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Slants

Basketball On The Way

Sports fans can turn their attention to basketball now that all the bowl games are a matter of history and the bitter pill of the Duke defeat has somewhat left our mouths.

Deacons And Walker

Wake Forest's Jim Waller promises to be one of the shining stars of the forthcoming campaign. A perennially high scorer, the Deacon forward has come through in his usually fine fashion.

Mediocre

Indications also point to a rather mediocre outfit for Roxboro High school. Coach Donald Dunlop's boys opened the season against Helena Friday night.

Maybe, the boys will be a little better than that but on the strength of the coach's statement, we wouldn't advise too much confidence.

Won't Budge

Back to tennis now, isn't it interesting to watch the way young Donald Budge is taking the veteran Ellsworth Vines into camp? When this was written, the veteran hadn't won a set from the California redhead.

Incidentally Budge and his troupe of professionals play in Chapel Hill January 25 and tennis fans who want to see Budge perform at his best had better attend to reservations as soon as possible.

Diz Signs A Contract

The big development in baseball recently is the signing of Jerome Herman "Ole Diz" (Aw you know me) Dean for another year of pitching at a reported stipend of \$20,000.

New York City—Return of good times was forecasted in the biggest New Year's Eve celebration Broadway has known for years. It was estimated that \$12,000,000 was expended in theatres, hotels, night clubs and cafes in giving a noisy welcome to 1939.

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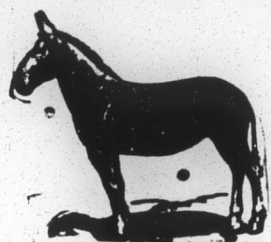
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BOWL VICTORS PROVE PASSES CAN DEFY FOE

Coaches Sure To Devote More Time To Developing Aerial Game Next Season.

After what transpired in the New Year's day games, you may rest assured that coaches will devote even more time to the development of passers and pass receivers next spring and fall.

Texas Christian, Southern California and the West team in San Francisco demonstrated that good passing combinations can defy the opposition to stop them.

Little Davey O'Brien of Texas Christian was accorded his customary exceptionally tight protection as he bombed Carnegie Tech.

Ki Aldrich, who won more than one leg in the competition for the right to be known as the all-America center, dropped back quickly after snapping the ball, crossed in front of O'Brien, and blocked out the first Skibo who came in from the defensive left side.

Connie Sparks, the fullback, who started operations about a yard and a half from and parallel with O'Brien, either faked or did not fake taking the ball, and then moved up to protect from the other side.

Meanwhile, O'Brien took two, sometimes three, steps backward, with the ball poised at his chest, and threw.

O'Brien hit his target so often chiefly because Dutch Meyer fashioned a passing attack that offered a decoy with every receiver.

Its equal would be hard to recall unless one wanted to go back to Swede Oberlander and Dartmouth in 1925, when the Big Green did almost the same thing.

Everything they said about O'Brien was true. The 152-pound mineralogist is the equal or peer of anybody who ever cocked his arm to throw a pigskin.

Under pressure — in the most important game of his career, O'Brien exceeded his amazing season's average of completions, 55.7 percent, with 17 out of 28 for 60 percent against one of the hardest charging teams in the game.

In the Rose Bowl, Howard Harding Jones trotted out passing talent in great numbers. Where Grenville Lansdell and Oliver Day, the standbys, failed, unheard Doyle Nave succeeded in the closing seconds — with Al Kreuger on the receiving end of four consecutive passes.

Kreuger is the Mojave Valley farm boy sophomore who caught the passes that beat Ohio State and Notre Dame.

As Nave explained, Kreuger has a way of breaking away from a defender.

Acting on the part of a speedy receiver perhaps is the most important thing in passing.

Nave's touchdown pass against Duke sailed over Eric Tipton's territory, and Eric the Kicking Red was nothing else but the finest defender against passes in the south. He appeared simply too tired to do much about it.

That was a heartbreak to end all heartbreaks in football . . . Duke being scored on for the first time in 10 games and beaten with 45 seconds to play after taking the ball on downs following the loss of the pigskin on a fumble on its 10-yard line a few seconds before.

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Contender



Lou Nova, whose recent victory over Tommy Farr came as a surprise to a majority of the nation's fight fans, in battling posture before a picture of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis. Nova ranks second to Tony Galento as championship contender, according to National Boxing association ratings.

Grid Deaths At All-Time Low

Only 17 Fatalities Reported, 11 Percent Under 1938 Total, Eastwood Says.

Chicago — Fatalities directly attributable to football hit an all-time low in 1938, the nation's football coaches learned today.

In a report to the American football coaches association and the National Collegiate association meeting here, Dr. Floyd R. Eastwood of Purdue university's physical education division said 17 deaths occurred last season, a reduction of 48.4 percent from the peak of 33 in 1931 and 11 percent under the 1937 total.

The report rounded out the three day meeting of coaches who got down today to the selection of officers. Lou Little of Columbia was slated to succeed Harry Stuhldreher of Wisconsin, as president.

The Eastwood report disclosed four of the 1938 deaths came in sandlot play, three in the athletic club, eight in high school and two in college. The high school

mark was the best since records have been available, said Dr. Eastwood.

Since 1931, the survey pointed out, college fatalities have been reduced 75 percent, sandlot 60 and high school 33 1-3. Athletic clubs number the same as in 1931 although 57 lower than the peak year of 1935.

The report also disclosed: For the first time since the yearly survey was started, a death occurred in Arizona. Leading the fatality toll since 1931 were Pennsylvania (32), New York (25), Illinois (15), Texas and New Jersey (12) and California (11).

The greatest number of fatalities 41 percent came in October, during the first 15 minutes of a game. Halfbacks were the most frequent victims, guards the least. The head, spinal cord and abdomen were the parts of the body most frequently injured in fatal accidents and were the result of tackling (43 percent), blocking (11) and being tackled (9).

J. R. Sherrill of the Vienna township, Forsyth County, reported to his farm agent that using 50 pounds of muriate of pot-

ash an acre to cotton as a side application gave him a 30 percent increase in yield and that earlier and easier picking was noted.

HILLTOPPERS TO MEET CREEDMOOR TUESDAY NIGHT

Fast Game Expected From Both Girls And Boys; Creedmoor Strong.

Next Tuesday at 7:30 Bethel Hill boys and girls basketball teams will play the strong Creedmoor basketball teams in what is thought may be one of the fastest and best games of the season.

Last year Creedmoor boys were unusually strong and reached the semi-finals in North Carolina Eastern Class B Championship race. The Hilltoppers are expected to give them plenty of competition. Fred Fox has returned to the squad and should see some action Friday night.

The boys squad consists of Hall, Tingen, Pixley, Shotwell, Powell, Fox, Todd, Gravely, Boswell, Montague, Pentecost, Rogers, Lowery, Humphries and Milam.

The girls basketball team should have a good passing and shooting attack. This team will be attempting to uphold the good record of former teams. The girls team has been defeated only once in four years.

In two games before Christmas a total of 99 points were scored. Oak Hill High school was defeated 63 - 8 and Virgilina High 33 - 10.

The squad consists of F. Whitfield, Evans, R. Hall, Gentry, Dixon, D. Hall, F. Davis, Z. Woody, Ramsey, Shields, Seamster, Humphries, H. Woody and Dunn.

HELENA CAGERS IN CONFERENCE

Conference Schedule Lists 6 Games During January; Play Bethel Hill.

Helena basketball teams will play with district 3 of the conference this year. The complete schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 10 - Wilton at Wilton. Jan. 13 - Bethel Hill at Helena. Jan. 17 - Creedmoor at Helena. Jan. 20 - Wilton at Helena. Jan. 24 - Creedmoor at Creedmoor. Jan. 27 - Bethel Hill at Bethel Hill.

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PAUL SEVERIN - FORWARD NORTH CAROLINA

Paul Severin, ball hawking end of Carolina's football Tar Heels of '38, has turned his attention to the basketball court this winter and his cage exploits may even dim those of the gridiron. He has been in Carolina's early games at one of the forward posts.

NETTER VINES PREFERS GOLF

Ellsworth Intends To Quit Tennis If Budge Beats Him Conclusively On Tour.

New York — Financially fixed for life, even if he never lifts another tennis racket, Ellsworth Vines intends to quit the professional game for good and devote himself to golf if Don Budge beats him conclusively in their long series of exhibition matches which started Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden.

"Shucks," said Elly, "I've made enough money out of this game and I don't need to hang around after I've passed my peak and take a licking from anybody. Not like Bill Tilden's done. I love golf now more than I ever loved tennis."

"Not that I think Budge is going to give me a bad beating. I'm only 27 and I'm still playing about as good tennis as I ever did. No, I guess I played my best tennis in the winter of 1935-36 against Les Stoefer.

"But if Don does show me he's the better player over the long haul I'll put away the rackets. I mean it. I'd like to devote myself to trying to win the golf championship and I don't see any sense in risking my legs and ankles on a tennis court against a man I can't beat.

"My golf's getting better right along.

"Maybe the reason I've gone so crazy about golf is that every course I play is different from the last, whereas a tennis court is always the same. Besides, I've been at the top in tennis and now I'd like to be the top in something else."

It was with some reluctance that Ellsworth got off his favorite topic and took up the matter of Tuesday's match.

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