

# Gate Slammed On East Drill

Hub Bechtol Of Texas U Joins Western Offense For Shrine Tilt

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 (AP)—The doors were slammed today on the East football team's practice sessions for the annual Shrine game January 1, but a few miles away inquisitive fans could get a free look at the West.

Coaches Andy Kerr and Bernie Bierman worked behind "Keep Out" signs at the Santa Clara university grounds on single and double wing formations reminiscent of Bierman's crunching Minnesota attacks.

The steam generated by Indiana's Pete Pihos, Purdue's Ed Cody and Syracuse's Joe Watt led some insiders to predict the East would win on New Year's Day by out-powering their rivals.

Head Coach Homer Norton, leading his western charges at Menlo Junior college, scoffed at spy scares as he ordered scrimmages with both T formation and single wing offensives.

Hubert Bechtol, six-foot, two-inch end from Texas U., got his 201 pounds into practice for the first time and fitted immediately into the western offense.

A full dress scrimmage is planned for the West today, the last before kickoff time Wednesday.

Two eastern backs, Ed Allen of Pennsylvania and Paul Weaver of Penn State, are out with foot and knee ailments, respectively, but both are expected to be ready New Year's Day.



## League's Side

Yesterday this corner pointed out some of the undesirable aspects of the professional league football draft, whereby college players are told what teams they can play with, so today the league's side of the draft will be told.

Some teams don't have as much money as others and can't compete for star players on the open mart. The Detroit Lions don't have as much money as the Philadelphia Eagles, for example, or the Chicago Bears.

One good reason the Lions don't have the money to engage in all-out dollar wars for players is because they generally finish far down in the National Professional league standings, and as a consequence don't draw the crowds the winning teams do.

The Lions, conversely, usually finish way down because they don't have the money to buy and hire the top-notchers.

So, in order to strengthen the league all over, the draft was instituted, giving the last-finishing team its first choice of football players finishing their college years, without having to put out a lot of cash the team hasn't got.

Taking Glenn Davis as an example again, as he was one of the two or three outstanding college players in the country this past season and because he was named as the Lions' first choice in the draft, if he decided to play professional ball and plays for the Lions, more people will file into the grandstands and more money will pile into the Detroit coffers.

Davis may also win some games for the Lions they would have otherwise lost, and they'll finish higher in the standings. So, from the league's standpoint, the football draft is acutely fair and desirable as a matter of business.

Of course, if the Lions are so needy of cash that they would rather have a good round sum of dollars to keep the finance company away, they can peddle Davis to the highest bidder.

While on the subject of professional football, heads are still rolling in New York. Mayor William O'Dwyer of this country's biggest city is swinging a big stick since the Alvin J. Paris bribery attempt broke.

He has brought about the resignations of several members of his city hall family, and even found out that a trusty at Bellevue hospital was conducting a telephonic bookie joint at that institution.

The trusty was serving a city prison term for having a finger in the basketball "fix" of a year ago.

## Hunk Anderson Is Fined \$250

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Commissioner Bert Bell has fined Hunk Anderson, line coach of the Chicago Bears, \$250 for "conduct detrimental to the welfare of the National Football league."

The action, announced by Bell's office yesterday, resulted from Anderson's criticism of the coaching and management policies of the Detroit Lions in a speech at a Detroit luncheon.

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# PAIR OF ILLINI PLAYERS CANNED

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 28 (AP)—Illinois football stock slumped today—the extent to be determined later—with the summary dismissal of two members of the fighting Illini by Head Coach Ray Eliot for "violation of the curfew rule."

As their Rose Bowl rivals, the Bruins of UCLA, slated another Sunday drill, the Big Nine champions scratched one player who might prove vital in Illinois' New Year's Day bow to the Rose Bowl in the Big Nine-Pacific Coast conference tieup.

Coach Eliot disclosed he had fired Center Lou Donoho, six-foot ex-marine from

Salem, Ill., who started one game at center this year and was regarded by team camp followers as an apt understudy to the number one center, Mac Wenskunas, who today awaited a doctor's report on symptoms of appendicitis.

The other Illini ordered sent home by Eliot was a substitute fullback, Ray Florek, a husky 189-pounder from Chicago, who was a pre-war stalwart but, because of a knee injury, didn't figure too much in the team's Big Nine title-winning campaign this season.

Eliot made no further statement, but it was known the

pair missed practice the day after Christmas. He cited Vern Seliger as his second best center, and said he would start the game if Wenskunas couldn't. The latter was bedded with ice packs with the first hint of appendicitis and frankly said he didn't know whether he could play.

The UCLA squad suffered a mishap when Third String Quarterback Ray Nagel broke a bone in his leg in practice on a soggy field yesterday. Nagel played but little in the regular season, chiefly because Ernie Case did most of the work and was backed up very well by Benny Reiges.

## Pels Count 34-31 Win Over Salem

SALEM, Dec. 28—The Klamath high school Pelicans, currently doing a little barnstorming in Willamette valley gymnasiums, grabbed a closely played tilt from the Salem Vikings here last night, 34 to 31.

It was the ninth straight win of the season for the Pels, who have yet to be defeated. As a comparison, the K-men just a year ago with a clean record, received their first defeat.

The two teams are scheduled to meet here again tonight. The Pelicans are slated to return home tomorrow and take it easy until the opening of southern Oregon conference basketball play January 10.

## BASKETBALL Results

- Rainer 39, Tigard 28.
- Newberg 50, Oregon City 39.
- Klamath Falls 34, Salem 31.
- University (Eugene) 49, Grant (Portland) 34.
- La Grande 52, Burns 27.
- Roseburg 43, Bend 35.
- Hood River 43, Battleground, Wash., 21.
- Medford 48, Eureka, Calif. 26.
- McMinnville 34, Franklin (Portland) 27.
- Corvallis 50, Myrtle Point 46.
- Pasco, Wash., 38, Goldendale, Wash., 25.
- Vancouver, Wash., 37, Seaside 19.
- Hillsboro 34, Redmond 32.
- The Dalles 55, Silverton 32.

## Packers Pluck Stalwart Trio

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Green Bay Packers of the National Football league have plucked a stellar collegiate threesome in Guard Alex Agase of Illinois, Quarterback Ernie Case and End Burr Baldwin, both of UCLA.

Curly Lambeau, coach and vice president of the Packers, disclosed yesterday the trio—all to see action in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day—had been selected by his club in the recent NFL draft.

## Pitcher Killed

CANBY, Dec. 28 (AP)—Ronald Edward Ott, 19, Canby high school pitcher who was expected to get a try-out in professional baseball next year, was fatally injured last night in a traffic mishap.

## Ashley Team Will Hunt Out-Of-Town Competition

The Ashley Chevrolet basketball team, last year's winners of the Klamath Basin league, is planning to step out into some tougher competition in January, according to Clyde Walsh, manager.

The Chevys will compete in the Basin circuit, but are scheduling games with the Ashland Elks, Southern Oregon Normal, Pacific university at Forest Grove, and trying to line up tilts with Oregon and Oregon State junior varsity or frosh.

In 10 practice engagements so far this season the Chevrolts

have been undefeated. Monday night on the Altamont court they will take to the floor against an aggregation of former Pelican players now home from college.

That squad will include Jim and Dick Vatlancour, Jim Conroy, Wilbur Welch, Rex Young, Ray Biggers and Baldy Foster.

Members of the Ashley team are Marion Reginato, Bob Erlanson and Harold Eittrich, forwards, Pot Moses and George Brosterhouse, centers, and Neil Mayfield, Swede Anderson and Al Van Buren, guards.

## Louis Will Defend Crown At Atlantic City In April

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28 (AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis may defend his title in Atlantic City "possibly in April," says Fight Promoter Herman Taylor.

Taylor told a reporter he had a definite title commitment with Mike Jacobs, the New York fighter entrepreneur, before the latter's illness.

Taylor said he and Jacobs had agreed to stage the title

match in partnership in Atlantic City's huge Convention hall.

"If Mike were well, I could tell you the day," Taylor said, "but since he is still ill I can only hope that all plans can be carried out. If Jacobs goes to Florida, and regains his health, I think everything will be all right."

Probable opponent for the "Brown Bomber" would be the winner of the Joey Maxim-Jersey Joe Walcott 10-round bout at Philadelphia's Convention hall January 6, Taylor said. Maxim outpointed Walcott in Camden, N. J., last summer.

Jack Kearns, manager of the Cleveland-bred Maxim, said the title plans "suit me."

"I know that Maxim can beat Walcott again," Kearns declared. "If you want us to whip anybody else, we'll fight Curtis Sheppard and Elmer Ray, too."

## Heavy Guard At Stadium

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 27 (AP)—City officials said today 200 policemen, state guardsmen and American Legionnaires have been assigned to handle traffic at the Orange Bowl stadium New Year's Day.

Orange Bowl stadium Chairman John H. Thompson said an estimated 1500 persons crashed the gate at the Miami-Holy Cross game last year and officials did not intend for that to happen again.

Inspector Forrest E. Nelson said police would be stationed at all gates and patrolmen every 50 feet around the bowl. Six officers and 70 patrolmen were assigned to direct traffic in the area.

A detail of six policemen will keep autograph seekers from the box of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Huskies Maul Golden Gophers

SEATTLE, Dec. 28 (AP)—Washington's dominance over Big Nine conference basketball opponents was still unmarred today after a 61-47 mauling given the Minnesota Gophers here last night before a record crowd of 10,300 fans. The two teams meet tonight in the second and final game of their intersectional series.

Coach Hec Edmundson's Huskies, twice victors over Ohio State last week-end, literally ran the Gophers into a state of exhaustion in the second half to win with ease.

Washington left the floor at the end of the first period leading 29-27, but trailed by two points soon after the opening of the second half.

## Olympics Bid

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (AP)—The Japanese hope General MacArthur will endorse their bid to participate in the 1948 Olympics at London, Masaji Tabata, who headed Japan's victorious swimming teams at the Los Angeles and Berlin games, said today.

## Seals Will Prep In Hawaii Again

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 (AP)—It's those soft Hawaiian breezes again for the San Francisco Seals in spring baseball training.

Manager Lefty O'Doul and co-owner, Paul Fagan of the Pacific Coast league club, were scheduled to leave today for Honolulu to make arrangements for the 1947 trek to the tropics, slated for pitchers and catchers February 17 and for the rest of the Seals February 24.

The Seals did their spring training in the islands for the first time last year and came home to win the Pacific Coast league championship.

This year they will headquarter at Hana, on the island of Maui, O'Doul said.

## Future Set For Charlie

MACON, Ga., Dec. 28 (AP)—The Macon Telegraph said today that "it is a better than 2-1 shot" that All-America Charlie Trippi will play professional baseball with Atlanta and pro football with either the New York Yankees or the Chicago Bears after graduation.

The great halfback, who'll finish at Georgia in March, told the Telegraph at Biloxi, Miss., that Atlanta of the Southern association is the only pro baseball team willing for him to combine pro football with his diamond career.

## Braves Predicted

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27 (AP)—General Manager Herb Pennock of the Phillies predicted Boston would win the 1947 National league pennant if the Braves' sound staff comes through.

## Rain Shrouds Davis Match

MELBOURNE, Dec. 28 (AP)—The windup of the Davis Cup challenge round, postponed by heavy rains until Monday, was saved from being pure anti-climax today by the decision of Australia's John Bromwich to return to play.

Bromwich withdrew yesterday after he and Adrian Quist surrendered to the United States the trophy Australia has held since 1939 in losing the decisive doubles match to the American team of Jack Kramer and Ted Schroeder.

Schroeder had started the rout the previous day by trimming Bromwich at singles, and Kramer followed through with a three-set victory over Dinny Pails.

The remaining two singles matches, which will have no bearing on the final outcome, were scheduled for today, but postponement was forced by a heavy downpour.

## Panthers Nip Bly, 59 To 12

CHILOQUIN, Dec. 28—The undefeated Chiloquin Panthers rolled up another County league basketball victory by swamping Bly 59-12 in a runaway game.

The Panther first string, which played only the first quarter, left the floor on the long end of a 24-1 score. The second string took over for the next three quarters.

The Panther Cubs also beat the Bly B team.

## South Favored

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 28 (AP)—The south was installed as a seven-point favorite to beat the north in the ninth annual Blue-Gray football battle today. An aerial battle was indicated for the sellout crowd of 23,000.

Harry Gilmer of Alabama and Carmen Falcone of Pennsylvania spearheaded the passing artists of the two all-star squads.

## Best College Snowbirds Compete At Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, Dec. 28 (AP)—The nation's top college skiers slid down Baldy mountain today—the cavalcade of 140 men and women leaving the post one minute apart in the opening race of the fifth annual four-event intercollegiate ski meet.

A six-inch fall of new powdered snow on top of 48 packed inches made for perfect conditions for the tournament which will continue through Tuesday.

The downhill event today inaugurated one of the heaviest winter sports programs ever scheduled at this resort which only recently reopened after four years duty as a naval convalescent hospital. Climax of

the program will be the Olympic downhill and slalom tryouts here March 8 and 9.

Kathleen Harriman, daughter of Secretary of Commerce Harriman, will present the Bradley awards to the outstanding skiers in each of the intercollegiate events during the traditional skiers' banquet New Year's Day.

The three favorite slopes here—Round, Baldy and Ruud will be used during the current meet. The slalom—a zig-zag run through gates—will start on Round mountain at 11 a. m. (MST) Sunday and the cross-country event Monday will start from the same peak at 10 a. m. The jumpers will head down the Ruud slope Tuesday at 1 p. m.