

SIDELINES

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As 1945 limps out of the sports picture leaving behind it a trail of football players who tried to tackle Doc Blanchard, golfers who tried to beat Byron Nelson and bettors who tried to beat the bookies, let us look back on the past 12 months and remember those strange happenings and characters that can only bob up on a sports page.

First was the unnamed major at an army camp in Georgia. Two major league baseball clubs were playing an exhibition to the last seat and a party of the major's friends wanted seats. So he cleared the press box of sports reporters. When the reporters reported back to their papers, their publishers in turn took the matter up with Washington. Nice guy that major, only nobody seems to know what happened to him. He hasn't been seen around the camp at Georgia for a long time.

Second was a little dog in Champlain who trotted out on the field as an Indiana team was trying to win the Big Ten football championship. Just as the mult started to stroll across Memorial stadium to chat with the K-9 corps, the Indiana quarterback completed a pass to his end to put Indiana ahead 6 to 2. The play was called back because the Illinois captain had called time when he saw the dog. Nice little dog only nobody seems to know what happened to him. He hasn't been seen around Memorial stadium for a long time.

Third was a guy with a loud checker vest, a cheap cigar and a whisky who stood outside the Philadelphia Memorial stadium just before the Army-Navy football game. The guy was making bets with one and all on the outcome of the game and in as much as he had once promoted the old Army game across several of the eastern states he took Army and gave Navy fans 27 points. Final

YMCA Basketball Team Beats Alumni, 43-27

The Alumni quint of the New Hanover High school last night was defeated for the third time in a two week period as the YMCA varsity dropped the grads, 43 to 27 in a game at the Y.

Sparkling the Y cagers, who meet the champions of Church league, 8, Paul, Tuesday night, was center Bland with 10 points, Bobbitt also made 10 points, leading the Alumni.

YMCA	FG	FT	TP
Al Hanson	3	0	6
J. Hanson	3	2	8
William	0	1	1
Kotler	2	0	4
Bland	5	0	10
Cross	2	0	4
Mason	3	0	6
Martin	1	0	2
Hatchel	1	0	2
Total	20	3	43

ALUMNI	FG	FT	TP
Manor	0	1	1
King	0	0	0
Church	2	0	4
Deal	1	0	2
And	0	2	2
Bobbitt	3	4	10
Morrison	3	1	7
Willets	0	1	1
Total	9	9	27

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Bowl Teams Hampered By Poor Weather

SQUADS KEPT FROM PRACTICE BY RAIN LOW TEMPERATURE

Miami Grid Star Ill With Flu; Name Gael's Lineup

EDGEWATER PARK, Miss., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The two Sugar Bowl coaches, closeted indoors by continuing rains, had time to do a little thinking today, and the result was a starting lineup for St. Mary's and Oklahoma A. and M.

The St. Mary's starting team, as it looked tonight, was no surprise, since it was pretty much the same as Coach Jimmy Phelan had used all season.

The galloping Gaels from the west coast will field Don Schultz at left end, Al Beasley at left tackle, Carl Desalvo at left guard, Vic Cuccia at center, Bill Bland at right guard, Harvey Adair at right tackle, Ed Ryan at right end, Dennis O'Connor at quarterback, Herman Wedemeyer at left half, Charlie Cordeiro at right half and Wes Busch at fullback.

The St. Mary's line averages a little more than 192 pounds, and the backfield 170. The whole team averages a fraction more than 184 pounds.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Holy Cross Crusaders, who started their march on the Orange Bowl about as ready for battle as the children's crusade was for the Saracens, began to feel a bit more cheerful today.

Their baggage supply was being rushed from Washington, where it was lost in a mass of railroad red tape, and a relief column consisting of tackle Roger Desroches was—although unreported—expected in soon.

Backfield star Stan Koslowski was due for a hospital bed, but doctors figured he'd better keep a hotel room while he had one and started pumping penicillin into him instead. Koslowski's flu was on the verge of turning into pneumonia.

Seven trunks, containing all Holy Cross' football equipment, were lost in Washington, but a bulletin received this afternoon said they would be here tonight. The players looked forward to easing their feet into familiar shoes and hoped the blisters would heal before Tuesday.

For two days the Holy Cross players, trying to get in shape, have been playing in borrowed shoes and sweat suits. The shoes, loaned by a high school, were a mite too small for college-sized feet, and the lack of uniforms kept them from scrimmaging.

PASSING DRILLS
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Coaches for the East-West football game New Year's day are forced by the drizzly skies to train mud-sloshing teams, but in their blackboard sessions they're still entertaining hopes for a dry field.

Coaches Andy Kerr, Bernie Bierman and Beattie Feathers had their eastern Shrine squad in the open for a romp yesterday. Rehearsed showers sent them into the Santa Clara university field house this morning.

Either because they're worried about the ball handling ability of the eastern ends or else because they hope the wingmen might have the key to a victory, Kerr and his associates concentrated on the flanks in the field house.

Such potential pass receivers as Leslie Thompson of Columbia, Angelo Accolla of Syracuse, Ed Skaladany of Pittsburgh, Joe Di Stasio of Cornell and Bob Fitch of Minnesota got a thorough workout in the ball handling department.

The west was also laying some stress on the passing game, with Doak Walker, left half from Southern Methodist, training for the

HOLY CROSS BACKS



Joe Byers, left and Stan Koslowski, Holy Cross stalwarts will carry the brunt of the New England school's offense when they trot out on the turf of the Orange Bowl, New Year's Day against Miami.

Scribe Who Uncovered Baseball Scandal Dead

pitching part. He has an alternate thrower in Jake Leicht from Oregon.

GAMECOCKS PRACTICE

COLUMBIA, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The South Carolina Gamecocks went through two stiff practice sessions today in preparation for their Gator Bowl game against Wake Forest at Jacksonville January 1.

Coach John McMillan had his three vest-pocket size tailbacks, Dan Haralson, Bill Carr and Ed McMillan, throwing passes to all corners of the field.

The 32 players will leave Columbia early Friday and are scheduled to work out tomorrow afternoon at Jacksonville.

DRILLS TAPERED OFF

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 27.—(AP)—North and South All-Star squads tapered off on their drills for the annual Blue-Gray game here Saturday.

The squads polished their T-formations with dummy scrimmages. The teams spent much time on passes and laterals.

With two trick play masters doing the coaching—Bobby Dodd of Georgia for the south, and Ray Morrison of Temple for the north—anything from a hidden ball play to triple laterals was expected when the teams collide.

DEACS RESUME WORK

WAKE FOREST, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Wake Forest's Demon Deacons today went through two limbering up drills, following a lay-off during the holiday season, in final preparation for their New Year's day game with the University of South Carolina in Jacksonville, Fla.

Coach D. C. (Peahead) Walker said that the squad was in good physical condition and he wasn't taking any chances of injuring any of the players in rough practice sessions.

He said that he would take 33 players to Jacksonville where final scrimmages will be held Monday afternoon. The team will work out again tomorrow before leaving Saturday night for the Florida city.

MISSOURI STAR

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Freshman Wingback Loyd Brinkman didn't rate an All-Big Six berth the past season, but just the same University of Missouri coaches are counting on the war veteran flash to hit a major lick against Texas in the Cotton Bowl. Brinkman, former tail gunner on a fighter plane, was the leading scorer on a Tiger team that won the Big Six title and landed four boys on the first All-Star team, two on the second.

He scored both Missouri touchdowns in the Tiger's second half 14-7 victory over Iowa State and ripped off the first touchdown in the championship clincher with Oklahoma, 14-6.

A rapid starter on Missouri's quick-opening T-plays, Brinkman excels on reverses and cuts down field with the power of a full-back.

BULLDOGS SCRIMMAGE

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Georgia's Oil Bowl-bound Bulldogs took advantage of a break in the New Orleans weather to do some rough defensive work today en route to Houston, Tex., for their game with Tulsa.

Georgia scrimmaged about 90 minutes, going into the workout shortly after getting off the train here today.

The team was scheduled to leave tonight and is expected to arrive in Houston Friday morning.

Jake Early Signs Nat Contract For Next Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Washington Senators today received a signed contract for the 1946 season from catcher Jake Early, returning war veteran.

Early played for the Senators in 1943 and then entered the army. His return gives the Senators four catchers. The others are Rick Ferrell, Al Evans and Mike Guerin.

Hugh Fullerton, Sr., Passes Away In Florida; Father of AP Columnist

CLEARWATER, Fla., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Hugh S. Fullerton, Sr., one of the great writers of baseball and the man who first "broke the 'Black Sox' scandal of 1919, died today. He was 72.

Baseball writer in Cincinnati, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Columbus, Ohio, for nearly half a century, author and discoverer of other top-flight diamond scribes, Fullerton died in a hospital at adjoining Dunedin. He was a native of Hillsboro, Ohio, where he will be buried, and had been spending his fifth winter at his home in nearby Newport Richey.

Founder with T. A. D. (Tad) Dorgan and Cy Sanborn of the Baseball Writers Association of America in 1908, Fullerton was most famous as a diamond reporter for the system he devised for "doping" the results of baseball games, particularly world series.

He placed certain percentage values on each fielding position, as well as individual batting and pitching. For years, his handicapping of world series resulted in predictions of almost uncanny accuracy.

The introduction of the lively ball Fullerton said, ruined the system. Suspicious of the performances of some of the Chicago White Sox in the 1919 series with the Cincinnati Reds, Fullerton based his conviction of "crookedness" on his statistical system. A few months after the series wound up, his boss, John Tenant, then managing editor of the old New York Evening World, noted that Fullerton had stopped writing baseball stories and asked him why.

"I'm sick and tired of writing about a game that has gone crooked," Fullerton replied. "That series was crooked."

"Are you sure of that?" Tenant demanded, and directed him to write a series of articles. Late in the 1920 season the prosecution of the scandal began.

While still a student at Ohio State and shortly thereafter, he played briefly in organized baseball at Ilean, N. Y., Lynchburg, Va., and Newcastle, Pa., and once caught for Rube Waddell in a semi-pro game. He "broke into" baseball writing with the Cincinnati Enquirer. He covered sports for the Chicago Record and American and the Tribune.

From Chicago he went to New York to write baseball for the Evening World and became sports editor of the New York Mail. Later, he wrote for the Philadelphia Inquirer, Columbus Dispatch and for a time was an associate editor of Liberty Magazine.

He leaves a widow, one son, Hugh S., Jr., Associated Press sports writer, a daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Burns of Garden City, Long Island, and five grandchildren.

New York Tracks Give \$890,479 To Charity

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—New York racing today distributed to 12 charities a total of \$890,479.96, proceeds from the week-long charity meet which closed the New York season last fall.

The amounts for each charity ranged from \$26,714.40 for the Police Athletic league to the \$222,619.98 donated to the Red Cross and the \$179,095.98 for the National War Fund.

The total distributed today brings to more than a million and a half dollars the aggregate turned over to charity by New York tracks this year. During the regular season, \$686,560.05 was raised on special days set aside by each track during its regular meeting.

HIGBE WINS

MANILA, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Brooklyn's Kirby Higbe pitched the Manila Dodgers into the baseball finals of the Philippine Olympics today, shutting out the Leyte Base K team, 8 to 0.

CAT CAGEMEN MEET HIGH POINT QUINT TONIGHT ON TOUR

Traveling New Hanover Hi Opens Two Game Visit With Pointers

By GENE WARREN
Star Sports Writer
The Wilmington Wildcats, with only one loss marring their current record take on the High Point basketball team tonight at 8 o'clock at High Point in the first of their two games in the Appalachian region. Greensboro, the other foe of the local cagers, is also scheduled to tangle with the 'Cats Saturday at Greensboro.

Coach Leon Brogden said yesterday evening that a squad of nine boys would leave town at around 10 a. m., today enroute to the two large Western Conference cities.

The Hanoverians, who will make the trip, are Toddy Fennell, W. A. Brown, Johnny McKoy, Billy Lee and Louis Collie of the first team along with reserves, 'Tinkey' Rogers, 'Hacksaw' Tuttle, Charlie Smith, and Don Hyatt.

Reports received here about the High Point court club brings out the fact that the Pointers possess several fine netmen, and a well-coordinated offensive plus a tight defense.

McDonald, a small guard, who is about W. A. Brown's size on the local outfit, leads the Western lads with his fine set shooting and is the man the local five will have to watch. The rest of the lads are around 6 feet in height.

But as McDonald paces the High Pointers, Toddy Fennell leads the Orange and Black quintet into this tilt along with McKoy, the tall center. Fennell has a nice average of scoring at least 13 points a game thus far and in the last two contests, he has rolled up 24 and 17 points.

Billy Lee, who holds down the forward position on the team, dropped 14 points into the basket in a brief scrimmage session yesterday, as the first team whipped the second five, 29 to 18. 'Hacksaw' Tuttle, a reserve forward who is fighting for an initial team berth led the losers with six markers.

Tuttle used a new hook shot in scoring most of his goals, and it worked effective under the basket.

Brogden also received some good news after practice that Billy Mason, high scorer of last season's fine team, will be in town any day now. Mason's arrival will give the 'Cats the identical first string, which they had last year except for one man.

FRESHMEN BACKS KEY TO TROJAN'S ROSE BOWL HOPES

Ted Tannehill, Vern Lillywhite Both Rank With Coast's Best
By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The ability of a pair of teenaged Freshmen to handle the T formation in big league style may go a long way in deciding the winner of the 1946 Rose Bowl clash.

The two are Ted Tannehill, 19, and Vern Lillywhite, 18, and they will be in the starting lineup for the University of Southern California Trojans against Alabama's Crimson Tide on New Year's day.

Lillywhite is a quarter-back and the slickest thing the west coast has to offer this season in ball-handling. Tannehill is the ball-packer deluxe of the 1945 edition of the Trojans.

Neither of these boys has shown anything that resembles All-American qualities, although Tannehill did make all-Coast. But if Coach Jeff Cravath's club should upset the 1-3 odds that make Alabama the favorite, one of these boys' names probably will flash across the nation's sports pages.

Lillywhite was the early season factor in the Trojans' success; Tannehill was the star in the closing days of the Pacific Coast conference as he led his club to convincing wins over California, Oregon State and UCLA.

The Trojans have other good offensive backs, too—hard hitters in the persons of Bobby Morris and Jerry Bowman. But they all have shown a weakness on pass defense and that may be their downfall against the great throwing of Alabama's Harry Gilmer.

The Troy line, spear-headed by End Jim Callahan, 185; tackle Jackie Musick, 200, and center Walt McCormick, 215, is regarded as the toughest in the west. This forward wall has a lot of weight (the other starting tackle, Johnny Pehar, weighs 285) and has much more experience than the average college club these days. But it has lacked speed.

It has been against light, but fast and passing teams, that the Trojans have taken their worst beatings this year—from St. Mary's College Galloping Gaels, 26-0; and from the San Diego Navy, 33-6.

On the index basis of 100 for 1926, the so-called "normal" year, operating costs of American automobiles had declined to 50, or half, by 1939.

DEACON WINS CUP

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Nick Ognovich, sophomore quarterback of Wake Forest's Gator bowl-bound Deacons, tonight was selected to receive the Jacobs blocking trophy as the Southern Conference's best blocker of the 1945 season.

The announcement was made by Dr. William P. Jacobs, donor of the trophy, who began his blocking trophy idea in 1928 to honor the unused heroes who clear the way for the ball carrier in football.

Ognovich was an outstanding member of the Wake Forest team which test only to Tennessee, Army and Duke during the 1945 season. He is the second Deacon trophy winner to have his name engraved on the Jacobs trophy.

William Bevis of Tennessee was announced last week as the winner of the Jacobs trophy for the Southeastern Conference, repeating the honor he won in 1944. The South Carolina winner is still to be announced.

BASKI GIVEN EDGE IN GARDEN BATTLE

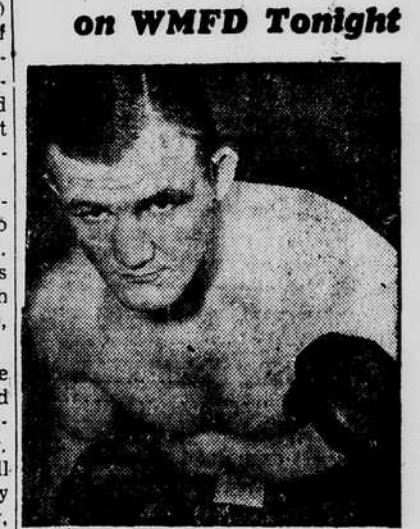
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Seasoned Joe Baksi is a 7-5 favorite to give young Freddie Schott his first licking tonight in a "battle of the plodding pachyderms" that drops the curtain on boxing at Madison Square Garden for 1945.

These awkward heavyweights will square off with elephantine grace for a 10-round bout that should be ultra-important for both. Schott, of Akron, Ohio, unbeaten in 42 professional starts—hopes to move into the contenders' circle by defeating his first "name" opponent.

Baksi, of Kulpmont, Pa.—who dropped to No. 12 in the Ring Magazine's annual ratings because of three losses in seven starts this year—should try desperately to re-establish himself as a ranking heavy.

Baksi, 25, is favored because he has had seven years' professional experience and because he will have a weight advantage of about 214 to 207 pounds. Also, the former coal miner is believed rugged enough to withstand Schott's body attack, meanwhile piling up points with his own "head-hunting" tactics. Neither is a terrific puncher, although each has knocked out more than half his opponents.

Baksi-Schott Fray on WMFD Tonight



Two big boys take over at Madison Square Garden in New York and on the air tonight Joe Baksi (above) from Kulpmont, Pa., swaps punches with Freddie Schott of Paterson, N. J., in a heavyweight ten-round.

Schott, a fast-rising, young husky who has been enjoying a consistent winning streak, encounters his first real major test in Baksi. A terrific body puncher, in possesses one of the best left hands in heavy ranks. Unbeaten in 42 starts (half of the wins by kayo) Freddie is bound to throw everything he has to make it 43.

Rough, rugged Baksi is a hard-charging clouter who piles in with both fists flying. He has an impressive list of victims to his credit, including Maurelio, Savold and Nova.

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