

Webfoots Score 16th Pre-Season Triumph

Coach John Warren and his working University of Oregon basketball Webfoots, who averaged a contest every three days since mid-November, returned to the McArthur court Monday night to play the final preparations for the opening of the 1945 northern division, Pacific coast conference season.

Huskies Win, S.C. Loses

(Associated Press)
The practice contests out of a way, northern division, Pacific coast conference basketball teams knuckled down for keeps last week with series scheduled in Seattle and Moscow.

Principal interest centers in a Washington pavilion where a defending Husky champion is to be replaced by the team picked by the Oregon State, Idaho is to play to Oregon in a second Friday and Saturday meeting.

Washington, which rounded at its pre-season struggles with a 74-47 rout of Gonzaga in Spokane Saturday night, will hold a light edge over the Beavers.

1944 Garden Boxing Shows Draw 386,690

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The boxing boys raised plenty of "cash" in their Madison Square Garden this year, along with the mad crop of cauliflower.

"Uncle Mike" Jacobs, 20th Century Sporting Club promoter now heading the holidays in Florida, didn't worry about expenses for a trip, a check of the Garden ticket showed today.

United Kingdom Grid Title Won In London

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Air Service Command stole a day on the other football bowl games and chalked up a 13-0 victory over the Eight Air Force yesterday before 35,000 fans at White City stadium. The game was for the United Kingdom American championship.

Loop Scores

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Former welterweight champion Fritz Zivic meets Billy Arnold, hard punching young Philadelphia fighter, at Madison Square Garden today night to feature the first boxing schedule in the new year.

Seiselle Gets Nods

(Associated Press)
CHICAGO.—Bill Seiselle, the "New York Giants" "hard luck" pitcher, was named most valuable player of 1944 by Chicago baseball writers.

contests. At Astoria the Ore-gons dropped two 20-minute tilts to Washington's Huskies, but defeated Washington State in two others as the Oregon entries won the "aggregate" contests from the Washington teams, three games to one.

A 10-man squad entrains here Thursday for Moscow where the Webfoots will meet Coach Babe Brown's Idaho Vandals next Friday and Saturday, the same nights Oregon State opens against Washington's navy-trainees in Seattle. Oregon will also engage Washington State on the jaunt, meeting the Cougars at Pullman Monday and Tuesday.

Three or four freshmen and transfer newcomers are expected to join the squad Tuesday, following registration for the winter term. And although Warren will be hard pressed for reserves, it appears doubtful if any of the new men will be ready for the Inland Empire trip.

The Webfoots, with only seven men on the traveling squad, were hard pressed for three quarters of the Saturday contest. The Sailors took an early lead and were ahead 17-10 after the first ten minutes of play. The Ore-gons, led by Ken Hays and Dick Wilkins, moved ahead before the half which closed with the Ore-gons in a 25-23 lead.

The two quintets kept pace in the first ten minutes of the second half with Oregon holding a slim 32-31 margin with ten minutes of play remaining. The collegians put on the pressure in the late stages of the game and turned the contest into a rout.

Summary:

OREGON (64)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Winters, J.	5	2	1	11
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Hays, C.	3	2	1	18
Bartlett, E.	3	2	0	12
Hamilton, J.	3	2	1	11
Kotnik, J.	0	0	1	0
Allen, E.	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	27	10	5	64

NAVY (41)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Johnson, F.	2	0	3	4
Tanner, F.	2	0	3	4
Kniffen, C.	3	1	5	7
Hager, J.	3	1	1	18
Walters, E.	3	2	0	8
Rhodes, E.	0	0	1	0
Hall, C.	0	0	0	0
Ruse, E.	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	18	5	14	41

Halftime: Oregon 25, Navy 23.
Officials: Hulbert and Stansberry.

Rangers Score 20-10 Victory Over Bombers

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Hollywood Rangers today ruled as far-west professional football champions after administering a 21-10 beating to the San Diego Bombers, Pacific coast league champions, the second in as many weeks Sunday.

The Rangers, American league champs, encountered much more trouble in their second meeting with the Bombers, being forced to stage a two-touchdown rally in the final period to win.

The Bombers got off to a lead in the second period when Tink Osborne booted the ball through the uprights from the 26-yard line for three points. They made it 10 points when Whitney Green blocked a punt and Hal Karnes carried it over from the one-yard line.

Earle Parsons then ran 55 yards for a score to put the Rangers back in the game. After a scoreless third period, Bob Winslow put the Rangers out in front, scoring on a quarterback sneak from the five-yard line and Parsons dashed 20 yards for the third touchdown, following a blocked punt.

Bishop Scores 46 As Warriors Beat U.B.C.

SPOKANE, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Gall Bishop, ex-Washington State college ace now playing manager of the Fort Lewis Warriors, took his final 1944 fling at the basket Sunday night, wound up with 46 points which alone was sufficient to defeat the University of British Columbia. Help from his teammates, however, boosted the final count to 90-43.

Seattle Ironmen, Stars In Hockey League Tie

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Seattle Ironmen and Stars start the new year right from scratch today—all tied up for the lead in the Pacific coast hockey league's northern division. The Ironmen moved back into the deadlock by topping their city rivals 7-4 for their fourth victory in six starts against the hometown rivals.

Marion To Be Honored

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association has selected Marty "Slats" Marion, St. Louis Cardinals shortstop, to be guest of honor at its 41st annual banquet on Jan. 25. Marion was named the National league's most valuable player of the 1944 season.

TEXAS SANDMAN SOLD

ARCADIA, Cal., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Texas Sandman, one of the top 3-year-olds of the year, and 13 other horses have been sold by C. F. Wagner, owner-trainer of the Donna-Ray stable, to W. R. Rorex, Los Angeles business man. It was disclosed today at the Santa Anita race track.

Gotham Quintets Challenged For Games Away From Garden—

By CARL LUNDQUIST
NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Not since Dr. James Naismith hung up a pair of peach baskets in the Springfield, Mass., Y.M.C.A. gymnasium to make some sense to a game of "keep-away" have the "court-sports" of the nation been more astir over the issue of sectional supremacy than in the currently red-hot basketball campaign now getting into full swing with the New Year.

The argument has been going on more or less without surcease since the turn of the century, and although as many as three national championship tournaments have been held annually, each arranged to select the "true" titleholder, they have only served to complicate the controversy.

Promoter Ned Irish of Madison Square Garden, who for more than a decade, has been matching up metropolitan teams with quintets from other sections of the country, has turned many an honest dollar in the process, but other than that his winter state of games hasn't proved much except that he can get from 15,000 to 18,000 wide-eyed fanatics into the Garden seats for any given match.

In the first eight doubleheaders played here this season the six local collegiate teams involved have won eight games and dropped a like number. Which would appear at first glance to be an impasse, except that the boys from the hinterland proclaim loudly that games at the Garden do not furnish a true comparison of the respective merits of the competing teams.

They have a feeling, and it is practically unanimous, that if any of the New York area teams ever took to the road and met the opposition on "neutral" ground, the results would be different. Putting the New York coaches and their players strictly in the same position as the manufacturer of eight-balls who advertises that he "stands behind his product" there is a post-war challenge for every metropolitan squad to reverse the situation and take to the road.

Because basketball, probably more than any other sport, brings a definite advantage of from five to 15 points per game to the home team, the outlanders feel they don't get a break when they come to the big city once a season and play in the

strange surroundings often without the benefit of a pre-game workout.

What they want to know is what would happen, for instance if St. John's, currently the classiest of the local quintets, would make a barnstorming trip and hit such basketball hot-spots as Buffalo, Philadelphia, Columbus, Evanston, Ill., Kansas City, Denver, Oklahoma City or Dallas. The classy cowboys of Wyoming University, who dropped a 46-40 heart-breaker to Long Island University last week, feel with some justification that they could do better in a return game at for example, Denver's municipal auditorium, the home floor of the National A.A.U. tournament.

Most of the players these days are peach-cheeked kids and their first sight of 18,000 rafter-clinging fans peering down at them often throws them off-stride for much of the game. Moreover, the dimensions of the Garden are so cavernous that the baskets are hung out from the ceiling with peculiarly-shaped glass back-boards that are no help to visibility.

This is no effort to belittle the deeds of the local quintets

which have done more than all right. St. John's is unbeaten with three straight victories, New York University has won two and lost two, Brooklyn has one victory and one defeat, City College one victory and two defeats, and St. Francis a single defeat.

The mid-west has furnished the sternest opposition with four victories by Hamline, DePaul, Valparaiso, and Western Michigan as against a single loss suffered by Detroit. Teams from the midlands have a perfect record with both Arkansas and Oklahoma A. & M. winning their tests here. The South has a 3-0 record, Tennessee with a victory and Western Kentucky with a defeat. The east has a victory by Muhlenberg and defeats by Rochester, Colgate and Dartmouth on its escutcheon.

Surprisingly, the section believed by many to be the strongest, the Rocky Mountains, is all on the debit side with the defending N.C.A.A. champions from Utah and the colorful Wyoming Cowboys both suffering defeats. Puerto Rico's Islanders, the only international representatives, were losers in their appearance.

Amateurs Carry '45 Sports Hopes

By JACK CUDDY
NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(AP)—America's sporting public, an irrepressible lot, took what may be its last big chance in a long while to blow off steam Monday in the annual program of New Year's day football games, but the bulk of the fans are peering optimistically into 1945 and the general feeling is that they'll be doing business at the same old grandstands.

Barring official government sentiment against the conduct of major professional sports, practically every branch should be able to carry on except horse racing. Quality may suffer further deterioration, but competition, the element that has kept wartime sports alive since Pearl Harbor, will keep the turnstiles spinning again.

Major Leagues Have Manpower

Although there still is uncertainty regarding major league baseball, a United Press survey showed that all clubs had enough talent to carry on and that is the intention at present. For the minors it may be a different story, although no circuit has indicated that there is a move on foot to quit now.

An unprecedented situation may develop in racing with the crop of three-year-old thoroughbreds, who automatically observed their turf birthdays today, likely to become the "forgotten horses" of the race world.

Unless there is a complete reversal of the ban on racing, there will be no Kentucky Derby, no Preakness, or no Belmont Stakes. The outlook is brighter in the amateur realm where "teen-aged" amateurs can carry through capably with help from bonafide 4-F's to complete a successful basketball season and another year of "boy-powered" football, a type which struck the public fancy all over the nation.

4000 Boxers Perform

Boxing, which has completed its most prosperous indoor season in history, has managed without its top-flight stars in the services, Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Tony Zale, Gus Lesnevich, and Melio Bettina. More than 4000 professional boxers, a record number, appeared in programs during the past year and the trend should be for more of the same.

Hockey is certain to survive the tightened manpower restrictions since there are only two Americans subject to military draft in the entire National league circuit, while in the American league, the top minor loop, the rosters also are laden with Canadians, 4-F's and overage players.

If Gunder Haegg, the swift Swede, can make plane connections to fulfill his commitments on American indoor tracks, that sport should boom and even if he doesn't appear, Parson Gil Dodds, the indoor world mile recordholder, should pack them in. There also appears to be a sufficiency of amateur talent in the other track and field events for both indoor and outdoor meets.

OHIO STATE WINS

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Ohio State's powerful Buckeyes, defending Big Ten champions, were forced into overtime Saturday night before squeezing out a 44-41 decision over Michigan in the Western Conference lid-lifter.

SEVEN HORSES BURNED

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Michael Rice, 77-year-old race track attendant, and seven thoroughbred horses were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a up-stall barn at the old Douglas park race course here yesterday.

Seven-Man Battle Royal On Deck At Mat Arena Monday

COMPLETE PROGRAM
First Match—Battle Royal: Bulldog Jackson, Buck Davidson, Tony Ross, Ernie Piluso, Gust Johnson, Milt Olsen, Jack Kiser.
Second Match—Battle Royal Semi-Final: Fourth, Fifth Men Eliminated.
Third Match—Battle Royal Finalists.
Referee—Elton Owen.

Matchmaker Don Owen cracks open the 1945 professional wrestling season at the Pearl Street arena Monday night—New Year's Day—with a spectacular seven-man "Battle Royal" featuring most of the top-flight grapplers now appearing on the Pacific coast. Only outstanding matman absent will be George Wagner, the

Tony Ross Defeats Davidson on Mat

By RAY COLLINS
Tony Ross, substituting for George Wagner, defeated Buck Davidson in a thrilling wrestling match in the headline attraction at the Pearl Street arena Saturday night, but a stalemate between two coast champions, Jack Kiser and Gust Johnson, stole the show.

Kiser, light-heavyweight champion, and Johnson, junior heavyweight titlist, staged a brilliant scientific battle in which defense featured the rivalry as both men threatened repeatedly to annex a winning fall.

It seemed doubtful if Wagner, called to California by his draft board, would have fared any better than "Terrible Tony" Ross who staged a great comeback to win two straight falls after Davidson had taken the opener in 12 minutes with a Boston crab.

Despite terrific punishment from Davidson, Ross took both the second and third falls with body presses, in two and four minutes, respectively. Davidson threatened with a head scissors and straight arm bar.

Two outstanding matmen appeared in the opener, in which Ben Sherman and Milt Olsen wrestled to a 30-minute deadlock. Sherman, the favorite, was off in his timing.

Olsen won the first fall in eight minutes with a leg stomper, and Sherman the tying fall in 11 minutes with a body press.

During the evening, Mickey McGuire, a long-time local favorite, was introduced from the ring. He has been in the navy for three years and has seen considerable action in the Atlantic.

Detroit, New York Win Hockey Battles

(United Press)
The National league hockey teams were "frozen" in their respective positions today with each entrant at least three points apart from its nearest competitor after a pair of New Year's eve games which further widened the gaps in the standings.

The Detroit Red Wings gained on the league-leading Montreal Canadiens with a 6-2 victory over the invading Chicago Blackhawks. New York game through with a 3-2 victory over the visiting Boston Bruins.

Turfman Colonel Howard Dies

By ELLIOTT EMERSON
MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Col. Howland Maxwell Howard, of Dayton, O., whose chance ownership of the "ugly duckling" horse, Stagehand, made him one of America's most wealthy and famous turfmen, died Sunday at his winter home of a heart ailment after an illness of more than a week.

Howard, a paper mill executive who acquired an outstanding stable of thoroughbreds, was stricken recently with thrombosis and had been in a coma since shortly after Christmas.

It was the judgment of one of America's great jockeys from the golden era of sport, Earl Sande, which started the success saga of Stagehand.

Howard, in 1937 at a yearling sale, purchased the juvenile Sceneshifter from the Joseph E. Widener stables. The deal was about to be closed when Sande urged Howard to stipulate that Stagehand, a big, raw boned and awkward colt also be included in the deal.

The horses, both grandsons of Man O'War, campaigned successfully as two-year-olds and in February of 1938 were entered in the Santa Anita Derby. Sceneshifter was one of the favorites but Stagehand thundered home in front to win the \$60,000 purse handily.

Two weeks later he won his greatest race, defeating Seabiscuit in the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap in record time.

Stagehand became the winter-book favorite to win the Kentucky Derby. However, two days before the classic at Louisville, Stagehand developed fever and was scratched. The horse staged a full recovery, going on to win the \$25,000 Narragansett handicap, the \$10,000 Governor's purse at Pimlico, the \$10,000 Empire City handicap, and the \$20,000 Brooklyn and \$10,000 Dwyer stakes at Aqueduct.

His earnings for that year totaled \$189,710.

Howard's wife, Mrs. Lillian Howard, died in 1929. His son, H. Howard, was killed in a polo accident in the Meadowbrook Club, Westbury, L. I., New York in 1937.

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South Leads North 4-2 In Blue-Gray Series

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 1.—(AP)—The South now leads the North 4 to 2 in the annual Blue-Gray football contest, which began in 1939. The war interrupted the series last year and a high school game was substituted.

Sgt. Charley Trippi of the Third Air Force, a member of Georgia's Rose Bowl eleven in 1942, led the South to its 24-7 victory Saturday, pacing two drives for touchdowns in the first 18 minutes of the game, witnessed by a crowd of 16,000 in Cramton bowl.

UCLA BEATEN 76-56

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—(AP)—In one of the highest scoring basketball games on the west coast, 20th Century-Fox defeated UCLA Saturday night, 76-56.

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Eugene, Cottage Grove Open District League

Lane county's 19 high school basketball teams will see action in league competition this week, 13 of them for the first time during the 1944-45 season.

Taking the spotlight will be the northern division, District 6 league in which Eugene and Cottage Grove will steal the march on the four other quintets by playing the inaugural league contest at Cottage Grove Tuesday night. Other league games during the week will be Friday night, with Springfield's defending district champions playing the Indians at Roseburg, and University (Eugene) meeting Cottage Grove at McArthur court. Junction City, the other league entry, will play two inter-league contests, meeting St. Mary's (Eugene) Tuesday, and Toledo Friday, both at Junction City.

University will also play a non-conference clash, meeting the Berrypickers at Lebanon Tuesday. Eugene opens its southern division, No-Name league season against Albany here Friday night. In the only other game involving league teams, Roseburg plays at Grants Pass Saturday night.

The Western division, Lane county "B" league, following three series of games before the holidays, resumes play next Friday.

with Mapleton playing Triangle at Blachly, Siuslaw of Florence playing at Lorane, and Elmira traveling to Crow.

The other two "B" divisions play initial league contests, Lowell at Oakridge and Pleasant Hill at Creswell in the Valley division; McKenzie at St. Mary's (Eugene) and Mohawk at Coburg in the McKenzie division. All four games will be played Friday night.



By H. F. "MAC" McDANIEL
Well, I suppose all of you folks have been busy knocking together a nice brittle set of resolutions that will break at the drop of a hat. Making resolutions seems as futile as trying to get fired from a job. It's bad enough for our friends to suspect we're not perfect—without going to the extreme of admitting such heresy to ourselves. After all, what's morale if it's not to keep—and there's nothing that less the path of morale like looking ourselves squarely in the eye and recognizing what we see there. Still, like lady-fingers at an afternoon tea, I suppose resolutions have their place.

So—here's one resolution I can keep without a struggle—I'm resolved to wish all of you a very Happy New Year!

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BEAVERS BUY PITCHER

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