SIDELINES

By Edward K. Sachs

Star Sports Editor

On one of the inside pages of yesterday's News, a story from Burlington, Wis., told the latest results of the annual Burlington Liars Contest.

It was just about three years ago that we were working in Burlington as a reporter-errand boy-advertising salesmen of the Burlington Standard-Democrat. As such we had a chance to see how the club operated.

Later when we moved to the Racine Journal-Times, we got an even closer look at the club because the master-mind behind the entire publicity stunt was an old backwoods newspaper reporter for the Journal-Times, Otis Hulett.

According to the official story of the Liars club as put out by Mr. Hulett, the entire idea originated in the brilliant mind of one Otis Hulett. Like all things connected with the Liars club that account is far from the truth.

Here is how the whole thing started:

Some time in the twenties, a bunch of newspaper reporters gathered in the Burlington police station one Christmas eve with a bottle. Among the gathering were Hulett, Mendel Hahn, brother of Emily Hahn, the author and mother, and "stringers" of the Milwaukee papers.

As it will, at such occasions, the talk became a little on the exaggerated side, and the long suffering police chief, one Frank Beller, suggested that the boys hold a contest and see who was the best liar.

Morning came and the assembled liars went home to their wives but the idea stuck with Hulett and he proceeded to make a good thing out of the contest.

The following year he held a contest restricted to the local personalities of Burlington. The papers in Wisconsin played up the affair and soon Mr. Hulett was doing quite well with the entire thing. Hahn left Burlington (he is now an associate editor of the Rotarian magazine,) old man Beller died but Hulett kept on until the contest attracted entries from all parts of the globe.

At last reports he has appeared on the radio, written stories on the contest for Coronet Magazine and has become a semi-celebrity.

He still is the Burlington reporter for the Racine Journal-Times but once a year his stories appear in every paper in the country. They usually "break" around Christmas time but if the hunting is good Otis will postpone the awarding of the championship to take his dogs and go out after a few of the game birds that thrive in Racine county.

This afternoon most of the Bowl games will be broadcast but for those of you who will be away from the loudspeakers the Star will have most of the results about 8:30 o'clock. Call the Star-News 23311 and you will be able to find out how bad Alabama beat Southern California.

And so the 1945 sports season draws to a close. It has been a good year for football, baseball, and Byron Nelson. The turf found a new jawbreaker called ephedrine while Sarl Snavley came back to the North State to coach. Tennis was still far from pre-war levels while auto racing, yachting, and pol owill have to start all over again.

But reports of a Golden Era and bigger and better athletics for the country in general and Wilmington in particular adds a little zest to our usual greeting, Happy New Year.

Trojans Hope For Upset Against Tide

BAMA GIVEN EDGE OVER SO. CAL. IN DAY'S BIG BATTLE

BY BILL BECKER

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 31—(AP)—Alabama's undefeated, untied Crimson Tide will batter against the University of Southern California's rugged Trojans today in the 32nd renewal of the Rose Bowl grid classic before an estimated sell-out crowd of 93,000.

Led by slim Harry Gilmer—described by many critics including Alabama's coach Frank Thomas as perhaps the greatest all-time passer—Alabama will take the field with at least a one-touchdown favorite over the beefier Trojans, who will defend an all-winning Rose record. Southern California has won eight previous bowl games.

It will be a first meeting between the Rose Bowl's two foremost competitors. The Tide — always a colorful aggregation — has won three, lost one and tied one to top all so-called representatives at Pasadena.

Sophomore Gilmer's passes, which collected 13 touchdowns for the Tide during the regular season, are generally expected to prove the decisive factor.

In rebuttal, Trojan coach Jeff Cravath will present a rounded attack sparked by the power-running of right half Ted Tannehill, 185-pound wingfoot who led the Pacific Coast conference in scoring with 12 touchdowns.

The hulking Trojan line likely will be the toughest met by the southerners who, however, have All-America center Vaughn Mancha, 248, anchoring their forward wall. USC will have an eight-pound-per-starter weight edge.

In sweeping nine straight games, the Tide ran up 396 points to opponents' 66 and ranked second to Army in the Associated Press' final 1945 team rankings. Less impressively, the Trojans won seven, lost three, scoring 191 pointsc against 116.

The stock of Alabama—a strong 13-point choice a week ago—has slumped slightly because of Lowell Tew's broken jaw. Right half-back Tew, the Tide's leading ground-gainer, will play with a special headgear masking his face, but coach Thomas is uncertain how the 190-pound sophomore will perform.

Probable starting lineups (with weights) that will face the 2 o'clock starting whistle:

LE—Steiner (175)	Adieman	(190)
LT—Whitley	Musick	(190)
LG—Wozniak (180)	Vasicek	(205)
C—Mancha (248)	Bradford	(225)
RG—Green (180)	Rea	(210)
RT—Flowers (195)	Aguirre	(210)
RE—Cain (185)	Willumson	(185)
Q—Self (170)	Bowman	(170)
LH—Gilmer (156)	Morris	(178)
RH—Tew (190)	Tannehill	(185)
F—Hodges (165)	Cole	(175)

The 1945 Baseball Story ---- By Mun' And Chip Royal

TAR HEEL CAGERS TEAM TO BEAT IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 31—(AP)—Twenty-seven thousand New York and Philadelphia basketball fans were today confirming what close followers of the University of North Carolina basketball team began to suspect toward the close of last season—that this year's Tar Heels are going to be mighty hard to handle.

Riding the crest of successive upset victories over two previously unbeaten major eastern quintets last week, the White Phantoms have an overall season's record of seven triumphs and one loss—a 64-63 heart-stopper to a formidable Greensboro Ord outfit.

Coach Ben Carnevale's boys are rated in the upper brackets nationally following last week's 43-41 conquest of New York University at Madison Square Garden and a smashing follow-up 47-36 trimming of St. Joseph's at Philadelphia.

However, news of their success against two of the better clubs above the Mason-Dixon line was no genuine surprise to cage addicts hereabouts.

Not when they looked back to the last half of the 1944-45 campaign. After dropping five of their first 15 games a year ago, the Tar Heels started to click and finished their regular season with a smashing performance of nine victories in 10 starts, seven times going over the 60-point mark. Against Davidson they rolled up 89 for a new university record. Their average for 25 games was 54 points. The momentum of their stretch drive carried over into the Southern Conference tournament and they whacked N. C. State, South Carolina, regular season leader, and Duke, all by more than 10 points in that order to run off with the post season play.

A half dozen of those point-minded basketeers of a year ago reported back to Lt. Carnevlae this year and when the boys opened by running up 5x5-40.

Victory over Camp Lee, Va., and a 64-46rout of Camp Pickett, Va., it appeared that they were picking right up where they left off last season.

Then they ran into a power-packed Greensboro Ord club which although outscored in baskets, 24-20, dropped 24 foul shots to take a sizzling 64-63 victory. That has been the only loss suffered by the Phantoms this year, and their second in 21 starts over two seasons.

In winning seven out of eight this year the club has averaged 57 points as against 40 for the opposition, which includes two conference foes.

Although Jim Jordan, last year's conference scoring king, is again hitting the hoops, with 93 points for eight games, he has been forced to take second place behind red hot center John Dillon, who has caged 136 points. In the loss to Greensboro, he sank 10 foul shots. His lowest score was 11 points against St. Joseph's Jordan's running mate at forward, Bob Paxton, has contributed 82 points for third place on the team.

Carnevale, a former hero of the Hardwoods at N. Y. U., will next send the Phants into action Saturday night against the Airborne Center Team from Fort Bragg, formerly of Camp MacKall, Md., originally scheduled to play here, Wednesday, will not be met until next Monday.

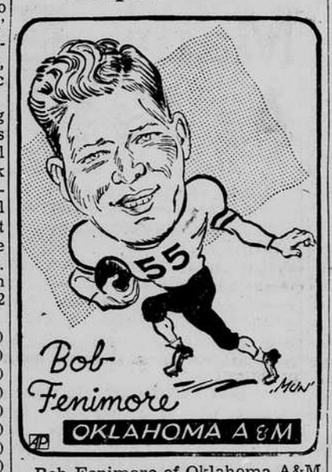
It might be well to note that the Carolinas are disproving the theory accepted in some quxarters that a team must have at least one "giant" in these days of seven-foot stars. Jordan is the tallest of the lot and he is a modest six-three.

Sound-coaching, speed and alert ball-handling are paying off in victories for the heroes of the hill these days.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wedemeyer Fenimore Meet Today In Battle Of All-American Backs

Rapid Robert



Bob Fenimore of Oklahoma A&M is the young man who has the St. Mary's Gaels worried. Unless the coast team can stop the blond boy from Stillwater, Oklahoma, their chances in today's Sugar Bowl Game are not too good.

ACCENT ON SPEED WHEN STARS MEET IN NEW ORLEANS

Aggies Are Unbeaten While Gaels Have Lost Only To UCLA

By RONALD WAGONER
United Press Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31—(U.P.)—The accent will be on speed when St. Mary's and Oklahoma A. and M., each led by an All-American halfback, clash here tomorrow before 73,000 in the 12th renewal of the Sugar Bowl football classic.

Oklahoma's undefeated and untied Aggies, champions of the Missouri Valley conference, roar into their second bowl game in two years a two-touchdown betting favorite.

The opposition, however, is aplenty. Paced by the All-American speedster, Herman Wedemeyer, St. Mary's "whiz kids" based victory hopes on their Wiley "Dipsy Do" antics which baffled Pacific Coast teams this season.

St. Mary's goes into the game with the full knowledge that the power edge lies with Coach Jim Lookabaugh's Oklahomans. But the speed of such slithery ball-carriers as the noted Wedemeyer and Chuck Cordeiro gives Coach Jimmy Phelan's beardless wonders more than an even chance to upset the form sheet.

Two Aggie backs are track stars—All-American Bob Fenimore and little Joe Thomas. Fullback Jim Reynolds was one of the hardest hitting ball carriers in the nation this season. End Neill Armstrong is a hurdling champion.

The field should be fast for the game. The rain, which marred practice when the two teams first hit the Gulf Coast has gone, and the weather prediction for today's battle is clear and cool—made to order for the open play which is the basis of both team's success.

The two squads arrived in New Orleans today from their Mississippi training camp. They worked out in the vast Tulane stadium, site of the classic.

The lineup:

Pos.—Okla. A. & M.	St. Mary's
LE—Armstrong	Schultz
LT—Cheek	Beasley
LG—Colhouer	Desalvo
C—Wilkerson	Cuccia
RG—Gay	Bland
RT—Cole	Adair
RE—Moore	Ryan
QB—Watson	O'Connor
LH—Fenimore	Wedemeyer
RH—Hankins	Cordeiro
FB—Reynolds	Busch

Referee: Bus Hankins, Oklahoma; umpire: Bill Corbus, Stanford; field judge: Clyde Devins, Oregon State; linesman: Bat Shunatona, Oklahoma.

HURRICANES IRKED BY REPORTS THAT STAR BACK IS PRO

Coach Says Ghaul Played With Steelers But Received No Pay

BY H. EARL BARBER
United Press Sports Writer

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 31—(U.P.)—The word was out tonight that the University of Miami is set to strike like its Hurricane namesake against Holy Cross in the Orange Bowl today, to clinch a place in big-time football and to get vengeance for rumors about its star fullback.

Where the rumors originated, no one knew. But reports going over the country said that Harry Ghaul, 24-year-old freshman fullback, had played with the pros. An extra-special rumor was that Holy Cross would seek to bar him from the game.

The atmosphere was cleared — for all but the irked Miamians — when the Pittsburgh Steelers revealed today that Ghaul played with them in a 1942 exhibition, but received no pay. Miami coach Jack Harding said he knew all about that, and that coach Ox Dagrosa of Holy Cross did too. Harding said Ghaul was asked to play in the war charity game because he was a former soldier.

"Harry is going to school as a returned G. I. and is eligible to play," Harding declared flatly. "I have not heard any official complaints about him"—indicating that he had heard the rumors.

The stories gave the Hurricanes an additional impetus for victory. They have been keyed up for the game ever since the Miami public decided the hometown team was as good as any in the country, and forced its selection to play. Sentiment is so strong that the Hurricanes are favored by a touchdown or so with the local bookies, who laid odds against them all year.

Beaten only by Georgia and tied by South Carolina, the Hurricanes scored victories over eight opponents. They beat Auburn and Michigan State after the move to draft them into the bowl, on condition they win both games, was started. The committee voted for Miami while 1,500 students milled, yelling, about their meeting place.

The Holy Cross squad, with Stan Koslowski in the tailback spot despite his spending most of last week in bed with flu, was in top shape after scrimmages under the hot sun. The Crusaders won nine games this year, losing only to Temple. Koslowski was voted the best of all New England backs.

A capacity crowd of 35,000 is expected at the 2 p. m. (EST) kick-off, and the weather bureau predicted that today's heavy rains will be over by then.

The starting lineup:

Pos	Miami	Holy Cross
LE	Delgrande	Diechelmann
LT	Frantz	Donalley
LG	Cameron	Kronoff
C	Levitt	Stephenson
RG	De Marco	Cregar
RT	Corrigan	Strojny
RE	Mell	Conway
QB	Mazejka	Lemay
LH	Krull	Koslowski
RH	Bowman	Byers
FB	Ghaul	Conroy

Referee: Alvin Bell (Vanderbilt); Umpire: William T. Halloran (Providence); Field Judge: J. Tom Slate (Atlanta Athletic Club); Linesman: William J. McConnell (Middlesbury).

TIGERS UNDERDOGS IN DALLAS BATTLE

By ED FITE
United Press Sports Writer

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 31— (U.P.) — Hard luck dogged both Texas and Missouri football teams today on the eve of their appearance in the 10th annual Cotton Bowl game, but underdog Missouri hopes rose a little with the apparent return to form of flashy Bill Dellastatious.

Despite the loss of tackle Jim Plyler for all but possibly the punting chores, the Texans remained a two-touchdown favorite to maintain their record of never having lost a Cotton Bowl game. This will be their third appearance in four years in the Dallas classic.

Clear skys and temperatures in the middle 60's were forecast for game time (1:15 p.m., CST).

Texas speed, aerial power and an edge in reserve strength made Coach Dana X. Bible's eleven the favorite over the Big Six champion Tigers from Columbia, Mo.

The big bowl will be filled. Tickets have been sold to 45,507 fans.

Missouri apparently has no one to match Texas' two-times All-Southwest quarterback Bobby Layne in either running or passing, but tonight Coach Chauncey Simpson optimistically pinned his hopes on the speedy Dellastatious.

The probable lineup:

Pos.—Missouri	Texas
LE—Whitaker	Bechtol
LT—Kekeris	Wetz
LG—Eigelberger	Green
C—Stewart	Harris
RG—Croak	Callan
RT—Burk	McCauley
RE—Oakes	Schwartzkopf
QB—Brown	Halfpenny
LH—Hopkins	Ellsworth
RH—Brinkman	Baumgardner
FB—O'Connell	Layne

Referee: Dwight Ream, Washburn; umpire: Jimmy Higgins; Southern Methodist; field judge: Charles Swartz, Rice; linesman: L. A. House, Iowa.

Rich Purse Await Turf Winners in Year 1946

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 31—(AP)—All race-horses automatically age one year at midnight tonight, and the gee-gees who'll be three years old at 12:01 a.m. found out today that their birthday presents will be chances at the richest pot of gold ever.

Last Friday, the Kentucky Derby folks said the run for the roses would carry a $100,000 added prize package next spring. Today it was learned the Belmont Stakes would be boosted to the same $100,000 size for 1946, putting the second "hundred grand" jewel in racing's triple crown for next year.

And immediately, from Pimlico, came word that the third gem—the Preakness—which still stands at $50,000 added, may make it unanimous when the Maryland Jockey Club members meet January 16.

With the Santa Anita derby also in the $100,000 league, three year olds thus already have at least a trio of "100-G" pots to run for next year, as racing apparently begins to spread some of its fantastic 1945 "take" around. More than a billion and a quarter dollars was bet throughout the country this year.

In boosting the Belmont to $100,000 status for its 77th running next spring—probably the first Saturday in June—Belmont officials also shoveled a bigger bundle into the package for the two year olds by lifting the historic Futurity to $50,000 added.

A mile and a half grind, coming in June—a month later than the Derby—the Belmont has been tagged by many horsemen as the truest test of three years olds in the book. Its jump to the six-figure bracket tops off a tremendous set of leaps since F. Morris' filly, Ruthless, picked up exactly $1,850 in winning the first running in 1867.

Since then, its continuous annual renewal was broken only once, when the padlock was put on New York racing in 1911-12. The great Gallant Fox was the biggest Belmont winner, putting $66,040 into the bank for the 1930 running. Man O'War picked up a mere $7,700 pay check for practically lapping the 1920 renewal. The chances are that with $100,000 waiting at the finish, Big Red might be interested in getting in shape for next spring.

DEACS FACE USC IN JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The University of South Carolina's speed and passing will be pitted against Wake Forest's power and drive today in the first annual 'Gator bowl football game.

The kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m. E.S.T.).

The tilt will bring together two devens that have been playing each other in the regular season for many years, and except for one year the score always has been very close. This year, for instance, the South Carolina Gamecocks and the Deacons fought to a 13-13 tie.

Wake Forest ruled a slight favorite today.

Probable lineups:

Wake Forest —N—oESeach Pos.—ETETETETE	South Carolina
LE—Bruno	Schmdit
LT—Rattere	Strobel
LG—J. Harris	Lane
C —Foreman	Meeks
RG—Garrison	Huffman
RT—Hobbs	McDonald
RE—D. Harris	Riggs
B Ognovich	Hanson
HB—N. Sacrinity	Carr
HB—B. Sacrinity	Breminkley
FB—Davis	Ciles

Lobos Still Hold Edge In Betting Over Denver

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 31—(U.P.) — With a promise of sunny skies and near 60-degree weather, Sun Bowl officials tonight predicted a capacity crowd of 15,000 at tomorrow's battle between Denver University and New Mexico.

Last minute workouts saw both teams stressing offensive football, in Ted Shipkey's spread and Denver's T. Johnny Adams and John Karamacios will carry the burden for Denver, while the New Mexico backfield will be fortified by Rudy Krall, Don Rumley and Dave Collins.

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Bowl Roundup

NEW YORK, Dec. 31—(AP)—The New Year's day football game line-up with won and lost records of participants in parentheses, kick-off time, probable attendance and network broadcast time. (All times E. S. T.)

Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.—Alabama (8-0-0) vs Southern California (7-3-0), 5 p.m., 90,000, NBC 4:45 p.m.

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans—Oklahoma A. and M. (8-0-0) vs St. Mary's (7-1-0), 3 p.m., 72,000, ABC (American) 2:45 p.m.

East-West All-Stars at San Francisco—5 p.m., 60,000, MBS, 4:45 p.m.

Orange Bowl at Miami—Holy Cross (8-1-0) vs Miami (Fla.), (8-1-1), 2 p.m., 36,000, CBS, 1:45 p.m.

Cotton Bowl at Dallas—Missouri (6-3-0) vs Texas (9-1-0), 2:15 p.m., 45,500, MBS 2 p.m.

Oil Bowl at Houston, Tex.—Georgia (8-2-0) vs Tulsa (7-2-0), 2:30 p.m., 27,000.

Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex.—Denver (4-4-1) vs New Mexico (5-1-1), 4 p.m., 15,000, ABS (Associated), 4 p.m.

'Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.—Wake Forest (3-3-1) vs South Carolina, (2-3-3), 2:30 p.m., 14,000.

Raisin Bowl at Fresno, Calif.—Drake (4-4-1) vs Fresno State (4-5-2), 4 p.m., 15,000.

Vulcan Bowl at Birmingham, Ala.—Tennessee State (7-2-0) vs Texas College (6-2-1), 3:30 p.m., 6,500.

Flower Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.—Louisiana Normal (8-2-0) vs Lane College (5-1-0), 2:30 p.m., 6,000.

Azalea Bowl at Orlando, Fla.—Knoxville College (4-5-0) vs Florida N. and I., (6-1-0), 2:30 p.m., 7,000.

Coconut Bowl at Miami, Fla.—Bethune-Cookman College (7-3-0) vs Albany (Ga.) State Teachers (6-4-0), 2 p.m., 5,000.

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EAST-WEST STARS PROMISE PASSING

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31—(AP)—The annual East-West charity football game in Kezar Stadium today—may develop into a forward passing contest because of a dry field.

The weather bureau forecast clear skies for the 21st annual game, which will be witnessed by a capacity crowd of 60,000 persons.

The teams held their final, light workouts today.

Buddy Jungmichael, big guard from the University of Texas, just out of the army, was chosen line captain of the West team.

The game will start at 5 p. m., Eastern Standard time.

The probable starting lineups:

EAST

LE.—Leslie Thompson, Columbia.
LT.—George Savitsky, Penn.
LG.—Joe Dickerson, Penn.
C.—Frank Sniadack, Columbia.
RG.—Bob Doblestein, Tenn.
RT.—Tom Hughes, Purdue.
RE.—Joe Didtasio, Cornell.
QB.—Allen Dekdebrun, Cornell.
LH.—Bob Evans, Penn.
RH.—Dick Fisher, Ohio State.
FB.—Jack Breslin, Michigan State.

WEST

LE—Dick Lorentz, Oregon State.
LT.—Bob McClure, Nevada.
LG.—Harold Jungmichael, Texas.
C.—Bill McGovern, Washington
RG.—Rod Giske, Washington State.
RT.—Leonard Dickey, Texas A. & M.
RE.—Max Dodge, Nevada.
QB.—Bob Stevens, Oregon State.
LH.—Jake Leicht, Oregon.
RH.—Ted Kenfield, California.
FB.—Walt Schlinkman, Texas Tech.

FEAR EVENT TODAY

Overshadowed by Bowl games, golfers of the Cape Fear Country club will meet today in a New Year's day event of their own, a two-ball mixed foursome.

Entry lists will be kept open until the last minute, club oficials have said, and a good field is expected to compete.

Drake Speed Favored In Raisin Bowl Event

FRESNO, Calif., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The first Raisin Bowl Football game, featuring Drake University's lightweight backs and Fresno College's Rugged defense, is expected to draw 12,000 fans to Ratcliffe stadium tomorrow.

Partly cloudy weather was forecast, but there was a possibility the sun might appear by game time (4 p.m. E.S.T.)

Potential scoring ability of 161-pound halfback Perry Harris and his cohorts from Iowa were figured in the odds which favored Drake.

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