

# Max Ready to Sign Matthews; Kentucky, Illinois Victorious

**22 Date Proposed for Mitt Feature**

Dec. 21 — (AP) — Max says that if he doesn't call for by Matthews, he would like to see New York than in New York.

Max didn't like the fight called for by Callaghan, and that type of fight is not what he wants to see.

Max and the Seattle promoter, who was mentioned in the International Boxing Board of Health's offer to Max, wired the offer to Matthews' manager, who has not been seen since the IBCB's policies, and the television.

**MURPHY**

Max beat Bob Murphy in London, who won the London in 1950, has been beaten by Murphy.

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**JOEY MAXIM**  
Willing to Fight

## Champs Topple DePaul 98-60; Record Score

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Kentucky, defending NCAA champion, and Illinois, Big Ten titlist, strengthened their claim to top-notch national basketball ranking with decisive victories over DePaul and North Carolina.

Kentucky, ranked 2nd in this week's Associated Press poll, (A ranking determined before the Wildcats walloped St. John's, the current No. 1 club) set a new scoring record in the Lexington, Ky., Memorial Coliseum by thrashing DePaul, 98-60.

Illinois, ranked 3rd, ran North Carolina of the Southern Conference ragged to win easily, 86-66, at Champaign. It was the 4th straight triumph for the unbeaten Illini.

**10TH STRAIGHT**

Unbeaten Pennsylvania and Iowa edged into the national picture with victories over Michigan and Oklahoma. North Carolina State, Southern Conference champs and currently ranked 9th, was upset by Manhattan and in a battle of unbeaten teams New York University, No. 11, tumbled Holy Cross, No. 17.

NYU's 87-78 triumph was the Violets' 10th straight and was the feature of a twin bill before 7096 fans in Madison Square Garden. Manhattan held the favored N. C. State team to a 26-26 halftime tie, then pulled away to win the first game, 69-50.

As they did Wednesday night against Pitt, Penn came from behind to beat Michigan at Ann Arbor, 68-63. Iowa, playing at home, whipped the Sooners, 59-46, as Chuck Darling flipped in 30 points for the Hawkeyes. It was Iowa's fifth in a row.

**MORE WINNERS**

A Dallas doubleheader turnout of 1500 saw two overtime frays with Texas Christian nipping Nebraska, 58-57 and Southern Methodist taking Texas Tech, 50-48.

In other major games Cornell nipped Tulane, 51-50; Georgetown trounced Princeton, 84-62; Bradley beat Colorado, 68-58; Vanderbilt conquered Rice, 65-58; Arkansas humbled Missouri, 49-43; West Virginia walloped William and Mary, 87-68; Utah took Los Angeles, 69-57; Boston College made it 7 in a row by downing Harvard, 76-63; and St. Mary's defeated Arizona, 71-64.

## Otto Graham Named 'Best' Pro Gridder

Star to Lead Club Into Title Fracas

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Otto Graham, the Cleveland Browns quarterback who looks like a movie star, talks like an insurance agent and passes like a champion, was selected National Football League "player of the year" by United Press football writers.

The handsome Graham actually is an insurance agent but for the last six years he has spent his falls helping to make the Browns the most successful team in professional football history. He led Cleveland to its sixth straight division championship this year and won the balloting in a walk.

The only other players who received votes were Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch, the Los Angeles Rams' line end, and Tackle Lou "the toe" Groza, Cleveland's star place-kicker.

Graham leads the Browns against the Rams and passer Bob Waterfield for the world pro championship Sunday at Los Angeles. But, win or lose, the former Northwestern athlete already has proven his right to the "player of the year" title.

## Bowl Teams Forego Long Grid Sessions

Combined Wire Service

Practice sessions took on a serious tempo as football teams from the east to the west coasts prepared for holiday bowl and all-star battles.

Key interest in the west, of course, centers around the East-West game in San Francisco Dec. 29, and the Rose Bowl at Pasadena Jan. 1. And here is the latest from the training camps:

### Rose Bowl

Fullback Bob Mathias sprained his ankle in a day of bad luck for the Stanford Indians.

Mathias, the 204-pound, 6-foot 3-inch Olympic decathlon champion, will be out of heavy running practice until after Christmas, Coach Chuck Taylor said. First string offensive tackle, Jack Broderick was out with virus pneumonia and will be out of uniform at least until after Christmas. To top off the Stanford troubles, Halfback Eric Southworth, turned in his uniform.

At Pasadena, Coach Ray Eliot said he was relaxing his strict training routine for the Illinois football team by taking them to Los Angeles Sunday to view the Ram-Cleveland pro football championship game.

He surveyed his injury list and said he was afraid to scrimmage the Illinois team for fear he might add additional names to the group.

The latest victim is end Joe Vernasco, the best pass-catcher on the squad, who has a bad case of hives. Vernasco had been injured before the team arrived here, but was almost well when he came down with new troubles. Still on the injured list were Halfback Don Stevens and End Andy Wozniak.

### Shrine Game

Taking advantage of perfect training weather, the East and West football squads held double workouts.

The long, high punts of U.S.C.'s Frank Gifford and California's Don Robison highlighted the West's morning drill at Stanford.

## Seixas Probable Starter in Cup

SYDNEY, Dec. 21 — (AP) — The average American, who takes his tennis more or less calmly, could have no comprehension of the fever heat with which the Australians are awaiting next week's Davis Cup challenge round.

It's little if any exaggeration to say the atmosphere is as charged as on the eve of baseball's World Series. The fact the tennis classic between the challenging United States team and the Aussies comes smack in the middle of the Christmas season doesn't daunt the Australian fans who for days have been piling into Sydney from cities thousands of miles away.

U.S. Captain Frank Shields won't make any decision on his singles players until just before the matches, but every sign points to veteran Ted Schroeder and net-storming Vic Seixas as the nominees.

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## O'Brien Top Little School Point Man

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Arthur Press of Western Maryland is setting the pace among the individual basketball scorers in the nation's small colleges.

Figures released by the NCAA service bureau show the 5-foot, 10-inch, 160-pound senior dropped in 105 points in his first four games for an average of 26.3 points per game.

Alan Schults of Springfield (Mass.) is in second place through games of last Saturday with 78 points in three games for a 26-point norm.

Seattle's John O'Brien, lead half of a brother act, has poured in the most points among the small college players but he has played more games. He dropped in 226 points in his first nine games for a 25.1 average.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

California's athletic commission will take no action on the case of **JOE LOUIS** as a fighter unless he makes application for a license. . . But one of the five commission men went on record as opposing any license for the aging champ. . . **HORSE RACING FANS** shoved \$1,629,239,777 through pari-mutuel windows last season. This was a jump of 17 per cent over 1951. . . Public sale of 3500 **ROSE BOWL** tickets was handled Friday. . . Some 1500 other tickets went to hospitalized veterans. . . Gen. Mgr. **BRANCH RICKEY** of the Pittsburgh Pirates celebrated his 70th birthday by putting in an entire day in the office. . . **BRIGHT SKIES** are in prospect for Sunday's pro football championship game in Los Angeles between the hometown Rams and the Cleveland Browns.

**SUGAR RAY ROBINSON** will defend his world middleweight title in San Francisco Jan. 24 against Carl Olson of Honolulu. . . **CHARLIE BURR** failed six times Friday to chalk up his 300th winner of the season on the horse tracks. The year's top jockey still has a week to enter the select 300 circle where he will join six other jockeys—Joe Culmone, Willie Shoemaker, Jackie Westrope, Johnny Longden, Walt Miller and Vince Powers.

**OSCAR "BATTLING" NELSON**, world famous lightweight champion four decades ago, went broke being a nice guy—because he wouldn't put his tenants out into the streets for failure to pay their rent during the depression when things were tough. . . Nelson is now battling poverty himself, but a campaign among his old fistie friends and long-time followers is being conducted in the Chicago area to take care of food, board and clothing for the easy-going ex-fighter.

## Hoop Scores

**FAR WEST**  
Utah 69, Loyola 57  
Wichita 72, San Diego St. 63  
29, Memphis St. 29, Eastern Oregon 33  
Gonzaga 74, East. Wash. 54  
Whittier 77, Chico State 57  
Pomona 62, Calif. Azules 44

**MIDWEST**  
Illinois 86, N. Carolina 66  
Penn 69, Michigan 63  
Iowa 59, Oklahoma 46  
Bradley 66, Colorado 58

**SOUTHWEST**  
SMU 50, Texas Tech 48  
Texas Christian 58, Nebraska 57  
Arkansas 49, Missouri 43  
St. Mary's 71, Arizona 64  
Hardin-Simmons 79, SUL Ross 22

**EAST**  
BYU 87, Holy Cross 78  
Manhattan 69, N.C. State 50  
Canisus 62, Dartmouth 48  
Colorado 67, Buffalo 60  
Boston Col. 78, Harvard 63

**SOUTH**  
Cornell 51, Tulane 50  
Vanderbilt 85, Rice 58  
Georgetown 84, Princeton 62  
West Virginia 87, Wm. & Mary 66  
Kentucky 98, DePaul 60

**PREPS**  
Helens 49, Forest Grove 25  
Newberg 56, Silverton 45

## West Takes Pro Job at Pendleton

PENDLETON, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Harold West, Pacific Northwest Open golf champion, will become professional at the Pendleton country club Feb. 1.

West, who also is Oregon PGA champion and defending titlist in the Emerald Open at Spokane, has been pro at the Tualatin Country Club near Portland.

## SMITH HITS SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Utah's Glen Smith banged in 33 points to lead Utah to a fairly easy 69-57 victory over Loyola of Los Angeles.

## WIN ONE UMATILLA, Ore., Dec. 21 — (AP) — The Memphis State Basketball team, after four losses in the Pacific Northwest, snapped back to defeat Eastern Oregon College 79-63.

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