

# Wackiest 1950 Sport Events Noted in Poll

NEW YORK, Jan. 6-(AP)—Gather around the hot stove, friends, and we'll tell you about the wackiest events in sports during the past year.

There were plenty of them, too. But the most outstanding in the minds of sports writers and sportscasters were the big blizzard, the great fox hunt in Yankee Stadium, and the longest mile run in history.

The experts who took part in the Associated Press year-end poll found many other oddities to lighten up a grim year. They didn't chuckle at Ohio State, however, over the great blizzard. Thirteen inches of snow had piled up on the huge stadium before the climactic game with Michigan. A snow storm raged, a 28-mile an hour wind lashed the field, and the gridgers performed in biting, ten-degree cold.

And oddly enough, and maybe that's not the proper word, 50,603 fanatics tried to watch the ghostlike figures maneuver.

Not a single first down was made by Michigan, which won, 9-3, to capture the Big Ten title and a trip to the Rose Bowl. The weather was almost as bad as other sections of the country. Punks were booted straight up in the air, in some parts gales swept the kicks back, and players, unable to distinguish their teammates, tackled their own runners.

The most elusive runner since the days of Red Grange, however, showed up in the Yankee Stadium. It was Reynard, the fox, a gaunt little critter about three feet long and weighing about 15 pounds.

Reynard first was spotted by watchmen the night before the Army-Michigan football game after a truckload of tarpaulins had been brought in.

Some wags said the fox had been there all through the baseball season and had mapped out all of the strange ships cooked up by Casey Stengel.

Casey, who won two straight world championships, hastily denied any collaboration with Reynard, saying he got his inspiration from the same little boy who helped Irving Berlin write his songs.

They finally got Reynard one dark night in December. There was no baying of hounds, no scarlet-clad hunters. Reynard was blasted by a shotgun in the dimly lit catacombs under the stands.

He was at the end of his rope when it happened, anyway, lean and starved looking.

Reynard has been stuffed and mounted in the Stadium press room, a permanent reminder to Yankee base stealers to make that bag.

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The world's record for the mile run is 4:01.4. The slowest? The 314 days, 12 hours and 23 minutes it took for Don Gehrmann of Wisconsin to win the Wanamaker mile.

Gehrmann was declared the winner on Jan. 28 when he finished the mile in Madison Square Garden in 4:09.3, a breath ahead of Fred Wilt. Four judges were evenly divided on the outcome and chief judge Asa Bushell declared for Gehrmann. After that followed a series of squabbles that would have mystified a Philadelphia lawyer with Wilt declared the winner and then Gehrmann. The dispute raged for months.

Finally on Dec. 9, the AAU, at its annual convention, decided once and for all that Gehrmann was the victor.

## Pomeroy Gets Warner Award

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 6-(AP)—Russ Pomeroy, Stanford linebacker ace, today was named winner of the Glenn (Pop) Warner award as the most valuable senior football player on the Pacific coast during the past season. The 205-pound All-Coast AP lineman will receive a gold wrist watch and a regulation size gold football trophy.

## SPORTSLIGHTNER

(Continued from preceding page) rest of the members of the National Collegiate Athletic association do some de-emphasizing of their own, the PCC will be the laughing stock of the football side of the nation every September to December.

One might say in rebuttal, "Notre Dame, Army and Navy do not believe in post-season games, and they seem to do okay." Very true. But then those teams have a backlog of non-participation after the close of the regular season, which the PCC doesn't have. Like many other who have stopped to study the whole thing, we can appreciate the Coast's anxiousness to put some kind of stopper to the outrageous cost of big time football. But darned if we can understand why she left herself so wide open with the announcement at this particular time.

## 'Jim Thorpe—All American' Soon Coming

Soon to be released for the public consumption is the film, "Jim Thorpe—All American." No, Jim himself won't be playing the lead despite the fact that he lives near Hollywood these days. But the Warner Bros. organization went to great lengths to give the public as realistic a history as possible on the feats of the greatest athlete of the 1900-50 half-century. For example, the film company ordered exact replicas of the football uniforms worn by the Carlisle Indian school, Harvard, Army, Penn and other colleges between 1907 and 1912. Thorpe himself is played by Burt Lancaster, whose measurements are exact with the Thorpe of those years—six feet, two inches tall, 166 pounds, size 44 shirt, 31 pants, No. 10 shoes and 7 3/4 hat. Grease paint and dyed hair for Lancaster has him looking the part of an Indian.

The veteran Charles Bickford plays Coach "Pop" Warner in film, and they do resemble one another. The 64-year-old Thorpe himself acted as technical adviser for the film, and such sports prominent as Jess Hill, USC track coach; Mickey McCardle, former Trojan football great; Bill Spaulding, ex-UCLA grid mentor, and Mushy Callahan of prize fight fame were assigned chores by the technical department so that authenticity might not be suffering.

The story deals with Thorpe's life from boyhood to about 1932. Actor Lancaster, a former athlete himself at New York U., spent two months getting into proper shape for the rugged athletic scenes that required 11 weeks of shooting.

Should be quite a picture, and we rather imagine one of the first in line for a ticket when it comes to Salem will be young Dick Thorpe, son of the great athlete who is now a sophomore footballer, and a pretty good one, at nearby Chewama Indian school.

## Easier Than Making TD's



LOS ANGELES—Jeff Cravath (right) who recently resigned under pressure as USC grid coach, works at his new job as a patrol judge at the Santa Anita race track at Arcadia, Cal. His new duties earn him \$50 a day. Jim Tunney (left), also a judge, is another former football star. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Snead's Game Goes Awry

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6-(AP)—Henry Ransom, a veteran of the professional ranks, moved into a commanding lead at the midway mark of the \$15,000 Los Angeles open today as pace setting, favored Sam Snead fell back in quest of his second straight triumph here.

Ransom, who plays out of St. Andrews, Ill., shot a five under par 68 after a first round 70 yesterday to post a total score of 136 at the end of 36 holes of the 71-hole tournament.

Snead, who 67 led the field yesterday, slumped back to 75 blows and a score of 142, six valuable strokes behind Ransom. Sandwiched in between were four other contenders for the top money, who will move into the third round tomorrow and the final 18 holes Monday.

Play is at Riviera Country club, familiar scene for the past seven years of the Los Angeles open. Par for the 7,020-yard test is 35-36-71.

Joe Kirkwood, Jr., the tall, handsome "Joe Palooka" of the movies and a pro golfer son of a famous golfer father of yesteryear, finished the 36 holes with 69-71—140, four shots off the pace in second place.

Tied at 141 were Felice Torza, St. Charles, Ill., with a 69 today; Ed Furgol, Royal Oak, Mich., with a 71; and Doug Ford of Briarcliff, N. Y., who had a 72.

Bracketed at 143 were Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago, and Cary Middlecoff, Memphis, with 70's; Amateur Bud Holscher of Santa Monica, Calif., playing his home course, with a 71, and Jimmy Clark, pro from Laguna Beach, Calif., with a 69.

Chuck Congdon, Tacoma, who had a 72 yesterday, fired a 78 today for a 150 total and slipped from the list of leaders. Ed Oliver, Seattle, had a 78-74-152.

Snead apparently was hampered by an injured left hand. He hurt it originally in Miami two weeks ago, and complained that it troubled him yesterday.

## Souths Snare 'Senior' Fray

(Continued from preceding page) his second touchdown catch came on a 16 yard toss from Salem, after a 54-yard heave from the Alabama All America passing ace put the ball in position for the score.

Curtis got a valuable assist from Missouri's Ed Stephens on the second touchdown catch. Stephens arm deflected the ball to the Vandy star, who was sitting on the turf when the ball landed in his lap.

Actually, a conversion by Kentucky's All-America Bob Gain provided the victory margin. It came after the South's third touchdown, and was the only extra point of the game.

Georgia's Billy Mixon scored the South's third touchdown at the start of the second quarter on a four yard sweep around end.

Oklahoma's powerhouse, Leon Heath, and killer Kyle Rote of SMU counted two of the North's scores to wind up long ground drives. A 15-yard toss from Nagle to rangy Wilkinson brought Bo McMillin's North forces their third score.

Rote missed all three tries at conversions.

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## Skier Crawls To Slalom Win

### Canadian Luminary 1st, National Meet

ALTA, Utah, Jan. 6-(AP)—Ernie McCulloch, Canadian ski ace from Sun Valley, Idaho, upset at the finish line today but slid and crawled to a snow-down-hill neck victory in the national giant slalom.

Suzy Harris Rytting, comely Salt Lake City part-time housewife, flashed through the gates at the end of the mile and one-half course to take the women's division crown.

McCulloch's spectacular spill came near the end of the treacherous course down Wildcat run, but he bounced and clawed the few remaining yards to the finish, posting an impressive time of 1:41.4.

Mrs. Rytting, the only Utah entry in the women's division, turned in a time of 2:05.3 and became the first Utahian ever to win the behemoth of slalom races. But she barely edged Betty Weir of Omaha, Nebraska, skiing for Sun Valley. Her time was half a second slower than Mrs. Rytting's—2:05.8.

McCulloch nearly lost the race to Gordy Wren of Steamboat Springs, Colo. Wren, in his first race since the U. S. Olympic try-outs three years ago, gave his competitors enough of a lesson to cop second with 1:43.0.

Mrs. Rytting's finish was story-bookish in that she was the first of the females to traverse the 45-rate course.

Third in the male division went to Jack Reddish of Salt Lake City in 1:43.1. Jim Griffith of Ketchum, Idaho, was fourth at 1:44.8, and Steve Knowlton of Aspen, Colo., placed fifth at 1:46.8.

Third in the women's division was Elaine Holmstad, another Sun Valley lass, in 2:10.2. She won the Peruvian cup women's division at Alta last month.

Spills by the contestants were a dime a dozen, and only the very skilled completed the course without a fancy "sitmark."

Eight entrants encountered difficulty negotiating the gates, and thus were disqualified. Guttorm Berge and Luis de Rider both flunked out in this manner. Berge, a Norwegian, is a student at Whitman college in Walla Walla, Wash. De Rider, an Argentinian, is enrolled in the University of Utah.

Reese Stevens of the Multnomah Athletic club, Portland, was 16th in the men's event. His time was 1:53.1.

## Boxing Party At Silverton

### Coliseum Dedication, Series With Huskies

SILVERTON, Jan. 6-(Special)—The Silverton Police Athletic club will present its first amateur boxing show of the season in the Silverton armory Saturday night, January 13, starting at 8:30 o'clock. Proceeds of the show will go to the Athletic club's boys' program.

A number of bouts are to be lined up for the show. The main event and semi-windup already have been announced. In the former, a five-rounder, Harold Kotter, 148, Mt. Angel, will meet Jimmy Puscas, 144, Eugene, the state lightweight champion. The semi-windup will pit Sylvester Kotte, 125, Mt. Angel, and Ray Hoskins, 125, Albany.

Participants in other bouts will be announced later. Admission for the benefit show will be \$1 for adults and 50c for students.

## Commish Sets Fish Hearing

### Public hearing on angling regulations for 1951 will be held in the Oregon State Game commission's Portland office Friday, Jan. 12, at 10 a.m.

Recommendations from all interested parties will be heard, but the game commission requests that important facts and statements be submitted in writing.

Tentative angling regulations will be announced after the hearing. The commission will reconvene Jan. 26, make any changes deemed necessary, and set the final 1951 angling regulations. The commission's Portland headquarters is located at 1934 S. W. Alder street.

## Frank Stojack to Appear in Special Parks-Gorky Rematch Card Now Complete

The billing for Matchmaker Elton Owen's Tuesday night mat show at the armory is now complete and, from its appearances the muscles maestro has again gone to lengths to produce a Grade-A party for his customers. First off there is of course the rematch mainer involving Herb (Perpetual Motion) Parks and Soldat (Big Russian) Gorky, a gem carried over from last week when these two installed a real rip sporter here. Only this time there is to be a "no disqualification" rule governing the match, meaning that Herbie and bearded Soldat can go at it just as hot and heavy as they like.

Owen has secured a real headliner for his special feature Tuesday also. Back again after too long an absence in these parts will be Frank Stojack, the ex-WSC football All-American and one of the best all-around matadors in the



FRANK STOJACK

be at stake in his mix with Maurice LaChapelle Tuesday. This should be a dandy scientific squabble between two topnotch men. Still another pair of first-liners

will occupy one of the two one-fall prelim spots, Jack (Tiger) Kliser and Leo (Pile Driver) Walker. And in the other single faller it will be the likeable Cowboy Carlson against George O'Hara, the latter the Amarillo, Tex., operator who learned his ABC's of grappling from the late Joe Lynn.

Again in the midst of referee troubles, Owen is bringing in none other than Buck Davidson to third man the Tuesday card. Always a popular as well as rugged grappler here during years gone by, Bucko is now the top referee in the southern part of the state. Owen feels he'll need a non-biased and ultra-capable ref to handle the mainer, for there is much bad blood between Parks and Gorky. Fact is, Gorky whacked open a bad gash under Herb's left eye last week, which caused Parks to go berserk and get himself disqualified.

## Confab Due Today

# Waltons to Formulate Legislative Policies

A special meeting of the board of directors and the legislative committee of the Oregon division of the Isaac Walton league will be held at the Salem chapter's clubhouse today at 12 noon, announces David B. Charlton, president of the State division.

The meeting, at which all state chapters will have representation, is designed to formulate policies of legislative action to be pursued by the group in the pending legislative session.

All Salem chapter members are urged to attend today's meeting.

Rex Sanford, president of the Salem chapter, also announces a meeting Monday night, 7:30, at the clubhouse, of the newly created committee on chairmen.

At the Monday night meeting yearly chairmanship appointments will be made for the 23 committees functioning in the local chapter.

"This is a highly important meeting," says Sanford, "as it is a part of our overall effort to streamline and make more effective the organization in our Salem chapter."

## Zaharias Leads Women's Meet

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla., Jan. 6-(AP)—Babe Zaharias practically nailed down another top golf prize today when she pulled away from the field in the second round of the \$3,000 Ponte Vedra club open.

The Babe shot a steady 38-36—74 for a 38-hole total of 149.

Her one-over-par round put her fourstrokes ahead of 17-year-old Marlene Bauer. They tied with 75 in yesterday's opening 18 holes but the younger of the two Bauer sisters from Midland, Texas, had putting trouble today and used up 78 strokes over the par 37-36-73 Oceanside course.

Patty Berg of Minneapolis went around the 6,715-yard layout in 38-38-76 and moved within a stroke of Marlene at 154.

## HUSKY FROSH GET 103

SEATTLE, Jan. 6-(AP)—The University of Washington freshman basketball team set a new scoring standard tonight with a 103-26 victory over the pier 91 naval receiving station five. The former high-scoring frosh mark was a 90-63 triumph over Fort Lawton last year.

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