

Weather Is Fair For Annual Game In Rose Stadium

By William C. Payette
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1 (UP)—Tennessee went into the Rose bowl today on the short end of the long-odds in years amid predictions that Southern California will turn the top game of the day into the bowl's greatest rout before 91,000 fans.

The odds stood at 17 points, about three touchdowns. The weather was fair and the turf dry—ideal for the Trojans' fast passing and running attack of the formation.

Even Coach John Barnhill was gloomy about his team's chances. Reminded of the great psychological advantage they hold as underdogs out to avenge a Tennessee defeat here five years ago, he said:

"Well, maybe. But you can't put a uniform on psychology."
Jeff Cravath, the Trojan mentor, was upset by the long odds.

"If we deserve to be favored," he said, "it certainly isn't by any such outlandish margin. The southerners are tough and our backfield is green."

Stanford Beaten
Cravath recalled that the worst licking ever recorded in the bowl was back in 1902, when Michigan kicked the socks off Stanford, 49-0. "That's a lot of points," he said, "and that's crazy talk."

The worst beating Southern California ever passed out in the bowl was in 1930, when Pittsburgh came out to absorb a 47-14 lacing. The Trojans made 28 of their points in the last half.

Outweighed 16 pounds to the man in the line, the Volunteers were counting on fleet-footed Bus Stephens and an assortment of passes which haven't worked too well most of the season.

And the Tennessee backers weren't forgetting that their backfield averaged better than five yards a try in packing the ball, with Stephens lugging 631 yards in 101 tries.

Rangers Victors, Take West Title

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1 (UP)—The Hollywood Rangers today ruled as far west professional football champions after administering a 21 to 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 flashed 20 yards for the third touchdown, following a blocked punt. Ted Favelec converted all three times for the Rangers, Al Higgins for the Bombers.

Portland Negro Seeks State Title

Portland, Ore., Jan. 1 (UP)—Mickey Pease, hard punching Portland fighter, will make his third attempt to lift the Oregon middleweight title tonight in his bout with Leo (the Lion) Turner here.

Despite his only average record for the past year, the Portland negro is given an even chance to retain his title in the New Year's day bout with Pease. The odds will favor Pease if Turner chooses to engage in close in fighting, since that style is Mickey's favorite.

John L. Sullivan, a negro namesake of the first champion, will seek to step into the shoes of Joe Kahut, who was No. 1 light heavyweight in the northwest before his induction into the navy several weeks ago. Sullivan will meet Jerry Brown, Denver negro, in the semi-windup.

Col. Howard of Track Fame Dead

Miami Beach, Fla., Jan. 1 (UP)—The turf world sent messages of condolences today to the family of Col. Howard Maxwell Howard, who rose from comparative obscurity as a horseman to one of the most famous in the business through the chance purchase of the "ugly duckling" horse Stagehand.

Howard, a paper mill executive from Dayton, O., who in later years acquired an outstanding stable of thoroughbreds, died here yesterday at his winter home after a week's illness. He suffered an attack of thrombosis.

Out Our Way



By J. R. Williams

Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, Jan. 1 (UP)—America's sporting public, an irrepresible lot, gets what may be its last big chance in a long while to blow off steam today 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 war time sports alive since Pearl Harbor, will keep the turnstiles spinning again.

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 had 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. Whether there is a no other Whirlaway, Twilight Tear, Twenty Grand or Man O'War among the two year olds of last season is something that never may be determined. Race horses improve by campaigning and since none can be shipped to Mexican or Cuban tracks, they

may not be able to recover from the long peaceful months in lush pastures.

And 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-agers collegians 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.

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 Mello Bettina. More than 4,000 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 Hagg, 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 record holder 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.

Sun, Moon Billed For 1945 Eclipses

Four eclipses will feature stellar phenomena in 1945, and two of the four will provide good shows for residents of Central Oregon, data compiled by astronomers reveal.

Best celestial show of the year will occur on the early morning of July 9, when the moon slips over the face of the sun, covering about 73 per cent of that luminary's surface at the maximum phase. From the Boise, Idaho, country, north past Butte, Mont., this eclipse will be total.

On December 18, sky gazers will witness a total eclipse of the moon, in the early evening. During the period of totality, the moon will be seen as a great blood red or copper colored sphere, in the eastern heavens.

An annular eclipse of the sun will occur on January 14, but will not be visible in the United States. A partial eclipse of the moon is scheduled for June 25. This also will not be visible here.

War Briefs ---

(By United Press)
Western front—Third army drives forward two miles west of Bastogne, hitting southern flank of German bulge in blazing battle threatening death trap for thousands of crack Nazi troops.

Balkans: Red army, adopting "no quarter" policy, fights through western half of Budapest, determined to avenge murder of two Soviet peace emissaries.

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Seattle Reports Its Driest Year

Seattle, Jan. 1 (UP)—The weather bureau today recorded 1944 as the driest year in Seattle's weather history and December as the most arid 12th month of any year.

Precipitation during the year totaled 19.70 inches, 14.42 inches below normal, while December's rainfall was 3.27 inches, a deficiency of 2.45 inches.

The bureau said drought conditions prevailed over most of the state, adversely affecting agriculture, water power and forest areas.

Beavers Beaten By U. O. Medics

Portland, Ore., Jan. 1 (UP)—In a startling reversal of form, the Beavers could do no wrong, edged by the Oregon Medical school crews Saturday in Portland by a 44 to 31 score.

The Medics could do no wrong, it seemed, and they simply ran the legs off the Beavers, who have

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Seabees Receive Honors in Field

Clifford L. Rasmussen, L/C carpenter mate, Bend, is a member of the 302nd naval construction battalion that has been awarded colors in the field for its part in Pacific invasions, it has been learned here. Rasmussen's wife is the former Eloise Spencer, and she and her three children, Clifford, David and Dick, make their home in Bend.

Mexican Eleven To Battle Texas

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 1 (UP)—The first New Year's day bowl game over to be served up with an international flavor finds Southwestern university of Texas rated a slight favorite over the Pumas of Mexico National university in the Sun bowl today.

Southwestern defeated New Mexico university, 7-0, in the Sun bowl in 1944 and will return this year as the defending champions. The lads from Mexico City come to the bowl twelve times the football champions of the republic to the south.

Southwestern's team is made up largely of navy V-12 men. Coach R. M. Medley believes his club will show more balanced attack today than his power laden team displayed last year.

The team from "south of the border" is light compared to the average college team in this country. Its average weight is about 165 pounds.

Coach Bernard A. Hoban of the Pumas from Mexico said today, "I'm confident that we'll give Southwestern a good game and we'll make a creditable performance in the Sun bowl."

Track Attendant Burned to Death

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

Rice, a veteran of more than 40 years' service at race tracks, led "My Boy," a thoroughbred valued at \$4,500, from the flames, then reentered the burning stable to help out other horses. It was believed he was overcome by smoke on his second trip to the building.

Oregon Quintet Defeats Sailors

Tillamook, Ore., Jan. 1 (UP)—The University of Oregon Webfoots scored their third victory of the year over the Tillamook Naval Air station basketball team here Saturday night by a 62 to 41 score.

High point honors, however, went to I. Hager, Tillamook guard, who slipped in 15 points. Dick Wilkins, former Portland high school player, scored 14 points for the university team.

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East-West Stars Draw Big Crowd

San Francisco, Jan. 1 (UP)—Two of the potentially strongest college football teams in the nation — all-stars from the east and the west — clashed here today in Kezar stadium before a sell-out crowd of 65,000 fans in the 20th annual Shrine benefit game.

The teams took the field with the East a 3-1 favorite to win its seventh triumph in 20 starts. The West has won 10 times and three games have ended in ties—including last year's battle which went to a 13-13 deadlock.

A galaxy of highly publicized eastern boys, including all-Americans Les Horvath and Bill Hackett of Ohio State and Frank Dancewicz and Bob Kelly, Notre Dame, is the reason for the heavy financial support for the visitors.

Loaded To Hit
However, the "home" west club is loaded to the hilt with college aces—plus eight men from outstanding service elevens, including five who probably will be in the starting lineup.

The stage has been set for the smallest men on each squad — Horvath of the East, and Forrest Hall, seat-back from Texas and March Field, of the west, for major ball packing roles. If the day is suitable for an aerial attack, the Dancewicz and Earl Girard, Wisconsin, will do most of the hurdling for the East; Bob Waterfield for the West.

Check!



The latest style note from Florida is to have your aquaplane match your bathing suit, judging by the photo above, which shows comely Martha Gray zip-ping along at Cypress Gardens.

Mrs. Clyde F. Street of this city, is the recipient of the air medal with two oak leaf clusters, it became known here today. The award was made to the air corps officer for extraordinary flying achievement, it was reported.

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