

Rams Figured As Underdog

Close Game Seen In Monday Battle

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The Western Division title with an 8-3-1 record.

This will be Graham's second, and final, farewell to football. He retired after the 1954 wars but returned and returned to Brown's urging when the club got off to a poor start in the pre-league season exhibitions.

Four times the Browns went down in that period, including a 38-21 loss to the Rams. Then No. 14 reappeared in the Cleveland quarterback spot and the club returned to its normal winning ways.

This is the third meeting for the championship between the two teams. Both rank as epics in a league abundant in storied contests.

In 1950, with 28 seconds in the game, mighty Lou Groza kicked a field goal to win the game for the Browns, 30-28.

Both Threats Return
In 1951, Van Brocklin and his clutch receiver, Tommy Fears, collaborated for a 73-yard touchdown past midway in the last quarter and the Rams won, 24-17.

Groza, who kicked a 52-yard field goal in the 1951 game, and the Van Brocklin-Fears combination are, of course, still very much present.

The Ram stock, never higher than Cleveland's, dropped this week when fullback Paul (Tank) Younger was declared out of the game because of a neck injury, and offensive center Leon McLaughlin went to bed with the mumps.

Stars Were Missed
These breaks capped a series of mishaps that caused Ram supporters to wonder—and applaud—how the club ever got into the title game. Such players as Younger, Dan Towler, Skeet Quinlan, Don Paul, Elroy Hirsch, Tommy McCormick, Bob Boyd and Charley Toogood missed from three to nine games.

There were no surprises in the starting offensive lineups. Brown will lead off with a backfield of Graham, halfbacks Ray Renfro and Fred Morrison and fullback Ed Modzelewski, and ends Darrell Brewster and Dante Lavelli.

Gillman starts with Van Brocklin, Skeet Quinlan and rookie Ronnie Waller at halfback and Dan Towler at fullback. Hirsch and Fears are the ends.

Browns Top Statistics
Cleveland's running attack, with 2,029 yards gained, has a statistical edge over the Rams' 1,943. And Los Angeles' 3,061 yards through the air is shy of Cleveland's 2,225 yards.

In six championship games, Cleveland has faced two foes, Detroit and the Rams. The winning count is 3-2 against the Browns. They are split with Los Angeles and lost twice to Detroit before winning the 1954 game.

Uphill Grind Faces Wyoming In Sun Bowl

EL PASO, Tex. (AP)—Wyoming's Cowboys, in addition to playing without the services of their chief wrangler, have an uphill grind to face as they put the finishing touches on the Sun Bowl game plans.

When Wyoming squares off against Texas Tech here Jan. 2 in the 25th annual Sun Bowl battle, the Skyline Conference member will find the following disadvantages:

1. Their red-hot cowboy from Brooklyn, Joe Mastrogiovanni, will not be in action. Mr. M. is out with an aching knee and will not participate in Wyoming's first appearance in the Sun Bowl. He provided the Wyoming passing, kicked, extra points and field goals and did the quarterbacking during the regular season.

Lighter Squad
2. They will be lighter than Tech by about 25 pounds to the man on the line. Tech is expected to start a forward wall that averages out about 268, while Wyoming is expected to average around 182 up front.

3. They will be meeting a team that has a lot of "showing" to do and one that is looking for a chance to improve on its poor record in the Sun Bowl. In four previous appearances in the game, Tech has won only once, beating College of the Pacific 25-14 in 1952.

And when the dopsters start looking over such a set of facts as that, Tech is placed as about a two-touchdown favorite to impress the Southwest Conference.

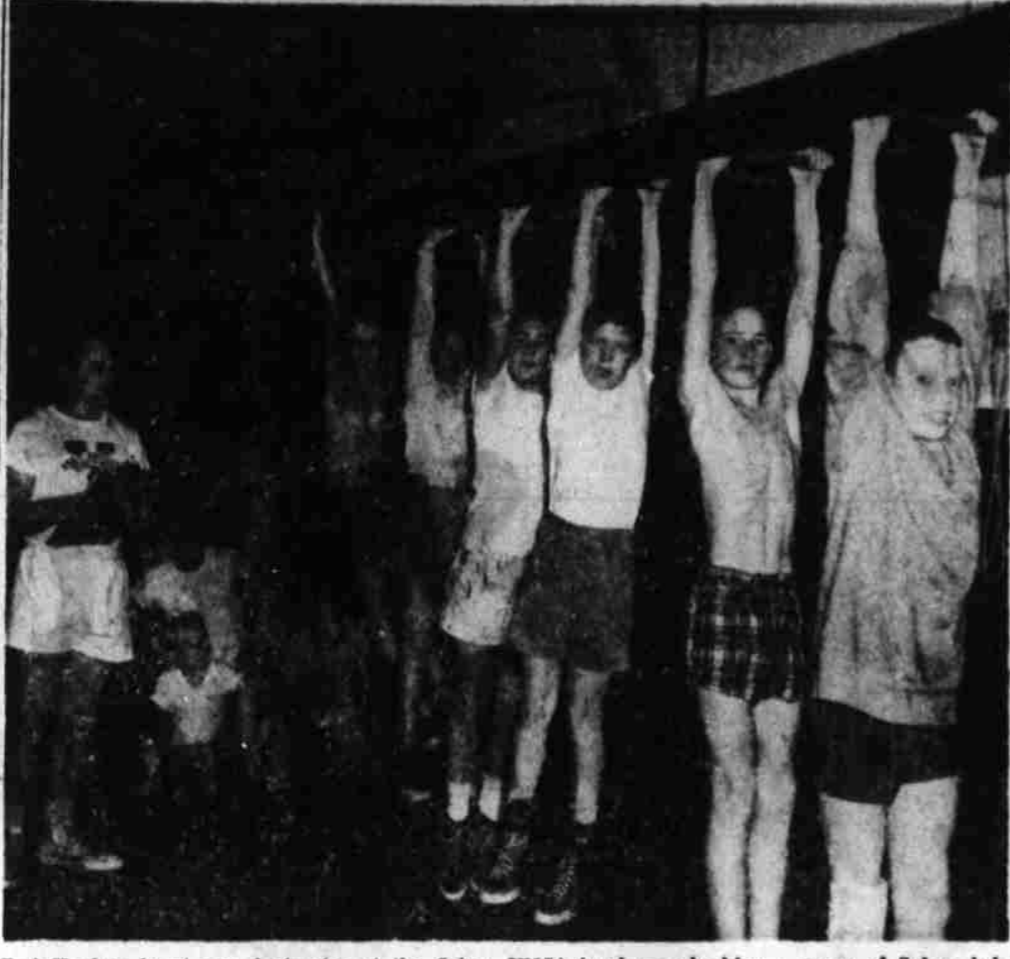
Acceptance Wanted
This business of impressing the Southwest Conference, by the way, may be entering into the picture a great deal. Tech missed admittance to the big conference by only one vote this year and would like nothing better than a solid Sun Bowl victory to show the doubting Thomases that it is ready for the big time.

The Red Raiders, however, showed many the, were strictly top drawer on the first game of the season this year when they upset Texas. Tech finished out the season with a 7-3-1 record and won the Border Conference title for the fourth time in the last five years.

Not as Impressive
Wyoming, fielding one of the smallest major college teams in the country, came through with a good 7-3 season, but wasn't—the whole—quite so impressive as Tech. Wyoming, also in the midst of an athletic expansion program, is finishing in a tie for third place in the Skyline Conference standings.

The only common foe for the two teams have met this season was Houston. The Buffs dropped Tech 7-0 and whipped Wyoming 26-14.

'Y' Kids Work on Achievement Program



Earl Harker, boys' gym instructor at the Salem YMCA is shown checking a group of Salem lads prior to entrance in the National YMCA Athletic Achievement program. All Salem YMCA boys are to undergo a three-month period of training, after which they will compete in five national events against boys from approximately 200 other Y's throughout the country. The events are designed to determine physical fitness. Boys are put into special exponent classes at the start of the program, on the basis of their height, age and weight. They compete against other boys in the same classes. National, area and local awards will be given for high team and high individual scores in each class.

Football Bowl Pictures State Tourney Listed for Radio, Video Here in June

Football Bowls At a Glance

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Lineup of post-season football games, showing name of bowl, site, teams, won-lost-tied records starting time, expected attendance and radio and television arrangements.

(times are Pacific Standard):
Dec. 28
Shrine game, Miami, Fla.—North vs. South, 5:15 p.m., 40,000, MBS radio.

National Football League championship, Los Angeles—Los Angeles Rams, Western Conference champions (8-3-1) vs. Cleveland Browns, Eastern Conference champions (9-2-1), 1 p.m., 90,000, NBC television and radio.

Dec. 31
Shrine game, San Francisco—East vs. West, 1:45 p.m., 61,000, MBS radio, NBC television.

Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla.—Auburn (8-1-1) vs. Vanderbilt (7-3-0), 10:45 p.m., 36,000, CBS radio and television.

Jan. 7
Salad Bowl, Phoenix, Ariz.—Skyline Conference all-stars vs. Border Conference all-stars, 1 p.m., 12,000. No national television or radio.

Blue-Gray, Montgomery, Ala.—North vs. South, 11:30 a.m., 20,000, MBS radio, NB television.

Jan. 2
Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.—

UCLA (9-1-0) vs. Michigan State (8-1-0), 2 p.m., 100,000, NBC radio and television.

Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla.—Oklahoma (10-0-0) vs. Maryland (10-0-0), 11:00 a.m., 76,062, CBS radio and television.

Sugar Bowl, New Orleans—Georgia Tech (8-1-1) vs. Pittsburgh (7-3-0), 11 a.m., 82,985, ABC radio and television.

Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Tex.—Texas Christian (9-1-0) vs. Mississippi (9-1-0), 11 a.m., 75,504, NBC radio and television.

Sun Bowl, El Paso, Tex.—Texas Tech (7-2-1) vs. Wyoming (7-3-0), 1:30 p.m., 15,000, regional radio, no television.

Jan. 7
Tangerine Bowl, Orlando, Fla.—Junia (Pa.) (8-0-0) vs. Missouri Valley (Mo.) (8-1-0), 5 p.m., 12,000, no radio, no television.

Prairie View Bowl, Houston, Tex.—Prairie View (7-3-1) vs. Tennessee A.&I. (7-2-0), 11 p.m., 10,000, local radio, no television.

Jan. 7
Senior Bowl, Mobile, Ala.—North vs. South, 11:30 a.m., 36,000, no radio, no television.

Jan. 15
Pro Bowl, Los Angeles—Western Conference all-stars of National Football League, vs. Eastern Conference all-stars, 1:45 p.m., 50,000.

N. C. State Dixie Favorite

Oregon State Draws Wolfpack in Opener

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Unbeaten North Carolina State, the nation's second ranked basketball power, has been given the familiar role of favorite for the seventh annual Dixie Classic Basketball Tournament which opens here Thursday.

The Wolfpack, called by Coach Everett Case the fastest team he has ever coached, face probably their toughest slugging against North Carolina, ranked No. 5 in the nation, and two other North Carolina teams, Duke and Wake Forest.

The four Tar Heel clubs play host to four out of state teams in the tournament which annually draws upward of 65,000 fans to Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus. The Coliseum seats 12,400 for basketball.

Beavers to Play
The visiting teams are Minnesota, Oregon State, Wyoming and Villanova. Minnesota is playing its second classic in a row, and last year went to the finals against State, losing 85-84 in a thriller.

The opening day pairings: Minnesota at 2 p.m.; Oregon State versus North Carolina State, 4 p.m.; Duke versus Wyoming at 7:30 p.m.; and North Carolina versus Villanova at 9:30 p.m., all times Eastern Standard.

Winners of the afternoon games meet at 4 p.m. Friday in the semifinals championship bracket. The other semifinals match, at 7:30 p.m., will be between winners of Thursday night's doubleheader. Consolation games will be played Friday and Saturday. The championship match will be at 9:30 Saturday night.

Two Other Unbeaten
Duke and North Carolina are unbeaten with 6-0 and 5-0 records, respectively. Wake Forest has won five straight, including the Charlotte Carrousel Classic, after losing three in a row.

State's terrific Wolfpack has run up a string of 20 straight wins, including 12 last season. The Wolfpack has won five of six Dixie Classic titles. Duke captured the 1953 tournament.

Minnesota is regarded as perhaps the strongest of the four invading teams. The Gophers have a 3-2 record, including wins over Utah and Notre Dame.

OSC Wins Two
Oregon State, defending Pacific Coast Conference champion, has a 2-5 season record, winning its last two from Michigan and Northwestern. Villanova is 3-2, having dropped its last two to St. Joseph's and Duke. Wyoming has a 1-6 record.

Tournament Manager Willis Casey said Saturday an average of 9,000 tickets has been sold for each of the three afternoon and night sessions. The 1954 tournament drew an estimated 65,000.

Bob Zuppke Goes Home After Eight Days in Hospital

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Bob Zuppke, University of Illinois football coach emeritus, went home from a hospital Saturday, just eight days after being felled by a severe stroke.

A physician said the 76-year-old Zuppke, whose life was feared in danger a week ago, now is in excellent condition.

The former coach will be confined to his bedroom for another week, but he is able to sit up in a chair at intervals.

As Zuppke returned to his apartment, his housekeeper, Miss Leona Ray, was busy preparing a turkey for Christmas dinner, receiving congratulatory telegrams and answering the telephone.

"It's a real Christmas with Mr. Zuppke home again," she said.

Hall of Fame bowler Junie McMahon is part owner of a 24-lane academy at Paramus, N. J.

Coach List Eyed By Wake Forest

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (AP) — The Wake Forest college athletic council Friday set up a special committee to screen candidates for the college's head football coaching job.

The vacancy was created Thursday when the college board of trustees accepted the resignation of coach Tom Rogers. The committee which will screen the candidates will make its recommendation directly to the trustees.

One mentioned prominently as a possible choice for the job was Pat Preston, a former star tackle at the school and an All-American at Duke in 1943. Preston resigned as athletic director the same day that Rogers gave up the head coaching reins, but the trustees deferred action on Preston's resignation Thursday.

WHO CLIPPED?
MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — The umpire called a clipping penalty in a football game between two Muskegon high school freshmen teams. While both teams waited anxiously for the umpire to point out the culprit, the official gasped: "My gosh! I can't remember who clipped whom."

So they started the play all over again.

Well, It's Better Than the Snow



LOS ANGELES — The Cleveland Browns arrived in Los Angeles Saturday and were greeted by a drizzle. Despite the rain, they expressed joy over leaving the snow and ice in the Midwest. Weatherman hints of clear skies Monday when Browns meet the Los Angeles Rams in the championship playoff game. Left to right are Mike McCormack, Don Paul, Bob Gale, Don Cole, John Sandusky and Pete Brewster. (AP Wirephoto)

Rose Bowl Spartans Decorate Tree



LOS ANGELES—Coach Duffy Daugherty (right) of Michigan State joins his wife and two MSU players in decorating the team's Christmas tree at the Huntington Hotel Saturday. The squad celebrated Saturday night, opening the huge pile of presents from home that were stacked under the tree. The Spartans meet UCLA in the Rose Bowl Jan. 2. Left to right are Quarterback Jim Nowinski, Center Joe Badaczewski, Mrs. Daugherty and Daugherty. (AP Wirephoto)

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Participants in the six-man Australia tag team match, the feature of "Ladies Night" at the Armory Tuesday, were announced Saturday by Matchmaker Elton Owen. Also, there will be a semi-windup event which will see Henry (Golden Boy) Lenz up against Catalina George Drake, who is back in the Northwest following an absence of considerable length.

On one side in the tag teamer will be John Paul Henning, Scotty Williams and Don (The Goat) Kindred. On the other will be "Wild Bull" Savage, Buck Weaver and Maurice LaChapelle.

They'll go at it in a 2-of-3 faller, with a one-hour time limit. The semi-windup involving Lenz and Drake will be a 2-of-3 faller also, with a 45-minute limit. This one starts off the show at 8:30 p.m.

Kindred and Savage created quite a stir in their mix on last week's card, and Henning and LaChapelle had their outs also. Which should help provide interesting action in the triple-tag scramble Tuesday. Such "triples" have always been wild and rugged here, and Owen plans to have extra ringside guards on hand for this one.

All women will be admitted free of charge Tuesday, to any seat other than the specially reserved ringsides.

This is Owen's annual holidays gesture to the femme fans. Henning won last week's Russian Royal here, after besting LaChapelle in a prelim engagement. Kindred was eliminated in the royal by Savage, which started their ruckus.

Solon Critical Of Surpluses Distribution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.) Saturday criticized what he called "administrative foot-dragging" in the government's disposal of food surpluses. He urged appointment of a special White House expeditor to handle the program for the benefit of "needy people at home and abroad."

The Wisconsin Republican, usually an administration supporter, said in a statement that past and present disposal methods "will hardly make a dent" in the government's vast holdings of surplus food.

"An overall imaginative, bold program, stimulated by the Christmas spirit, could well result in a program that would feed the needy of the United States and the world in 1956," he said.

"The time is long overdue to get this surplus disposal program rolling in high gear and to quit slow and halfway measures," he said.

Wiley said that last year some 62 million dollars worth of surpluses went to needy persons in this country and 197 million dollars worth went overseas.

He said disposal totals this year are lagging behind.

Wiley said he is confident that the new session of Congress will expand surplus disposal programs "but in the meantime, a White House expeditor could start the program rolling at top speed."

Postmark May Seem Confusing

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — If a lot of confused people get Christmas cards mailed at Seattle but postmarked at Lewiston, here's how it happened:

A hurried postal clerk at Seattle grabbed some uncancelled letters, just picked up from city boxes, and routed them to Lewiston by plane.

"He probably mistook them for preferential airmail destined for here," Ray Davis, assistant Lewiston postmaster said.

Lewiston clerks obligingly sorted the mail, canceled it and sent it on to other destinations.

Grid Date Okehed For Florida-UCLA

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Permission for Florida to play a football game in the Orange Bowl in 1960 has been granted by the University of Miami, UM president Jay F. W. Pearson has announced.

This clears the way for Florida to play UCLA in the Orange Bowl that year in the rubber game of a three game series.

Florida applied to the Miami commission last fall for permission to use the Orange Bowl for a game in a year when its traditional game with Miami was scheduled in Gainesville.

Tide Table

TIDES FOR YAFT, OREGON
(Compiled by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.)

Dec.	High Waters	Low Waters	
25	Time Height	Time Height	
8:28 a.m.	7.6	1:40 a.m.	2.4
10:24 p.m.	4.7	3:47 p.m.	-0.3
9:18 a.m.	7.9	2:44 a.m.	2.4
11:20 p.m.	5.1	4:25 p.m.	-0.9
10:06 a.m.	8.3	3:46 a.m.	2.7
		5:27 p.m.	-1.4
12:12 a.m.	5.5	4:44 a.m.	2.7
11:21 a.m.	5.4	5:15 p.m.	-1.7
12:39 a.m.	5.7	5:40 a.m.	2.6
11:30 a.m.	5.1	6:26 p.m.	-1.8
1:48 a.m.	5.9	4:37 a.m.	2.5
1:44 p.m.	5.3	7:14 p.m.	-1.4