

1931 Sport Champions Crowned

Athletic Leaders Ranked in Every Major Sport Will Rest Peacefully Until Next Year's Title Assault

By JOE PIGNEY
World without end; sport-champians without end—Sixty-three champions in this closing year of 1931 will sleep the old year out with the comforting knowledge of athletic success. The world glitters with crowns, and the underdog ranks are sullen and rebellious, eagerly awaiting the coming of 1932 to prepare the inevitable assault upon the glories of the old year victors.

In Klamath Falls, wrestling, because of its turmoil and abuse, will see the columns of champions for familiar names. "Champions," "ex-champions," and "potential champions," I venture to say, have squirmed on the Legion hall mat than in any other arena of similar size.

But glancing over the heavy-weight claimants for 1932, we, at least, are amazed to see the absence of the champion of all champions, Roy C. Anderson, holder of more self-termed records in traveling, preaching, wrestling and scholarship than most other inhabitants of this globe.

Jim London, Strangler Lewis and Henri DeGlane have been listed the outstanding grapplers for 1932. And that, too, becomes baffling, for Anderson, in a telegram to Bill Elliott, ex-promoter, declared he was to wrestle the Strangler in San Francisco several weeks ago. If Roy took on Lewis it most positive Lewis could not have been crowned along with London and DeGlane—speaking from Anderson's point of view via telegram—for Roy easily would have pinned the broad shoulders of the highly publicized Lewis.

Boxing champions count for little in Klamath Falls, for most of the boys showing here in the last year made no far-fetched assertions toward world championships. But despite Klamath Falls' lack of contributions, a champion was set up in every division but the middle weight class. Max Schmeling, Germany, leads the pugilistic profession at the top of the heavyweights; Maxie Rosenbloom, light-heavy; Lou Brouillard, welterweight; Tony Canzoneri, lightweight; K. Battalino, featherweight; Al Browne, bantamweight; and Midget Wolgast and Young Perez, flyweight.

Football, following a sturdy boost from Leslie Arvitt and Al Sinclair, Klamath coaches, ranked high in Klamath Falls interest. On outside gridirons, Tulane, undefeated and untied in 1931—Tulane's loss to Southern California will be a 1932 event—won the national championship hands down. Other collegiate football champions were Pittsburgh, Eastern, Tulane, Southern, Notre Dame, Middle West, Northwestern, Purdue and Michigan, tied for the Big Ten; Southern Methodist, Southwestern; Southern California, Pacific Coast, and Green Bay Packers, professional.

A magnificent 1931 baseball year can't be forgotten or submerged by a football season. St. Louis won the title in its own National league and then rocked Philadelphia, American league winner, for the world title.

Other outstanding diamond leaders were San Francisco, Pacific Coast; Rochester, International; St. Paul, American Association; Houston, Texas; Birmingham, Southern. Unfortunately no ski champions have been listed for 1932, but perhaps the skaters in the Empire region would be interested in knowing Carl Shaefer, Vienna, and Miss Sonja Henie, Norway, were favorites in ice performance. The Montreal Canadiens, taking the Stanley cup, scaled the pinnacle of hockey excellency.

There are many golfers and tennis players in Klamath Falls who want to be re-assured of their champions. Francis O'Neil, Boston, won the National Amateur, and Billy Burke, Greenwich, Conn., the National Open. Ellsworth Vines, Pasadena, outwitted his rivals for the United States amateur title. France retained the Davis cup after Great Britain had fought its way through the challenge rounds. William T. Tilden, the most sensational player in recent tennis history, clung to his phenomenal title without opposition.

Sun Beau was the best horse in 1931—the best horse because he brought in an all-time money winning record. You must remember—how could you forget—1931 was a difficult financial year, but Sun Beau knew no depression.

Oh, there were many other champions, but they will be forgotten with the winds of yesterday. Joe Waterman, Portland, promoter, sends the following telegram, and adds cheer to the future of the boxing and wrestling game here: Joe Pigney, Sporting Editor, Herald and News: "Just heard of the appointment of Herb Owen as boxing promoter in your city and wish to congratulate Klamath

Dry Gridiron for Rose Bowl Game in Prospect

TROY FAVORED TO CONQUER BY 2 TOUCHDOWNS

By PAUL ZIMMERMAN
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 29. (AP)—Prospects for a dry gridiron on New Year's day at the Rose Bowl lightened the hearts of Tulane and the University of Southern California football squads today.

Although official weather reports called for showers today, a promise of clearing skies was made for Wednesday, and there was indication that the storm had run its course.

The Rose tournament game-site, although below the level of surrounding ground, is well drained and the sod is firm. With two days of sunshine the Greensward probably will be firm and fast attendants said.

May Hamper Troy Coach Howard Jones of the Trojans admits that a muddy gridiron would confine his team to its power driving offense, making a diversified attack almost impossible. He thinks perhaps it would handicap the green wave as well.

On the other hand, Dr. Wilbur C. Smith, Tulane athletic director, expressed the opinion that the Greens' chances should in no wise be altered by heavy going. Coach Bernie Bierman, given to a pessimistic outlook, was non-committal.

The green wave followers willingly point out that Don Zimmerman, the chief forward passer, has shown a marked ability at throwing a wet ball handily in games during the past season as substantiation of Dr. Smith's contention.

Trojans Favored Local sentiment continues to prevail that rain or shine, the Trojans should win by a couple of touchdowns at least, regardless of the invaders' record of only one defeat in two seasons.

There has been considerable comment to the effect that Tulane's style of defense with a six-man line, is made to order for the crushing Trojan power assault. No team employing such a defense has effectively stopped Southern California this season except California.

Coach Bierman has refused to comment on his plans for the game but the six-man line has been in vogue throughout the past year.

The Greens will drill inside today if Transamerica Park field does not dry off sufficiently. Coach Jones hoped to put his proteges through an outdoor workout if possible as the Trojans did not get into action yesterday. Players of both teams are reported in good condition.

Weather Clears FOR GRID WORK
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28. (UP)—For the second time since they arrived here last Tuesday, the eastern all-American and outstanding western stars who clash here Friday in the annual charity football game had favorable weather for long workouts today.

The west team held its first scrimmage and benefited by a two-hour workout in Memorial stadium at Berkeley.

The easterners moved outside at Stanford university in Palo Alto and continued to build its offensive around the line bucking of Hinkle of Bucknell and Russell of Northwestern and the passes by Morton of Dartmouth.

Pelican Hoopers Will Meet Bend
The Klamath Pelican basketball team will return from its vacation next week to prepare for one of its most severe tests of the season against Bend at Bend, in a two-game series, January 8 and 9. The Lava Bears, going strong with a team of veterans, have been placed in the same state district as the Pelicans, and outcome of these two games probably will indicate the strength of the two outstanding championship contenders.

Lions Will View Walker's Pictures
Pictures taken by Luke Walker on his trip around the world last year, will be shown before the Lions club at the Tuesday luncheon at the Hotel Willard.

Chairman Leslie Peyton has arranged a series of novelties and numbers to augment the program, including songs by the "Main quartet."

Falls boxing followers for getting in Owen one of the best promoters and showmen on the Pacific coast. Herb is a square shooter and very popular with boxers and managers. Happy New Year.
JOE WATERMAN, Portland, Oregon.

BRUSHING UP SPORTS . . . By Laufer



THISTLEWAITE QUILTS COACH POST

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 28. (AP)—Glenn Thistlewaite, head football coach at the University of Wisconsin since 1927, followed in the football steps of Athletic Director George Little by resigning his post.

The resignation of the coach was made public after an executive meeting of the athletic council last night. The council accepted the resignations, and voted to recommend their acceptance to President Glenn Frank and the board of regents. Director Little presented his resignation December 14.

Although Coach Thistlewaite had denied on several occasions an intention to resign, it was expected that the adverse criticism to which he has been subjected would result in the choosing of a new coach for next year.

The athletic council made no announcement as to the successors of Mr. Little and Coach Thistlewaite.

Jacobs Reported Slightly Better
Louis Jacobs, well known Klamath Falls resident and property owner, was reported slightly better Monday night by authorities at the Hillside hospital where he is a patient. His condition, however, was still very weak. Only relatives are permitted to see Mr. Jacobs, who has been confined to the hospital since December 19.

Fire Destroys 2 Oil derricks
LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 29. (UP)—Fire destroyed two oil derricks and storage tanks on congested Signal hill last night, at an estimated loss of \$25,000.

Efforts of firemen from Signal hill and Long Beach prevented the flames from spreading to other derricks, which are situated so close together that from a distance they appear like a forest.

U. C. WINS
BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 29. (UP)—The University of California basketball team defeated the Athens club of Oakland, 38 to 28, last night in a listless game.

Meehan Says Football Needs No Defense; Talks to Coaches

By ALAN GOULD
(Associated Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (AP)—College football coaches from all parts of the United States, in session to take annual stock of the gridiron sport, were greeted today by the declaration of their retiring president, John F. (Chick) Meehan, that "the game needs no defense."

Meehan's statement, voicing the views of a big proportion of his associates, was accepted as the opening shot in a move by the coaches to check unthinking attacks or over-zealous attempts to alter football rules because of the extraordinary number of deaths from gridiron accidents in 1931.

None of the coaches sought to minimize the gravity in a situation that has cost the lives of 48 youths. At the time they were not prepared to recommend any radical changes in the rules. Stricter enforcement of some of the existing regulations, especially with reference to use of hands, was regarded by most coaches as the vital factor.

Meehan took the leadership today in an attempt to bring several controversial subjects out into the open. In his farewell presidential address, prepared for delivery at the opening session of the American football coaches association, Meehan expressed himself strongly in favor of spring training.

"Possibly one way to lessen the injuries and reduce the number of fatalities," he said, "is to be fair with the boys themselves and to allow the coach more time to teach his squad more thoroughly the fundamentals of the game. A boy should be allowed to enjoy reasonable spring practice."

"We, as coaches, realize that the education of the youth is paramount. In our respective institutions, our teams comply with both the entrance and eligibility requirements. Therefore, the responsibility of a football program rests with the institution itself."

"The game needs no defense and the game's value to the American youth will assert itself more than ever in the years to come."

Fale will furnish the coaches' association's next chief executive, Dr. Marvin A. Stevens, head coach of the Elis, headed the slate to succeed Meehan.

Southern Section of Country Never Defeated at Rose Bowl
By GEORGE H. BEALE
PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 29. (UP)—The responsibility of carrying on the record of a section of the country that never has been beaten in a Tournament of Roses football clash will rest with Tulane when the Green Wave goes against Southern California here Friday.

Four times in the past Dixie eleven came to the Rose bowl on New Year's day and three times they defeated their Pacific coast opponent while one game ended in a tie.

Alabama First
Alabama was the first visitor from the old south and won a thrilling contest, 20 to 19, from Washington university in 1928. It returned in 1927, to its Stanford, 7 to 7, and again in 1931 to wallop Washington State, 24 to 0.

The only other south-west contest was in 1929, when Captain-elect Roy Rogers of California ran the wrong way at Rose bowl to contribute greatly to Georgia Tech's 8 to 7 conquest of his own team.

JACK KEARNS OPPOSED TO MIAMI BOUT

CHICAGO, Dec. 29. (UP)—The world's heavyweight championship bout between Max Schmeling of Germany and Mickey Walker of New Jersey will not be held in Miami, Fla., in February if Jack Kearns, Walker's manager, can prevent it.

Kearns told the United Press today that the Schmeling-Walker bout should be held in Chicago or Los Angeles and that Madison Square Corporation would have to agree to two conditions before he permitted the challenger to meet the German champion in Miami.

No Money
"I don't consider Miami the place for the fight because it won't draw any money there," said Kearns. "If they think Walker is going to Florida and fight for anything they want to give him they're crazy. Before I'll agree to a Walker-Schmeling bout at Miami the Garden must do two things:

"1. Guarantee that the bout will take place and will be for the world's heavyweight title.
"2. Give Walker what I consider a proper guarantee and percentage."

"The reason why I am so anxious that the Garden guarantee the fight will be for the world's title is that Florida has a law against championship boxing matches and I won't permit Walker to meet Schmeling unless the title is at stake."

Confers With N. B. A.
"The match will draw \$400,000 indoors in Chicago, and as much in Los Angeles, and I am not going to be bullied into a non-title bout which won't draw any money in Florida."

Kearns conferred today with General John V. Cline, president of the National Boxing association, and was assured that the N. B. A. will stand behind Walker as the leading contender.

Jan. 3 Limit
Schmeling has until January 3 to sign to defend his title under the N. B. A. rule that all champions must defend their championships every six months.

Unless Schmeling posts a forfeit as evidence of his good faith or signs a contract by January 4, the date of expiration falling on Sunday, giving him an additional day, the N. B. A. will withdraw its recognition of the German titleholder. The New York commission never has recognized Schmeling as champion.

There is every indication that Chicago will get the Schmeling-Walker match, and that it will be held in the Chicago stadium for the benefit of the governor's unemployment fund in March.

Schnur's Brother Awarded Honors

James F. Schnur, brother of Paul Schnur, Klamath Falls, has been awarded the soldier's medal for heroism. Schnur, army sergeant enlisted from Bend, rescued a boy from drowning in the midlands near Amador in the canal zone.

keep its own Rose bowl record clear.
The record of Tournament of Roses games follows:
1916—Washington State, 14; Brown, 6.
1917—Oregon, 14; Pennsylvania, 6.
1921—California, 28; Ohio State, 9.
1923—Southern California, 14; Penn State, 3.
1928—Stanford, 7; Pitt, 6.
1930—Southern California, 47; Pitt, 14.

Won by coast opponents:
1920—Harvard, 7; Oregon, 6.
1925—Yotre Dame, 27; Stanford, 10.
1926—Alabama, 20; Washington, 19.
1929—Georgia Tech, 8; California, 7.
1931—Alabama, 24; Washington State, 0.

Contests that ended in a tie:
1922—California, 0; W. & J., 0.
1924—Washington, 10; Navy, 14.
1927—Stanford, 7; Alabama, 7.

O. S. C. Basket Team Defeats Olympic Club

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29. (UP)—The Oregon State college basketball team finished fast last night to beat Olympic club of San Francisco, 23 to 18.

The Clubmen had led at half time, 15 to 11, and it was not until the last few minutes of the game that the Northerners caught up.

The winning points were made by Pagano, whose free throws after a personal foul were perfect. Pagano and Lewis were stars of the visitors. Lohr and Shuppert were outstanding players for the club.

Oregon State, defeated by California, 27 to 22, in the first game of its bay region invasion, goes against University of San Francisco tomorrow night.

BIRD 'CAFETERIAS' FAVORED BY STATE

SALEM, Ore., (UP)—Establishment of "winter cafeterias" for game birds during the snow periods of December, January and February, is recommended by the state fish and game commission.

"Unless thousands of farmers and sportsmen consider game birds as an auxiliary crop, we never shall have more than a fraction of all forms of wild life that should be produced in the state," said the commission.

"Winter feeding of game birds is one phase of taking care of the auxiliary crop. Obviously it is a waste of money to stock areas of farmland and then let the birds starve during heavy sleet or storms."

Sportsmen's clubs, boy scout troops and others, joining with farmers in a statewide program to provide meals for game birds would fill a definite need, it was said.

DEMPSEY TO FIGHT CARNERA AT RENO

RENO, Dec. 29. (UP)—Jack Dempsey will fight Primo Carnera in Reno on July 4.

Plans are being laid today by Reno sportsmen to be offered tomorrow night to Leonard Sacks, Dempsey's manager.

Sacks will be offered \$100,000 to sign a contract for Dempsey to fight Carnera, and a large percentage of the gate receipts. It is taken as a foregone conclusion that Carnera will accept the fight in as much as he has been given a chance to get into the "big money" for the first time.

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SOLUTION TO CRIME FOUND IN ATHLETES

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (UP)—Sports may solve the crime problem, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, New York clergyman, told the Sportsmanship Brotherhood in its annual meeting Monday.

"The solution of the crime problem, after all," Dr. Fosdick said, "is the solution of the boy problem."

"We know most of America's criminals come from certain sections of certain cities. We allow these sections to exist as they are. It we changed them by providing wholesome sports for the boys we would eliminate many potential gangsters and racketeers."

Golden Rule Stressed
Sports, Dr. Fosdick said, provide a natural diversion for all people and urged them especially for the underprivileged. He stressed the belief that the "golden rule is the best state-ment of sportsmanship," and pointed out that sportsmanship is essentially a matter of imagination—the ability to put oneself in the other fellow's place.

Among the notables present were Matthew M. Wolf, president of the brotherhood and vice president of the American Federation of Labor; Devereux Milburn, international polo player; Fielding H. Yost, University of Michigan athletic director; Major Philip M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, U. S. military academy.

Blaine Reports
James G. Blaine, the New York banker and treasurer of the Owen D. Young committee on football for unemployment relief, reported the project was known to have raised more than \$675,000. Nearly twice that amount was estimated to have been gained, he said, from college games alone, with an unestimated amount having been derived from secondary schools.

The brotherhood meeting was the second event in a week of sessions devoted to sports generally and football in particular. The first was the meeting of the Eastern association of football officials which was opened yesterday and concluded today.

Bostonian Best Figure-Skater

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (UP)—Miss Maribel Vinson of Boston won the women's national figure-skating championship Monday and secured herself a place on the United States Olympic team. It was announced last night.

Roger F. Turner, also of Boston, won the men's championship and also won an Olympic berth.

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