

Cardinal-Dodger Tie Voted Year's Oddity

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinal-Brooklyn Dodger regular season tie for the National league pennant has been voted the No. 1 sports oddity of 1946 by a close margin over the Ted Williams shift.

Twelve of the 56 writers who participated in the annual Associated Press poll to determine the oddest event of the year, agreed that the Red Bird-Brook standoff was tops while 11 thought that the Cleveland and St. Louis shift for Slugger Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox was the strangest occurrence. The other votes were well scattered.

Although the Chicago Cubs and the New York Giants played off a tie game which decided the 1908 pennant in favor of the Cubs the Card-Dodger deadlock marked the first time in major league baseball that two teams wound up the regular season in a dead heat for the title.

The two teams entered the final day of the campaign snarled for the lead and both contestants lost, resulting in a best-two-out-of-three game playoff for the flag which the Red Birds won in two straight games.

The now famous "Williams shift" was employed by Manager Lou Boudreau of the Indians after the Boston strong boy had belted three home runs off Tribal hurlers in the opener of a double-header. Boudreau moved practically his entire team into right field and Manager Ed Dyer of the Cards used a variation of the move in the world series. The strategy paid off as Williams was held to five singles.

Stoppage of a second game of a twin bill between the Dodgers and Chicago Cubs because of an invasion of gnats at Ebbets field drew five votes and Enos Slaughter's mad dash from first to home with the Cards' payoff run against the Red Sox in the last game of the world series gained four votes.

Football oddities included such events as Ohio State flying to Los Angeles for a game with Southern California and forgetting to take along a single football; a Washington and Lee player lining up in a West Virginia huddle by mistake in a game played in the mud; officials instructing the band to play the Star Spangled Banner three times during the Arizona-Santa Clara game to halt play because of roughness.

Although it received only one vote, the sinking of the judges' stand at the women's national swim championships at Shaka-mak Park, Ind., caused plenty of guffaws.

While baseball hogged most of the spotlight in the oddities poll, Navy's football team yesterday was voted as producing sports' most surprising event of the year for its performance against unbeaten Army.

The Blue Jackets, although losing the game, 21-18 were on the Cadets' three-yard line in the final minute of play and drew 35 first place ballots with the Cardinals upset over Boston gaining 21 first place votes and second place.

Ex-Champion Dies

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Harry Forbes, 67, one-time bantamweight boxing champion, died yesterday at Illinois Masonic hospital.

Forbes won the bantam crown on January 23, 1902, by knocking out Danny Dougherty in four rounds in St. Louis. He lost the title to Frankie Neil at Oakland, Calif., in August, 1903.

Ed McKeever Eyes Offer

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Ed McKeever, former grid coach at Cornell, is the No. 1 prospect for the football coaching job at the University of San Francisco, Chairman Charles L. Harner of the U. S. F. athletic board said today.

Harner said no announcement would be made before Christmas.

McKeever left last night for his Ithaca, N. Y., home with the chief obstacle to agreement being his stipulation of a three or five-year contract. He refused a compromise offered by U. S. F. giving the school right to terminate his contract at any time for a stipulated sum.

Meantime Brutus Hamilton, University of California track coach designated to find a football headman to succeed Frank Wickhorst, said he was interested in talking with McKeever but failed to reach him before the latter left San Francisco.

Illinois Eleven Leaves Today

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 20 (AP)—A 44-man Illinois football squad will leave tonight for Pasadena, Calif., to meet UCLA in the Rose Bowl game on January 1.

Coach Ray Eliot selected the traveling squad yesterday and put his men through drills designed to keep their legs in condition despite the 20-degree temperatures. The players also rehearsed some new plays.

The squad will stop over in New Orleans for two hours Saturday and arrive in Pasadena Monday morning.

Ashley Quint Tops Malin Cagers, 58-29

The Ashley Chevrolet team of the Klamath Basin Basketball league walloped Malin's loop entry in a practice game last night, 58 to 29.

Bob Erlanson of the Chevroleets, last year's champs, poured in 26 points for the Chevys, while Irvine had 10 for Malin.

Each common toad frog is said to be worth at least \$7.50 annually to farmers because of the harmful insects it eats.

Coming Out



Out from under royal palms and between hedges — before shirt-sleeved spectators — the ponies parade at the start of Miami's Tropical Park race season.

Mustangs Tip Merrill Cage

MERRILL, Dec. 20 (AP)—A and B strings of Malin's Mustangs took a twin basketball bill from the Merrill Huskies Wednesday night, capturing the A game 35 to 23 and the B tilt 30 to 9.

Both games were rough, with the Mustangs leading throughout. At halftime in the varsity tilt Malin led 16-7. Fields poured in 11 points for the Mustangs, to lead the scoring, and Doyle Haskins topped Merrill shooting with six points.

Lineups and scoring:
Merrill Pos. Malin
Haskins (3) F. (11) Fields
Snapp (3) F. (11) Anderson
D. Haskins (6) C. (9) Ellis
Simmons (3) G. (7) McAllister
Shuck (3) G. (4) McKoen
Merrill reserves — Trotman (2), O'Keefe (3), Bowman (2), Wynant (1) and Price. Malin reserves — Arnold (1), Warner, Baker (1), and Ratliff.

A return game will be played at Malin in January.

Rose Ducats Go On Market

PASADENA, Dec. 20 (AP)—The line forms over the week-end. At 1 p. m. Monday, the public sale of Rose Bowl tickets will open. By 1:30, it probably will be over. For less than 8000 ducats will be available, two to a customer.

UCLA officials say increased student body allotments (both UCLA and Illinois) and big alumni demands were the main reasons for the small general distribution.

It is the smallest public "divvy" in the 32-year history of the Rose Bowl. Last year, about 15,000 were held for general use. The total is less than 10 per cent of the Bowl's 90,000 seats.

BASKETBALL Results

Roosevelt (Portland) 39, Vancouver, Wash., 32.
Columbia Prep 31, Concordia 14.
West Linn 33, Sherwood 30.
Monmouth 28, Independence 16.
Hood River 48, La Grande 36.
Baker 39, Longview, Wash., 36.
Eugene 44, Medford 40.

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Lung Will Be Given Tonight

Tonight on the Klamath Union high school maple the second round of the 20-30 club's early-season basketball tourney will be played, with Longview meeting Oregon City in the opener and the Pelicans playing Baker.

The first game will start right on the dot at 7:30. Proceeds from these games will go toward paying for the iron lung which the 20-30 club is purchasing for the city. The lung will be on display in the gymnasium lobby tonight and will be presented to the public health association between games tonight.

Suds Slate Big Games

SEATTLE, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Seattle Rainiers have lined up opening spring exhibition baseball games with the Cleveland Indians at Bakersfield, Calif., March 17 and with the Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles March 19. Manager Earl Sheely said today.

The team has the strongest exhibition schedule in years and battery men are to report at Richardson Springs, Calif., February 22 and the regulars at Bakersfield March 1, he said.

As a final payment for Pitcher Dewey Soriano, the Pittsburgh Pirates have assigned Pitcher James Hopper, a young righthander to the Rainiers with the addition of Hopper and Southpaw Lou Tost, expected back from the Boston Braves, the team's mound staff is about set.

Greenie Squad Takes Shuffle

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20 (AP)—A greatly revamped Tulane eleven will take the field here Saturday afternoon when the green wave meets the Trojans of Southern California.

Coach Henry Frnka, preparing for the first Pacific coast football team to perform here since 1931, has done a lot of rearranging in the past few weeks.

There will be at least three new faces in the Tulane lineup—a pair of freshman tackles and a halfback turned quarterback.

Coach Jeff Cravath and 43 Trojans were scheduled to arrive here this morning and to take a light workout in Tulane stadium to remove the kinks of a long train ride.

Grey Mask Wiggles Out Of Uncovering After Fall

The Grey Mask was soundly beaten by Billy Weidner last night—but fell back on the rule book and left the ring, still masked.

The hooded one copped the first fall with head butts and a half crab after Strongman Weidner had put on a display of muscular power, and Weidner invoked his airplane spin to grab the second.

Charging out of their corners to open the fourth heat, the fighters went at it hot and heavy, with the Mask spending quite a bit of time trying to protect himself in the aisle. Finally Weidner set up another spin, boosted the Hood to his shoulders.

But the Mask latched onto the ropes and in the altercation that followed when Referee Wally Moss unhooked Mr. Stoneface, the pair went down heavily and Weidner was on top for a press and the winning pin.

Thereupon the Mask called on his seldom-used book, pointed out the clause about robbery and refused to unmask. His point was that it was Wally, not Weidner, who was responsible for the final fall.

The best bout of the evening was the semi-windup in which

Pels Clout Oregon City

Baker Bulldogs Beat Longview In Opener

In first-round games of the invitational basketball tourney being sponsored by the 20-30 club on the KU court, Baker's Bulldogs squeaked past the Longview Lumberjacks, 39-36, last night and the Klamath Pelicans lambasted Oregon City 62-28.

The Lumberjacks, coached by Joe Moses, had the size and reach but just scored too many near misses in the Baker game, but it was close all the way. Longview went out ahead in the beginning and the score saw-sawed to 6-7 for Baker at the end of the quarter.

With Jack Parks and Jim Rosenzweig doing the scoring, Longview led 16-14 at the half. The third quarter was point-for-point until the last two minutes when the speedy Baker boys poured in three quick buckets to take the lead, 24-22. The final period was a rapid-fire one, but Baker clung onto a one or two basket margin.

Heavy Scorers
Jack Parks scored 14 points for Longview, while Dick Eardley had 13 and Jim Calderwood had 11 for the winners.

Oregon City laid in one foul shot for the first score in the Pelican game, but LeRoy Coleman converted a basket to put the Pels in the lead for good. The fast-breaking, close-checking Klamathites poured it on until a 16-7 bulge was held at the end of the quarter.

The Pel second string, playing the second period, was just as effective and by half time had pushed the count to 35-13.

The first and second Klamath teams divided time in the third quarter and the score mounted to 54-22. Clarence Bussman, playing only a period and a half, topped the evening's scoring with 15 points.

Used Four Teams
Coach Wayne Scott used four full teams in all—20 players—in working up to the final score of 62-26.

Both games last night were exceptionally fast and fairly clean. Not a single player was banished on fouls. Rod Thompson of Oregon City accounted for half of his team's 26 points, and Bussman's 15, plus 10 each for Ray Craig and Don Cesanun made up the bulk of Pelican counting.

Bob Howard, Ernie Bishop and Lyle Kelstrom were the officials. Dr. G. I. Wright the timer, Ed Ryan and Bob Hendershott, official scorers.

Novel Way To Practice

BOZEMAN, Mont., Dec. 20 (AP)—The Montana State college Bobcats, who meet New Mexico University in the Harbor Bowl at San Diego New Year's Day, probably are the only team in the country preparing for a football game by playing basketball and handball.

For a week Coach Clyde Carpenter hasn't been able to put his squad on the gridiron. The weatherman either sends along a sub-zero wave or dumps another three or four inches of snow on the field.

Thirty-five squad members elected Neil Brooks, senior fullback, and Tackle Len Jarson, junior, honorary co-captains for the past season and for the New Year contest.

Both had previously won letters while playing for the University of Washington Huskies in 1941 before fighting with the marines during the war.

Bruins Drilled For Punt Duel

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (AP)—Punting may play an important part in the UCLA-Illinois Rose Bowl clash, Coach Bert La Brucherie of the Bruins says.

He sent four kickers—Ernie Case, Cal Rossi, Benny Reiges and Don Malmberg—through a lengthy punting drill yesterday with specific instructions to aim 'em out of bounds. The idea, La Brucherie explained, is to keep the ball away from Buddy Young, Illinois whirlwind.

Young's spectacular punt returns for Fleet City against El Toro's marines last year are still vivid in the minds of local observers, including La Brucherie.

Dick Hagen Passes Up Professional Bid

SEATTLE, Dec. 20 (AP)—Dick Hagen, University of Washington end named to the 1946 second Associated Press all-American team and recently tabbed by the Detroit Lions in the National football league draft, will pass up the professional bid.

Now in San Francisco for the annual east-west Shrine game New Year's Day, Hagen plans to return to Washington to round out his remaining year of football eligibility.

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17 Hunters Massacre Deer

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 20 (AP)—Seventeen hunters—13 of them from West Virginia—have been arrested and fined a total of \$7385 in the worst deer massacre in the annals of the state game commission.

Seth Gordon, executive secretary of the commission, said the deer slayings occurred near Wellsboro, in Tioga county, where the party of West Virginia and Pennsylvania hunters had established a camp.

"The men were arrested on charges of illegal killing of deer; spotlight killing of deer; illegal storage of venison; storage of illegal venison, and making false statements in obtaining non-resident licenses," Gordon said.

"They were guilty of indiscriminately shooting at any deer that made its appearance and commission agents are still checking on the number of does that were killed illegally," Gordon added.

"It was one of the worst deer massacres in the history of the commission," he declared, "and the fines were the highest ever levied on one hunting party in this state."

American Bat King Wants More Sugar

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—First Baseman Mickey Vernon of the Washington Senators, whose .353 batting average topped the American league this year, has weighed in with a \$25,000 salary demand for 1947.

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