

Lions, Browns to Meet Dec. 27 for League Title

By EARL WRIGHT

New York (AP)—The Detroit Lions and Cleveland Browns will meet for the National Football league championship for the second straight year, and the rival coaches admitted today that the pairing for the December 27 title game at Briggs Stadium suits them just fine.

Detroit beat the San Francisco Forty Niners by one game for a playoff for the western conference title by defeating an inspired New York Giant team, 27-16, at the Polo Grounds yesterday. The Browns failed in their bid for a perfect season when they took a 42-27 wallop from the Eagles at Philadelphia. But Cleveland had clinched the eastern conference crown two weeks ago, winning it by 3 1/2 games with the Eagles finishing second.

Other Games
San Francisco beat the Baltimore Colts, 45-14; the Pittsburgh Steelers edged the Washington Redskins, 14-13; and the Chicago Cardinals upset the Bears, 24-17, in yesterday's other regular season windups. The Los Angeles Rams ended their campaign Saturday with a 33-17 triumph over Green Bay.

Cleveland ended with an 11-1 record. Detroit finished with a 10-2 mark, losing two games to the Rams.

The Giants tried to end Steve Owen's 23-year career as New York head coach with an upset triumph and they gave coach Buddy Parker's Lions a scare. But Parker, only NFL coach who boasts a perfect record against Cleveland, said he and his defending champions weren't afraid of the Browns.

Two Happy Coaches
"We've beaten Cleveland before and we can do it again," Parker said. "I know they have a good club and I'm not underestimating their ability, but they don't scare us a bit."

Cleveland Coach Paul Brown was in a good mood although the Eagles ruined his bid to post the first perfect regular season since the Bears won 11 straight in 1942.

"We've been caught like this before," Brown said. "They played great ball and deserved to win. The important part is that none of our boys were hurt. I'm glad we don't have to go to the coast for the title game. As for the championship game, any championship game is a toss-up."

Fesler Resigns As Gopher Boss

Minneapolis (AP)—Wes Fesler resigned today as football coach at the University of Minnesota.

Fesler said he resigned to take a position as partner and vice-president of Minneapolis radio station WDG.

He said the decision to resign was taken with "great and sincere regret." "Only an opportunity of considerable magnitude could make me wish to leave this position," he said. "Such an opportunity has been presented."

Salem Swim Team Fifth In State Meet at Eugene

Salem placed fifth Saturday in the seventh annual James O. Reed Memorial state swimming meet at Eugene, won for the third straight year by Grant high school of Portland. It was the fourth time in five years for the Generals.

The team point totals were: Grant 59, Jefferson 39, Lincoln and Lake Oswego 20, Salem 17, Benson 14, St. Helens 11, Washington 3, Beaverton 2, West Linn 1.

Grant, coached by William Ellertsen, won four of nine events. Two records fell, Ben Jensen, Jefferson, taking the 200-yard freestyle in 2:04.7—three seconds better than the mark set in 1948—and in the 160-yard freestyle relay Grant splashed to a record 1:20.3. Grant held the old mark.

Jensen was the only double winner, also winning the 100-yard freestyle.

Salem swimmers placing were Jim Swimmers, fourth in the 40 freestyle with 21.4; Floyd Wilton, fourth in the 100 backstroke, 1:13.6; Ladley Ronning, fifth in diving with 103 points; Larry Griebow, sixth in diving, 105.2; David Kroner, fourth in 120-yard individual medley, 1:25; Salem, fifth in the 180 medley relay, 2:03.3; and Salem, third in

Lucky Shot Helps Ford Win in Miami Over Sammy Snead

Miami, Fla. (AP)—A thousand-to-one shot, reminiscent of Lew Worsham's "miracle eagle" at Chicago last August, earned Doug Ford of Yonkers, N.Y., the Miami Open Golf title today plus the \$2000 first prize that goes along with it.

Ford's spectacular eagle—three on the palm-tree lined 350-yard 15th hole gave him a 67 in yesterday's final round and a total of 272, four strokes better than the 276 posted by runner-up Sammy Snead of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

The 31-year-old Ford carried his second shot off a tree on the sharply-angled 15th and the ball dropped into sand under low hanging branches, 45 yards from the green. Ford, using a wedge, swung again and the ball skidded across a curve on the green and into the cup.

Miller Wins in Duck Pin Event

Francis Miller was weekly single winner at the B & B Bowling Court with a duck pin score of 193 in the handicap tournament.

In doubles, Eddie Lepper and Chuck Neinstat rolled 330 to win \$7 as weekly winners. Daily singles winners: Sunday—Chuck Neinstat, 207; Tuesday—Francis Miller, 210; Wednesday—Harold Stevens, 231; Thursday—Ed Davis, 180; Friday—Eddie Lepper, 166; Saturday—Chuck Neinstat, 148.

Daily doubles winners: Lepper and H. Neinstat, 389; C. Neinstat and H. Neinstat, 395; C. Neinstat and Eddie Lepper, 399; Ed Davis and Francis Miller, 341; Lepper and Davis, 304.

Landy Runs 4:02 Mile in Australia

Melbourne (AP)—John Landy's relentless bid to become the world's first four-minute miler seemed closer to reality Saturday when the brilliant runner established a new Australian mark of 4:02.

Landy's time, however, was the third fastest in the history of the mile. In addition to Haeg's world-record time, the only faster mile ever run was by Arne Anderson in 1944—a 4:01.8 clocking.

Mr., Mrs. Hunt Card Low Score

Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt carded a low net score of 60 Sunday to be one of four man-and-wife golf teams to win turkeys at the annual Salem Golf club turkey shoot, sponsored by Millard Pekar and the Marion creamery.

Others to win out of 34 entries were Dr. and Mrs. Harold Olinger, with 69 low gross; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDewitt, with high net of 75 1/2, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Marble, with high gross of 86.

PILOTS VS. PEPPERDINE

Portland (AP)—Portland university seeks its first win in seven starts tonight when it tangles with the Pepperdine Waves here.

Amity Opens Play Tuesday

Amity—Amity high school will open its basketball season Tuesday night here after only six days of practice, taking on Falls City in the first test. Amity's football season extended up until two weeks ago.

Coach Ray Stephens said today his tentative lineup will place two lettermen, one transfer and two with jayvee experience in the starting five. They are Merle Stephens, center, and Gene Ehlers, guard, as lettermen; Jerry Lenhardt, a transfer from Gervais as guard; and Glenn Stevens and Melvin Leppin as forwards.

Stephens said that he expects to have a better team than the one which lost 16 and won 5 last year, especially if the spirit shown in football is maintained. The Warriors could be "half rough" and finish in the upper division, with some luck, the coach added.

The junior varsity contest will begin at 8:45 and the varsity at about 8 o'clock. Amity will play in the Yawama league jamboree Friday night at North Marion.

Izaak Waltoners Plan Yule Party

A sportsmen's movie, "Out of North," will be shown at the Christmas party Wednesday for the Salem chapter of the Izaak Walton league at the club house.

Paul Noeholson, secretary, said that the picture of migratory birds is produced by Nash Motors.

The chapter auxiliary will put on the party, to start at 8 o'clock and to include refreshments and a gift exchange involving presents not to exceed 25 cents in cost.

Matson, Mann On All-Army

Washington (AP)—The Army Times, a national weekly newspaper, reported Saturday that Pvt. Ollie Matson was voted the most valuable player among Army men playing football this year.

Matson, former San Francisco star, played with undefeated Fort Ord, Calif. Pvt. Dave Mann, also of Fort Ord and formerly of Oregon State, was named to the all-Army backfield.

Patterson Boxes Wagner Tonite

New York (AP)—Light heavyweight Floyd Patterson, just named "Rookie of the Year" will tackle tough Dick Wagner of Toppensh, Wash., tonight in a return eight-round television bout at the Eastern Parkway Arena.

Patterson of Brooklyn, Olympic middleweight champion in 1952, will be seeking his ninth consecutive victory as a professional.

TO DECIDE ON SEASON

Portland (AP)—A decision on possible extension of the current waterfowl season will be reached in about a week by members of the Pacific Waterfowl Flyway Council, Oregon Game Director P. W. Schneider said today.



Warming Up Michigan State College football players Henry Bulloch (left), guard, Carl Nyström, guard, and Bert Zagers (right), halfback, take time out from drills at East Lansing, Mich., to warm their hands during 35 degree temperature. The Spartans are preparing to meet UCLA in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., New Year's Day. (UP Telephone)

Big Six Tough, Hawk Tells SBC At Meet Today

It looks like a formidable year in the Big Six for Salem high school, Coach Harold Hawk declared at the Salem Breakfast club meeting this morning.

Hawk and his varsity basketball players were guests at the Senator hotel meeting. The coach pointed out that Eugene, state runner-up last year, has all its team back, plus three lettermen from University High which combined with Eugene High this year.

Albany has Dave Shelby, 6-foot-8, and six others 6-foot-3 or taller, including two transfers at 6-3 each. Corvallis has 6-foot-5 Dave Gambe among 10 lettermen, including two lads at 6-foot-4. Bend and Springfield have had to start from scratch again this year, Hawk said.

The Viking schedule is the same as last year except that Milwaukie was substituted for Jefferson of Portland because Jeff had conflicts in its schedule. Salem's next game will be Friday night at Springfield, and the next home game will be next Tuesday against Hillsboro.

Present were players Pete Paulus, Jack Phillips, Don Crothers, Larry Springer, Pat Paterson, Herb Triplett, Phil Burkland, Jim Knapp, Stan Pawley, Wayne Erickson, Neil Scheidel, Bob Wulf, Tom Pickens and Gordy Domogalla. Absent were Ron Mathers and Jim Whitmore.

University Bowl Has Doubles Tie

The University Bowl came up with a tie for first place in the Sunday night mixed doubles bowling tournament.

Rolling 1130 were Elinor Lutz and Al Wattier, as well as Gerrie and Bert Carr. They won \$7.05 each.

In third place were Marion and Clarence Leinhard, with 1080, to win \$3.50.

Fourth were Gwen Upston and Ray Duffy, with 1075. Gwen Upston and Homer Merrell each won three free lines as door prizes.

RATED LEADING HORSE

Columbus, Ohio (AP)—Hi-Lo's Forbes, a black stallion which brought only \$300 in the auction ring as a weanling, Monday was named Harness Horse of the Year for 1953.

Bakersfield Spills Oklahoma 13-6, Little Rose Bowl

Pasadena, Calif. (AP)—California's Bakersfield college today held the laurels for continuing the West's domination of the Junior Rose Bowl football contest.

The Renegades came from behind Saturday to defeat Northeastern A&M Oklahoma 13 to 6, struggling until the final period to break a 6-6 tie and clinch the game.

The Golden Norsemen had scored the game's first touchdown in the opening minutes of the second half when they fell on their own kickoff in the Bakersfield end zone after the ball had been touched by Renegade back Gene FitzGerald.

Bakersfield evened up the score soon afterward with the aid of an Oklahoma fumble on the latter's 23. A quick series of plays led to fullback Buddy Cuen's tally from five yards out. The winning score came when fullback Al Lee went over from the goal line following a 53-yard drive.

FEW SEE GLOBETROTTERS

Portland (AP)—A scant crowd of 450 saw the Harlem Globetrotters defeat a Portland all-star basketball team 51-42 and the Boston Whirlwinds down another all-star aggregation, 78-56, here yesterday.

Halbrook-Vlastelica Duo Should Trouble OSC Foes

(By United Press)

Oregon State's combination of seven-foot-three-inch Wade Halbrook and dead-eye Tony Vlastelica looks like a sure bet to give other Northern Division basketball teams plenty of trouble this season.

The tall Halbrook put through 29 points at Corvallis Saturday night in a game with Portland University. Vlastelica, who hadn't played much this season, tossed in 23 more to help the Beavers to their

84-65 victory.

Both Halbrook and Vlastelica surprised spectators with their shooting. The tall center hit the basket consistently from far out on the floor, instead of from beneath the basket as is his custom. Vlastelica broke out a new-fangled hook shot and used it in a 13-point third period scoring spree.

WSC Edges Whitworth
Washington State edged Whitworth, 53-47, in a scoring battle between the Cougar's forward Ron Bennick and Whitworth center Phil Jordan. Each scored 20 points.

The Idaho Vandals trounced the Montana Grizzlies at Moscow, 58-40, as Dwight Morrison broke loose for a third quarter scoring binge. The flashy center made five field goals and one free throw for 11 points during his big quarter and he led scoring for both teams with 22 points.

Oklahoma Guard Is No. 1 Lineman

New York (AP)—J. D. Roberts, Oklahoma's All American guard, was college football's No. 1 lineman without any argument in the opinion of the nation's sports writers and sportscasters.

The writers and broadcasters participating in the Associated Press poll gave the 20-year-old 202-pound senior from Dallas, Tex., a total of 220 points, 100 more than his nearest rival, All America Stan Jones, Maryland tackle. The points were figured on the basis of three for a first-place vote, two for second and one for third.

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