

Guys Named Charlie Will Furnish Sparks

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP)—A couple of guys named Charlie—Trippi and Justice—should furnish most of the individual fireworks in the major New Year's Day bowl games off the season-long statistics from the National Collegiate Athletic bureau.

Trippi, the All-America from Georgia, gained 1366 yards running and passing for the unbeaten Bulldogs who bump up against North Carolina in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans. He had the best total offense record of any major bowl participant and also intercepted six passes for 107 yards.

Herman Wedemeyer of St. Mary's who faces Georgia Tech in the Oil Bowl at Houston, Texas, wasn't too far behind Trippi in the individual yard gaining chores with Justice taking third place. Justice led in kickoff returns among the bowlers and Wedemeyer had the best record on punt returns, 397 yards in 26 runs.

Justice depended on rushing for most of his gains, picking up 943 of his 1213 yards by churning through the line an average of 7.20 yards per rush. Trippi divided his work more evenly, picking up 744 yards along the ground and 622 through the air.

Oddly enough, the Bowl games that usually are loaded with the

best forward passers in the nation, will show only two of the top 20 in season rankings. John Rauch of Georgia had the best mark with 48 completions and Y. A. Tile of the Louisiana state team that faces Arkansas in the Dallas Cotton Bowl was next, making connections with 45 tosses.

Although he wasn't in the top 20, Ernie Case of UCLA, Illinois' foe in the Pasadena Rose Bowl, hit his receivers with 42 passes good for a total of 868 yards. Case has the fifth best offensive record among the top bowl stars, gaining 907 yards in all.

The Jacksonville 'Gator Bowl should get an eyeful in the rushing of Oklahoma's Joe Gold-

ing and the passing of North Carolina State's Howard (Touch-down) Turner to end George Blomquist.

The Rice team that meets rugged Tennessee in the Miami Orange Bowl leans heavily on Carl Russ who gained all of his 690 yards along the ground in 130 rushes.

Rudy (Little Doe) Mobley of the unbeaten Hardin-Simmons powerhouse boasts perhaps the most remarkable record of any player to appear in any January 1 bowl game. He led the country in rushing and placed sixth on total offense without throwing a single pass. He'll be seen in the Alamo Bowl at San Antonio against Denver.

Hint Of Rain Puts Scare Into Light West Backfield

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30 (AP)—A fast breaking offense prepared by the West for the annual Shrine football game made weather guessers of the team's backers today, with high hopes for a hard turf on New Year's Day.

The East, its attack built on single and double wing plays run by heavy, powerful backs, was less concerned about the weather. Sprinkles in Sunday drills pointed up West fears. The weatherman was noncommittal on prospects for Wednesday, although his forecast of clear skies today and tomorrow lowered Head Coach Homer Norton's blood pressure.

Four passers Norton rates as "above average" are primed to loose a pigskin barrage on the East if the weather is favorable—Mickey McCordle of USC, Fred Provo of Washington, Clyde Le Force of Tulsa and Bill Mackrides of Nevada.

But none of the four, who also are adept at "scat" running, can compare in poundage with backs like the East's 205-pound Paul Weaver of Penn State, 201-pound

Larry Bruno of Geneva college or big Pete Pihos of Indiana.

The West has developed two backfield casualties to match Weaver and Ed Allen of Pennsylvania, both of whom are handicapped by gimpy legs but are expected to play.

Santa Anita Season Open

ARCADIA, Calif., Dec. 30 (AP)—Santa Anita park, off to a record opening day start, prepared today for its next turf program—the \$50,000 added San Carlos handicap New Year's Day.

No racing is scheduled tomorrow. Opening day drew 57,000, largest inaugural in the track's history. The betting handle, \$2,593,757, was also the largest, surpassing the 1945 opening play of \$2,413,218 from a crowd of 48,200.

Rolling Hill Farm's Shim Malone won the \$50,000 added California Breeders' championship in a stretch battle with Prim Beau, with Stepfather, a betting favorite, third. The win was worth \$41,085 to Owner Walter G. McCarty. Time was 1:40 for the mile.

Cadets, Irish End Competition

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 30 (AP)—The Army and Notre Dame have agreed to suspend temporarily their football series after the 1947 game, the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, CSC, president of Notre Dame announced today.

Father Cavanaugh and Maj. Gen. Maxwell V. Taylor, superintendent of West Point, in a joint statement announced the temporary suspension of the series.

The statement gave two reasons. The first was the conviction of authorities of both schools that the game had grown to such proportions that it had come to be played under conditions escaping authorities of the two schools, some not conducive to wholesome intercollegiate sports. The second was Army's desire to schedule more inter-sectional games.

Utah Favored

SUN VALLEY, Ida., Dec. 30 (AP)—The cross-country event of the fifth annual intercollegiate ski meet started today with the University of Utah favored to retain the lead it established in the two week-end events.

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Northern Division . . . Webfoots, Huskies Loom As Strongest

By The Associated Press

Four northwest college quintets bid farewell to pre-season practice contests today and began leveling toward the opening of northern division, Coast conference, play this Friday.

Initial contests being the defending circuit titlists, Idaho, into the University of Washington pavilion, and send Washington State's Cougars into Eugene against the strong Oregon Ducks.

Both meetings are two-game Friday-Saturday series, and in each the pre-season records stamp the hometown five as decided favorites. Oregon State opens Monday and Tuesday as host to the Cougars.

Washington set itself up as a definite title contender with its undefeated record in seven warmup contests, including sweeps of two-game meetings with Minnesota and Ohio State of the Western conference. Oregon's successful road trip, with its eastern eye-opener win over New York university, left no doubt as to the Duck strength.

Idaho's defending titlists, although retaining four of the starting five players that pushed through last year's successes, didn't show too brilliantly in losing eight out of nine contests on its eastern invasion.

Washington State, although meeting with fair success on its Rocky mountain tour, dropped a 40-38 decision to Gonzaga university in Spokane.

Both Washington and Oregon carded wins Saturday night—the Huskies coming from a 10-point deficit to score a 72-68 win over Minnesota, and Oregon holding Portland's Brunos to four field goals for a 91-17 triumph.

Bowes Skims For Ski Win

PORTLAND, Dec. 30 (AP)—Bill Bowes of Portland's Cascade club won the men's class A title in the Portland Day trial races at Mount Hood yesterday before a record crowd of 6000.

Bowes sped down the four and a half mile course in 8:16.2 to unseat defending Champion Bill Devecka, Portland (unattached), who placed fifth, Trailing Bowes by nine seconds was Bill Healy, University of Portland entry, timed at 8:25.0. Ned Sieberts of Multnomah Athletic club was third, with a time of 8:34.2.

The women's class A title went for the third time to Grace Graham Rowan (unattached), Portland, who took the four-mile run in 9:40.0. Jeanne Schramm of Cascade was second, time 10:41.4. Margery Robertson was third, time 11:34.4.

Men's class B winners: First Dick Lewis, Portland, 8:34.8; Jack Pennington, Cascade, 8:56.8; Larry Black, Mac, 8:58.6. Lewis' victory was his third.

Women's class B winners: Pat Mercereah, Reed college, 8:23.4; B. Mary Paget, Mazamas, Portland, second; Dede Honeyman, Cascade, third.

Pasco Wins Tourney

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 30 (AP)—Pasco scored a 36-30 win over Vancouver to win the three-day Dalles invitational high school basketball tournament here Saturday night. Goldendale, Wash., was third and the host five captured fourth.

Vikings Handcuff Pelicans

The KUHS Pelican basketballers are back at home today from a holiday barnstorming trip into the Willamette valley, a trip which was highly successful until the final day.

Saturday night the Pels ran afoul of a tight Salem Viking defense and lost, 34 to 26. It was the first defeat for the Klamathites in 10 starts this season.

On their annual trip the Pelicans had defeated Albany, 52-22, and edged Salem in the first game with the Viks, 34-30.

The loss to Salem winds up the Klamath varsity early-season schedule, and play in southern Oregon conference competition is slated to begin January 10.

In Saturday night's tilt the Pels and Viks swapped basket for basket in the early minutes, but Salem was ahead 14-9 at the end of the first quarter and went on to 22-16 at the half.

By the end of the third quarter the Vikings led 27-22.

Jerry Thorn made all the Pel points in the final period on free throws, but the Vikings successfully stalled out the final three minutes.

Vic Allison sank 12 points for Salem, and Thorn's six was high for the Pels.

U. S. Net Squad Sweeps Match

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30 (AP)—Jack Kramer and Gardner Mulloy completed the rout of Australia's Davis Cup defenders today with smashing victories in the two final singles matches, thereby giving the United States a clean sweep of the series and establishing America's supremacy in the post-war tennis world.

Kramer, top-ranking member of the American team, battered the veteran John Bromwich into submission in straight sets, 6-6, 6-4, 6-4, while Mulloy bowled over Dinny Pails 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Ex-Pels Unite

Tonight at 7:30 on the Altamont junior high gym floor the Ashley Chevrolet team of the Basin basketball league will play an exhibition game with a squad composed of former members of Klamath Union high school teams.

Snapp Trains For 10 Heats

Ursal Snapp, who will fight his first 10-round bout here January 7, has been training hot and heavy at the Salvation Army gym for the past several days, getting ready to travel a distance.

In the past the Merrill lightweight has been limited to five rounds. His opponent for the big fight is Joe Woods of Spokane, who currently is holding his workouts in the PAL gymnasium in Portland.

Orville Johnson, local boy who has fought Snapp on three occasions, has been acting as a sparring partner for Ursal.

The January 7 card will sport five other bouts in addition to the mainliner, according to Promoter Mack Lillard.

Youngster Clips Backstroke Time

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30 (CP)—Eric Jubb, 15-year-old Canadian junior backstroke champion, knocked four-tenths seconds off the recognized Canadian record time for the junior 50-yard backstroke in an inter-club gala at the Crystal garden here Saturday night between the Victoria and Seattle YMCA's. Victoria won the meet 82 points to 11.

Jubb stroked the distance in 30 seconds flat to break the record for the second time, his previous mark having been recognized.

Going Formal

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30 (AP)—Coach Warren Gaer of Pepperdine college says he'll wear a tuxedo when his team and Nebraska Wesleyan meet in the New Year's Day Will Rogers Bowl game at Oklahoma City. Gaer got himself into the going-formal fix by offhandedly saying "Okay" in mid-season when his players asked: "Will you wear a tuxedo if we get a bowl bid?"

Sugar Ducats On Barter Mart

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30 (AP)—You can get some Sugar Bowl football tickets if you can spare some good whiskey, and you can get three new automobile tires for as many tickets.

The city police and U. S. collector of internal revenue have warned against cash scalping of tickets for the New Year's Day football contest between Georgia and North Carolina, but the tickets have a high value on a new barter market which doesn't fit under the ban.

The classified advertisements of the New Orleans newspapers are carrying some attractive swap offers, working both ways. One man offers a new radio "or anything"—those are his words—for ten tickets.

Field Entered

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30 (AP)—Ben Hogan, top money-winning golfer of 1946, and nearly 400 other spoon-swingers have entered the \$10,000 21st annual Los Angeles Open at Riviera Country club January 3-6. Hogan's Texas pal, the over-golfer Byron Nelson, was about the only topnotcher not entered. Qualifying 36-hole rounds at nine Los Angeles courses December 30 will cut the field to 150.

Solid Growth, Not Fluffy Boom, In '46 Sports Year

By HALE SCARBROUGH
Klamath Falls and the Klamath country had a varied and fairly respectable sports year in 1946, but nothing compared to what is expected to blossom in '47 and years to come. The growth was solid, not a boom.

We'll just touch on the high spots of the sports year, in more or less chronological order:

Back in January the principal doings were in basketball—the Pelicans had a good team, there were seven squads operating in the Basin league, the Marines had an excellent squad, so did the various county schools and the high school Victory league was operating.

The Pelicans beat everyone but Medford. Merrill won the county B title, but lost out to Rogue River in a district playoff. Ashley Chevrolet took the Basin league trophy.

About the end of basketball season the chances of base-

ball and softball here became an issue of news and politics. Finally, after several weeks of back-tracking and loop-hole seeking, during which the offer of a park from the American Legion was turned down, the city council happened to locate enough money to hang a few repairs on Recreation field.

The Sons of Italy lodge sponsored the local team in the Northern California loop, and the Sons drew big gates and finished second behind Weed.

Seven softball teams played in the city league, and the outfit sponsored by Moose lodge won the soft championship. Up at KUHS Ed Ryan had a good team, but had to forfeit all his games because of the use of an ineligible pitcher. The Klamath Packer team organized too late to get into a league, but played several independent games.

About the time of the baseball

controversy, track was the major sport at the various schools. The Pelicans won their own 16-team invitational cinder and field meet, made their mark in state prep competition. Henley, Mallon and Merrill had outstanding third clad units.

During the spring and summer fishing was fairly good in Klamath lakes and streams, and angling attracted many tourists to the area. Local sportsmen's organizations went to bat to have the salmon and steelhead runs protected and contributed largely to the passage of a steelhead law at the last election.

Another conservation and angling project which made strides during the year was the effort to have Klamath river reopened to fish runs.

More deer hunters than ever before took to the woods during the shortened season last fall, but success in the endeavor generally took more hunting than

ever before. An 18-point buck was killed in the Modoc forest.

Football season generated tremendous interest, and the Klamath Pelicans emerged with a record of five wins and four losses, including a 7-6 loss to Medford. The Henley Hornets swept through the county B league without difficulty, and went on to cop the state B gridiron title.

Duck and goose season, considerably shortened, was generally satisfactory to most hunters and also did its bit toward bringing tourists into the basin.

Wrestling, a perennial sports feature, continued to draw good crowds weekly, and the army was packed on numerous Thursday nights. Regular boxing cards were instituted on Tuesday nights, developing some good fighters and always filling the arena with spectators.

With the return of winter, Crater lake's ski accommodations were again made available

to the public, and every week-end now finds a good portion of the snow-loving public out on the slopes.

Another winter sport—bowling—is having a postwar awakening now, and some three-dozen teams are battling it out in weekly tournament play on Recreation alleys.

One of the latest sports developments here is the announcement by the American Legion that it intends to build a mammoth all-sports arena just out of town—something that Klamath needs badly.

The end of the year finds the athletic whirl right back where it started—with basketball in the air. The Klamath Pelicans have just been defeated after winning nine straight, 16 teams are prepping for Basin league play, and Chiloquin looks like the hoop aggregation to stop in the county circuit.