

Brownies Voted Biggest Sports Surprise of 1944

Stretch Drive of St. Louis Club Wins AP Poll; Army's Route of Irish Next

By TED MEIER
NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—The feat of the St. Louis Browns in winning their first American league pennant was proclaimed today the biggest sports surprise of 1944 in the annual year-end poll by the Associated Press.



By PAUL HAINES

According to information received by us Tuesday, Big Frank Ramsey, former Klamath Union high school coach now in the marine corps and stationed at El Toro, Calif., has been officially transferred into aviation. At the end of 12 weeks Big Frank will emerge a second flier.

Frank also gives with the information that he is now coaching the El Toro basketball team, one of the strongest service hoop outfits on the west coast.

The El Toro boys play a tough schedule, meeting Southern California, UCLA, St. Mary's Pre-Flight, San Diego Naval Training station and other strong quintets.

Ramsey announced that he had some great talent to work with and that his starting lineup consisted of Hein of Ohio State and Schroeder of Wisconsin at forwards, Evans of Iowa at the pivot slot, and Clay of Colorado and Sigurdson of Pacific Lutheran in Tacoma, Wash., at the guard positions.

Big Frank should gain some valuable coaching experience from guiding the cage destinies of the El Toro hoopers, and we wish him a successful season.

FOR THE RECORD

The other day we ran across a card giving the scores of the traditional Klamath Falls-Medford football games since the annual contests were first inaugurated in 1923. The '44 grid season is, of course, over, but we thought Klamath football fans might find the score interesting for present or future reference. Here they are:

Klamath Medford	Klamath Medford
1923	6 20
1924	0 54
1925	0 21
1926	0 34
1927	0 34
1928	0 32
1929	7 0
1930	0 14
1931	0 6
1932	0 21
1933	0 6
1934	0 20
1935	14 20
1936	3 0
1937	0 0
1938	0 6
1939	0 0
1940	14 16
1941	21 32
1942	32 0
1943	40 7
1944	0 21

In a total of 22 tilts played to date, the Black Tornado has rolled up 428 points against 137 scored by the Pelicans. The K-men have failed to tally in 14 out of the 22 games played, while Medford has been held scoreless only five times.

Of the 22 battles fought, Medford has won 16, Klamath has won 4 and 2 were scoreless ties. The Pelicans racked up more than half their points scored against Medford in 22 years in 1942-43 when they tallied a total of 72.

From where we sit, it looks like the boys from over Medford way have been in the driver's seat for a long time in these "traditional rivalry" frays. But there's another year coming up, laddies, and after all, this year Medford WAS the king-pin of Oregon prep football!

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After leading most of the season the Browns stumbled in September and lost first place to the Detroit Tigers. A Detroit pennant seemed assured, but the Tigers split their last four games of the season with Washington while the revived Browns swept four straight from the New York Yankees to take the flag on the last day.

Virtually all of the 84 sports writers participating in the poll mentioned the Browns' achievement with 40 ranking it first. Altogether the Browns received 141 points, 48 more than Army's 59-0 football rout of Notre Dame at the polo grounds last month.

This at-the-time almost unbelievable West Point touchdown parade against the Irish earned 22 first place ballots and numerous second and third place votes for 93 points.

Far behind in third place with 12 points was Bob Hamilton's feat of winning the PGA golf championship. Hamilton, an "unknown" from Evansville, Ind., beat the famous Byron Nelson, 1 up, in the final that shocked the pro golf world.

The improved play of the Philadelphia professional football Eagles; Navy's upset defeats by North Carolina Preflight and Georgia Tech; Ohio State's unbeaten grid team; Utah's national basketball quintet; Lou Boudreau winning the American league batting championship and Indiana's 20-0 grid victory over Michigan rounded the first ten eyefighters.

Altogether a total of 40 surprises were listed, but only 20 received first place ballots.

These included Sam Snead's victory in the Portland golf tourney.

Hutson Plans To Quit Grid Game Again

By JIMMY JORDAN
GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 20 (AP)—Don Hutson wants to quit playing football. He hopes to end his active playing days after the all-star game in Chicago next summer. But Hutson says so with reservations.

"I've tried to retire for the past three years. I intend to retire after the all-star game," he told the Associated Press. "But if the Packers need me to defend their title next year, I'll probably be in there playing again."

Hutson, who holds more individual records in the National Football league than any other player, said his retirement depends upon new material the club expects before the 1945 season starts.

"I intend to sign a new contract as backfield coach of the Packers," he said. "But any reports of my definite retirement before the season starts are premature."

Tennessee Governor To Attend Bowl Game

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20 (AP)—Gov. Prentice Cooper will be the state of Tennessee's official representative at the Rose Bowl when the University of Tennessee plays Southern California on New Year's. He was invited to make the trip by President J. D. Hoskins of the university.

FIGHTS
By The Associated Press
BROOKLYN—Phil Terranova, 127, New York, TKO, Leo Francis, 136, Panama, 2, Leo Romanello, 146, Brooklyn, TKO, Billy Napper, 149, Seattle, 2.

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East Grid Stars Head for Coast

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP)—The pick of the east's collegiate football crop headed west Monday, studying charts of offensive and defensive formations as they prepared for the annual Shrine hospital benefit game with the stars of the west to be played in San Francisco New Year's Day.

The squad, minus Ohio State's great All-American, Les Horvath, left here last night after a "briefing" by coaches Bernie Bierman of Minnesota and Andy Kerr of Colgate in Dyche stadium at Northwestern university. Each gave a short talk.

Horvath remained at Columbus for quarter examinations, Kerr said, and will leave for the coast Christmas Eve.

Kerr told the collegiate stars from 14 schools in eight states he planned a workout at Ogden, Utah, and that twice-daily drills would be held after the squad reaches San Francisco. "And if any delays en route occur, we'll hold workouts whenever we have enough time to get off the train for them," he added.

For Kerr, the New Year's Day

Tony Ross Meets Bulldog Jackson In Mat Opener

In the curtain-raiser on the crunch card Friday night at the Klamath bicep bin, Tough Tony Ross will twist torsos with Bulldog Jackson. Both maulers are in the meany class and the bout will in all probability, be a wild affair. This opener rounds out a classy card that features Gorgeous George Wagner against Ernie Pilusa in the main event and Gust Johnson tangles with Blood and Guts Davidson in the semi-windup.

The mat maulers have been complaining of late that the altitude here tires them quickly so all bouts will now be rassed by rounds instead of time limits.

The first go is four 10-minute rounds or two out of three falls, the second is five rounds or two out of three tumbles, and the main event is six 10-minute cantos or two out of three flops.

Wally Moss has again been retained by Promotor Mack Lillard as referee and a dinger of a card is anticipated before a capacity house.

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game will be the 18th Shrine benefit tussle he has coached, and he had the following squad to carry the east's banner:

Ends—Smimp Harrison, South Carolina; Jack Mead, Wisconsin; Bill Marcotte, Minnesota, and Francis Brogger, Michigan State.

Tackles—Rudy Sikiel, Minnesota; Tom Hughes, Purdue; George Savitsky, Pennsylvania, and Ed Podgorski, Lafayette.

Guards—Bill Hackett, Ohio State All-American; Ralph (Babe)

Serpio, Illinois; Frank Ciolli, Indiana, and George Rani, Pittsburgh.

Centers—George Bujan, Illinois and Frank Szymanski, Notre Dame.

Backs—Frank Dancewicz, Notre Dame; John Cannady, Indiana; James Walthall, West Virginia; Earl (Jug) Girard, Wisconsin; Vic Kubiak, Minnesota; Jack Breslan, Michigan State; Bob Kelly, Notre Dame; Bob Brugge, Ohio State; and Richard Flanagan, Ohio State.



Fullback Tom Davis, who led Blue Devils in grand comeback, plays last game for Duke against Alabama in New Orleans Sugar Bowl, Jan. 1.

That's That!

ATLANTA, Dec. 20 (AP)—With athletics the prime subject at a luncheon, a proud father introduced his son to Sports Editor Jack Troy of the Atlanta Constitution. "It's nice to know you, Richard," Troy responded. "What do you play?" "The cornet," the youth replied.

Vols Slated To Arrive Wednesday

Tennessee Football Squad Plans Workout At Pasadena Today For Rose Bowl Clash

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 20 (AP)—Tennessee's undefeated and one-tied Volunteers—38 strong—are scheduled to arrive today and breeze through an afternoon unlimbering drill, marking the start of all-out preparations for their New Year's Day Rose Bowl clash with USC's Trojans.

The southernners will be out to avenge a 14-0 setback suffered at the hands of the Trojans New Year's Day, 1940, in their only previous Rose Bowl appearance.

Coach John Barnhill's squad consists of 23 linemen and 15 backs, including Freshman Halfback Buster Stephens who has averaged nearly 100 yards per game in his ball-toting efforts this season.

The Tennessee line, which Coach Jeff Cravath of USC predicts will be the toughest collegiate forward wall the Trojans have faced this season, includes such formidable as Skyscraping Russ Morrow, 6-foot 7 1/2-inch center, and Bob Dobelesin and E. J. Asbury, a rock 'em, sock 'em pair of guards.

The Trojans worked on defense yesterday, with the USC junior varsity running plays from Tennessee's strong single-wing formation, based on movie-

style football game. Stephens ... aptly named.

Connie Says A's Might Surprise Fans Next Year

"Mr. Baseball" Recalls World Series Of 1929 As Greatest Diamond Thrill

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (AP)—"Mr. Baseball"—Connie Mack, who will be 82 Saturday—leaned back in the December sunshine and told a reporter his Athletics might "surprise the splendid Philadelphia fans" next season.

His eyes twinkling, he added: "There are so many in these trying war times, but I'm hoping the Athletics will shape up a little better next season."

Despite tightening of manpower demands, the dean of major league managers foresees larger crowds for all baseball leagues next year.

"Baseball will never ask any favors regarding deferments but the game will prosper despite threatened manpower shortages. Honorably discharged servicemen, men physically unfit for

service, youngsters and old will supply the playing talent. He grew mellow about thought of reaching his 81st birthday.

"Life seems such a short one, I look back. However, I have to admit each year as I slip by a little faster. In the year fairly fly after a reaches 50."

His health "It's been pretty good all life and I'm happy to tell that now it is real good."

He and his wife Katherine, wintering in southern California, his memory remains undimmed and thoughts of baseball thrills of long years ago as bright as yesterday.

His biggest thrill came in the series of 1929 which the Athletics won.

"The whole baseball was surprised when I started to play. I had only pitched 55 innings."

"Some folks thought I lost my mind with such pitchers on my staff as Grove, Rube Walberg, Goose Ershaw and Ed Rummel. Elmer, whom I had secretly

struck two weeks before starting our 1929 season. He settled a new world's record, won 3 to 1 beating Chicago.

Except for a national broadcast saluting his lengthy service to baseball, Mr. and Mrs. Mack will spend his 82nd birthday quietly at their hotel here.

BASKETBALL Results

OREGON PREP By The Associated Press

- McMinnville 28, Columbia Prep (Portland) 24.
- Milwaukie 41, Astoria 29.
- Lebanon 32, Corvallis 29.
- University High (Eugene) 22, St. Mary's (Eugene) 21.
- Eugene 43, Pleasant Hill 24.
- Oregon City 57, Hillsboro 23.
- Taft 31, Willamina 28.
- Washington (Portland) 33, Benson (Portland) 25.
- Grant (Portland) 48, Franklin (Portland) 36.
- Commerce (Portland) 26, Lincoln (Portland) 24.
- Roosevelt (Portland) 42, Sabin (Portland) 31.
- Springfield 33, Salem 31.
- Parkrose 22, Scappoose 18.
- Vancouver, Wash. 38, Central Catholic (Portland) 19.
- St. John's (Milwaukie) 22, Sherwood 21.
- Cottage Grove 29, Redmond 25.

Ducks Whip UBC Cagers Second Time

By The Associated Press
Kingpin of the small college may be the title earned this season by the sharpshooting quintet representing Eastern Washington College of Education. The Cheneyites marked their eighth straight win of the season last night to down University of Idaho for the second time 53-39.

Washington State college jumped off to a 20-5 advantage in the first 10 minutes of game with Western Washington college in Bellingham and won up with a 54-43 triumph. Bellingham rallied for 14 points the closing five minutes to close the gap from 52-29. Gus George Hamilton counted points.

University of Oregon, retaining its procedure of the 24 before, led from start to finish to make it two in a row over University of British Columbia. The score was 63-59 with 16 of the five Oregon starters being 12 or more points. Hays was tops with 16.

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