

SPORTS

USC STOCK RISES
AS TEAM DRILLS
FOR BOWL CLASHFumblitis Disappears in
Practice Sessions—Play-
ers Confident of Win

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Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Slowly but steadily the word is getting around that Coach Jeff Cravath's Trojans from USC are exceedingly good risks in their roles of 2-1 underdogs against Washington's Huskies this Saturday.

We put on our spying garments to track the thing down and are now able to report it is more than a rumor.

The word came straight from the Trojan Warhorse's mouth—right at Bovard Field in Los Angeles where the Cravathmen do their daily workouts.

The Trojan players themselves think they're going to win and that's a good sign for USC roosters who practically gave up the minute the game was signed.

Here's the way it simmers down: The men from Troy haven't lost in collegiate competition this season, dropping only to two tough service teams—the Fourth Air Force Terrans and the rugged San Diego navy team.

Then there's the angle of their recovery from their long and serious siege of fumbling. This is probably the key to the Trojan win attitude. It is no secret the Trojans were fumbling during their regular season practice schedules. But in these last days of workouts the Trojans have found they can hang onto the ball and still work their T-formation.

Seems Spearhead
Although Cravath has been quoted widely as promising an almost exclusive passing offense, our spying reports hint otherwise.

The starting backfield is a running backfield built around little Eddie Saenz, the unheralded "scat" running left half who leads the Trojans in ground gaining for the season.

Ainslie Bell, the "mystery" quarterback—so called because he's played so little in the regular season you have to look up the roster to find out how he spells his name—definitely gets the starting call.

This, probably, is Cravath's chief strategy plan. It means that regular quarterback Jim Hardy will stay in the stalls until the setup reaches the bubbling point. Just what that point is has the experts over the coals and will remain Cravath's secret until unfolded. Bell is the better passer, Hardy the better runner—at least the more experienced runner.

Defensively the Trojans are set. Actually, they haven't worried as much about their own goal line as they have about invading Washington's sacred ground.

Football Briefs

Miami, Fla., Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Coach Bernie Moore of Louisiana State executed a neat reverse today and admitted that his Bayou Bengals actually "looked good" in a lively workout for their Orange Bowl football game with Texas A. & M. Saturday.

Previously, Moore said the team didn't belong on the same field with the classy Angies and that he didn't see how it had a chance to win.

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—The Georgia Tech football team, approaching key efficiency after several days of light drills, holds its final pre-game scrimmage today for its Sugar Bowl game with Tulsa here Saturday. Coach Bill Alexander reported the squad without injuries and indicated that he would select his starting lineup after today's workout.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—The New Mexico football team is going to use its "accordion shuffle," a deceptive spread formation in an effort to offset the physical advantage of the Southwestern university squad in the New Year's day Sun Bowl game. Coach Willis Barnes said today. Barnes said the team also would use the T formation, assuring the 20,000 or more fans of seeing at least four different offensive systems, since the Southwestern squad alternates the single and double wings.

HOPE ON PGA
Chicago, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Bob Hope, screen, radio and golfing partner of Bing Crosby—was named today as a member of the National Advisory committee of The Professional Golfers' Association.

LA MOTTA, KOCHAN
IN FINAL FIGHT

New York, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Coast Guardsman George Kochan will try to blast down Jake Lamotta's "No. 1" middleweight ensign tonight in the year's last fight at Madison Square Garden.

Despite Kochan's heavier guns, Squat Lamotta of New York is a 2-1 favorite to win this 10-round fight between two unscientific bruisers, and thus maintain the rating of world's foremost active middleweight ranking accorded him this week by the Ring magazine.

Lamotta was favored over his taller opponent because of his ruggedness and stamina, and because of 11 victories in 13 starts this year against stiffer opposition than that encountered by the Akron, O., lad, who is ranked No. 10.

SOLDIER INTEREST
KEEN IN BASEBALL

Pittsburgh, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Interest in the so-called "zephys ball" or "blooper pitch" that brought nationwide fame to Rip Sewell, ace hurler of the Pittsburgh Pirates, is as keen at distant army camps as it is among the fans at home.

Frankie Frisch, Pirate manager, who with other baseball notables is touring army camps in the Aleutians, has written to President E. Benswanger of the BUCS that he is called upon to demonstrate the famed pitch daily.

Frisch and his companions—Stan Musial, Danny Litwhiler, Dixie Walker and Hank Borowy—have found keen interest in baseball at every camp they have visited, the Pirate manager said.

TWO BACKFIELDS
DRILL FOR EAST

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Andy Kerr of Colgate and Dr. George Hauser of Minnesota, coaches of the East squad which plays the West in the annual Shrine charity football game Saturday, worked with two backfield units today but did not indicate which was likely to start the game.

Ed Doherty of Boston college, Bob Hoernschmeyer of Indiana, Joe Kane of Pennsylvania and James Dougherty of Miami were in one unit. The other consisted of Aldo Cenci, Penn State; Wayne Williams, Minnesota; Boris Demancheff, Purdue, and Dean Sensenbaugh, Ohio State.

BRUINS WIN
By United Press
The Boston Bruins broke up the Canadian monopoly of top positions in the National league hockey race today by moving into second place ahead of Toronto, after defeating Detroit 5 to 2 at Boston last night.

The winners put on a four-goal offensive in the final period to win before 12,500 fans.

M'CARTHY NAMED
SKIPPER OF YEAR:
CHANDLER PLAYER

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Joe McCarthy and one of his most dependable employees, Spurgeon (Spud) Chandler, who had a great deal to do with the New York Yankees maintaining their customary role of pennant winners last season, were cited by the Sporting News today as the number one manager and player of the major leagues.

McCarthy, who has directed the Yankees to pennants in a ven of his 13 years as manager, won the honor for the third time, the first to do so.

Chandler, who led American league pitchers in percentages with 20 victories and four defeats, and in earned run allowance with a 1.64 average, had been selected as the circuit's most valuable player by the Baseball Writers' association.

Clark Griffith, head of the Washington Senators, was selected as the top major league executive.

Clarence (Pants) Rowland, president of the Los Angeles Pacific Coast League club, was named the outstanding minor league executive because of "impressive administration."

CAMILLI SIGNS
ACORN CONTRACT

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—The Oakland Acorns of the Pacific Coast league today began making plans for the 1944 season following the signing of Dolph Camilli as manager at a reported salary of \$12,000.

Camilli, former Brooklyn and New York Giants' first baseman, inked a two-year contract. The salary makes him the highest-paid pilot in the Coast league, exceeding by \$1000 the amount drawn by Frank (Lefty) C'Doul of the San Francisco Seals.

Callura to Retire
After Losing Scrap

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Jackie Callura, Hamilton, Ont., boxer, who failed in an effort to recapture the featherweight title from Phil Terranova of New York, has decided to retire from the ring, his manager, Leo Bradley, said today.

"Jackie has seen his best days, and there is no use feeding him to the lions," Bradley said. "I'll not stand to see him slaughtered, and it looks as though he'll hang up the gloves for good."

Terranova scored a sixth-round technical knockout over Callura here Monday night.

HAVANA BEATEN

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Led by Matt Mazza, six-foot, two-inch center, the Canisius college basketball team upset the favored University of Havana quintet last night 35 to 21 in the second game of a doubleheader. The University of Kentucky defeated Carnegie Tech, 61 to 14, in the first contest.

Corsican Landscape Has Changed



Bright spot in this picture, on island of Corsica, is youngster bearing French tricolor he rescued from a ruined building. Wrecks beside road were formerly German war machines. People helped Allies drive out Germans.

Cage Scores

Canisius 35, Havana 21.
Arkansas 39, City college 37.
Colgate 64, Connecticut 36.
Dartmouth 75, Williams 47.
Kentucky 61, Carnegie Tech 14.
DePaul 64, St. Joseph's 56.
New York university 54, Pittsburgh 40.
Temple 67, Western Kentucky 48.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Dec. 29.—(Sp.)—Mrs. Nellie Smith is visiting relatives in Yoncalla and Eugene, Ore.

Past Noble Grand club held its annual Christmas tree and party at the home of Mrs. Viola Moore on Dec. 23, when 'Amethyst friends' names were revealed. Next club meeting will be Jan. 13 at the home of Mrs. Mildred Newnam, on Garden Row.

Pvt. and Mrs. Gilbert White of Corvallis spent the Christmas week end here at the home of Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Ward.

Miss Rae Clement returned home Saturday from a Medford hospital, having undergone an appendectomy a short time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McGuire and daughter, Joanne, left Dec. 23 to spend the school vacation at Newberg with Mr. McGuire's parents.

Lt. Jack Martin, air force bombardier stationed in South Carolina, spent Christmas day with his parents and sister, Mrs. and Mrs. C. W. Martin and Jill.

Sgt. Richard MacKay of the coast artillery, stationed at Camp Pendleton, Va., spent a short furlough recently with his mother, Mrs. Lillie MacKay, and other relatives.

Mrs. Belle Smith returned home Dec. 24 from a Medford hospital, where she underwent a major operation over two weeks ago.

Pvt. Bill Force, who was with an amphibious task force in the invasion of Iles in August, where he remained until December 1, came home Dec. 25 for a

ASSISTANCE NEEDED
SLIGHTLY HEAVIER
DURING NOVEMBER

A slight increase in the number of general assistance cases handled by the Jackson County Public Welfare commission is shown on the November report, filed at the December meeting of the commission last week. A total of 131 cases, including 69 families and 62 single persons, received assistance totaling \$5,147.54, while in October 118 cases received \$5,098.68.

Fourteen children were cared for in foster homes at a cost of \$277.24 and 780 cases of old age assistance received \$21,419. Old age cases last month numbered 779 and received assistance totaling \$21,029. Aid to dependent children numbered 59 cases, totaling 146 children, at a cost of \$3,462. Last month 149 children received aid at a cost of \$3,522.

Assistance to the blind numbered but 11 cases, at \$414.

Comparison with 1942 figures for the same months shows that the case load is about the same but that the cost of providing care for the indigent has risen considerably.

Prospect

Prospect, Dec. 29.—Prospect Home Extension unit is sponsoring a benefit public card party in the school dining room, January 1, starting at 8 p. m. Bridge and pinocle will be played, and supper will be served. Proceeds will be given to the local P. T. A.

Miss Jean Pease left Dec. 28 for San Francisco, after spending a few days over Christmas with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Pease. Miss Pease is secretary to the regional director of social security in San Francisco.

T. Sgt. Harry Heidenreich of Camp White was guest of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Jantzer, from Dec. 24 to Dec. 26.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dittsworth at the Green Meadows ranch, were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tucker from Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughn and sons, Kenneth and Wendell of the Laurelhurst district Jack Vaughn, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dittsworth and sons, Norman and Wayne.

THE GRANGE

The 1944 officers of Central Point Grange will be installed at the joint installation to be held in Central Point Grange hall Thursday, Dec. 30, at 8 p. m.

Jacksonville Grange
All newly elected officers of Jacksonville Grange are asked to attend the joint installation of officers at Central Point Grange hall Thursday, Dec. 30, at 8 p. m.

Gold Hill

At the regular meeting of H. E. C. of Gold Hill grange Dec. 22 plans were made for the annual dinner on Jan. 2 at 1 p. m. in honor of outgoing and incoming officers for 1944. Everyone attending is asked to bring a vegetable or dessert. Meat is taken care of.

The table was loaded with Christmas goodies, and Flora Friends were revealed and new ones drawn. Exchange of Christmas gifts followed. About 28 members and three or four brothers were present.

H. E. C. will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays hereafter instead of on Wednesdays.

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