

SPORTS

GIANTS FAVORED OVER REDSKINS IN PRO PLAYOFF

Running Attack Expected to Offset Pass Hurling of Baugh.

New York, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Counting on a savage running attack to offset the passing wizardry of Slingin' Sammy Baugh, the New York Giants were 8 to 5 favorites tonight to defeat the Washington Redskins in their playoff for the eastern division title of the National Professional Football league.

Twice in a row—and both times as underdogs—the Giants handpicked Baugh, the league passing champion, to gain a deadlock for the eastern crown. A crowd of 55,000 is expected to witness their third clash at the Polo Grounds tomorrow for the right to meet the Chicago Bears, western division kings, at Chicago on Dec. 26 for the professional title.

Odds boomed in favor of the Giants because their two straight triumphs over the Redskins, 14 to 10 and 31 to 7, and the fact that three Washington stars apparently will be on the sidelines. They are Halfback Wilbur Moore, one-time Minnesota ace; Tackle Wilbur (Wee Willie) Wilkin, 269-pound behemoth from St. Mary's, and Guard Dick Farman, 216-pounder from Washington State.

Moore suffered a hip injury in the game two weeks ago and had two transfusions only last Monday. Farman was out for the balance of the year and Wilkin was rated little better than an occasional substitute because of a knee injury.

The Giants had only one man on the shelf, Guard Charley Avedisian of Providence, who was stricken with flu.

Although Moore's loss was a severe blow to the Redskins, they still had one of pro football's greatest offensive threats in Baugh. The Giants shackled him in the past two games, holding him to what for Slingin' Sam was a mere 34 completions, 16 in the first game and 18 in the second, for a total of "only" 402 yards.

The Giants' ground game was their chief hope. In this department they are banking on Bill Paschal, the Georgia Tech rookie who swiped league ground-gaining honors this fall, and Veterans Tuffy Leemans and Ward Cuff.

The game will be played to a decision, a "sudden death" basis. That is, if the regulation game ends in a deadlock, the team captains will spin a coin for a new kickoff and a 15-minute extra period. The game will end as soon as one team scores.

STANFORD COACH GETS YEAR LEAVE

Palo Alto, Cal., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Marchmont Schwartz, head football coach at Stanford university, received a one-year-leave of absence today to accept a public relations position with an oil company in Wichita, Kan.

Schwartz, former Notre Dame all-American, has been director of physical education at Stanford since the school abandoned the grid sport last summer. University officials pointed out that the leave of absence does not mean Schwartz is severing connections with the school, nor does it necessarily mean that Stanford will not compete in football during 1944.

EX-OREGON STARS MEET 'HELLSHIPS'

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Three former University of Oregon hoop stars will be in the lineup of the Albina Hellships of Portland when they play the Oregon Ducks here next week.

In a two-game series here Monday and Tuesday nights, such former Duck hoopsters as Slim Wintermute, Lloyd Jackson and Roger Wiley will attempt to show the collegiate Ducks "how it used to be done when they were at Oregon."

The Hellships have defeated Coach Howard Hobson's Ducks twice in Eugene in early season games.

TOP NOTCH TRACK STARS TO ENTER INDOOR AFFAIRS

New York, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Track and field competition appears to be sport which has not been seriously affected by wartime demands on manpower, national secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, said today as he predicted a highly successful 1944 indoor season.

Despite the fact that Swedish stars, Gunder Hagg and Arns Anderson, declined invitations to compete here this winter and that Ensign Greg Rice, America's greatest distance runner, is definitely out this year, Ferris point-

ed out that other promising contenders will furnish track fans with an almost pre-war level of competition.

Gil Dodds, Boston divinity student, and Bill Hulse, Passaic, N. J., chemist, are expected to better the indoor record for the mile. Both spent the summer chasing Gunder Hagg around American outdoor tracks and both ran the best races of their careers during the tour.

Hulse ran a 4:06 mile at Berea, O., to record the fastest time ever run by an American over the mile route, and Dodds recorded a 4:06.1 over the same distance and expects to equal that time indoors. The board mile is 4:07.4 and may very well become a former record after the winter season.

Track fans will miss Rice this season. Winner of 85 consecutive races before losing to Hagg in his last appearance, Rice's famous stretch drive will live forever in the memory of American track enthusiasts.

VARGA, JR., KEEPS MIAMI OPEN LEAD

Miami, Fla., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Defense worker Steve Varga, Jr., of Miami, waddled home in the mud today, with a one-over-par 71 to hold his lead at the 54-hole mark in the 20th annual Miami open, but it was Aviator Johnny Bulla of Atlanta, Ga., who provided the thrills for the rain soaked gallery.

Bulla, who flies a commercial airliner between Atlanta and Chicago, had the hottest score of the three-day-old tournament, a 65, five under par. It was only one stroke above the tournament record held by Sammy Snead, and one better than the 66 which Harold (Jug) McSpaden carded in the finals last year to win

the \$1,000 war bond first prize. Craig Wood of Mamaronck, N. Y., the popular favorite, faded from the picture with a 76 for a 219 total. Varga now has a 54-hole total of 210.

WHITE SOX STAR IS ARMY PRIVATE

Fort Sheridan, Ill., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Luke Appling, 36-year-old shortstop for the Chicago White Sox and 1943 American league batting champion, became Pvt. Lucius B. Appling, Jr., at the recruit reception center here today.

Appling, who recently completed his 14th season of baseball, accompanied a group of recruits from his Chicago draft board. The group went through

a brief orientation program and physical examination before receiving uniforms and gear.

Appling captured the league hitting crown for the second time in his career with a .328 average on 192 hits in 585 times at bat. Appling is the father of two daughters.

GOLF PROS PLAN CHARITY TOURNEY

Chicago, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Ed Dudley, president of the Professional Golfers association, said today that the P. G. A. is laying plans to revive its national championship tournament in 1944 for benefit of war charities.

The event was halted by the war after the 1942 tournament. Three country clubs already have made bids for the event, but no

definite site has been selected yet, Dudley said. P. G. A. tourneys sold more than \$15,000,000 in war bonds during the past season, he added.

CARDS BUY CLUB
Allentown, Pa., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—The franchise and physical as-

sets of the Allentown Fleetwings baseball club of the Interstate league, today became the property of the St. Louis Cardinals, it was announced.

Average prison population in The Oregon State Penitentiary between 1940 and 1942 was 998.



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