

# Fordham Loss to Pitt Biggest Sports Surprise of 1941 Year

By ORLO ROBERTSON  
NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Fordham's Rams were rolling along on the wave of five straight football victories. The Pittsburgh Panthers had received as many consecutive setbacks. Then came Nov. 8, a gloomy day indeed for the Rams, for the scoreboard read: Pittsburgh 13, Fordham 0.

Fordham snapped back to win its two remaining games and receive a bid to the Sugar bowl while Pittsburgh went on to take two of its three other games. But the result of that November 8 game goes down in the books as the biggest surprise of 1941.

Only the Texas football Longhorns offered the Panthers any serious opposition in the opinion

of the 84 sports writers participating in the Associated Press poll. The Panthers rolled up 144 votes, 114 of which came from 38 first place tallies on the basis of three for first, two for second and one for third.

The Longhorns, a surprise winning, tying or losing, received 16 first place votes and a total of 94 points. Some of the writers just called Texas the surprise of the year, others mentioned the Longhorns 7-7 tie with Baylor, their 14-7 defeat at the hands of Texas Christian and the 71-7 victory over Oregon in the final game of the season.

Billy Conn had Joe Louis on the run for 12 rounds in their June title fight and then lost to the brown bomber in the thirteenth. For that gallant

# Looking Up-Down at a Star



Testing racquet before exhibition match in Atlanta—world's shortest and tallest tennis stars, five-foot four-inch Blay Grant, left, and six-foot seven-inch George Lyttleton-Rogers, Irish champion.

# Nation's Top Cagers Touring During Tinsel, Mistletoe Time

By HAROLD CLAASSEN  
NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—This is the period of tinsel, holly wreaths, mistletoe—and traveling basketball teams.

Sam Barry's Hoosier-flavored Southern California squad leaves today for a cross country junket that winds up Saturday night in a meeting with Long Island university. From the southwest comes Rice, the Rocky mountain area contributes Colorado and Wyoming to the commuters, while Oregon State and Washington also head east.

Cornell is all set for a holiday

trip to the midwest, California entertains a barnstorming Missouri quintet tonight, Utah charges into the plains country, and Bradley Tech repays the compliment by visiting the mountains.

All in all, the coming two weeks will be ones of time-tables, field goals and free throws for various college students while their non-athletic brethren are at home absorbing mother's cooking.

On the west coast either Oregon State or Washington is expected to replace Washington

State while in the Southwest conference Rice and Arkansas are favored for the title the Razorbacks held undisputedly a year ago. In the east Dartmouth seems headed for its fifth straight Ivy league flag. Long Island, Rhode Island State and City college of New York are other eastern powerhouses.

Iowa State, defending co-champion, looms as the Big Six titlist with Oklahoma and Kansas always in the running. Tennessee, as long as it has Bernie Mehlen, is the choice in the western circuit.

# OREGON SPORTS NOTES

By FRED HAMPSON  
Associated Press Staff Writer

The dismissal of Coach Jimmy Phelan by the University of Washington has elicited a variety of comment from Oregon and Washington sports writers. Perhaps one of the most revealing is that of Al Stump of the Vancouver Columbian, a recent Washington undergraduate and a friend of dozens of past and present Washington players.

Sex At:  
"This corner has said again and again that the cold reserve Jimmy Phelan threw up between himself and his hired-and-gridders is the fundamental reason Washington teams haven't performed up to actual strength—and the reason now why J. P. is out in the cold.

"Cold-Blooded"

"Phelan chose to view Husky football as a cold-blooded business proposition, ignoring the human element. Here is what a couple of squad members said: Elmer Berg, qb: 'Personally I thought Jim's football was sound and that he knew his stuff. . . . If there was any weakness it was the failure of the coaching staff to get close to the men. . . . There was just a bit of coolness which made me of us wonder.' An unnamed '41 varsity regular: 'There was something lacking. . . . which I believe was complete cooperation between coaches and players. . . . Maybe that was not Jim's fault, but I feel if we had had a closer understanding we would have won more games.'

# Sandlot Tourney On Defense Theme

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 22 (AP)—Ray Dumont, president of the National Semi-Pro Baseball congress and a member of the sports advisory board of civilian defense, will run the 1942 sandlot tournament on a defense theme.

The winner will get \$7500 in defense bonds. Entry fees will be paid in defense stamps. The admission charge will be in defense stamps.

MARTINOVICH TOPS  
NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Phil Martinovich of the New York Americans is pro football's leading field-goal kicker for 1942. American league records show that his nine field goals

this season beat by three Clark Hinkle's total for the Green Bay Packers in the National league. Martinovich's longest boot, 44 yards, was a yard better than Hinkle's best.

# BOND PAYMENT

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 20 (AP)—Owners of winning thoroughbreds will be paid in defense bonds, instead of cash, by Tropical park this year.

In the process, winners of first money in day-to-day races will get a bonus—a \$750 bond where the cash winnings would be \$700.

Payment in bonds will be optional with the winners, but track officials believe most of them will go along with the idea.

# BEVOS GET HURLER

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 22 (UP)—Bill Ulrich, owner of the Spokane Indians of the Western International league, Saturday sold Bob Kinnaman, 23-year-old pitcher, to Portland's Pacific Coast League Baseball club for an undisclosed sum.

Kinnaman, a former Washington State college athlete, began his professional career in 1939 with Twin Falls of the pioneer circuit.

# GRID PRACTICE

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22 (AP)—Coach Biff Jones of Nebraska and his western team pulled into New Orleans today and plan to begin practice Tuesday for the Shriners' all-star game January 3. The east all-stars got in their first good practice under Coach Andy Kerr of Colgate at Biloxi, Miss., yesterday. Passing combinations featured Bill Dudley of Virginia to Bob Westfall of Michigan and Bruce Smith of Minnesota to John Rokisky of Duquesne.

# GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. 22 (AP)—Six United States tennis players arrived during the night for a series of matches Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with players of this nation.

The United States party is made up of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cooke, Dorothy Bundy, Katherine Winthrop, Don McNeill and Jack Cramer.

# Government Ban Causes Big Spend Spree for Sportsmen

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (UP)—Metropolitan golf and tennis enthusiasts indulged in an unprecedented buying spree today, following publication of new rubber - restriction orders that may cause virtual extinction of the pellets they pound on fairways and court.

While addicts swarmed through downtown stores purchasing golf and tennis balls, sports officials, shop keepers and sporting goods manufacturers were generally agreed the two pastimes faced the greatest ball shortage in history.

At Chicago, for example, L. B. Ieely, president of the Wilson Sporting Goods company, said, "It stands to reason that if the ban on civilian use of rubber remains in effect it will result in the utter cessation of golf and tennis, two of the main sports enjoyed by the average American."

Although major league baseballs have rubber cores, the horsehide sphere received little attention, since Ed Barrow, president of the New York Yankees, pointed out recently



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### Tenpin Topics

By John Foster (Bowling Editor)

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Ross	158 202 212 270
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Hickman	174 172 155 488
Strong	182 178 181 408
Handicap	49 49 49 147
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Driscoll	181 191 185 583
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Hayley	179 154 181 504
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Handicap	105 104 105 313
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Southern Pacific	
Patzaga	130 130 135 533

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### BLACKOUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—St. Johns college of Brooklyn is all prepared. The huge shatter-proof windows in its fieldhouse are being stained so that if a blackout is ordered while a basketball game is in progress, the athletic contest may proceed without interruption.

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