

SPORTS

SHELBY DAILY STAR

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(P)—A few firsts for January first . . . The first baseball pitcher to strike out four men in one inning was Robert Mathews of the Athletics on Sept. 30, 1885 . . . His catcher, Milligan, missed not just one but two third strikes. (That one isn't in the record books yet) . . . Although runs batted in weren't made an official part of baseball records until 1920, they were first recorded in 1876 when a St. Louis man offered a weekly prize to the player who drove in the most runs from third base . . . Leo Houch, who fought over 200 professional bouts, received 50c and a pair of boxing gloves as his first purse in 1907. His biggest was \$1,600 and expenses for fighting Harry Lewis in Paris four years later . . . Ten years after that—in 1921—Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier drew the first million dollar gate . . . First sports question of 1945: How much sport will we have?

league pitchers won more games than they lost last season and only seven won 15 or more games . . . Since Ed McKeever's visit here last week, local fans are more convinced than ever that Ed will come to Fordham as coach when Frank Leahy returns to Notre Dame.

SERVICE DEPT.

Coach of the Shick hospital basketball team in Illinois is Lt. Col. Andrew J. Boe, a chaplain . . . Another army triumph: Reports from overseas say Carl Hubbell, the silent man of the Giants, has become quite a "barber" since he has been touring the Middle East with a USO baseball troupe . . . Gwyn Williams, the R. A. F. parachute instructor who recently whipped British Lightweight Champion Ronnie James, keeps in shape by making 20 jumps a week with his pupils. Please don't call them dives.

SELLOUT CROWD IN ROSE BOWL

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 1.—(P)—The only two undefeated football teams of the 1944 season to face each other in a New Year's day bowl game, the University of Tennessee and the University of Southern California, provided the juicy gridiron menu today for a sellout crowd of some 90,000 in the 29th renewal of the Rose Bowl classic.

The Southern California Trojans, representing the west and installed by some experts as 17-point favorites, are in quest of their eighth victory in eight Rose Bowl starts.

The Tennessee Volunteers, winners of seven games this season and tied only once, by Alabama, are out to ruin the Trojan record with a powerful running attack led by Buster Stephen.

The Southern California eleven has a strong weight advantage. The promise of fair skies was a break for SC whose T formation is hampered by shippy sod.

Injuries To Hinder TCU In Cotton Bowl
DALLAS, Jan. 1.—(P)—Accorded a chance of victory only by possibly a few close friends and relatives, Texas Christian's Horned Frogs meet the Oklahoma Aggies today as champions of the under dogs in Cotton Bowl history.

Already carrying the longest odds of any team to play here in the nine years of the gridiron classic, TCU's stock skidded even more with events of the past three days which saw the regular center taken ill and both starting ends hobbling about with injuries.

All three—center Jim Cooper and Ends-Merle Gibson and Harry Mullins—have recovered sufficiently to start the game against an Oklahoma A. and M. team enjoying its best record of all time but Coach Dutch Meyer of the Christians said "I don't know how long they will stay in there."

The Aggies, in top shape and spearheaded by All-American Bob Fenimore, the boy who is luring most of the customers to the big saucer, were rated from 14 to 21 points better than T. C. U. by those who make the betting odds.

But naked divers, who must go deep to get raw materials in waters where diving machines are banned, suffer eventual paralysis because of repeated changes in pressure. And in the "pop" workers face a new affliction resembling silicosis, believed to be caused by particles of shell and grinding wheels which enter the lungs.

About one in every ten tons of coal mined in the United States is shipped via the Great Lakes.

Trippi Leads South In 24-7 Victory Over North

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY HAS TOP CAGE TEAM

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(P)—The University of Kentucky still appears to be about the best basketball team in the nation, but three other quintets, St. John's of Brooklyn, Iowa and Muhlenberg have risen up during the week to challenge the Southeastern Conference champions for top honors.

All four outfits remained in the exclusive ranks of the undefeated as Kentucky shaded Temple at Philadelphia 45-44, St. John's walloped Dartmouth 53-38 in New York, Iowa swamped Michigan State 67-31 on its home court and Muhlenberg topped Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, 42-38.

Kentucky, invading Madison Square Garden tonight to battle Long Island university, had to come from behind to overtake the Owls as Alex Groza, its brilliant center, sank a field goal in the last minute of play. Groza, who leaves soon for the armed service, racked up 27 points.

St. John's, for the first time this season, looked like the team that won the national invitation championship last year, as they defeated the Big Green, Ivy League titlists for the last seven years, with ease. It was the Redmen's seventh straight victory.

Iowa romped to its sixth consecutive win, maintaining it more than 60 points per game average, although Dick Ives, the Hawkeyes' brilliant forward had an off night, being held to five points.

Muhlenberg from Allentown, Pa., stretched its winning streak to nine straight and looked like a well-rounded outfit in stopping the Quakers.

Outstanding games for the week are: Monday, Brooklyn vs. Texas Christian and Kentucky vs. Long Island U. at New York; Temple vs. Wyoming and St. Joseph's vs. Puerto Rico at Philadelphia.

Notre Dame meets Purdue again Tuesday, as does Oklahoma vs. Kansas state. On Wednesday Muhlenberg meets Swarthmore, N. Y. U. vs. Cornell, St. John's renews its rivalry with City College.

Friday's card brings forth Maryland at Duke, S. Carolina at N. Carolina, Indiana at Michigan.

Georgia Tech-Tulsa Game Will Be Close

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 1.—(P)—Everybody else figured that Georgia Tech would have to connect with a lot of passes today or else lose the Orange Bowl football game—but Tulsa Coach Henry Frka wasn't so sure.

"Tech's got not only a fine passing team but a good running attack also," Frka insisted. The betting odds which favored Georgia Tech by as much as 2 to 1 last week were lowered by time the 26,000 ticket holders began trickling into the gaily-bedecked Orange Bowl stadium, and there were some reports that those who wanted to back Tulsa had to give a slight edge.

One factor was the reported failure of Dinky Bowen, the spearhead of the Engineers' running attack, to snap back from a late season injury.

Pays 'Em Back

KANSAS CITY.—(P)—Lt. William E. McGonigle, 24, likes to take his chest full of medals past the navy recruiting office here so the sailors' service can see what it missed. Home from 66 missions in Africa, Italy and the China-India-Burma theatre, the much decorated army airman recalls that four years ago when he tried to get in the navy, he was told: "You had better go home, son. The navy needs men."



TULSA PLAYERS REACH MIAMI FOR ORANGE BOWL GAME—The first group of Tulsa university football players, who will meet Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl New Year's Day, arrive in Miami, and are driven to their hotel in a horse-drawn wagon. 'Twas done as a gasoline-saving measure. Other Tulsa players followed next day.

DUKE FAVORED OVER ALABAMA

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—(P)—It's Alabama's air attack versus the Duke Blue Devils' power in the 47th renewal of the Sugar Bowl football classic here today.

A sellout of the 70,000 available seats, including 25,000 "guest" tickets to service men and women, assured the "Bama Crimson Tide and Blue Devils of the first full Sugar Bowl house since Pearl Harbor.

Alabama's chances of a win over the two-touchdown favored Duke team hinged on the accurate right arm of freshman passer Harry Gilmer and the running of Rookie Wingback Lowell Tew.

The Blue Devils, Southern Conference champions after losing four non-league games, entered the game with a powerful line led by Guard Ernest Knotts and able scoring threats in Fullback Tom Davis and Halfbacks George Clark and Gordon Carver.

YULE VISITORS AT BEAMS MILL

Several Families Get Together For Holiday Dinner Parties

BEAMS MILL—Christmas Day dinner guests of Mrs. J. Y. Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. John Cornwell were: Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Elliott and Betty of Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Dathia Elliott and Packard of Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Beam of Gastonia, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Elliott and Gene of Fallston, Rev. and Mrs. Sylvester Elliott, Edward and William, of Cherryville, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Greene and Mary Elizabeth of Shelby, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Elliott and Billy, of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Elliott, Dorothy and Donald, Miss Johnny Beam Crawford, of Arlington, Va., Miss Virginia Elliott of Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Costner of St. Paul.

Mrs. Woodrow Hendrick and Charles spent Monday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hamrick of Ross Grove. On Tuesday Mrs. Hendrick and Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Hamrick were guests at a turkey dinner at the home of Mrs. W. L. Lucas in Shelby.

Misses Ruth and Juanita Hendrick spent Monday with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gardner, Charles and Mickey, of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with his father, V. A. Gardner. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Claude McCraw of Columbia, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beam and Rebecca of Fallston.

SUNDAY VISITORS—Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cleophas Wright and family were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Pell of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamrick of Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamrick and sons and Mrs. Lois Lattimore of Roanoke, Va.

Miss Doris Wright and brother, Ralph, spent Monday with Mrs. Bill Hamrick of Shelby.

Pvt. William A. (Billy) Hendrick has been transferred from Fort Jackson, S. C., to Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Unhappy Birthday For Top Horses Due To Racing Ban

By WILBUR JENNINGS
MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 1.—(P)—New Year's day ordinarily is a time for hope and happiness around a racing stable, but there's only gloom today.

It's a universal "birthday" for thoroughbreds, all horses becoming a year older on Jan. 1 under racing rules.

No birthday was ever less welcomed because the government racing ban is effective after tomorrow and the outlook for the turf's darlings is just as black as for the cheap platers.

There's no certainty now that there'll be a Kentucky derby, Preakness or Belmont stakes for the new class of three-year-olds, and it is just as doubtful that there'll be any rich handicaps for the older performers.

Twilight Tear, 1944's horse of the year, was brought to Florida this winter to go after Top Flight's money winning record for fillies of \$275,990 but now Calumet Farm Trainer Ben Jones is doubtful that she'll reach the mark. Her present winnings total \$202,000.

The Tear was four years old today, and Jones explained that "We plan to retire her after this year. She isn't worrying much about her birthday as we are. She's good and sound, runs well and we will continue to gallop her to keep her in

J. D. Hamrick in the Black Mountain Sanatorium.

Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Elliott and Betty of Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Elliott and Gene of Fallston.

Massacre Investigated
LONDON.—(P)—London newspapers today quoted supreme allied headquarters as saying that a preliminary investigation showed that two German tanks poured a hail of machinegun bullets into 139 defenseless captured Americans after they had been searched for valuables and lined up in an open field.

The dispatches said that the men, massacred in cold blood on Dec. 17, mostly were from a field artillery unit captured near Malmedy, Belgium.

Mask Not Enough

SALT LAKE CITY.—(P)—A mask over the eyes wasn't enough.

Victims of a holdup reported a bandit wore a burlap sack over his head, with holes cut out for his eyes and mouth.

GREMLIN STAR SPARKS GRAYS IN TWO SCORES

By LEROY SIMS
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 30.—(P)—Sgt. Charley Trippi, the former Georgia star and current pride of the Third Air Force eleven, was the chief contributor today in a 24 to 7 victory of the South All-Stars over their Northern opponents in the annual Blue-Gray contest.

Trippi, a member of the 1942 Rose Bowl eleven at Georgia, passed and ran the Blue lads into defeat before the game was many minutes old, pacing two drives for touchdowns in the first 18 minutes.

Thereafter he and current standout as Jack Russell, the ex-Baylor ace; center Tex Warrington, the Auburn all-America, and Martin Ruby, former Texas A. and M. tackle, were out of the game for long periods, but the work had been done.

ATTACK HALTED

So great was the superiority of the South's line that Blue running plays gained only 18 yards. Bob Hoernschemeyer of Indiana almost passed the losers back into the running, however, with an even dozen completed tosses, most of them to Columbia's Jack Kelleher.

The South drove for a score with the opening kickoff, Trippi driving over from the one to end a 65-yard march. The Gray clads had gotten to the North 24 as the first period ended, and Pete Layden, Texas fullback, rammed it over four minutes later.

Still another South score came before the end of the half on a 24-yard pass from Yam Tittle of Louisiana State to Bob McCain of Mississippi.

PASSES PAY

The final South marker was on the opening play of the final quarter, when Tittle went through the line for the final six yards of a 40 yard drive begun in the third period.

Hornschemeyer went to work, completing four out of five passes to get most of the yardage in the North's 80-yard march for a score. The pay off toss was to Ernie Bonelli, who took it just short of the goal and stepped across.

The North threatened again when Bob Ravenberg of Indiana intercepted a pass from Tittle and was pulled down on the South eight, but Warrington, Ruby and Russell went back into the game and the South took the ball on downs and had gotten beyond midfield at the

"The First And Last" Spaghetti Bowl Game Held Today In Italy

By SID FEDER
SPAGHETTI BOWL HEAD-QUARTERS, Italy, Jan. 1.—(P)—In a modern stadium that would make a lot of graduate managers back home green with envy, the fifth army "Krautcloters" and the 12th airforce "Bridgebusters" today tangle in what is billed as "The First and Last" Spaghetti bowl game.

The name of this town where between 25,000 and 35,000 assorted soldiers and WACs are going to hold down benches is "unmentionable" because Jerry hasn't been invited—and isn't wanted.

The Bridgebusters coach, Major George Miller, one time Indiana performer, said his outfit is "ready to go and we have a good team." Capt. Lou Bush, who was once Massachusetts State high scorer, was firing the crying towel a last minute workout because of the epidemic of injuries to his "Krautcloters."

PAC Pfc. Frances Rudman of St. Louis, one of the cheerleaders, admits she borrowed the yells from her alma mammy Soldan high school.

A metal bowl filled with paper spaghetti goes to the winning team as well as little brass medals to the individuals. There'll even be coffee and doughnuts, courtesy of the Red Cross and two bowl queens who'll arrive in jeeps as a pair of 56-piece bands prattle around at halftime. However, cognac will have to take the place of the usual flasks of ice tea back home, distilleries being what they are in these parts.

final whistle.

It was a great day for the Third Air Force team, which contributed nine players to the squads. Trippi, of course, was the big noise for the South and Bonelli and Kelleher, who took passes from Charley during the regular season, distinguished themselves for the Blue cause. Tackle Frank Lopp and Guard Tony Russell and Nick Rodis, in the Blue starting lineup, were also Gremlins. Earl Brown, another Grem guard, was a starter for the South, and Center Al Brandau relieved Tex Warrington for the Confederates.

End Ted Cook of Alabama and the Third Air Force, Trippi's favorite passing partner, was in the Gray squad but did not get into the game because of an injury.

The Romans cultivated large numbers of plums.

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