

# Redskins Favored To Beat Chicago Bears on Sunday

**By Jack Cuddy**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
New York, Dec. 21 (UP)—After the Washington Redskins beat the Chicago Bears Sunday, the National football league will begin planning for the 1944 campaign, which may have 11 clubs in competition.

What's that? How do we know that the Redskins will beat the Bears? We don't positively; and perhaps we should have mentioned that it's our personal opinion that the Redskins will win at Wrigley field, Sunday.

If you press for an opinion, we favor the Redskins for two major reasons:

1. The Redskins will be carried onward by the momentum of their 28-0 victory over the tough New York Giants last Sunday, and 2—the Chicago brawl will crystallize into a passing battle between long-throwing Sid Luckman and short-throwing Sammy Baugh.

**Baugh Leads Way**  
In this great pitchers' battle, we must string with Baugh, who can thread the needle up close.

It is our opinion that Washington has a better line than the Bears, and with Wilbur Moore playing a capable defensive role in his halfback post, Luckman's long passes haven't much chance of succeeding.

So we say—"after the Redskins beat the Bears"—the National league will begin planning for the 1944 season—readying to take advantage of the wartime money that's in circulation. In this connection, perhaps we should mention that only the Chicago Cardinals and Brooklyn lost money during the '43 season.

We divulge no confidence in revealing that the rest of the clubs made money. Chicago's Bears, Washington Redskins, Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Steagles, New York Giants, Green Bay and Detroit.

**May Spread Out**  
With all the fan-money available, only the shortage of manpower can prevent the currently proposed spread-out of the league. Officially, of the Pittsburgh-Philadelphia Steagles would like to separate into two clubs. Owners of the Cleveland franchise would like to return to competition. And Ted Collins, owner of the Boston franchise, would like to see Beantown back in the league. Collins is perhaps America's No. 1 football fan.

The National league carried on with eight clubs this season. It has had 10 in the past. It may be asked to sanction 11 in '44, and we can predict that when the war is over, the National football league will have 12, or 14, or maybe 16 clubs as in our baseball major leagues. Because pro football is going places as a great spectator sport, with rabid cheering sections made up of the butcher boy, the grocer boy, and everyone else who works during the week for a living.

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## Chicago Fighter Boxing Fatality

Chicago, Dec. 21 (UP)—Al Reasoner, 23-year-old negro lightweight, died in a hospital early today without regaining consciousness after slumping to the canvas in the 10th round of his bout with Freddy Dawson last night.

Dr. Joseph H. Brown, a spectator who worked over Reasoner for an hour with a pulmotor in the dressing room, said he apparently died of a brain hemorrhage. Referee Norm McGarity awarded Dawson the fight on a technical knockout after Reasoner had fallen to the canvas for the third time in the final round.

Helped to his feet, he slipped and fell again and was carried to the dressing room. Edward J. Buchan, a representative of the Illinois boxing commission, said Reasoner, former Catholic youth organization lightweight champion, had appeared in good condition at the pre-fight examination yesterday.

## Vessel to Carry Paddock's Spikes

Los Angeles, Dec. 21 (UP)—The U. S. Charles Paddock, Liberty ship named for the track star killed in an Alaskan army plane crash, will carry his spiked shoes in the pilot house. The ship will be launched at California Shipbuilding corporation.

The spikes, donated by Capt. Paddock's widow, Mrs. Neva Paddock, will be set in a glass case.

## Fight Results

(By United Press)  
Newark, N. J.—Bobby Jacobs, 158½, Philadelphia, decisioned Nate Bolden, 172, Chicago, (10).  
New York (St. Nicholas arena) Marvin Bryant, 161½, U. S. army, knocked out Freddy Flores, 162, Jamaica, N. Y. (4).  
Baltimore—Howard Bennett, 168, Baltimore, decisioned Nick Kirsch, 164½, Baltimore, (10).  
Scranton, Pa.—Joe Dinofrio, 144, Freeland, Pa., decisioned Charley Sabatelle, 145, Dunmore, Pa. (10).  
Providence, R. I.—Tippy Larkin, 142, New York, knocked out Gene Ward, 154, Chicago (4).

## Huskies Drilled In Preparation For Bowl Battle

Seattle, Dec. 21 (UP)—Coach Pest Welch, who says that all he wants for Christmas is a happy new year with his Washington Huskies adjacent to the larger numbers on the Rose bowl scoreboard, today increased the tempo of defensive drills to bring his squad to top condition before entraining for Los Angeles Friday.

Staging "secret" drills on defensive maneuvers designed to bottle up University of Southern California's speed and aerial power, Welch emphasized the need for stopping Trojan plays "before they reach the line of scrimmage." Welch tutored ends personally in rushing the passer and other linemen were instructed to be wary of USC's quick-opening play, which have netted a lot of yardage this season.

Admitting that his offense still lacked all the punch he desired, Welch said he was giving defensive tactics top consideration during the remaining workouts here. The 28-man Husky traveling squad will head for Los Angeles Christmas eve and arrive on Sunday, leaving six days for the team to become acclimated.

**Most Players Selected**  
All but two of the players have been selected for the team which will represent Washington in the Pacific coast championship play-off game.

The backs will include Sam Robinson, Al Akins, Gerry Austin, Bob Wren, Bob Zech, John Wingender, Bob Moore, Gail Bruce, Marvin Smith, Keith de Courcy and Wally Kramer. Welch received good news yesterday when the trainer announced Bruce and Smith, unseasoned players drafted to fill the shoes of the high-scoring ace, Pete Susick, were in top condition to take over the fullback post. Both men had limped through workouts last week after suffering minor injuries.

Linemen Welch has chosen tentatively included Jack Tracy, Fran Clinton, Ed Roark, Parker Buck and Dick Hagen, ends: Milt Coles, Bill Ward, George Meyers, and Frank Saksa, guards: Gordon Berlin and Vern Oliver, centers.

Strawberry fields last on an average only three years in modern times.

## To Add a Star



Apparently as a reward for his work as special representative of the President in the Near East, where he laid much of the three-power Teheran conference groundwork, Brig.-Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, above, has been nominated by the President to be a major general.

## Synthetic Core For Ball Approved

New York, Dec. 21 (UP)—National League president Ford Frick confirmed today that a new baseball with a synthetic rubber core had been approved by the major leagues and that it would be available in quantity production for the 1944 season.

The ball replaces the balata core ball used last season and blamed generally for the drop in batting averages in both leagues. Frick also discussed the baseball manpower situation briefly, stressing that the National league was determined to carry on as long as every club was able to put a team on the field.

"This matter was discussed at some length during the winter meetings early this month and we have come now to the decision that financial losses, no matter how heavy they may be, will not close up our parks," he said.

## Pacific Packers Defeat Staters

Corvallis, ec. 21 (UP)—Oregon State college and Pacific Packers' basketball teams prepared for the second game in their two-day series here tonight following a 49-43 overtime victory by the Portland semi-pro five over the Orangemen last night.

The Packers led 22-19 at half time, but the lead changed eight times in the second period and tied at 42-42 before the visitors ran up a margin to win. Murray Logan, Packer forward, was high scorer with 16 points.

## Speedy Halfback Rejoins Trojans

Los Angeles, Dec. 21 (UP)—Coach Jeff Cravath had one less worry today when Eddie Saenz, his speedy halfback, rejoined the USC team in practice for the forthcoming Rose Bowl game with "Pest" Welch's Washington Huskies.

Still missing at the indoor workout yesterday was Quarterback Jim Hardy, Don Hardy and Joe Wolf.

Coach Cravath led the team through aerial plays with Alnslee Bell pitching.

## Basketball Briefs

(By United Press)  
Great Lakes Naval 59, Minnesota 32.  
Illinois 43, Kentucky 41.  
Indiana 38, DePaul 34.  
Berea 62, Louisville 37.  
Drake 46, St. Ambrose Naval 31.

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