

Duke Plans Surprise For Sooners at Bowl

Editors note: This is the eighth of 10 dispatches on the football bowl teams. The dispatches will cover the teams in the Gator, Orange, Rose, Sugar and Cotton Bowls.

By WILLIAM A. SHIRES Durham, N.C. — Duke, taking a leaf from Notre Dame's notebook, figures its success in the Orange Bowl against Oklahoma depends upon effort extraordinary, plus conditioning. Coach Bill Murray believes his squad will be mentally prepared for a maximum effort. The Blue Devils usually have fared well against major opponents during Murray's coaching regime.

Conditioning has been stressed in Duke preparations for the New Year's Day game. And it has been costly in the way of injuries.

Rugged Practice Brings Injuries Murray admits trouble in keeping his first three units intact because of injuries in rugged practices. A major blow was the loss of guard Phil Scuderi, playing on the No. 1 unit in place of ailing All-Conference guard Ray Hord. During the regular season Duke lost second-unit Carol Jamison.

Tackle Tom Topping, another All-Conference player, returned

to practice Thursday for the first time since the Clemson game in November.

Injuries hit as many as five starters, but all except Scuderi are expected to be ready.

Sunshine Drills Friday Duke begins practice in the sunshine at Miami Friday and Murray's plans are to keep the accent on conditioning right up until game time. Against Oklahoma's speed, Murray figures it is essential to alternate fresh units frequently and hopes to have three units of almost equal strength.

"We must count on our players being at a peak of conditioning, Murray explained. He concedes Oklahoma has an edge in team speed.

Duke is known as a team that features raw power — team of brawn which likes to beat down an opponent by brute strength. Murray contends that Notre Dame beat Oklahoma "just by knocking them down," and he adds, "that's the way you have to do it."

What, if any, innovations for the Blue Devils' split-T have been installed during practice is something which Murray declines to disclose. There are reports of some new plays. Murray does say Oklahoma "has less variety than we do" and they "just beat you at football."

SPORTS

Beavers Tip Indiana in 6th Victory

Bloomington, Ind. — Oregon State defeated Indiana 62-51 Monday night for its sixth basketball victory against one defeat so far this season.

The victory gave Coach Slats Gill's Beavers an even split on their two-game western invasion. They lost to Iowa in overtime Saturday.

Oregon State, paced by Ken Nanson, put on a strong second half drive to win from Indiana. The score was tied at 31-all at the half and Indiana twice went into three-point leads early in the second half.

But Nanson and the Beavers took over and pulled out to a safe lead.

Nanson had 26 points while Dave Gambee, OSC's scoring ace, was held to 10. Lee Harman also got 10 for OSC. Archie Dees, the big Indiana center, scored 23 points.

Casper Planning To Rest Before Entering Tourney

Chino, Calif. — Billy Casper Jr. settled back Tuesday for a rest from the tourney circuit until the Los Angeles Open gets under way Jan. 2 after pocketing \$1,000 top money in the Pomona Valley Open golf contest.

Although Casper didn't need the money, since he has picked up nearly \$50,000 this year, he said he played in the Pomona Valley event to keep his "competitive edge."

"I won't play again until the Los Angeles Open," he said.

OREGON HOLDS TUNE-UP

Los Angeles — Oregon's Monday preparations for its Rose Bowl football game with Ohio State included a 20-minute scrimmage which featured the running of fullback Jack Morris and halfback Charlie Tourville. Harry Mondale, guard and co-captain, has a cold and spent the day in his room.

CLOSE BOWL SCORES

Dallas, Tex. — With Navy and Rice preparing for their Jan. 1 football game in Dallas, it's interesting to note that in the 21 previous Cotton Bowl contests, there's a difference of only 1.6 points between the average scores of the host and visiting teams.

LIONS DRAW CROWDS

Detroit — The Detroit Lions played before 618,253 spectators during their 12 regular season games this year for an average of 51,521 per game.

WVU INVITED

Lexington, Ky. — West Virginia University, which won Kentucky's Invitation basketball tournament last weekend, today was invited to defend its championship in the 1938 renewal of the event. Ohio State already has accepted an invitation to play in next year's tournament.

GROZA HOLDS RECORD

Cleveland, Ohio — Lou Groza of the Cleveland Browns takes a National Football League record of scoring in 71 straight games into Sunday's title game with the Detroit Lions.



A MOST HAPPY FELLOW—Welterweight Gale Kerwin of Valley Stream, N. Y., does a cartwheel in ring after winning a split decision over Jimmy Archer of the Bronx in their 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden in New York.

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Sport Parade



By OSCAR FRALEY Sports Writer United Press

New York — Seattle, Dayton and California had the big city blues today as they stepped fearfully into Madison Square garden to prep for the Holiday Basketball festival.

"It's an old, old story to the teams from out in the country. They get one look at the vastness of Madison Square garden and sure-fire All-Americans from the other side of the Alleghenies develop two hands full of thumbs.

Then, too, there's that confounded brand of eastern basketball which is patterned after professional play.

A Sure All-American Before you credit this to New York provincialism, listen to Johnny Castellani of Seattle. The little man from the Pacific Northwest has a sure-pop All-American in big Elgin Baylor but even so he isn't expecting any belated Christmas gifts Thursday.

"They play a different type of basketball here," Johnny, a former Notre Dame assistant, complained as he looked forward to facing a field which includes such pro-type teams as Pitt, Temple, NYU, Manhattan and Connecticut.

"In the east they use the give-and-go a great deal," he said. "Out in the west we don't meet this type of offense, so why should I stress defense against it when we only see it a couple of times a year?"

Basketball beyond the east is almost exclusively the fast break plus a pattern-type attack. Eastern coaches sneer at some of these offenses and prefer the fast-breaking improvisation plus the give-and-go pick-off which the kids absorb from the pros.

One Reason for Loss This was one of the reasons why St. Bonaventure was able to beat Seattle — and Elgin Baylor — in the National Invitation Tournament last season. The six-foot, six-inch Seattle star sobbed afterwards that it was one of his poorest performances.

TRIO IMPRESS CURTICE

Stanford, Calif. — Gerald Nesbitt of Arkansas, Jim Shofner of Texas Christian and Joe Francis of Oregon State impressed Coach Jack Curtice of the West squad Monday in a workout for Saturday's clash with the East in the Shrine football game. Nesbitt and Shofner did some good punting. Francis, a tailback in Oregon State's single wing offense, is working as a T-formation quarterback.

FLU KAYOS PACE

Santa Clara, Calif. — The East's hopes of defeating the West in Saturday's Shrine All-Star football game sank today because Jim Pace, star back from Michigan, is in the Santa Clara Infirmary with an attack of flu. "The outlook isn't too bright. We haven't been able to field a complete team yet for practice because of illness," said Penn State's Rip Engle, the East coach.

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