Spartans Favored Over Bruins

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Bearcats Play Central Quint Here Tonight

The Willamette University Bearcats open the new year with a bang tonight as they commence a two-game basketball series with Central Washington of the Evergreen Conference in the WU gym. Both tonight's and Saturday night's classic will start at 8 o'clock.

Coach Leo Nicholson's Wildcats are expected to be a threat for the Evergreen title this season, and will no doubt provide the Bearcats with two stiff tests as they complete their pre-conference playing schedule.

Willamette goes into the series with a record of three wins, five losses. Going into the conference play with Whitman here Jan. 8-9 with an even 5-5 record is of course the big aim of Coach Johnny Lewis' troupe.

Starters for the WU's will be 6-4 Pete Reed and either 6-0 Captain Dick Hoy or 6-1½ Bill Golvard at forwards, 6-4 Tom Gooding at center and either 5-10 Jerry McCallister, 5-9 Duane Shield or 5-11 Dave Gray at guards. Both 6-6 Jack Bishop and 6-7 Neil Causbie are sure to see action also.

A special "Family Night" feature will be in effect both nights. An entire single family will be admitted for one regular admission price. Also, Silverton and Stayton Highs play the 6:10 p.m. prelim tonight.

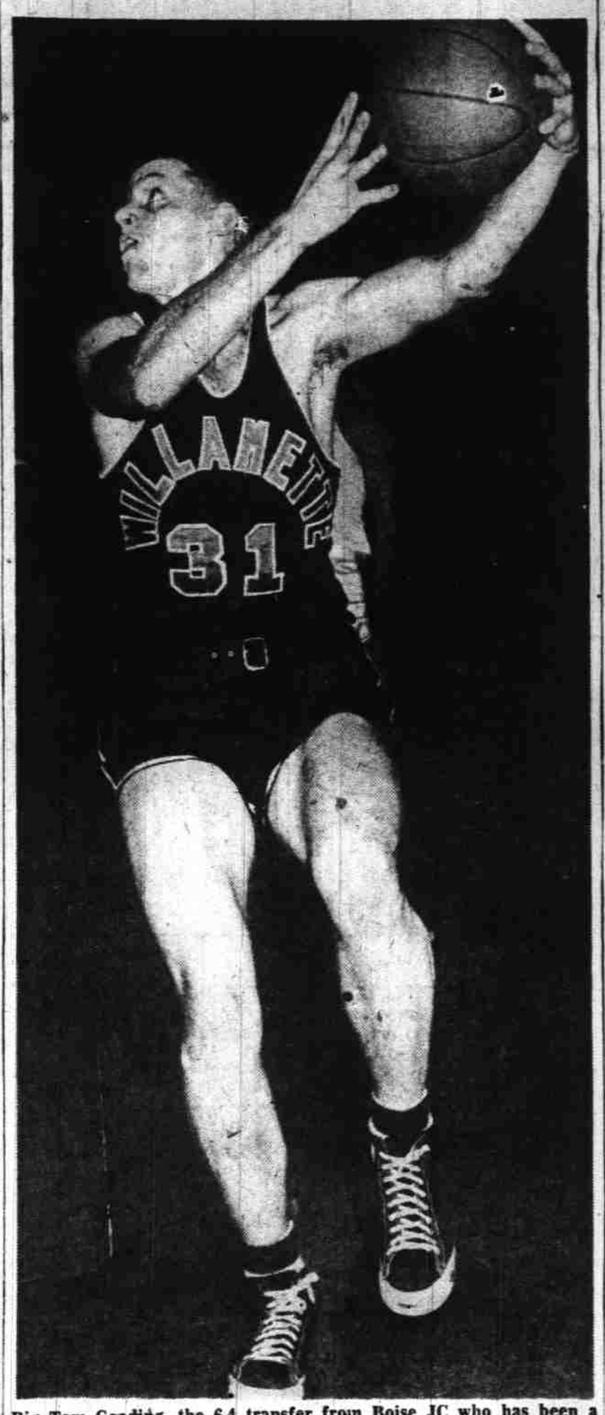
Furman Cager Leads Scorers

NEW YORK (AP) — Frank Selvy of Furman, the nation's major-college basketball scoring champion last year, took over first place for the first time this season by ramming home 45 points against Mississippi Wednesday night, N.C.A.A. Service Bureau figures showed Thursday.

Until Selvy exploded, the leader all season had been Louisiana State Bob Pettit, who started his campaign with a 60-point performance.

While Selvy was getting his big total in a losing game at the all-college tourney in Oklahoma, Pettit was scoring 27 in a losing cause against Holy Cross in the title game of the Sugar Bowl tourney. That "lowered" Pettit's average to 32.3.

Set for Wildcat Invasion



Big Tom Gooding, the 6-4 transfer from Boise JC who has been a regular starter for the Willamette Bearcats, is about to unload a left-handed hook shot, one of his specialties, in this action photo. Tom will open at center for the WU's when they play Central Washington here tonight and Saturday nights.

Losing Streak Ended . . .

Webfoots Notch 59-53 Win Over Sacramentos

SACRAMENTO (AP)—The University of Oregon basketball team both celebrated New Year's Eve and broke a three-game losing streak Thursday night by defeating Sacramento State College cagers 59-53 here.

Led by forward Ed Halberg and guard Barney Holland, the Coast Conference Webfoots caught fire in the second half and had a convincing 54-43 lead with six minutes left to play.

The Hornets rallied, as the crowd of 1,000 cheered them on, and cut the margin to 54-50 before fading back. Oregon stalled out the final moments of the game, protecting a three-point lead at 56-53. Max Anderson, Oregon center, scored three points in the last minute and a half to clinch the victory.

Oregon had lost twice to UCLA and once to Stanford before Thursday night's game. Previously the Webfoots had won seven straight games.

Halberg with 20 points led the scoring in this one. Chris Georgis of the Hornets had 19 markers, Holland finished with 17.

Oregon made 19 field goals to 17 for Sacramento State. The score was tied at 11-11 at the end of the first quarter, and the Oregons went two points ahead at 27-25 at halftime. Oregon then outscored the Hornets by a 22-15 margin in the third period.

OREGON (59)	fg	ft	pf	tp	(53) SACRAMENTO	fg	ft	pf	tp
Ross f	0	0	3	0	Vinci f	2	3	5	7
Halber f	7	6	4	20	Lars f	3	5	4	11
Ander c	3	6	3	12	Brian c	3	1	3	7
Wegne g	1	5	3	7	Georgi g	7	5	1	19
Hollan g	7	3	4	17	Goto g	0	2	1	2
Stout f	1	1	4	3	Rickey g	2	3	1	7
					Master f	0	0	0	0
					Swartz f	0	0	1	0
					Taylor g	0	0	1	0
Totals	19	21	21	59	Totals	17	19	17	53

Basketball

COLLEGE

Oregon 59, Sacramento State 53
Oklahoma City 63, Wyoming 53
Tulsa 64, Mississippi 60
Cincinnati 93, Furman 77
Witchita 77, St. Bonaventure 71
Princeton 80, Syracuse 77
Notre Dame 52, Northwestern 50
St. Francis 58, S. Carolina 55
Oklahoma A & M 67, Santa Clara 56
Michigan 76, Marquette 68
UCLA 67, Mich. State 57
Arizona 79, Canisius 58

Rice Favored Over Alabama In Cotton Go

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Hard-bitten Rice and dogged Alabama put perfect Cotton Bowl records on the line Friday and if Rice doesn't stand alone when the firing ceases it will be about the biggest upset in the 18-year history of this New Year's Day football game.

Battered and bruised and comparatively puny on offense, the Crimson Tide from Alabama appears at probably its lowest ebb in a record career of bowl participation.

Rice, the team that has more quarterbacks than it knows what to do with and which averaged a tremendous 358.6 yards against 10 tough foes, is a one to two-touchdown favorite among the more polite who wouldn't want to make Alabama feel bad. Alabama made 269 yards per game in compiling a 6-2-3 record, going 186 on the ground.

Rice, with its celebrated one-two punch of All-America Kosse Johnson and Dick Moegle who between them romped to 1,777 yards in 10 games, isn't quite as good defensively as Alabama, according to the statistics. The Owls gave up 250.8 yards per game while Alabama yielded 239.

So, it's from the defensive angle — and waiting and hoping for method followed by the Tide during a checkered campaign — that Alabama's chances appear best.

There have been hints that the Tide, feeling the Rice line is too

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Bruin Cagers Down Spartans

LOS ANGELES (AP) — UCLA's basketball team defeated Michigan State Thursday night, 67-57, in what Bruin fans hoped might be a foretaste of Friday's football classic in the Rose Bowl.

The Bruins took the lead early in the second quarter when they broke a 13-13 tie and never were headed afterward.

UCLA lost Wednesday night to Iowa and Michigan State bowed to University of Southern California.

The Bruins led 32-24 at halftime after the lead had see-sawed back and forth and was tied 21-21 just before UCLA dropped four straight goals.

Morris Taft was the high scorer for UCLA with 15 points, the same total tallied by Al Ferrari, Michigan State forward.

Gail Peters of Walter Reed Hospital Swimming Club, Washington, D. C., set 13 AAU records during 1953.

Santee Romps 4:04.2 Mile

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Wes Santee of Kansas roared through a 55-second final lap of the Sugar Bowl mile run Thursday to finish in 4:04.2, the third fastest mile ever recorded by an American runner.

Santee took the lead at the beginning of the final lap and raced around the track in one of the fastest laps of a mile ever run.

His time erased the 15-year-old Sugar Bowl mark of 4:10.7, set in 1938 by fellow Kansan, Glen Cunningham.

The 3,000 fans sensed a new record when Santee took the lead from Georgetown University's Charley Capozzoli as the seven-man field entered the final quarter mile.

Santee, holder of the American mile record of 4:02.4, turned on the speed and finished 30 yards ahead of the tiring Capozzoli.

Sport Shorts

The 1954 U. S. national amateur figure skating championships will be staged in Los Angeles on March 18, 19 and 20. They will be held under the auspices of the U. S. Figure Skating Asociation.

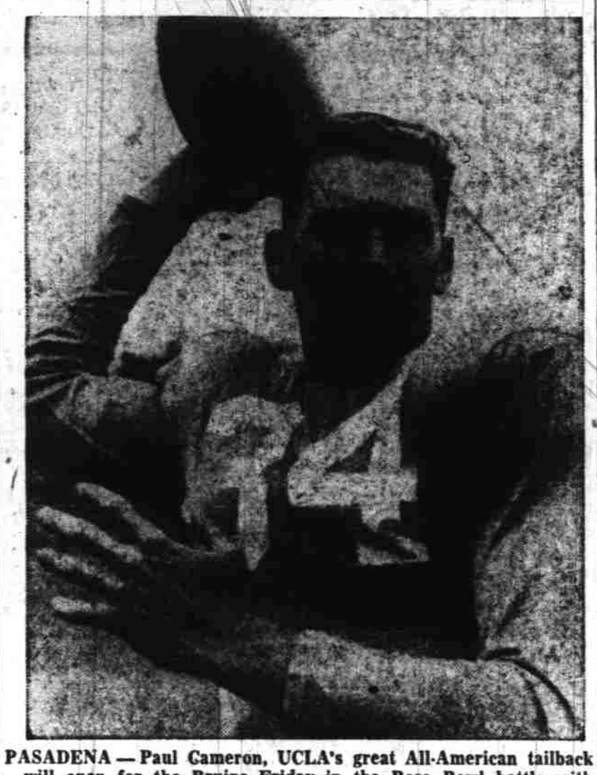
Charlie Ane, lineman for the Detroit Lions in the National Football League, has Hawaiian, Samoan, English and Chinese ancestors.

Ty Cobb won 12 American League batting championships, nine of them in a row (1907-1915). He finished his career with a lifetime mark of .367, highest in the history of the majors.

Dave Hoskins, pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, is a native of Greenwood, Miss., but first learned baseball in Flint, Mich., high school.

The only triple play in the National League during 1953 was executed by the Cincinnati Redlegs. It was made on Aug. 30 at the expense of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Bruins Ace Set for Battle



PASADENA — Paul Cameron, UCLA's great All-American tailback will open for the Bruins Friday in the Rose Bowl battle with Michigan State. Cameron paces the UCLA attack with his running, passing, punting and signal calling. Michigan State is favored to win the classic, however.

Millions to See It Via TV . . .

Maryland Still Choice Over Orange Bowl Foe

By BEN FUNK

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Mighty Maryland, eager to justify its choice as college football's mythical champion, will slam into Oklahoma's fourth-ranked Sooners Friday in an Orange Bowl game that has captured greater public interest than any one of the 19 previous Miami classics.

Despite the hobbling knee injury of Bernie Faloney, the brilliant quarterback who guided Maryland to 10 straight victories and the national crown, the odds favoring the terrible Terps over the light but swift Sooners held steady at one touchdown.

A capacity crowd of 69,839 will be in the Orange Bowl for the kickoff at 2 p. m. (EST) and millions more will have ringside television and radio seats from coast to coast. The Columbia Broadcasting System, which has both television and radio rights, said 90 television stations which beam programs into 27 million sets would carry the game.

The forecast called for a temperature of 70 at kickoff time with partly cloudy skies at times but no rain.

The Maryland-Oklahoma game

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Bowl Games

ROSE BOWL: Pasadena, Cal. Michigan State (8-1-0) vs. UCLA (8-1-0).

ORANGE BOWL: Miami, Fla., Oklahoma (8-1-1) vs. Maryland (10-0-0).

SUGAR BOWL: New Orleans, La., Georgia Tech (8-2-1) vs. West Virginia (8-1-0).

COTTON BOWL: Dallas, Tex., Rice (8-2-0) vs. Alabama (7-1-3).

GATOR BOWL: Jacksonville, Fla., Texas Tech (10-1-0) vs. Auburn (7-2-1).

SUN BOWL: El Paso, Tex., Mississippi Southern (9-1-0) vs. Texas Western (7-2-0)

TANGERINE BOWL: Orlando, Fla., East Texas (10-0-0) vs. Arkansas State (8-0-1).

CIGAR BOWL: Tampa, Fla., La Crosse (Wis.) State (9-0-0) vs. Missouri Valley (7-1-0).

SALAD BOWL: Phoenix, Ariz., Great Lakes Navy (7-2-0) vs. Fort Ord (11-0-0).

PRAIRIE VIEW BOWL: Prairie View, Tex., Prairie View A & M (11-0-0) vs. Texas Southern (8-2-0).

SHRINE BENEFIT GAME (Saturday), San Francisco, Cal., East vs. West All-Stars.

Rose Bowlers Set for Clash

Game Fever Mounts In Pasadena Area

By BOB MYERS

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Michigan State, led by a powerful pocketsize back named Le Roy Bolden, goes into the Rose Bowl Friday favored by one touchdown to defeat the Bruins of UCLA and star, Paul Cameron.

Good weather, a fast field and a capacity turnout of around 100,000 are expected for the kickoff set for 2 p.m. (PST).

The game will be televised over the National Broadcasting Co. network, starting at 1:45 p.m. (PST).

Co-champion of the Big Ten, winner of eight games and loser of one, to Purdue by a 6-0 score, Michigan State was the general choice because of superior speed and a high-geared, diversified offense.

Coach Clarence (Biggie) Munn uses the straight T, split T and a variety of single and double wing attacks, hitting from an unbalanced line.

UCLA, champions of the Pacific Coast Conference, winner of eight games and loser only to Stanford by a 21-20 count, is schooled by Coach Henry R. (Red) Sanders in the single wing, balanced line.

Victory for MSC, erstwhile stepchild of the Big Ten, would restore the conference's reign in the post-season series after a one-year lapse. The Big Ten won six straight before Southern California broke the string with a 7-0 decision over Wisconsin last Jan. 1.

Both squads are in excellent condition and naturally took things easy Thursday despite the mounting excitement attending this oldest of all bowl games. This one is No. 40 in the series.

Munn will lead off with a backfield of Tom Yewcic at quarterback, Evan Slonac at full, Billy Wells at right half and Bolden, the 160-pound, 5-foot-7½ youngster from Chicago.

Mainstay of the Spartan defense is All-America end Don Dohoney, the captain, a rugged 195-pounder.

Sanders starts with Cameron at left half, Bill Stits at right half, Pete Dailey at full and Don Foster at quarterback. Big wheels in the line include the tackles, Chuck Doud and Jack Ellena, weighing 220 and 212.

UCLA has the better defensive record, MSC the better on offense. No team except Stanford scored more than one touchdown against the Bruins and the total point tally for their rivals was 48. Four teams, including Wisconsin and USC, were held scoreless.

The Spartans scored 212 points, 8 more than UCLA, but surrendered 90 points. Four rivals, Texas and Marquette, scored two or more touchdowns.

This is the first Rose Bowl appearance for MSC, the third for UCLA and the first for Sanders, Cameron and Co. UCLA lost to Georgia, 9-0, in 1943, and to Illinois in 1947, 45-14, the latter starting the Big Ten series.

Okie Aggies Win Tourney

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Oklahoma Aggies, No. 5 team in the nation, won their 11th all-college basketball tournament title Thursday night by stopping Satna Clara 67-56 before a partisan crowd of 5,500.

In the first game of the night doubleheader, Oklahoma City took third place over Wyoming 63-54.

Bob Mattick, the Aggies' 6-foot-9 center who made 23 points Thursday night by stopping Santa Clara out in front throughout their three tourney games, was named the meet's most valuable player.

Tech Picked by Two TD's

Goin' after 'em...

By DON HARGER

Don Harger

The last we saw of the 1953 waterfowl season was a near duplicate of the first we saw of it. Hunters were still awaiting the arrival of a lot of birds into the valley. We will still be awaiting that arrival come next season. Reports would indicate that there are no birds left in the north to come down so it is unlikely that they will arrive, even now that the season has been put to bed. . . . It is the first waterfowl season in years that has found us shedding no tears at the final gun. We are rather relieved to have it done with. A ten day extension would have been too much. Too much also for our ever loving wife who is quite done with feathers (very few) flying around the house, muddy Labrador retrievers waltzing through the kitchen, alarms ringing at 4:30 a.m., and listening to excuses for our not bringing home more game. . . . We can hang up our tools for another year. Decoys can be put away on the shelf. The goose profiles can be fitted with new legs, and some of them can spend a few days in the repair shop having some pellet holes filled with wood putty. Now the car can be washed so it won't look like something that crawled out of the mud. . . . No more will we have to spend long hours scanning the horizon for something that never comes. We can turn our backs on the hours hunched over in the wind driven rain or cursing the fog or bluebird weather. The weather was never "just right."

To Heck With the Weather Now

The season is over for forcing down rain sodden sandwiches and gulping diluted coffee. Not for many a day will we have to mumble over wet and frayed cigarettes. We won't have to come home and practically undress in the garage before we are allowed in the house. We won't have to run into the alcove and beat on the barometer to force a low pressure area into the valley. In fact we don't give a hoot what happens to the weather now as long as it doesn't louse up the steelhead fishing. . . .

With a New Year now staring us in the face we can look back on some of the strange happenings of the year just buried. One of the amusing shootings of the past year was that which bagged a pheasant with only one leg. We can think of no way to improve upon the pheasant except to have them all one-legged. A hunter might get close enough to them to bag a few now and then.

Sweeping over the Oregon salmon anglers during 1953 was the sudden craze for "herring mooching." Although "herring mooching" has long been the accepted method for salmon angling in Washington, it took a long time for it to be put to heavy use in Oregon. It took hold last season in no uncertain terms. In fact salmon anglers were using herring (and catching fish) in waters where it was thought no salmon would look at a herring. We predict that the 1954 salmon season will see even a greater increase in the herring frenzy. The only catch —where will Oregon get an ample supply of herring?

They Must Have Read the Rules Too

Large question mark of 1953: With fewer ducks due to unfortunate nesting, why did the U. S. F. & W. S. allow us a longer season, longer shooting hours, and a greater bag limit? Most noteworthy, too, was the fact that the extra hour (to sunset) was about the poorest shooting hours of the day. In days of old the evening shooting was always terrific. But now—well, our guess is that the birds can read the rules. . . .

Steelheading has been good to very good during the holidays with some excellent catches having been reported. One of the streams in northwest Oregon to make a spectacular recovery was (still is) the Sandy River near Portland. Long noted for its spring runs of smelt, the Sandy is now producing some mighty fine steelheading. Some day, perhaps, Oregon will see fit to legislate the steelhead as a game fish. Then our steelhead may return to the good fishing necessary to carry the increasing fishing pressure.

This column wishes you all a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR. Take a boy fishing and hunting with you this coming year.

West Virginia Seeking Upset

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Georgia Tech, a member of football's royal family, and West Virginia, one of the sport's ambitious relatives, meet Friday in one of the Sugar Bowl's most controversial games.

It will be the 10th post-season contest for Tech in the past 25 years. The Georgia Engineers triumphed over Mississippi in this same attraction a year ago.

But it will be the first major New Year's Day effort for the Mountaineers, who sprang into pominence during 1953 with triumphs over both Pittsburgh and Penn State, a Southern Conference championship and a record of eight victories in nine starts.

The pairings of the two was met with criticism in many quarters because of West Virginia's supposedly weaker schedule.

Georgia Tech lost 2 and tied 1 of an 11-game schedule that included such powers as Notre Dame, Southern Methodist, Duke and Alabama. Tech finished ninth in the final Associated Press poll of the 1953 season and West Virginia 10th.

The West Virginia forces have seized upon the criticism as a psychological prop during an intensive training period and have made the game the climax of a crusade. The team remains a 13-point underdog, however.

West Virginia will unleash one of the biggest teams in present-day college football at the 1 p. m. (CST) kickoff. The line averages 204 pounds from end to end and the starting backs pack an average of 193 pounds each.

Georgia Tech, meanwhile, has a line that averages only 192 pounds and its back do no better than 171 pounds. The Georgians will rely on speed and deception with the Mountaineers stressing running and power plays.

Fort Ord Gridders Favored

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — The undefeated Fort Ord, California, Warriors Thursday night ruled a solid 20-point favorite to smash the Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Training Center Bluejackets in the seventh annual Salad Bowl football game here Friday afternoon.

Net proceeds of the contest go to the Phoenix Kiwanis Club's under privileged children's fund.

Warm, sunny weather was promised for the game which finds the heralded Ollie Matson, Fort Ord fullback, making his first appearance here. All of the pre-game talk has been about Matson and how many of his typical long runs he will uncork.

Matson's chief running sidekicks are Dave Mann and Bud Roffler with Don Heinrich, the University of Washington's 1952 All-America quarterback, handling the brunt of the passing.

Knute Rockne coached five unbeaten and untied Notre Dame football teams—1919, 1920, 1924, 1929, 1930.

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