

# The Sports Trail

**By WHITNEY MARTIN**

**NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(AP)—**One of the unpublishable fears of baseball men is that they might be squeezed into a corner where they no longer could operate while there still was no Government order calling upon them officially to suspend operations.

The manner of closing down would make a vast difference when it came to resuming operations. In fact, were the magnates squeezed into a shutdown because of player shortages, transportation or one thing and another, and should the war continue two or more years, the resulting business and financial tangle would be so great that getting everything straightened out would be exceedingly difficult.

Should baseball be officially ordered by the Government to close up shop, it would be in the nature of a moratorium as far as the clubs were concerned. That is, obligations which would have to be met if the game was squeezed into a shutdown automatically would be suspended. The clubs would be in a state of suspended animation, instead of steadily piling up debts with in income.

That the major leagues would be forced to suspend because of a shortage of players is not probable, everything considered.

The National League, for instance, has 35 players classified as 4-F on its roster. There are 18 discharged service men, and 22 players 35 years old or over.

The Byrnes' statement inferring that some of these baseball 4-F's

should be in the service and indicating they would be re-examined to determine their fitness, might effect some border line cases, but it is improbable that very many of those 135 4-F men would be accepted unless the Government lowered its physical standard.

If anyone took the trouble to read the list of 4-F players he could satisfy himself that each was turned down for legitimate reasons. In fact, the physical handicaps of some of the better-known players, such as Whitey Kurowski, Cardinal third baseman who has a boneless wrist as the result of an injury, are well known.

Figuring there are 18 discharged service men now, and probably will be more by the start of the 1945 season; that a great proportion of the 4-F players will be re-examined and returned to 4-F; and that the draft boards will not both the 22 players over 35 years of age, it is apparent the National League clubs would have enough players to operate.

In fact, the late M. Landis said and reiterated that the game would keep going as long as there were nine men for each team on the field. That would be 72 players for each league, and a league could find up enough old men, discharged vets and underage kids to make up that total.

Anyway, baseball is sitting tight, hoping it won't be the victim of a squeeze play and at the same time hoping the Government won't find it advisable to order a closed shop.

## PHANTOMS BEAT SAILORS, 46-42

The White Phantoms of St. Paul's Episcopal church edged out the U. S. Navy quintet, of Wilmington, in the last minute of the game last night, posting a 46-42 victory.

Last night's scrap was the first encounter for each team, and was a pre-season engagement as far as the church team was concerned, for the Phantoms are members of the Y. M. C. A. church league, which begins activity officially next Saturday.

The Phantoms were deceptive enough to defeat the sailors, but had to turn every trick of their limited experience before the fighting sails would submit.

The lineups:

ST. PAUL'S				WILMINGTON NAVY			
Players:	FG	FT	TP	Players:	FG	FT	TP
Waters, f	0	0	0	France, f	5	0	10
Smith, f	3	1	7	O'Leary	2	0	4
Lee, c	4	2	10	Rumel, f	1	1	3
Ayash, g	4	0	8	Delpino, c	7	1	15
Brown, g	10	1	21	Nichollette, g	4	0	8
				Mercer, g	1	0	2
Totals	21	4	46	Totals	20	2	42

Officials: "Hacksaw" Tuttle and Ott Gore.

## Tulane Announces Grid Schedule For New Year

**NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—(AP)—**Tulane university announced today its football schedule of nine games, including additions of Florida and Mississippi State. Seven of the contests are to be played here, including the Notre Dame game on Nov. 24. The site for the Mississippi State game is undecided.

The schedule:

Oct. 6, Florida here; Oct. 13, Rice in Houston; Oct. 20, Auburn here; Oct. 27, S. M. U. here; Nov. 3, Mississippi State (site undecided); Nov. 10, Georgia Tech here; Nov. 17, Clemson here; Nov. 24, Notre Dame here; Dec. 1, L. S. U. here.

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## Southwestern Beats University Of Mexico 35-0 In Sun Contest

**EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 1.—(UP)—**Southwestern university of Georgetown, Tex., snapped two Sun Bowl records today by defeating Mexico National University of Mexico City, 35-0, in the annual New Year's Day classic.

The pirates from central Texas settled the high scoring record set in 1937 by the Hardin-Simmons university cowboys. It was also the first time that a host team was victorious in the ten-year history of the Sun Bowl.

It was a return performance for the pirates, the 1944 game having been won by them.

The Texans scored their initial touchdown in the opening quarter, but penalties and fumbles stopped several drives. On one which ended on Mexico's 11-yard stripe, after line lunges failed, Montes of Mexico attempted to punt on his 35. The ball was deflected by a group of charging Pirates. Bloodzinski of Southwestern recovered the ball and fell over the goal. Jim Francis booted the extra point, placing Southwestern in front, 7-0, at the end of the first period. Bretschel snapped a line pass to McDonald in the second period. McDonald was standing on the goal and stepped a few paces deeper to give the home team a 14-0 lead.

The Texas team was far ahead at half time. On penalties too, the team from Georgetown was in front, having lost 65 yards against Mexico's 5. The Pirates on sweeps and passes scored twice in the third period. Uurey figuring on the large end of a lateral moved from Mexico's six across the goal for a marker. McDonald spanned through the center from the six yard line to rack up the fourth score in Southwestern.

## War-time Track Meeting, Sponsored By Carolina, Will Be Held Feb. 10

**CHAPLE HILL, Jan. 1.—(AP)—**The wartime successor to the annual Southern conference indoor track games will be held here Feb. 10, under sponsorship of the University of North Carolina and the N. C. Navy Preflight camp.

Two hundred colleges and universities and all service camps in this area have received invitations. The meet will have only one division, with varsity and freshman college athletes and men in any branch of the armed services eligible to compete.

Running events listed include the 440 and 880-yard dashes; mile and two-mile run; mile relay; broad medley relay; high and broad jumps; 70-yard vault and shot put, and low pole vault and shot put.

Last year's meet was won by the U. S. Naval Academy, with 46 points, eight more than runner-up N. C. Navy Preflight tallied. Fourteen colleges were represented and 150 college and service athletes competed.

## Texas College Licks A. & T. Eleven, 18-0

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 1.—(AP)—**Texas college of Tyler, Tex., turned on the power here today to defeat a strong A. C. T. college eleven from Greensboro, N. C., 18-0 in the annual Negro Flower Bowl contest.

Both schools ended the regular season with one defeat.

It was Texas' Center Willie E. Green who stole the show. He scored two touchdowns, one from 32 yards on an interception and the second on an 88-yard run. He set up the third tally by intercepting a pass, with Halfback John L. Williams dashing 11 yards to score.

## Violet Valentine



Pictured above is Violet Valentine of Kansas City, who will grapple with Nell Stewart of Memphis, Tenn., next Thursday night in the Italian Bowl arena. A return match between popular Johnny Long and "Texas Jack" O'Brien is scheduled, and Promoter Bert Causey announced last night that he is negotiating for a third bout which will be announced later.

## TULSA'S BEST GAME

**Coach Frnka Compliments Georgia Tech**

**MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 1.—(AP)—**"We played our best game of the season. If we hadn't Georgia Tech would have won."

That's the way Tulsa Coach Henry Frnka commented on the Orange Bowl football game today in which his team was the 26 to 12 victor—thus avenging a defeat suffered in the Sugar Bowl last Jan. 1.

"Tech was what we expected," Frnka explained. "Smart, fast and tricky. They're a fine Alexander team."

He was complimenting the rival coach, W. A. Alexander.

## West Gridders Win Over Favored East By A 13-7 Victory

**SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—(UP)—**Brilliant Bob Waterfield, veteran star from UCLA, passed, kicked and ran the West to a 13-7 upset victory over the heavily backed East team today in the 20th annual Shrine game before 65,000 fans in Kezar stadium.

Playing the final game of his amateur career, Waterfield sparked the West back from the brink of defeat in the final quarter, with two successive fumbles over the East goal to give the West their 11th victory against six for the East in the series which has seen three ties.

The East pushed across a touchdown early in the first quarter and looked as though it would live up to its pre-game 3-1 odds rating, but the punting toe of Waterfield kept the East out of dangerous territory for the next two quarters until the West unleashed their drives in the last stanza.

The winning touchdown came within four minutes to go and after a fumble on the four-yard line had stopped an earlier scoring threat.

## Tennessee State Licks Alabama School, 13-0

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 1.—**Right Halfback William Bass and his Tennessee State collegues proved too much for the Tuskegee Institute eleven in the annual Vulcan Bowl game today, whipping the Alabama school 13 to 0.

Tuskegee held the victors scoreless through most of the first half, but a pass from Bass, 1944 Negro All-America, to quarterback David Whitman was good for a marker well into the second period. Bass plunged through the line for the point.

The second touchdown came in the final period when Fullback James Gilmore took the ball to Tuskegee's 40 and from that point staged a spectacular off-tackle run for another six points. A conversion try by Bass failed.

# Trojans Defeat Valiant Volunteers 25-0 To Take Eighth Rose Bowl Tilt

## 93,000 FANS SEE ROSE TOURNAMENT

**Southern California Wins Over Tennessee With Sheer Weight**

**BY WILLIAM C. PAYETTE**

**United Press Staff Correspondent PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1.—(UP)—**Southern California's Trojans, the latest in a long line of great and powerful football teams, won their eighth straight Rose Bowl game today, defeating a green Tennessee eleven by sheer weight of superior manpower, 25 to 0 before 93,000 football fans.

The odd-makers who rated Tennessee a 19 point underdog won their bets with something to spare, but there was no gauge for the valor which kept the Volunteers fighting to the final gun despite a smashing setback only four plays after the kickoff.

Jim Callahan, the Trojans' great end, blocked Bus Stephens' punt before the game was fairly underway, snatched it up on the 11-yard line and drove over for the first touchdown of the day. But the fans who figured this was to keynote the game came up on the edge of their seats as Tennessee dug in and fought back.

The Trojans scored again in the second period when their captain, Jim Hardy tossed a 22-yard pass to Paul Salata, waiting with outstretched arms in the end zone. Then, when it really didn't matter and their weariness had overcome the valiant Volunteers in the fourth period, the Trojans drove indomitably for two more scores.

A sensational 73-yard drive in 10 plays took Southern California from Tennessee's 27-yard line to a touchdown as the fourth period opened, and then the Trojans capped the period with a final drive that carried over the goal as the gun sounded to end the game.

Stephens, the "heart" of the Tennessee team, carried the hod all afternoon and was out of the game for only three plays.

His great 32-yard run in the first period brought the stands to their feet as he stitched and wove through half the Trojan team and made it to the Trojan 49.

Two sets of downs later, Stephens whipped a long pass to Allen Law, a substitute halfback, from the Tennessee 49 to the Trojan 19, but saw it called back on an offside penalty.

The crowd saw the best punting of the season carried by Hardy's dribbling one out on the Tennessee five yard line, another on the eight, and another on the seven. Casey Stephens booted the Tennessee out of the hole four times during the afternoon, slanting one out on the Trojan five and dropping the rest of them close.

Southern California had one great play up its sleeve but used it without scoring. Snatching a punt on his own 13-yard line, Hardy lateraled all the way across the field to Don Burdette, who darted back to the Trojan 48. Tennessee lost a yard on the kick and returned.

Southern California's big drive in the fourth period payed off when Hardy lugged the ball over from the 11-yard line on an old-time end around play and Pat West made the only conversion of the day.

Driving for one first down after another from midfield, and finally laying the ball on the one-foot line, where a ground play failed to gain, the Trojans made their final score when Hardy heaved a short flat pass to Doug MacLachlan. The ball was in the air as the gun went off.

Southern California outclassed the southeastern champs in the statistics, making 15 first downs to eight, and keeping the Volunteers back into their own territory most of the day.

The Trojans scored another chance to score as the first half ended, when they were on the Volunteers' seven-yard line and heaved passes. One, from Hardy to Salata, was completed outside the end zone and discounted, and another was incomplete as the half ended.

## Inspired Tulsa Upsets Favored Techmen, 26-12

**By JACK WOLISTON**

**United Press Staff Correspondent MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 1.—(UP)—**An inspired Tulsa team, rated a one touchdown underdog, passed and ran to a 26 to 12 victory over Georgia Tech today to win the 11th annual Orange Bowl game and avenge a Tech triumph in the Sugar Bowl a year ago.

## FIFTH ARMY WINS IN ITALIAN BOWL

**North Carolinians Star In First And Last Spaghetti Tilt**

**BY SID FEDER**

**SPAGHETTI BOWL HEADQUARTERS, Italy, Jan. 1.—(AP)—**Corp. John Moody, a 230-pound fullback who once starred for Morris Brown college, punched out a 20 to 0 triumph for the Fifth Army football team over the Twelfth Airforce today in the "first and last" Spaghetti Bowl game.

The extravaganza had everything a New Year's day game would have, and back home it had something none of the others could duplicate—a crowd of 25,000 that was unanimously G.I.

The game itself was terrific with Moody plunging for two touchdowns and kicking two extra points for the Krautclouters.

Aside from the struggle, there were such home touches as hot dogs, provided by the Red Cross; a pair of bowl queens who rode around the field at the half on floats built over jeeps; two bands of 36 pieces each and a bare-legged banjo twirler.

Ella Logan, forward key, made the crowd forget it was only three hours away from the front with her USO program at the half as the air was re-emphasized when a couple dozen P-38's roared over the concrete stadium.

Moody, who is built on the general lines of a fire hydrant and is an ordnance mechanic, scored his first touchdown on a six-yard plunge in the second quarter after carrying the ball into scoring territory on a pair of runs that totalled 44 yards.

He galloped 30 yards with an intercepted pass in the third quarter for the second marker. The Krautclouters' final marker came in the last period on a 50-yard pass play from Pvt. Frak Buel of Nutley, N. J., and Florida university, to Lt. Arthur Lemke, Irvington, N. J., and Georgetown.

Sgt. John Brown, 235-pound center, was the defensive hero for the winners while Pvt. James Acin, a guard formerly of Arkansas Tech, was the backbone of the Bridge-busters. Brown is from Gary, Ind., and once played for the North Carolina State Teachers.

Acin was especially effective in the second quarter when Lemke blocked a kick by Cpl. Art Faircloth, one-time North Carolina State star, on the airforce five-yard line. The Flyers didn't budge an inch in four plays.

Faircloth engineered a 38-yard drive late in the fourth quarter with a passing attack that had Capt. James McAshan as the receiver. McAshan was a Texas university freshman five years ago and now has a record of 80 missions as a bomber pilot.

The lineups, with home towns and colleges, included:

**FIFTH ARMY:**  
C—Sgt. John Brown, Gary, Ind. (N. Carolina State Teachers)  
**TWELFTH AIRFORCE:**  
LT—Cpl. Arthur Faircloth, Washington, D. C. (N. Carolina State)  
Fifth Army ..... 0 7 6 20  
Twelfth Airforce ..... 0 0 0 0  
Fifth Army scoring: Touchdowns, Moody (2); Points after touchdown, Moody (2) (placements.)

## Fox Brownie Races To New Year's Win

**NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—(AP)—**Joe W. Brown's favored Fox Brownie outran a field of 14 in the New Year's handicap, \$2,500 added feature, at the fair grounds here today to win over Chipmunk by half a length. Bert, a fielder, came in third.

The nine race morning card was staged before a gay holiday crowd of about 10,000 under cold, sunshiny weather conditions. Betting in the mutuels topped \$300,000 on the next to the last day of racing, which goes under the wartime ban after tomorrow.

## Government Order Bans Shipment Of Race Horses

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—**An Interstate Commerce commission order announced today prohibits railroads and other common carriers from shipping race horses and dogs for a year, except by special permission.

The order follows action last week of James F. Byrnes, director of the Office of War Mobilization, and Reconversion, directing the closing of race tracks by Jan. 3.

## Blue Devils Defeat Crimson Tide 29-26 In Closing Minutes

**AGGIES WALLOP HORNE FROGS**

**Major Upset Features Cotton Bowl! When Oklahoma Wins, 34-0**

**By ED FITE**

**United Press Staff Correspondent DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 1.—(UP)—**Oklahoma A. & M.'s rousing cowboys put on a football "wild west show" in the Cotton Bowl today in a wide open offensive display which gave them a 34 to 0 victory over the crippled Texas Christian Horned Frogs before 37,500 chilled fans.

The "ringmaster" of the gridiron rodeo was Bobby Fenimore, the nation's leading offensive star during the regular season, who made it apparent from the first kickoff that it was to be his show. Bounding Bobby the wraith from Woodward, Okla., scored two touchdowns and engineered the drive for a third before Coach Jim Lookabaugh called the regular trouper out and let second stringers run over a pair of scores in the final period.

Fenimore, named on a number of All-America teams despite the fact that he is only a sophomore, cracked the whip in a downfield drive which started the first time the cowboys got the ball.

Confusing the Texas Christian secondary by alternating his targets, Fenimore passed first to Glenn Moore and then to Cecil Hankins with the two long heaves covering 54 yards. That put the ball on the one yard line and Fenimore barged across with it on the first play and Oklahoma had a touchdown with less than three minutes gone.

Again before the period was over the cowboys struck for a score with stunning swiftness. Jim Spavital, who wasn't even listed on the Aggie roster at the start of the season took the ball on his own 48, nosed through the line without even an assisting block and ran 52 yards to the double stripe. That play took the heart out of the Christians, who were operating without several of their top flight stars and they never again were a threat.

The Aggies played a sound defensive game through most of the second period, but opened up again in the third. The Horned Frogs showed to the best advantage of the day in the closing moments of the second period when they stopped A & M twice on attempted drives for touchdowns.

Superior manpower asserted itself, however, and the cowboys, with Fenimore leading the way, moved from their own 71, and scored again. Fenimore took a punt at that point and streaked to the 37. He and Spavital took turns at shredding the T. C. U. line with Hankins getting in an occasional lick. It was Hankins who set up the touchdown with a 14 yard run to the 10. Spavital tested the right side, found it vulnerable for three and Fenimore went through the same side to score standing up.

Lookabaugh then called off his first stringers and let the benchwarmers romp for the fourth period touchdowns. Downfield drives by the youngsters put the ball in scoring territory each time with Jim Thomas, a freshman making one score from the one yard line and Mack Creager, the team's par-excellent place kicker scoring the other from two yards out.

Creager also distinguished himself by kicking four out of five extra points, missing out only on the last touchdown which he scored himself.

The lineups:

**Pos. Okla. A. & M. Tex. Christian**  
LE—Armstrong ..... Gibson  
LT—Foster ..... Rose  
LG—Colhouer ..... Cooke  
C—Gatts ..... Cooper  
RT—Fulk ..... Smith  
RT—Ritter ..... Flowers  
RE—C. Moore ..... Mullins  
QB—Watson ..... Hadaway  
QB—Fenimore ..... Ruff  
FB—Spavital ..... Cox  
FB ..... Cox

Officials: Referee, J. D. Thomas (Georgia); head linesman, George Gardner (Georgia Tech); umpire, G. K. Tebell (Wisconsin); field judge, George Proctor, (V. P. I.)

**THE LINEUPS**

**Pos.—Alabama Duke**  
LE—R. Jones ..... C. Jones  
LT—Whitley ..... Hardison  
LG—Wozniak ..... Sink  
C—Macha ..... Crawford  
RG—Green ..... Knotts  
RT—Edwards ..... Irwin  
RE—McConville ..... Harry  
QB—Self ..... Krisza  
LB—Gilmer ..... Carver  
RB—Tew ..... Clark  
FB—Hodges ..... Davis

Score by periods:  
Duke ..... 7 6 7 9—29  
Alabama ..... 12 7 0 7—26

Scoring:  
Touchdowns: For Duke: Clark 2, Davis 2; touchdowns for Alabama: Hodges 2, Jones, Morrow; conversions for Duke, Raether 3; conversions for Alabama, Morrow 2.

Substitutions: Duke: ends, Raether; tackles, Eisenberg; guards, Leithner, Perini; centers, Sharkey, back, Haggerty, Larue, Lewis, Stephens, Bob Smith, Spears, Alabama; ends, Fields; tackles, Cassiday, Edwards; guards, Conway, Filippine; backs, Albright, Grant, Morrow, Robertson, Wade.

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