

SPORTS

RANDOLPH BEATS AIR FORCE 13-6 ON SNOWY FIELD

Final Goal Line Stand Wins A.A.F.—Layden's Tackle Saves Score.

New York, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—The Randolph Field Ramblers, taking to the skyways despite definitely "bad flying weather," defeated the Second Air Force Super-bombers 13 to 6 today to win the AAF football championship, staving off a touchdown in the final minute with a brilliant goal line stand.

Played before a hardy gathering of 8,356 fans who braved a fury of snow flurries for the treasury department's \$79,500,000 bond bowl promotion, the Texas "West Point of the Air" eleven was tested thoroughly for the first time in an all-victorious season that netted 11 straight victories.

It was a bone-crushing battle between super-charged lines and ever-running backfields but an early margin, secured through second and third period touchdowns, gave Randolph the victory despite the great offensive display by the Superbombers in the final moments.

Almost simultaneously with the opening kickoff the snow started and soon made the trampled Polo grounds' turf a sodden mass. After 10 minutes, the players on both teams, despite their gaudy uniforms, looked like doughboys fresh out of fox holes.

Although it appeared at times that the alert Superbombers offense would assert itself for an ultimate victory, the issue actually was settled in the final 29 seconds of the first period when Pete Layden, ex-University of Texas star, lobbed a 53-yard pass to end Harry Burrus, who tucked it in on the five-yard line and went over undisturbed.

A heart-breaking tackle by Layden in the last second of the first half prevented the Superbombers from tying the score. Evans was swarmed by tacklers as he attempted a touchdown pass from the 13 and ran straight through the center of the line where Layden nailed him, a yard and a half from the goal.

CORPORAL HURLS BOTTLE, FINED \$25

Cpl. Gerald Russel Paul, Medford airbase, was fined \$25 for disorderly conduct yesterday on a charge of throwing a bottle which struck Mrs. Anna Settall a glancing blow on the head at the wrestling matches Thursday night at the Medford armory. Mrs. Settall was not injured, according to the police report. Cpl. Paul's two companions, Herman Helmut Huebner and Donald Gerald Parker, were both fined \$10 for disorderly conduct.

WALKER, DODGERS' FIELDER, LEADING NATIONAL HITTER

New York, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—Fred (Dixie) Walker, the idol of Flatbush, won the 1944 national league batting championship by a margin of 10 percentage points over Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals, last year's winner, the official averages revealed tonight.

The veteran Brooklyn outfielder rapped out 191 hits in 555 times at bat for an average of .357 against .347 for the slugging right fielder of the world champion Cardinals.

Joe Medwick of the New York Giants finished third with .337, followed by Johnny Hopp of the Cardinals with .336 and Phil Cavarretta of the Chicago Cubs with .318.

A total of 14 players hit .300 or better, with the St. Louis Cardinals winning the club batting title for the third year in a row with an average of .275. Brooklyn was second with .269, followed by Pittsburgh with .265.

A number of new records was established with Manager Mel Ott of the Giants leading the way with five. By scoring 91 runs, he brought his lifetime total to 1784, surpassing the old mark of 1740 held by Honus Wagner. His 48 long hits brought his extra base hit total to 1025, breaking another old Wagner mark of 1004. By hitting for 102 extra bases Ott extended his own league record to 2075, while his 26 home runs brought his total to 489, also a circuit mark. Ott extended to 48 his record of hitting two or more homers in a game.

Ott also tied two records. By playing his 19th season with New York, he tied the mark of Charles (Gabby) Hartnett with the Chicago Cubs and by scoring six runs in the first game of a doubleheader on April 30 he equaled his own modern record.

Slugging Bill Nicholson of the Cubs established a new league record by hitting four home runs in a doubleheader and also tied the major league mark, and established a new national record, by hitting four home runs in four consecutive times at bat.

COOS BAY FIVE BEATS ASHLAND

Ashland, Dec. 16—Coos Bay high school's barn-storming basketball team took a 40 to 39 victory over Ashland here last night. It was a close contest all the way with Ashland leading 11 to 10 at the end of the first quarter and still ahead 22 to 21 at the halfway mark. In the third period the Pirates rang a couple of lucky shots and moved into the lead and had a 34 to 32 advantage at the end of the period.

After the first two minutes of play not more than three points separated the two teams at any one time.

Jandreau of Ashland and Fassaway of Coos Bay tied for high score honors with 12 each. Ashland "B" team beat Coos Bay "B" team 34-33 in the preliminary.

Officials — Virgil Swanson, Medford, and Roland Parks, Ashland.

OREGON AUTO DEATHS
Salem, Ore., Dec. 16—(U.P.)—The Oregon state department reported today that 22 persons were killed in automobile accidents during November, three more than for the same month last year.

BASKETBALL

High Schools
Milwaukie 39, Beaverton 13.
Roosevelt Preps 19, McMinnville 17.
Roosevelt 31, Franklin 29.
Washington 45, Lincoln 22.
Benson 34, Jefferson 29.
Grant 48, Sabin 21.
Central Catholic 42, Scappoose 29.
Pendleton 42, La Grande 22.
Klamath Falls 32, Salem 16.
Bend 28, Corvallis 26.
Eugene 27, Prineville 20.

4 GROUPS JUMP INTO ARGUMENT OVER RACETRACK

Tijuana, Baja Cfa, Mex., Dec. 16—(U.P.)—All was not quiet before the border today as no less than four different groups jumped into the squabble over ownership of the flower-bedecked, \$2,000,000 Agua Caliente racetrack — scene of the first \$100,000 handicap in the Americas.

Not since the lush jazz age, when gay champagne parties and reckless betting were the vogue, had the sleepy little border town seen such excitement.

Everyone with an interest in the track was claiming it rightfully belonged to him. Eddie Nealis, present operator, woke up Wednesday morning to discover that local police officials acting on orders of the Mexican supreme court had seized not only the grass-covered racing strip—but his lavish 17-room, complete with Turkish baths and secret panels.

But Nealis wasn't giving up this thousands of dollars invested in the Spanish-style plant without a fight. Today he instructed his attorney to file an injunction in Mexico City, protecting the seizure.

Branding the action a "cold-blooded steal," Nealis said he had just begun to fight.

EAGLE POINT LOOP TEAM WINS GAME

Eagle Point, Dec. 16—Eagle Point high school's basketball team defeated Butte Falls 26 to 11 at Butte Falls in a pre-season game Thursday night.

Eagle Point was enjoying an 18 to 3 bulge at halftime. Wolgamott of the winners was high point man for the game with 10 counters. Conley led the losers with four.

Butte Falls' second team won from Eagle Point seconds 11 to 8 in two overtime periods. The score was tied at 8-8 at the end of the regular playing time.

GAS SALES DROP
Sacramento, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—An upward trend in gasoline consumption indicated by September tax collections was reversed in October, Richard E. Collins, chairman of the board of equalization, reported today.

CALIFORNIA RING BOARD SUSPENDS PAIR OF BOXERS

Converge on Kassa, Rail Center — Lull Comes To Budapest Front.

San Francisco, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—The California state athletic commission, acting to stop a flurry of questionable boxing matches in past months, today suspended Cocoa Kid of New York and Cecil Hudson of Los Angeles for six months and recommended a criminal investigation of gambling activity.

Cocoa Kid, a 31-year-old veteran of 240 fights whose real name is Luis Hardwick, was suspended for the maximum time allowable and lost his \$800 purse on charges he feigned four knockdowns in a bout here November 24 with Billy Smith of Oakland, Cal.

Hudson, a 23-year-old Negro welterweight managed by former triple champion Henry Armstrong and booked by Armstrong's manager George Moore, also was under a cloud after his bout with Freddie Dixon of Phoenix, Ariz.

The commission hearing brought out the fact that Hudson had been ill with dysentery for several days before the fight, however, and that it was his first bout since being discharged by the army in October.

RACING

Inglewood, Cal., Dec. 16—(U.P.)—Happy Issue, four-year-old filly, today sprinted off with the fifth running of the \$75,000-added Hollywood Gold Cup at Hollywood park galloping the mile and one quarter distance in 2:01 3/5, a new Hollywood park track record.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

GOLFING ARTIST SETS PACE FOR RICHMOND OPEN

Richmond, Cal., Dec. 16—(U.P.)—Slammin' Sammy Sneed, long-driving fairway artist from Hot Springs, Va., moved into undisputed leadership in the \$7,500 Richmond Open Golf tournament here today, firing a two-under-par 69 for the second consecutive day as the nation's ranking professionals went on a par-shattering binge.

Sneed, fresh out of the navy and recent winner of the Portland open, had a 208 total for the 54 holes of play during the first three days of the tournament, but was only one stroke better than Charles Congdon, Tacoma, Washington, who fired a hot 67 today, just one stroke over the course record, for a 209.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Philadelphia, and Leonard Ott, Denver, Colo., led the assault on Host Professional Pat Markovich's record competitive mark of 66 posted in 1939, McSpaden pairing a 33-31 for 64 and Ott a 33-32 for 65.

The Jug's score was seven strokes below par 71 for the 6,209 yard layout and boosted the Philadelphia from a tie for 19th yesterday to third place today, with a total 210.

Mahogany trees cut by marines in the Pacific area had to be pulled down by tractors after being cut. Jungle growth held them up.

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