

Conn Voted Year's Flop

Pittsburgh Kid Edges Ted Williams In Poll

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—Billy Conn's dismal showing against Heavyweight King Joe Louis from the opening bell of their championship fight to the very second he was clouted out in the eighth round last June, today earned the "Pittsburgh Kid" another title—"Flop of the Year."

That inglorious performance by Conn was named by 35 writers out of 73 throughout the country as their first pick for the sports disappointment of the year in the Associated Press annual year-end poll. All told Conn received a total of 120 points on a basis of three for first, two for second and one for third. The writers had been asked to name the top three disappointments of 1946.

Conn's "landslide" overshadowed the fall "flops" of Ted Williams individually and the Boston Red Sox in general for their defeat by St. Louis Cardinals in the world series. Slugger Williams' weak hitting in the series was rated the second greatest disappointment—the splendid splinter being awarded 14 first-place ballots and a total of 66 points.

The Red Sox wound up in a tie for third with the baseball New York Yankees, each team receiving four first-place ballots and a total of 38 points. The Yankees had been voted the "team most likely to succeed" in the American league during the spring because of the return of many of their war veterans. They finished third behind Boston and Detroit and never had much of a chance.

And one of the Yankees' veterans, jolting Joe DiMaggio, who was expected to lead his team's attack, was ranked as the fifth biggest disappointment for his less than 300 hitting performance. DiMaggio was named first by two writers and received a total of 18 points, one point more than the Oklahoma Aggies' football team and two more than Texas' gridiron combination. Alabama's football combination was selected eighth with 13 points.

Sugar Ray Near Crown

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, for years regarded as the uncrowned king of the welterweights, today is only a few hours away from the moment he believes will bring him official recognition as 147-pound champion.

The Harlem negro battles Youngstown's Tommy Bell for the title in Madison Square Garden tomorrow and virtually everyone expects Sugar Ray to chalk up his 74th victory in 76 starts. He has lost only to Jake Lamotta and once was held to a draw by Jose Basora.

Bell, who has knocked out 26 opponents in 51 bouts, finished drilling at his Summit, N. J., camp yesterday weighing 145 1/2. Robinson likewise wound up heavy training at his Greenwood Lake, N. Y., quarters and said he would have no trouble making the weight.

A capacity crowd of close to 18,000 and a gate of nearly \$100,000 was expected.

Klamath Boys Get Insignia

CORVALLIS, Dec. 19 (AP)—Twenty-eight members of the Oregon State college junior varsity football squad will receive sweaters with the Jayvee insignia.

Among them are Noel Campbell, Cottage Grove; Jim Conroy and Dick Vallancourt, Klamath Falls; Albert Young, Roseburg; Harry Barnes, Freewater; Byron Bender, Pendleton; Clyde Dewitt, Reedsport, and Dick Kaiser, Coos Bay.

Now It's Basketball Coach's Turn To Have GI Troubles

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NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (NEA)—It's the basketball coach's turn to have GI trouble.

As paradoxical as it may seem, a plethora of talent makes his job harder than ever. With the freshman rule still relaxed, bigger squads were inevitable.

With the bulk of the schools playing suicide schedules, Dr. Forrest Allen of Kansas predicts that there will not be an unbeaten team this winter.

"An overly large squad is in itself a problem," says Dr. Phog Allen, "but a bigger one is that all the returning veterans want to play. Most of them played while in the armed forces. Some started and learned the game while in uniform. It's only natural that they want to continue in college."

"But only five boys can play at a time and only so many are making traveling squads."

"This is causing unhappiness that coaches find hard to dispel."

What they termed GI trouble plagued football coaches the past two campaigns.

Particularly hard hit along this line were Minnesota, Alabama and California. Alabama had an undefeated record, wrecking young Rose Bowl team in 1945. There weren't too many places for returning veter-

ans. The result was that Frank Thomas, ill at the outset, suffered his worst year. Bernie Bierman, a martinet, didn't get Minnesota's difficulties ironed out until late in the campaign just concluded, but when he did, the Gophers closed with a rush. Bill Kern of West Virginia insists college boys have changed. I doubt that. It is just that the GI's were changed. The young stars are the same, have as much spirit and are as eager as ever.

Season Figures Point Out That Illini Is Outclassed

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 19 (AP)—The joke of the week in this compact college community is that UCLA is a decisive statistical favorite over Illinois in their Rose Bowl collision New Year's Day.

The fightin' Illini, who depart for Pasadena tomorrow, just

Mutuel Take In Billions

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—Horse-race betting moved up close to the two-billion-dollar business bracket in America this year, but indications were the goose may be getting tired laying golden eggs and is on the way back to producing just the usual, or garden, variety.

The annual Associated Press national racing roundup showed 24,859,505 fans tossed a total of \$1,830,287,455 into the mutuel machines in 19 of the 20 states where the gees run, compared to \$1,325,619,356 bet by 18,433,721 customers in 1945, and that the state and a few city treasuries benefitted by \$113,508,325.20 in revenue, as against \$65,265,405.48 a year ago.

The chief reason for the long jump, of course, was the fact that racing got back on a full peace-time schedule of 2433 operating days after its war-rationed 1788 in 1945.

From the 20th state, Nebraska, came word only that the amount bet is not a matter of public record, that the track promoters decline even to estimate the figure, and that the state doesn't cut in on the pie anyhow. All of which makes it cozy, indeed, and indicates the 225,000 folks who contributed on the 73 racing days in Nebraska don't particularly worry about what happens to their money.

Woodcock Stops Swedish Heavy

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP)—British heavyweight champion Bruce Woodcock looked forward today to his early 1947 meeting with Joe Baksi, top-ranking U. S. heavyweight challenger, after disposing of Nisse Andersson, the Swedish titlist, last night via the technical knockout route.

The bout was stopped between the third and fourth rounds after Woodcock concentrated his attack on a cut over Anderson's right eye.

Woodcock, who now has 29 wins in 30 starts, weighed 193 pounds, Andersson 214 1/2. The lone loss was to Tami Mauriello in his U. S. invasion.

"But," says the head man of the Mounties, "I treated my boys and talked to them like Dr. Jock Sutherland handled us at Pittsburgh not so many years ago, I wouldn't have had a team on the field."

Generally speaking, GI's lacked the old college try. Many of them had been in something vastly more important than football for as long as four years. They couldn't be pushed around like the younger fellows, had to

be handled altogether differently. One of the finest jobs along this line was turned in by Bert La Brucherie, who becomes a new figure in the national picture on New Year's Day, when all-conquering UCLA deploys against Illinois.

The UCLA's young home-grown alumnus drill-master—not yet 42—was coaching Los Angeles high only two years ago, but is an excellent organizer of material and coaching staff and a sharp casting director.

A rabid T-formation addict, La Brucherie is a solid offensive coach despite the smart defensive tactics which paid such rich dividends in the slop against Southern California.

The stocky La Brucherie is no worrier, but is extremely serious and studious about football. He is a quiet personality and he has a keen sense of humor.

The strongest point in La Brucherie's favor, however, is that he is well liked by his squad and staff.

Bert La Brucherie is a players' coach. The boys play as much for him as for alma mater or anyone else.

That's the easiest way to get it out of them.

In that way they are doing what comes naturally.

Easy For Beavers CORVALLIS, Dec. 19 (AP)—Oregon State Beaver cagers romped to an easy 68-31 triumph over the independent Bruno Studio five here last night. Red Rocha, switched from center to forward, took scoring honors for the collegians with 13 tallies.

The Bears outgained their 10 opponents, 3787 net yards to 1859, while Illinois, beaten by Notre Dame and Indiana, had a nine-game net of 2042 to 2156 by rivals, which is less than breaking even.

The offensive break-down shows that UCLA gained 2606 yards on the ground to 969 by opponents, and 1181 by passing against 890, while Illinois' running attack rolled up 1564 against 1446, and in passing was far behind with 489 to 710.

But figures have been a season-long laugh to the Illini, who finished eighth in the western conference offensive column and yet bounded home with the league title with a 6-1 record, Illinois' two most important victories—against Michigan and Ohio State—were fashioned on pass interceptions for touchdowns.

Johnston Pleads For Tolerance

SPOKANE, Dec. 19 (AP)—Eric A. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, said last night that increased racial tolerance in the western democracies could rob communism of millions of prospective converts.

Speaking before the chamber of commerce, Johnston said the western powers can "block Russia's territorial expansion by such means as the United Nations and block Russia's ideological expansion by increasing the contentment of those countries which lie in Russia's path."

Woodcock Weds

DONCASTER, Eng., Dec. 19 (AP)—Bruce Woodcock, 26-year-old British heavyweight boxing champion who aspires to battle Joe Louis for the world crown, was married today to his hometown sweetheart, Nora Speight, whom he courted on long training walks over the Yorkshire moors.

Driver ants can cross streams by forming their bodies into compact balls.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR KLAMATH COUNTY. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIS J. KIMMEL, Deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that I have filed my final account of the administration of the above entitled estate, and that the Court has appointed Friday, January 10, 1947, at 10 o'clock A. M. as the time for hearing objections to such final account and the settlement thereof. First publication hereof, December 12, 1946.

W. M. LORENZ, Administrator of said Estate. D. 12-19-26; J. 2—No. 556.

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR KLAMATH COUNTY. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES H. OWEN, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed Administrator of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them to me, with the proper vouchers, at the office of Wm. Gannon, 724 Main Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon, within six months from December 12, 1946, which is the date of the first publication of this notice. FRANK OWEN, Administrator of said Estate. D. 12-19-26; J. 2—No. 557.

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The 20-30 club of Klamath Falls—a group of young men extremely interested in sports—sponsors the four-team, three-day basketball jamboree which starts on the Klamath Union high school court tonight and plans to make the meet an annual affair between top high school teams of Oregon and Washington.

Contestants this year include the Klamath Pelicans, Longview, Wash., Lumberjacks, Oregon City Pioneers and Baker Bulldogs. Two games will be played each night, starting at 7:30. Pairings will be made late today.

All proceeds of these games, after expenses are paid, will be applied on the cost of an iron lung the 20-30 club is buying for the community.

All these games are Kings-X—

Star Returning, Coach Relaxes

MORAGA, Calif., Dec. 19 (AP)—Coach Jimmy Phelan of St. Mary's college breathed easier today. His star Hawaiian half-back, Herman Wedemeyer, is planning to complete his one remaining season of college football eligibility for the Gaels rather than turn pro.

Wedemeyer, one of the nation's top triple threat men, was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams of the National Professional league, leading to speculations that he might forego his schooling to turn pro.

"Squirmin' Herman" was not directly available for comment, but campus sources said Wedemeyer already was looking forward to playing on the St. Mary's baseball team next spring.

Second In Row

LARAMIE, Wyo., Dec. 19 (AP)—Washington State college cagers dropped their Rocky mountain contest of their second successive road trip last night by a 45-33 count to the University of Wyoming Cowboys. Dahl, Cougar guard, picked off 10 points.

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Tractor Mechanic Red Wilhelm is shown giving out with the quack which won him the title from 217 other contestants in the National Duck-Callers contest at Stuttgart, Ark.

Bearcats Fall

EUREKA, Calif., Dec. 19 (AP)—Humboldt State college overcame a seven-point halftime deficit last night to defeat Willamette 30-45 and even their two-game basketball series. Page led Willamette with nine.

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Frank Wickhorst (above) announced he has resigned as head football coach at the University of California. He said he and the school had reached an agreement on final settlement of his contract which had two and a half years to run. The Bears had a disastrous season this year. —AP wirephoto.

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