

Crimson Tide Starts Work For Southern Cal Meeting

Alabamians Arrive Late And Hungry After Long Haul Across Continent

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 27 (AP)—Alabama's 34-man football squad has a lot of hard work ahead to reach the peak of physical fitness for the Rose Bowl game.

So says Coach Frank Thomas. And he started in today to whip the boys into condition. The Bannans arrived in nearby Alhambra last night, 9 1/2 hours late and hungry. After a light meal they worked out briskly under arclights at South Pasadena high school.

Whether Halfback Lowell Tew plays against Southern California's Trojans next Tuesday is problematical. The Alabama coaching staff has been trying to get a special headguard for him but has failed. Tew has a broken jaw, an injury sustained in the last day of practice at Tusculoosa. Now Coach Wally Butts of Georgia informs Thomas that Frankie Shukwich's special helmet that protected his cracked jaw has been lost.

The weather man is reserving judgment on what he'll serve up New Year's Day, but said there would be a forecast late tonight that might indicate whether the teams will have solid footing. The Rose Bowl turf is in good condition after recent rains. Regardless of the elements, the game will be a 93,000 sellout.

Harry Gilmer, the Southerners' celebrated forward passer, impressed newspaper observers who watched last night's workout. He has lots of spring in his legs and statistics show he can run as well as toss 'em, having averaged almost seven yards a try.

Thomas did not line up his team. After unloading his players he had to hustle to Hollywood for a radio broadcast and his assistants, Hank Crisp and Red Drew, took charge. It was the first time in Rose Bowl history that any team had used the arms for a workout. But Alabama had been on the train 72 hours and it was imperative that the boys get the kinks out of their muscles—and in a hurry.

Big Frank Inks Again With Bears

An Associated Press story today brings the news that huge Frank Ramsey, former Oregon state guard and Klamath Falls Pelican coach, has signed a contract to play guard for the Chicago Bears of the National Professional Football league again next year.

The announcement was made by the Bears' owner-coach, George Halas. Ramsey is the fourth player signed by the Bears in the past week. The contracting of Sid Luckman, George McAfee and Bill Hempel were previously made public.

Big Frank was All-coast guard from OSC. After leaving here to go into the service he starred for the El Toro Marines, one of the country's outstanding service teams. He joined the Bears last fall after being discharged from the marine corps. Ramsey was first string guard for the Bears and called defensive signals. He visited in Klamath Falls a few days ago and spent the Christmas holidays in Corvallis with his family.

He was undecided whether to continue his professional grid career when here and had put in a bid for the Willamette university coaching job.

Willie Pep Selected As "Fighter Of Year"

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—Manuel Ortiz, the bantam champ from Elcentro, Calif.; Jake Lamotta, the rock-jawed Bronx middleweight; Ray Robinson, New York negro whose only non-winning effort was a draw with Jose Basora, and Rocky Graziano, a middleweight thumper who flattened six straight rivals to rank as "best new fighter."

The 126-pound king was the only champion to defend his crown during the year, whipping Phil Terranova in 15 rounds and piling up seven victories and one draw for the year.

Pep's chief rivals for the "boxer of the year" honor in Ring's annual copyrighted review and yearly ring ratings

SPORTS

Too Much Pay?



Bob Waterfield's new contract with the Cleveland Rams, reported to be \$20,000, comes to two grand per game and Harold "Red" Grange, who himself was one of the highest paid pro football players, declares that though Bob may be worth it, there isn't that kind of dough in professional football.

All-College Tourney Into Semi-Finals

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 27 (AP)—A three-in-one package of explosives will be ripped open tonight by the Oklahoma Aggies and the University of Kansas in the feature semi-final tilt of the tenth annual all-college basketball tournament.

The wrapper reads: 1. Undeafened Kansas vs. once-beaten Aggies. 2. High scorer Bob Kurland against sharpshooter Charlie Black. 3. A battle of the Master Coaches, Henry Iba of the Aggies and Forrest C. (Phog) Allen of Kansas.

Ball Players Go To the Dogs



But in this case it's all right for these major leaguers are merely giving their hounds last-minute instructions prior to a hunt in the fields of Georgia. Left to right: Luke Appling, White Sox shortstop; Paul Gillespie, Cub catcher; and Johnny Rucker, Giants outfielder. The dogs, belonging to Rucker, were raised on his farm at Crabapple, Ga.

No Wrestling Here Tomorrow

There will be no wrestling card at the armory tomorrow or Friday of next week while the maulers take a vacation. The next card will be presented January 8.

Beginning with the next bouts the city boxing and wrestling commission's shows will be held on Tuesday nights rather than on Friday because the latter date continually conflicts with high school athletics.

Pels Shine On Defense During Work

Buck Hammer Bringing Longview Squad Here For Game Saturday

With seven wins and only one loss behind them, the Pelicans are just coming into the really rough part of the basketball season, but yesterday's practice scrimmage showed them to be improving defensively and becoming polished ball handlers.

For the Saturday game with Longview Coach Dutch French expects the boys to be in their best trim of the season and believes their best ball playing will be necessary to take the Washingtonians into camp.

Not much is known about the Longview bunch except that Buck Hammer still has most of the players he took to the state finals last year. Hammer, who is well known here and formerly coached the Pelican football team, is bringing his Longview team down for the first time.

Until this year he has refused to schedule a game here, saying that he wouldn't come down until he had a good team, so he apparently believes he has one to whip the Pels this time.

Longview beat Roseburg last night 34-28 and has a game with the Medford Tornado tomorrow night. Coach French is going to see the game in Medford to scout the Washingtonians and also get a line on what to expect when the Pelicans play Medford later in the season.

Saturday night's game will start at 8 o'clock and there probably will not be a preliminary tilt.

All former members of KUHS basketball squads are to be guests of honor for the game.

Clear Skies Needed For Charity Tilt

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 (AP)—East-West football coaches were hoping for clear skies to enable them to whip their football players into top form for the big charity game here New Year's Day.

Coach Andy Kerr and his associates Bernie Bierman and Beattie Feathers took advantage of good weather yesterday to send their charges through five hours of secret practice at Santa Clara.

The western squad, training at Menlo Junior college, also went through stiff training under Coaches Homer Norton and Orin Hollingbery.

Chances for the East squad to take the field intact appeared good today. The squad has only one absentee, William Koenig, guard from Illinois, whose cold is improving.

Standouts during the Western squad practice, coaches reported, were two University of Nevada linemen, Max Dodge, end, and Bob McClure, tackle, and Guards Alf Hemstad, Washington and Harold Jungmichael, Texas.

Newark, N. J. — Alle Stolz, 1334, Newark, outpointed George Hansford, 1361, a second year player with a rally that tied it 38-38 after 10 minutes of the second half.

Smith dropped in 14 points during the rally, with Bill Osterhaus tipping in the goal that gave the Portland team a 40-38 lead and Oregon never again managed to close the gap.

Longview Wins Over Roseburg

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP)—A Longview cage squad overwhelmed the Roseburg Indians, 34-28, here last night in a fast round and tumble contest.

The Longview squad, strong on passing and intercepting, presented a perfectly coordinated style that gave Roseburg its hardest game this season.

The first quarter ended with a 10-10 tie. In the second stanza, Longview, sparked by Farrell, forged into a lead which it held to the final gun.

Farrell and Gambold of Longview ranked as top scorers with 13 each.

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DiMaggio Pedals To Comeback

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—Joe DiMaggio is pedaling like mad on a stationary bicycle, pounding his leg muscles into shape for the grind ahead in a prelude to one of the most interesting comeback attempts of 1946.

Di Mag' isn't taking chances on faltering or missing fire when he tried to pick up his New York Yankee career where he left off after the world series of 1942.

He saw Hank Greenberg hobble around the outfield and watched Cecil Travis bend his aching back for a grass-cutter that he never touched and he decided that was not for him.

Every day you'll find the Yankee clipper at the New York Athletic club using all the gum machines and gadgets, working like he never worked before.

He is putting on a "winter" training routine that makes the old spring training romps look ridiculous in comparison.

"After watching some of the other fellows last fall at the Yankee stadium I told myself I would undergo as tough a training schedule as I could stand," said Joe. "That means about three weeks here, two weeks more on my own in Florida and then a start with the early birds at St. Petersburg."

DiMaggio has little doubt of his ability to regain his former sharpness, pointing out he was used to stepping into the lineup at the last minutes. Playing games a week or so after his contract trouble had been signed. But he is taking no chances.

Both Teams Of Sun Bowlers Have Jitters

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27 (AP)—Professing bad cases of opponent-induced jitters, rival coaches of Denver and New Mexico universities said today that anything may, and probably will, happen when their teams meet in the Sun Bowl.

But the predictions went no further, and both camps carefully avoided victory forecasts as the two elevens resumed heavy work in preparation for the New Year's contest.

Here almost a week early, Denver's Pioneers planned two public practice sessions today after an air trip from Colorado yesterday. Starting tomorrow, Coach Clyde (Cac) Hubbard said the gates would be closed while his 29-man squad works on new plays.

Meanwhile, the New Mexico Lobos scheduled their first scrimmage since Christmas in Albuquerque.

Ducks Handed Close Defeat By Insulators

PORTLAND, Dec. 27 (AP)—A second half rally gave the Northwest Insulators a 55-51 victory here last night over the University of Oregon basketball team.

The Webfoots took a 27-21 first half lead, but the Insulators, led by Guard Frank Smith, cut loose with a rally that tied it 38-38 after 10 minutes of the second half.

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