



LARGEMOUTH BASS
Huro salmoides
SOUTHPORT, Dec. 20.—J This is the first in a series of bi-weekly features and pictures on American game fish prepared by the Out door Writers of America and released through Bill Keziah, local sportsman and writer.

An unpredictable but lovable creature, the largemouth bass is appropriately called the King of American Game Fishes. Its many and mixed traits make it the most alterable game fish in the world—tossed together are courage, stamina, viciousness, cunning, versatility, stubbornness, shown and—just pure cussedness. At times it will spurn the most attractive artificial bait to nibble up a worm or minnow. Again, it will pass up a luscious looking gob of wiggling night-crawlers to smash viciously at the homeliest plug tossed nearby. Periodically, it will sulk without reacting toward any lure, artificial or natural but when the largemouth is looking for business, here is an angler who will offer everything he desires in the way of gamey sport.

TRADES KEEP

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The Browns a cool \$520,000 of which they spent \$250,000 to obtain second baseman Jerry Priddy from the Washington Senators.

Cleveland followed up the two purchases from St. Louis by paying first baseman Albert Puckett to the Pirates for \$200,000 and Les Fleming. The Pirates could afford to part with Puckett since only a fortnight before, they had handed over \$100,000 to Brooklyn for first baseman Ed Stevens and shortstop Stan Rojek.

The Philadelphia Phils, who dug down deep for free agents this fall, paid Detroit in the neighborhood of \$20,000 for first baseman-outfielder Roy Cullenbine. Cincinnati, which depended upon its farm clubs for players, obtained outfielder Marv Rickert from the Chicago Cubs for the \$10,000 waiver price. The Reds also sold pitcher Elmer Riddle to the Pirates for \$10,000. The Athletics also came up with a big leaguer in infielder Jimmy (Skeeter) Webb, but got him for nothing since he was handed his outright release by the Tigers.

That was not the end of the trading mart by any means although the other deals did not involve cash, according to announcements made by the clubs involved.

The Pirates, along with the Browns and Red Sox, the busiest David Harums of the off-season, swapped outfielder Jim Russell, catcher Bill Skidmore and pitcher Al Lyons to the Braves for outfielder Johnny Hopp and second baseman Danny Murtaugh. The Bucs also obtained outfielder Dixie Walker and pitchers Vic Lombardi and Hal Gregg from the Dodgers for shortstop Billy Cox pitcher Elwin (Preacher) Roe and infielder Gene Mauch.

The Indians, in a straight player trade with the New York Yankees, obtained outfielder Al Clark for pitcher Charles (Red) Embree and the Red Sox continued to collect top flight performers for Manager Joe McCarthy by acquiring outfielder Stan Spence from the Senators for rookie second baseman Al Kozar and outfielder Lee Cullenbine. The Phils sent pitcher Tommy Hughes to the Reds for outfielder Bret Haas.

RANKED NO. 1

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Louise Brough of Beverly Hills maintained an old California tradition today when she was ranked No. 1 among the Nation's women tennis players for 1947 by the nominating committee of the U. S. Lawn Tennis association.

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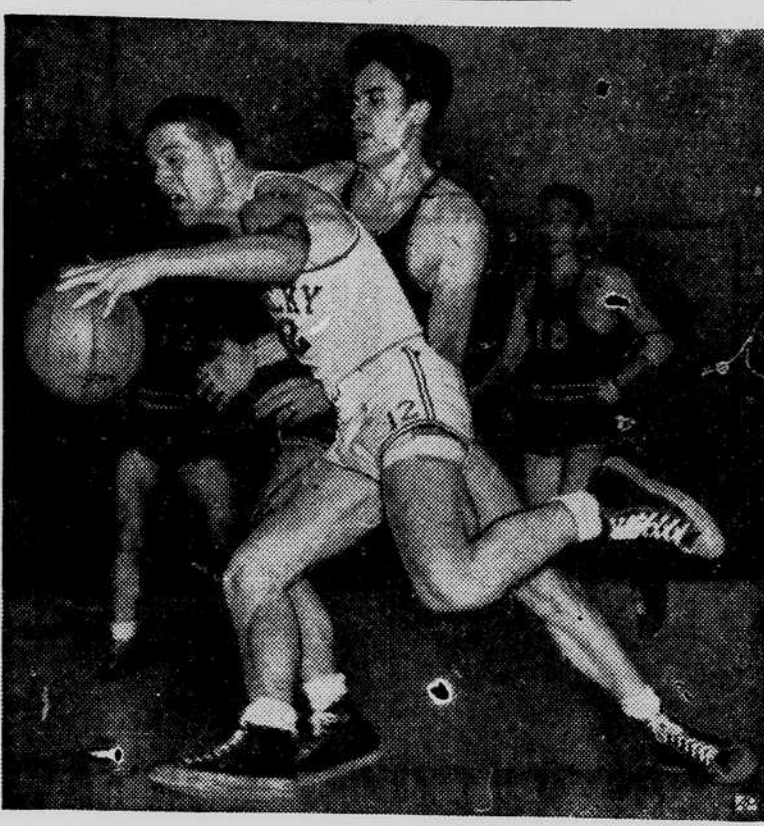
MANILA, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Bantamweight champion Manuel Ortiz decisively decided the game but inexperienced challenger Tirso Del Rosario in a savage 15-round title fight at Rizal stadium tonight.

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By RALPH BERNSTEIN AP Newsfeatures
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. Dec. 20.— It will be unpectacular against spectacular when Penn State meets Southern Methodist in the Cotton Bowl New Year's day.

A precision-like ground attack that amassed 2,713 yards in 517 rushes for an average of better than 301 yards per game will be pitted against the wide open offensive of SMU and its brilliant triple threat back, Doak Walker. Speaking of Walker, State Coach Bob Higgins says, "the guy does everything. "He does his best running when he's trapped behind the line on a pass attempt. And of course, let's not forget his punt returns and kickoff returns. "He's a great opportunist," Higgins explains, "and he has the uncanny ability of firing his teammates with the same spirit. He doesn't overlook an opening, he makes the best of every situation, and he runs like the wind the moment he sees a little daylight."

You can't single out any individual back on the Nittany Lion squad the equal of Walker but Coach Bob Higgins has at least 10 pretty fair runners. So deep is the State talent that 16 different backs scored touchdowns during the season. "Larry Joe," Higgins insists, "is one of the fastest backs in the country." He thinks highly of Francis Rogel as a kicker, Joe Colone as a kicker and Elwood Petchel as a "spot" player. Jeff Durkota, 23-year-old half-back from Colver, Pa., set a new modern Penn State scoring record as he ran for 10 touchdowns. Durkota is a fast, shifty running senior and with the power expected of a 205 pounder.

There you have a great array of talent and actually Penn State's best all-around back has not yet been mentioned. He's Johnny Chuckran who was sidelined by injuries and sat out most of the season. Chuckran is ready now and he easily could be the star of the Cotton Bowl classic.

And then of course there is Charley Drazenovich, a fierce blocking back and top flight play caller.

Higgins' real pride is his defense. They call the State line the "Seven Mountains." Washington State, Bucknell, Fordham, Syracuse, West Virginia, Colgate, Temple, Navy and Pittsburgh could average only 17 yards per game through the Nittany Lions' forward wall—a new collegiate defense record of 22 inches per rushing attempt. Alabama's Crimson Tide set the old mark in 1945.

Three opponents—Syracuse, Colgate and Pitt—lost more yardage than they gained in running plays. Washington State picked up 64 yards, while Bucknell, Fordham, West Virginia and Temple each were held to 40 yards. Only Navy went over 100—the Middles rolling for 120 yards.

HOYAS COP SIXTH

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Flashing a brilliant passing game, Georgetown university's Hoyas chal. up their sixth successive victory without a defeat here tonight with a 34-54 triumph over the outclass. 1 University of Richmond Spiders.

WINS IN STRETCH

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. K. T. Maxwell's Fleetridge came from third place in the homestretch to win the \$5,000 Pelican Handicap by a head at the Fair Grounds today.

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PRIDGEN TOPS

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green and gold suits which will be worn Tuesday.

The Wilmington College student council has asked students interested in cheer leading to hand in their names. In fact, everything is being done to make Wilmington realize that the Wilmington College students, even though studying at New Hanover High school until their own building is erected, are members of a college. Many local fans still insist on calling the Wilmington College basketball team the "College Center" as the last year's freshman school was known.

A successful basketball team is expected to put the Wilmington College on the map in Eastern North Carolina, and two wins over Edwards Military Institute and Louisburg Junior college started the ball rolling. Campbell, probably the strongest junior college in the state, is the only school holding a win over the newly organized locals and the Seahawks are already raring to take Campbell on a the NHHS gym where they believe things will be much tighter.

Although short on experienced reserves the college has a good group of starters. Croom, Mason, and Pridden all played first string on New Hanover High School cage teams. Towles was Billy Mason's sub on the State champion Wildcats of last season, and Brown starred for the YMCA outfit.

Table with 5 columns: Pos., Player, Pts., Fts., Pts. Pct.
Pos.—Player Pts. Fts. Pts. Pct.
G.—Croom 11 5 27 9.0
G.—Mason 8 9 25 8.3
C.—Mason 10 4 24 8.0
F.—Brown 10 24 6 8.8
F.—Towles 6 12 24 8.0

COLONIALS COP

CLEMSON S. C., Dec. 20.—(AP)—George Washington university left the Clemson Tigers in the lurch here tonight by downing them 60-35. This was the Colonial's eighth consecutive basketball victory and the Tigers' fifth loss of the season.

Bill Cantwell of Brooklyn, N. Y., was high scorer of the game, making 18 of George Washington's points.

WILLIAMS' TITLE OFFICIALLY GIVEN

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.— Ted Williams' third American League batting title in six years today officially was awarded to the lanky Boston Red Sox outfielder, who did some "goat-getting" of his own this year with a championship average of .343 and three other attack titles.

Now the league's fourth three-time batting champion, Williams also led in home runs with 32; runs scored with 125; and total bases with 335, according to official league statistics. Immortal Ty Cobb copied the junior circuit crown 12 times, but after him the honor is narrowed to Harry Heilmann with four titles and Napoleon Lajoie and Williams with three each.

The Williams' batting saga is remarkable considering that after winning the title in 1941 with .406 and in 1942 with .356, the Boston big boy spent three seasons in military service and last year returned for a runner-up .342.

Then he started the 1947 season with a woeful batting hangover from the 1946 world series and supposedly was fretting and fussing over the so-called "Boudreau shift" against his slashing drives to right field.

Ted neatly hurled the defenses and—more important, the expected psychological complications—by collecting 183 hits in 528 trips for his .343 listing, 15 points ahead of runner-up Barney McCosky of Philadelphia who had .328.

Third spot with .324 each was shared by Chicago's Taft Wright and shortstop Johnny Pesky of Boston, who led in hits for the second straight year at .207 and was the only player to top 200 blows.



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