Texas Picked Over Tide In Scoring Race

Layne Vs. Gilmer Duel Is Feature Of Sugar Contest

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30 (NEA) Because Texas has one of the superior running teams from the modern T with man-in-motion, in addition to Bobby Layne's remarkable passing, I am stringing along with my crack Houston operative, Clark Nealon, and picking the Longhorns to shade Alabama, 34-27, in the most intriguing of the New Year's Day games in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl.

'Bama has Harry Gilmer, so both sides can throw and run, but the Longhorns' swiftness counts all over the field, defensively as well as offensively. The books make Texas a seven-point choice.

Mustangs Favored

Penn State finally gets an opportunity to show how formidable it is in the Dallas Cotton Bowl, and my guess is that the answer will be "very good."

With all the respect your correspondent has for Operator Nealon's judgment on issues of this kind, I think he is wrong in selecting Southern Methodist, 21-13. And that goes for the bookmakers, who establish the Mustangs as six-and-a-half point favorites. Sports Editor Nealon simply doesn't bet against Doak Walker, suspects that young sophomore All-America and Gilbert Johnson and their receivers might show the Nittany Lions some passing tricks.

Lions No Pushover

In this case, however, I must stay with my accomplished Pittsburgh operator, Chester L. Smith, who believes the State college crowd will give the Dallas party the surprise of its life. This Penn State machine is as sound as Dr. Jock Sutherland's old Pittsburgh jobs, and is not on a joy ride. The Lions are big and rapid. A fast-charging line throws its weight around.

Penn State's strategy will be to rush SMU's passers rather than back them up, which is the usual custom in the Southwest.

Sports Editor Smith doesn't think SMU can stop Penn State from scoring, looks for one touchdown to decide it in a game in which both sides will score.

I like Penn State by a touchdown.

Engineers Are Best

Bowl-wise Georgia Tech is made a 13-point favorite over Kansas in the Miami Orange Bowl by the bookies, who aren't too far wrong. The Jayhawkers' line is light, has no competent reserves. That's the biggest difference between the two, and it is a tremendous one.

Selecting Texas Christian over Mississippi in the Memphis Delta Bowl, Operative Nealon stresses that the Horned Frogs tying SMU was no fluke. The Froggies are pretty tough, he adds, reminding you that the 200-pound fullback, Pete Stout, is everything his name implies, and then some. Yet the more reliable houses give Ole Miss a seven-point margin, and this reporter, too, can't get away from its record-breaking battery, Chuck Conerly and Barney Poole.

Michigan Minus 14

Because Notre Dame butchered Southern California, everybody seems to believe Michigan will romp in the Pasadena Rose Bowl, but my guess is that the Wolverines will prevail by no more than two touchdowns, say 27-13. The books give Ann Arbor a 14½-point bulge.

No college, including Michigan, has a line as loaded with hatchet men as was Notre Dame's, so Fritz Crisler's young men could have trouble. Michigan may be out to top Notre Dame's 38 points scored and 31-point margin against Southern Cal, but I seriously doubt that the Wolverines can do it.

Bob Hendren, six-foot, eight-inch tackle, is lost to the Trojans because of a broken jaw, but Jeff Cravath still has big John Ferraro, All-America End Paul Cleary and other first-line forwards backed up by a multiple of replacements. Troy has all the psychological advantage. Crisler may have difficulty keeping Michigan up. Southern Cal has a real opportunity to do something for Pacific Coast football.

Great Personnel

In the East-West Shriners' game in San Francisco, the East has the superior personnel with Notre Dames' Johnny Lujack, Pennsylvania's Skippy Minisi, Columbia's Bill Swiacki and a lot more. All Lujack has to know is where Swiacki wants the ball thrown. The East well rates its seven-and-a-half point margin.

The books have the right slant in giving William and Mary a six-point margin over Arkansas in the Birmingham Dixie Bowl, and Georgia a seven-and-a-half point bulge over Maryland in the Jacksonville Gator Bowl. Miami of Ohio and Texas Tech are rated even in the El Paso Sun Bowl, where this handicapper leans to the former in a tough one.

All Bowled Over

Rounding out the New Year's Day picture, it's Nevada over North Texas State in the Phoenix Salad Bowl; College of the Pacific over Wichita in the Fresno Raisin; Hardin-Simmons over San Diego State in the San Diego, Calif., Harbor; Marshall of West Virginia over Catawba in the Orlando, Fla., Tangerine; Hawaii over Redlands of Southern California in the Honolulu Pineapple Bowl, and Missouri Valley over Westchester, Pa., Teachers in the Tampa Cigar.

Now you are all bowled up, and, as Francis Wallace remarks, soon we shall see for whom the bowls toll.

By *Hale Scarbrough*

Very Few Titles Stuck To Local Athletes In Sports Year Of 1947

Championships of one variety or another were as plentiful as toothpicks during the 1947 sports year, but when it came to latching on to them, Klamath teams were just like the gal who is always a bridesmaid and never gets to go on a honeymoon.

Outside of Henley blanketing the Oregon small school track and field tournament and a couple of individual happenings, our athletes were generally looking out the window when the belts were handed down.

To begin with, take football. The Pelicans had a pretty fair year but lost out to The Dalles on yardage in a 13-13 state tournament quarter-final game. The Dalles won the title. Henley swept on its undefeated way to the class B pigskin finals only to lose to Amity on total first downs in a 12-12 game. That's losing the hard way.

In basketball last March the Chiloquin Panthers rolled up 24 straight wins only to fall before Pleasant Hill in the opening round of the class B state playoff. Pleasant Hill grabbed that title. The Pelicans had a superior team and proved it all the way along. Until they lost to Marshfield 51-49 in the class A finale.

Rickys Jewelers of the Basin league took the local crown, but the runner-up squad, Ashley Chevrolet, didn't get any farther than first base in the state AAU hoop tourney.

Henley Blanketed State Tracks

Henley high's track and field team did a spread-eagle over the county tournament, won its division of the Hayward relays and walked away with all the prizes in the Oregon class B track meet. But the Pelicans fared somewhat worse, finishing in arrears to Medford in the Hayward relays and to Washington and Grants Pass in the state.

In baseball the Klamath Sons won the Northern California circuit title and let the matter lie. The KUHS diamond squad went down swinging in the state tourney after winning the district hands down.

The Gun Store softball came off with the local title but dropped a district playoff game to the Ashland Oak Street Tankers 2-1.

Three Individual Belt Winners

Willis Wood was crowned Reames Country club champion for the year and did not pursue the bauble fame any farther. Willis is a Sunday golfer. Spike Beeber went back to Peoria, Ill., for the national junior golf tourney and was ousted in the second round.

On the kegling scene, Cliff Baxter was the only local trundler to clutch a top honor in state competition. He won the class C all-events championship. Ed Parkhurst is considered the 1947 heavyweight weightlifting titlist of the Northwest and Bob Eastman won the state Golden Gloves lightheavy award.

In virtually every sport it was a Klamath entry that had to be overcome before the champion emerged. And beating the Klamath entry generally was a rough job.

Christmas Spirit Of Da Preem

In yesterday morning's mail this corner received a Christmas card to end them all. The card measures 25x38 inches, contains two big pictures of Primo Carnera and smaller sized pictures of 239 other and assorted fighters and grapplers. The card, of course, was from Primo Carnera. The huge palooka believes in doing things in a big way.

WASHINGTON IN LEAD ON SUN VALLEY SNOW

SUN VALLEY, Ida., Dec. 30 (AP)—Two Far Western teams set the pace with two from New England following close behind at the halfway mark today in Sun Valley's annual intercollegiate ski meet.

The University of Washington, with 549.7 points, led the way into today's five-mile cross-country jaunt. The four-day meet ends tomorrow with jumping events.

Washington was less than a point ahead of the defending titlist, the University of Utah, with 549. Middlebury college was third with 533.5 and Dartmouth fourth with 514.6.

Jack Valentine of Middlebury won individual honors in yesterday's slalom, zigzagging through two obstacle courses in 73.4 seconds.

Mary Alice Peel of Washington State and Sally Neidlinger of Colorado tied for top honors in the women's race, each finishing in 81.8 seconds.

Trailing Valentine was Utah's William Farrell, second, in 74.6 seconds; William Dunaway, Washington, third, 74.8, and Arnie Teasdale, British Columbia, fourth, 75.

Washington State college was fifth in team standings with 506.8 points. Portland university had 480.8, Colorado 480.1, British Columbia 460, and San Jose State 423.7.

In the women's division Susan Harris of Utah finished third, in 86 seconds; Maysie Ewart, British Columbia, fourth, 94.6, and Donna Townsend, Washington, fifth, 103.

Walcott Held As Threat In Heavy Sector

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—For the first time in almost two years the National Boxing association recognizes a logical contender for the heavyweight championship held by Joe Louis.

In its quarterly ratings released last night, the NBA threw the mantle of "No. 1 threat" about the shoulders of Jersey Joe Walcott, the veteran who floored the champion twice before dropping a split decision early this month.

The NBA listed four other heavies in the honorable mention class — Olle Tandberg, Elmer Ray, Joe Baksi and Joe Maxim.

The association named Rinty Monaghan of Eire as its flyweight champion. This was the first move in this class since the British board of control took away and later restored title recognition to Jackie Paterson of Scotland.

Mustangs Place Accent On Air

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 30 (AP)—Southern Methodist University and Penn State wind up heavy practice for their Cotton Bowl clash today.

Yesterday, the Mustangs accented passing and individual line play in a long workout.

Penn State stressed pass defense in a morning session and polished offensive tactics in an afternoon drill.

Kramer Bested For Second Time

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30 (AP)—Jack Kramer, who made his professional tennis debut in New York last Friday, got out of a sick bed last night to lose for the second time to Bobby Riggs, 8-6 and 6-1, before 3703—the largest tennis crowd in the history of the Gardens.

In the opening singles match, Dinny Pails defeated Francisco (Pancho) Segura, 6-4, 6-4.

Wolfpack Drills

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 30 (AP)—Coach Joe Sheeketski will put his University of Nevada football team through another double drill today in preparation for its Salad Bowl encounter with North Texas State college here New Year's Day.

Dixie Bowlers Set

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 30 (AP) William and Mary's football squad, finished with rough work in preparation for its Dixie Bowl date with Arkansas here New Year's Day, will move on to the battle site today for tapering off work.

Sugar Bowl Strategy

Texas' Coach Blair Cherry uses chalk and blackboard to teach the Longhorns the new T formation variations he has worked out to use against Alabama in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl this coming Thursday afternoon. Student on the extreme right is the famed Bobby Layne. Texas is favored by the margin of a touchdown.

Michigan's Chappius Injured

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 30 (AP)—Whether a leg injury will prevent Michigan's All-America pass perfectionist Bob Chappuis from leading his mates into the Rose Bowl game against Southern California January 1 was a possibility today tough Coach Fritz Crisler did not appear unduly concerned.

Late last night, Crisler said the injury had not been fully checked but added that "he didn't believe" it was serious.

The Michigan trained, Jim Hunt, described the injury as "a muscle tear with some internal bleeding" which should be negligible in view of the prompt treatment it receiv..l.

The handsome, black-haired tailback from Toledo, who this year tossed and ran his way to within 20 yards of the 1039 yard western conference record he set himself in 1946, tore a thigh muscle here midway in yesterday's practice at Brookside park.

Whatever the result, Crisler, whose western conference champs are rated a slightly better than two-touchdown favorite over the USC Trojans, is well heeled in the tailback department.

In the event Chappuis is sidelined for the New Year's Day classic, Crisler said his duties will be assumed by Gene Derricotte, the 175 poung negro flash from Defiance, Ohio, and Walt Teninga, a 188 pound utility back fielder from Chicago.

While the outcome of Chappuis' injury was awaited, Crisler scheduled the final two practices for his 44-man squad in the Rose Bowl itself.

Today and tomorrow the Wolverines will hold light drills in the famous 89,000-capacity bowl, while Jeff Cravath's Trojans will continue their exercises at their Santa Barbara headquarters until the day of the game itself.

Both coaches kept an apprehensive eye on the weather report which currently called for possible showers New Year's Day.

Late Cage Scores

HIGH SCHOOL

Burns 32, Heppner 26.
Monmouth 46, Shedd 25.
Vernonia 22, Tillamook 21.
Medford 43, Redmond 40.
The Dalles 64, Silverton 33.
McMinnville 37, Battleground (Wash.) 30.
Milton-Freewater 35, Rainier 31.
Klamath Falls 54, Eureka 37.

COLLEGIATE

Oregon 66, Kansas 61.
California 60, Oregon State 55.
British Columbia 49, Pacific Lutheran 39.
City College New York 56, Santa Clara 47.
UCLA 66, Long Island U 64.

Early Ducat Sales Speak Of Full House

PORTLAND, Dec. 30 — Advance ticket sales and reservations indicate that a capacity crowd of fight fans will look on as boxing for 1948 gets under way at the Civic auditorium the evening of January 1.

New Year's Day is a traditional fight date in Portland and for this event a scheduled 15-round match between Jack Snapp of Merrill and Bobby Volk of Portland, both ranking middleweights, has been arranged to lead the card.

The fight is billed for the 160-pound crown of the Pacific Northwest, and Volk, the hometown lad, is the favorite on odds now down to 2-1. Snapp's impressiveness in training was responsible for the drop in odds.

Phil Sampson, Klamath Falls and Reno welter, has been training with Snapp. Sampson fights Buford Ransom in a six-round support bout.

Other matches include Joe Ortega and Paulie Cook in six, Hal Robbins and Chuck Brown in six and Dick Abney and Dave Arndt in four.

WEBFOOTS STAND FIRM BEFORE KANSAS QUINT

By The Associated Press

The Ducks were up, the Beavers down today in their current stands against invading basketball forces. Oregon squeezed past the Kansas Jayhawks 66-61, but Oregon State dropped an equally close decision to the California Bears 60-55, each in the first of a two-game series.

Despite the loss, Oregon State came up with the night's feature in the 30-point scoring spree of Cliff Crandall. The forward's one-man assault not only accounted for more than half his team's points, but also was double that of Andy Wolfe, touted California shotmaker.

Oregon also was helped along by a one-man attack with Center Roger Wiley pouring in 23 points to help the Ducks pull away from a 30-30 halftime deadlock. Oregon climbed to a 51-50 lead after 15 minutes of the second half and stayed out in front on Wiley's four field shots and one free throw.

It was equally nip-and-tuck at Corvallis where the lead changed hands five times before Oregon State assumed a halftime 31-28 margin.

The strong Californians went out in front at the start of the second period, but the Beavers knotted it at 36 and 38-all before the Bears forged ahead again. Crandall sent OSC into the lead at 48-47, but with four minutes remaining Cal's George Walker broke the drive at 55-54 and the southerners stayed out in front.

In the night's only other college contest, University of British Columbia defeated Pacific Lutheran 49-39.

All three contests will be repeated tonight with Eastern Washington at Gonzaga and Willamette at Clark Junior college (Vancouver) as added attractions.

Tacoma Falls From Top To Third Place

By The Associated Press

Bellingham's Firerests slapped down the Tacoma Mountaineers for the second time in as many nights last evening, to drop the Tacomans from first to third place in the Pacific Coast Professional Basketball league.

The Fircrests toppled the erstwhile leaders 59-57, while Vancouver hobbled Astoria 68-50 to jump into first place over Seattle which handed Portland its 14th loss in 16 starts by a 75-59 count.

The Canadians' reign is apt to be short-lived, however, as both Seattle and Tacoma play tonight and a win for either would loft it over the idle Vancouver five. Seattle meets Portland and Tacoma tackles Bellingham, each for the third time in three days.

Bellingham led Tacoma until the final minute when Bob Graf and Jack Voelker sparked the Mountaineers into a 57-56 lead. Gale Bishop, ace Fircrest forward, broke up a Tacoma stall and went the length of the floor to bucket a layup shot that clinched the contest. Bishop took high point honors with 22 points.

Vancouver, with Norm Baker's 23 points pacing the scoring, never gave the Astorians a chance.

Portland fared better at Seattle, leading at halftime 38-34, but couldn't stand up against a concerted second half scoring drive. Seattle forged ahead 54-47 at the three-quarter mark and coasted in. Noble Jorgensen's 22 points for Portland were the night's high.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

PROVIDENCE — Beau Jack, 140, Atlanta, outpointed Billy Kearns, 144, Hartford, (10).

CHICAGO—Al Johnson, 170, Indianapolis, stopped Frankie Best, 173, Fredonia, N. Y., (6).

Pelicans Flay Eureka, 54-37

Return Game On For Tonight

Standing off some early difficulties to stage their last-half rush, the Klamath Pelicans grabbed off another of the pre-season basketball exhibitions last night, beating the touring Eureka, Calif., Loggers 54 to 37 before a sparse crowd at Pelican court.

The two teams meet again tonight at 8 p. m., with a prelim starting at 7.

Klamath piled on a five-point early lead last night, then saw it disaipate to a single point margin at the end of the first quarter, 8-7. Jerry Fletcher put the Loggers into the fore on a solo scoring jaunt to open the second canto, but Ed Whitney came right back with one of the same for the Pels and Klamath was never again headed.

By halftime the Pels led 21-17.

Klamath took on renewed vigor as the third period began and poured in seven points—four by Jack Kennett and three by Bob Barnes—before the Loggers could tally. But a minute later Eureka had its turn and counted seven while the Pels were standing still.

That period ended with Klamath leading 36-29 and the fourth saw the Pelican reserve strength easily put the game on ice. Wilbur Elliott, Charles Brightman, Ed Whitney and Maurice Dorman, all second stringers, were outstanding.

Klamath's 54 points included 25 field goals and only four free throws. Eureka had 15 goals, seven free shots.

Eureka's team is captained by Ray Craig, who was a member of last season's Pelican outfit, and Craig's brother, Dale, is the other starting guard.

The junior varsity had its troubles subduing the Eureka 'B' squad 42-37, after leading 17-13 at halftime. The Loggers started clicking late in the final quarter to slice down a lead that had grown to 12 points.

Lineups and scoring:

(Varsity)

Klamath	Pos.	Eureka
Kennett (12)	F	(10) Fletcher
Barnes (2)	F	(9) Green
Last (2)	C	(7) Murphy
Dawes (8)	G	(4) D. Craig
Zarosinski (6)	G	(8) R. Craig

Klamath reserves—Edwards (2), Whitney (7), Dorman (6), Elliott (4), Brightman (8) and Larson. Eureka reserves—Huddleson and Watts (2).

Briefs

Eastern Offense Speedy

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30 (AP)—Coach Bernie Bierman has put together a light, fast backfield with which he hopes to run circles around a western line which is hefty but, he trusts, not too fast, in the East-West football game New Year's Day.

"We are trying to work up more and more speed in our attack because the personnel warrants that type of offense," the East's head coach said today.

"This type of team needs good, solid underfooting to build up the speed potential. I only hope it doesn't rain."

Key backfield man for the fast East offensive is Johnny Lujack, 180 pounder from Notre Dame. Working with him at left half are Glen Treichler, 160, of Colgate and Art Fitzgerald, 165, of Yale; at right half, Bob Sullivan, 195, Holy Cross, and at fullback, Earl Mayes, 190, of Wisconsin.

Both teams tapered off today and will place the accent the rest of the way on timing, punting and passing.

Coach Don Faurot of the West team praised the passing of Billy Williams of Idaho, Ainsley Bell of Stanford and Virgil Elkenberg of Rice.

Fair Weather Bid

FRESNO, Calif., Dec. 30 (AP)—The University of Wichita and College of the Pacific, possessors of two of the best football offensives in the nation, have a weatherman's promise of fair weather for their Raisin Bowl game New Year's Day.

Coach Ralph Graham and 35 Wichita gridders arrived yesterday and worked out in Fresno State park.

COP's California Collegiate Athletic association champions will arrive Wednesday.

Trojans Are Sharp

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 30 (AP)—The Trojans of Southern California are all but finished with preparations for their Rose Bowl game with Michigan and will go through a light drill today in sweat suits.

Two dummy scrimmages marked yesterday's workout under the watchful eye of Coach Jeff Cravath, who said his boys appear to be nearing the peak of condition. Today's emphasis was on passing and running.

Southern California's work in Santa Barbara has been devoted to perfecting defense and the coaching staff apparently believes that the Trojan chance of holding Michigan to a close score depends upon the line.

Welcome Mat Laid

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 30 (AP)—Delta Bowl-sponsoring AMVETS put out the welcome mat at Union Station early today for the arrival of the Horned Frogs of Texas Christian for the New Year's Day bowl's inaugural against Mississippi.

The Frogs planned to polish up their bagful of formations and plays in secrecy on a local college gridiron today.

Dons Of L.A. Get Wedemeyer

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Los Angeles Dons of the All-America conference have signed Herman Wedemeyer, St. Mary's star halfback, to a 1948 contract, but may trade him to the San Francisco 49'ers for Frankie Albert, one of the greatest of the T formation engineers.

The Los Angeles Times said it had learned that Wedemeyer had come to terms although the Dons' business office declined comment. The Dons have the conference's exclusive bargaining rights with Wedemeyer as a result of the 1946 draft.

Jackets All Okay

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 30 (AP)—The Georgia Tech Yellowjackets, who meet Kansas in the Orange Bowl at 2 p. m. (EST) Thursday, are "all well and eager to play," Coach Bobby Dodd said today. Dodd's main concern is to keep his players on edge until kickoff time.

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