

Rose Bowl Tilt Shapes Up as High Scoring Bee

Both Elevens Possess Scoring Punch; Buster Stephens to Pace Vol Attack

By FRANK FRAWLEY
PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 26 (AP)—Although the records indicate both Tennessee and Southern California are strong, defensively, their football battle in the Rose Bowl, January 1, shapes up as a give-and-take scoring spree.

In winning their second Pacific Coast conference title during Coach Jeff Cravath's tenure, the Trojans forced the pace all year. They went out at the very start to score, and usually did. They

whipped a very good service club, San Diego Naval Training station, by getting away to a touchdown lead, finally were tied at 21-21, and then scored the deciding touchdown with comparative ease. Tennessee was held by a scoreless tie by Alabama, but otherwise had the scoring punch whenever needed. Their triple threat, Buster Stephens, was the sparkplug of a versatile attack, grounded on a single wing formation from a balanced line. The Vols passed well and had good driving power.

But the southerners may have to open up to match the Trojans' trickery out of their T formation. Everybody else had to, of necessity.

Cravath's "stutter play," a delay-play on the weak side, was one of the best ground gainers in the repertoire. Quarterback Jim Hardy's smooth ball handling to a supposedly blocking back allowed the Southern California line to split wide gaps in the opposing line.

Stephens gained almost twice as much yardage as any one Southern California back, but all the Trojan backs carry the ball, and with almost equal facility.

The Trojans will be nowhere near so strong as they were in late October, when Guard Wally Crittenden, Tackle Marshall Romer and Back Gordon Gray were among those present. They also have lost George Callanan, a speedy back and pass catcher, and M. Dreblow by injuries.

Yet, if Tennessee stops the Southern California victory march of seven wins in as many tries in the Rose Bowl, there can be no alibis. Replacements have done exceptionally well for Cravath. Whenever he lost a good man, another came up to deliver in grand fashion.

A sellout crowd of 93,000 will watch the New Year's contest.

Anti-Goal Tending Rule Up for Test

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—Net results of the anti-goal tending rule passed last spring to put a ceiling on basketball's tall boys will be gleaned from its first laboratory test in the three-day all-college all-year opening here tomorrow.

Three of the sport's most prominent skyscrapers, Bob Kurland, 7 feet, Oklahoma Aggies; George Kok, Arkansas, 6 feet, 10 inches, and Bill Henry, 6 feet, 10 inches, will supply the material for the test in the tournament's eight-team field.

Consensus is that the rule actually will aid the tall players and the Aggies' sagacious Coach Hank Iba has some figures from Kurland's first five games that offers proof.

As Iba puts it, Kurland averaged robbing nine points a game last season. Kurland hit 444 points last season, an average of 13.46 a game. This year he has hit 84 points in five games for a 16.8 average and that was against the stiffest sort of opposition.

"Since he doesn't have to jump for dozens of rival shots," Iba pointed out, "he can save his energy."

The opening round finds Arkansas vs. Denver; Rice vs. West Texas; Oklahoma Aggies vs. Baylor and Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech.

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Trout, Newhouser Share American League Hurling Honors for Detroit Club

By JERRY LISKA
CHICAGO, Dec. 26 (AP)—The official American league pitching statistics today showed Paul (Dizzy) Trout and Harold Newhouser, Detroit's brilliant mound team, front and center on baseball's stage for a rousing curtain call.

Not in 40 years has the junior circuit produced such a prolific pair of tossers on the same team. In nearly hurling the Tigers to the pennant, Trout and Newhouser racked up 56 victories, the most by a brace of teammates since 1904 when John D. Chesbro (41) and John Powell (23) of New York collaborated for 64.

The terrific Tiger two-some—Lefty Hal Newhouser with 29-9 and righthanded Trout with 27-14—were the American league's only 20-game winners this year and they permitted only one slab crown to escape them. Boston's Tex. Hughson turned in a brilliant 18-5 record for a top won-loss percentage

East-West Grid Squads Go to Work

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (AP)—With the Christmas holiday over both the East and West football squads buckled down today to a week of serious workouts in preparation for their New Year's charity football contest at Kezar stadium.

The squads resume two practice periods daily after undergoing only one workout yesterday because of the holiday.

From the East camp at Santa Clara university came word that yesterday's drill was the best thus far, sparked by the presence of Leslie Horvath, Ohio State All-America quarterback. The attack designed by Coaches Andy Kerr, Dr. George Hauser and Bernie Bierman will be centered around the Buckeye flash, a triple threat artist.

Coaches Orin Hollingsberg and Homer Norton directed a three-hour workout of the western squad at Menlo junior college before the annual Christmas dinner was served. At the dinner, members of the two teams were presented gold watches, gifts of the Shriners' organization sponsoring the game.

The west squad's workout stressed forward passing and running plays.

Jack Broderick, University of Washington freshman, was at an end berth for the "A" squad during yesterday's workout.

1944 Lost River Antelope Hunt Reported Good

BOISE, Ida., Dec. 26 (AP)—Range Examiner Herman Koppes of the state fish and game department reported Saturday 2000 hunters killed 1470 antelope during the 1944 Lost river hunt.

He said 73 1/2 per cent of the hunters who received permits were successful. The kill included 676 does, 627 bucks and 167 fawns.

The hunt for 2000 head of antelope in Butte, Clark, Custer, Jefferson and Lemhi counties was the largest of its kind ever held in the state, Koppes said. He estimated the herd at 12,000 to 14,000 head.

Pepper Questions Racetrack Shutdown

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 26 (AP)—Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) wants to know if racing is no more of a drain on the war effort than other forms of amusements allowed to continue and if it isn't he says he will ask War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes to "talk over" the race track shutdown.

The Florida senator said he had not had time yet to study how much the transportation problems are affected by racing and whether employment at tracks has taken away any essential workers from defense plants.

champion, and her baby daughter, got a surprise Christmas Day. Zale, a chief petty officer stationed at the naval station at Norfolk, Va., arrived home in time to celebrate the holiday with his family.

From MIDFIELD

By PAUL HAINES

SELECTIVE SERVICE
With the instructions of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes to selective service boards to review qualifications for military service of men now engaged in professional athletics comes a question that has long been a puzzle to us.

Let it be understood at once that we in no way mean to cast any aspersions, whatsoever, on these professional athletes, but we are curious, a long with the public, as to how these men can be unfit for military service and yet be able to compete with the greatest athletes of the nations in games stressing and requiring physical fitness.

The question may be answered in the near future.

OREGON'S FINEST

Released Sunday were the Portland Oregonian's choices as the top athletic figures for 1944 of the state of Oregon.

Marino Pieretti, star hurler for the Portland Beavers and a 26-game winner, won honors as the top male athlete. Pieretti also won recognition from the major leagues and was snapped up by the Washington Senators in the recent baseball draft.

Betty Evans, who hurled for the Lind and Pomeroy national championship girls' softball ten, not the duke as the outstanding woman athlete.

Robert A. Hudson received special mention for his sponsorship of the 15,500 smackeroo Portland Open golf tournament.

Last, but far from least, is Al Simpson, hailed as the outstanding coach of the year for leading his Medford Black Tornado to the Oregon prep football title.

These are certainly deserving of the honor they have received and we wish them further success in the forthcoming new year.

Tennessee, Brooklyn Cage Teams Triumph

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Tennessee and Brooklyn college, both underdogs in the betting, upset New York university and Western Kentucky in a Christmas night basketball doubleheader before 15,458 at Madison Square Garden. Tennessee nipped NYU, 50-48, on Paul Weather's last-minute field goal while Brooklyn downed the Kentuckians, 48-45.

"Battle Royal" to Feature Crunch Card Friday Night

At the Klamath crunch arena Friday night, Promoter Mack Lillard will stage a battle royal, or who's got the button, with six mat gladiators participating. Lillard announced that there would be no hike in ticket prices for the four-star show and the army garden is expected to be packed to the rafters.

For this gory fray Lillard has secured the services of six of the top-notch biceps on the northwest passage including: Jack Kiser, Pacific coast light-heavy king, Mill Olsen, Gust Johnson, junior heavyweight champ of the Pacific coast, Bulldog Jackson, Tony Ross and last but far from least, Gorgeous George Wagner, the self-styled "toast of the coast."

Wally Moss and "Blood and Guts" Davidson will add to the general confusion by acting as the two referees and everything seems set for a lively evening.

As is the usual procedure in these biceps brawls the first two maters eliminated will crunch craniums in the curtain-raiser while the next pair to go will

twist torsos in the semi-windup. The two remaining grapplers will bend bodies in the main minute cantos or two out of three flops.

The donnybrook will be one to raise the fans out of their seats with the firing slated to start at 8:30 p. m.

Full Fields Feature Tropical Park Run

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 26 (AP)—Full fields were the rule at Tropical park today as racing men sought to pick up as many purses as possible before the nationwide track ban closes turf activities January 3.

An opening day crowd, second largest in Tropical's history, yesterday set a new record of \$710,710 for the day's pari mutuel betting.

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