

Football Freaks Fill '46 With Goofy Grid Events

Field Pared To 80 Yards

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—The whacky weekly results probably should rate as the prize odds of the regular 1946 football campaign but there were enough screwy happenings on the field to make even some of the beaten coaches smile.

The elements had a hand, in a couple of unusual occurrences out in the west. The Utah-Colo. game at Ft. Collins, Colo., was delayed by a storm. The periods were cut and the snow, cleared from the field, was piled in the end zones. So when a team reached the 10-yard line, the ball was moved back to the 20-yard line, the 10-yard line became the goal and the space between the 10 and the regular goal line was the end zone.

It was snowing but it was a blustery cold day when Washington and California hooked up in a Pacific coast conference con-

Gerry Austin, Washington's third string quarterback, didn't figure he would see any action in an important game like that so he put on an extra set of long underwear to make himself more comfortable on the bench.

Hot in Longies
But Washington's first two quarterbacks got hurt and Austin was sent into the game. He got hot in more ways than one and reeled off two touchdowns. The extra set of longies was discarded at the end of the half.

Paul Crowe, St. Mary's half-back, was an awfully mad game for a while in the California tilt. With a clear field ahead and en route to a touchdown an official ran into his path and Crowe went sprawling to the turf.

Crowe wasn't as burned up as Stanford on one play in the Washington State set-off. With Stanford on the offense an arbiter took a position so close to the play that the Indians couldn't shift. By the time the official withdrew and the shift was completed, the play was stopped and Stanford was penalized five yards for taking too much time.

Credit With Assist
Quick action on unexpected plays brought up a number of other oddities. Bowling Green of Ohio capitalized on a freak play to whip Canisius 13-7. With Canisius ahead 7-6, Jack Freitas flung an apparently hopeless Ohio pass into the Canisius end zone. Canisius' Bug Agnew knocked it earthward but it struck Darrell Braatz, lying on his back, bounded off him and into the hands of Mark Welker, also on the ground, for the winning touchdown.

Something akin to that happened at the Idaho-Marquette game. A Marquette back fumbled on his own 20 and rolled the ball back 15 yards while trying to pick it up. When he finally got the handle of the ball and turned around, Idaho players were swarming in on him. So he passed the ball into the end zone where a surprised team-mate grabbed it for a touchdown.

Youngsters Count
Other oddities include Miami of Ohio playing Miami of Florida, driving reporters and radio announcers half batty trying to figure ways to make their descriptions sound clear; Louisiana State beating Tulane 41-27 with all ten touchdowns scored by freshmen.

And then there was Baylor which would have liked its little oddity to have happened to some other team. Baylor won the toss before every conference game they played. They lost every game.

'Y' Will Arrange Basketball Loop

Cecil L. Kollenborn, general secretary of the Klamath county YMCA, has announced the formation of YMCA Inter-Church basketball league. Managers of each church team are to meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the social room of the First Christian church, 9th and Pine.

The league will be formed along YMCA inter-church policies. Anyone interested in playing should contact the minister of his church and also the Klamath county YMCA, phone 9297.

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By HALE SCARBROUGH

Handbook Of Racehorse And Track Lore

Of all the handout literature that finds its way to this desk the best is a booklet which I am adding to my personal library, which up until now has consisted of three copies of "Forever Amber" and the 1946 football rules.

Name of the book is "Call Me Horse," a collection of fact and fancy about the track and horses and horse-players gotten together by Tom R. Underwood and John I. Day, of the Thoroughbred Racing association.

It was sent gratis, but comes as near being worth 25 cents as any of the current works of literature, pocket-book size. "Call Me Horse" is a thin volume of 117 pages, priced \$2, with such information of value to anyone with a passing interest in the nags as these bits:

Whirlaway's lifetime winnings of \$561,161 is high. Sun Beau's \$376,744 total \$437,730. Man o' War dragged down only \$247,465. Domino, another good horse, won only \$193,650, but when Man o' War and Domino were racing purses were mighty slim, compared to nowadays.

They were even slimmer in the 80s. The first thoroughbred to top a hundred grand was Miss Woodford, who won 37 of 48 races for \$118,270. Firenze (circa 1884) came in first in 47 of 82 gallops for \$112,586.

Kincen, greatest of German horses in the same era, won only \$99,800. A bangtail called Los Angeles, started 110 times in 1885, finished ahead of the field 48 times and brought home \$97,416 for his boss, but down in Mexico, also a great horse-racing country, in 1910 a nag called Pan Zareta started 151 times, placed first in 76, and only won \$39,082. That's hardly enough to class him as professional.

Won't Be An Atomic Bomb For 15 Years

I can't seem to put this book down. Man o' War as a colt was bought for \$5000, Alsab for \$700 . . . In 1903 at an Australian race three horses finished in a dead heat . . . in a runoff they again finished in a dead heat and the owners split the pot.

Salem, New Hampshire, paid a town debt of \$194,000 and put \$52,000 in the bank when a race track opened there . . . There were 359 dead heats pictured in photographic finishes in 1945 . . . In 1885 at Newmarket, England, four of five horses in a race ran a dead heat . . . Spendthrift, a great horse in old Kentucky, had a brother named Miser . . . Back in 1773 an English nobleman named a colt Potatoes and instructed a semi-literate stablehand to paint the name on the horse's stall . . . The boy wrote "potatooooooo" and the horse was registered and raced as Pot-8-os . . .

Thoroughbred Racing association assigns names to owners, with the reservation that any one name used can't be used again for 15 years . . . so there won't be a bangtail racing under the cognomen of Atomic Bomb at least until after 1960 . . . the name was assigned to Mrs. Elizabeth Graham's Maine Chance farm, intended for a colt there . . .

But Mrs. Graham changed her mind and tabbed the colt Admiralgeneral . . . and Admiralgeneral died in the Arlington Park fire early this year, so both names are on the shelf for 15 years.

Equipose holds the mile record of 1:34 2/5, made in 1932, but Count Fleet came with 2/5 of a second as a two-year old . . . Inconsequential information, to be sure, but suggested reading if you like the ponies at all . . .

Fox Keeps Slate Perfect, Promises To KO Lesnevich

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10 (AP)—Billy Fox, fresh from his 42nd knockout in 42 professional fights, promised today that he'd flatten Gus Lesnevich in February and lift the light-heavyweight title.

Blackjack Billy tangles with the Cliffside, N. J., titleholder at Madison Square Garden February 28.

The 20-year-old Philadelphia fistic sensation, unleashed a barrage of body blows last night to knock out Shelton Bell of Youngstown, Ohio, at 1:51 of the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the arena.

A crowd of 5882 who paid \$17.976 watched the Fox, 176, stumble through a first round in which Bell, who scaled 173, danced in and out of close quarters with sniping jabs. But Fox kept moving in and staggered the Ohioan with a right to the jaw in the second.

From then on in Fox pounded his foe relentlessly, sending him to the canvas for a nine count twice in the third round. He flattened him a third time but the bell rang after two seconds.

Fox ran into a streak of wildness in the fourth stanza, but in the fifth went after his foe with murderous body blows, finally sending Bell down for keeps with a vicious left to the stomach.

Yankees Roll Over Seahawks, 31-0
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 10 (AP)—The power-laden New York Yankees piled up an easy 31 to 0 triumph over the hapless Miami Seahawks in the Orange Bowl stadium here last night before a turnout of 7090.

The Yankees, eastern division champions of the All-America conference, scored in every period and hung up their 10th victory in 14 starts. They have lost three and tied one. The Yankees play the Cleveland Browns, western division winners, for the championship, December 22.

Pigskin Parade . . . Notre Dame Best, Going And Stopping

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—For the first time in history, the aerial-minded Southwest conference has failed to produce the nation's "passingest" college football team.

That distinction belonged today to Oklahoma A. and M. college, which hurled 252 forward passes during the 1946 season, more than any other collegiate eleven.

Statistics released by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau also disclosed that Nevada compiled the best yardage average on passes, that Pennsylvania's passers were the most accurate and that the fans who saw the most passing were those who followed the all-victorious Georgia Bulldogs.

Oklahoma A. and M., among the passing leaders of recent years, tossed 11 more passes than Arizona State at Tempe, the second high-throwing team, principally because the Oklahomans were spending most of their time this year trying to come from behind.

Georgia, in addition to completing the most passes and the most touchdowns passes, also had more passes thrown against it than any other team. While the Bulldogs were completing 112 of 206 tosses, their 10 opponents were hurling 217 forwards, completing 84 of them.

Thus those who sat in the stands when Georgia was on the field saw an average of more than 42 passes thrown per game. Notre Dame, the country's No. 1 team, led the nation in combined offense and also compiled the best defensive records to become the first team in history to take top honors in both departments.

The fighting Irish rolled up 3061 yards on the ground in nine games to lead the list in rushing and covered 911 yards on passes for a total of 3972 and a combined average of 441.3 yards per game.

On the defensive side, Notre Dame held its nine opponents to an average of 141.7 yards per game by both rushing and passing.

Oklahoma completed the season with the best defensive record against rushing plays, holding 10 opponents to an average of 58 yards per game on the ground.

Holy Cross had the best defensive record against passes for the second straight year with an average yield of 33.7 yards per game.

Texas Mines took the punting title, averaging 41.2 yards on 64 kicks in nine games.

UCLA, the only Pacific coast team to earn mention among the top 10 in each division, was fifth in rushing offense with a 259.8 yard average per game.

Fight Tickets Moving Fast

Although no opponent for Roy Hawkins, heavyweight, has been signed, Promoter Mack Lillard reports that reserve seat tickets for the bout are now on sale at Matt Finnigan's store and are going fast.

Hawkins, former Klamath boy who is fast coming to the top of the coast heavyweight division, is slated to fight the 10-round main event on the December 17 boxing card.

This show will be the first professional card presented in Klamath Falls since boxing was revived here early this year.

Hawkins now has a professional fistic record of seven knockouts, one decision and one draw, all accomplished since the fore part of this year. Last Friday night in Portland he exploded a right hand in Jack Huber's jaw and knocked the San Francisco puncher out in the ninth round.

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Bears Will Die For California, But At A Price

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (NEA)—Organizing the American Baseball guild cost Robert Murphy \$8000 out of his own pocket, and all the grateful athletes gave the Bostonian a swift kick in the britches.

You've got to hand it to Murphy, however, for continuing to pick up the ball and attempting to run with it. Now he's working on the hockey players.

Murphy is really wasting his time. There's a much bigger field for a bargaining agent in college football, what with the not so golden California Bears

asking for the coolie wage of \$75 a month and found.

With the Berkeley beavers demanding a new deal and coach, perhaps the holler-than-thou Pacific Coast conference will grasp the idea that the south has the right idea and isn't such white as the trash after all. The noble athletes will still die for dear old Rutgers, but at a price.

"Goodby, Harry," painted on Wisconsin dormitories doesn't read well for the personable Stuhldreher, but the old Horseman can always confine himself to athletic directing. The much traveled Clark Shaughnessy is a

repeater at Maryland. Here is a rolling stone who gathers moss.

There are moves against Charley Bachman of Michigan State and several others, which were certain with the war at an end. No longer can the strategists laugh it off with "You should see the team I have in the service."

Ed McKeever quit Cornell for the same reason that Carl Snively did. He couldn't get 'em in. Wonder what some of these coaches suspect they are paid for?

It is more of a sad commentary on a coach, rather than the game, when he leaves because he can't bring in his own bruisers.

But the pressure is on again in one of the more precarious professions.

The best cracks of the week are: "Football is so de-emphasized in the western conference that it is only about twice as tough as anywhere else," and "Pennsylvania was strictly from Munger."

Baker Will Put Experienced Squad In Invitational Meet

BAKER, Dec. 10—The Baker high school basketball team which will compete in the 20-30 club's invitational hoop jamboree in Klamath Falls December 19-20-21 is fast rounding into shape, and 10 players will make the long trip to Klamath.

The Baker Bulldogs will compete with the KU Pelicans, Oregon City and Longview, Wash., in the three-day round robin meet.

Verne Bennion is coach of the Bulldogs, performing that duty for his first season. He coached Baker football in 1945. He is a graduate of Utah State and coached basketball in Idaho four years before coming to Oregon, once sending a team to the state finals.

Basketball is a major sport at Baker and the Bulldogs are perennial contenders for state laurels. The squad coming to Klamath will have one lad, Center Jim Calderwood, who was named on the all-state second team last year.

In the past nine years Baker has represented its district eight times in the state basketball tourney at Salem.

The traveling squad will be fairly heavy and not too tall, including three boys who scale 6 ft. 1 in. and three others at 5 ft. 11 in. Four players will have two years of high school cage experience.

The Bulldogs will arrive in town December 19 and have made reservations at the Willard hotel for three days.

Rose Bowl Hookup Now Made Official
PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 10 (AP)—The five-year Rose Bowl tieup between the Pacific coast and Big Nine conferences is now official, having received the approval of all ten member schools of the west coast group.

But one of the provisions of the pact is that the Big Nine may send the same team to the Rose Bowl on successive years.

Welters Clash
SEATTLE, Dec. 10 (AP)—Two of the northwest's top welterweights met here tonight when Tommy Moyer, undefeated Portland scrapper, and Johnny Wells, clever Seattle negro, clash in a 10-round main event.

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