

# Aussie Net Hopes Break

MELBOURNE, Dec. 26 (AP)—Ted Schroeder's smashing upset victory over John Bromwich and Jack Kramer's easy triumph over Dinny Pails in the opening matches of Davis Cup play today virtually extinguished Australia's hopes of retaining the international tennis trophy.

The two Americans, trying to bring back the symbol of world tennis supremacy which has been held down under since 1939, team up tomorrow to tangle with Bromwich and Adrian Quist in a doubles match which could—and should—clinch the cup for the United States.

It was Schroeder's genuinely great triumph over the two-hand-swinging Bromwich in the first match of the series which set the tone for Australian gloom. About the only comfort the Aussies could find was in the memory of the last Davis Cup matches in 1939, when they won the cup after losing the first two singles encounters.

Seldom in the history of tennis has a player of any country given a greater demonstration of gameness and sheer determination than did Schroeder in turning back Bromwich, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3. Kramer beat Pails in straight sets, 8-6, 6-2, 9-7, hardly bothering to leave the baseline in accomplishing the win.

Never for an instant in the long grueling struggle did Schroeder relax the pressure. If he had, it probably would have been fatal, for Bromwich always was waiting and ready to pounce if given an opportunity.

When the Aussie raced through six straight games in the fourth set, it appeared he might have taken Schroeder's measure, but the former U. S. navy flier, visibly weary from the strain of his tremendous effort, had that little extra something which enabled him to come through in the deciding set.

# Beavers Meet LIU Tonight

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—The apparently strong Oregon State college Beavers make their first major cage appearance of the year tonight against Long Island university in Madison Square Garden.

The Beavers have won 10 straight practice contests but have yet to meet an opponent of full college calibre.

The northwest quintet was greeted cordially yesterday by Garden officials who admitted their respect for the region's hoopsters had heightened since University of Oregon trounced New York university in the Garden Monday night.

# Pelicans Go Into Valley

On a holiday tour into the valley, the Klamath Falls high school Pelicans have slated a basketball tilt with Albany for tonight. The undefeated Pels will be trying for their eighth straight win of the early season.

Friday and Saturday nights the Pels will be renewing and old hoop rivalry with Salem.

Southern Oregon conference play does not begin until January 10.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26 (AP) Pitcher Tommy Bridges, recently purchased by the Portland Beavers from the Detroit Tigers, today was the first Beaver player to return his signed contract for the 1947 season.

# Passing May Win Rose Bowl

## Howie Pollet Rates Best On NL Mound

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Handsome Howie Pollet, trim left-hander of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals, has for the second time in his comparatively brief career won the distinction of most effective hurler in the National league.

The 25-year-old southpaw from Houston by way of New Orleans leads in the earned run averages with 2.21, figures just released for the 1946 season disclose.

In addition, Pollet also leads in total innings pitched, 266, and won the most games, 21. First southpaw to win 20 National league games since Cliff Melton and Carl Hubbell of the Giants in 1937, Pollet was one of only two 20-game winners in the loop. The other was Sain, who had an even 20.

Pollet paced the circuit with a 1.75 mark in 1934 although he played only half the season before entering the army air force. Returning last spring, he started most of the Red Birds' crucial games in their uphill drive to the pennant.

Another Cardinal, little right-hander Murry Dickson, compiled the best winning percentage with 15 victories against six defeats for .714. Ewell Blackwell, Cincinnati's sensational yearling, tossed the most shutouts, six.

The Brooklyn Dodgers' Ed Head, turned in the only no-hit, an early-season whitewash job on the Braves. Sain hurled the most complete games, 24. Johnny Schmitz of the Chicago Cubs struck out the most batsmen, 135, while Rookie Montia Kennedy of the Giants allowed the most bases on balls, 116.

## 10 Touchdown Storm Wins

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 26 (AP)—Operating from a T-formation that had speed, precision and power, Southern university of Baton Rouge, La., reeled off 10 touchdowns yesterday afternoon to whip favored Tuskegee Institute of Alabama, 64-7, in the first Yam Bowl football game. Three other Southern touchdowns were called back because of penalties. Some 5000 fans saw the game.

The decisive victory which southern champions of the Southwestern Negro college conference, scored over their opponents of the Southeastern Negro conference, was a big upset. In the regular season, Tuskegee lost only to Florida A&M, and no opponent scored more than two touchdowns against them.

## Merchants Beaten

The Langell valley Beavers clipped the Malin Merchants 44-40 in a close holiday basketball game, after the Merchants had led 24-15 at the half. It was a practice game before the start of Basin league play.

## House Divided

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 26 (AP)—Possibility that the Salem Trailblazers may divide their Pacific Coast Professional Basketball league home schedule with either Eugene or Astoria because of lack of attendance locally, was disclosed today by Frank Shone, general manager.

## 'And He's All Mine'



Eighteen-year-old Charlotte Arnee Jones of Denver really hooked up with a hunk of man when she married Martin (The Blimp) Levy of wrestling note in Dallas the other day. Martin grapples in the heavyweight bracket, of course—he weighs 640 pounds.

## Another Basket... East Coaches Hatch Heavy T Backfield

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (AP)—East co-coaches Andy Kerr and Bernie Bierman, apparently deciding not to put all their Shrine game eggs in the wing-back basket, hatched out one of the biggest "T" formation quarterbacks in the business today in a 205-pound Pete Pihos of Indiana.

Heretofore exponents of single and double wing play for the New Year's Day classic, Kerr and Bierman experimented with Pihos as the man under the center in Christmas Day practices.

The West already is depending on the "T" for victory and,

perhaps sensing the East's new move, practiced a defense against the formation yesterday as well as countering play for the wingback style they expect to be the East's strongest threat.

An old East-West hand, Pihos played in the 1944 game as an end. This year he was billed as a fullback, the spot in which he played for Bob McMillin's Hoosiers the past season, tossing 11 passes and completing seven with no interceptions.

Shifting Pihos to quarterback put Paul (Manny) Weaver of Penn State at full, in a straight swap. Weaver is a blocking quarter in the single and double wing.

Western players, emphasizing passing, pounded through a stiff Christmas Day routine as co-coaches Homer Norton (Texas A. & M.) Lon Stiner (Oregon State) and George Sauer (Kansas) tried to make up time lost by the belated arrival of three University of Southern California players delayed by the Tulane game. They checked in Tuesday.

Clyde Le Force of Tulsa is the West's single wing passer, with Bill MacKirdes of Nevada and Mickey McCardle of USC doing the flinging in the more heavily emphasized "T."

## Cincy Shortstop Decides To Quit

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26 (AP)—Eddie Miller, recognized as one of baseball's best shortstops during his four years' service with the Cincinnati Reds, plans to hang up his spikes for good.

Announcing his retirement last night, he said he was quitting because he was "worried about the condition of my arm and also annoyed by my inability to hit for a respectable average." He said his sore right arm, which kept him on the bench for a good part of last season, was not responding properly to medical treatment.

## Rival Backs About Even

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 26 (AP)—Their one-day holiday past, the Illinois and UCLA football teams returned today to the rather grim business of preparing for their Rose Bowl engagement, one that may be decided by the field generalship and passing of the rival quarterbacks.

The Illini has its Perry Moss, a sturdy, broad-shouldered blond lad of 20, who weighs about 174 pounds and stands 5 feet 10; the Bruins have Ernie Case, all-coat quarterback, who is 26, married, a father, a war veteran of combat, and physically about the same size as Moss.

In the passing department, Case has the better record. In steering the Uclans to 10 straight victories, Case threw 95 passes, completed 42 for a total of 868 yards and 11 touchdowns. Moss passed 61 times, and completed 30 for 233 yards and two touchdowns.

From all accounts, the two are equal in coolness under fire, and leadership.

Backing them up are two pretty fair quarterbacks in Benny Reiges of the Bruins and Tom Stewart of Illinois. While Case and Moss played most of the minutes of each game, Reiges isn't too much of a drop from Ernie, and some Illini followers contend Stewart is as good, if not a better, passer than Perry.

Stewart, a freshman from Gary, Ind., got into every game but one, and was a standout defensive man. Reiges' best performance was when he took over for a knocked-out Case in the Southern California game. He ran the club according to instructions and his punting was a big factor in the Uclan win.

However, barring injury to either, the New Year's Day contest will be a duel between the two first-string quarterbacks. Moss, whose home is in Seattle, Wash., came here widely acclaimed. Case has become something of a local hero, and many believe he can move on into professional football—and stay there.

Case is a modest young man, but he feels the same way.

## The Dalles Has 3-Day Tourney

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 26 (AP)—Eight Washington and Oregon high school teams are paired in today's opening rounds of the three-day Invitation Basketball tournament here.

Hillsboro, Ore., meets Golden-dale, Wash., at 2:30 p. m., Vancouver, Wash., meets The Dalles, Ore., 4 p. m., Pasco, Wash., meets Bend, Ore., at 7:15 p. m., and Silverton and Seaside, both Oregon, start at 8:30 p. m.

Semi-finals and consolation play will be Friday and Saturday.

## Gopher Bucketees In Seattle For Two

SEATTLE, Dec. 26 (AP)—University of Minnesota bucketees were scheduled to arrive here today for a two-game series with the University of Washington tomorrow and Saturday.

Coached by Dave McMillan who won Idaho's first coast conference crown in 1923, the Gophers will be out to avenge the roughing of Big Nine pride administered by the Huskies' double triumph over Ohio State.

# Football Men Give All-America Loop One More Year

By HARRY GRAYSON  
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (NEA)—With all its headaches, the All-America football conference at the end of its first season of operation needs a cheerful guy like Sleepy Jim Crowley as its commissioner.

By this time, all hands fully realize that the picture isn't too bright. At the conclusion of the initial round of the professional football war the decision goes to the National league — going away.

Indeed, well-informed football men doubt that the new circuit will go any great distance.

As a matter of fact, many of them give it just one more year. The result of the first round of

rivalry points to a slightly expanded National league rather than two wheels and a football World Series similar to that of baseball.

As men acquainted with the financial statements of National league clubs stressed when the circuit was announced, there is not yet room for two major organizations.

Already there are feelers from the one successful All-America club—the surprising champion Cleveland Browns—about getting into the National. Such a switch would call for one more club and round the elder circuit into a 12-club organization.

The bulk of the All-America owners are tossing money

around as though they were printing it, but the net result was close to a \$2,000,000 deficit, and what is next to that an untold loss in prestige.

The All-America magnates no doubt will rally for another round, but in the final analysis they are hard-headed business men who will not continue to throw good money after bad.

Only one All-America outfit showed a profit, and Mickey McBride could have earned more in Cleveland by simply leaving his investment in a savings bank. The taxicab tycoon would not, of course, have had nearly as much fun. The Browns' report illustrates well how the new owners tossed money around and

how rapidly money can evaporate in pro football.

Exclusive of the playoff, Paul Brown's team played to a record of 648,924 paid admissions in 14 games and an exhibition, and grossed nearly \$1,000,000. Yet it earned no more than \$35,000, and that came from the program.

Similarly, the Philadelphia club of the National league attracted more spectators than ever before—161,707 in five starts at Shibe park—yet did nothing more than break even.

In games and exhibitions, National league clubs appeared before 2,500,000 persons. This was with Detroit and Boston experiencing bad years.

The average game attendance

in the All-America was 16,000 without Cleveland, 25,000 with it. Dan Topping fared better with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National league than he did with the Yankees of the All-America at the stadium. And the All-America paid him \$100,000 to jump.

If the All-America couldn't make it in this lush year, there isn't much hope for the future. Not with the present setup, at least.

Wealthy men will no longer stand in line pleading to be permitted to put up \$200,000 to insure payment of the bills of a professional football franchise.

They'll prefer to have new leagues formed and clubs backed with other people's money.