

Four Trips, No Wins

LSU Tigers Face Football Bowl Jinx

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI)—Louisiana State's top-ranked Tigers crashed through the regular season unbeaten and untied for the first time in 50 years but there is still a jinx to be broken in the Sugar Bowl New Year's Day.

In four trips south to New Orleans for the rich post-season football game the Tigers failed to show the Bayou home-folks a single win. They are now hard at work determined to reverse that unhappy record in 1959.

The Tigers play twice-beaten Clemson, the Atlantic Coast Conference champion, in the Jan. 1 contest and for the fourth time in their five Sugar Bowl appearances, they will be favored.

Under the coaching of youthful, Yankee-born Paul Dietzel, and the line-wearing runs of "Player of the Year" Billy Cannon, LSU is a two-touchdown favorite over the South Carolina.

UNLUCKY IN BOWLS

But put in its historical perspective, that fat bulge in the odds may seem somewhat.

The great LSU teams of the

mid-30s coached by cagey Bernie Moore sported such football legends as Ken Kavanaugh and Gus Tinsley and made three straight trips into New Orleans for New Year's Day.

The 1935 team, which lost only one regular-season game, was dumped by Texas Christian in the 1936 Sugar Bowl. Then tiny Santa Clara came in from the West Coast two years in succession to dump the Bayou dandies.

In 1950, the Bengals showed up in the underdog's role against Oklahoma and were laced 35-0 by the Sooners. There was no New Year's joy in Louisiana that evening.

Coach Dietzel, whose inscrutable was transformed a routine third-string group into the "Chinese handbills"—LSU's latest legend—is taking no chances by underestimating the Clemson opposition.

COMPARED WITH FLORIDA

"Our films show they are big and strong, quite a bit like Florida," he says. Florida gave the Tigers their toughest night of this season before losing in the last two minutes, 10-7.

But LSU football observers note the element of being "down" for a game has not troubled the Tigers this year and isn't likely to happen Jan. 1. "Those boys have pride," explains Dietzel.

In addition to pride and the other intangibles that combine to produce a winner, the Tigers have Cannon, probably the South's best back in a decade.

Given a fast field where the LSU line might offset a whopping weight disadvantage, the Tigers should move through the South Carolinians like Sherman marched through Georgia and one aspect of history may repeat itself.

Sherman, before he became notorious in these parts as a union general, was first president of LSU.

Colavito Heads Sluggers

CHICAGO (AP)—Rocky Colavito, Cleveland's hard-hitting outfielder, led the American League last season in slugging with a .620 average.

Colavito finished far ahead of New York's Mickey Mantle, Kansas City's Bob Cerv and the 1957 champion Ted Williams of Boston. Mantle and Cerv climaxed the season with identical .592 averages and Williams, who won with a mark of .731 last year, finished fourth with a .564.

Colavito had 303 total bases in 489 times at bat. His 41 homers were second only to Mantle's 42. He hit 26 doubles, 3 triples and drove in 113 runs, a total exceeded only by Jackie Jensen's 122 for Boston.

Mantle drew the most bases on balls, 129. In 1957 he led the league with 147. Of Mickey's 129 passes, 13 were intentional.

The champion Yankees led the league in team slugging with a .416 average. Cleveland was second with .403 followed by Boston with .400.

Coaches Map Plans For Copper Bowl Tilt

TEMPE, Ariz. (UPI)—Coaches for the first annual Copper Bowl football game today outlined offensive strategy which may produce a free-scoring wide open contest when the two all-star squads meet Saturday night.

The game is a new addition to the country's lineup of post-season football games, and will be played in the 32,000-seat stadium of Arizona State University. The squads are made up of stars from the Southwest, against a team from other schools in the nation. The March of Dimes is the beneficiary.

The Nationals are coached by Indiana's Phil Dickens and USC's Don Clark.

"They told their squad of 24, 'We're not here to teach you how to block and tackle. You all are good players and know how to do that. All we want are scores,'" Clark and Dickens will use spread formations and the straight T to get desired results.

In the Southwest camp, coaches Frank Kush of Arizona State and Frank Broyles of Arkansas will go with Broyles' "flying double-winged T."

AROUND OR OVER

"We'll be overhauled by those Big Ten and Pacific Coast Conference boys," said Broyles, "so we'll have to go around them or over their heads."

There are no first or second units on either squad, but for practice purposes, two units have been established on each team. Unlimited substitutions will be allowed in the game with players going both ways.

The Nationals offensive backfield will feature the passing of Tom Greene, Holy Cross; and John Green, Chattanooga, at quarterback; Tom Barnett, Purdue and Bill Butler, Chattanooga, are the halfbacks; and Chuck Morrell, Washington State, is the fullback. The offensive line includes Hillard Hill, USC and John Aveni, Indiana, ends; Ron Nietupski, Illinois and Monte Clark, USC, tackles; Jim Healy, Holy Cross and Frank Fiorentino, USC, guards; and Chuck Warnock, Boston University, center.

The defensive lineup for the Nationals included backs Don Buford, USC; Jack Battle, Mississippi State, and Tom McDonald and Tom Campbell of Indiana. On the line were Jim Steffen, UCLA and Jim Kony, Boston University, ends; Norm Sistr, and Ken Schultz, Minnesota, tackles; Frank Matz, Michigan State and Bob Allen, Illinois, guards; and John Razmic, Indiana, linebacker.

SOUTHWEST TEAM

On the Southwest team, Jerry Bell, Texas Tech; John Hangartner, Arizona State; and Freddy Glick, Colorado State, will do most of the passing. At halfbacks are Leon Burton, the speedster from Arizona State along with Ronnie Morris, Tulsa; Floyd Delinger, Texas Tech and Tom Newell, Drake. At fullback are Weldon Jackson, Brigham Young and Joe Bellard, Arizona State.

Southwest linemen include Dick Brown, Tulsa; Bob Borah, Houston; Bill Hanks, Colorado State; Tom Coffey, West Texas State and John Tracey, Texas A & M at ends. Tackles are Jim Himmler, Colorado; Phil Williams, Texas Tech; Gene Michaels, Arkansas and Robert Bobo, Texas Western. The guards are Al Carr, Arizona State; Mason Rose, New Mexico; Patrick O'Donnell, Colorado State; Jerry Epps, West Texas State. Don Heins of Bradley and Sherman Pruitt, Colorado, are the centers.

Basketball Scoreboard

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

National Basketball Assn. Thursday Results

Boston 104, Cincinnati 90
Minneapolis 113, Detroit 104

Friday Games

No games scheduled

Saturday Games

New York at Boston
Cincinnati at Syracuse
St. Louis at Detroit
Philadelphia at Minneapolis

Friends Turn Out To Greet W. Harridge

CHICAGO (AP)—Only a score of hanger-ons still were at the bar. Several hours earlier Thursday night the room was crammed with 500 guests.

The 23rd annual American League Christmas party had ended — the last one to be given by Will Harridge.

Harridge finally turned to his remaining friends.

"Guess it's time for me to go," he said, "See you at the ball games."

The retiring president of the American League then was helped on with his coat by his son, Bill. He tucked several Christmas-wrapped parcels under his arm and left.

Earlier, the 73-year-old Harridge quipped:

"Well, the next American League Christmas Party will be in Boston. Maybe, I'll charter a plane and take you newsmen with me there."

Joe Cronin of the Red Sox is expected to replace Harridge, president since 1951.

Harridge, nattily attired as always was his usual glowing, graciously-smiling self throughout the five-hour stag affair.

It was his official farewell to hundreds of friends — players, former players, club executives, dignitaries from other sports, old cronies of his Wabash Railroad days, Commissioner Ford Frick and National League President Warren Giles.

It was the most memorable of all Christmas parties given by Harridge. The parties started in a small way in his league office in 1936 and expanded to hotel size. And never did anyone say:

"I'll bet Harridge didn't know he had so many friends."

They knew he did.

Scribes Okay New Football PAT Rule

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

College football's rules makers made the first change in 46 years which affected scoring values when they adopted the somewhat controversial two-point conversion last January.

Today their action received a strong vote of approval from nearly 200 sports writers and broadcasters replying to the annual Associated Press post-season football questionnaire.

By a margin of about 5-2 the experts favored retaining the rule in its present form, although a few suggested some changes. And by an even greater margin they voted that the rule had achieved its purpose — at least in making the game more entertaining to spectators.

The rule adopted by the NCAA committee provided that two points are awarded for a successful running or passing play from the three-yard line after a touchdown and only one when the goal is kicked. It was greeted with some scepticism when it was passed and the professionals, most

Baylor Gets Help In Win

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Minneapolis Lakers of the National Basketball Assn. found a shortcut to success Thursday night: Give rookie Elgin Baylor some scoring help and come out a winner.

That is what the Lakers did and they wound up beating the Detroit Pistons 113-104. The Boston Celtics moved to a 1½ game lead in the NBA's Eastern Division over the idle New York Knicks with a 104-90 victory over the Cincinnati Royals in the other scheduled game.

For most of the season, Baylor, in his rookie year after an All-America season at Seattle University last year, has carried the Lakers' fortunes. He has scored 637 points in 26 games.

Baylor hit for 26 Thursday night, but got help from six other teammates who also scored in double figures. Baylor and Rod Hundley sparked a scoring drive in the final four minutes that minimized George Yardley's 27 points and Phil Jordan's 24, which topped Detroit.

Briefs

BASKETBALL

CINCINNATI—SI Green, former Duquesne All-America, now playing for the Cincinnati Royals of the NBA, was found to be suffering from a brain contusion and may return to action early next year.

FOOTBALL

LOS ANGELES — William F. (Billy) Barnes, former assistant coach at UCLA, was appointed head coach replacing George Dickerson who suffered a nervous collapse last fall.

BASEBALL

LOS ANGELES — Harold (Pee Wee) Reese, who played short for the Dodgers for 16 years, was named to the coaching staff of the Los Angeles team.

RACING

MIAMI, Florida — Mariners Guide (\$10.50) came from fourth in the stretch and scored by half a length in the feature at Tropical Park.

VIRGINIA IN OPENER

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (UPI)—William & Mary resumes football activity against Virginia next fall in the opener of a 10-game schedule for the Indians.

Oregon Food, Fleet's Score

A landslide and a "squeaker" marked City League basketball action Thursday night as Oregon Food clobbered Price-Wise 103-32, and Fleet's outlasted the Al's Drive In 60-52, on the court at Conger School.

Gene Streihou paced the Food five with 31 markers; three of his teammates scored in the double figures. Vern Yaden and Bill Nelson led the outgunned Price-Wise squad with eight points each. During the match the losers were charged with 29 fouls.

Top-scoring honours in the Al's-Fleet's ding-dong scrap were John McCutcheon of Al's and Dave Manuel of Fleet's, each notching 26. Al's Allen Jones was the runner-up with 14 tallies.

Al's Drive In (65) FOS

Knudsen (17) F (8) Huerfano
White (21) F (8) Huerfano
Smith (31) C (4) Stauffer
Frost (7) C (4) Huerfano
Lindberg (2) G (4) Sargent
McCutcheon (26) G (4) Bauch
Subs for Al's Drive In: Montgomery, Roberts, Blair

Subs for Fleet's: Dexter, Dick, 10.

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McCutcheon (26) G (4) Bauch
Subs for Oregon Food: Peterson, 5, Ingelsby, 6

Subs for Price - Wise: W. Yaden, Burch, 3, McCarthy, Hanson.

Paper Strike Slows Gate

NEW YORK (AP) — Growing concern over the 10-day-old delivery strike which stopped publication of New York's major newspapers was voiced today by sports promoters and officials in this news-hungry metropolis.

They blamed dwindling attendances on the shutdown.

Stepped-up sports coverage by radio and television stations apparently has been of little help and each sport, except for the Cleveland-New York professional game, has seen hit in varying degrees.

A Madison Square Garden official estimated the loss in college and pro basketball attendance at 25 per cent.

Murray Goodman, publicity director of the International Boxing Club, which is promoting tonight's Nino Valdes-Pat McMurtry fight in the Garden, pointed out, "It's even going to affect the television audience. Without the daily TV listings some people won't know that there'll be a fight to look at. I'd say we're going to run a couple of thousand dollars behind what we would have under ordinary circumstances."

Today's Sport Parade Weather Plays Big Roll In NFL Fracas

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK (UPI) — Weather and the second half staying power of the Cleveland Browns shaped up today as the deciding factors in their playoff battle with the New York Giants at Yankee Stadium on Sunday.

It's even money as these two pro titans go at it for the Eastern Division championship of the National Football League. And it's a game which makes the following championship battle with the Baltimore Colts almost anticlimactic.

Given good footing, the choice in this corner is Cleveland.

"Yet it has to be an 'if' proposition. Because bad weather could immobilize the speedy Browns' attack and, in a crunching head and head power battle, that rugged Giant defense once again could grind down and contain the Browns in the late stages."

SECOND-HALF TEAM

A second half surge by the Giants has been the story of their two victories over the Browns this season. In their first meeting, the Browns led, 17-7, at halftime. In the second half they had exhausted their offense against that rock-ribbed Giant line and New York came on to pull out a 21-17 win.

The second time around, last Sunday in the snow, the Browns again broke out with a 10-3 half time lead. Before the going became too bad, Jimmy Brown on the first play from scrimmage booted 65 yards for a touchdown. But, as the footing became worse and worse, the Giants contained the Brown attack and came on for a 13-10 victory.

No team ever has beaten the Browns three times in one season. This identical situation was at hand in 1950 when the Giants won two regular season games

Football Bowl Briefs

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UPI)—The two top small college teams in the nation held light workouts today on the field where they will battle for the official NAIA championship Saturday afternoon.

Northeastern Oklahoma State and Arizona State took it easy in limbering up and timing drills at Al Lang field, where they will fight it out in a national televised game beginning at 2 p. m. e.s.t.

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI) — Coach Forest Evashevski warned his Iowa Hawkeyes today that they needed plenty of hard work for the next 10 days if they expected to be in top condition for the Rose Bowl game.

Although the Iowa team officially began practice here Thursday, only one drill was devoted to actual practice, with the afternoon being given over to picture taking.

TEMPE, Ariz. (UPI) — The Southwest will match its reputation for aerial wizardry against stars from the rest of the nation Saturday night in the inaugural Copper Bowl football game.

However, there are indications the beefy boys from elsewhere might do a little throwing themselves, and they've got the gunners too.

This means the air probably will be full of footballs when the stars from the Southwest schools tangle with the Nationals, picked from coast to coast.

Indiana Vies With Beavers

CORVALLIS (AP)—A 6-11 sophomore who scored 32 points in his last game will lead Indiana of the Big Ten against Oregon State tonight in the opener of a two-game basketball series here.

The sophomore is Walt Bellamy, and he is two inches taller than Oregon State's tallest player—6-9 Karl Anderson.

Bellamy last weekend sank 32 points against Missouri as the defending champion Indiana team warmed up for its West Coast tour.

Three other Indiana starters for tonight's game also are taller than six feet: Frank Radovich at 6-7, Ronnie Horn at 6-6 and Bob Wilkinson at 6-1.

Coach Statts Gil said he also hopes to have some big players in tonight's game. In addition to Goble, probable starters include 6-5 Steve Flynn and 6-5 Ernie Johnson.

As usual, OSC will rely heavily on its slick backcourt performers — Lee Harman and Jim Anderson.

Oregon State now has a 3-3 record — and has won its last two games. Indiana and OSC will play here again Saturday night.

Weight Goes To Round Table

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Top weight of 132 pounds has been given Round Table, "Horse of the Year" for 1958, for the \$145,000 guaranteed Santa Anita Handicap, Feb. 28.

Racing Secretary Jimmy Kilroe assessed Maine Chance Farm's Jewel's Reward second high at 119.

Round Table's 132 is the highest weight assigned in the Santa Anita Handicap since Calumet's Citation finished second with that impost to Noor in 1950.

Round Table won the race last winter with 130 and set a Santa Anita track record of 1:59 4-5 for the mile and one-quarter.



BUS THOMPSON RETURNS TO KLAMATH FALLS. George Dugan and Bob Mest announce the return of Bus Thompson to the local Chevrolet dealership. Since his departure several years ago he has had several responsible management positions with Chevrolet dealers and had his own dealership for several years. Thompson invites his wide circle of friends to visit him at Dugan and Mest Chevrolet where he will be happy to meet them. ADV.



"Boys, your match last night was the dirtiest in the history of wrestling. . . You keep that up and you'll find yourselves a nice raise in pay!"

U.S. Takes Tennis Lead

PERTH, Australia (AP) — A nervous Alex Olmedo, playing in his first Davis Cup match, and poised Ham Richardson sent the United States off to a 2-0 lead over Italy today in the interzone tennis final.

Olmedo, a 22-year-old Peruvian from the University of Southern California who never before had even seen a Davis Cup competition, shook off an early case of jitters and defeated the flashy Italian champion, Nicola Pietrangeli, 5-7, 10-8, 6-0, 6-1.

Pietrangeli, his fine game in tatters, won only one of the last 16 games—dropping 14 in a row at one stage.

Then Richardson, a former Rhodes Scholar from Arlington, Va., stepped from center at the Royal Kings Park club and, despite the 90-degree temperature cut down tonight, 6-7 Orlando Sirola 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.

Now Richardson and Olmedo, who hold the U.S. doubles championship, get a chance to clinch the zone final Saturday against the same pair.

The Americans are favored to win the doubles although Pietrangeli and Sirola, in six years of Davis Cup play together, have lost only two matches.

Machen Takes Portland Home

PORTLAND (AP)—Eddie Machen, a top challenger for the heavyweight title, has purchased a home here and plans to remain in Portland.

Machen earlier lived in Redding, Calif.

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