

Two Sectors Of Conference About On Par

Huskies Top Cal As Stanford Beats Oregon Webfoots

By The Associated Press

It was an even-Stephen, pay-your-money-and-take-your-choice proposition today in figuring the comparative strength of the Coast conference's northern and southern divisions as the result of last night's pre-season basketball games.

Washington's Huskies upheld the honor of the north with a 54-51 victory over the Golden Bears of California, but had the advantage of playing on their home floor.

The Oregon Ducks, however, ran into rough sledding at San Francisco and bowed to the classy Stanford Indians, 52-45. The defeat was Oregon's third in 12 starts.

STATE WINS AGAIN

Oregon State, the only other Northern conference entry to see action last night, won its 19th Kings-X game of the season by knocking out Portland University, 46-44.

All of the northern clubs will be on the firing line tonight. Washington takes on California in a second game at Seattle, Oregon tackles San Francisco University, Oregon State entertains Portland in a rematch, Washington State meets Gonzaga and Idaho plays Eastern Washington.

The Huskies scored a mild upset in shading the powerful Berkeley squad which has been touted as a strong contender for the southern division crown.

The count was tied four times in the first half before Washington took a 26-21 lead at the intermission, and then was knotted three times in the second period.

A spurt sparked by little Bob Engstrom, sub forward, put the Huskies in front by 11 points—a margin that proved barely enough as the Bears staged a great comeback in the final minutes. Sammy White, fleet Washington forward, took scoring honors with 18 points. George Walker topped California with 14.

The veteran Stanford team was pressed closely by Oregon, but the Ducks could never regain the lead they took midway in the first period and held until three minutes before the half.

WILEY TALL AGAIN
Oregon closed the gap to 45-41 with five minutes to go, but bogged down when Stan Williamson, star guard, fouled out. Royer Wiley, the Ducks' towering center, was high man with 17 points, most of which were scored in the first half. Stanford led at halftime, 32-25.

Oregon State, paced by Forward Norm Carey with 17 points, was ahead of the Portland Pilots all the way although the Beavers were outscored in the second half. The Staters were in front at the intermission, 23-16. Cliff Crandall, high-scoring Beaver forward, was held to 12 points.

Seven State Hunters Die

PORTLAND, Jan. 3 (AP)—Seven Oregon hunters died and 15 were injured in accidents in 1947, the state game commission reported today.

One duck hunter drowned and a deer hunter was killed in a fall over a cliff. Cause of another of the fatalities is undetermined, the report said.

Careless handling of firearms resulting in accidental discharge was blamed for 10 of the accidents. Nine persons were hit by other hunters, either by being mistaken for game or standing in the line of fire or being struck by ricocheting bullets.

Fans Injured In Bleacher Collapse

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 3 (CP)—Six persons were in hospital today with minor injuries and eight received treatment for bruises and shock after two rows of benches filled with hockey fans overturned at the Exhibition forum last night during a San Francisco-Vancouver Pacific Coast Hockey league game.

Three ambulances were required to take the injured to hospital.

Police said the accident occurred when a fight broke out between a hockey player and a spectator. Fans seated at the back of the arena pressed forward for a better view and their combined weight overturned the benches.



By Hale Scarborough Bowl Post-Mortems Give Coast Critics Plenty To Yap About

The bowl games are over and the post-mortems are beginning to file in. They'll be coming in for the next several months, until something else happens to take the public mind off the devastation left Thursday afternoon in Pacific Coast football.

The sportswriters who are quick to opine that West Coast football is strictly of the hand-me-down variety can now pop their knuckles in ecstasy. The 49-0 rout of Southern Cal by Michigan made sure of that, if the 46-9 debacle of the Shrine game at Kezar stadium wasn't enough.

If Southern Cal was the best team on the Pacific slope this year—and it was supposed to be—then something is wrong with our football here. We are not competing on even terms with other gridiron conferences and it just might be that noble experiment, the Atherton code of purity, which is the cause. That Michigan team was just too good to be pure.

Southern Cal was ranked third in the nation before the December 6 fracas with Notre Dame—you will remember, Notre Dame won 38-7—and eighth in the poll taken immediately after that date. The latter poll set the season's end ratings, placed Notre Dame first and Michigan second. If a vote were taken today the two top posts probably would be reversed and Southern Cal would have to shovel like blazes to get into the first 20.

The Pacific Coast conference participated in eight inter-sectional clashes with the Big Nine (including Notre Dame) this season just past, and managed three wins to five defeats.

California topped Wisconsin 48-7, USC beat Ohio State 32-0 and UCLA defeated Iowa 22-7. Those were all to the good. Wisconsin had a pretty fair team, Ohio State and Iowa were not so fancy.

The debit side of the ledger showed UCLA losing to Northwestern 27-26, Stanford losing to Michigan 49-13; Washington losing to Minnesota 7-6, and the two Southern Cal defeats. It's interesting to note that Stanford, which didn't win a game all season, didn't get shellacked as bad by Michigan as did the Trojans.

After the bowl games, if a vote on the relative merits of the various college teams of 1946 were taken, this corner's ballot would read like this:

- 1—Michigan
- 2—Notre Dame
- 3—Texas
- 4—SMU
- 5—Penn State
- 6—Penn
- 7—Georgia Tech
- 8—Columbia
- 9—Mississippi
- 10—Illinois

Multnomah Might Be Enlarged

Multnomah stadium in Portland may soon be enlarged to a seating capacity in the neighborhood of 40,000—which is a very classy neighborhood—H. L. Gregory of the Oregonian reveals. Present seating capacity of the stadium is around 30,000.

The new bleachers would be placed on the east side of the playing field, where now there is nothing much but a bank of dirt topped by a fence.

DIMAGGIO BEGINS PAY TALKS WITH YANKEES

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—The New York Yankees and Joe DiMaggio have opened negotiations on the salary the star outfielder is to receive for the 1948 season.

But just how far apart they are at this point can only be a matter of conjecture. Both parties have agreed to maintain a strict silence until a final agreement is reached. Club Secretary Arthur (Red) Patterson said yesterday.

Patterson admitted negotiations were under way in replying, in a statement from the Yankee offices, to a report that DiMaggio was demanding \$75,000 for his 1948 contract.

"The Yankees," said the statement, "do not deny that they have entered into contract negotiations with DiMaggio and others. It has been mutually agreed by DiMaggio and General Manager George Weiss that no publicity will be given on any details. The Yankees, therefore, have no comment to make on reports mentioning specific salary terms."

DiMaggio, winner of the American league's most valuable player award for 1947, is in town for the holidays. He concurred in the announcement that his negotiations with the club would be conducted in secrecy. When he accepts terms, the club will make the announcement.

Most baseball men believe the big fellow will be satisfied if he can get somewhere close to \$60,000. He received \$42,000 last season.

At the same time the contract statement was issued, the Yankees denied a report that Edward G. Barrow, who directed the club during the Ruppert regime, was returning to serve in an executive capacity. Barrow retired as president when the Larry MacPhail syndicate purchased the organization three years ago.

Pels Travel To Lakeview

The Klamath basketball Pelicans, continuing their series of "farewell" appearances before the start of regularly scheduled play January 9, go to Lakeview for a double bill with the Honkers tonight.

The Pels have already tripped the Honkers 45-32 on the local court, but tonight's game is to give the local boys experience on a hostile floor. In 11 varsity games to date, the Pelicans have played nine at home.

District opener will be with Grants Pass on the Caveman floor January 9.

Terrific Kill Seen For Close

PORTLAND, Jan. 3 (AP)—A "terrific kill" of geese is in prospect for hunters at the Summer Lake public shooting grounds this weekend, last of the late waterfowl season.

This prediction came from A. V. Myers, chief of the state game commission's biological staff.

Hunters in the Ontario section of Eastern Oregon also reported heavy kills of Mallards and Canadian geese.

In the Portland area, the best duck shooting has been on Sauvie island in the Columbia river.

Briefs Athletic Practices Studied

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—Proposed liberalized regulatory practices in regard to athletic scholarships and recruiting on a national scale will be up for final action next week when representatives of nearly 300 member universities of the National Collegiate Athletic association convene here.

Half a dozen allied athletic groups have scheduled meetings during the week, but principal attention will be paid the NCAA constitution or "sanction" amendments authorized by delegates a year ago.

One main suggestion to be voted upon at the NCAA meetings Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be to permit off-campus recruiting by college athletic staff members.

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Net Tour Opens

SANFORD, Fla., Jan. 3 (AP)—Mrs. Sara Palfrey Cooke of Brookline, Mass., and Pauline Betz of Los Angeles will begin a tour, calling for 18 exhibition tennis matches, here tomorrow.

The troupe plans to play in 16 other Florida cities and close out the tour at Nassau, the Bahamas, January 24 and 25.

Indoor Cinders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—The 1948 indoor track season opens tonight with 220 athletes from 33 colleges competing in the Washington evening star games.

The best events probably will be the 600-yard run, starring Herb McKenley, and the mile run, with Bill Hulise of the New York A. C.

Players Say Crisler Held Tricks Back

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (AP)—It may come as a horrible bit of post-mortem information to the Trojans of Southern California, but Michigan players insist they played their worst game of the season and that Coach Fritz Crisler didn't come anywhere near emptying his bag of gridiron abracadabra.

Authority for this is a famous veteran of the football wars, whose number "98" streaked to glory for Michigan in 1938-39-40 and now has been honorably retired by the Wolverines.

"No," said Tommy Harmon, "I wasn't surprised at the 49-0 score in the Rose Bowl, but a lot of the players were at my home after the game and everyone told me they played their worst game of the season."

Tommy, who starred for the Los Angeles Rams in pro football the past two years and probably has finished his grid career, said he was pleased about the score for one reason.

"It proved that Fritz Crisler is the finest coach in the business," he explained.

Crisler, it was said, refrained from employing even more trickery against USC because Michigan plays Pennsylvania next fall and Penn scouts were in the Rose Bowl tabbing the Wolverines.

Bly Taken Into County Division
A town basketball team representing Bly was voted into the county division of the Klamath Basin Basketball league at a league meeting last night, making 14 squads in that division.

The city circuit has 11 teams. Also some changes in the county schedule are to be made before league play starts next week.

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Southern Cal Gains—But Not Much



With his right foot high in the air, Don Garlin (29), Southern California halfback, turns a flip as he goes over the Michigan right tackle for a four-yard gain during the second quarter of Thursday afternoon's Pasadena Rose Bowl game. It was one of the very few gains Southern Cal made all afternoon as the Michigan Wolverines powered their way to a 49-0 win over the Coast conference champs, Michigan bottled the Trojans up completely and scored almost every time the Wolverines got the ball. —NEA telephoto.

Willie Pep Brings Suit After Crash

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 3 (AP)—Louis Viscusi of Hartford, Conn., manager of Willie Pep, world's featherweight boxing champion, has filed a \$200,000 suit in U. S. district court against Nationwide Air Transport Service, Inc., for injuries to Pep in a plane crash near Millville, N. J., last January.

Viscusi charged in the complaint filed yesterday that the injuries to his fighter prevented Pep from fulfilling contracts, thereby causing them a loss of revenue from scheduled bouts.

Pep was a passenger on a Nationwide Air Transport service plane en route from Miami to Newark, N. J., last January 3 when the plane crashed on the outskirts of Millville. The complaint said Pep was injured seriously, was unable to box from January 5 to August 27 of last year and was permanently affected by the crash.

Viscusi stated in the complaint that the crash occurred after agents of the airline "negligently permitted" the aircraft to depart and make the flight despite bad weather.

Trial Group Slates Meet

The Shasta Cascade Retriever club will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday at 8 p. m. in the chamber of commerce building, for election of officers for the ensuing year.

A good program of entertainment has been worked out for this meeting, including a panel discussion on training of dogs with some outstanding trainers taking part. Dr. George Massey will show motion pictures of local dogs going through training routines.

A Dutch lunch will be served at the conclusion of the meeting and all persons interested in the sport are invited.

Browns Handle Redding Outfit

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3 (AP)—The Redding, Calif., club of the newly formed Far West league has been added to the St. Louis Browns' farm system.

The Browns' sponsorship of the California team, announced last night, gives them 15 minor league affiliates.

Guerrilla Move Held Good Thing

ATHENS, Jan. 2 (AP)—Dwight P. Griswold, chief of the U. S. military mission in Greece, declared today the proclamation of a communist state in the north by Markos Vafiadis unified the Greek people and ultimately will "have a good effect."

Griswold said the seven-day battle for Konitsa, in which the guerrillas were repelled in a bid to establish a capital, had no effect on the American military aid program.

"It gave me a greater respect for the Greek army, which seemingly put up a good fight and did its job," he said.

Classified Ads Bring Results

ARMED BEGINS DRIVE TO CAPTURE TOP CASH

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 3 (AP)—Armed, Calumet Farm's golden gelding, the world's second ranking money earning thoroughbred, began his 1948 campaign to overtake Stymie's most-money-earned title yesterday at Gulfstream Park by easily winning the \$3500 Galileo purse in a spectacular driving finish.

The Brown son of Bull Lea trailed fourth in a field of five until the halfway mark in the six furlong test, moved to within five lengths of pace-setting Mangohack at the stretch, and won the race by a length and a half.

The victory boosted Armed's earnings to \$763,700—putting him \$52,360 behind Stymie for the world's record earnings by a race horse.

Late Cage Scores

Central Catholic 37, Sacred Heart (Salem) 30.
Newberg 42, Franklin 31.
Commerce 47, McMinnville 40.

COLLEGIATE
Washington 54, California 51.
Stanford 52, Oregon 45.
Oregon State 48, Portland 44.
British Columbia 48, Pacific Lutheran 47.

Montana State 69, Whitworth 59.
St. Martin's 46, Pacific College 33.
Southern Oregon 65, Chico State 57.
Boise JC 58, Eastern Oregon 49.
Notre Dame 42, Purdue 40.
St. Louis 61, Holy Cross 46.
Western Reserve 63, Brown 32.
Ill. Wesleyan 57, Louisiana Tech 44.

Miami (Ohio) 50, Southwest Missouri State 45.
South Dakota State 71, St. Johns 55.
Seton Hall 63, Baldwin-Wallace 54.
Yale 70, Wayne 65.
Butler 64, Indiana 51.
Colorado College 54, Omaha 45.
Oklahoma City Univ. 56, Hartings 39.
Colorado Mines 64, College (Salem) 32.

Arkansas 74, San Francisco 58.
San Diego State 41, Marshall 23.
St. Mary's 55, Fresno State 38.
Nevada 45, Brigham Young 44.
Pepperdine 58, Whittier 50.
Nebraska 58, Colorado State 54.
San Jose State 62, San Francisco State 41.
Compton 75, Mexico University 43.
Santa Barbara 58, New Mexico 39.

SOCE Wins Again

CHICO, Calif., Jan. 3 (AP)—Southern Oregon fattened its Far Western basketball conference average here last night by defeating Chico State college, 65-67. Forward Chuck Jandrea paced the winners with 24 points, making 17 of them in the first half. Southern Oregon was ahead at the intermission, 39-29.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

NEW YORK - Jackie Granford, 181, Washington, D. C. knocked out Bernie Reynolds, 178, Fairfield, Conn., 2.

SAN DIEGO - Chick Musgrove, 158, San Diego, knocked out Spencer Coleman, 155, Los Angeles, 9.

Unknown Golfer Sets Pace For Stars At Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (AP)—Paced by an ex-army sergeant from El Paso, 33-year-old Jack Harden, and with such favorites as Ben Hogan, Locke and former U. S. National Open Champion Lloyd Mangrum of Los Angeles, next to last to go out, managed to finish the round before complete darkness closed in, both shooting 70's, one stroke behind Vic Ghezzi of Kansas City, Kas., who won the Los Angeles fixture in 1935 in a playoff with Johnny Revolta.

Two threats, Sam Snead of Hot Springs, Va., and ex-PGA titleholder Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., gave up the ghost at the 12th hole and were slated to complete the round today.

Even with par in the first round were Jimmy Demaret, Ellsworth Vines and Ed Furgol.

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