

# Harnett Teams Play Only Three Games This Week

There were only three games played in the Harnett Conference this week because of the Christmas holidays. In an average week, there are from seven to ten games played between the county teams.

On Tuesday of this week, Lillington split a twin-bill with Angier as the home team. Lillington girls took the opener and the Angier boys won the second game. The Bules Creek teams went to LaFayette and dropped a couple to the county's top teams. Erwin and Behaven traded wins at the Benhaven gym with the home girls and the visiting boys claiming victories.

According to the records so far, it looks like the conference is split down the middle with four winning girls' teams and five winning boys' teams, and a like number on the losing side. With the game results so far, as far as wins and losses are concerned, it would seem that the girl teams of LaFayette, Lillington, Behaven and

# TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By OSCAR FRALEY  
(United Press Sports Writer)

NEW YORK — Boxing is coming down to the end of a year studded with sensational bouts but looking ahead, today it can be prophesied that 1952 should be even bigger within the squared circle.

Interest in the sport was needed by television, and this increased attention was repaid with such frantic fights as the Rocky Marciano-Joe Louis, Ray Robinson-Randy Turpin and Joey Maxim-Bob Murphy brawls.

Now, the five top divisions are loaded with talent and potential thrillers.

The fight fan can look forward to this probable and promising schedule in 1952:

**HEAVYWEIGHT:** Joe Walcott vs. Ezzard Charles; Rocky Marciano vs. the Charles-Walcott winner, both title fights; and Clarence Henry vs. Bob Satterfield.

**LIGHT HEAVY:** Joey Maxim vs. Harry Matthews for the title; unbeaten Westbury Bascom vs. Cesar Brion, and a lot of other action.

**WELTERWEIGHT:** Kid Gavilan vs. Gil Turner and Gavilan vs. Gil Turner and Gavilan vs. European champion Charles Humes for the title; undefeated Johnny Saxton vs. Turner or Gavilan.

**LIGHTWEIGHT:** Jimmy Carter vs. Paddy Demarco and Carter vs. George Araujo, both title expeditions.

Action will be limited in the featherweight, bantamweight and flyweight divisions. Since champion Sandy Saddler licked Willie Pep, the featherweight division is out of contenders. The boys are just getting too many vitamins these days.

But your action is going to be frenzied in all the five upper classes. Among the heavies, Walcott's defense against Charles has gained interest because of old Jersey Joe's success saga. Marciano will be waiting avidly for a crack at the winner.

Among the light heavies, Matthews is the Marciano of the division. He sits in the commanding challenger's spot and gets his shot unless he decides to try his luck among the big boys.

Robinson faces a rough year, if they can get him to work, against the wild-swinging Graziano, the terrific Turpin, Gene Hairston and even welterweight champion Gavilan.

The Cuban keed, unless he gets his crack at Robinson, will have plenty of work bossing his own division. Turner, the Philadelphian, threat with a record of 26 in a row and 22 by kayoes, looms as the best bet to dethrone Gavilan.

Carter, the lightweight king, may prove that he is better than the public believes.

So it's tough gloves and come out fighting. The public's ready and so, finally, is boxing.

# Beginning Thursday, December 27, Four Fine Intersectional Teams Battle "Big 4" in Dixie Classic

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27—The Wolfpack, winners of the two previous Dixie Classic tournament championships, will once again be tabbed as the team to beat when opening round firing gets underway on Thursday, Dec. 27 in the third annual affair.

The Wolfpack, which won the 1949 tournament with a 50-40 victory over Fern State, repeated again last year with an 85-76 victory over Colgate in the finals.

But the road to the 1951 title is likely to be the roughest yet for State. The Wolfpack's first opponent on Thursday afternoon will be Coach Ben Carnevale's Navy Midshipmen.

**LOTS OF COMPETITION**

Even if State should get by Navy the rest of the field is the best ever to enter the pre-season tournament. Three other intersectional teams will be taking dead-aim at the Classic crown are Southern California, Cornell and Columbia, and anyone of this trio is capable of moving into the finals. Among

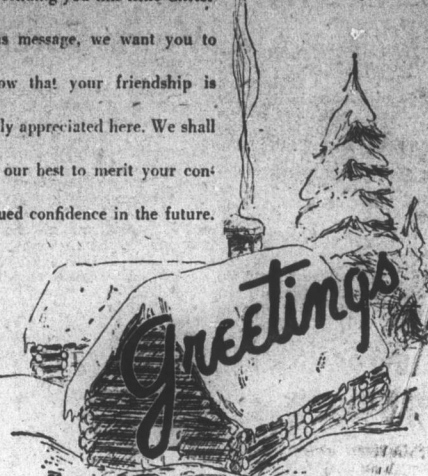
the other North Carolina teams, Duke's Blue Devils are rated as a leading choice to take down State's title and both the University of North Carolina and Wake Forest have an outside chance of upsetting the advance dope.

**PHENOMENOL '50 SEASON**

The Lions of Columbia University, the only team to go through the 1950-51 season with a perfect record, will be rated as the best of the intersectional quintet. Columbia has lost only one decision in four starts this year, a 65-64 loss to Pittsburgh, and Coach Lou Rossini's current team is due to be at its peak for the Dixie Classic.

Duke, boasting All-America Guard Dick Groat, is certain to be one of the tournament favorites. In six early season starts the Blue Devils have stopped Bradley, Temple, Virginia Military, and dropped a one-point 74-73 decision to Furman in a big upset. Coach Harold Erazor's team is rated as "the best Duke team in history" and the experts are predicting Duke will be in the Classic finals.

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# Clemson Tigers Will Be At Full Strength For Gator Bowl Battle

By TOM PRICE  
(U. F. Sports Writer)

CLEMSON, S. C. (AP)—Clemson's Tigers, in the Southern Conference doghouse for accepting a bowl bid, have made a habit of barely squeaking through New Year's Day classics.

This year, they aim to beat Miami in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., by a decisive margin.

The Gator Bowl venture represents Clemson's fourth bowl trip since 1940. The Tigers are unbeaten in three New Year's Day contests, but their margin of victory in those contests totals only five points.

Last year, Clemson came from behind in the last three minutes of the Orange Bowl game to edge the same Miami team 15 to 14, on the margin of a safety.

In the 1949 Gator Bowl, Coach Frank Howard's "country gentlemen" from the hills of South Carolina edged Missouri 24 to 23, on the strength of a fourth-period field goal.

And in their first bowl appearance—against Boston College in the 1940 Cotton Bowl, Clemson won 5 to 3. Jess Neely was the Tiger coach then, but Howard was an assistant.

**DEFIED THE RULING**

The Southern conference fathers have frowned upon bowl games and forbade members from playing in them, effective this season.

Clemson, along with Maryland, defied the ban to accept bowl bids and both have been suspended from conference football for one year.

Howard, a former Alabama guard who likes his "chaw" of tobacco, doesn't talk too much unless it's at the banquet table; he leaves his chew home then. About the only thing he'll say about his wins over the present third, fourth, and fifth ranking teams, and Dunn and Boone Trail are the only remaining teams yet to meet LaFayette that could upset the top club.

The girls have three tough clubs to face for the first time.

The next game for a county team is on January 1 when two strong Creedmore teams come to Lillington for a New Year's doubleheader.

Merry Christmas from The Daily Record Sports department.

# Basketball Fans Across Nation Will Witness Games Tonight

By JOHN GRIFFIN  
(United Press Sports Writer)

NEW YORK (AP)—The elite of college basketball — seven of the eight top-ranked teams in the nation — will be in action tonight in a blue-ribbon night for the court sport.

Feature of the national program will be the meeting at Manhattan, Kans., between Kansas State, ranked seventh in the country, and Indiana, No. 8. This is the only game which matches two of the top-touted teams.

At Chicago, Illinois, ranked No. 1, meets DePaul, and that tilt will be closely watched for a comparison between the Illini and Kentucky, ranked No. 3 nationally, by 93-60 on Thursday night and the Illini will be out to top that.

St. John's, currently ranked No. 2 but still dazed by that 81-40 drubbing by Kentucky on Monday, plays host at Madison Square Garden to another tough Southeastern Conference school, Vanderbilt. The Commodores who upset Kentucky, 61-57, in the finals of last year's SEC tournament, should provide a stern rebound test.

**NO PLAYER SHORTAGE**

Fourth-ranked Kansas and its six-foot, nine-inch center, Clyde Lovellette, who ranks as the nation's top scorer, visit Southern California. Fifth-ranked Washington collides with Minnesota, conqueror of Kentucky, in a top-drawer intersectional battle. Sixth-ranked St. Louis faces Army. Only third-ranked Kentucky is idle among the top eight.

These are several other top intersectional games on tap. On the same Garden program with the St. Louis-Vanderbilt game, New York University will risk its 10-game winning streak, lowest in the nation, against Oklahoma. Pennsylvania plays host to Notre Dame, and Oregon visits Wyoming.

Other leading games tonight include: Fordham — Temple, Tulsa-Arkansas, Murray-Baylor, North Carolina-Bradley, Oregon State — California, Colorado — Michigan, Cornell-Tulane, Denver — UCLA, Detroit — Houston, Iowa State-Duke, West Virginia, Loyola (Cal.) — Stanford, Wisconsin — Marquette, Nebraska-Miami Fla., Montana — Washington St., Ohio St. — Utah, Rice-Tennessee, Scranton-Seton Hall, Villanova-Iona.

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**TIGERS AT FULL STRENGTH**

Actually, Clemson should be in better shape for the Gator Bowl than the team was for any game of the 1951 season when it won seven and dropped two.

First-string end Dreher Gaskins, who broke a leg in the opening game against Presbyterian, and missed the entire season, is ready to go and will add strength to the flanks.

Tailback Billy Hair, the "Walterboro wizard" of Howard's single wing, led the conference in legal offense during the regular season despite a bad ankle during much of the first half of the campaign. He is as solid as a dollar now, and Hair's aerial partner, end Glenn Smith, topped the conference in pass receiving with 35 catches.

In the face of the Southern Conference ban and the odds-makers who have established Miami a three-point favorite, Howard has only one reply.

"We're heading South, sug", he says, ejecting a golden stream of tobacco juice for emphasis.

# PLAYERS OF THE WEEK IN HARNETT

The fourth week winners of the "Players of the Week" recognition are from two teams that won their games this week. There were other fine performances in the three games played on Tuesday night, but these two players were most important in their teams' victories.

The two winners are from the Lillington and Erwin teams and the first winners from these teams.

This is the fourth pair of winners selected from the various Harnett teams for their contributions for the week.

4th week, Doris Brown, Lillington. James Faircloth, Erwin.

Help in the selection of the player that you think should get the selection of the top player of the week.

# Browns, Rams Will Play Till Victory Tomorrow

LOS ANGELES (AP)—When the Los Angeles Rams and the Cleveland Browns clash here tomorrow for the National Football League championship only one thing is certain—the game won't end in a tie.

NFL Commissioner Bert Bell took care of that detail when he decreed an extra period, a sudden death affair, if the score is knotted at the end of regulation play.

An additional flip of the coin will determine the kickoff and the first club to score takes the tide and the winner's share of the playoff loot.

If the oddsmakers are right, the game won't end in that way. They have made the Browns 3 to 10 point favorites.

# MIAMI COACH FORGETS

MIAMI (AP)—During the height of a scrimmage, Miami Coach Andy Gustafson shouted eagerly to his defensive team: "Now you're starting to hit."

Then he remembered that he was, after all, a football coach and should not engage in such extravagances. He added, "but you're not looking good yet."

That seemed to be the situation as Miami worked for its Gator Bowl game with Clemson. The defense is below par. The offense looks good, especially with renewed hope that injured triple-threat star Frank Smith might be ready for action by game time.

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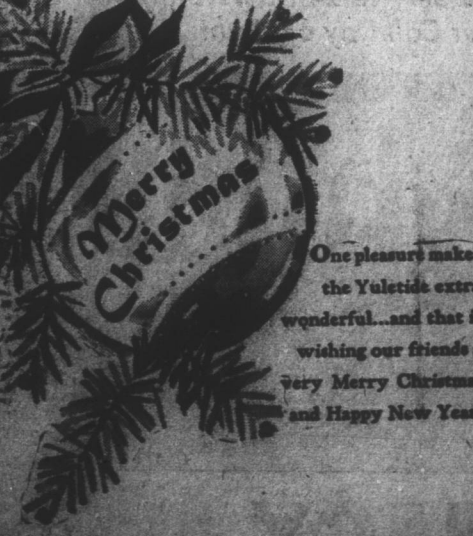
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