

Illinois Squad Goes To Work

Don Malmberg, Big UCLA Tackle, Hurt, May Be On Shelf For Pasadena Shindig.

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 24 (AP)—A spirited Illinois football squad set out today to make up for lost time in training, while its foes in the coming Rose Bowl game, the Bruins of UCLA, groaned about the possible loss of a star tackle.

The Illini scheduled a heavy workout, its first real body-contact drill—according to Coach Ray Eliot—since winning from Northwestern last November 23.

"I can only say we are far, far behind in our training," Eliot said, stressing the point, as his 43-man squad headed for Brookside park, familiar training site in the shadows of the Rose Bowl itself.

Today's practice was the second outdoor workout for Illinois since its championship season ended with the Northwestern game. Yesterday's session, taken within an hour after reaching Pasadena after a round-about journey from Champaign via New Orleans, was the first.

The Bruins, kingpin of the Pacific Coast conference, had a busy day ahead, too. But they were worried over the condition of a star left tackle, Don Malmberg. A hip injury bobbed up that may keep him on the shelf, and Coach Bert La Brucherie promptly revised his forward wall—far bulkier than Illinois'—for possible emergency.

Both teams will practice behind locked gates from now on out, although La Brucherie may let visiting sports writers in for a small peep later this week. There will be no practice Christmas Day.

The visiting team was greeted yesterday by Tournament of Roses officials, their band, queen and court, and a small sprinkling of rain. The rain peppered the team during a one-hour signal and passing drill that followed, but not long enough to cause any concern.

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Local Athlete Misses Title

Ed Parkhurst of Klamath Falls was runner-up in his height class in a Mr. Pacific Coast contest at Portland over the week-end, but was beaten out by Steve Reeves of Oakland, Calif., for the title.

The contest, held at Benson Tech, was to determine the best built athlete on the coast.

Parkhurst and Reeves were entered in the 5 foot 8 and taller class, and Reeves won that division. He then competed against the winners of two other height brackets and won the title.

Early Selection

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 24 (AP)—Albany high school has accepted an invitation to play Nampa, Idaho, high in the annual Nampa Lettuce Bowl football game there next Oct. 10, Coach Rex Hunaker said today.

Oregon Ducks Bring Surprise To Blase East

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Oregon University's Ducks, who have won nine straight while averaging 73 points per game, rate today as one of the college basketball powers of the nation, comparing favorably with Kentucky's much-heralded Wildcats.

Coach Howard Hobson's unbeaten court combine scored better than two points a minute last night in turning one of the major upsets of the season by handing highly-favored New York university a 81-65 drubbing before 18,000 stunned fans at Madison Square Garden.

The Ducks, making their

sixth appearance in the Garden, inflicted the first defeat in four games on their opponents, holding the Vaunted Violets even in the first half and literally running them ragged in the second.

The west coasters capably demonstrated a lightning fast break that made even Kentucky's smooth style look slow by comparison and matched it with some brilliant one-handed shooting that had the crowd agape from start to finish.

Paced by Stan Williamson, Ken Hays and Roger Wiley, the Oregonians heaved one-handers all over the court and

connected with 33 baskets in 101 attempts for a .328 average. Williamson, smallest man on the court at 5 feet 7 inches, tallied 16 points to take runner-up scoring honors to Hays.

Hobson somewhat modestly admits this is the best basketball team he ever coached, and there was no one in the Garden last night to dispute the assertion.

The Kentuckians, playing at Lexington last night, won their tenth game in as many starts this season and their 25th in a row over a two-year span in defeating Baylor 75-34.

Four-Minute Rule Should Be Discarded

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Dec. 24 (AP)—Basketball's new "four-minute" rule should be junked as soon as possible because it places too great a physical strain on the players, Coach Jack Gardner of Kansas State college declared today.

Gardner said in an interview that the rule which stops the clock every time the ball is dead in the last four minutes of the game increases the length of playing time as much as 11 minutes.

"We have to consider our players' condition when we make rules," Gardner said. "This rule actually increases the length of playing time all the way from 8 1/2 to 11 minutes. We know because we've timed a number of games."

Clipper Can't Pull On Socks

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 24 (AP)—L. G. "Clipper" Carmody, the Washington intercollegiate conference's contribution to the West squad which battles the East in the annual Shrine football game at San Francisco News Year's Day, is a rarity in football.

The rough, tough "Clipper," whose initials don't stand for any name, can trim the socks off most opponents but can't put on his own.

Coach Johnny Landahl of the Central Washington college Wildcats, who won the 1946 Winko championship largely through Carmody's terrific backfield performance, disclosed today the Clipper changes his socks only with the aid of a manager.

"Clipper can't stand on one leg, crane-style, and pull a sock on his upraised foot. He gets a kink in his back every time," Landahl said. "The only time he was laid up this year resulted from trying to put on his own socks."

43rd Straight KO

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24 (AP)—Billy Fox, 174, of Philadelphia, knocked out Reedy Evans, 170, of New York in the second of a scheduled 10-round feature at the Coliseum last night to run his string of consecutive knockouts since turning professional to 43.

Disappointed Patrons Riot After Ticket Booth Closes

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 24 (AP)—Disappointed ticket seekers to the Rose Bowl game kicked over the traces yesterday when the ticket booths closed two hours after they opened, and for a time a score of policemen had their hands full trying to quell a riot.

Pop bottles were fired at the officers and many in the crowd of 8000, some of whom had camped in line since last Saturday night, marched on the Tournament of Roses offices downtown, demanding to know why only 2000 of the 7000 tickets promised for the public sale actually were distributed.

"All possible tickets were placed on sale," said W. C. Ackerman, UCLA's graduate man-

ager. "That there were fewer available than many persons anticipated is regrettable but nonetheless unavoidable."

Here is how Ackerman accounted for the ticket disbursement: 19,403 to UCLA students and faculty; 14,245 to UCLA alumni; 17,200 to the Tournament of Roses committee, which stages the game; 2950 to the Pacific Coast conference; 4790 to the press and radio; 12,500 to the University of Illinois; 6980 to the public (some in earlier sales); 3077 to veterans' hospitals; 3621 to players of the teams, coaches, holders of lifetime passes, etc.; 4437 to police, firemen, hotels and others necessary in staging the game. This total is that of the Rose Bowl, 89,000 plus.

Best At Bat And On Mound, Cardinals Also Led Afield

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—It was not only their batting and pitching but their high efficiency rating in the field that enabled the St. Louis Cardinals to win the 1946 National league flag in a photo finish with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Hitherto buried in a statistical drawer, the official National league fielding averages unveiled today, revealed that the Redbirds led in club fielding with a percentage of .980 and committed the fewest errors, 124.

The Cards' fine defensive play enabled the league to establish a major league fielding record of .9741, surpassing the previous best mark of .9735 it had set in 1943. The loop also bettered its previous lowest error total from 1312 to 1259.

From an individual fielding viewpoint, the circuit's all-star infield included two Cardinals, Al (Red) Schoendienst and George (Whitey) Kurowski. Schoendienst topped the second basemen with a mark of .984, and Kurowski headed the third basemen with .966.

The most remarkable fielding performance was turned in by Frank McCormick of the Philadelphia Phillies, who led all first basemen with a record percentage of .999. He participated in 134 games and made only one error in 1284 chances to better the old mark of .997 made by Walter Holke, Boston, in 1921.

John (Buddy) Kerr of the New York Giants, set a couple of records in pacing the shortstops

with .982 and failed by one percentage point to tie Eddie Miller's major league mark of .983 set in 1942. Kerr finished the season with an unbroken string of 52 consecutive errorless games, surpassing the mark of 51 compiled by Leo Durocher of the 1931 Cincinnati Reds. Kerr also wound up with an unbroken string of 286 consecutive errorless chances, eclipsing the old mark of 251 held by Miller with the 1940 Boston Braves.

Vols Refuse To Take Floor

McKEESPORT, Pa., Dec. 24 (AP)—More than 2600 fans were left waiting last night when the Tennessee basketball team refused to take the floor because Duquesne Coach Chick Davies wouldn't promise not to use a negro player.

Davies said he had agreed not to use Freshman Star Charley Cooper "unless he had to in a close game," but that this did not satisfy the Vol coach.

Beavers Head East

PORTLAND, Dec. 24 (AP)—Oregon State's cage Beavers were en route to New York today for a Thursday night date with Long Island university after disposing of Portland university 58-38 last night.

The Beavers took their 10th pre-season victory in stride, moving to an early lead which they stretched to 24-14 at halftime.

Pro Football Was Ripe For Bribe Scandal

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (NEA)—The most unusual thing about Alvin Paris' attempt to bribe Merle Hapes and Frank Filchock of the New York Giants to throw the National league's championship playoff to the Chicago Bears is that a professional scandal has not broken before.

There was sufficient smoke to call for a league investigation in Washington three years ago. Bookmakers haven't relished action on the Redskins for some years. The proprietor of a big Brooklyn poolroom took a Washington-Philadelphia game off his board for some time this season. He didn't like what was going on.

A Washington player has been trailed by private detectives. There was much talk before the meeting of the Giants and Eagles at Shibe Park.

Asked to predict the outcome of games between rival clubs,

coaches in the league have told me to take into consideration whether the outfits were meeting again before the end of the season. The show is the thing, you know, and only a good attraction draws.

It stands to reason that men opposing each other year after year become considerate of their physical welfare. It isn't healthy for an athlete to get too rough. Teams rarely act that way until they are shooting for the capital prize, as in the case of the Bears and Giants at the Polo Grounds the other afternoon.

Right or wrong, pro football for some time has been regarded by a lot of people as something in the way of modern-day wrestling. There are too many touchdowns scored through lines with linemen standing up.

It was significant that New York police broke the case against Broadwayite Paris on the

eve of the Bear-Giants playoff. The cops knew backs Hapes and Filchock had been night-clubbing with Paris several times in recent weeks, but the Giants' front office and Commissioner Bert Bell were obviously unsuspecting even though the would-be fixer visited the players at their Bear Mountain training camp after they had refused to speak with him on the telephone.

Although the pro football war upped salaries generally, a lot of capable hands are still paid on the short side. Young men playing football once a week have much time on their hands. That frequently has led to mischief, especially where money was the chief concern.

Professional football ownership is generally sprinkled with former racketeers, gamblers, bookmakers and horse and dog track operators. They are the type who dislike having ques-

tions asked about them or to be asked about anybody else.

When Judge William Bramham recently retired as commissioner, he warned owners that there again was considerable cause for apprehension in regard to gambling in the minor baseball leagues. There is no question but that things became more lax with the death of Judge Landis.

But the chances are that nothing will be done by football or baseball officials even though the situation grows worse.

This means that another blow-up like the White Sox scandal will have to pop up to bring iron hands into the games.

Racing finally got around to it by naming Spencer Drayton of the FBI head of its protective bureau.

It long since has been demonstrated that as long as vast sums are bet on professional sports they have to be policed.



Short Shrift

In keeping with the beat-down appearance of The Herald and News these days, this corner will also be abbreviated, just a few notes on this and that in the sports whirl which right now is taking a back seat in deference to that biggest sport of them all, St. Nick.

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