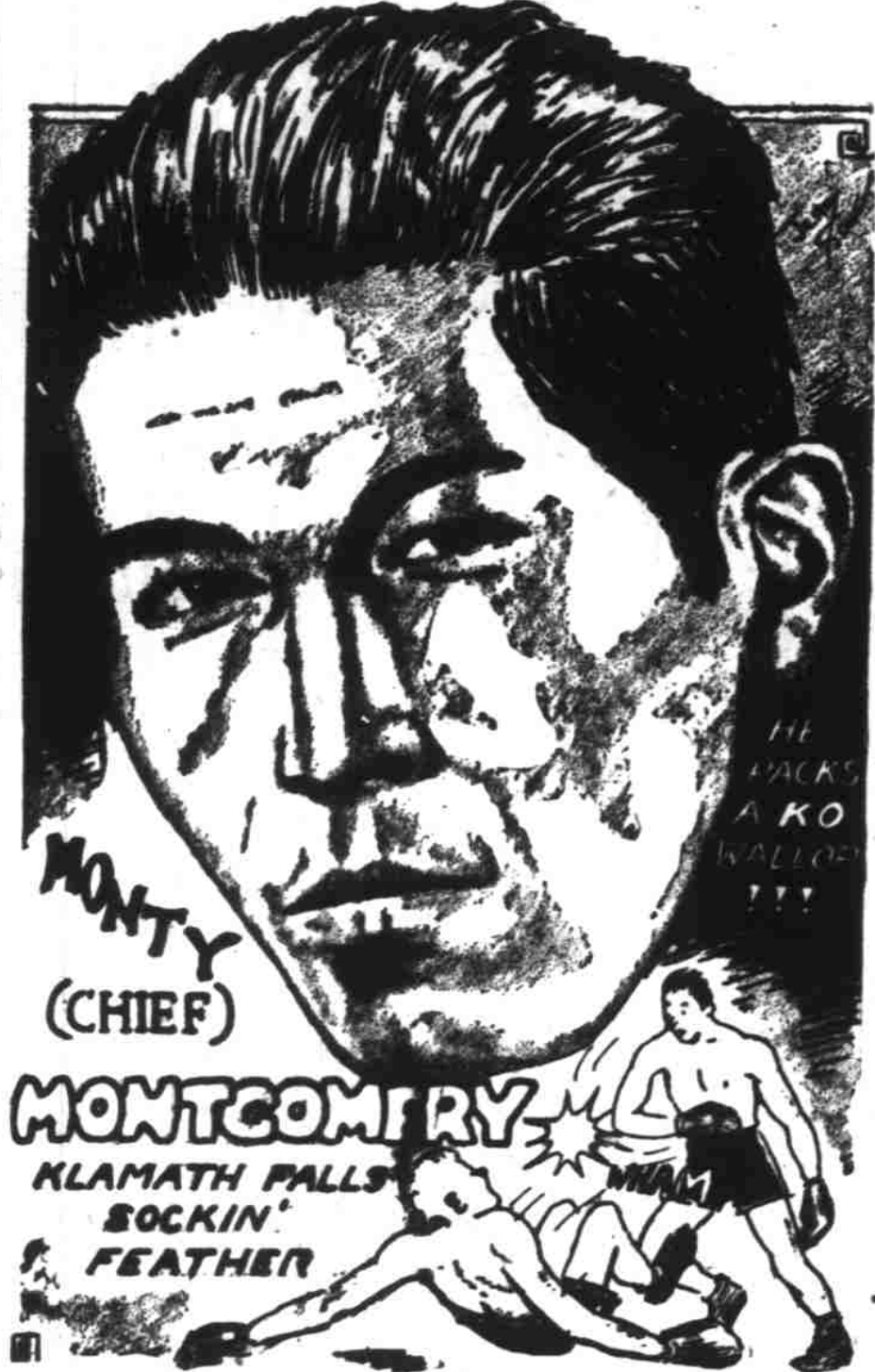
You can't top those thar Texans for sheer loyalty to all things with a Texas tinge. Take Dick

# STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

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## He Faces Test Wednesday Night



## Bearcats Head South

Willamette's hoop squad under the guidance of Coach Johnny Lewis, leaves this morning for Chico, Calif., where they will battle the Chico State quintet Monday and Tuesday nights.

The tils may be the only ones the Bearcats will play on their southward trek unless Lewis can negotiate a contest with one of several schools he is present in contacting.

Likely starters against the Chicos will be Bob Johnson and Ted Loder at forwards; Jim Johnson at the pivot post; and Tom Warren and Lou Scrivens at the guards. Others making the trip are Dick Allison, Bob Baum, Bruce Barker, Reg Waters and Dick Brower. Regular Guard Ted Johnson is staying home because of an ankle injury.

Willamette's next home game is Jan. 25 against Vanport.

## Eyes Chiccos



Jim Johnson (above), Willamette's sharp-shooting pivot, will be one of the leaders in the locals' attack against Chico State on the southerners' court Monday and Tuesday nights.

## Anita Slates Winter Meet

ARCADIA, Calif., Dec. 25—(AP)—Santa Anita race track launches its 12th winter meeting Tuesday and once again promises to dish out more prize money to horsemen, and draw more people who will bet more money, than any race track in the nation.

Fifty days of racing are ahead, starting with the opening day's feature, the \$50,000 California breeders stakes for homebred two-year-olds, and continuing on until an estimated \$2,500,000 has been paid out to competing stables.

Three purses worth \$100,000 apiece are on tap—the annual "hundred grand" handicap on Feb. 26, the derby Feb. 19, and the maturity for four-year-olds on Jan. 29.

## Marchons Takes Christmas 'Cap

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 25—(AP)—Marchons 2nd won the \$7,500 added Christmas handicap at Tropical park today before 15,168 holiday fans, the largest crowd of the current meeting, and continuing on until the Argentine Invader, owned by Freddy Hammer of Long Island, scored his fifth straight victory in this country in the fast time of 1:43-3/5, just one and one-fifth seconds slower than the track record for the mile and a sixteenth course.

**JEFF GRADERS WIN**  
JEFFERSON—Sparked by Cameron's 23 points, the Jefferson grade school Cubs rolled over the Scio grade quintet, 30-5, Wednesday night.

**ROYALS TRIUMPH**  
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Dec. 25—(AP)—Normie Kirk's long shot gave the New Westminister Royals a 4-3 Pacific Coast hockey league overtime victory over Vancouver Canucks tonight.

## Ski Dope

Timberline Lodge, Government Camp, Cooper Spur, Santiam Pass—No current report. Forecast: Mostly cloudy Sunday, with fog above 5,000 and 6,000 feet, which will vary throughout day; occasional snow flurries both days; daytime temperature range at Timberline 15-20 degrees; at Government Camp 23-28; at Cooper Spur 20-25; at Santiam Pass 23-28.

## Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Oregon - December, 1948		
Dec.	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
	Time	Time
26	8:47 a.m. 7.4	2:17 a.m. 2.4
	10:25 p.m. 4.9	4:07 p.m. 0.0
27	9:32 a.m. 7.6	3:10 a.m. 2.9
	11:28 p.m. 5.1	4:37 p.m. -0.5
28	10:17 a.m. 7.7	4:28 a.m. 3.2
		5:42 p.m. -0.9
29	12:30 a.m. 8.2	4:37 a.m. 3.4
	11:00 a.m. 7.7	6:24 p.m. -1.0
30	1:17 a.m. 8.4	6:54 a.m. 2.1
	11:42 a.m. 7.8	7:30 p.m. -1.0

# Ducks Think of Home on Christmas Eve

By LARRY LAU  
(WITH THE OREGON FOOTBALL TEAM, Dallas, Texas) Dec. 25—(Special)—The Webfoots are not only great football players, they're good actors too. But maybe I'd better start at the beginning. Christmas eve the team and a present for invited guests had a party. It wasn't much of a party, as parties usually go. Christmas eve or not, the boys still had to be in bed by ten. There was nothing served stronger than milk or more rich than jello. There were no mothers or wives or sisters or girl friends. Just that rugged bunch of far-from-home Oregonians, alone.

They had a Christmas tree, and each player had drawn a name and gotten a present for one of his teammates. Dick Wil-

kins, Oregon's all-conference end, acted as Santa Claus.

The first gift was a portable radio, a present from the team to their head coach, Jim Aiken. The card read "We'd rather give you a victory over SMU tonight, but we can't do that until next Saturday."

Jim realized, what with the long trip and being so down to their last nickel. More than that, he realized what a great tribute this was to him from the alumni, not from the fans, but from the men he's had to drive day after day after day — from his championship team.

Graff-voiced Jim Aiken's face grew soft and inadequate and embarrassed. He mumbled a thanks and sat down. The chiming of a nearby church were ringing "Come All Ye Faith-

ful." It was a tight moment. The team guffawed and laughed and kidded their coach, and passed over the first lump in their throats.

Most of the gifts were silly, inexpensive things, and each was accompanied by a poem that, more often than not, failed to rhyme.

Big DeWayne "Suede" Johnson, of Silverton, got a toy motorboat. Bud Boqua, of Springfield got a large display size beer bottle, solid glass. Oregon's massive 260 pound trainer Tom Hughes, got a bow tie that worked on batteries and flashed red and green. The team laughed and cut up, and tried not to hear the church chimes. When ten o'clock rolled around they went quietly to their rooms.

The big Christmas tree glittered and looked warm, as Christmas trees are supposed to do. The party was a lot of fun but doggone it... there's just something special about Christmas eve. These Oregon football players, 2400 miles from their wives and families, well... they kinda miss you folks.

Sure, the whole city of Dallas is at their disposal. They've been having a great time. See hockey games, stage reviews, guide tours... all of that. But Christmas eve most of the boys had a far away look in their eyes.

Sure... they're big rough, tough football players, but a lump in the throat can happen to anybody. These Texans are wonderful but there is one thing they just couldn't do—fill that empty spot in Webfoot hearts.

## Blue Gridders Defeat Grays

### Yankee Stars Grab Close 19-13 Victory

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 25—(AP)—A pair of fast, tricky backs and a line that wouldn't back up gave the Yankee All-Stars a 19-13 victory in the annual Blue-Gray gridiron battle here today.

It was the Blues' first win in three years and even the weatherman seemed to have the spirit of the North. A sudden cold spell sent the temperature near the freezing point after days of spring like warmth.

Big Veto Kissell, pile driving fullback from Holy Cross, was the ground-gaining performer who attracted most attention. He hit the Rebel line 14 times for a net gain of 62 yards.

George Guerre, 157 pounds of speed from Michigan State, did all right for himself, too. He carried the ball 13 times and netted 36 yards.

Brown University's Ed Finn accounted for another 60 yards by completing three out of 10 passes, outshining the Gray's aerial ace, Bobby Thomason of VMI.

Both the Rebel touchdowns came on opponents' fumbles.

Two of the Yankee scores came on passes, the other on a line plunge.

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## Inactive Week For City Loop

AMERICAN DIVISION

Warners	W L Pct.	Arw. Mill	1 2 333
Karpets	2 1 .667	KC's	1 2 333
Motor	2 .667	St.	1 2 333

NATIONAL DIVISION

Nav. Res.	W L Pct.	Natl. Grd.	1 2 333
Wards	3 0 1.000	Marines	0 2 .000
Sophs	1 2 .333	Hd. Ditch	0 2 .000

City league basketballers have a rest this coming week because of the holidays but swing back into action with American division clashes Monday, Jan. 3. The Nationals resume Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Three clubs — Warner Motors, Karakul Karpets and the Valley Motors — are tied at the top of the American circuit with two wins and one loss each.

The Naval Reserves and Montgomery Ward lead the National division with three straight victories.

## Prep Circuit Opens Loom

Two valley prep leagues will open their campaigns after the end of the holiday period. The Marion-Polk A league launches play Friday, Jan. 7 and the Marion county B wheel swings into the grind Tuesday, Jan. 4.

The Willamette Valley league rolls into its second round of action Tuesday, the 4th.

The local junior high race will start Friday, the 7th and Church league play resumes Monday, the 3rd.

## Dobie Rites Set

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 25—(AP)—Gil Dobie, who died Thursday after more than 30 years as a college football coach, will be buried in Ithaca, N. Y., Tuesday.

His daughter, Janet, said the list of pall-bearers was incomplete but that George Pfann, who played under Dobie at Cornell; Raymond Hunt, a former Cornell coach; and Capt. Duke Gray of the Naval Academy already had been appointed pall-bearers.

## Hoop Tourney Calls Beavers

CORVALLIS, Dec. 25—(AP)—The Oregon State Beaver basketball squad enters tonight for San Francisco to pit their pre-season strength against other conference schools in an invitational tournament.

Coach Slat Gil is hoping the Beavers, with six wins in ten pre-season starts to their credit, can find their shooting mark in the three-day tournament.

Traveling south are Captain Cliff Crandall, Al Petersen, Jim Catterall, Tom Homan, Dick Ballantyne, Len Rinearson, Dan Torrey, Glenn Kinney, Harvey Watt. They will be joined in San Francisco by Californians Ed Fleming, Bill Harper and Ray Snyder who were home for Christmas.

## Busy Week Ahead for 'Cats, Cal

By Bob Myers  
PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 25—(AP)—Northwestern and California head into the long practice haul next week that brings them face to face in the Rose Bowl New Year's day, and a fine display of old fashioned rock-and-sock is in prospect.

Coach Lynn (Fappy) Waldorf brings his Berkeley Bears into Southern California Monday, taking up quarters in Riverside, some 50 miles east of here.

Coach Bob Voigt of NU, who starred for three years as a tackle under Waldorf when Fappy coached there in the late '30s, gave the Wildcats the weekend off, but promised them a life of misery from Monday on until drills taper off later in the week.

As matters stand now, most observers look for a close ball game, a tight score and a display hardly as spectacular as last New Year's one-sided Michigan show over Southern California, or the Illinois attack against UCLA.

Brushing, rather than passing, seems to be the forte of both teams. In 10 games unbeaten California ran the ball 278 yards and held opponents to 954; Northwestern in nine games rushed 1861 and opponents got 1367—and the figures include a 6-26 loss to mighty Michigan and a 7-12 setback by undefeated Notre Dame.

NU gained 722 yards through the air, California 928; neither mark could be regarded as sensational.

## PCO Hoop Meet Opens Monday; Record Gate Likely at Bowls

### Bevos, Indians Favored Clubs

By Russ Newland  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25—(AP)—Stanford's Indians and the veteran-manned Oregon State team will go into action as about equal choices to win the first annual Pacific Coast Conference Invitational Basketball tournament, starting here Monday.

The three-day competition at the massive Cow Palace will continue Dec. 28 and conclude Dec. 30.

Oregon State and University of Southern California will pair off in the first round opener, Monday at 2 p. m. (PST). Washington State and the University of California at Los Angeles will follow at 3:45 p. m. Oregon and Stanford meet at 8 p. m. and Washington takes on California at 9:30 o'clock.

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## Shrine Stars Continue Work

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25—(AP)—Long morning workouts in cold, rainy weather marked the Christmas day preparations of the East-West squads for the annual charity football game here New Year's day.

After a two-hour grind, players of the two teams enjoyed a holiday party, the easterners housed on the University of Santa Clara and the westerners at Stanford. Gifts included wrist watches and life membership cards entitling them to attend all future games for the Shrine's Crippled Children's hospital cause.

## Nine Lettermen Bolster Ducks

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 25—(AP)—Coach John Warren will have nine Oregon basketball lettermen to draw on for action in the Coast conference college invitational tournament at San Francisco.

The squad of 15 men leaves tomorrow night.

The lettermen include Bob Amacher, Jim Bartlett, Paul Cooper, Bob Don, Lynn Hamilton, Ken Seeborg, Bob Lavey, Dick Unis, and Roger Wiley.

## Tourney Ends Today

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25—(AP)—International football bows the 1948 gridiron schedule out in these parts tomorrow, with the U. S. playing Hawaii and Canada meeting Mexico.

It's the climax of the International amateur football federation's first tournament. The U. S.—Hawaii contest is for the title, the Canada-Mexico tilt for the consolation.

## Girds for SMU 591,400 May Watch Battles



Dan Garza (above), talented end for the Oregon Webfoot, will be just one of many reasons why Southern Methodist will have tough sledding against the Ducks in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas New Year's day.

By Will Grimalay  
NEW YORK, Dec. 25—(AP)—Attendance may be sagging in most sports events but the football Bowl games still pack a wallop at the gate.

An all-time record turnout of 591,400 is expected to pay \$2,545,800 (million) to watch 16 postseason spectacles Jan. 1, and two minor games earlier in the week.

This would be around 60,000 more people than slid through the clicking gates for 16 similar attractions last year. It's figured they'll shell out a good \$500,000 more for their day's fun.

A survey of the sprawling enterprises shows that the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans anticipates one of the largest gates.

The Crescent City sponsors, who came up with an outstanding match in North Carolina and Oklahoma, are counting on 81,000 customers and a gate totaling \$420,000. Last year's crowd was 72,000. This expansion, amounting to about \$60,000 in added receipts, makes the Sugar Bowl a real threat to the long-standing dominance of the tradition-rich Rose Bowl at Pasadena.

The Rose Bowl is still, however, the biggest and richest of them all. It expects \$2,500 to pay \$450,000 to watch California's unblemished Pacific Coast co-champions tangle with twice-beaten Northwestern of the tough Western conference.

The Orange Bowl at Miami, Cotton at Dallas and East-West Shrine game at San Francisco are other very lucrative fixtures, each calculated to attract crowds of 60,000 and above the gates of more than \$300,000.

The other games, with their intriguing variety of names which grow with every year, taper off from there. The Vulcan Bowl at Birmingham, for example, is preparing to accommodate only 6,000.

Most of the Bowl athletes were given a rest during the Christmas week-end. But they had orders to be back in togs and ready for rough skirmishing tomorrow.

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