

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Beavers, West Get Handicaps On Grid Sheet

Interesting, no end, is the final "yellow sheet" of the 1941 football season, which lists and handicaps the five New Year's Day "bowl" games and the annual East-West Shrine contest slated for January 3.

Only two of the six tilts are not even. The sheet gives Duke a 13-point edge over Oregon State in the Rose Bowl, and the East a seven-point handicap over the West in the Shrine affair.

Rated even are Fordham versus Missouri in the Sugar Bowl, Alabama versus Texas Aggies in the Cotton Bowl, Georgia versus Texas Christian in the Orange Bowl and Tulsa versus Texas Tech in the Sun Bowl.

Way out of line is that 13-point spot handed Oregon State, in this corner's opinion, and as probably everybody knows by this time. Also, we believe the East-West game should be even instead of seven to the West.

History records that year after year the East squad boasts the greater number of All-Americans and "big names," and year after year the "starless" West rises up to knock the pants off their glamorous opponents.

As for those other "bowl" battles, they appear tossups. If we had to predict the winners we would hesitatingly finger Missouri over Fordham, Texas Aggies over Alabama, Tulsa over Texas Tech and Georgia over Texas Christian.

Fred "Gunner" Gunnette, captain of Medford high's basketballers last season, is enjoying considerable success at Sacramento junior college, according to a letter received from Ned Kay, coach.

Kay writes: "Fred is at present giving the forwards a battle for a starting position. . . is gaining much needed experience and will be a valuable man both this season and next."

Gunnette has made the squad and was one of 12 players taken on a six-day barnstorming tour into southern California, Kay writes. The Sacramento coach adds that Fred has plenty of possibilities and is extremely well-liked by his teammates.

Skeet O'Connell, whose Corvallis high Spartans tangle with the Tigers here tonight, calls his new system the "weaving offense." . . . the ex-Ashland mentor has patterned the style of play after that being inaugurated by Slat's Gill at Oregon State college. . . . It is designed to combine the best features of both the fast and slow break. . . .

Oregon State's two backfield aces, Don Durdan and Bob Dethman, both played against Medford's Black Tornado in their prep school days. . . . Durdan led the Eureka, (Cal.) high Loggers to a 20 to 12 win over Medford in 1937, and Dethman was the big gun when Hood River nipped the locals, 14 to 13, in the same year. . . .

Paul B. Wilamson, football rating authority, predicts Duke over Oregon State, Missouri over Fordham, Texas Ags over Alabama, Georgia over Texas Christian, Tulsa over Texas Tech and East over West. . . his final national standings find Texas the number one team, Duke second and Minnesota third. . . . Oregon State is 22nd, Oregon 31st.

Chick Harbert Wins Rich Beaumont Open

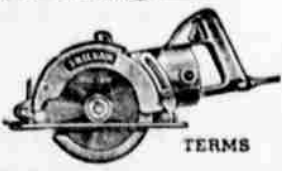
Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Chick Harbert, an unknown who failed even to place among goldfom's 12 top money winners of 1941, ran away from the veterans and won the \$5,000 Beaumont open with a 278, eight below par for the 72 holes.

The youthful Battle Creek, Mich., pro never was over par. He coasted in yesterday with an even par 71 to win by seven strokes over wee Ben Hogan and Paul Runay, who tied for second place at 283.

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Tigers Look Better In Monday Drill—Low Scoring Contest Is Possibility

Three seniors, a junior and one sophomore will take the floor for Medford tonight when the Tigers open their 1941-42 basketball season against Skeet O'Connell's Corvallis high Spartans at the local gym. The preliminary, between Lost River Dairy and a group of former Medford high and St. Mary's players, will start at 7:30 sharp.

Captain Hank Herman, forward; Bill Wall, center and R. B. Webber, guard, will be the seniors seeing starting action. Balance of the quintet will find Don Fawcett, a junior, at a guard post, and Dale Niedermeyer, a soph, at a forward position.

Coach Russ Acheson, dissatisfied with his squad's practice performance last week, said today they looked better in yesterday's workout and would probably give a good account of themselves against the strong Spartans. "Their passing and shooting seems to have improved," Acheson remarked.

Cavemen Beaten
Corvallis last night defeated Grants Pass, 18 to 13, and the dearth of scoring leads Acheson to believe that O'Connell has developed a potent defensive team. The Tigers themselves spent considerable time on defense in yesterday's workout, so tonight's battle might possibly turn into a low-scoring affair.

Many former Bengal luminaries will perform in the preliminary, among them being four players now attending college. They are Walter Kresse, University of Oregon; Fred Gunnette, Sacramento Junior College; Billy Piche, Linfield, and Harold Fawcett, University of Oregon. These four, with Johnny and George Gitzon, will tangle with Lost River Dairy.

MISSOURI SLIGHT CHOICE OVER RAMS

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—(AP)—If Canal street had cats on every corner, the uncertainty of where they'd jump would be no greater than Thursday's Sugar bowl quarrel between Fordham university and Missouri.

To New Orleans' curbstone authorities and thousands of football-minded visitors from the east and middle-west, it added up to just one answer: probably the wildest, wooliest Sugar bowl game ever played in the 73,000-seat stadium. Betting favored Missouri by the unprofitable margin of 6 to 5.

Each team is a specialist, and that specialty is the other's weakness. Missouri, an exponent of the old battleship strategy of power, has a great punning attack. Fordham, in the past, has found that sort of power troublesome.

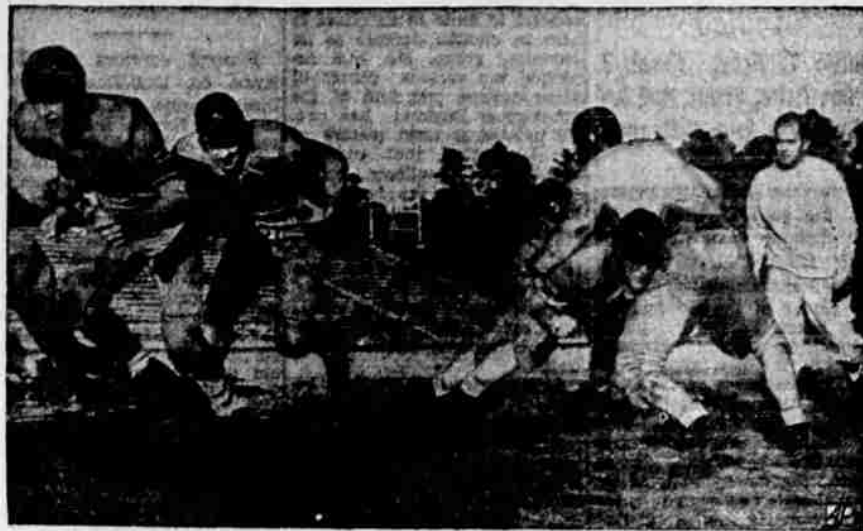
TOURNEY LOCALE UNDER DISCUSSION

Salem, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Troy Walker, secretary of the Oregon State High School Activities association, met here today with Willamette university officials to discuss whether the high school basketball tournament should be held at the Willamette gymnasium.

The association's board of control recently voted to have the tournament here for the 23rd straight year, but Roy S. Keene, Willamette athletic director, said he is not much interested in whether the tournament is held here.

Should the members of Willamette's athletic board appear as "disinterested" as Keene, it is probable that the high school officials will look for some other place to hold the tournament.

Oregon Staters Scrimmage



Coach Lon Stiner (right) watched with eagle eyes as George Peters (58), Oregon State's blocking quarterback, led fullback Joe Day (52) through a gaping hole during a scrimmage workout on the North Carolina University gridiron in preparation for the Rose Bowl classic against Duke at Durham, N. C., New Year's day.

MANDIC, VALENTI STAR AS BEAVERS BEAT MANHATTAN

New York, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Taking the lead midway in the first period, the Oregon State college basketball squad continued to pile up counters to defeat Manhattan last night, 47-34, in Madison Square Garden.

The Pacific coast team was led by lanky John Mandic and Paul Valenti, with 10 points each but Dick Murphy of Manhattan was high with 11.

Halftime score was 23-15 and was increased to 41-24 before substitutions slowed down the tallying.

Ore. State (47)	G	F	PF	TP
Dement, f	1	0	3	2
Mulder, f	3	0	0	6
Hall, f	2	0	2	4
Harvey, c	0	0	0	0
Mandic, c	5	0	2	11
Martin, c	0	0	1	1
Valenti, g	4	2	3	10
Beck, g	3	0	1	6
McNutt, g	4	1	1	9
Jefries, g	0	0	0	0
Warren, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	22	3	14	47

Manhattan (34)	G	F	PF	TP
Hassett, f	1	0	1	2
D. Murphy, f	3	5	0	11
J. Murphy, f	1	0	0	2
Weber, c	1	0	0	2
Reilly, c	1	2	2	4
Draddy, c	0	0	0	0
Courtney, c	2	0	1	4
Maccabe, g	2	1	2	5
Jordan, g	1	0	1	2
Keenan, g	0	0	0	0
Christie, g	1	0	1	2
Totals	13	8	8	34

Score at half-time: Oregon State 23, Manhattan 15. Free throws missed: Manhattan—D. Murphy 3; Weber 2; Reilly, Draddy, Oregon State—Dement, Mulder, Mandic, Valenti 2, McNutt.

Officials: Begovich and Malloy.

GONZAGA NOSES OUT IDAHO FIVE, 34-31

Spokane, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Clinging tenaciously to a small lead, the Gonzaga University basketball team last night defeated the University of Idaho squad, 34-31, in a close game here. The bulldogs led, 26-19, at halftime.

O'Doul To Coach Gary Cooper In Lou Gehrig Role

Hollywood, Dec. 30.—(AP)—To Frank (Lefty) O'Doul, manager of the San Francisco Seals and former New York Giant outfielder, goes the task of coaching Gary Cooper for his role of Lou Gehrig in the film version of the late Yankee first baseman's career.

O'Doul, retained by Sam Goldwyn as technical adviser on the picture, will have as his first assignment teaching Cooper to throw and bat left-handed.

Babe Ruth has been signed to play himself in the picture and is expected here within two weeks.

Sullivan Award Goes To Les MacMitchell, Cross Country Star

New York, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Leslie MacMitchell, who scored a virtual grand slam in cross country and mile running during the 1941 season.

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(3) Revision of the lateral pass rule which nullifies a play downfield when the ball is passed forward. The coaches would make this a five-yard penalty from the point of infraction. Now the ball is returned to the line of scrimmage.

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LOFTY INDIANS SCORE 60-45 WIN OVER OHIO

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Stanford university, showing an impenetrable defense with a basketball team averaging six feet three inches in height, bottled up Ohio State to win 60 to 45 last night.

In the other game of a double-header, University of California reserves defeated the Athens club of Oakland, 30-27.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA ON FRIENDLY TERMS

Tokyo, Dec. 30.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Masayuki Tani, head of the government information bureau, told a press conference today that negotiations between Japan and the soviet union concerning extension of their fisheries agreement, which expires December 31, were continuing at Kuibyshev.

Tani asserted that Japan's relations with Russia continued to be perfectly friendly and that Japan was quite satisfied with them. Relations with Moscow were regulated by the terms of the Japanese-Russian neutrality pact signed at Moscow last April 13, he said.

NO COLLEGE GRID DEATHS IN 1941, COACHES LEARN

'Sand Lot' Fatalities Increase: Few Rule Changes Suggested By Mentors.

By Charles Dunkley

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Duke Coach Fears Southpaw Kicker, Passer of Beavers

By Frank B. Gilbreth
Durham, N. C., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Coach Wallace Wade is doing his best to make sure that the highly polished Duke football machine won't be wrecked in the Rose bowl Thursday by a left-handed monkey wrench, tossed by Oregon State.

The westerners have such a monkey wrench in Don Durdan, a southpaw who passes left-handed and kicks left-footed.

Lon Stiner, coach of Oregon State, had high hopes that the unorthodox delivery of his star mail carrier would befuddle the Dukes.

But Wade, who tries to think of everything, is teaching his boys all he can about left-handed backs. George McAfee, perhaps the best southpaw triple-threat in the country, has been working out with the Blue Devils for the last three days.

It may be some comfort to Stiner and his squad to learn that McAfee has had considerable success against the Blue Devils. However, it's hard to tell whether this success should be attributed to the idiosyncrasies of a southpaw or to natural ability.

Yesterday, for example, George romped through the varsity with the greatest of ease. Sometimes the big Duke line would crash through and nail him before he got started, but if McAfee danced into the clear nobody could bring him down.

Wade, however, seemed fairly pleased with the work of his regulars. Like most veteran coaches, the Duke mentor suffers from the occupational malady of understatement. When asked whether he thought McAfee hadn't trucked through the Duke secondary with a little too much ease, Wade replied: "Well, George is a good runner."

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SPARTANS DEFEAT CAVEMEN, 18 TO 13

Grants Pass, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A slow-breaking Corvallis style of play dragged the Grants Pass high school basketballers to a dead stop in the second half here last night and the visiting Spartans won 18 to 13. The Cavemen tallied only one point after leading at halftime 12 to 6.

Corvallis plays at Medford tonight. Grants Pass (13) (18) Corvallis Lathrop, 3 F..... Wilmer, 3 Gray, 2 F..... Knoll Martindale, 3 C..... Ryman, 5 Schrimpt, 4 G..... Anderson, 8 Havard G..... Groshong 2 Substitutes: Grants Pass—Strowbridge 1, Everton and Clayton; Corvallis—Masters.

CONSULATE SAFE
Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The American consulate at Manila is "undamaged" and the entire diplomatic staff is "safe and well," the state department announced tonight.

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press)
Chicago—Harry Teaney, 136, Cleveland, outpointed Eddie Lander, 136, Chicago (10).

Baltimore—Kid Tunero, 160, New York, outpointed Irvin Proctor, 159½, Baltimore (10); Bacon Johnny Grown, 158½, Baltimore, and Frankie Williams, 152½, Washington, drew (10).

Pittsburgh—Paul Carrabantes, 145, Chile, outpointed Otto Blackwall, 146, Homestead, N. Y. (10).

Newark—Jack Kenny, Livingston, N. J., knocked out Steve Hostak, 163, Newark (2); Walter Stevens, 141, Newark, knocked out Steve Ozga, 131, Passaic, N. J. (4).

Wilmington, Del.—Al Tribuani, 156½, Wilmington, outpointed Eddie Finnazzo, 161½, Baltimore (8).

High School Scores

(By the Associated Press)
Ashland 51, Chemawa 32. Hood River 31, Silverton 30. Corvallis 18, Grants Pass 13. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

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