

# Waterfield Sparks Rams To Pro Football Crown

Cleveland, O., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Professional football's most valuable contract—a three-year claim on the services of Bob Waterfield—went into the safe of the Cleveland Rams today, while his champion team disbanded for the season.

Waterfield did everything but heat bricks for the feet of 32,148 spectators who sat in near-zero weather to watch the Rams battle through to a 15 to 14 victory over the Washington Redskins in the National League playoff. He threw two touchdown passes, kicked one conversion, called his plays perfectly, and on at least two occasions came up with defensive plays which averted Washington touchdowns.

**Rams Get Breaks**

But the Rams still needed two big breaks to win their first league championship. Sammy Baugh, trying to pass from behind his own goal in the first period, hit the goal-post for an automatic safety and two points for Cleveland, and in the second

period Waterfield's conversion was partially blocked, hit the crossbar—and bounced over.

Cleveland needed those three points, because Frank Filchock of the Redskins matched Waterfield's two touchdown passes, and Joe Aguirre kicked both conversions.

Washington tried 2 desperate field goals in the last quarter, but Aguirre wasn't even close.

**Waterfield Pay High**

Immediately after the game Reeves announced that Waterfield had signed for three years at a salary which would make him "the highest paid football player in the world." It was believed the figure was near \$20,000 a year.

The crowd paid a record \$164,542, and each Ram will get \$1,489. The losers' share was \$902 per man.

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—The Cleveland Rams, who yesterday won the National Professional football league championship, will appear in Los Angeles coliseum against the Washington Redskins next Sept. 6, it was learned today.

Both teams are expected to do their summer training in the west, with the Redskins already booked for training in southern California.

# NELSON POCKETS FIRST MONEY IN FT. WORTH OPEN

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Byron Nelson pocketed \$2,000 first money today for his victory in the Fort Worth open, but he said the pleasure of winning the tournament yesterday on the course where he started as a caddy was worth even more.

Nelson's victory, coming after a two-month rest, was a decisive eight-stroke triumph over a star field, which scattered today for Christmas holidays at home before resuming the winter circuit at Los Angeles Jan. 4-7.

Nelson carded an 11-under-par 273, and his rounds included a Glen Garden course record 65, six under par. Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Sanford, Me., tied this record on his final round yesterday to pull into third place with 282, one stroke behind second-place Jimmy Demaret of Houston.

Playing in near-freezing temperatures and against a high wind, Nelson coasted to victory after taking a nine-stroke lead at the end of Sunday's morning round, on which he carded a 66, and finished the final 18 holes with a one-under-par 70.

# Wedemeyer Lands Place On Writers' All-American Team

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Four members of Army's undefeated team were named to the All-American team selected by the Football Writers Association of America, it was announced today by Bert McGrane, secretary.

Felix (Doc) Blanchard, storming fullback of the West Point team, was the front man in the player parade of 1945, in the opinion of the nation's football writers. The hard-running cadet polled 96.6 per cent of the vote, 114 of the 120 writers from coast to coast selecting him on the All-American. It was the highest percentage of the total vote ever accorded a player by the football writers.

**Davis Polls 110**

Blanchard's bid for individual supremacy was challenged only by two of his teammates, Glenn Davis, high scoring halfback, who polled 110, and Dewitt Coulter, tackle, 106. The other Army man selected was John Green, guard.

Players from eight schools earned places on the writers All-American, with army placing four, Navy, Indiana, Ohio State, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Oklahoma A & M and St. Mary's one each.

There were three repeaters, Bob Fenimore of Oklahoma A & M, Davis and Blanchard of Army having been selected on the 1944 football writers All-American.

**Personnel**

First team: Dick Duden, Navy, and Bob Ravensberg, Indiana, ends; Dewitt Coulter, Army, and George Savitsky, Penn, tackles; Warren Amling, Ohio State, and John Green, Army, guards; Vaughn Mancha, Alabama, center; and Herman Wedemeyer, St. Mary's, Bob Fenimore, Oklahoma A & M, Glenn Davis, Army, and Felix (Doc) Blanchard, Army, backfield.

Second team: Hubert Bechtel, Texas, and Max Morris, Northwestern, ends; Albert Nemetz, Army, and Tom Hughes, Purdue, tackles; John Mastrangelo, Notre Dame, and James Carrington, Navy, guards; Richard Scott, Navy, center; and Harry Gilmer, Alabama, Pete Pihos, Indiana, Frank Danciewicz, Notre Dame, Ollie Cline, Ohio State, backfield.

# OREGON HOOPERS TO PLAY LIU IN MADISON SQUARE

New York, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—The college basketball spotlight shifted today to the midwest, where at least two major teams were sure to suffer their first blot Saturday as four unbeaten five clash—Purdue vs. Notre Dame and Indiana vs. Michigan.

Other midwestern highlights were Friday's Oregon State-DePaul game at Chicago and Iowa's opening game in defense of its big 10 crown against Illinois.

New York university, only unbeaten metropolitan team, plays Rochester Saturday in half of the Madison Square Garden doubleheader. Ohio university meets St. John's in the other game.

Undefeated DePaul, a top contender for national honors since its defeat of Oklahoma A. & M., trampled Indiana State by a 74 to 56 score in winning the DePaul Invitational last Saturday. Washington trimmed Oregon, 44 to 41, in the consolation game.

Oregon moves to New York to play Long Island university at Madison Square Garden Wednesday as part of a doubleheader which also matches City College and Oklahoma. Oregon comes back to the midwest Saturday to play Ohio State at Columbus.

Monday, Dec. 17, 1945 MEDFORD MAIL-TRIBUNE—THREE

### Blue Cross Offers Reenrollment To Inducted Members

Portland—Many hundreds of Oregon men and women in the armed forces may take up their status in the Blue Cross hospitalization plan where they left it on induction, Frank Dickson of the Oregon Blue Cross office announced yesterday.

To obtain credit for previous membership in the Blue Cross plan, a veteran must enroll within 90 days of his discharge, it was stressed.

If the veteran is married, he may also enroll his wife and dependent children for Blue Cross protection at the same time.

The new enrollment may be taken care of by the employment group at the place where the veteran goes to work, or it may be done at the headquarters of the Northwest Hospital Service Plan, Terminal Sales Building, Portland, Oregon.

Tokyo, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Japan has an estimated 46,000 bales of raw silk on hand and will have about 157,000 available for export in December, 1947, the first of a series of Japanese industry reports released by the allied high command disclosed today.

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**Bric-A-Brac Sold For Top Price On California Record**

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Bric-A-Brac, fleet footed son of War Admiral, today had two new owners who bought him for \$50,000, the highest price ever paid for a race horse in California.

Horse Dealer Walter E. Wilkes, and Trainer Tom Taylor paid the record price to Sam Freeman and George Church for Bric-A-Brac, which won the \$50,000 San Juan Capistrano handicap at Santa Anita last summer. The horse already had paid his former owners \$60,000 in purses this year.

Wilkes, just out of the navy, and Taylor, who trained such speed kings as Victorian, Head Play and Can't Wait, were worrying today over the possibility that they could not get a nomination for Bric-A-Brac in the Santa Anita handicap March 9. The horse has no stall at Santa Anita and the nomination may be refused, they said.

**Cornbelt League To Open In 1947**

Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Opening of the proposed cornbelt Class C baseball league will be postponed until 1947 in the hope that it can begin with eight strong teams, league sponsors said today.

Representatives of baseball clubs at Moline, Ill., Hannibal, Mo., and Clinton and Keokuk, Ia., announced the postponement at the conclusion of a meeting here last night.

**NEGRO TOPS WEEK'S PRIZE RING PROGRAM**

New York, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Billy Fox, sensational young negro light heavyweight who has registered 35 consecutive knockouts, receives his first major test tonight against Georgie Kochan of Akron, O., at Philadelphia in a 10-round bout that features this week's National boxing schedule.

According to an ancient Chinese superstition, swallowing the eyeballs of night-dwelling animals would improve one's sight.

**POINTERS FACE GOLD HILL FIVE**

Central Point, Dec. 17.—Gunning for their initial prep win of the season, the local high school cagers meet Gold Hill here at 4 p. m. tomorrow.

Although Coach Boner is still experimenting to uncover his best combination, Bill Saxbury and Del Hartman, forwards, Bob Kincaid, center, and Tom Colley and Don Holland, guards, will probably be called upon to open the fracas. Others slated to see action are Jim Colley, Mel Anhorn, and Harj Anders.

The tilt is the third of the season for the Pointers who lost to Jacksonville and downed the Camp White navy five in games last week.

**FIRST FIDDLE SIGNED**

Arcadia, Calif., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—First Fiddle, greatest money winning horse now in training, will be a definite starter in the \$25,000 added San Carlos handicap on New Year's day, it was announced today.

**BOSTON BRUINS THIRD IN ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE**

By United Press

Boston's Bruins moved past Detroit into third place in the National hockey league last night by tying Toronto, 3 to 3, while Chicago was beating Detroit, 6 to 4.

Montreal held its lead in easy fashion, coasting to a 4 to 2 victory over last-place New York.

**10,000 VETS DUE**

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Ten thousand veterans were due to arrive in Los Angeles harbor today, adding to the 5,000 forced to stay aboard their ships last night for lack of handling facilities ashore. The battleship West Virginia with 1,000 men aboard, the cruiser Minneapolis with 1,000, two troopships with a total of 3,500, and 16 other ships were expected to add to the horde that had already stalled the army's facilities for moving the men to their homes.

**Herb Parks Chosen As Thursday Night Foe For Gray Mask**

Herb Parks, Canadian lightweight champion and one of the cleverest grapplers ever to step through the ropes of the Medford armory wrestling ring, has been signed by Promoter Mack Lillard to face the Gray Mask in the lower half of a double main event Thursday night.

The program will be topped by the return engagement between Pete Belcastro and Rough Rufus Jones, who put on a torrid match last week before Belcastro lost on a foul when he refused to relinquish his deadly surfbroard hold. Lillard said a new referee will be signed at Belcastro's insistence.

Angelo Martinelli and Ben Sherman have been rematched at the request of fans for the 8:30 opener.

**Scoring Barrage Downs Eagles In Coast Hockey By United Press**

The New Westminster, B. C., Royals downed the Portland Eagles 4-3 in a Pacific Coast ice hockey league contest last night that saw all the scoring in the final 15 minutes of the third period.

In other league games, the Seattle Ironmen defeated the Vancouver Canucks 4-3 and the San Diego Skyhawks outscored the San Francisco Shamrocks 3-2 in a triple-overtime contest.

Trailing 1-3 with only 10 minutes remaining in the game, the Royals shoved three successive goals through Portland goalie Doug Webb to win their 14th game in 22 starts. It was Portland's fifth consecutive defeat.

**Daily Weather Report**

FORECASTS

Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with morning fog. Colder tonight.

Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with morning fog in valleys of west portion. Colder tonight southwest portion. Gentle to moderate southeast winds off coast.

LOCAL DATA

Temperature a year ago today: Highest 49; Lowest 28.

Total monthly precipitation 1.06 inches.

Deficiency for the month 4.3 inches. Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 8.12 inches.

Excess for the season 2.23 inches. Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 83%; 4:30 today 98%.

Tomorrow

Sunrise 7:34 a. m. Sunset 4:42 p. m. Observations Taken At 4:30 A. M. 129 Meridian Time.

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| Havre             | 07 | 17 |
| Los Angeles       | 71 | 40 |
| Medford           | 44 | 31 |
| New York          | 27 | 12 |
| Omaha             | 50 | 2  |
| Phoenix           | 63 | 27 |
| Portland          | 31 | 20 |
| Reno              | 38 | 27 |
| Roseburg          | 30 | 41 |
| Salt Lake         | 32 | 16 |
| San Francisco     | 53 | 40 |
| Seattle           | 38 | 31 |
| Spokane           | 22 | 21 |
| Washington, D. C. | 28 | 16 |
| Yakima            | 27 | 23 |

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p. m.

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