

Southern Cal Sharpens Up Kicking Department

Speedy Tennessee Squad Hard at Work On Running Game in Practice Drills

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 28 (AP)—Southern California's pass-conscious Trojans are not overlooking the importance of kicking, which may prove a vital factor in their New Year's Day Rose Bowl game with Tennessee.

The Trojans were to devote most of their practice session today to punting and place-kicking. Jim Hardy, field general and passer de luxe, was in charge of punting chores, while Pat West, reserve fullback, was sharpening up his conversion toe.

West, who has made 17 of 23 point-after-touchdown attempts this season, will start and boot the opening ball if USC kicks off in the classic.

The Trojans underwent their last intensive scrimmage yesterday, and Coach Jeff Cravath promised workouts would taper off. His squad, with the exception of End Don Hardy, flue victim, appeared in top shape, and Hardy is expected to be ready by game time.

The main reason Cravath is stressing kicking is Buster Stephens, Tennessee's rugged frosh tailback. Stephens has returned 23 punts for 274 yards, and three kickoffs for 141 yards, including one for a touchdown.

With Stephens and Casey Stephenson, wingback, shuttling on off-tackle slants and end sweeps, the Vols yesterday were hard at work on their running game, rated tops in the southeast. All of their backfield regulars averaged better than five yards per try this year.

Stephens, the workhorse, clicked off a 62.5-yard average in 110 carries.

The Vols also worked on pass defense. They're up against Jim Hardy, who has pitched eight touchdowns while completing 52 per cent of his tosses.



Brave Snowstorm

We happened to be right by more luck than good sense on the Frost Bowl baseball game played at Seattle on Christmas Day. We were lucky because it was the first white Christmas the Seattle populace has seen in 20 years and the boys really did have to muck their way around the bases.

It was also a slight frost in box-office receipts as only about 1000 spectators braved the weather to watch the boys cavort on the snow-swept diamond.

Just for the record's sake, the North downed the South, 10-4, behind the pitching of Clarence Federmeier.

We are still in a fog, and likely to remain so, as to just why this game is played, but maybe some day the Seattle 3 and 0 club will enlighten us on this fascinating question.

ODDS CLIMB

With the arrival of the Ohio State sledge-gun, Les Horvath, the odds continue to climb in favor of the East to blast the West in the annual Shrine game at San Francisco's Kezar stadium.

Not since the highly vaunted Tommy Harmon of Michigan made the trek to the west coast has any one player come in for so much acclaim. But let it be remembered, jaddies, that the great Harmon was stopped cold upon that occasion and the western boys won hands down.

We do not think that this year's crop of western stars is capable of stopping the Buckeye block-buster, or Harmon either for that matter, as the west squad shows a noticeable birth of outstanding players. But it happened to one great eastern star, and it could happen to another.

BASKETBALL Results

By The Associated Press EAST

Temple 33, Tennessee 31.
Western Kentucky Teachers 81, St. Joseph's 48.

MIDDLE WEST

Nebraska 34, Pentathlon (Mexico City) 47.
Grant Lakes 48, Bunker Hill Naval Air Station 46.

OKLAHOMA CITY TOURNAMENT

Arkansas 50, Denver 36.
Rice 60, West Texas 44.
Oklahoma A and M 63, Baylor 16.

OKLAHOMA 61, Texas Tech 31.

SOUTHWEST

Phillips 66, Oilers 62, George Pepperdine 36.

WEST

Utah 61, Kerns Overseas Replacement Depot 38.
Harlem Globetrotters 42, Hill Field 29.

WASHINGTON 44, Pasco Naval Air Flyers 42.

Provo, Utah Steelers 59, Fort Douglas 34.

OREGON PREP

Oregon City 44, Vancouver (Wash.) 35.
West Linn 35, Molalla 20.
Pleasant Hill 40, University (Eugene) 26.
Eugene 43, St. Mary's (Eugene) 31.

OTHER SCORES

Walla Walla 50, Pine City 33.
Columbia (Portland) 32, Lake-side (Seattle) 21.

Hollywood Wolves Meet Seattle Stars In Hockey Encounter

SEATTLE, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Hollywood Wolves will meet the Seattle Stars here tonight in the only appearance of a southern California ice hockey team in Seattle this season.

The Stars, who are tied for the Pacific Coast league lead with the Seattle Ironmen, will be shooting for a win and a return to undisputed possession of the top rung which they lost when the Ironmen slapped them down 11-5 Sunday.

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Gorgeous Folds It Right



Gorgeous George Wagner, the self-styled "toast of the coast," carefully folds one of his elaborate gowns. This Friday eve, Promoter Mack Lillard will stage a "battle royal" with six of the top muscle men on the northwest circuit participating, including Jack Kiser, Gust Johnson, Bulldog Jackson, Tony Ross, Mill Olsen and Gorgeous George, himself.

Georgia Tech Given Edge Over Tulsa in Orange Bowl

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 28 (AP)—Georgia Tech isn't looking for any bad weather in Miami, but if by perchance it does happen to rain on New Year's Day, it will still throw passes against Tulsa.

"Our running attack isn't up to par, we'll admit," Assistant Coach Bobby Dodd said, "but we don't need it with our passing and kicking."

Dodd knows it hasn't rained in Miami on the first day of the year since the Orange Bowl games started and refuses to worry about the possibility.

Tech has been established a favorite at odds of from 7 to 5 to 2 to 1 and it came as glad tidings to Tulsa Coach Henry Frnka.

"I like the odds to be against us," he said, "the under dog team always has the best chance."

Frnka expects the game to be the best of any of the bowl af-

airs. "This game has the makings of a natural, and you can bet the fans won't be disappointed regardless of who wins," he said.

Beavers Wind Up Pre-Season Hoop Tests Saturday

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—Oregon State college will wind up its pre-season hoop tests in Portland this weekend, meeting Fee's Music Makers Friday and Oregon Medical school Saturday.

The Beavers' starting lineup probably will be minus Guard Bernie McGrath, sparkplug let-terman who is recovering from a badly pulled muscle. John Moore, varsity reserve last year, is expected to replace him.

Used 11 Tons of Players

CINCINNATI—Manager Bill McKeechie revealed he used more than 11 tons of ball players since he took over the Redleg reins at start of the 1938 season. Actual weight of his herd totaled 22,192 pounds, aided considerably by such corpulent gentry as Ernie Lombardi and Johnny Huggins, each of whom tipped the beam at a coy 235. Average weight was 182, about par for the course. Laid end to end, they would extend 731 feet, 3 inches, or only 61 feet shy of height of the Woolworth building.

Woo-wooh!

CRAFTSBURY, Vt., Dec. 28 (AP)—Embarrassing moment! A Barton academy basketball player substituting at a crucial stage of the game with Craftsbury academy Tuesday night discovered himself on the playing floor without his trunks.

In divesting himself of his sweat pants, the anxious substitute also pulled off his trunks, unnoticed, and was on the floor reporting to the referee before the omission was observed. Other players surged around him quickly.

Score: Barton 21, Crafts-bury 18.

Fee's Five Too Cagy For Ducks

Music Makers Turn on Heat In Second Half to Wallop Webfoot Quintet, 50-43

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—The veteran Fee's Music Makers proved too cagy for a young University of Oregon basketball team here last night, defeating the Webfoots for the second time this season, 50-43.

It was a good, close match up to the 11-minute mark in the second half when the Music Makers turned on the heat and both broke and outfoxed the collegians.

Biggest factor in the Fee's victory was slim Gus Rayley, who scored 18 points, only two of them on free throws. He got two field goals by camping under the net when Oregon failed to guard its back court, holing out long passes from Chuck Patterson. However, Rayley gave the Webfoots plenty of trouble, even without the cripples.

Half time saw Oregon ahead, 23-22. At the 11-minute mark in the second half, 6-foot 7-inch Ken Hays dropped in a field goal to place the Webfoots a single point behind the Music Makers, 39-40.

It was then that the independents loosed their power and walked away. A tip-in by Lloyd Jackson, and clever dribble-in by Claude O'Connell accounted for two field goals in quick succession, increasing Fee's lead to five points.

Hamilton sank a free throw for Oregon to cut the lead to four points, but Garber stole the ball from Hays, fast-broke the length of the court and it was six points difference.

Hays and Rayley offset each other's field goals. Patterson caged a lay-in, stretching the lead to eight points. Wilkins' free throw cut it to seven as the game ended.

The victory was Fee's fourth over Pacific Coast conference teams. The Music Makers also defeated Washington and Oregon State.

MUSIC MAKERS

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Burtch, F	1	1	1	3
Patterson, F	3	2	2	8
O'Connell, F	3	0	3	6
Bopp, F	0	0	0	0
Jackson, C	3	2	2	8
Rayley, G	2	1	2	5
Garber, G	2	1	2	5
Hollingsworth, G	1	0	1	2
Totals	21	8	15	50

OREGON

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wilkins, F	3	2	1	8
Smith, F	1	1	4	3
Stamper, F	2	3	1	7
Hays, C	3	3	1	9
Allen, C	0	0	0	0
Bartelt, G	4	2	2	10
Hamilton, G	2	2	2	6
Kotnik, G	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	13	11	43

Halftime score: Oregon 23, Fee's Music Makers 22.

Free throws missed: Music Makers, Rayley 2, Patterson 4; Oregon, Hays 1, Stamper 3, Wilkins 1.

Technical foul, Hays.

Officials: Morris Stremich and Howard Slyter.

Duke Toughest Task 'Bama Ever Faced, Says Thomas

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 28 (AP)—A grim and determined Frank Thomas, coach of seven previous Alabama post season bowl football teams, paused from his work long enough here today to say that the Crimson Tide's coming Sugar Bowl clash with the Duke Blue Devils stacks up as the "toughest assignment we ever faced on a New Year's Day."

"Duke has age, weight and experience on us," Thomas offered. "Things look awfully tough to us right now. But our boys realize what they are up against and they are going about getting ready in the proper manner."

The Tide's head man expressed plenty of respect for Duke's backfield power. "Tom Davis, Gordon Carver and George Clark are all fine backs, each capable of breaking up a football game," Thomas said, "and Knotts is one whale of a tackle in a powerful line."

Alabama's current crop of all-civilian youngsters doesn't compare in general manpower with former Tide Bowl outfits, Thomas added, but there's plenty of dynamite in the squad.

Aggie Threat



Bob Fenimore . . . Oklahoma A. & M.'s shot in the arm.

Les Horvath Reported on Injured List

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 (AP)—Les Horvath, triple threat Ohio State All-American halfback who reported late because of college final examinations, is on the injured list with the 20th annual East-West football classic only five days away.

However, both Horvath, whose ankle is damaged, and Jack Mead, 205 pound end from Wisconsin who is suffering from a knee ailment, worked out with their east teammates in an indoor practice yesterday at the University of Santa Clara gymnasium. Francis Brogger, Michigan State wingman, was on the sidelines with an injured ankle.

The West players worked out in the rain yesterday and scheduled a full scrimmage session today. The West coaches discovered they had a good field goal kicker in Jim Kecker, 250 pound Missouri tackle, who consistently dropped the pigskin through the uprights from 35 yards.

Ephrata Air Base Quintet Rolls Over Walla Walla, 62-44

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 28 (AP)—With two forwards, Heakitt and Calvert, bagging 24 and 19 points respectively, the Ephrata air base basketball team downed Walla Walla air base 62-44 here last night. Ephrata held a 27-23 halftime lead.

Don Johnson, former Idaho center, led Walla Walla scorers, with 17.

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Lightweight Beau Jack Named Fighter of Year

Ring Magazine Announces Rankings Of World's Boxers for Current Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Ring magazine announcing its ranking of the world's boxers for 1944, today named Pvt. Sidney Walker of Augusta, Ga., better known as Beau Jack, as the "fighter of the year."

The former bootblack, now in the army, fought six times in Madison Square Garden this year attracting 106,423 spectators for an average of 17,739. The first five drew \$460,610 for a \$92,122 average, and the last—with Beau Jack and New York Lightweight

Champion Bob Montgomery appearing "for free" sold \$35,000 in war bonds.

The bounding boy from the southland appeared in three Garden main events in March, attracting gates of \$111,903. Losing his lightweight laurels a month before had knocked out Monty in one round, and \$87,462 in outpointing Juan Zurita of Mexico, holder of the NBA lightweight crown. The three March shows drew the biggest gates of the year in the Garden.

Active fighters in the various divisions, named in a copyrighted story to be published in the February issue, were:

Heavyweight—Jimmy Blinn, Cleveland; middleweight—Hollman; welterweight—Lloyd Marsual, Sacramento, Calif.; lightweight—Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga., and U. S. army; featherweight—Willie Pap, Hartford, Conn.; bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Calif.; flyweight—Jackie Paterson, Scotland.

Pep Ortiz and Paterson were recognized as world champions of their classes. The other champs, all in the services and their titles "frozen," are: heavyweight, Joe Louis, Detroit; light heavyweight, Joe Louis, Detroit; middleweight, Tony Zale, Gary, Ind., and navy; welterweight, Freddie Cochran, Elizabeth, N. J., and navy; lightweight, vacant.



By HUGH FULLERTON JR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—The football bowl games this week will require something over 7000 miles of travel by squads of about 35 men each—and that's not counting the mileage for individual players in the East-West and Blue-Gray games. . . . Some 250,000 spectators are expected to turn out for seven games (all figures are very rough approximations). . . . And so far we haven't recorded a single serious squawk about playing these games. . . . The Rose Bowl, as usual, "figures" to be tops with its 73,000 sell-out crowd and the 2300-mile journey taken by the Tennessee Vols, beating by a few miles the combined distance from Tulsa and Atlanta to Miami's Orange Bowl.

PIGSKIN PICKINS

(Southern California vs. Tennessee)
The Volunteers will be KO'd when Southern Cal counts up to Tenn.

(Texas Christian vs. Oklahoma Aggies)
Plunging into a coma We emerge with Oklahoma (North vs. South, Saturday) I don't know whether its Yanks or Confederates (Tulsa vs. Georgia Tech) Tulsa will bat the ears Off Georgia's Engineers. (Alabama vs. Duke) When it bumps against the Duke Blue Devils.

SHORTS AND SHELLS
The advance dope on the bowl grid games has stressed passing so strongly that we wonder whether the coaches have been influenced by the basketball season or are merely advertising that wonderful southern and western climate. . . . Herb Kopf, the Boston Yanks coach, has bought a home in Waban, Mass., only three doors from where Frank Leahy lived when he coached Boston college. . . . After two seasons with the Dodgers, Hamline's Stretch Schultz admits he's nervous about playing basketball before those big Garden crowds.

DOUBLE BILL ON TAP

SEATTLE, Dec. 28 (AP)—The University of British Columbia Thunderbolts will meet the northwest league's Alpine Day and the Coast Guard Regatta team will play Boeing Bombers in a double-feature basketball bill tonight at the Civic auditorium.

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