

GAME LOSS

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

No more earnest nor devoted orker in the cause of the sports men could be found among the membership of the association. Art Thrash by his loyalty to the organization and his constant adcation of sports perpetuation through game management earnd the respect and admiration of all Klamath anglers and nim-

His passing will be felt by all

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

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

Commercial and Church lea-gue 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 an-nually bounced upward after the holidays, is expected to increase

PARDON, PLEASE

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

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

CASUALTY

Sleepy Jim Crowley of Ford-am's Sugar Bowl Rams, sees a war-caused decline facing east-ern football teams for, the duraion. Midwestern elevens, with bigger squads which can better stand Uncle Sam's shoulder-tap, will dominate the national grid cture, 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 play-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 black-

outs west of the Cascades in Southern Oregon, you can look for either an entire home slate for the KUHS Pelicans or a switchover to day games for val-

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

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.

Confidence Prevails As

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

State players tucked away their Christmas presents and resumed for the transplanted classic to be played here before 55,000 fans on New Year's day.

2-to-1 odds in Durham, both Coach Lon Stiner and Captain Martin Chaves refuse to accept the underdog role.

"I don't know anything about

Kerr Finds 21 Kickers On East 11

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26 (A) 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

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 dur-ing a practice session when 21 gridiron greats stepped up and booted the ball between the up-rights, 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.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28 (P) —The program proclaims it the Woodland Hills open golf tournament. But just take a gander at these entries:

Charley Corbett, Jackie Westrope and Buddy Hass, 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 There actually will be some golfers shooting for the \$1000 prise money, however. They

priss 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. \$-12, starts today.

NO INTERFERENCE LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 26

P Commodore Emerson Spear s taking no chances on enemy submarines interfering with the annual midwinter yacht regatta next February.

races will be plotted inside the Los Angeles harbor breakwater protected by steel submarine

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

MEADE'S MOLARS MEND MIAMI-Don Meade, the na-

Magic Carpetbagger

Duke, OSC Resume Drill

By FRANK B. GILBRETH
DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 26 (P)—A rosy confidence prevailed
at the two Rose bowl football camps today as Duke and Oregon

Although twice beaten Oregon State is on the short end of

Duke's team, but I do know something about my boys," said Stiner. "Nobody managed to score more than two touchdowns against us in 1941 and we don't intend to start the new year on the wrong foot."

Chaves, who will enter the

U. S. air corps shortly after the game, was even more outspoken. 'Pushover?'

"We feel," he said, "that a lot of people around here are going to be mighty surprised. Ever since we hit North Carolina last Wednesday, people have been telling us about how tough Duke is supposed to be.

"All right—so they talk. But what are we supposed to be? Pushovers? We've met tough teams before and we were tough.

teams before and we were tough er than most of them.

"We figure Duke has a fine team. So have we. We figure Duke is going to have to play eleven men at a time-not su permen. We'll have eleven guys in there, too."

Serious Practice

The Beavers were entertained here yesterday at a Christmas party at which they received gifts of North Carolina products They seemed rested from their long trip from the west coast. Stiner said, "we'll get down

to serious practice today After a five-day holiday, Duke also will return to the practice grind with all men in top shape cept Moffat Storer, a member who runs the 100-yard dash in less than 10 seconds, has an in-jured knee which may keep him out of the game.

Coach Wallace Wade of Duke isn't doing much talking, but Captain Bob Barnett, Blue Devil center, said, "We're not cocky; we're just confident."

Oregon **Sports Notes**

By FRED HAMPSON Associated Press Staff Writer

As Harry Leeding sets forth the Oregon Journal, it will not set well with the football people if the Santa Anita racing meet is permitted by the mili-tary which cancelled the Rose bowl and Shrine hospital games. And at current writings it looks as though the horse crowd

will get their race meet-which draw daily crowds comparable those of either of the blacked out football games. Leeding wonders if a little pressure might not have been

applied on behalf of the nags because of the fact that California cuts in for three per cent of the Anita handle, which isn't hay in any sense of the word and be worth a little extra airraid danger.

Leeding calls attention, how-ever, to Lt.-Gen. John DeWitt's explanation that the Anita races can go on if by January 15, or

now at George Washington university, told George Bertz of the Oregon Journal that Duke's opponents during the past foot-ball season were of pretty low

Bertz talked with the former Webfoot basketball chieftain at Washington, D. C., when the Rose bowl (at Durham) bound OSC team stopped over for a

The opposition upon which Duke waxed fat could not have held its head up in the Pacific Coast conference, said Reinhart. He doesn't think most of

Duke's rivals could have beaten Idaho or Montana. By infer-ence, he opines that OSC prob-ably could have mopped up on them too and emerged from the season without defeat or tie and

with a flossy scoring record.
"The two real strong teams the Blue Devils played this year were Colgate and Tennessee," said Reinhart, "and neither of among the top elevens of the south this season. Colgate had them on the short end of the score for a long time. They caught Pitt before that team started clicking."

MORE NIGHT GAMES ST. LOUIS—Donald Barnes, president of the Browns, still hopes to get 14 night games.

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Ivy for East-West Game



War changes direction as Ivy leaguers move south for East-West game in New Orleans Sugar Harvard. John Welsh of Pennsylvania and Thornley Wood of Columbia. The game was trans-

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

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (47)—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 colfootball was considered the Also mentioned were such foot-

sidered the rise of the offense ter; quieting of demands for reover the defense as the most important development of 1941 while other phases of the gridiron sport also came in for faster game as the result of the strong consideration to give foot- new rules; more good backs; inball dominance over all other sports. Ten writers considered the swing to the T-formation, the bench via the new sub-stitubrought to the front in 1940 by

Six pointed out the greater and offensive interest in professional football, cline of Pacific Coast football especially in the mid-west, and and increased interest despite it; four the leveling off of college rise of southern teams and good football power as shown by the showings of Big Nine and south-few unbeaten major schools. west elevens.

portant trend.

sports writers participating in The Associated Press poll.

Also mentioned were such football trends as, general increase in attendance; the Syracuse Y-No fewer than 15 writers con- formation with its reverse cenforms in conduct of the sport; accuracy of passing and more aerials in college competition; creased interest in night games; coaches master minding from tion rule; steady decline of field Stanford, Chicago Bears and goals, especially drop kicking. Boston College, as the most imuse of more power plays to score; development of defensive

Old Santa Claus Decks Out Holiday Sports Map

By JACK CUDDY the holiday sports tree with a also was shifted from Lor lavish hand. geles at the request of

Starting tomorrow with the army officers. opening of the New Orleans fair grounds racetrack-after a year's lapse—the holiday pro-gram includes a flock of postseason football classics (college professional); banner bas ketball 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 mportant encounters headed b the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl extravaganzas. These two classics and three other bowl games will be staged on New Year's

The Rose Bowl collision beween Oregon State, Pacific coast champion, and Duke, king tween of the southeastern conference. 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 Aggles in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Tex., and Tulsa and Texas Tech in the Sun Bowl at El Paso,

Meanwhile, on Saturday, the legiate teams of the north and south will be held at Montgomery, Ala., and the next Satur-day, Pan. 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 collect.

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ed from other clubs in the league NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP)— at the New York Polo grounds Good old Santa certainly decked on Sunday, Jan. 4. This game geles at the request of U. S.

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 .

North, South **Gridders Practice**

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 26 (P) — Brief, sharpening-up drills were arranged today for northern and southern gridders here for the annual Blue-Gray match tomorrow.

An outbreak of colds has been any other date, the situation is alleviated.

Coach Bill Reinhart, late of the University of Oregon but now at George Washington uni-Approximately 55,000 fans will John Hallabrin of Ohio State, Seems the second cattend. Duke will be a heavy are expected to be in shape by should answer the first. game time, however.
The squads completed heavy

workouts Wednesday.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 26 (/P)-Jockey Eddie Arcaro got a swell Christmas present, but inside the

wrapping was a great big "If."
"This is Ben A. Jones, Eddie,"
said the voice on long distance "We want you to come out to ride Whirlaway in the \$100,000 Santa Anita on March 7. Can you make it?"

'Sure, I'll be there," Arcaro replied.

The "If" is that racing men may not be successful in their efforts to get the turf program, already cancelled, approved by defense officials in California this winter. Arcaro rode Whirlaway to victory in the Kentucks derby, the Pimlico Preakness and the Belmont stakes.





NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP) Say, what sport season is this, . We've become anyway? . toughened to football running up to New Year's day and basketball reaching a mid-season peak for the holidays, but now with a .996 average for 111 we find tennis crowding in while the ski meisters are complaining about the lack of snow St. Louis came next with .987 plaining about the lack of snow

... Folks hereabouts have been uncertain about the drawing catchers with .9952 to the .9949 . . Folks hereabouts have been power of Bobby Riggs and of Brooklyn's Mickey Owen. Frank Kovacs, who make their pro debut at the Garden to hught, but the way Alexis Thompson has worked things burgh with 65 chances. out the tour may make money Lex bought up more than \$8000 worth of seats for tonight's show, including all the \$7.70 ducats, to sell to his friends . . . As for the possibility that

the boys will make a deal among themselves that would spoil his play-tor-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

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 19th hole to the locker

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 the second question

guys who compared candidates DiMeggio and Williams in per 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 confiagra-

BIRTHDAY

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. Dec. 26. (P)—Flying Ebony, surprise winner of the 1925 Ken-tucky derby, will be 20 years old January 1.

Horsemen at the Charles E.

Perkins Alisal ranch are planregistered foals had won 956 races worth \$908,168.



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CAL-ORE



December 26, 1941

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 McGrmick, then a husky young man from New York City, re-ceived 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 chosens as the most valuable player in the league in 1940, turned in a fielding percentage of .995 for 154 games. He made 1464 put-outs and accepted 1564 chances. He committed only eight errors. He led in '40 with .995 and in Gold Trail St. Louis finished second, one point lower.

nie Frey of the Reds nosing out for top honors. Frey registered .9698 in 145 games and White. head. .9895 in 104

in 123 games Youthful Eddie Miller of Bos-

ton for the second consecutive ised them \$100,000 for the tour year set the pace for the short and there is no doubt about his stops in 154 games with an av- ability to pay. Billy Jurges, Giants, turned in a mark of 957 for 134 contests.

The veteran Johnny Cooney,

who finished second in the batting race, topped the outfielders and .984 respectively.

Georgia Bulldogs Head for Bowl

MIAMI, Fia., Dec. 26 (P) -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.

special train here in the after-

The Georgians are relying heavily upon All-America Halfback Frankie Sinkwich, back Lamar Davis and Fullback Ken Keuper in their battle with

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 timber-

line 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.

determined by the depth and condition of the snow. EVANSTON - Bobby Jake, Northwestern's sophomore basketball forward, holds the Wis-consin junior and senior tennis singles championships. He went to the final in the national junior doubles.

Set Out on

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (47)-It was a close race among four strictly professional tennis the second basemen, with Lon-players and an amateur promoter will set out tonight to prospect

head, .9695 in 104 games.

Merrill May of Philadelphis ran away with third-basing fred Perry, Bobby Riggs and laurels, finishing at the top with an average of .972 in 140 contests. Jimmy Brown of St. Louis tests. Jimmy Brown of St. Louis wealthy young New York sports bagged second place with .965 man who operates a thriving drug business and a major league pro football club, has prom Thompson may come out with

profit, too. He insists he went into the think to make money and he has arranged a schedule on which it seems that it will he hard to lose much.

There aren't any long trips between exhibitions and in most of the 80 cities where the troup will perform between now and next May Thompson will collect guarantees that run well above

Big Seven Conference

DENVER, Dec. 26 (47) ---mountain-spanning Big Seven Athletics conference was look ing for a new name today, minus the company of its largest col-lector of gate receipts, Denver

university. They planned an immediate Harry Carlson, dean of men workout after arrival of their and athletics director of Colorado university, indicated after the metropolitan school's surprise withdrawal that the con-ference will continue operations

Wing. as a six-team league.

Illiback He said the six, Colorado, le with Utah, Brigham Young, Wyoming, Colorado State and Utah State, would confer shortly to determ ine the conference's attitude to

ward Denver's exit. Denver plans to play its 1942 conference football schedule, but next year's basketball agenda has not been approved.

A beverage similar to the Argentine's "mate" is yielded by the leaves of the yaupon shrub on the North Carolina coast.





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