



GAME LOSS

The sudden tragic death of Art Thrash, for the past two years secretary of the Klamath Sportsmen's association, is a blow to outdoor lovers of the area.

No more earnest nor devoted worker in the cause of the sportsmen could be found among the membership of the association. Art Thrash by his loyalty to the organization and his constant advocacy of sports perpetuation through game management earned the respect and admiration of all Klamath anglers and nimrods.

His passing will be felt by all sportsmen.

Klamath sports activities, blacked out not by war but by the brighter lights of holiday gaiety, resume next week on three fronts.

Bowling, halted Wednesday and Thursday nights, was to begin again Friday night. There'll be no kneeling next Thursday, New Year's day, however.

Commercial and Church league basketball will re-start Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Next tilt for Dutch French's surging Klamath Pelicans will be January 2 against Grants Pass on the valley floor.

Meantime Joe Spectator has a chance. Continued cold weather should afford ice skating this weekend and skiing, which annually bounced upward after the holidays, is expected to increase Sunday.

PARDON, PLEASE

In the excitement of blackout and basketball Friday night, Dec. 12, this department overlooked mention of the Willard hotel's gracious gesture in entertaining the entire 1941 Klamath Pelican football team at a banquet that evening.

It was staged by Gene Larson in the Willard blue room.

CASUALTY

Sleepy Jim Crowley of Fordham's Sugar Bowl Rams, sees a war-caused decline facing eastern football teams for the duration. Midwestern elevens, with bigger squads which can better stand Uncle Sam's shoulder-tap, will dominate the national grid picture, James avers.

He pointed out that a dozen of his players had already signed up with the navy air corps and were awaiting call. Several others are within draft age.

"That makes a big difference in a squad of 40," he went on. "It looks like this year is our last near the top for a while."

"We'll have football but some of us will be hurt."

Midwest schools, Sleepy Jim said, have squads of 80 or more and can afford to lose a few players. "Notre Dame should still be outstanding. They can call out 250 good football players."

The far west, he asserted, has several large institutions and with many gridders but the military situation is uncertain.

If war conditions become so tense as compel nightly blackouts west of the Cascades in Southern Oregon, you can look for either an entire home state for the KUHS Pelicans or a switchover to day games for valley teams.

TEBBETTS STUDIES

DURHAM, N. H.—Birdie Tebbetts, Detroit catcher, is taking an agricultural course at the University of New Hampshire.

Confidence Prevails As Duke, OSC Resume Drill

Stiner, Chaves Refuse to Accept Underdog Role for 'Tobacco' Tilt

By FRANK B. GILBRETH

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 26 (AP)—A rosy confidence prevailed at the two Rose bowl football camps today as Duke and Oregon State players tucked away their Christmas presents and resumed drills for the transplanted classic to be played here before 55,000 fans on New Year's day.

Although twice beaten Oregon State is on the short end of 2-to-1 odds in Durham, both Coach Lon Stiner and Captain Martin Chaves refuse to accept the underdog role.

Kerr Finds 21 Kickers On East I I

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26 (AP)—There are liable to be a lot of footballs kicked between the goal posts when the eastern and western All-Stars meet January 3, but one thing is certain—four bowl outfits plan to be here for the occasion.

Coach Andy Kerr of the eastern aggregation has learned that he has 21 place-kickers on his squad, while one of the other two members is a drop-kicker. Fordham and Missouri, which clash in the New Year's day Sugar Bowl here, will remain for the charity event, shifted from California.

Coach Kerr discovered the kicking talent on his squad during a practice session when 21 gridiron greats stepped up and booted the ball between the uprights, one after another. Jim Daniell, Ohio State tackle, told him he preferred drop-kicking. Both of the All-Star squads and the Fordham and Missouri Sugar Bowlers buckle down to hard work again today after a letup for Christmas celebrations.

Really, Fellas, It's a Golf Tournament

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 (AP)—The program proclaims it the Woodland Hills open golf tournament. But just take a gander at these entries:

Charley Corbett, Jackie Westrop and Buddy Haas, jockeys. Jerry Priddy, Newt Kimball and Wally Berger, baseball stars. Ernie Nevers, Aubrey Devine and Marsh Duffield, former ace football players. Mickey Rooney of the films and orchestra leader, Bob Crosby.

There actually will be some golfers shooting for the \$1000 prize money, however. They include Denny Shute, Harry Cooper, Jimmy Thomson, Olin Dutra, Fay Coleman and Willie Hunter.

The tourney, a tuneup for the \$10,000 Los Angeles open Jan. 9-12, starts today.

NO INTERFERENCE LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 26 (AP)—Commodore Emerson Spear is taking no chances on enemy submarines interfering with the annual midwinter yacht regatta next February.

The 16-mile course for the races will be plotted inside the Los Angeles harbor breakwater protected by steel submarine nets.

The event usually is run in the channel outside the breakwater.

MEADE'S MOLARS MEND MIAMI—Don Meade, the nation's leading jockey, underwent an extensive dental operation, but it is reported that he has recovered and will be seen under silks at Tropical Park.

Ivy for East-West Game



War changes direction as Ivy leaguers move south for East-West game in New Orleans Sugar bowl, January 3. Left to right are Bill Geyer of Colgate, All-American Endicott Peabody II of Harvard, John Welsh of Pennsylvania and Thornley Wood of Columbia. The game was transferred from San Francisco due to war conditions.

Grid Scoring Jump Voted Biggest Sports Trend of Year in AP Poll

By ORLO ROBERTSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—A year ago the football fathers wrote into the code book two new rules, both designed to step up scoring and answer the offense's call for help.

The two rules, one calling for unlimited substitutions and the other permitting fourth down passes inside the 20-yard line without danger of the ball going back to 20 if the aerial was incomplete, served their purpose well. In fact they did it so well that the increase in scoring in college football was considered the outstanding trend of the year by sports writers participating in The Associated Press poll.

No fewer than 15 writers considered the rise of the offense over the defense as the most important development of 1941 while other phases of the gridiron sport also came in for strong consideration to give football dominance over all other sports. Ten writers considered the swing to the T-formation, brought to the front in 1940 by Stanford, Chicago Bears and Boston College, as the most important trend.

Six pointed out the greater interest in professional football, especially in the mid-west, and four the leveling off of college football power as shown by the few unbeaten major schools.

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.



NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Say, what sport season is this, anyway? . . . We've become toughened to football running up to New Year's day and basketball reaching a mid-season peak for the holidays, but now we find tennis crowding in while the ski meisters are complaining about the lack of snow . . . Folks hereabouts have been uncertain about the drawing power of Bobby Riggs and Frank Kovacs, who make their pro debut at the Garden tonight, but the way Alexis Thompson has worked things out the tour may make money.

Lex bought up more than \$8000 worth of seats for tonight's show, including all the \$7.70 duets, to sell to his friends . . . As for the possibility that the boys will make a deal among themselves that would spoil his play-for-percentage idea, all Thompson would say was: "After all you can't tell what one horse says to another in the starting gate. All I can do is wave that stuff in front of them."

TODAY'S GUEST STAR Gene Korzelius, Buffalo Evening News: "Pittsburgh Field club has an escalator taking the players from the 17th green to the 18th tee. More than one club should provide such a lift from the 18th hole to the locker room."

POSTMAN'S PARAGRAPH G. H. Miller of Salina, Kas., wants to know what does a ball player have to do to be the most valuable in the American league besides being the first player since Rogers Hornsby to bat over .400, take most of the other important batting marks and break up the all-star game. He asks the same question in connection with the most outstanding athlete of 1941 . . . Seems the second question should answer the first . . . The guys who compared candidates DiMaggio and Williams in person picked Joe on the basis of those things that don't show in the figures . . . Don't forget that Joe's batting streak was the spark that set off the Yanks' world championship conflagration.

BIRTHDAY SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 26 (AP)—Flying Ebony, surprise winner of the 1925 Kentucky derby, will be 20 years old January 1. Horsemen at the Charles E. Perkins Alisal ranch are planning a birthday party for him. To Jan. 1, 1941, Flying Ebony's registered foals had won 956 races worth \$908,168.

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Old Santa Claus Decks Out Holiday Sports Map

By JACK CUDDY

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP)—Good old Santa certainly decked the holiday sports tree with a lavish hand.

Starting tomorrow with the re-opening of the New Orleans fair grounds racetrack—after a year's lapse—the holiday program includes a flock of post-season football classics (college and professional); banner basketball contests, professional tennis, track and field, the usual ice hockey, and preparations for a world heavyweight title bout.

Football will command most interest, with its slate of eight important encounters headed by the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl extravaganzas. These two classics and three other bowl games will be staged on New Year's day.

The Rose Bowl collision between Oregon State, Pacific coast champion, and Duke, king of the southeastern conference, will attract unprecedented interest because of its war-caused shift from Pasadena, Calif., cradle of bowl games, to Durham, N. C., Duke's hometown. Approximately 55,000 fans will attend. Duke will be a heavy favorite.

Many experts believe that the best game will be staged in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, where the powerful Fordham Rams tangle with formidable Missouri. More than 73,000 are expected.

The other bowl games match Georgia and Texas Christian in the Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla.; Alabama and the Texas Aggies in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Tex., and Tulsa and Texas Tech in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas.

Meanwhile, on Saturday, the annual tilt between all-star collegiate teams of the north and south will be held at Montgomery, Ala., and the next Saturday, Jan. 3, finds the annual Shrine game—usually staged at San Francisco—at New Orleans, with western all-star collegians tackling eastern all-stars.

The professionals, too, have a post-season game, with the mighty Chicago Bears, champion of the National Football league, facing a team of all-stars collected from other clubs in the league at the New York Polo grounds on Sunday, Jan. 4. This game also was shifted from Los Angeles at the request of U. S. army officers.

The Santa Anita, Calif., race track, scheduled to open Dec. 31, still hopes to get its meeting under way on Jan. 15, although permission from the army has yet to be obtained. However, the Gee-Gees will be galloping at the New Orleans fair grounds and at Miami's Tropical park . . .

More Night Games ST. LOUIS—Donald Barnes, president of the Browns, still hopes to get 14 night games.

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McCormick Tops N. L. 1941 First Sackers

Frey Paces Second Basemen, Cooney Best Outfielder in Senior Circuit

By PAUL SCHEFFELS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP)—It was back in 1932 that Frank McCormick, then a husky young man from New York City, received a letter from Bill Terry who had just taken over John McGraw's spot as manager of the Giants. It said in part: "If you have a good job, keep it and forget about baseball." But Frank, then only 19, ignored Terry's advice so completely that official averages released today classified him as the National league's leading first baseman for the third straight year.

McCormick, who was chosen as the most valuable player in the league in 1940, turned in a fielding percentage of .995 for 154 games. He made 1484 put-outs and accepted 1564 chances. He committed only eight errors. He led in '40 with .995 and in '39 with .986. Johnny Mize of St. Louis finished second, one point lower.

It was a close race among the second basemen, with Lonnie Frey of the Reds nosing out Burgess Whitehead of New York for top honors. Frey registered .989B in 145 games and Whitehead, .989S in 104 games.

Merrill May of Philadelphia ran away with third-basing laurels, finishing at the top with an average of .972 in 140 contests. Jimmy Brown of St. Louis bagged second place with .965 in 123 games.

Youthful Eddie Miller of Boston for the second consecutive year set the pace for the shortstops in 154 games with an average of .966. Billy Jurgea, Giants, turned in a mark of .957 for 134 contests.

The veteran Johnny Cooney, who finished second in the batting race, topped the outfielders with a .996 average for 111 games. Dom Dallessandro of Chicago and Terry Moore of St. Louis came next with .987 and .984 respectively.

Ray Berres of Boston led the catchers with .9952 to the 9949 of Brooklyn's Mickey Owen. Twenty-eight pitchers fielded 1,000 with the leader's spot going to Max Baader of Pittsburgh with 65 chances.

Georgia Bulldogs Head for Bowl

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 26 (AP)—Led by Head Coach Wallace Butts, 45 members of the University of Georgia's Bulldogs rode toward Miami today for their New Year's day engagement with Texas Christian university in the Orange bowl.

They planned an immediate workout after arrival of their special train here in the afternoon.

The Georgians are relying heavily upon All-America Half-back Frankie Sinkwich, Wing-back Lamar Davis and Fullback Ken Kuper in their battle with the Texans.

Portland Day Ski Race Organized

PORTLAND, Dec. 26 (UP)—A program was being organized today for the Portland day ski trail race to be held January 4 on Mt. Hood, between timberline and Government camp.

Second major event on the winter's sports program, the race was designed for the novice skier as well as the expert.

Location of the race will be determined by the depth and condition of the snow.

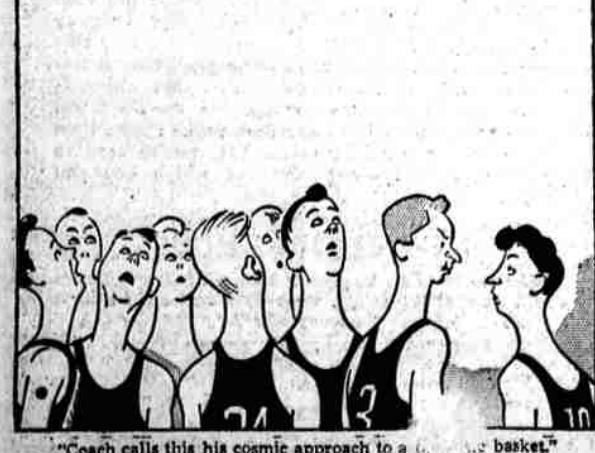
EVANSTON — Bobby Jake, Northwestern's sophomore basketball forward, holds the Wisconsin junior and senior tennis singles championships. He went to the final in the national junior doubles.



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