Orange Bowl Report . . . .

Terps, Sooners Bowl Foes

Defense Key For Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (UP) — That old baseball phrase—"Good field, no hit"—best describes the Maryland team that faces mighty Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl Jan. 2.

The 1955 Terrapins went undefeated in a 10-game season largely because of their mammoth and mobile line. It is big, savage, hungry and proud—taking more delight in throwing somebody for a 20 yard loss than the average team takes in scoring touchdowns.

This was the line that held high-scoring UCLA to 21-yards minus rushing; that permitted no opponent more than two touchdowns; that led the nation in defense against rushing with a per-game average of only 76.1 yards; that hung up four shutouts.

It is Maryland's superb defense that makes the Orange Bowl clash a literal "dream game," because Oklahoma will be throwing the nation's top rushing attack against that brawny Terrapin line. When Maryland Coach Jim Tatum was asked what would happen when the "irresistible force" met the "immovable object," he replied frankly:

"I don't know. Oklahoma never ran against a line as good as ours but we never saw an offense as good as theirs."

SECOND STRING

Tatum's concrete defense includes All - America linebacker Bob Pellegrini, tackle Mike Sandusky and two crack guards—Jack Davis and Gene Dyson. Maryland second-string line is as big and almost as good as the first. The Terps' four ends — Bill Walker, Russ Dennis, Tim Flynn and Jim Parsons — are seniors with experience and savvy.

Offensively, Maryland has been erratic all year. Quarterback Frank Tamburrello is smart, fakes well and is rated a fair passer. Halfback Ed Vereb, the Washington Redskins' number one draft pick, is a fast starter and the Terps' only consistent ground-gainer. The other Maryland backs are either too light or too slow to be mentioned in the same breath as Oklahoma's fleet greyhounds, and the Terrapins are particularly weak at the fullback slot where two converted sophomore halfbacks, Phil Perlo and Fred Hamilton, share the duties.

Lacking the big, fast fullback that has marked Tatum's split-T attack for years, Maryland has been firing mostly wide sweeps at enemy defense. Tatum's best gainer all season was the "belly-play" with the quarterback faking to the fullback and then handing off to Vereb.

PASS ATTACKS

Maryland's aerial game is used mainly as an auxiliary weapon, seldom employed in the Terps' own territory but an occasional surprise threat. Tamburello likes to throw a long one when he has second down and short yardage to go for a first down — a gimmick that has caught more than one opponent slumbering.

Defense - minded Tatum naturally won't reveal what plans he has for slowing down Oklahoma's swift backs and it may be he won't change the defense patterns that worked so well all year. Maryland's basic defense is a 5-4-2, occasionally shifting to a seven-man line against an almost certain running play. Pellegrini calls the defense signals, and he seldom guesses wrong.

"If Oklahoma can run against this gang," says Tatum grimly, "it deserves to be called the best football team in America."

TOP TERRAPINS—Jim Tatum, center, will play a strong hand against Oklahoma in the Miami Orange Bowl, Jan. 2. Maryland's coach leads with halfback Ed Vereb, left, and Bob Pellegrini.

Oklahoma Nation's Top Team

NORMAN, Okla. (UP) — Oklahoma is the nation's No. 1 team in ranking, scoring, rushing and total offense, but perennial pessimist Bud Wud Wilkinson fears Maryland's defense will take the bloom off the Sooners' Orange Bowl football hopes.

Wilkinson, in contrast to Maryland Coach Jim Tatum, believes in conditioning his team for victory and his fans for defeat. He never hints he thinks his national champions can win. His Orange Bowl prediction fits that pattern.

"I think all of the advantages are with Maryland," he said. "The best defensive team will win in any case, and I have a feeling Maryland is a far superior defensive team than ours — and they share the feeling."

Oklahoma's jet-propelled backs and linemen almost as fast are riding the crest of a 29-game winning streak, 53 Big Seven Conference games without defeat, and have scored in 105 straight games.

The Sooners beat Maryland, 7-0, in the 1954 Orange Bowl and another victory this time would all but clear the way for Oklahoma to break its own national record of 31 straight triumphs. The Sooner's first two opponents next season are North Carolina and Kansas State.

ONE GAME

Wilkinson tries to prepare the Sooners for one game at a time, emphasizing each victory as equally important. But it's no secret the hopped-up Sooners want to win this one more than any other.

Tatum's predictions of victory and praise of his No. 3 ranked team has irritated many of Oklahoma's high-spirited players. An added factor is Tatum's unpopularity in Oklahoma while Sooner coach in 1946 — with Wilkinson as his assistant — and team leaders see the game as a contest between Wilkinson and Tatum. They don't want Wilkinson to come in second-best.

Wilkinson pointed out that in past bowl games the favorite lost about 75 per cent of the time, but said he did not think the psychological effect of a team's national ranking had any effect.

The 1955 Oklahoma squad averaged 36.5 points per game — well below the 1952 squad's 40.7 average — but many observers think this Sooner edition is Wilkinson's finest over-all unit.

SPEED IS KEY

The key this season has been speed. In halfback Tommy McDonald Oklahoma has one of the fastest backs in the game, equally dangerous running or passing. If the defense spreads to stop McDonald — as did Colorado — right halfback Robert Burris and fullback Billy Pricer churn through the middle.

Guard Bo Bolinger, an All-America, leads a Sooner line strongest from tackle to tackle. Center Jerry Tubbs, who may be crippled with a knee injury, made the All-America third team and has stood out as a linebacker.

Tatum's longing for revenge for the 1954 defeat, Oklahoma's desire to defend its No. 1 ranking, and the penchant for upsets in bowl games all are "just interesting sidelights," Wilkinson said.

"I honestly don't think those factors enter into it," he said. "They don't ever affect the outcome of a game."

Maryland game movies show the Terrapins are "by far the best team we've played," Wilkinson said gloomily.

"I think we'll play as hard as we can play," he added in his closest move toward a prediction. "If they beat us it will be because they played better."

Tar Heel Hoopsters Joins Court Powers

By BEN OLAN
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This, very definitely, must be Brooklyn's year.

The Flatbush victory influence is extending south to North Carolina, where the tall, talented Tar Heel basketball team is showing evidence of becoming one of the collegiate powers.

Frank McGuire, the N.C. coach, is a former St. John's of Brooklyn mentor. Lennie Rosenbluth, the team's high scorer, played high school ball in Brooklyn. Sophomore sensation Joe Quigg and forward Pete Brennan also come from Brooklyn.

McGuire's lads have won their first four games this season, hardly working up a sweat.

Last night, Alabama, the nation's sixth-ranked team, was mowed down 99-77 by North Carolina's high-power attack. It was Alabama's first defeat in five starts. Rosenbluth dropped in 29 points.

In other games, second-ranked North Carolina State routed South Carolina 90-66, Dayton swamped Idaho 93-56, La Salle defeated Lafayette 95-81 and Richmond knocked off VMI 96-54 in a Southern Conference game.

Washington of St. Louis surprised Canisius 68-63 and St. Joseph's (Pa.) knocked Villanova from the unbeaten ranks 83-70. Purdue edged Loyola of Chicago 69-68 on Don Thurnburg's jump shot in the last 10 seconds. Houston tripped Texas A&M 78-44.

North Carolina boosted its average to 88 points a game as the 6-foot-9 Quigg and Jerry Vayda completed Rosenbluth's output with 18 points apiece. Brennan had 13.

N.C. State, which figures to give North Carolina the most trouble in its quest of the Atlantic Coast Conference championship forged ahead of South Carolina with three minutes left in the half and stayed there. The Wolfpack's 6-11 Bob Seitz and 6-9 Ron Shavlik poured in 46 points between them.

Dayton's Flyers, ranked seventh in the last Associated Press poll, had an easy time against Idaho for their fifth straight victory.

BOWLING

MAJOR CLASSIC LEAGUE

	W	L
Bill Davis Associated	36	20
Haley Herefords	34½	21½
M. L. Johnson Ins.	29½	26½
Oregon Woolen	25	31
Pelican Motors	25	31
Sixth Street Oxygen	18	38

Last night's results:
Pelican 4 Haley Herefords 0
Davis 4 Oregon Woolen 0
M. L. Johnson 3 Sixth Street 1

High team game — M. L. Johnson 965
High team series — M. L. Johnson 2736
High individual game—Dave Robb 235
High individual series—Charlie Booth 626

MINOR CLASSIC LEAGUE

	W	L
Bing's Fountain	34	22
Bob and Polly's Ice Cream	33	23
Round-Up Tavern	30	26
Grems Mfg.	25	27
Landry Insurance	23	31
Al Longe Realtor	19	33

Last night's results:
Landry 4 Bing's Fountain 0
Grems 4 Bob and Polly's 0
Al Longe 2 Round-Up Tavern 2

High team game—Al Longe Realtor 226
High team series—Grems Mfg. 2576
High individual game—Al DePew 226
High individual series—Don Ferguson 573

AUTOMOTIVE LEAGUE

	W	L
Basin Motors	40	16
Motor Investment	34	21
Lorenz Co.	32½	23½
Quaker State Oil	31½	24½
Halverson's Union	30	26
Commercial Shell	30	26
Winde Buick	28	28
Eastside Electric	27½	28½
Baisiger Motors	27	29
Pacific Fruit	22	34
Specialized Service	18½	38½
Carlson Mattress	13	41

Last night's results:
Eastside 4 Lorenz 0
Basin Motors 4 Quaker State 0
Commercial Shell 4 Pacific Fruit 0
Specilized 3 Motor Investment 1
Carlson Mattress 4 Baisiger 0
Halverson's Union 3 Winde Buick 1

High team game — Carlson Mattress 978
High team series — Specialized Service 2704
High individual game — Art Phelps 222
High individual series — Jules Hunt 570

Bonanza Tops Cats

Bonanza's Antlers won their second straight over the KUHS Wildcats Tuesday night at Pelican Court as they downed the Klamath sophomores 56-41. The Antlers led all of the way holding quarter score leads of 20-5, 29-15 and 42-27. Dick Burnett led Bonanza with 18, while Ron Roberts collected 10. Mickey Savage paced the Cats with 10, while Ray Wood chipped in nine.

In the preliminary game, the Klamath Union Freshmen turned the tide with a 46-40 win over the Bonanza "B" squad.

Oregon Tech JVs Nip Bend Cagers

Coach Jim McGown's Oregon Technical Institute junior varsity basketball squad put on a strong second half rush to come out on top with the Central Oregon Community College of Bend cagers 71-66 Tuesday night on the OTI floor.

Al Bailey hit from the lane with just two seconds left in the regular playing time to tie the score at 65-65 and force the game into overtime. In the added period of play, OTI's Bob Fingers and Paul Hatcher picked off field goals, and Bailey threw in a pair of free throws to give Tech the win.

At halftime, the junior Owls were trailing on the short end of a 34-20 score. At one time the Bend cagers led the Tech jayvees 22-6 early in the game.

Wes Parrish and Bailey led the Tech scoring with 22 and 12 points respectively. High for the losers was Robert Marsh with 27 points.

OCE Wolves Fall

MONMOUTH, Ore. (AP) — Pacific University fought off a late-game Oregon College of Education rally Wednesday night to hang up a 64-59 basketball victory.

Pacific ran up a 23-5 lead at the start but OCE tied it 29-29 at the half. Pacific pulled away again in the second half but OCE rallied and the visitors had to battle to preserve their final 5-point margin.

Campy, Yogi True M V P Selections

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—For the third time both Yogi Berra and Roy Campanella stand enshrined today as the most valuable players of their craft and on sober reflection you can't find too much fault with their selection.

The honors in the National League, you may feel, could have gone to such as Duke Snider, Don Newcombe or Robin Roberts. If you're an American Leaguer you may feel that Ted Williams, Al Kaline or Al Smith should have taken the laurels.

But when you compare chunky Yogi or roly-poly Roy with the immortal Bill Dickey you see just how valuable they are to their respective teams.

Don't think this is a "home town" decision. My personal choices would be Williams and Roberts. I can't conceive of anybody being more valuable to their teams than tall Ted is to the Bo-sox or the dazzling Robin is to the Phillies.

VOTING HINGES

But much of this voting, and probably rightfully so, is predicated on leading your team to victory. Certainly, Yogi and Roy did just that — if you can select between Campanella and Snider of the Dodgers.

Yet the catcher's chore unquestionably is a dog's life. Remember that the players themselves call their equipment "the tools of ignorance." They lead the most strenuous life in baseball, directing the action, handling various pitchers, suffering from battered fingers and crushing contact at the plate as well as doing deep knee exercises that would quickly wear out ordinary mortals.

Still you can't evaluate the value of such as Yogi and Roy — who also are offensive stars — until you compare them with the mighty Dickey.

No one will question the fact that, with Mickey Cochrane, Dickey is regarded as one of the finest backstops in baseball annals. Yet both Berra and Campy are enroute to putting big Bill in the shade.

FEWER GAMES

Dickey only once caught as many as 140 games in a season. His next most durable season saw him behind the bat in 132 games. For the 13 years which were regarded as his best, he averaged but 109 games per season. Campanella's average for eight years past has been 129 games a season, twice catching 151 games. Yogi's is even more startling, an average of 145 games for six years past, and he also twice caught 151.

Dickey's batting average is more impressive but he wasn't being worn to the bone behind the mask. When he hit his tops at .362 he received only 112 games. His next best, a .339 mark, came in 109 games.

Yogi batted .322 when he caught 151 games and .307 over the same distance. Campanella hit .325 in 143 games and .312 in 144. This year, Campy's mark was .318 in 123 games while Yogi batted .272 in 147 games.

Compared with Dickey, one of the immortals, you've got to rate them mighty high. Which means that, compared to the current crop their selection isn't a disgrace.

Hal Wood's Mid-Week Short Shots

By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — Short shots:

A young prep basketball player by the name of Fred LaCour of St. Ignatius High in San Francisco has the scouts on his tail—hot and heavy.

LaCour recently scored 41 points against the Stanford freshman team — and Stanford varsity Coach Howie Dallinar says the youngster is a better prospect than Tom Gola was at that stage of development.

Rene Herrerias, former USF star and St. Ignatius coach, believes that LaCour is the best prospect ever to come out of this area — and that covers a lot of territory, including Hank Luisetti!

Tommy Heath, the rotund, baldheaded manager of the Sacramento Solons, played Santa Claus the other night — without any padding.

"When a fellow asked me if I wore padding," said Heath, "I told him yes. I didn't want him to think I was this fat all by myself!"

What they are doing today dept.: Ferris Fain, two-time American League batting champ who will be a playing coach at Sacramento this year, is selling kitchens and bathrooms in Oakland; Jackie Jensen, star outfielder for the Boston Red Sox, is working at his restaurant in the same city; and Buzz McGee, former Santa Clara and later professional football star, has just taken over as sales manager for a large brewery.

The $35,000 Tanforan Handicap which will be run on Saturday has a lot of history behind it—but not continuous. It was first run in 1899, but this is only the 12th running. After it was run in 1899, (being won by a two-year-old, incidentally), it wasn't revived until 1923. There was a 10-year timeout again until 1933; and the fourth running wasn't presented until 1947. It has been run continuous since that time.

Ballfare

CITY LEAGUE BASKETBALL
at Altamont Jr. High

6:30 Klamath Jets vs. Bang's
8:00 Skeets vs. National Guard "Gold"

Modoc Hunters Many

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Sportsmen hunting in Modoc County during special doe hunting season were advised Thursday to keep their heads down.

Modoc sheriff's deputy, Gerald Wilson, described one sector as only slightly less dangerous than some wartime beachheads.

"The wildest and heaviest shooting I've ever seen," said Wilson.

He reported two men who went into the area to rescue a wounded hunter had to crawl on their stomachs to avoid being hit themselves.

Gary Glick To Talk With Toronto Club

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) —Gary Glick, Colorado A&M back and 1956 bonus choice of the professional Pittsburgh Steelers football team, said Wednesday night "I have no intention of signing a contract with any team right away."

The 25-year-old star of the Skyline Conference champion Aggies and his wife were to leave by plane for Toronto Thursday to talk over a $12,000 offer to play with the Toronto Argonauts.

The offer came from Harry Sonshine, general manager of the Eastern Canadian League team. He invited Glick and his wife to Toronto on an expenses-paid trip.

Glick told reporters here the Toronto offer was made on a verbal basis and he informed Pittsburgh officials about it.

In Pittsburgh, a Steelers spokesman said:

"The situation boils down to this —the Toronto team wants to talk to him, he gets a nice trip, and he'll listen to their proposition.

"But Fran Fogarty (Steelers' general manager) will talk to him in Denver en route to the draft meeting at Los Angeles next month. He also will be here (Pittsburgh) in February. But whether further talks wil be necessary at that time is not known now."

1A DEATH NOTICES

HAMILTON — Bun Hamilton, 51, died here December 14. Husband of Pauline, father of David, Dennis, son of Mrs. Edna Hamilton, brother of Elmer all of Klamath Falls, J. D., of San Jose, California, Marvin of Medford, Pete of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Joe Weber, Klamath Falls, Mrs. Fred Giard of Detroit, Michigan. Ward's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

1B FUNERAL NOTICES

KIDD — Beatrice Viaska Kidd, 39, died Portland, Ore., December 13. Wife of Hubert, Klamath Falls, sister of Carl Palmer, Redding, California. Funeral services First Presbyterian Church December 16, 2 p.m. Interment Klamath Memorial Park. Ward's Funeral Home in charge.

MUIR — James Roland Muir, 71, died Dorris, California, December 13. Father of Mrs. Dora Branham of Dorris, grandfather of Michael of Dorris, Clifford Branham Jr. of Medford. Funeral service, Dorris City Hall December 16 at 2 p.m. Interment Picard Cemetery. Ward's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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