

# Dukes Nip LaSalle; UCLA Sets Mark

NEW YORK (AP)—Dandy Dick Ricketts and Slick Si Green proved too much of a match for All America Tom Gola Friday night and led Duquesne to its second straight Holiday basketball festival championship with a 67-65 victory over LaSalle of Philadelphia.

Three free throws by Green in the final minute of play provided the Dukes with their winning edge before a crowd of 12,135 at Madison Square Garden.

Gola scored 30 points in a magnificent individual effort to dethrone Duquesne, but Ricketts and Green each contributed 23 points and brilliant all-around performances that proved too formidable an obstacle for the Explorers.

Although he played on the losing team, Gola was voted the most valuable player award for the tournament by writers who covered the holiday festival event.

Gola, held to a field goal and eight free throws by the close guarding of Green in the first half, regained his top form in the final 20 minutes and helped LaSalle forge ahead three times.

Duquesne, ranked eighth nationally, played the entire 40 minutes of the game, which was nationally televised, with its same five starters. The triumph was the seventh in eight games for the Dukes. For LaSalle, ranked third by the United Press board of coaches, the defeat was the third in 11 games.

UCLA's burly Bruins set a new all-time collegiate scoring record for Madison Square Garden in trimming foul-plagued Dayton, 104-92, and winning the third-place consolation prize.

In the opening game of the triple-header, Jim McConnell sparked an early second-half rally that helped Niagara beat St. John's of Brooklyn, 79-70, and clinch fifth place in the eight-team tournament.

Six UCLA players, led by jump-shooting Morris Taft, each scored double figures in the upset triumph over Dayton, which was ranked fifth nationally this week. When Dave Hall, a substitute forward, dropped in a free throw with one minute to play, it broke the old collegiate scoring mark for the Garden set by LaSalle in a 103-54 victory over Syracuse last Monday.

Four Dayton players fouled out

of the game, enabling the Bruins to tie a team free throw shooting record for the Garden with 44 out of 59 attempts.

The Bruins trailed only for the first six-and-a-half minutes of the game when they wrested the lead from the Flyers on a pair of free throws by Al Herring and a jump shot by Don Bragg.

Sparked by Willie Naulls' 14 first half points and 13 by Taft, the Californians opened a 51-35 halftime advantage.

Dayton battled back to narrow the gap to 68-60 in the first seven minutes of the second half but Bill Uhl, the Flyers' seven foot center, fouled out of the game at 7:45 and their performance grew steadily worse thereafter.

The Ohioans lost their poise and fouled repeatedly, Ray Dier-

inger, John Horan and Chris Harris following Uhl to the sidelines in succession for five personals.

The victory was the eighth in 10 games for the Bruins, who are ranked ninth nationally by the United Press board of coaches. For the Flyers, who came to the tournament with seven straight victories, the setback was the second after their opening round triumph against St. John's.

John Moore, Naulls and Taft were UCLA's most accurate shooters from the foul line. Moore had nine out of 12, Naulls eight out of 10, and Taft eight out of 11. In all, Dayton committed 32 personal fouls.

Taft led UCLA with 24 points. Jack Salles' 26 points were high for the Ohioans while Horan added 20.

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MORRIS BUCKWALTER  
Utah Hoop Star

## Former Oregon Prep Cage Star Sparking Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—It's a far cry from breaking broncos on his father's ranch in the summers to coveting with the Utah basketball team in the winters but Morris Buckwalter is equally at home in both situations.

Being an honest-to-goodness cowboy, aptly nicknamed "Bucky," pleases Utah's basketball rooters. "Ride-em-cowboy," the fans shout everytime Bucky struggles for the ball with an opponent.

Buckwalter can attribute not only his nickname but a portion of his athletic grace on the hardwood to his early horseback training at the family ranch near La Grande, Ore.

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"I think I learned to ride before I learned to walk," Buckwalter said with a ready smile.

But brone riding in the summers isn't so funny with Utah Coach Jack Gardner.

"I've got enough to worry about without trying that stuff," Gardner said. "He's got strict instructions to keep off the wild ones during summer vacations."

Buckwalter, an all-state basketball performer during his high school days in La Grande, led last year's all-sophomore team in scoring with 247 points and was one of the finest rebounders in the Skyline conference.

Although he's no giant in the basketball world at 6-3, Bucky has a good deal of spring in his jump and is deadly in the corners and from outside with his set shot.

### STARS AGAINST LASALLE

His 20 points performance against LaSalle in New York's Madison Square Garden recently was one of the highlights of Utah's upset victory.

A junior this year, Buckwalter has maintained his starting berth despite a flock of competition from an attractive group of transfer players.

"He's got the best hands for this game on the team," Gardner said. "I can't remember him throwing away the ball or making a serious mistake. Those big paws of his make the difference."

Bucky and the other Utes are resting up from their recent eastern tour. Utah won't see action again until Jan. 6 when the Utes initiate the conference season with a game against Denver.

## Forty Niners Add Frankie Albert

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Former All-American Frankie Albert, often called a "coach on the field" during his years as quarterback for the San Francisco Forty Niners, Thursday joined his old club in a new role as backfield coach.

Albert was appointed by Coach Norman "Red" Strader, who also rehired Phil Bengtson as line coach.

Albert, who has served the Forty Niners since last March as promotion director, now becomes an even more important member of the nine-year-old organization and at a considerable boost in salary.

The name of the colorful little left-hander, who earned All American fame as mastermind of Stans in 1940 and '41, had been rumored as a likely candidate for one of the assistants' jobs on the revamped Forty Niners coaching staff.

Bengtson's appointment was expected. The former Minnesota All American, who coached at Stanford before joining the Forty Niners, turned in an outstanding job under ousted Buck Shaw. Strader has always been impressed with Bengtson's lines.

### SCORES

ECAC Holiday Festival  
Duquesne 67, LaSalle 65  
UCLA 104, Dayton 92  
Niagara 79, St. John's 70  
Southwestern Kan. 84, Kan. Wes. 64  
Emporia 76, McPherson 64  
Tarkenton 64  
William Jewell 85, Tarkenton 63  
Peru (Ib) 78, Dana 75  
Far Western Conference  
Chico State 84, San Fran. State 59  
Nevada 55, Humboldt State 51  
Marquette 66, Louisville 62  
Northwestern 91, Princeton 53  
Seton Hall 92, Gonzaga 70  
St. Mary's 87, Arizona State 82  
Dickinson 82, Black Hills 74

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# Auburn Rips Baylor For 'Gator Triumph

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Joe Childress, Auburn's jet-propelled fullback, and Bobby Freeman, a brilliant field general, ripped Baylor defenses to shreds-Friday for a sweet 33-13 Gator Bowl football triumph.

It was a particularly pleasing victory for the Southeastern Conference power, atoning somewhat for the Tigers' humiliating 35-13 loss to Texas Tech in the Jan. 1, 1954, Gator Bowl.

With its passing attack hampered by injuries to star end Jim Pyburn, Auburn, set a new Gator Bowl rushing record of 423 yards before near capacity crowd of 36,000.

Much of the glory for the lopsided victory should go to Auburn linemen, particularly tackle M. L. Brackett, who outplayed the Baylor forewell consistently and opened the holes for their backfield mates. Brackett twice caused Baylor fumbles and Auburn went on to touchdowns.

Childress, a 195-pound speedster, scored two touchdowns, kicked three conversions and gained yardage in great hunks all day. He got over 100 yards in the first half. Playing only part time in the second half, he wound up with a total of 134.

### NO MATCH

Baylor's backs, led by the bullet passing of quarterback Billy Hooper, piled up a lot of yards, but they were no match for Auburn's speed, power, deception and defense.

Auburn started its scoring spree immediately after the opening kickoff to the Southwestern Conference Bears.

Brackett racked up sophomore Del Shofner and separated him from the ball. Dave Middleton, another dangerous Auburn runner, recovered on Baylor's 27 and in five plays Childress rammed over from the 7.

The other Tiger scores came on a dazzling 45-yard twisting run by F.O.B. James, a four-yard pass from Freeman to end Jim Long, a five-yard smash by Childress and a five-yard keep by Freeman.

Baylor matched Auburn 7-7 after the first quarter, largely because of Hooper's fine passing.

He threw a 27-yarder to J. R. Smith on a tackle eligible play and an 11-yarder to Shofner. Fullback Reuben Sage climaxed the 63-yard drive with a one-yard buck.

Auburn led 21-7 at the half.

### LAST TOUCHDOWN

Baylor's second and final touchdown came in the third period when halfback L. G. Dupre scampered 38 yards, twisting and turning, for the score. Shofner threw a key block for him. Hooper's passes again were major factors in the 66-yard drive. He hit Charles Smith for 13 and James Amey for 11.

Although Pyburn started the game and played considerably, a twisted right knee handicapped him severely and Auburn decided to stick to the ground most of the way.

The Tigers' tremendous rushing total of 423 yards wiped out the old Gator Bowl high of 378 set by Wake Forest in 1946. And the total offense of 476 eclipsed the 466-yard record set by Georgia in 1948.

Auburn also broke the first down record of 24 set by Wake Forest in 1948 by getting 25.

## Lakers Get First Win Over Pistons

By UNITED PRESS

The Minneapolis Lakers waited until the last night of the old year before gaining their first victory of the National Basketball season over the Fort Wayne Pistons.

Beaten in three previous meetings with Fort Wayne, the defending champions walloped the Pistons, 103-91, Friday night to move to within 4½ games of the lead in the western division.

The Boston Celtics once again passed the century mark as they turned back the Philadelphia Warriors, 119-113, in the feature game of the doubleheader at Providence, R. I.

In the Providence opener, the Milwaukee Hawks downed the staggering New York Knickerbockers, 89-84. It was the Knicks' fourth straight setback.

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## Helfand Takes Boxing Post

NEW YORK (AP)—"If there's anything bad in boxing, I hope to dig it out and eradicate it."

That's one of the first things racket-busting Julius Helfand said when Gov. Averell Harriman disclosed Friday that the 52-year-old Brooklynite would be the new chairman of the State Athletic Commission.

Helfand, head of the rackets division in the Kings County district attorney's office, will succeed Dr. C. B. Powell as a member of the three-man commission and replace Republican Robert K. Christenberry as chairman, a post that carries a \$13,800-a-year salary. As chief of the rackets division, Helfand drew \$15,000 annually.

A member of the bar since 1924 and attached to the Kings County district attorney's office since 1937, Helfand figured in the prosecution of the infamous "Murder, Inc." gang, the break-up of the Harry Gross bookmaking ring, the waterfront investigations, and testified as an expert witness at the Kefauver hearings in New York.

"I have the training, background and experience to do a good job and I intend to do just that," said Helfand.

Christenberry, first appointed to the commission in 1951, has two years to go on his second term. The wealthy hotel executive said he hadn't made up his mind yet whether he will finish out his term as an ordinary member of the commission. But it was believed that he will be appointed to a diplomatic post by President Eisenhower and resign from the commission.

The other member of the commission is Leon P. Swears, of Johnstown, N. Y., who has a year to go. Dr. Powell's term expired at midnight.

## Orange Bowl Pacts Signed

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The Orange Bowl has taken action to protect itself against the possibility of NCAA action affecting its football games.

In a new three-year contract with the Big Seven and Atlantic Coast conferences, signed here Friday, was a clause providing that if the NCAA makes one of the Orange Bowl teams ineligible to compete in any game, the bowl can either pick another team from the same conference or go into the open market.

Van C. Kussrow, Orange Bowl schedule chairman, said the bowls became "NCAA conscious" after the University of Miami was placed on a one-year probation in the middle of the last football season for conducting illegal tryouts and paying the way of prospective athletes to its campus.

The effect of the action was to bar Miami from playing in a bowl game today. The powerful Hurricanes would have been prime prospects for either the Sugar or Cotton bowls.

The new contract, carrying the Big Seven-Atlantic Coast tieup through the 1958 New Year game, includes a huge pay hike for the conferences. Each will receive about \$203,000, starting with the next game, compared with \$131,000 for today's game between Duke and Nebraska. Most of the extra money will come from the Columbia Broadcasting System, which will pay a total of \$825,000 for television and radio rights to the three games.

## Andrade, DuPas Slated for Battle

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Undefeated Cico Andrade of California and high-ranked Ralph DuPas of New Orleans square off in a nationally-televised 10-round match Saturday night with a possible shot at the lightweight championship awaiting the winner.

Andrade, the 24-year-old sensation from Compton, Calif., is undefeated in 28 professional bouts. DuPas, the 19-year-old French quarter stylist, is ranked third among world lightweights. DuPas does not boast the knockout punch Andrade has, but he has an edge in overall speed.

The nationally-televised (ABC) bout Saturday night will cap the week-long Sugar Bowl program, although the match is not on the Sugar Bowl calendar.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE BINGE

# American League Statistics Sheets Help Brighten Close of Old Year

By WARREN C. PRICE

Until they met the New York Giants three months ago, the Cleveland Indians had a pretty good season in 1954.

There is no point, particularly, in bringing up this post-mortem of the American League tragedy except that it is New Year's Eve and this writer is pouring devotedly over his sheets of season averages. As I reported last week, the National League figures helped greatly to brighten Christmas Day. This week those of the American League help to make the dull close of the old year more entertaining.

After the burial of Indian statistics, along with those of Cleveland's opponents, we can look forward toward 1955.

Frankly, the records of 1954, when placed end to end, make one wonder how Cleveland ever won 111 games. It must have been because the Indians had the pitchers, but that is the only department in which they led the league. The Yankees were first in team batting, to Cleveland's fourth, while the Chicago White Sox topped Al Lopez' club in team fielding.

Besides that, the Indians only managed to split even, 11-11 with each opponent, in the games they themselves played with New York and Chicago. They won because they could maul everybody from the Red Sox on down.

Of course, Cleveland did have the American League batting champion in Bobby Avila, whose .341 was far ahead of the .320 of Minnie Minoso of the White Sox, who was second. But Cleveland's next best batter was Al Rosen, who ranked eleventh with an even .300. Four members of the Yankees and a second member of the White Sox squeezed into the intervening hitting spots between third and tenth.

It's all highly confusing.

### PITCHERS AND LUCK

So, I guess we have to credit Cleveland's pennant to the Indians' pitchers and to luck. Mike Garcia, Early Wynn, and Bob Lemon did take the first, third, and fourth spots in earned-run averages, with only Sandalio Consuegra of Chicago, in second, disputing with the Indians' Big Three.

But I do wish now that these records had been available in late September. Put page for page against the official National League statistics they show it was the senior league that had the stuff in 1954. Knowledge in advance could have made one

## January Fights Listed for Video

NEW YORK (AP)—Promoter matchmaker Tex Sullivan scoffed at rumors of decreasing interest in television fights today and announced that 52 weekly fight TV shows would be staged at St. Nicholas Arena during 1955.

He also announced the five January matches.

Sullivan's London Sporting Club began promoting weekly video scraps at St. Nick's last May 17. "And we have noted constantly increasing all-round interest since then," he explained.

The five matches for January follow:

January 3, middleweight Gil Turner, Philadelphia vs. Italo Scorticchini, Italy; Jan. 10, welterweight Hector Constance, Trinidad vs. Johnny Brown, Chicago; Jan. 17, middleweight Gerald Dreyer, South Africa vs. Pete Adams, Newark, N. J.; Jan. 24, lightweight Joey Lopes, Sacramento, Calif. vs. Orlando Zulueta, Cuba.

## Manila Squad Tips Portland State 57-54

MANILA (AP)—A Manila selection, rallying in the last 20 minutes, Friday night edged out Portland State's basketball team, 57-54.

It was the visitors' third defeat in four games against Philippine teams.

Portland led at the half 35-30. Paul Poetsch was top scorer for the Vikings with 11 points. Jack Viskov and John McIntyre each dropped in 10 points.

The Vikings meet the same Manila Selection Saturday night.



GROG FOR THE HOLIDAYS—Statistics sheets, pages and pages of them, and ghosts out of the past Major League baseball season, were the only spirits needed by Warren C. Price to make his holidays far from dull. Christmas Eve, Price, professor of journalism at the University of Oregon, poured over the National League statistics. New Year's Eve he devoted his merry making to the American League and came up with the results that appear on this page today.

some money in betting on the Giants.

For that matter, comparing American League with National League records, it seems that any one of the three top teams in the National might have won the World Series from Cleveland.

Apart from the comparatives, the American League figures offer the usual amount of choice information.

As most sports readers probably know, the league was dreadfully unbalanced. Among them, Indians, Yankees, and White Sox won 308 games; at the other end, Senators, Orioles and Athletics lost 291. The Red Sox, in fourth, ended up 16 games below .500 and 25 games behind the third-place White Sox. The Tigers, in fifth, were a game behind the Red Sox, 26 games from third.

No wonder those 111 Cleveland victories looked bigger than they were!

In league records tied or broken in 1954, the American dropped from 50 in 1953 to 31. That, too, shows that all was not too well with the junior league. What records were broken were mostly controlled by Cleveland and New York—except for such new negative records as were set by the

lamentable Philadelphia Athletics. The A's set a new mark for eighth-place finishes, with their 18th; and for most times with 100 or more defeats in a season, their 11th.

What the new environment in Kansas City will do for such a sad team remains to be seen; but, as Baltimore proved in '54 with the Browns-Orioles, cities alone don't make winning ball clubs.

The best the Orioles could achieve in '54 was to beat the A's out in the fight to avoid the basement; Baltimore lost only 100 games to Philadelphia's 103.

### PITCHING AND HITTING

For such merit as it gives the American, the league's pitchers seemed a shade better than the National's. Thirty-two American hurlers got in the required 154 innings to make the official "championship" bracket, as against only 26 for the National. And 10 American League pitchers had earned run averages lower than 3.00 (Garcia leading with 2.64). The National League had only six pitchers with 3.00 or better.

Or was good American League pitching merely a reflection of poor American League hitting? Only Avila could hit better than

320 for the season. The National League had five sluggers better than .325.

Among the fielding records there was little of moment. Four teams—Indians, Yanks, Senators, and Red Sox—each made a triple play. Larry Doby of the Indians went through 153 games in the outfield with only two errors, for a fielding average of .995. And Mickey Vernon of Washington beat out Joe Collins of New York for first base fielding honors by .0009 of a point (.9924 to .9915). None of that seems highly exciting.

### OTHER RECORDS

Some other scattered records make this proper squint curiousity:

The White Sox won 21 of their 94 victories by shutouts, while the Indians' starting pitcher lasted the full game 77 times, or exactly half of all scheduled games. Bob Turley of the Orioles, now gone to the Yankees in the big post-season trade, was only 20th in earned-run averages, despite all the build-up he received. (But maybe with the Orioles behind him that was all one could expect.)

Buried far down in the averages is a line for one Vernon E. Bickford, a pitcher. He started one game for Baltimore, pitched four innings and allowed four earned runs. He lost the game, of course, whereupon the Orioles gave him his unconditional release.

Ever hear of Bickford? Well, a few short years ago, 1950 I guess, Vern pitched a no-hitter for the old Boston Braves against Brooklyn. He was regarded as one of the greatest competitors in baseball. When the Braves left Boston he was expected to be Warren Spahn's No. 2 man on the staff. But Bickford had a sorry season in 1953, the Braves shunted him to Baltimore, and in '54 he couldn't last one game with a team that lost 100.

That's what the records show, among other things. Now it's '55—and a Look Magazine forecast named Tim Lincecum predicts it will be Braves vs. Yankees next time. Could New Year's Eve end on a gayer thought? (As you might have gathered, this American League report has been written by a National League fan.)

Former Willamette Coach Loses Son

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP)—Don R. Stackhouse, son of the former football coach at Willamette University, was found dead in a parked automobile here Friday.

The father, Chester R. Stackhouse, now is football coach at Pennsylvania's Slippery Rock Teachers College.

Police said they found a hose leading from an exhaust pipe to the interior of young Stackhouse's car. There was a note which said: "Sorry, but I just can't take it." He was a medical student at Stanford University.