

Football Crowds Increase

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—Despite a marked decline in the attendance figures of other major sports, college football crowds showed a surprising 13 per cent increase this year over the bumper turnouts of 1948.

An Associated Press survey of 88 major schools disclosed that only in the East and Far West did college football follow the downward trend of other sports. The East fell 2.5 and the Far West 2.2 per cent from the figures of 1948. But 1948 was a good year, showing an increase of 4.3 per cent over 1947.

All other sections of the country were up, paced by the South's 5.7 per cent climb. The Midwest, with Michigan in the van, upped its crowds 4.9 per cent. The Southwest, with Southern Methodist's weekly jam sessions leading a big hand, rose 2.1 per cent.

The 88 institutions this year played 444 games, drawing a total of 12,398,157 customers. Last year, the same schools, in 433 home games, attracted 12,005,625 fans.

The average per game for 1949 was 27,924. For it was 27,162.

Eastern and Far Western athletic leaders are pointing their fingers at television for the losses in their sections of the country.

On the West Coast, UCLA had a slight drop and Southern Cal a small rise. But officials there blame TV for 20,000 less customers at the annual UCLA-USC game.

Michigan, the national leader in both total attendance and average per game, posted a phenomenal attendance mark. The Wolverines, who tied with Ohio State for the Big Ten crown, lured a total of 563,800 fans for six games, an astounding average of 93,967 for their enlarged stadium. And, Michigan televised its games.

Stanford, with a young, improving eleven, more than doubled its total attendance. The team attracted 359,800 fans to eight games as against 175,000 for six the year previous.

	1949	1948
Stanford	359,800	175,000
So. Calif.	354,074	322,585
Calif.	344,500	421,000
UCLA	194,563	301,892
Wash.	200,941	164,640
Oregon	84,400	72,500

Kramer Hasn't Lost Control

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 16 (AP)—Jack Kramer, king of tennis pro, last night won his 29th victory in 34 matches with Pancho Gonzales, 1949 national amateur champion.

Kramer made it in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, winning four love games in the first set. He ended the match by breaking Gonzales' serve in the ninth game of the second set.

Frankie Parker out Pancho Segura's lead in their series to 23-19 with a straight set victory over the Ecuadorian, 6-6, 6-4.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

New York—Alfredo Prada, 135, Argentina, and George Dunn, 139, Hartford, Conn., drew, 10.

Fall River—Larry Villeneuve, 157, Providence, outpointed Tommy Bell, 152½, Youngstown, 10.

MORE TRADE WINDS Yankees Poring Over Nats' Swap Material

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Clark Griffith plans to reopen the New York Yankees-Washington Senators trade negotiations.

Discussion of the four-for-two player swap which would send First Baseman Eddie Robinson to the Yankees was halted temporarily yesterday because of a misunderstanding.

While Griffith spent the day in his office at the stadium waiting for New York General Manager George Weiss to telephone him, Weiss spent the day in his office waiting for "The Old Fox" to call him.

However, when the matter was straightened out last night Griffith said: "I suppose I must have gotten the wires crossed. I'll give him a ring tomorrow."

The reported deal between the American league's 1949 pennant winner and last place club is essentially the same one that opened trade talks in Baltimore at the minor league meeting two weeks ago.

Hours of sparring between Weiss and Manager Casey Stengel and

Robinson Was Tops In General Offense

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson was the individual standout in the National league's offensive department during the past season.

Official averages, released today by the senior baseball circuit, show the Dodgers' Negro second baseman first in batting, first in base-stealing and tied for first in sacrifices with St. Louis' Marty Marion.

It was these accomplishments that won him the circuit's coveted most valuable award.

Robinson led the hitting with a mark of .342. He had 37 stolen bases and 17 sacrifices.

The slick Brooklyn infielder shaded the Cardinals' Stan Musial by four percentage points in an individual race almost as close as the team race for the National league championship. Brooklyn beat out the Cards on the last day of the season.

Musial, one of the game's all-time great hitters, had a good year for himself but not comparable with that of 1948 when he almost monopolized honors.

Besides batting .338, Musial led in base hits with 207, total bases with 382, doubles with 41 and he tied with Enos Slaughter, a teammate, in triples with 13.

Both Musial and Robinson had to move over and make room, however, when it came to giving the ball a one-way ride.

The Pittsburgh Pirates Ralph Kiner led in home runs with 54 and set a new league mark by hitting more than 50 for the second year in a row.

Kiner had the most runs batted in with 127 and Pee Wee Reese, Brooklyn shortstop, scored the most runs, 132.

St. Louis was the leader in team batting with .227 and also had the most hits, 1513. Brooklyn's champions, however, banged out the most

Techmen Defeat LaVerne

The off-and-on Owls were on last night and chalked up a 67-39 basketball victory over the barnstorming LaVerne college, Calif., Leopards. The game, played before a good-sized crowd in the Tech gym, brought the Owls' season record to two wins against three losses.

Oregon Tech never trailed in the game and had pulled off to a 13-5 lead midway in the first half, almost all of it on ringers by Bob Montgomery and Paul Heins.

LaVerne tried to play a slow-up, cautious, set shot game but the Leopards found themselves snowed under by the ball-stealing, race-horse type of play forced upon them by the Owls.

By halftime the Tech outfit had run up a 28-14 lead.

Opening the second half, Paul Heins ripped in three baskets and a free throw for seven points before the Leopards scored and added a couple more buckets for eleven personal points before another member of the Owls scored.

Heins and Montgomery each tallied 20 points for OTT and Charlie Warren, the play-feeder, got 15 for himself.

LaVerne attempted to feed Forward Don Colburn for set shots but it was only in the last few minutes of play that he started hitting, mostly from several feet out. Colburn scored nine points. Dick Peterson had seven.

In a preliminary game the Tech Jayvees defeated Gino's of the city independent league, 35-17.

Lineups and scoring:

Owls	Pos.	LaVerne
Belotti 2	F	Baughman
Montgomery 20	F	Colburn
Hilfiker	C	4 Carter
Heins 20	G	Guillen
Warren 15	G	2 Teter
Owl reserves—		Kruger 2, Wells, Mull 2, Wright, Hughes 2, Fransen 4, LaVerne reserves—Peterson 7, Landis 6, O'Neill 1, Miller 4, Brandt 4



Buddy Gilman

GILMAN RATES HIGH FOR WEISER BATTLE

Tonight's a big night for Buddy Gilman and Ralph Weiser, with a fat fistfight goose hanging high.

In their ten-round fight at the armory, both young fighters have an opportunity to take a long stride toward the big time. Both have piled up eye-opening records and tonight's winner will definitely be set for bigger bouts.

On paper, Gilman figures the favorite but Weiser followers are certain the Beatty battler will take it all.

Weiser, in daily workouts here for the setto, has shown top form and appears dead-set on putting Gilman away.

Both men are the crowding, slug-type and both have proven KO punches.

Gilman, undefeated as a pro, has an impressive list of KOs behind him but he will find Weiser a hard man to put down for keeps.

One of the Beatty fighter's big assets is his ability to take stiff punches and keep coming back. In his last fight here he took two nine counts from Rudy Carlson and then proceeded to wade in and KO Carlson.

However, Gilman's manager, Jimmy Carroll, who gave up a good thing as a Washington state boxing commission official to handle the lad, is so confident Gilman can take Weiser he is already figuratively fingering the fat pots offered in the larger fight centers. The ring-wise Carroll is certain he has a fighter that can go all the way to the top.

Tonight's semi-final affair rivals the main go for local interest. Medford's Johnny Bruce and Merrill's George Price come to blows in a six-round rematch that stacks up as a natural.

There has been one change in the previously announced card for tonight. Klamath Falls' George Malone will sub for Bob Eastman against Jack Ellis, a Gilman stable-mate from Seattle.

Accolade To Andrea

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16 (AP)—Gretchen Fraser, pig-tailed sensation of the 1948 Olympics, picks Andrea Mead of Pico Peak, Vt., as her likely successor as champion skier among America's women.

Mrs. Fraser has quit competitive skiing to rear a family. She rides the boards occasionally as a representative of the Sun Valley, Idaho, resort.

Blonde Gretchen took a melancholy view today of America's chances in the forthcoming international competition. The Swedes, she said, will dominate the cross-country.

Erika Mahringer of Austria may beat Andrea Mead in the women's events. The jumping — limited to men — is likely to go to the Norwegians. Henri Oreiller of France is likely to pace the men in the downhill and slalom battles.

Portland—Jimmie Sullivan, 135½, Boston, stopped Jean Richard, 138, Montreal, 7.

Hadler Tells Plans For Eugene Stadium

EUGENE—Arthur A. Hadler of Sacramento announced here last night that Eugene will have a team in the Far West baseball league next year.

The announcement was the first made officially but Eugene has been eyed by the Far West class D circuit for two years.

Hadler is the former owner of Pittsburg and Santa Rosa clubs in the league.

He said he would build a \$60,000 lighted field on a 10-acre plot recently purchased here and that he was negotiating with three major league clubs for working agreements to obtain players.

Hadler named Walter Nellis as business manager of the Eugene club. A playing manager has not been selected.

The Far West league has made no official mention that Eugene would get a franchise but the presumption is that if Hadler goes ahead with his building plans Eugene will be admitted without difficulty.

Six clubs finished last season in the league and Reno has been added as the seventh for next year. Hayward, Calif., has been actively seeking a franchise and at least three other Oregon cities have been mentioned as possibilities.

The Sacramento wholesale egg dealer said his building plan called for a stadium presently seating up to 3500 with parking space for 800 cars, located in Eugene's suburban Bethel district.

He said the Eugene club may do its spring training in either Arizona or Florida. All other Far West clubs train in California.

Adams New Gun Prexy

Dr. J. Martin Adams has been chosen president of the Klamath Gun club for 1950 and the club's first regular shoot for January 2.

Regular trapshoots will be held at the Wocus range each Sunday following.

The club will hold a turkey shoot this coming Sunday, starting at 10:30 a. m.

John Martin has been elected vice president and Charlie Martin, secretary treasurer. Other directors are T. B. Watters and Al Hattan.

Nelson Reed will be grounds captain and Jim Wissenbach, assistant grounds captain.

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