

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Now that Dick Wakefield has gone to the Yankees in exchange for a reasonable fee, the first baseman he wanted, Detroit Manager Red Rolfe can concentrate on another problem child, Frank House. . . . The \$75,000 bonus, which couldn't hit in the central league, will have to stick with the Tigers this year. . . .

Rolfe figures House will do okay if he's a good enough receiver mechanically. . . . "as long as he doesn't drop balls and let them steal on him, he doesn't have to hit," says Red. . . .

Coach Johnny Wooden tabs his UCLA basketball team that hits the Garden soon as one of the fastest ever to appear on the Pacific coast. In other words, the Wooden men aren't. . . .

Biggest press-agent stunt of the basketball season was staged by Dave Stidolph of Washington State, who shipped this dept. a gallon of water from Grand Coulee dam to replace what the Cougar basketballers might drink in New York.

It was at the annual lettermen's banquet of the New Hampshire football team. . . . senior guards Alphonse Swelka and Gus Gilman approached line coach Pat Petrovski, who had tolled with them daily for four years. . . . it was a tear-jerking occasion. . . . "Gosh, Pat," they told Petrovski, "now that we're graduating, you'll have to start coaching."

When Missouri's Tigers play Maryland in the Gator bowl it will be Coach Don Faurot's fourth bowl effort and his fifth shot against a split T rival. Don, inventor of the split T, hasn't a victory to show for either series. . . .

One reason so few American-born hockey stars are turning up these days is that the rinks at Chisholm and Virginia, Minn., have been leased to a clothing manufacturer. Now they're making shirts instead of shots.

Worst football prophet of the season must be the Los Angeles Rams' weather consultant, Dr. Irving Krick. A late-arriving handout, intended for last Friday, has him "assuring" the fans good weather for Sunday's pro football playoff. . . .

Hank Greenberg and other Indian executives are high on their expensive pitching prospect, Hal Saltzman, because of his determination to win. "I'd rather have a player with that spirit than one with a little more ability," Greenberg maintains.

Main reason the U. of Kentucky band won't go to the Orange bowl game is that it would cost approximately \$17,000 and its appearance between halves would be limited to three minutes. We'll admit that would be an expensive toot.

Most Aces At Dallas

DALLAS, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Cotton Bowl won't have teams with the best season records among the major bowl games January 2 but it can boast the most All-Americans.

In fact, it will have as many as the other bowl games combined. There will be two fellows of the mythical team variety playing against each other here when Rice tangles with North Carolina.

The big man of the Owls (not in size but in ability) is James (Froggy) Williams, that talented pass-catcher, defensive tower and adept place-kicker.

The headliner of North Carolina will be Charlie Justice, a fellow who has been in the public eye for four years, two of which he has been All-American.

All other bowl games combined have two All-Americans. California, which plays Ohio State in the run for the roses at Pasadena (the Rose Bowl), boasts Rod Franz, All-American guard.

Oklahoma, which plays Louisiana State in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, has Wade Walker, All-American tackle.

The Cotton Bowl game definitely will be the last for both Williams and Justice. Each has declared he will not enter pro football. Williams says he isn't big enough (185). Justice is a little fellow, too. He weighs just 167.

Erring Back Loses Federal Court Bout

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Fullback Ralph Ruthstrom, who tried to get the Washington Redskins to pay him \$4100 for a season in which he didn't play, wound up by being tackled behind his own goal line. Federal District Judge David A. Pine yesterday ordered him to pay the Redskins \$241.80.

That's what the Redskins had asked for in a counter suit. They said they had advanced Ruthstrom some money, and that he was \$241.80 shy in paying it back.

Ruthstrom's argument was this: He said he had been suspended by the Redskins in 1947, and that he couldn't get another fullbacking job because of the so-called reserve clause.

This clause—it's used in baseball as well as pro football contracts—says a player can't sign with another club until he is given a written release.

The Redskins, Ruthstrom argued, wouldn't give him this release. But National Football league Commissioner Bert Bell, in a 54-page deposition, said many players had gone over to the All-America conference without bothering to get a formal release.

Furthermore, Bell contradicted earlier testimony by Ruthstrom in which he had said he had appealed to the commissioner.

Bell said he hadn't. If he had, Bell said, he would have made the Redskins take Ruthstrom back or make him a free agent.

George Preston Marshall, Redskins owner, told the jury that Ruthstrom was a "bitter disappointment" to the team. He repeatedly broke training, Marshall said, and never lived up to the standards the Redskins had set up.

Judge Pine, in handing down a directed verdict, said he thought the case boiled down to this: 1. Was it a legal contract? 2. Did the plaintiff, Ruthstrom, fulfill his part of the contract? 3. If he was dissatisfied, why didn't he file a proper appeal to the commissioner?

He then directed that Ruthstrom pay up the \$241.80.

Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press
Today a Year Ago—The National Boxing association named Jersey Joe Walcott as the leading contender for Joe Louis' crown.

Three Years Ago—Kentucky's undefeated basketball team trounced St. John's of Brooklyn, 70-0.

Five Years Ago—Marty Marion's .572 fielding average was the best among shortstops in National league statistics.

Ten Years Ago—The Cleveland Indians released Luke Sewell as player and signed him at a coach.

Buckeyes Are Mean

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—California's Bears are due for a rough afternoon in the Rose Bowl January 2—those Ohio State Buckeyes are even nastier to each other.

Coach Wes Fesler put his club through a socko scrimmage yesterday and the mayhem-minded Buckeyes knocked themselves dizzy.

Three of the Bucks were sidelined in one five minute interval. Halfback Jerry Krall, top ground-gainer, hit the line on the second play of the scrimmage and gave out with a scream of agony. He complained of a pain in his ribs but made it to the sidelines under his own power.

Reserve Center Tom Rath was knocked cold on the very next play. He soon recovered.

Shortly thereafter, Fullback Curly Morrison bumped his knees and left the lineup.

Fesler said he didn't consider any of the damages severe.

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ND Players Join Yanks

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 21 (AP)—The training pace quickened today for the 28-man North squad which will meet a group of Southern grid-ers in the annual Shrine charity football game here December 26. Six Notre Dame players arrived

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DEFEATS LONGDEN—Mrs. Wantha Davis, 32, veteran Midwest and West county fair and bush track rider, beat America's champion jockey, Johnny Longden, in a six-furlong match race held at Agua Caliente, Mexico. She is shown in the winner's circle on Northeast, held by an unidentified groom. Northeast led Longden's Grey Spook to the finish by a length and three-quarters in 1:12. Track officials rated the horses as equals.

by plane early today to join Coach Herman Hickman's groups of "Yankees."

Hickman, head coach at Yale, faced a problem of fitting the Notre Dame arrivals into the picture.

"I imagine we will run Larry Coutré from halfback quite a bit," he said, "but just what we will do with Fullback Mike Swistowicz hasn't been decided."

Hickman said End Bill Wightkin and Center Walter Crosshaus would be counted on heavily on offense.

College Basketball

By The Associated Press
Stanford 70, Oregon 67.
Indiana 58, Oregon State 53.
Minnesota 53, Washington 53.
Washington Frosh 85, Wenatchee J. C. 37.
Puget Sound 47, Pacific University 37.
Portland 88, Linfield 63.
Vanderbilt 56, Clark J. C. 46.
Central Washington 66, Lewis & Clark 43.
Pacific Lutheran 62, St. Martin's 48.
Indiana State 62, Southern Oregon 52.
Gonzaga 61, Eastern Washington 54.
Idaho 41, Iowa State 39.
Montana Univ. 91, Whitworth 61.
Long Island 70, Southern California 45.
Boston College 55, Los Angeles Loyola 53.
New York Univ. 69, California 50.
Holy Cross 57, Kansas 53.
North Carolina State 63, Michigan 52.
South Carolina 54, Duke 44.
Auburn 48, Alabama 40.
Missouri 50, Wisconsin 48.
St. Louis 59, Georgia Tech. 45.
Wichita 65, Texas Christian 48.
Tulane 86, Baylor 53.
Texas 46, Houston 44.
Hamline 75, St. Mary's 41.
Oakland Blue 'n Gold 67, Pepperdine 44.
Utah State 65, Montana State 56.
River Falls 64, Regis 52.
Wyoming 54, Emporia 43.
Colorado A. & M. 61, Nevada 44.
Northern Idaho 54, Western Montana 41.
Southern Idaho 56, Boise J. C. 53.

Yankees Intrigued

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21 (AP)—The New York Yankees who apparently feel their livery is a cure-all for ailing the disappointing ball players are believed interested in the "strange case of Pitcher Phil Marchildon."

During the recent major league meeting Manager Casey Stengel of the Yanks indicated interest in the smallish pitcher from Penetang, Ontario. Stengel is reported to have offered Outfielder Johnny Lindell for the A's right-hander provided doctors reported his arm is in good shape.

Connie Mack always has openly coveted Lindell but he steadfastly refused to part with the likes of pitcher Joe Coleman to get the big outfielder. He might be willing to make a deal with Marchildon as bait.

The Marchildon-Lindell deal cropped up today with the news that the pitcher was in Philadelphia preparatory to going to Baltimore for an examination by Dr. George E. Bennett, surgeon who has moved the bone spur from Joe DiMaggio's heel last spring.

The 34-year-old Marchildon won 19 games for the A's in 1947 and nine in 1948. Last season he appeared in seven games, completed none, pitched a total of 46 innings.

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