

# Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

## War May Force Hoop Tournament To Daytime Basis

If the state basketball tournament is held in Salem this season, and it looks like a 100 to 1 shot it will be, all games may be played in the daytime because of possible interruptions of night action by blackouts.

Les Sparks, graduate manager of Willamette university, told Ron Gemmill of the Salem Statesman the other day that all basketball games in the San Francisco bay area would be staged in the afternoon this season, and that he, personally, would favor conducting the prep tournament on a strictly daytime basis if there is a chance the night tilts might be halted by blackouts.

Sparks told Gemmill that he didn't have the authority to definitely state whether Willamette university would again conduct the big cage show, but said there was little question in his mind that such would be the case. Sparks added that Spec Keane and his Bearcat footballers, stranded in Hawaii, would probably return to Salem within two months, and that the school's decision on the tournament question would then be made public.

Despite much agitation throughout the state to have the tournament moved elsewhere, the Oregon High School Activities association recently asked Willamette university to again make its facilities available for the casaba meet.

Until U. C. L. A. whipped Florida, 30 to 27, in a "pitcher's battle" last Saturday, the 1941 inter-sectional game record of Pacific Coast conference football teams was a neat 000. So, although finishing in a tie for the cellar in their own loop, the Uclans can at least point with pride to the fact they alone of coast conference eleven were able to tip over a foe from other sections, during the regular season.

Oregon State can become another inter-sectional game victor January 1 at Durham, N. C., where the Rose Bowl contest will be staged with Duke's Blue Devils the party of the second part.

Looking at the record of coast conference teams in 1941 competition with inter-sectional opponents, it would seem the Beavers haven't much chance to upset Duke. At first blush, it would appear coast football was way below par during the season completed.

In six games against aggregations from the middle west, southwest and deep south, U. C. L. A. registered the only victory for the coast circuit. U. S. C. lost twice, to Notre Dame and to Ohio State; Washington State bowed to Texas A. and M., Washington was beaten by Minnesota and Oregon was massacred by Texas.

# Webfoots, Beavers Capture Barnstorming Cage Victories

That's certainly not a record of which to be proud, but holy gosh look at the calibre of opposition faced by the coast clubs. Minnesota was merely the nation's number one machine and Western conference champions. Texas Aggies were the Southwest conference kingpins. Notre Dame was undefeated and tied but once, and Ohio State finished second in the Western conference. Texas, while winning no championship, was considered by many experts one of the three greatest teams in the country.

The Coast conference couldn't possibly have picked a tougher array of opponents than those five outfits. Taking this into consideration, it doesn't appear to us that the coast's record is so disgraceful, although only one victory was chalked up in six starts.

We still think Oregon State will beat Duke, despite the gamblers' odds of 3 to 1 against any such thing occurring. We can't help but feel that Oregon State's great defense and its ability to score when the chips are down will prove sufficient to overcome a high-scoring Duke team that hasn't yet played a really tough opponent.

If Santa Claus hadn't already thoroughly liquidated the bankroll, we would even wager a bean or two in line with the above.

## OWEN BOOT VOTED TOP SPORT FREAK

New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—As evident as a Christmas necktie is the opinion of the nation's sports editors that Mickey Owen's miff of a third strike in the 1941 world series was the sports freak of the year.

Almost without exception the critics designated the Brooklyn catcher's failure to hold the ball as the year's zaniest—and, perhaps, most costly—sports bobble.

Had Owen captured Hugh Casey's low pitch the New Yorkers would have been retired and the Dodgers would have won, 4 to 3, as the incident happened in the ninth frame with two out. That would have levelled the series at two games each.

At it was, however, Tommy Henrich scampered safely to first base after swinging at the third strike, and opened the door through which the Yankees poured four unearned runs and a 7 to 4 triumph. That sent them ahead, three games to one, in the world series which they won the next day.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A barnstorming University of Missouri basketball team, beaten three times by Pacific northwest teams, defeated a veteran University of California quintet 37 to 34 last night.

The Bears lacked organization in their first showing in the season. Missouri led 21 to 19 at the half.

## NEBRASKA FALLS TO OREGON; OSC TIPS UTAH STATE

Wren Leads Ducks In 49-42 Conquest—Mandic Sparkles in 46-30 OSC Win.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The University of Oregon out-roughed and outscored the Nebraska Cornhuskers' basketball team last night, 49 to 42.

The game was wide open with 24 fouls called on Oregon and 14 on the Huskers. Oregon lost Center Lloyd Jackson and his two replacements, Archie Marshik and Warren Taylor, on fouls.

A stout Oregon defense in the last half contributed to the victory. The Huskers pulled into a tie after five minutes of the second period, but were checked thereafter.

Oregon's Bob Wren, forward, and Nebraska's Sid Held, center, tied for scoring honors with 11 points each.

The summary:				
Oregon (49)	G	F	PF	TP
Fuhrman, f	1	0	2	2
Wren, f	4	3	3	11
L. Jackson, c	0	0	4	0
Andrews, g	2	3	2	7
P. Jackson, g	3	0	2	6
Maynard, f	1	0	0	2
Christensen, f	1	1	0	3
Kirsch, c	3	2	1	8
Marshik, c	1	0	4	2
Newland, g	1	1	2	3
Taylor, c	2	1	4	5
Totals	19	11	24	49

Nebraska (42)				
G	F	PF	TP	
Thompson, f	2	4	3	8
Artman, f	0	3	1	3
Goetze, c	1	1	3	3
Heinzelman, g	1	0	1	2
Bottruff, g	0	0	1	0
Held, c	3	5	2	11
Fitzgibbon, f	1	0	2	2
Livingston, f	2	1	1	5
Eison, f	0	0	1	0
Young, g	2	2	0	6
King, c	1	0	1	2
Totals	13	16	14	42

Half-time score: Oregon 25, Nebraska 21.

Free throws missed: Oregon—Fuhrman 2, L. Jackson, Taylor 3; Nebraska—Thompson, Artman 2, Goetze, 2, Heinzelman, Held 2, Livingston, Young 2, King.

Officials: O'Sullivan (Missouri), Oberhelman (Kansas State).

Baker, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Center John Mandic returned to the Oregon State college lineup last night and guided the Beavers to a 46 to 30 basketball victory over Utah State.

A leg injury healed, Mandic led floor play and sparked the Beavers in a drive that squelched the only Utah State threat. Behind from the start, Utah State crept within two points of a tie midway in the first period. The Beavers rallied and held a 24-17 lead at halftime. Guard

## Oregon Staters Head for Rose Bowl



Decked out in new jackets, Oregon State's football team boarded a train at Portland, Ore., for the Durham, N. C., Rose Bowl football game with Duke university. Left to right: Gene Gray, Lloyd Wickett, Boyd Clement, Coach Lon Stiner, George Bain, Leland Gustafson. Standing on train steps in rear: (left to right), Warren Perryman, Bill Halverson.

Paul Valenti of Oregon State was high scorer with 15 points. More than 2,000 fans attended. Ore. State (46) (30) Utah State Mulder 4, F. 5 Baugh Dement 5, F. 7 Cullimore Mandic 7, C. 1 Curtis Beck 6, G. 1 Trane Valenti 15, G. Briggs Substitutes: Oregon State—Hall 2, McNutt 5, Martin 2; Utah State, Hoffman 3, Ralph Maughn 3, Glenn Maughn 7, Hays 1, Taylor 2.

## YALE FOOTBALL COACH RESIGNS

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Yale, which tossed aside its graduate coaching system a year ago by hiring Emerson W. (Spike) Nelson, former University of Iowa star lineman, as head football coach, was in the market for a new gridiron boss today.

The 36-year-old Nelson, whose Eli eleven won only one out of eight games last fall, resigned yesterday "to be free to join the staff of the procurement department of the United States engineer corps in Philadelphia."

## Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press) New York—Norman Rubio, 146, Albany, N. Y., outpointed today Martelliano, 147½, New York (8).

New York—Carlos Malacara, 134½, Mexico City, won by a technical knockout over Jimmy Tygh, 139½, Pittsburgh (3).

Holyoke, Mass.—Aldo Spoldi, 139½, New York, outpointed Lew Fortuna, 137½, Philadelphia (10).

Newark—Tippy Larkin, 137, Garfield, N. J., outpointed Carmine Fatta, 134, New York (8).

Baltimore—Holman Williams, 155, Detroit, and Louis (Kid) Cocoa, 147, New Haven, Conn., drew (10).

## High School Scores

By the Associated Press Sacred Heart (Tillamook) 21, Wheeler 20. Marshfield 39, University (Eugene) 14.

## Bud Ward Is Inducted Into Army Air Corps

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 23.—(AP)—National Amateur Golf Champion Marvyn (Bud) Ward was inducted into the U. S. army air corps today and assigned to Fort George Wright, second air force headquarters, for his initial training.

Ward started to enlist last week but his final physical report did not come through until today.

## Curt Mecham a Top Choice Of Brooklyn in Pro Draft

Chicago, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Frankie Albert, Pete Kmetovic, Bob Robertson and Curt Mecham were among top choices of professional football clubs in the annual National Football League draft today.

The champion Chicago Bears obtained first rights to negotiate with Albert, Associated Press All-American quarterback from Stanford for the last two years.

Should Albert choose to play with Chicago, the Bears will have three of Stanford's four 1940 backfield aces, as Hugh Gallarneau and Norm Standlee are already Bear performers.

The fourth member of the 1940 Stanford backfield, fleet Pete Kmetovic, was the number one selection of the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Brooklyn Dodgers made Robertson of U. S. C., their No. 1 selection, and Curt Mecham, Oregon's star left-handed, left-footed halfback, was their second choice.

The pro league draft system gives a club the exclusive right to negotiate with college players who have, or will shortly, finish their terms of intercollegiate competition.

Other team selections included: Pittsburgh—Ken Casanega, Santa Clara, back; Ernie Steele, Washington, back.

Cleveland—Bob De Lauer, U. S. C., tackle; Bill Regner, Oregon, end; Glen Conley, Washington, tackle.

Philadelphia—Vic Lindskog, Stanford, center; Earl Younglove, Washington, end; Bill Sewell, Washington State, back; Bill Halverson, Oregon State, guard; Jack Stackpool, Washington, back; Fred Meyer, Stanford, end; Arnold Meiners, Stanford, end; Bill Braun, Santa Clara, tackle; Marvin Tommervik, Pacific Lutheran, back.

Detroit—Bob Dethman, Oregon State, back; Emil Banjavic, Arizona, back; Wolf Heiberg, Santa Barbara, tackle.

Washington—George Peters, Oregon State, back; Gene Stewart, Willamette, back.

Brooklyn—Henry Stanton, Arizona, end.

New York—None from the west.

Green Bay—Ray Frankowski, Washington, guard.

Chicago Bears—Bill Tessen-dorf, Gonzaga, tackle.

Chicago Cardinals—Bob Rein-hard, California, tackle; Rupert Thornton, Santa Clara, guard; Marv Harshman, Pacific Lutheran, back; George Arabian, St. Mary's (Calif.) back.

SPT 4 COUGAR Cougar Cagers Trounce Oilers Longview, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A fast, sharpshooting Washington State college basketball squad last night defeated the Signal Oil quintet of Portland, 61-45, to gain revenge for a Signal pre-season win last year.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

## CINCY YOUNGSTER CAPTURES SENIOR LOOP HILL HONOR

Elmer Riddle's 19 And 4 Record Best In National League—ERA Also Tops.

By Judson Bailey New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Elmer (the great) Riddle, still a comparative unknown to many fans despite his sensational hurling for the Cincinnati Reds last season, received today his accolade as the "pitcher of the year."

The National league released its official pitching records showing the stocky 24-year-old Georgia boy had surpassed all other twirlers in the major leagues in both earned-run average and winning percentage, bringing the pitching championship to Cincinnati for the third straight year.

Riddle won 19 games and lost four while achieving the low earned-run average of 2.24 per nine-inning game for the best mark of effectiveness since Carl Hubbell set the league record for left-handed pitchers at 1.66 in 1933. Grover Cleveland Alexander, while pitching for Philadelphia in 1915, set the mark for righthanders at 1.22.

Cops 11 Straight The young righthander had to win 11 straight to pry the public's attention away from the Whitelaw Wyatts and Bobby Fellers, and even then his real value scarcely was realized.

Altogether Riddle started 22 games, relieved in 11 others, and pitched 217 innings. He had only four shutouts, but allowed just

68 runs, both earned and un-earned, for the lowest total of an litycher who worked in more than 200 innings. Riddle's fine National league performance compared with a 2.37 earned-run average for Thornton Lee and the 15 won, 5 lost record of Lefty Gomez, the leading pitchers of the American league.

## MACK OBSERVES 79TH BIRTHDAY

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Connie Mack, baseball's "grand old gentleman," turned 79 today and announced he now is old enough to use a briefcase in which to carry contracts, instead of the paper bags which have proved satisfactory in the past.

The brief case came from the Philadelphia Baseball Writers association after Mack, at a pre-birthday celebration yesterday, told this story:

"On our way to Chicago recently, Mrs. Mack left her hat in a paper bag in our train drawing room. When she went back for it, it was gone. So we decided to give up paper bags."

Boise Juniors Trim Willamette, 29-21 Boise, Dec. 23.—(AP)—An airtight Boise Junior college defense baffled the barnstorming Willamette university basketball team last night, and the Cowboys won, 29 to 21.

Willamette managed but one field goal in the first half, and that one only two minutes before the period's end.

A desperate rally in the closing period brought the Bearcats no closer than six points.

## Golfers Start Last Lap of Winter Trail; Picard Wins Grande

Harlingen, Tex., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Goldfom's nomads started the last lap of the 1941 trail of gold today after Henry Picard won the Rio Grande valley open in a stretch fight packed with drama.

Another \$5,000 open starting at Beaumont Friday, closes out the money program for the year.

There's nothing left but cash to battle for. Wee Ben Hogan already has clinched the Vardon trophy and is the top money winner with \$17,708 by virtue of his fifth place in the valley open yesterday.

Picard led all the way in winning the 72-hole tournament with an 18-under-par 266 but he had to fight off the fast finish of E. J. (Dutch) Harrison, the Little Rock pro who fired a bristling 132 on the final round.

## OSC-DUKE GRID SERIES TALKED

Durham, N. C., Dec. 23.—(AP)—There's talk already of a football series between Oregon State and Duke university, which meet here January 1 in the transplanted Rose bowl game.

Percy Lacey, Oregon State's athletic director, said he would like to arrange for a regularly scheduled series. There's little likelihood that the idea can blossom before 1943, since Duke is booked for next season.

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