

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

Stiner Promises Duke Surprise In New Year's Game

Prior to the opening of the football season last fall, when practically every "expert" was predicting a seventh or eighth place finishing berth for the Oregon State Beavers, Coach Lonnie Stiner several times remarked that people were underestimating his team and that it would surprise some of its opponents.

Nobody believed the Orange mentor. They couldn't see the Corvallis crew winning more than two or three games, if that many. And as for actually battling for the championship, why that was one of those things that just couldn't happen.

Well, you all know what happened. The Beavers did surprise some foes, surprised them to the extent that the first thing anybody knew Oregon State had nailed down the gonfalon, making Stiner's pre-season prediction glitter brilliantly.

Now, with the transplanted Rose Bowl game against Duke just six days distant, and with the Blue Devils overwhelming favorites at 3 to 1 against the Beavers haven't a chance to win.

He says, "My boys may surprise a lot of folks New Year's Day."

Mr. Stiner made the last sort of a statement early last autumn. People laughed. Now he makes it again, and many people will again laugh.

But, Mr. Stiner, here is one citizen who won't even smile when you say a "surprise" is in store for Duke. Too clearly we remember what transpired during the gruelling regular season, and if you say the Beavers are ready to land a roundhouse clout on their January 1 enemies, that's good enough for this corner.

Mr. Stiner doesn't like those 3-1 odds against his eleven. Neither do the players, in all probability. To a man, the Staters are undoubtedly fighting mad at being so little regarded by the wagering gentry and the handicappers, and a team fighting mad is a team that can do almost anything.

In a game between two rivals of major calibre, psychology plays an all-important role. Equal or nearly equal in physical strength, the team that is higher mentally, more determined to win, will do so 99 times out of 100.

The Beavers will have a decided psychological edge over the Blue Devils, mainly because they are the underdogs and partly because they will be playing in their first Rose Bowl game.

In our humble opinion, those 3-1 odds are downright silly. Duke, with an unbeaten and unblemished record, should be the favorite right, but not by such a margin. As a matter of fact, in our private book the fracas is a tossup.

An interesting all-star team was selected the other day by Lieutenant-Commander E. Jack Spaulding, originator and founder of the annual East-West Shrine game. . . . The naval officer picked an "All-Shrine eleven from gridders who have played in the classic since its inception in 1925. . . . winning a half-back berth was Bob Smith, the ex-Medford high and University of Oregon star. . . . which is very nice, but if we remember correctly Bob didn't play in the Shrine game because of an injury suffered just a few days before the kickoff. . . .

Chuck DeAutremont, the former University high of Eugene flash and last season's star for Jean Eberhart's SOCE cage quintet, will become eligible for Jean's current outfit when the winter quarter opens. . . . Bobby Riggs and Frank Kovacs, the erstwhile amateurs, make their pro tennis debuts in Madison Square Garden tonight.

SKI GROUP ORGANIZES GUARD FOR DEFENSE

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—A home guard of skiers versed in the ways of winter warfare is being organized by California Ski association.

"Skiing is a crucial part of national defense," said Ski Association President Dr. Frank Howard. "Skiers will be needed to guard strategic communication lines and industries in the California mountains."

CRUISER ON DUTY

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The 6,000-ton cruiser Atlanta, a ship capable of speeding more than 30 land miles an hour, became a unit of the American navy today in commissioning exercises at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn.

Duke, Oregon State Both Confident as Drills Resumed

STINER, CHAVES REFUSE TO ADMIT UNDERDOG STATUS

Beaver Captain Claims Team Tougher Than Most—Plan Surprise For Foes.

By Frank B. Gilbreth
Durham, N. C., Dec. 26.—(AP)—A rosy confidence prevailed at the two Rose bowl football camps today as Duke and Oregon State players tucked away their Christmas presents and resumed drills for the transplanted classic to be played here before 55,000 fans on New Year's day.

Although twice beaten Oregon State is on the short end of 2-to-1 odds in Durham, both Coach Lon Stiner and Captain Martin Chaves refuse to accept the underdog role.

"I don't know anything about Duke's team, but I do know something about my boys," said Stiner. "Nobody managed to score more than two touchdowns against us in 1941 and we don't intend to start the new year on the wrong foot."

Chaves, who will enter the U. S. air corps shortly after the game, was even more outspoken.

"We feel," he said, "that a lot of people around here are going to be mighty surprised. Ever since we hit North Carolina last Wednesday, people have been telling us about how tough Duke is supposed to be. 'All right—so they talk. But what are we supposed to be? Pushovers? We've met tough teams before and we were tougher than most of them.'"

"We figure Duke has a fine team. So have we. We figure Duke is going to have to play eleven men at a time—not supermen. We'll have eleven guys in there too."

The Beavers were entertained here yesterday at a Christmas party at which they received gifts of North Carolina products. They seemed rested from their long trip from the west coast.

Stiner said, "We'll get down to serious practice today." After a five-day holiday, Duke also will return to the practice grid with all men in top shape except Moffat Storer, a member of the No. 2 backfield. Storer, who runs the 100 yard dash in less than 10 seconds, has an injured knee which may keep him out of the game.

Coach Wallace Wade of Duke isn't doing much talking, but Captain Bob Barnett, Blue Devil center, said, "We're not cocky; we're just confident."

ROCKY PETERSON KILLED IN HAWAII

Rocky Peterson, outfielder for the Medford Craters in 1940 and well known among baseball fans of the valley, was among U. S. sailors killed when the battleship Arizona was sunk by the Japanese in their attack on Pearl harbor, according to word brought here from Crescent City, Cal., his home.

Fred Dunn, former local resident now residing in Crescent City, who is visiting here, said today that Peterson's mother had received official word that her son had lost his life when the Arizona went down.

The young outfielder, who had been in the navy only a short time, will be remembered by local fans as a great fly-chaser and a good if rather erratic left-handed hitter.

NAVY MISTAKE

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 26.—(AP)—What was possibly the most wonderful Christmas present in this area came yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Burton P. Smith of the battle ground district near here. Notified by the navy December 11 that their son, Russell, had been killed in the Pearl Harbor raid, they received another telegram Christmas morning from the navy stating that Russell is alive and well.

Bequeathed Burtal Plot
San Antonio, Tex. (UP)—A plot 6 feet square was designated as the last resting place for Tiger, a "faithful bulldog" by his late master's will. A. A. Gray's will, probated in Bexar County Court, set out the ground for his dog.

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated David J. Winton of Minnesota to be the first American minister to New Zealand.

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DiMaggio Plays Santa



Slugging Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankee donned a Santa Claus suit and placed his young son, Joe 3rd, in a stocking as a prelude to Christmas in their New York City home.

EAST SQUAD HAS BEVY OF KICKERS NON-GOLFERS IN GOLF TOURNAMENT

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—(AP)—There are liable to be a lot of footballs kicked between the golf posts when the eastern and western all-stars meet January 3, but one thing is certain—four bowl outfits plan to be here for the occasion.

Coach Andy Kerr of the eastern aggregation has learned that he has 21 place-kickers on his squad, while one of the other two members is a drop-kicker.

Oregon State, Duke's opponent in the transplanted Rose Bowl game at Durham, announced that its players and coaches will stop here en route home to see the all-stars in action. Alabama, too, will be on hand after its Cotton Bowl engagement with Texas A. and M.

Fordham and Missouri, which clash in the New Year's day Sugar Bowl here, will remain for the charity event, shifted from California.

Popping Corks Symbolize Growth of Wine Industry

By Robert Fahs
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Fresno, Cal.—(UP)—The popping of corks from champagne bottles during New Year's celebrations will be symbolic of the spectacular growth of America's sparkling wine industry.

With competition from foreign champagnes virtually eliminated because of war conditions, American vintners have been called on to supply the United States sparkling wine market and production has skyrocketed.

California's wine industry, which produces about 90 per cent of the American wines, has expanded and grown by leaps and bounds during recent years, but the greatest stimulus of all phases of the industry has been in the production of champagnes.

S. W. Harkleroad, Fresno, president of the Wine Institute, said that sales of California wines during 1941 are up 25 per cent over last year, while the sales of champagnes have shown a 125 per cent increase.

Connoisseurs, who formerly rarely tried them, are discovering that the California product has all the characteristics and qualities of the finest foreign wines, plus a distinctive flavor and aroma of American-grown grapes.

Presses Busy
Moscow (UP)—Moscow's Presses poured forth 10,000,000 copies of daily newspapers before the Nazi invasion. Every 24 hours 1,500,000 books in 72 languages were printed. Moscow accounted for many of the 40,000,000 copies of handbills, newspapers and tracts dropped by plane into the laps of Axis troops since Germany marched on Russia last June 22.

Closing Time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late for Classified 2:30 p. m.

SKATE AT MEDFORD'S NEW ICE ARENA

Popular Prices—Skates for Rent

WAR WILL EFFECT EAST GRID PLAY, SAYS RAM COACH

Middle West, With Big Squads, To Be Least Hurt, Is Crowley Claim.

By Mortimer Kreeger
Bay St. Louis, Miss., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Coach Jim Crowley of Fordham's Sugar bowl Rams, believes football's glory road will be blocked to eastern teams for the duration of the war, and midwestern clubs—with big squads that can stand more pruning by Uncle Sam—will dominate the grid scene.

"We'll have football," said the coach whose team is training here for its New Year's day engagement with Missouri. "But some of us will be hurt."

He pointed out that more than a dozen of his players already had signed up with the navy air corps and were awaiting call. Several others are within the draft age.

"That makes a big difference in a squad of 40," he continued. "It looks like this year is our last year near the top for a while."

Loss Won't Hurt
"The team that will feel the draft least are the big state universities of the middle west. They have squads of 80 or more and can afford to lose a few men. Those states are thickly populated and the people are loyal to their states. A fellow from Minnesota who goes to play for Michigan might as well not plan to return home."

"Notre Dame also should still be outstanding. They can call out 250 good football players. It will be tough on the east, where small squads are the rule. I don't suppose the squads here in the south are as big as those of the middle west."

The far west, Crowley pointed out, has several large universities with numerous graders but the military situation is uncertain.

"They might not be able to have football there next fall," he said. "Or maybe they'll have teams but won't be able to play each other and will have to travel for all their games."

Atlantic Chief



Rear Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll (above), is the new commander of the Atlantic fleet. He took over the post as successor to Admiral Ernest J. King, newly-appointed commander in chief of the U. S. Fleet.

K. F. TRIAL SET

Klamath Falls, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Trial of George Parks, accused of the slaying of Dr. Salem A. Lavid here last March, will begin January 5. Parks, charged with murder, was arrested at Great Falls, Mont. Dr. Lavid was killed in attempting to prevent a luncheon holdup.

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Increase in Grid Scoring Seen Main Trend in Sports

By Robert Robertson
New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A year ago the football fathers wrote into the code book two new rules, both designed to step up scoring and answer the offense's call for help.

The two rules, one calling for limited substitutions and the other permitting fourth down passes inside the 20-yard line without danger of the ball going back to 20 if the aerial was incomplete, served their purpose well. In fact they did it so well that the increase in scoring in college football was considered the outstanding trend of the year by sports writers participating in the Associated Press poll.

No fewer than 15 writers con- sidered the defense as the most important development of 1941 while other phases of the gridiron sport also came in for strong consideration to give football dominance over all other sports. Ten writers considered the swing to the T-formation, brought to the front in 1940 by Stanford, Chicago Bears and Boston College, as the most important trend.

Six pointed out the greater interest in professional football, especially in the mid-west, and four the leveling off of college football power as shown by the few unbeaten major schools. Also mentioned were such football trends as: general increase in attendance; the Syracuse Y-formation with its reverse center; quieting of demands for reforms in conduct of the sport; accuracy of passing and more aerials in college competition; faster game as the result of the new rules; more good nights; increased interest in night games; coaches master minding from the bench via the new substitution rule; steady decline of field goals, especially drop kicking; use of more power plays in offense; development of defensive and offensive specialists; the decline of Pacific coast football and increased interest despite it; rise of southern teams and good showings of Big Nine and south-westerns.

EMPIRE STATE IMPROVES DIET FOR CHILDREN
Albany, N. Y.—(UP)—Populous New York state is leaving no stone unturned in its fight to wipe out the scourge of malnutrition among school children.

A recent survey, undertaken by the state nutrition committee, revealed that the effort is bearing fruit, in as much as New York is leading the nation with a relatively low percentage of undernourished children.

The survey, conducted by the state education department's health division, showed that few-

"The strength of the nation in the future depends upon the strength of these students," Dr. Jones added. "They must be adequately and properly fed if they are to continue as a strong, free people."

The survey covered 553,013 students in grade and high schools outside New York City, Buffalo and Rochester. Of this number, 29,942 were reported by attending physicians to be malnourished in varying degrees.

K. F. FIRE FATAL

Klamath Falls, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A Christmas eve fire which destroyed a bunkhouse on the Chet Barton ranch 12 miles from here, killed one man and injured three others. Clarence Campbell, about 30, formerly of Missouri, was fatally burned. The injured were Earl C. Mills, E. T. Meyers and Lowell McFadden.

STORK PLAYS SANTA

Portland, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Santa, busy with other matters, took time out to leave 14 babies at Portland hospitals yesterday.

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