

Cougars Face Rough Chore In Webfoot-Beaver Series

They kick the lid off the Northern Division, Pacific Coast conference, basketball season this week with the Washington State college Cougars getting the brunt of the inaugural firing.

The Pullman quintet hits the road for the rough four-game Oregon trek, engaging Oregon State in Corvallis tomorrow and

Wednesday and the Ducks of Oregon as the only blot on the pre-season record, rate high in the early figuring.

Idaho comes to Seattle against Washington in another Friday-Saturday series.

The WSC-Beaver opener is the only conference play scheduled for the week, but Oregon winds up its pre-season play tonight and tomorrow against the touring Columbia Lions.

Nosed out 49-46 by Washington for the second straight night Saturday, the Lions will be seeking to even the score of its north-west invasion against the Ducks.

The opening victor, like the eventual title winner, is still pretty much any man's choice. Pre-season games have provided few chances for comparative scores against similar opponents.

Washington's Huskies, with

one two-point loss against Minnesota as the only blot on the pre-season record, rate high in the early figuring.

The Washington reserves got needed action against Columbia Saturday night. Coach Art McLarney opened with the subs and didn't insert a regular starter until the second half when they quickly overcame a 21-16 halftime deficit. A pair of free throws by Lou Soriano and another by Duane Enochs pulled the fat from the fire in the final seconds after the score had been knotted at 46-all at the two-minute mark.

Idaho closed out its pre-season menu with a 45-35 win over Gonzaga. Forward Dick Geisler hit the hoop for 18 points to lead the Vandals.

Gonzaga's scoring ace, Rich Evans, was held to six.

Viking Cagers Return to Work For Tuesday Game

Salem high school's cage team returned to the Vik Villa Monday morning to prepare for the Tuesday night clash with the Oregon Frosh in a preliminary go preceding the Oregon-Columbia game.

After making a better showing Friday night against the Jefferson quint than the Viks did at Portland, Hauk hopes to see his Vikings extend the number of victories to their credit. At present Salem has topped LaGrande, Tigard, Klamath Falls, Tillamook, Eugene, Hillsboro and split a series with Jefferson.

Valetino Uses Manager Trouble As Fight Alibi

San Francisco, Jan. 2 (AP)—California Heavyweight Champion Pat Valentino will ignore an order from the California state athletic commission to fight Turkey Thompson within 90 days as long as the Los Angeles boxer has "trouble with his manager."

Jack Andrade, Valentino's manager, said flatly Valentino wouldn't fight Thompson until "he straightens himself out with his manager, and that's that."

At a meeting in Los Angeles Saturday, the commission gave Valentino 90 days to defend his crown. Thompson had asked the commission to recognize him as state champion because Valentino refused a rematch.

Andrade said he is negotiating for Valentino to fight Joe Kahut of Portland, Ore., at Portland Feb. 3 for the Pacific coast heavyweight title. In addition, he said Promoter William P. Kyne is seeking a return match of Valentino and Ezzard Charles, world's heavyweight champion.

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IN 1949

Calumet Continued Turf Supremacy

By FRANK ECK (AP Newsfeatures Sports Writer)

New York—While all of racing continues to worry about the general betting decline, the sport in 1949 was noteworthy for at least three reasons.

They were, in order, the continued success of Warren Wright's Calumet Farm, the imposing list of two-year-olds and Jockey Gordon Glissan.

However, all the good two-year-olds were not Calumet's. While the stable won well over \$1,000,000 for the third straight year to top the money winning owners, its juvenile stars, Theory and Re-Armed, won only one important stake. Theory accounted for that, getting \$23,150 first money for the Champagne Stakes.

It remained for Calumet's three-year-old, Ponder, to do most of the winning. Surprise winner of the Kentucky Derby, Ponder was the champion money earning thoroughbred of the year, taking \$321,825.

To mention Calumet without word of its general manager-trainer combination of Plain Ben Jones and his son Jimmy would be like mentioning the Kentucky Derby without the late Col. Matt Winn. The coloneled passed away at 88 but lived long enough to see his 75th derby won by Ben Jones, who saddled Ponder for his fifth derby success. It was the fourth derby for Calumet. Preceding Ponder were Whirlaway, Citation and Pensive, Ponder's sire, who died during the year.

Besides the derby, Ponder won some mighty rich renewals, including the Jockey Club gold cup, Arlington Classic and American Derby.

Calumet's Coaltown, winner of the Widener, Arlington and Washington Park handicaps, was named "horse of the year." Oddly enough, Greentree Stable's Capot turned back both Calumet aces.

Capot, after winning the Freakness (Ponder was an also-ran), scored over Ponder by a nose in the rich Belmont Stakes. In the Pimlico Special, Capot turned back Coaltown by 15 lengths.



WARREN WRIGHT His horses were faster

Greentree also tacked a noteworthy setback on Calumet when its two-year-old star, Guillotine, beat Theory in the rich Belmont Futurity.

Other two-year-olds that looked great were Oil Capitol, Middleground, Hill Prince, Curtice and Blue Reading. The latter, claimed by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hirsch of West Los Angeles, Calif., for \$6500 in September after failing to win his first four starts, won his next seven.

The bay colt by Reading II—Blue Alibi, has been the rage on the west coast. The colt, bred by Mrs. A. W. Ryan, has shown a liking for distance.

Like Blue Reading, who was unheard of last summer, Oil Capitol only hit the headlines after winning the Pimlico Futurity. The grey son of Mahmoud, bred by P. A. B. Widener's Elmendorf farm, won six of 13 starts and \$106,956. He is the lone horse in the stable of Thomas Gray of Tulsa and was acquired at the Keeneland summer sales for \$15,000 in 1948.

The long New York season of 196 days showed a 9.1 per cent betting decline. Although the wagering dropped here for the fourth successive year, the

\$303,332,958 wagered still is considerably more than anything during the prewar period. The total attendance of 4,152,118, a 5.6 per cent decline, is the poorest of the last six years.

One of the worst fires in racing history was the \$6,000,000 blaze which destroyed Hollywood park's grandstand. Racing's biggest real of the year was the sale of Louis B. Mayer's California breeding farm for \$1,000,000.

Two gallant campaigners, Stymlie and Assault, were retired. Stymlie, the leading money winner, quit after running his earnings to \$918,485, while Assault, fourth in money won with \$672,520, went to stud at the age of six.

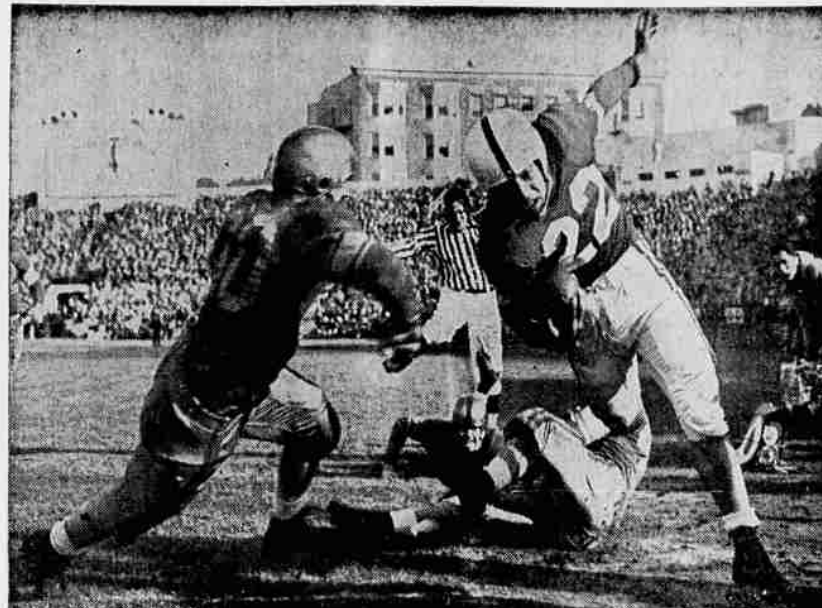
Riding to fame with Calumet's famous devil's red silks was its contract jockey, Steve Brooks. Besides winning some big stakes, Brooks in September rode four Calumet winners on one day at Belmont park. He also was atop Coaltown when the colt ran a world record mile of 1:34 at Washington park. Ben Civitello had the best one-day record, riding six straight winners at Bowie.

Glissan might have ridden 300 winners during the year but for a Jamaica spill in which he broke his collarbone. He had 249 winners at the time and lost six weeks of riding. However, the 19-year-old former dish washer from Winstonsboro, S. C., returned to the sport for winter racing on the coast and by mid-December had 264 winners.

Ted Atkinson, popular rider under contract at Greentree stable, became the fourth of the modern American riders to achieve 2000 winners. The others are Johnny Longden, Johnny Adams and Eddie Arcaro.

Arcaro, incidentally, was guilty of the worst riding boner of the year. In the Pimlico Cup of two and a half miles he pulled up his mount, Blue Hills, at one mile and a half.

"I thought the race was over," said Arcaro. It was, as far as Blue Hills was concerned.



The East's Hillary Chollet (22) of Cornell is knocked out of bounds by Tom Novak (left), West center of Nebraska, after returning a punt in the first quarter of the East-West Shrine game at Kezar stadium in San Francisco. The West's Ken Carpenter of Oregon State is sprawled on the ground just behind Chollet. Proceeds of the game go to the Shriner's hospital for crippled children in San Francisco for the benefit of scores of young patients. East won 28-6. (Acme Telephoto)

East-West Players Desert Frisco for Bowl Contests

LeBaron Voted Tops as East Wins, 28-6

By JERRY BAULCH (Associated Press Sports Writer)

San Francisco, Jan. 2 (AP)—Most of the players in Saturday's East-West football classic were in Pasadena today to watch the Rose Bowl game.

They left by plane after a Saturday night dinner-dance that followed the East's 28 to 6 defeat of the West.

Three Stanford men and one University of Hawaii player flew to Hawaii immediately after the game to play in the Pineapple bowl today.

Eddie LeBaron, College of Pacific star, voted the outstanding player in Saturday's contest, flew with Dick McKissack of Southern Methodist to Dallas. They'll see the Cotton Bowl game today and then go on to Jacksonville, Fla., to participate in the Senior Bowl Jan. 7. It was McKissack's blocking which was largely responsible for LeBaron's big day as a ball carrier.

LeBaron said: "I simply followed McKissack. Where he went, I went." At Saturday night's silver anniversary dinner of the East-West game, the coaches agreed the East's one-sided score didn't tell all the story.

The 63,000 fans who jammed Kezar stadium got thrill after thrill from the array of stars, which included several All-America players. Most of them were arrayed with the East—and that

made the difference. The boys from the east had too much talent for the westerners.

LeBaron, a 165-pounder who is a three-time Little All-America quarterback, engineered the West's only touchdown. He gained 95 of the total net of 111 yards, made by the westerners. He also threw four passes that were intercepted. The East cashed in on them, going for touchdowns twice and abruptly stopping West drives the other two times.

The West scored first. The touchdown was set up on the interception by Lindy Berry, Texas Christian university ace.

Berry grabbed the pass, thrown by Army's Arnold Galiffa and raced back 38 yards to the East's 36. LeBaron began working the ball down as the quarter ended. Then on the six yard stripe, Don Paul of Washington State, raced across in a flashy bit of razzle dazle.

But the East came back and really went to work under the smooth T-formation quarterbacking of Galiffa, Pete Dorset of Cornell and Lynn Chandnois of Michigan State. Incidentally, Chandnois was voted the second best player.

The kickoff and one play later was all it took the easterners to tie the score. Harry Szulborzski, Purdue halfback, returned the kickoff 22 yards to the

East's 34. Then Dorset interlarded to halfback Hillary Chollet of Cornell, who passed to Leon Hart, Notre Dame's all-American end. The six foot four inch, 260-pound giant rambled 26 yards to score.

Gordon Soltau, Minnesota end, put the East ahead with the first of his four conversions. The East added another touchdown in the second period and one each in the other two quarters.

Willamette Loop Opens on Four Fronts Tuesday

The Willamette Valley league of eight members, will stage four games Tuesday night as the quints return from their holiday layoff. Four of the clubs kept up with the game during the holidays through participation in the Willamette university invitational tournament—Woodburn, Silverton, Dallas and Canby.

The schedule for Tuesday night: Sandy at Molalla, Estacada at Canby, Silverton at Dallas and Mt. Angel at Woodburn.

Play through the season will be on each Tuesday and Friday night of the week.

Yale Oarsmen Nip Penn in Regatta At Palm Beach

Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 2 (AP)—Yale's varsity crew continued its mastery of the Pennsylvania crew in the annual regatta of the Palm Beach yesterday.

It was Yale's third consecutive victory in the mid-winter rowing event and the Yale jayvees defeated the Penn junior varsity to make the day complete for the Elis.

Penn's varsity, stroked by Philadelphia's Jack Kelly, Jr., international singles sculls champion, held the lead for the first mile but Yale put on a terrific spurt to wipe out the advantage and win by three feet in 6:42.2 for the 2,000 meter event. Penn's time was 6:42.8.

Blue-Gray Classic Now Insured of Annual Test

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 2 (AP)—The South's slam bang 27 to 13 victory over the North Saturday definitely put the annual Blue-Gray classic on a permanent big time basis.

"Until now," says Champ Pickens, the man who originated the North-South game, "there has been some skepticism as to whether the Blue-Gray meeting would receive national support. The enthusiastic reception of the idea proves otherwise."

Proceeds from the annual event go to charity. But it wasn't just the South's victory that insured the future success of the good

Over the Side

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Bearcats to Return to Basketball Workout Tuesday

Coach Johnny Lewis and his Willamette university Bearcats will return to their training chores Tuesday following the Christmas holidays.

With a record of three wins as against four losses in pre-conference competition, the "Cats" will open Northwest loop play next Friday night against Linfield at McMinnville. The Wildcats have one of the strongest clubs to represent their school in a number of years and are considered the club to beat.

Willamette and Linfield will play in Salem next Saturday night.

Injured Boxer Reported Still Critical, Better

New York, Jan. 2 (AP)—Dr. Vincent Nardiello reported today that boxer Carmine Vingo was "definitely improved" but still on the critical list at St. Clare's hospital.

Young Vingo of the Bronx suffered a brain contusion Friday when knocked out by heavyweight Rocky Marciano of Brockton, Mass., at Madison Square Garden.

Nardiello of the New York boxing commission's staff said the paralysis of Vingo's left side had diminished partially, and that he was having longer intervals of consciousness.

"There's still a slight hemorrhage on the right side of the brain," he concluded. "But we hope that will stop naturally and cause no complications."

UCLA has carded a 28-game basketball schedule for the 1949-50 season.

New York Rangers Stage Comeback in Ice World

By JACK CUDDY (United Press Sports Writer)

New York, Jan. 2 (AP)—What seems the most freakish development of the nation's current indoor sports season is the goofy but golden renaissance of New York's ice-hockey Rangers.

Just when New York's long-suffering hockey fans had begun to give up on the doormats of the National league, the listless lads in red-white-and-blue uniforms launched a December drive that lifted them from last place to their present tie for second with the Montreal Canadiens.

Without warning and apparently without propelling power, they staged an upsurge that now has given them eight victories in their last 11 games. They lost two and tied one.

What amazes the experts is that the Rangers' climb was made "backwards"—by virtue of defensive brilliance rather than by superior attack.

People living in cities where ice hockey is not played can not even imagine what enthusiasm the rampaging Rangers have spread in New York, where the

loyal fans had endured for seven long years usually the worst hockey in the National circuit.

During those seven years the Rangers finished last five times; once, fourth; and once, fifth.

And when the current campaign opened, it seemed that the Madison Square Garden corporation, which owns the Rangers, still hadn't provided America's largest city with a puck-and-stick team that was any better than last season's tail-ender.

That dismal fact was too much even for the durable rink fans to bear. They were outraged, and they showed it by staying home on hockey nights. For the first time in 23 years, owners of the Rangers became genuinely alarmed. The mayhem-on-blades divertimento always had been so "solid" at the box office that it often was called "the sport that paid off the Garden mortgage."

Under current fire regulations, the Garden can accommodate 15,925 persons for a hockey game. Although the Rangers had beaten the Chicago Black Hawks at the Garden on December 4, there were only 9174 in the Garden on the night of December 7 when the star-spangled skaters again beat the Hawks, and moved out of the cellar.

Since then, five games were played on home ice, and four of them attracted attendance of more than 15,000. The gold rush is on!

Oregon Golfers To Elect, List 1950 Tournaments

Portland, Jan. 2 (AP)—The Oregon Golf association officers will be elected at the annual meeting here Jan. 23 when dates for the 1950 tournaments will be announced.

Retiring President Ray Chirgwin said the OGA tournament, set for Eugene, probably would be in June. The site and date for the junior tournament also will be selected.

Brazilians Eager to Switch Soccer to Cage

New York, Jan. 2 (AP)—Part two of the Vadal Peterson report on sports in Brazil: One reason for the popularity of basketball, says the Utah coach, is that Brazil's one big sport up to a few years ago was soccer football. "Now," he says, "they have found a game they can play with their hands instead of their feet. . . they're eager to learn about American sports, but they're very suspicious of Yankees. . . They get their basketball rules and interpretations from Europe, with the result they're using the old 1935-1940 rules. . . I think we owe it to them and to the game to send more teams down there. They wanted us to return next year but we can't. . . some other team could arrange to do it earlier in the fall—the end of their winter—and the boys wouldn't lose so much time trying to make up their classes. . . P.S.: St. Francis of Brooklyn already is negotiating for just such a tour next year."

DOMESTIC DATA

George Stanich, the UCLA basketball player who looked so good here Tuesday night, has been offered \$30,000 by the Yankees but wants at least 10 G's more. He's a pitcher with a terrific fast ball—and his coach, Johnny Wooden, also predicts Stanich will be the world's first seven-foot high jumper. . . Chuck Fonville, Michigan's sensational shot putter of two years ago, is working out daily but it's too early to tell whether his back injury is completely healed. . . Vincent Richards, the ex-tennis star who is Bobby Locke's American contact man, figures, Bobby is trying to make up his mind whether to return here next year or play in Europe, Africa, and Australia. . . Bobby will be approved if he apologizes to the PGA. . . weather permitting, Stanford and California alumni in New England will stage a Rose Bowl rally on the Harvard campus Jan. 2. . . it would be quiet a novelty to have 'em cheer for a winning team in the Hahvahd yahd.

THE BOOTER PART OF VALOR

The soccer players, Peterson explains, have learned how to take care of violent fan reactions. "We were at one game in Rio," says Vadal, "when a player had the ball out of bounds. . . I could just see some object shining in the sun as it flew out of the stands and knocked him cold. . . his ten teammates gathered round and we could see them pointing up into the stands. . . as they stood there trying to locate the thrower, the crowd began opening up like a big V. . . then the players started up into the stands and the V widened out as they climbed. . . they went up to where the guy was and really took him apart; then they dragged him down on the field and beat him some more. . . finally about 50 police came out and salvaged the remains and the

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