

SPORTS SIDELINE+

BY SONNY CARR

A crowd of 11,500, a new afternoon attendance record, in Reynolds Coliseum yesterday watched Holy Cross beat Carolina and State beat Princeton in the first contests of Dixie Classic.

Carolina started off fast in the first quarter and went ahead, but the rebounding and scoring of Togo Palizzi and the ball handling of Earle Markey put Holy Cross out ahead in the second quarter and they stayed there. Palizzi was a demon under the back boards breaking Dickie Hemric's old rebounds record. Earle Markey is a great ball handler and certainly of all-American quality. Holy Cross showed about the best team work of any team that I saw play. The final score was Holy Cross 85 - Carolina 73.

State College played one of their better games of the season yesterday afternoon against Princeton defeating the Tigers 87 to 63. State shot a remarkable 45 percent accuracy from the floor. Led by Forward Bobby Soeicht the Wolfpack started out fast in the second half and built up a lead which Princeton could never equal. State lost last week to St. Johns because of their lousy shooting average by 11 point. Holy Cross beat St. Johns by 19 points and is undefeated.

So the big game this afternoon will be State-Holy Cross, the winner of which will most likely win the crown. If State plays like they did yesterday they will be hard to beat. Trying to beat State in the Coliseum is like trying to fight an octopus in its natural habitat—it's mighty hard to do! On the other hand, if Holy Cross can equal it's performance of yesterday they have a fine chance of winning in spite of playing in the coliseum. Anyhow this will be the game to watch.

The night contest were more evenly matched and much more exciting than the afternoon games. In the first contest, Wake Forest beat Penn in the last seconds on a basket by Billy Lyles. The Deacons were hot all the way and led most of the way until the last quarter. Ernie Beck, Penn All-American prospect, did a terrific job of guarding Dickie Hemric holding him to 11 points which he collected 28 for his team. Jack Williams was top man all over the court for Wake Forest offensively and defensively, as he netted twenty five points. The final score was Wake Forest 65-Penn 61.

The Duke-Brigham Young game was equally as thrilling as the Wake Forest-Penn game. Duke, like Wake Forest, led most of the way through the game but unlike the Deacons they lost the contest in the last eight seconds on a Brigham Young free throw. Bobby Christianson and Richie rank were the best guards I saw all day. Richie led the cougars with 28 points. Mike Mataljan was great under the back boards.

Tonights contests will feature Wake Forest against Brigham Young and Penn against Duke in the consolation. The teams are pretty evenly matched so it should provide some close contests.

RIVAL BACKS IN ANNUAL ROSE BOWL GRID CLASSIC



ACTION SHOTS show Alan Ameche (left) Wisconsin fullback, and Jim Sears, Southern California halfback, whose teams will clash New Year's Day in the annual Rose Bowl football game. (International)

N. C. State Ranks 9th Among College Cagers

NEW YORK (AP) — The United Press Board of Coaches stood pat on the top five college basketball teams today, rating Illinois first and LaSalle second for the fourth straight week even though both were upset last week.

Kansas State, Washington and Seton Hall, occupying the next three places in that order, all gained ground on the two leaders as the race for national honors tightened considerably. In all, 11 teams received votes for first place this week.

The 35 leading coaches who make up the United Press rating board selected this week's top 10 from among the same teams of last week, with a few modifications in places. Minnesota made the biggest advance among the top 10, jumping from ninth to sixth place. Oklahoma A and M, Indiana, North Carolina State and Holy Cross rounded out the first 10.

The coaches based their ratings on games played through Saturday, Dec. 27.

Illinois, which suffered its first defeat in five games last week when upset by Minnesota, attracted 16 first-place votes and a total of 303 points. LaSalle also beaten for the first time in nine games by DePaul, was second with three first-place votes and 248 points.

were other teams that received first place votes in this week's balloting, each attracting one.

UCLA (7-2) just missed a place among the top 10 as it drew 68 points, while Tulsa was 12th and Notre Dame 13th. St. Bonaventure came next, followed by DePaul, Navy, Michigan State, Brigham Young and Fordham. Louisiana State and St. Louis were tied for 20th place.



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TODAY'S SPORTS PARADE

By JACK CUDDY
NEW YORK (AP) — Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano said today he would begin "official" training Saturday at Grossinger, N. Y., for his return title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott.

No date for the slugfest has been announced, but it will be staged at the Chicago Stadium, probably March 25 or April 1. Total gate and television receipts should approximate \$1,000,000.

Rocky used the word "official" in connection with the start of his training grind because, he explained, he already has been doing light conditioning for more than a month.

"Whether I'm on tour or at home in Brockton, I do roadwork nearly every morning and a little shadow-boxing in the afternoon," explained the genial, dark-haired champ in the gray suit and heavy grayish-brown lumberman's shirt.

Rocky, a "nature boy," wore no top coat nor hat as he hustled about New York's frigid streets. With him was wife Barbara in mink coat and manager Al Weill in heavy blue overcoat.

Did the champ foresee any big difference between the coming Chicago fight and his first brawl with 381-year-old Walcott at Philadelphia last Sept. 23?

He grinned and answered quickly. "There'll be one very big difference. I'll try to stay off the canvas in

the first round." At Philadelphia, Rocky was floored in the first heat—for the first time in his life.

He added seriously. "Naturally I hope to put him away sooner than the 3th at Philadelphia. No, I won't change my style this time. It was good enough to beat him in September, and it should be good enough now."

Is the champ carrying much blubber now, after the three-months layoff?

"No, I'll only have to take off six or seven pounds," he said. "I weigh about 193 now, and will fight around 186 or '87."

The Rock will not return to Brockton, Mass., until after the Chicago fight. However, wife Barbara of the reddish-brown hair will go to Brockton on Friday.

"Naturally, I'll miss Rocky while he's away training," she said during a chat in Weill's office. "But, I'll be pretty busy with the baby, Mary Ann. She's only three weeks old, you know. And we've bought a new home in Brockton—a beautiful seven-room ranch house. The baby and I will be moving into the new house before Rocky comes back."

Pilot Weill said Rocky would give some sparring exhibitions in various cities in February "after he gets into good shape." There is a possibility he might make a flying tour of Honolulu, Guam, Manila, Tokyo and Singapore before the Chicago fight, chunky Al added.

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