'Watch Kentucky' Tune Sung Again As New Hoop Season Hits '50 Stride

Wildcats Look To Top Season

Twelve Quintets Hold Unbeaten Records

By Murray Rose

NEW YORK Jan. 1 –(AP)– That old refrain of college basketball — "Watch Kentucky" — is being chanted again.

Yep, Coach Adolph Rupp and his Kentucky Wildcats are back doing the same rushing business at the old stand, much to surprise of all concerned.

After all, this was the year when Rupp and his Wildcats were supposed to get their lumps following years of success. Few tears were going to be shed over Adolph's plight either. He had a good run while the Alex Groza, Ralph Beard, Wah Wah Jones, Cliff Barker combinations were around.

But here Kentucky's big four is gone and the Wildcats are back close to the top again. And it looks like Kentucky is headed back to the March tournaments again.

Kentucky signalled its strength to the country by copping the Sugar Bowl tournament last week with victories over Villanova and Bradley. Bradley, rated one of the top powers, was taken into camp, 71-66.

That made Kentucky's record, 6-1. The Wildcats' only defeat was pinned on them by St. John's, the unbeaten Brooklyn powerhouse, 69-58 in New York's Madison Square garden last Dec. 15. It was Kentucky's first important game of the year, and the Wildcats really were starting to roll at the tail-end of that contest.

St. Louis knocked over Navy last night for the Middies' first defeat of the year. Niagara, also unbeaten up to last night, was tripped by San Francisco, 52-48. Ten other quintets were whipped for the first time during the week, leaving a dozen major and near-major teams still around with perfect records after at least four games.

The unbeatens include St. John's of Brooklyn (12), Siena (12), Holy Cross (9), Indiana (8), Duquesne (7), Marshall (7), Iona (7), Auburn (6), Waynesburg (6), Detroit (5), St. Bonaventure (5), and Cincinnati (4).

Besides Navy and Niagara, the following teams tasted defeat for the first time this week: Colorado, Villanova, Syracuse, Tulsa, Wichita, Cornell, Georgetown, Brown, Pitt and LaSalle.

Bears, Ohio State Ready

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California, on the other hand, waded through its season without too much difficulty. Like Ohio State, it was a come-from-behind team in at least four games, but in some of those contests they shouldn't have been behind in the first place as the final scores turned out.

The Bears rolled up 305 points during its campaign, and outgained the Bucks in total yardage compiled as quarterback Bob Celeri sparked the team to the conference title. Waldorf thinks this team is better in some respects—speed and passing, mainly—than his 1948 eleven.

If it is better, and Ohio State is better than Northwestern was, then an imposing struggle is ahead.

There are two measuring rods. California outscored USC, 16-10, and USC managed to tie Ohio State, 13-13. California walloped Wisconsin, 35-20, Ohio State blanked the Badgers, 21-0.

Tomorrow will tell the tale.

Kickoff time: 2 p.m. Pacific standard time.

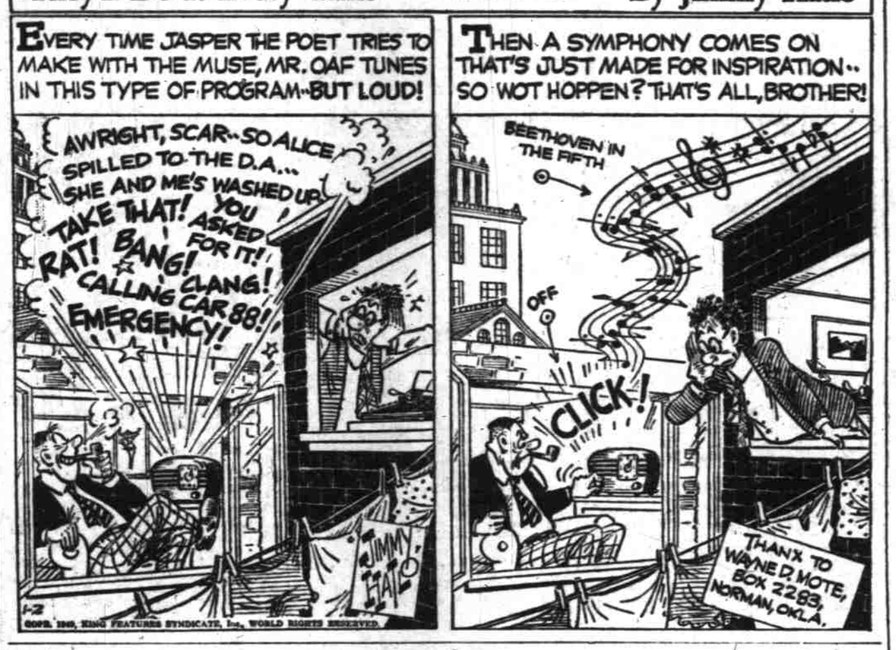
Probable starting lineups:

Ohio State	Pos.	California
Schnittker	L E	Begovich
O'Hanlon	L T	Collum
Toneff	L G	DeJong
Lininger	C	Stathakis
Biltz	R G	Franz
Wilson	R T	Turner
Hague	R E	Priestley
Savic	Q B	Celeri
Krall	L H	Brunk
Hamilton	R H	Monachino
Morrison	F B	Scharbarum

SOLIDARITY FAVORED

ARCADIA, Calif., Jan. 1 –(AP)– Solidarity, a 5-year-old bargain buy, rules today as the odds-on choice to whip a field of seven other horses in tomorrow's $50,000 Santa Catalina handicap at Santa Anita. In a seven furlong overnighter last week, Solidarity won by 3½ lengths over some of the same horses that will face him tomorrow.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo



Brunk in High Gear

Frank Brunk, California's elusive halfback who ran 102 yards to a touchdown against Southern California this year, rambles through a hole in high gear as the Golden Bears work out at Riverside, Calif. They're back in shape for the Rose Bowl game today with Ohio State. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman).

Angott Comeback Try Set in Baltimore Ring

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1–(AP)–The spirit of ring comebacks in a fighter and the dream of a champion by a manager never seem to die.

Bubbling over with such hopes are Sammy Angott, the former lightweight champion, and Manager Jack Laken.

The two arrived in Baltimore for a bout next Monday night with Sonny Boy West of Washington. But their target is a title fight with Welterweight Champ Sugar Ray Robinson.

Laken, voluble like most of his ilk, predicts "we'll be back next summer for a title fight with Sugar Ray in the Baltimore stadium."

He claims he has turned down an offer to meet Robinson in an over-weight match in Pittsburgh. "We want Robinson for the title only and at the welter weight," sputs the short manager.

Robinson has beaten Angott over the weights, but Laken says things will be different at 147 pounds.

Angott is making the third comeback of his career during which he held the lightweight title three times. "This time he's going to make it" grins the eternally optimistic Laken. "I'm going to have the champ."

The Washington, Pa., boxer is 34 years old. But Laken compares him to "great whisky in an old age barrel. He's in better shape than 70 per cent of the kids fighting today who are punch drunk."

Sonny Boy West himself is being groomed for title consideration. The Washington negro currently is ranked the sixth best 135-pounder in the country.

That doesn't worry Angott much. "He may have a little something in youth on me, but I've got the experience. I've been in there with the best of 'em, and the toughest.

"I lost three very close ones to Sugar Ray, and who's a better boxer? And remember I'm the only guy who ever licked Willie Pep until Sandy Saddler turned the trick last year.

"I stopped Ike Williams in Pittsburgh in the fifth on a T.K.O. and I fought some of the best in the game."

Hurt Fighter Still Critical

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 –(AP)– The condition of heavyweight Carmine Vingo still was listed as "critical" today at St. Clare's hospital.

The 20-year-old New York boxes was knocked out Friday night by Rocky Marciano in Madison Square Garden and carried on a stretcher from the arena to the hospital.

Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello, New York state athletic commission physician, said Vingo was suffering from "a concussion of the brain, a contusion and laceration of the brain and a possible subdural haemotomo (blood clot)."

Bolanos Stops Barnum in Two

MEXICALI, Mex., Jan. 1–(AP)– Enrique Bolanos, idol of millions, performed like a matador today with a second round technical knockout victory over Joey Barnum, Los Angeles welterweight.

About 8,500 citizens watched the Mexico City swatter storm into the bullfight arena here and introduce Mr. Barnum to the canvas three times in the second round.

When Barnum, spewing blood, went down for the third time, Referee Fidel La Barba stopped the fight with 51 seconds left in the round.

Bolanos weighed 138, Barnum 143½.

For Bolanos, this was a tuneup for his rematch with Maxie Docusen, the guy who separated Bolanos, from his California lightweight title.

State Bowlers to Open Title Action Saturday

PORTLAND, Jan. 1 –(AP)– The 9th annual Oregon State Bowling association championships will start at the Rose City alleys here Saturday and continue until Jan. 29.

A record entry of 233 teams is expected in the class A-B-C competition.

Class A singles Champion Frank McCants, Salem, is expected to defend his title again this year.

Drobny Denies Regret Letter

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 1–(AP)– Jaroslav Drobny, the self-exiled Czech tennis ace, denied tonight that he had ever written a letter expressing regret over leaving Czechoslovakia.

Drobny, in Adelaide, said that a letter over his signature, published in a Prague newspaper, was not written by him.

The stocky Czech, currently appearing in tennis tournaments here, commented on a letter in "Mlada Fronta" (Youth Front). The newspaper said that in the letter Drobny said he regretted having gone into exile.

The newspaper claimed Drobny's letter was addressed to a Czech sports leader whose name it failed to mention.

The letter quoted Drobny as saying "I was used as a tool by somebody and I now beg pardon."

Drobny said "the letter is a complete fabrication and an attempt to ruin me in the eyes of the free peoples of the world."

He will play Frank Sedgman, young Australian tennis championships at Adelaide tomorrow.

Golfers to Slate 1950 Event Dates

PORTLAND, Jan. 1 –(AP)– The dates for golfing events sponsored by the Oregon Golf association in 1950 will be named Jan. 23 at the annual election of officers meeting here.

Retiring President Ray Chirgwin said these include the state meet to be held at Eugene and the site for the state junior tournament. He said the OGA event at Eugene may be held in June.

Look and Learn

By A. C. Gordon

1. What is the fundamental standard of length in the U. S.?
2. What area in the United States at one time went for 401 days without any measurable precipitation?
3. Does the word "labial" to the eyes, ears, nose, or lips?
4. Which university was endowed by George Washington?
5. What is the name for a musical composition that expresses ecstasy or joy?

ANSWERS

1. The meter, equivalent to 39.37 inches.
2. Death Valley, California.
3. The lips.
4. Washington and Lee.
5. Rhapsody.

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