

Michigan Gets Two-One Vote As Champion

Special Poll Shows Wolverines Rated Strong Over Irish

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—The burning sports question of the day—which was the greater college football power of 1947, Michigan or Notre Dame—never to be settled on the field, was answered today at the ballot box—and it's Michigan almost two to one.

In a special Associated Press poll of sports editors and football writers from coast to coast, Michigan received 226 votes as the superior team to 119 for the Irish, while 12 of the experts suggesting the two Mid-west giants should be rated equal.

A total of 357 writers, from each of the 48 states and the District of Columbia, took part in the "post-poll," conducted by popular demand as the result of the New Year's Day game that saw Michigan's unbeaten, quiet Wolverines smash Southern California in the Rose Bowl, 49-0.

The new ballot does not supersede the Associated Press' regular final season rating of college football teams, released last December 8, which named Notre Dame the national champion with Michigan the runner-up.

The 146 writers who cast ballots in that one gave the Irish 1410 points to 1289 for the Wolverines and awarded Notre Dame 107 first place votes, with Michigan getting only 25 and the other No. 1 tags going elsewhere.

The Irish, who led the nation's list through seven of the ten weeks of the campaign, won in the regular poll after a decisive 38-7 triumph over the same Southern California Trojans.

Many of the participants in the latest roll-call acknowledged their opinions were swayed largely by comparative scores which in two other instances swung the pendulum toward Fritz Crisler's men of Michigan.

Against the other two common opponents, the teams fared this way: Michigan walloped Pitt, 69-0, while Notre Dame did the job a little more mercifully, 40-6. The Wolverines rolled over Northwestern, 49-21, while the Irish, who also had a perfect season, trounced the Wildcats, 26-19.

Notre Dame supporters argued comparative scores should be no gauge because the Irish were inclined to "pull their punches."

Michigan drew its heaviest backing from the Mid-west—stamping grounds of the Big Nine—and even Notre Dame's home state, Indiana, voted even on the issue, eight to eight.

The Wolverines received 29 votes within their home state.

The West coast, which saw the two powerhouses against the Trojans, was about equally divided in sentiment with California splitting its vote, ten to ten.

There was little to choose between the teams in the East balloting. New York went for Michigan, 12 to 8, but Pennsylvania voted even, 11 to 11.

The South went overwhelmingly for the Irish. Georgia backed Notre Dame, eight to two, and Frank Leahy's forces found almost equally good support in Tennessee, Maryland, Alabama and Mississippi. But Texas joined the Michigan bandwagon, 13 to 2.

Basin League Teams Start Battle Again

The Klamath Basin Basketball league, both city and county divisions, resume league play tonight after a layoff since just before Christmas, with eight games on the docket at four gymnasiums.

In the city circuit the games will be played at Oregon Vocational school where the OVB Owls tangle with Hal's Sport Shop at 7 p.m. and the classy Oregon Woolen quintets ties into the American Legion in the nightclub.

Out in the county at Chiloquin two hometown squads—Geingers and the Klamath Sons—get together in the opening contest, while Klamath Agency and Sprague River have the aftermath.

The Keno town team, with a record of three wins and a loss to date, plays Merrill Oddfellows in the opener at Keno, followed by a neutral court Dorris-Malin tilt.

At Tulelake the schedule calls for the Tule VFW vs. Langell Valley Beavers in the opener and Tule Associated Flyers against Bonanza Townies in the other game.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
NEW HAVEN — Beau Jack, 140, Augusta, Ga., knocked out Jimmy Collins, 143, Baltimore (2).

PHILADELPHIA — Livio Minelli, 143, Milan, Italy, outpointed Johnny Bratton, 139, Chicago (10).

TORONTO — Arthur King, 134, Toronto, outpointed Phil Terranova, 132, New York (8).

SAN FRANCISCO — Tony Bonnich, 192, outpointed Pat Valentino, 186, both San Francisco (10).

Leaves Home



Respectable Earl Torgeson, first-sacker for the Boston Braves, has sold his home in Seattle and is moving to Boston to live. So it looks like Earl may become a fixture in the Braves' lineup. He broke into major league baseball last year.

Ben Hogan Takes L.A. Open Golf

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6 (AP)—Ben Hogan left town today, having accomplished the following feats in the game of golf:

Won the \$10,000 Los Angeles Open for the third time.

Established a new record for the tournament at the Riviera Country club with a 72-hole score of 275.

Turned back the initial threat of 1948 of South African Bobby Locke and the rest of the foreign invaders.

He raked the par-71 Riviera course with four successive sub par rounds—88-70-70-67—and stayed off a challenge by former National Open King Lloyd Mangrum in a round played in fog so thick the ball disappeared 50 yards after it was struck. Mangrum had a 279.

COLLECTS TWO GRAND
Hogan collected \$2000 for first place, Mangrum \$1400 for second.

Struck his amateur and pro tennis worlds, finished third for \$1000.

Tied one shot back were Sam Snead, who scrambled into the running with a 67, and Ed Furgol of Pontiac, Mich., who had a 73.

Lagging behind was the pre-tournament co-favorite with Hogan, Bobby Locke, who finished with an embarrassing 76 for 287 and a \$400 consolation prize.

Tied with Locke, one stroke back of Johnny Palmer of Badin, N. C., and Dutch Harrison of Little Rock, were Johnny Bulla and Tony Penna.

PACES AMATEURS
Low amateur honors fell to Frank Stranahan of Toledo, O., whose 79 put him in at 289, two strokes in front of Douglas Ford of Elmford, N. Y., and three to the good over Bud Ward of Spokane, Wash.

Scores of 291 and under landed in the money class, with Stan Leonard of Vancouver, B. C., and Harry Basler of Los Angeles last in line at \$110 each.

Today the traveling pros and many of the amateurs headed to the Bing Crosby pro-amateur tournament at Pebble Beach.

Italian Welter Scores Win 106
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6 (AP)—Italy's welterweight king, Livio Minelli, scored his 106th straight boxing victory in a split decision verdict over Chicago's Johnny Bratton before 7422 Convention hall fans.

Minelli, pride of Milan and currently angling for a title shot with Sugar Ray Robinson, rallied furiously in the final two stanzas of last night's 10-rounder and brought blood spurting from a cut over the negro's left eye to earn the decision.

The referee and one judge scored it for the Italian while the other official gave the nod to Bratton.

Three Of A Kind
TACOMA, Jan. 6 (AP)—Three Tacoma golfers chalked up "holes in one" here yesterday within three hours—and all of them were on the thirteenth hole. The "three" sequence was spoiled by two of the spots being made on the same course, Meadow Park. The first was aceed at Fircrest.

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Grid Evolution Down 80 Years Is American Story

Some 50,000,000 Americans make football a part of their daily diet from September through December after whetting their appetites on the hopes and anticipation so generously publicized, during the eight months preceding the gridiron season.

The saga of football's evolution from the crude push-pull-and-pound contest of physical strength through the 80 years the game has been played to the streamlined coordination of strategy, speed and skill of well-trained players protected against injury by constantly improved equipment, is a typically American story.

The 1948 New Year's Day Rose Bowl game at Pasadena brings back memories of 46 years earlier when "Hurry Up" Yost took his Michigan team on a transcontinental trek to participate in the first Rose Bowl classic. The city fathers of Pasadena 46 years ago were not confronted with a stampede of upwards of 100,000 spectators, some of whom slept in parked autos and pitched tents to be "early birds" to purchase tickets in order to see the Bowl game.

A glance at the football album emphasizes that the 1948 Rose Bowl spectacle as well as the other "bowl games" luring approximately a half-million spectators on a year-opening holiday afternoon demonstrate "the hold" that the sport has on Americans. The 1948 bowl games' atmosphere and performance are a far cry from 79 years ago when on a brisk November day, Princeton and Rutgers engaged in the first collegiate football game on record, with 25 players comprising a team and attainment of six goals proclaiming the winner.

Early Uniforms Were Nothing

The evolution of football from a primitive "bone-crushing" physical power array of poundage and sheer body strength, with roughness and injuries "part of the game" has come a long way from the era when the rules enforced by a lone official were more honored by the breach than observance. Contrasted to these early days of football, the 1948 game stresses the combination of strategy, speed and skill of players, not necessarily heavy in poundage, but adequately trained and safeguarded against injury by form-fitted protective equipment, conceived by coaches and trainers and developed by manufacturers whose research and special technical skills have been employed to help to make the game safer.

The early-used football uniform consisted of a sleeveless faced jacket or vest and padded pants. The only real protective equipment was a rubber nose-guard which was designed to keep the player's nose and teeth intact. Cane-reed shin-guards were introduced into the game to protect the legs and ankles. But—long hair served as a "head protector."

Later, cross-stuffed leather bands, stuffed with cotton, were used as head protection; quilted padding sewed to the outside of the jersey over shoulders and elbows provided a measure of protection from bruises and injury.

Injury Ratio Drew Criticism

Football, while growing in popularity in the "flying wedge" days, encountered obstacles which raised the "stop-and-listen" warning to those who were enthusiasts about the game's possibilities.

First of all, there were many instances of faculty displeasure and disapproval of football, with some professional spokesmen extremely vocal in their condemnations.

But more important as a possible retarder to the game was the high per capita injury ratio for the players of football. In fact, the popular outcry against football injuries in the days when Theodore Roosevelt was president made it necessary for him to use his White House influence to save the game.

Proponents of football, recognizing a "danger signal" as the time to avert disaster, set about to put the game's house in order.

Then came changes in rules, provision for adequate officiating, establishment of scientific pre-game training and above all—the development and use of newly-designed and steadily improved protective equipment to keep pace with the progressive evolution.

As the end result, football zoomed to nationwide popularity with million of new spectators swelling the stadia annually, meanwhile recording a steady decline in injury ratio per capita of participants.

Equipment Is Lighter, Better

Analysts of football history are generally agreed that the constant persistent development of football protective equipment has been the best "insurance" against injuries, while at the same time providing the player with the facility of action that thrills the spectator and lures the millions congregating in the stadia throughout the nation on the fall week-ends.

The modern protective equipment including full outfit, averages 12 to 17 pounds per man, compared to the 25 to 35 pounds lugged by the player of a generation ago, enables the player to play the game better and more safely.

Football equipment designers and manufacturers have blended science and skill to develop protectives form-fitted to dissipate shock rather than to localize blows in a particular spot.

50 Million Fans Can't Be Wrong

Form-fitting lightweight, sturdily-built equipment protects the player's hips and spine, yet allows free body movement and fast action. His shoulders and collar-bone are protected by similar form-fitting fibre shoulder-pads, padded with foamed rubber. A lightweight plastic helmet no heavier than a girl's Easter bonnet protects the player's head.

From those early bone-crushing, body-bending tactics of 79 years ago, football has evolved and developed to the streamlined sport of mass appeal and fall spectacle of color and glamor, captivating more than 50,000,000 Americans who would readily give an "eye tooth" for a ticket to see Rose Bowl, Army-Navy or Notre Dame games.

Cats Riding High Above Hoop League

By The Associated Press
Williamette's Bearcats rode well ahead of the Northwest conference pack today after knocking off previously undefeated University of British Columbia last night by a one-sided 72-48 count.

The win left the Salem quintet with three wins and no defeats in conference play. College of Puget Sound also is undefeated but has played but a single game.

A 32-24 halftime margin built up to a 23-point lead halfway through the third period and reserves finished out the encounter.

The Williamette Johnsons, Forward Bob, Center Jim and Guard Ted, accounted for 58 points—20, 21 and 17, respectively. Pat McGeer was high for UBC with nine.

Linfield defeated St. Martin's 67-41 and College of Idaho spanked Eastern Oregon 60-48 in non-conference clashes.

Honkers Schedule Three Contests

TULELAKE, Jan. 6 — The high school Honkers have three games scheduled this week, one with the Alturas Braves in Modoc territory. This battle, non-conference, will be for the many old "scap" taken by the Honker football boys last fall, first time in 12 years.

The week's schedule puts the A and B strings at Merrill Tuesday night, Yreka, here Friday night and on the Alturas court Saturday.

To date this season the two strings have each won a round and lost one.

Baseball Baselines Of Rubber Installed

BOSTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Boston's Red Sox have signed a drafted catcher and the Braves are planning to have white rubber baselines next season.

The Sox signed Boris "Babe" Martin, outfielder-catcher, drafted from the Toledo farm of the St. Louis Browns.

In addition to announcing the rubber baselines today, the Braves reported that First Sacker Earl Torgeson had sold his home in Seattle, Wash., and would be eastward bound in a few days to become a Bostonian.

And, added the Braves, not only is the Sinochimo, Wash., native planning to live here but Pitcher Red Barrett, has inquired from his North Hollywood, Calif., home whether there are any houses for rent hereabouts.

The rubber base paths are the brain child of Al Oliver, grounds superintendent.

"They'll be three inches wide, tacked to boards, embedded in soil and will stay white all season," says Oliver, who, like most ground forces is tired of rechalking baselines for every game.

Henrich To Terms

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Tommy Henrich, the New York Yankees' regular right fielder, had a new contract today for 1948, and although there was no mention of the terms, it was believed certain a wage raise was included.

Henrich, who batted .287 last year for his best season since 1946, came to terms after a 10-minute conference with the general manager.

Joe DiMaggio Signs

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Joe DiMaggio, veteran New York Yankee outfielder who has been reported holding out for \$75,000 for the 1948 season, has reached terms with the club, George Weiss, general manager, said today.

Weiss did not announce the salary. DiMaggio was said to be getting from \$40,000 to \$45,000 last year.

DiMaggio's signing took place last night, Weiss said, in the apartment of Dan Topping, president of the club.

Late Cage Scores

COLLEGIATE
Williamette 72, British Columbia 48.
Linfield 67, St. Martin's 41.
College of Idaho 60, Eastern Oregon 48.

Oregon College of Education 48, Pacific College 41.
Pacific U 58, Longview, Wash., Lions 53.
Kentucky 67, Miami (O.) 53.
Iowa 49, Ohio State 41.

Illinois 52, Northwestern 47.
Wisconsin 59, Minnesota 50.
Missouri 46, Michigan State 44.
Notre Dame 77, Georgetown 68.
Duke 53, Maryland 42.
Texas 59, Rice 44.

Pros Consider PAT Elimination

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6 (AP)—The National Football league is going to consider elimination of points after touchdowns at its annual rules committee middle January 14.

NFL Commissioner Bert Bell said yesterday Luke Johnson, assistant coach of the Chicago Bears, proposed the extra point elimination and suggested the "sudden death" method of settling a tie game—in which play would continue until one or the other team scores a touchdown, field goal or safety.

Dons Hire Herman

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6 (AP)—Herman Wedemeyer is now a Don instead of a Gael. The Los Angeles Dons of the All-America pro conference said they signed Wedemeyer, All-America halfback of St. Mary's Gael, for two years at an undisclosed salary.

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Johnny Lujack Stops West After 8 Yards



Virgil Eikenberg, West halfback, Rice Institute, is stopped when he is tackled hard by the East's Johnny Lujack, Notre Dame, after making eight yards off tackle on a lateral from Herman Wedemeyer (not in picture), St. Mary's, in this first period action of the East-West game in San Francisco. Knocked out of the play (right) is George Quist (22), West halfback. Stanford. In background are Howard Brown (71), East guard, Indiana, and Lou Mihalovich (52), East tackle, Indiana. The game was played on a muddy field and in the rain. The East won, 40 to 9.

Hunters Ask Bird Feeding During Snow

Recent snows have made it difficult for game birds, particularly pheasant and quail, to get food and the Klamath Sportsmen's association has taken a hand in caring for the wild birds during the winter.

Win Southwell, president of the association, announces that sportsmen are asked to put out grain for the birds during the storms and has arranged to have grain for distribution.

In Klamath Falls grain for bird-feeding may be obtained at Peoples warehouse, in Bonanza at the K I Bold store, in Keno at Simin's store, and in Malin at Kalina's store.

Southwell believes that every pair of game birds taken care of this winter will result in 10 for hunting season next fall. Cash subscriptions for the feeding project may be made to Southwell or to Jim Stillwell, at 731 Main.

Crisler Says Both Great

DETROIT, Jan. 6 (AP)—Coach Fritz Crisler of Michigan, informed today that the nation's sports writers had rated his Wolverines superior to Notre Dame, commented that "the men who voted couldn't have made a mistake if they had picked either team."

In a post-season Associated Press poll, Michigan received 226 votes to 119 for Notre Dame, with 12 writers calling the teams even.

"Of course, I feel highly honored on behalf of the team and the university and I am very much indebted to the Associated Press sports editors," the Michigan coach said.

Philly Enters Olympic Bid

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6 (AP)—Philadelphia today made its formal bid for the 1956 Olympic games.

The Quaker City's application for the 16th Olympiad was filed with the New York office of the United States Olympic association by the Philadelphia Olympic committee, headed by Arthur C. Kaufmann.

Philadelphia alone* with Detroit, Minneapolis and Los Angeles sent delegations to the meeting of the international Olympic committee in Sweden last June, seeking the 1952 Olympiad. None of the American cities could obtain the necessary number of votes, however, and the nod went to Finland.

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Snapp's Next Move Should Be Eastward

By HALE SCARBROUGH
Sports Editor, The Herald and News
Phil Sampson, the Klamath Falls and Reno welterweight who made quite a hit in his recent fight debut in Portland, may be on the next Rose City fight card although Merrill's Jack Snapp in all probability will not.

Snapp's logical fight is with Bobby Volk again, otherwise he may have just about punched himself out of good opponents here on the coast. Although Snapp hasn't made public any plans, fight fans here figure he'd best shake the dust of the Pacific coast off his heels and head East.

There's where the boxing gold and glory is, not out here, and Snapp is probably as ready to go ahead now as he will ever be. There is some talk of another Snapp-Volk fight, since the last one ended in a not too decisive split decision for Snapp, but the Merrill boy has nothing to gain except a handful of shekels by fighting Volk, and plenty to lose. Where would he be if Volk beat him next time? Right back where he started.

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Bowl Bookie Goes South

SEATTLE, Jan. 6 (AP)—Southern California wasn't alone in taking a trimming New Year's Day.

Deputy Prosecutor James D. McCutcheon Jr. said today he had filed a grand larceny charge against Clifford Watson after three Seattle men complained that Watson had taken \$1200 in Rose Bowl bets from them and disappeared with the money.

Any talk of matching Snapp with Al Hostak or Freddie Apostol is so much bushwhack. Snapp is coming up and the other two mentioned, both former champs, are just fighting for what dough they can get out of it now.

For Ginger's own good, he should point his wagon at another star. Back to Sampson, the kid is just starting, and is a comer. He made a hit with Portland fight fans in first showing and might get some pretty good billings up there in the future. In fact, he is being lined up for a 10-rounder on January 13.

No opponent for the 150-pound Mexican-Indian has been selected yet, but Sampson's handy win over the tough Buford Ranson of Seattle six days ago has put him well up in his weight class in the Northwest.

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