

Bowl Practice Grinds End as Year Fades; Stiner, Wade Both Confident of Durham Victory

Tobacco Capital Jammed

55,000 Will Watch Duke Classic; Score Binge Eyed in Other Contests

By FRANK B. GILBRETH
DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 31 (AP)—The Rose bowl practice grind is gone with 1941. Now riding with the New Year's fates are the hopes of a middle-aged coach climbing toward the top, and of a battle-scarred veteran fighting to stay up there.

For Lon Stiner, who is only 38 years old, the Rose bowl game will be an opportunity of a lifetime. He is one of the youngest coaches ever to produce a Rose bowl team, and if his underdog Oregon State squad should beat the undefeated and untied Ducks, Lon would emerge as one of the nation's greatest football tacticians.

The game tomorrow will be an old story for Wallace Wade of Duke. The 49-year-old mentor has coached four other Rose bowl teams, and he also played in the bowl when he was a guard at Brown in 1916. Bookies here think his 1941 Ducks will win by two touchdowns.

Limbering up drills will be held this afternoon by the rival squads, but the sweat of actual preparation ended yesterday. Both clubs are in good condition. Both coaches are confident. There will be no alibis.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31 (AP)—Fordham wound up training today for its Sugar bowl engagement with Missouri—and the largest items in Jim Crowley's duffle bag were sharp words of warning.

The Fordham coach applied them generously to his able but easy-going squad, telling the boys bluntly:

"Don't think you can be blasé just because you live in New York. These country boys from Missouri are playing for keeps. They'll give you a football lesson down there in the Sugar bowl if you don't watch out."

DALLAS, Dec. 31 (AP)—Tomorrow's Cotton bowl game between the Pass-Happy Texas Aggies and Alabama's rippling Crimson Tide appears to have simmered down to the question of the last team with the ball.

High scoring games are like that and the coaches and critics are pretty well agreed that it will be a battle of touchdowns—and many.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 31 (AP)—A western welcome was on tap today for the Golden Hurricane of Tulsa university, champions of the Missouri Valley conference who meet Texas Tech in the Sun bowl tomorrow.

A posse of Rancheros—gun-totin' horsemen who lend a hand to the sheriff's office in a pinch—planned elaborate "Howdy, Gents" ceremonies for Coach Henry Frnka's squad. The Red Raiders, Border conference host team in the bowl, arrived yesterday.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 31 (AP)—It's not making touchdowns, but keeping the other fellow from scoring too many, that worries the Orange bowl football teams on the eve of their big game.

Both Texas Christian and Georgia pack mighty wallop, and a touchdown parade seems in store tomorrow for the sell-out crowd of 35,000 unless the rival coaches have figured out a good way to parry.

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Outstanding Job



Buck Hammer, in his first year as the Klamath high Pelicans' football pilot, led the Bigbills to eight victories against only one defeat. The record of Hammer and the Pelicans was No. 1 in the Big Ten sports developments of the year.

Big Ten Sports Developments of 1941

1. Klamath high Pelicans win eight, lose one—to Medford, 32-21—as Buck Hammer takes grid helm.
2. Pelican baseball team organized in State league, finishes second in each half-season play.
3. Oregon State Men's and Women's Bowling congress held in Klamath Falls.
4. Klamath high Pelicans reach State basketball tourney, lose in quarter-finals to Salem, 37-26.
5. Klamath Jockey club holds successful eight-day June racing meeting.
6. Merrill high school wins Klamath county "B" league basketball and football championships.
7. Crater Lake Ski club completes well rounded slate of competitive activity.
8. Izaak Walton league holds successful second annual Klamath Basin sports show.
9. Francis Olds of Klamath Falls named to State Game commission.
10. Abortive attempt made to promote boxing at armory; McShain wins coast mat title, later loses it to Chick.

KC Tips Tik Tok, 36-21; Bankers Nip Dorris, 28-25

Four top commercial teams met Tuesday night on the high school floor and the winning teams of each event just slipped by with the skin of their teeth.

In the first hoop go, which got underway at 7 p. m., the First National bank quintet finished the evening with a mere three-point lead over their out-of-town opponents, Dorris. At the end of the session they led 28 to 25.

In the second and final game the tall Knights of Columbus eked out a close win over the Tik Tok lads, 36 to 31.

The first rugged game was

Bowl Game Facts

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—Facts concerning the various bowl games, with 1941 records in parenthesis, probable attendance, starting times (PST) and broadcast:

Rose Bowl at Durham, N. C. Duke (9-0) vs. Oregon State (7-2); 55,000; 11 a. m.; NBC (Red network).

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans: Fordham (7-1) vs. Missouri (8-1); 73,000; 11:15 a. m. NBC (Blue network).

Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla. Georgia (8-1-1) vs. Texas Christian (7-2-1); 35,000; 11 a. m.; CBS.

Cotton Bowl at Dallas: Alabama (8-2) vs. Texas Aggies (9-1); 40,000; 11 a. m.; Mutual Broadcasting system.

Sun Bowl at El Paso: Texas Tech (9-1) vs. Tulsa (7-2); 15,000; 1 p. m.; KTSM and KROD of El Paso, KTUL of Tulsa and KFYO of Lubbock.

All-Star game at New Orleans, January 3: East vs. West; 50,000; noon; Mutual Broadcasting Co.

By GEORGE KIRKSEY
New Orleans, Dec. 31 (UP) Picking the bowl winners: Rose Bowl—Duke 28, Oregon State 7. Sugar Bowl—Missouri 20, Fordham 13. Cotton Bowl—Texas A and M 21, Alabama 10. Orange Bowl—Texas Christian 14, Georgia 13. Sun Bowl—Texas Christian 14, Georgia 13. East-West (Saturday)—West 28, East 21.

Willamette Okays State Cage Meet

SALEM, Dec. 31 (AP)—Willamette university officials agreed yesterday to hold the 23rd annual Oregon state high school basketball tournament here March 11-14, while the high school officers announced there would be no changes in districts unless Portland high schools should enter.

Roy S. Keene, Willamette director of athletics, had said he was not interested, because of criticism directed by some high school coaches against Willamette and the city of Salem. But yesterday, Keene announced that he and the coaches are in complete accord.

Salem high school, as has been the case for many years, will be the host team, and will enter the tournament without having to play in district competition.

KUHS Wildcats Trip Merrill Five, 39-21

Coch Wayne Scott's rapidly-developing Wildcat cagers plastered Merrill, 1941 Klamath County B league champions, 39-21, on the Huskies' court Tuesday night after trailing at the half, 15-12.

Paced by the brilliant shooting of Clyde Hunnicutt, Merrill forward, the host five stayed in front through the first period. In the second half Giovanini and Young found the basket and led the Klamath quintet into a lead which it never lost.

The Klamath frosh whipped the Merrill secondaries, 36-10, in a preliminary tilt.

Wildcat summary:

Wildcats (39)	Pos.	Merrill (21)
Welch, 4	F	Lewis, 4
Young, 12	F	Walker, 4
Patzke, 5	C	Hunnicutt, 8
Giovanini, 12	G	Fotheringham, 1
Metz, 8	G	Snapp, 1

ers led his team in points by dropping 10 counters out of the 25 total. Michaelson and Stover each sunk three field goals for a total of six points.

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Pelican Football Top Sports Development in 1941 'Big Ten'

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Hammer's First-Year Success Deemed Outstanding in Review of Athletic Year

Something new was added to the 1941 Klamath Falls sports parade—and its worth reflected in the top three stories of the Big Ten sports developments of the past year.

A new football coach, a new basketball team, and a new event on the athletic calendar, in that order, topped the annual roundup of 1941 sports events compiled Wednesday by The News and Herald sports department.

Outstanding newsworthy event of the year was the resurgence of the Klamath high school Pelicans toward the top in state-wide football circles under the freshman tutelage of Buck Hammer. The white-locked ex-Oregon Stater, formerly assistant to Arthur "Snowy" Gustafson, took the gridiron helm following Gustafson's call to service with the armed forces and booted the Klamath kids into eight victories against only one defeat.

It was one of the most successful campaigns in Pelican pigskin history.

Single Loss
The single loss came again, as it has to most KUHS teams, in the annual colossal battle with Medford's Tigers. Held this year on Modoc field before nearly 6000 customers, the clash saw the Pelicans score first, slip back to a tie, take the lead twice more before the Tornado roared off with a 32-21 triumph.

The loss was partially avenged later by Ashland's surprising Grizzlies who overturned the touted Tiger, 21-13, leaving the Pelicans, Ashland and Medford in a tie for the Southern Oregon conference title.

Second in importance to the 1941 Pelicans' record was the formation and successful season of the first Klamath baseball team—the Pelicans—in the fast Oregon State semi-pro loop.

.667 Average
Under the management of Red Saunders and Ernie Bishop, the diamond Bigbills slugged together an average of .667 for the year—compiled from 22 victories and 11 defeats against all comers. In state circuit competition the Pelicans won 9 and lost four, finished second to Silverton in the loop's first-half slate and second to Medford in the final portion.

The baseball gentlemen did their playing on Recreation field, most of the time under lights, and looked back on the season as fairly successful from a first-year financial standpoint.

For the first time in the tourney's history, the Oregon State Men's and Women's Bowling congresses were held in Klamath Falls. For three weeks the best of Oregon's gal and boy leggers plastered the maps at the Klamath Recreation and Kern alleys.

From the host town, Eddie Wakeman copped the Booster All-Events title; Klamath Machine and Locomotive took the Booster team crown, Burkeland and Wakeman the Booster doubles, and Eddie's Place the Women's Booster team trophy.

Around the seasonal clock, Klamath bowlers were active as usual as the gals' Ladybug circuit and a normal cluster of men's leagues rolled their continuous winter schedules.

Fourth place in the yearly Big Ten went to the pine-tall 1940-41 KUHS cagers who culminated a successful season by reaching the quarter-finals in the Salem state tournament. They were dropped by the host town's Vikings, 37-

26. The Viks later lost to Astoria in the finals.

For the first time in the history of KUHS basketball a Klamath player was voted to the all-state five when bulky Marion Reginato was named to a forward post. Mainstay of Pelican football, basketball and track teams through three years of competition, Redge later captured the state discus title in the annual meet this year held at Corvallis.

Racing Meeting
Slim Jim Bocchi, Bob Erlanson, Pat Moses and Gene Love completed the quintet which copped the unofficial Southern Oregon championship.

No. 5 in the Big Ten was the second annual horse racing meet at the Klamath county fairgrounds. This year under Klamath Jockey club nomenclature, the meeting was set forward to June and enlarged to an eight-day program covering two weeks.

"Racing under the stars" in balmy summer breezes, the meeting attracted capacity houses every night. Over 200 bangtails from six western states competed during the eight programs. The meet was highlighted by a President's cup and Sheriff's Posse cup handicap.

Sixth place in the 1941 roundup goes to the inspired Merrill high school campaign which netted the Huskies both the 1940-41 County B league basketball crown and the 1941 grid championship.

Pacing the hoopers was Ural Snapp, later destined to become one of Klamath county's outstanding young boxers, Tommy Chatburn, Joe Fotheringham, Jack Fleck and Leo McKoen. The Huskies whipped Chiloquin in the season's finale to tuck away the title.

During the past autumn, the gridiron Huskies under the leadership of Hodges and Moore, went through the season with only one defeat to win the News-Herald cup.

In seventh position was the well-rounded schedule of tournament events completed by the Crater Lake Ski club during the 1940-41 winter season.

Cunningham King
Headlined by Galloping Gordon Cunningham's ascension as the combined downhill and slalom champion, the snow slate included the regular running of

the weekly Silver Slalom stand-race, a junior slalom, a Class B slalom and a cross-country race. Meanwhile Klamath skiers were ranging outside the confines of Crater lake to plaster an Alturas team, place Cecil Drew first in the all-Oregon Class C slalom, and cop places in state Class B competition.

Bend juniors carried off all three places in the Crater lake junior meet but Hank Evans, Chiloquin slat star, captured the langlauf and the Silver Slalom gold cup. Blaine Brattain of Fort Klamath defeated Klamath skiers to win the Class B slalom title.

Prior to the abortive ring attempt, Dangerous Danny McShain copped the Pacific Coast Junior Lightweight Wrestling championship in a ten-week tournament, then later dropped it to Cowboy Dude Chick. Two appearances of Jim Londo, billed as the world's champion, highlighted summer mat activity.

Weyerhaeuser Feat
Other highlights on the 1941 sports calendar were the ascensions of the First National Bank quintet and the Latter Day Saints' five to the tops of the Commercial and Church leagues, respectively; the feat of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company softball nine in winning the Southern Oregon Klamath Falls city title and the Southern Oregon district crown only to be beaten out by Grimshaw Tires of Portland in the state tournament, and the annual staging of the Junior chamber of commerce regatta in mid-July on Upper Klamath lake.

Sports Show Lauded
No. 8 in the Klamath sports parade went to the Izaak Walton league's outstanding Klamath Basin Sports show held early in the fall in the Fairgrounds exhibit building.

It was the second annual wildlife and athletic display attempted by Waltonians and attracted capacity throngs during its hold-over tenure. Featured by an unusual zoo display from Chet Barton's Langell Valley ranch, the show encompassed exhibits by Klamath merchants and service organizations and was highlighted by a continuous floor show.

Olds Named
The show, the only one of its kind in the state, drew exceptionally favorable comment from sportsmen in the area, was deemed an outstanding success by all who attended.

The naming of Francis Olds, veteran Klamath sportsman and advocate of game management, to the Oregon State Game commission, No. 9 on the sports parade, accorded recognition to the vastness and importance of the Klamath area in west coast fishing and hunting circles.

Olds has, since his appointment, been lauded by Oregon sports writers and wildlife lovers as the friend of Joe Sportsmen—the average hunter—in seeking an answer to the problem of public versus private hunting grounds.

In tenth position on the big parade was the attempt to bring boxing back to Klamath Falls, where ring activity once flourished. Beginning in early summer, Promoter Mack Lillard began to intersperse his regular armory wrestling programs with a sprinkling of amateur leather talent. Later he forewent grappling altogether for complete mitt tards.

Sanchez Case
The sport, headed by Urgent Ural Snapp, outstanding Merrill middleweight, seemed headed for a long run when a widely-heralded collision between Murray Britton and Romeo Sanchez, both pro heavies, developed into one of the worst fiascos in the memory of veteran local boxing fans. As a result Sanchez was barred by the Boxing and Wrestling commission and the sport slipped into a decline.

In early fall, boxing and wrestling both were dropped.

An expected increase in draft volume will slice man power available for amateur athletics. Blackouts may force football games into daylight.

But recreation officials will go ahead with recurrent plans as far as possible.

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