

# 1949 Review Shows Sports Interests High for Year

The New York Yankees downed the Brooklyn Dodgers to win the world's baseball championship; Ponder earned \$321,825 to become the leading money winner in the field of horse racing, and Ezzard Charles took over the world's heavy-weight boxing crown after Joe Louis abdicated the throne.

These were a few of the highlights in the world of sports during 1949 as compiled by the Associated Press.

Further details of baseball included the winning of the Pacific Coast pennant by the Hollywood Stars; the Buffalo Bisons took the International league flag and the St. Paul Saints the American association.

Jackie Robinson of Brooklyn, with a .342 average, was the leading batter of the National loop while George Kell of Detroit took the honors in the American with .342.

Further details of horse racing, Ponder won the Kentucky Derby and the Jockey Club gold cup. Coaltown was named the horse of the year and proved the leading handicap horse.

Calumet Farm produced the most winners and Willie Molter was named the leading trainer for the second successive year. Top jockey was Gordon Glisson.

Oregon State won the Pacific Coast conference basketball title and Kentucky took the NCAA title. The Oakland Batters were crowned national AAU champs.

Other winners were: Illinois in Big Ten; Wyoming, Skyline; Oklahoma and Nebraska, Big Seven; Yale, Eastern; Albright, Middle Atlantic; Kentucky, Southeastern; North Carolina State, Southern; Rice, Arkansas, and Baylor, Southwest; Oklahoma A. & M., Missouri Valley.

Champions in other divisions of sport: Football: Big Seven conference, Oklahoma; Big Ten, Ohio State and Michigan; East, Army;

Ivy, Cornell; Missouri Valley, Detroit; Pacific Coast, California; Skyline Six, Wyoming; Southeast, Tulane; Southern, North Carolina; Southwest, Rice.

Golf: U. S. Open, Gary Middlecoff; U. S. amateur, Charles Coe, Oklahoma City; PGA, Sam Snead, Hot Springs, Va.; world championship, John Palmer, Eldorado, N. C.; All America, Lloyd Mangrum, Dallas, Tex.; women's national open, Louise Suggs, Atlanta, Ga.; women's national amateur, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Philadelphia.

Swimming: Men's outdoor (AAU), 100 meters, Robert Gibe, Detroit AC; 200, Yoshiro Hamaguchi, Tokyo; 400, Hironoshin Furuhashi, Tokyo; 800 and 1500, Furuhashi; 100 backstroke, Allan Stack, New Haven, S. C.; 200 breaststroke, Joe Verdeur, Brighton-Drake, S. C.; 300 medley, Verdeur.

Swimming: Men's indoor (AAU): 100 yards, Wally Ris, Iowa; 220, Gibe; 400, Jimmy McLane, New Haven, S. C.; 150 backstroke, Stack; 250 breaststroke, Keith Carter, Perdue; 300 medley, Verdeur.

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Richard Gonzales retained the national singles tennis title and Margaret du Pont repeated in the women's division. John Bromwich and Billy Sidwell won the doubles title for men; Louise Brough and Mrs. du Pont teamed up to win the women's crown.

## Junior High Jamboree Set For Saturday

Salem junior high schools' basketball quints are preparing for the launching of the 1950 hoop campaign at the jamboree slated for Saturday night, January 7, on the newly constructed maple board floor.

The six-team jamboree will be the first of its kind in the junior high circuit and may be continued next year.

The three Parrish teams, Grays, Cardinals and Pioneers, will pit against the Golds and Blues from Leslie and the Giants from West Salem. Pairings will be determined at the jamboree.

The regular season will include two rounds of action with loop opens slated for Friday, January 13.

Coach Bill Hanauska's squad from West Salem for the first time hold an edge in experience. The West Salem team is bolstered by four returning lettermen, Warren Clemons, Dave Bayer, Bud Flesher and Jerry Curtis. West Salem's big concern is lack of reserves.

The Parrish Grays, mentored by Hank Landis, will have but one monogrammer returning, Jimmy Rice. Bob Metzger's Pioneers also have but one letterman returning in the person of Lowell Pierce. Clay Eggleston's Cardinals will have not a single vet to bolster them.

At Leslie, Jack Cobb will be the only letterman to return to the Leslie Golds, mentored by Jim Dimit, and Harry Mohr's blues are strictly green hands.

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Up and In—Jewell McDowell, Texas Aggie guard, scored two of his 17 points on this layup and a moment later scored two more on a foul called against University of California's Bill Thompson (8) on the same play. The action took place in the first half of game held at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. California defeated the Texans 59-49. (AP Wire-photo)

## Unique Sneaker Upsets Results Of Stone Bowl

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 2 (AP)—A "brazen" quarterback sneak, of sorts, was blamed for a surprising upset in the third annual "Stone Bowl" classic played at the state prison yesterday.

"We wuz robbed!" shouted the All-Stars after losing to the Hornets, 7 to 6. The Hornets, refusing comment, retired to their cells to enjoy the Stone Bowl trophy, a stalk of fresh bananas.

The Hornets were pre-game favorites in tobacco betting among the prisoners, but the odds switched in favor of the All-Stars when three Hornets were locked up for "bad conduct." Furthermore, the Hornets lost their star quarterback, "Speedy Chuck" Corey, who escaped from the prison farm last week.

But the Hornets drafted "Tricky Jack" Egan from the All-Star ranks, leaving the defending champions without a quarterback.

"This was a brazen kind of quarterback sneak!" fumed All-Star Coach Bill Egan. A handful of visitors and 1500 convicts watched the game and 50 guards watched the fans.

Portland Sends Rose Football To Bowl Game  
Portland, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—A football made up of 200 roses is to be Oregon's gift to the queen of the winning team in the Pasadena Rose Bowl.

Shirley Love, Portland, Oregon State college's homecoming queen, carried the football aboard a Western Airlines plane last night and went south to make the presentation Monday.

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## Two-Year-Old on Global Flight In Effort to Save Her Life

Los Angeles, Jan. 2 (AP)—Little Janet Beth Wagner is scheduled to fly today on the last leg of an air trip halfway 'round the world in an effort to save her life.

The two-year-old child, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wagner, and eight-year-old sister, Pamela, are accompanying her arrived here Saturday night by Pan American Clipper from their home in Singapore.

They are due in Cleveland, Ohio, this evening and the youngster will go immediately to the Cleveland clinic, where doctors hope to cure her of a rare blood disease.

Janet contracted the malady two weeks ago and Singapore doctors gave her only six weeks to live. Wagner is the Goodrich Rubber Co.'s head buyer there.

The child wore an oxygen mask on the flight from Singapore to Manila. And the Trans-World Airline plane carrying her to Cleveland will fly much lower than normal to maintain proper cabin pressure.

## San Jose Passes 20-13 Win Over Texas Tech Team

Fresno, Calif., Jan. 2 (AP)—Pass superiority spelled the difference in San Jose State college's 20 to 13 victory over Texas Tech in the fifth annual Raisin bowl football game.

The Red Raiders from Lubbock, Tex., had a heavy margin around — gaining 289 yards to 155 for the Spartans. But via air, the story was different.

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## Plane Crashes Into Cotton Bales; 2 Killed

Lubbock, Tex., Jan. 2 (AP)—Two men were killed early today when the light plane in which they had just taken off crashed into cotton bales stored at the Lubbock municipal airport.

Flight plans filed with the civil aeronautics administration at the airport listed the pilot as James E. Paul, Shawnee, Okla. A passenger in the plane was not identified several hours after the crash. Their destination was listed as Oklahoma City.

The plane burst into flames, setting fire to the cotton and 25 bales were burned.

The plane, an Aeropeco, took off, circled the field twice and started losing altitude, then crashed.

Willie Knapp, who rode the winning Upset in Man O'War's only defeat, is in charge of Mrs. E. L. Hopkins' racing string this winter at Hialeah.

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Will Wed—Susan Blanchard (above), stepdaughter of lyricist and theatrical producer Oscar Hammerstein, will marry actor Henry Fonda when he gets a divorce, columnist Dorothy Kilgallen said in the New York Journal American. The writer said Fonda, whose wife was formerly the socially prominent Frances Brokaw, will be sued for divorce at his own request. Miss Blanchard is in her 20s; Fonda is in his 40s. (AP Wire-photo)

## Gridder Sees Business in Coaching

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR. New York, Jan. 2 (AP)—Darrell Royal, quarterback of Oklahoma's Sugar Bowl football team, is due to graduate in January. He plans to become a coach but has majored in business administration — presumably on the theory that a coach should know how to give 'em the business. . . . Stan West, 238-pound guard, also is a business student, making it unanimous. . . . Ed McKeever, Louisiana State backfield coach, will be making his fifth bowl appearance. His big thrill came in 1941 after Boston College trimmed Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl. . . . The B. C. lads presented the game ball to Ed's twins, born just a few days before. . . . After Truck Cullom, California's big tackle, grabbed a lateral and ran about nine yards against Stanford, he wince, cracked: "If this team only had some tackle replacements, I'd be the running sensation of the league."

LONGITUDE VS. LATITUDE Major Tom Messerole, assistant graduate manager of athletics at West Point, claims a New York City cop was responsible for the proudest moment of his life. . . . Tom, who is a husky, six-foot-four broom of a boy, was walking into the polo grounds between two notably round 300-pound gentlemen, Herman Hickman and Jack Lavelle. . . . The policeman surveyed the trio in awe, then gasped at another cop: "Did you see the size of that major?"

SPORTSMENTION When the Dodgers' Don Newcombe started to work for a clothing store this winter, he discovered there wasn't a suit in the place big enough for his frame. . . . Col. Jacob L. Pritchard, mayor of Santa Clara, Calif., will have a heck of a time at the Orange Bowl game between Santa Clara and Kentucky. He's a Kentucky colonel. . . . Baltimore writers are giving credit to Washington's George Preston Marshall for starting the move that brought the warring pro football leagues together. But chances are it won't be long before Baltimore fans will be ready to buy tickets on the off chance of being able to throw something at GPM. . . . Since opening their current season October 28 the Harlem Globetrotters have won 63 straight basketball games.

NOTES TO 1949 Final figures for the just-completed schoolboy football season in Texas show that 24,400 kids played or various teams. . . . No wonder Texas colleges don't have to import much material. . . . And the Austin High team, which went to the state finals, traveled some 3000 miles on eight road trips among 14 games. . . . When the Hershey, Pa., hockey team played in Buffalo recently, fans hung a sign on the penalty box: "Reserved for Billy Moe." The Hershey defenseman fooled them by not drawing a penalty that night.

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