

Steers, Vols, Ole Miss, Tech Set For Bowl Tilts

DALLAS, Dec. 31—(AP)—Indications are that Texas and Tennessee will enter the Cotton Bowl game Thursday with the shortest odds of any of the major New Year's Day football clashes.

These certainly are the shortest in the 17-year history of the Dallas post-season game—a point and a half favoring Texas. Even that is too much according to Coach Ed Price of Texas.

Acting head Coach Harvey Robinson of Tennessee thinks it's not enough but he couldn't broaden them by more than five and a half.

Price did think that the dramatic return to the bench of Gen. Bob Neyland head coach of Tennessee, would be a psychological advantage to the Vols.

Flys to Game

Neyland has been in Florida for his health but announced over the week end that he would fly to Dallas to take over direction of the team. It might be his last game as head coach at Tennessee.

Texas will carry the greatest double-barreled scoring weapon in SWC history when it goes hunting for victory in the Cotton Bowl.

Sophomore Billy Quinn and veteran Gib Dawson each claimed new records as they led the league's scorers. Quinn was the No. 1 scorer, striking for 13 touchdowns and 78 points to set a new soph record. Dawson tallied 64 points in Conference play for a new league mark and finished second to Quinn for the full season with 71.

Kozar Out

Tennessee will be without the services of its great fullback, Andy Kozar. It was Kozar that sparked the Volunteers to win over the Longhorns two years ago in Dallas.

It is doubtful that either the Steers or Vols will have any change in style or tactics for the New Year's Day classic.

Tennessee gave up an average of 166.7 yard per game to 10 opponents while Texas yielded an average of 220.4 yards to 10 foes.

Offensively, Texas has the edge, picking up an average of 386.5 yards per game while the Volunteers gained 280 yards.

Approximately 75,000 fans are expected to jam into the Cotton Bowl to see the kick-off scheduled for 1 p.m. The game will be broadcast and telecast by NBC.

Orange Bowl

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 31—(AP)—If Syracuse upsets Alabama in the Orange Bowl battle, it won't be because the Crimson Tide is overconfident, says Alabama Athletic Director Pete Cawthon.

It was pointed out to Cawthon that bowl games are old stuff to Alabama, which has played in ten of them before, and the Tide players might be taking it lightly. Syracuse, on the other hand, will be playing its first major post-season game and is determined to make a good showing.

The odds on the New Year's Day classic shortened Monday by half a point. Alabama is a 13 point choice. 64,000 fans are expected to attend the game.

Both teams are in good shape. And, both seem to be by themselves in this department, with all other major bowl events plagued with numerous and key injuries. This is predicted as one of the top games of the day.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 31—(AP)—Mississippi respects perfect football records and great teams—but isn't afraid of them.

The underdog Rebels, facing Georgia Tech's unbeaten and untied Engineers in the Sugar Bowl here New Year's Day, developed their own system for winning during the regular season.

Also, none is in much worse shape than Georgia Tech, which carries its golden record against twice-tied Mississippi. Billy Teas has a broken collarbone and Leon Hardeman has a bum ankle. The Engineer's top ground gainers with more than 1,400 yards between them, both are doubtful starters.

This could radically alter the odds which favor Tech by seven points. Ole Miss seventh ranked nationally, had the country's ninth most effective offense during the fall, with an average of 383.1 yards a game.

"Mississippi," said genial Bobby Dodd of the Yellowjackets, "will be the best team we've faced in some time. They have a terrific offense and our fine defensive team is going to be taxed to the fullest to check them all."

Johnny Vaught of Mississippi was equally as liberal with his praise for Dodd's wrecking crew from Atlanta.

"My boys are going to have to play inspired ball such as they did in their 21 to 14 win over Maryland to have a chance with Tech in the Sugar Bowl," he said. "Just thinking about Tech's defensive team is enough to scare you."

Vaught Worried

Vaught continued to express concern about what he said was a mild virus infection that hit 14 of his players Sunday.

"We're not as big as Tech physically, either," he added.

"And don't be fooled about Georgia Tech's offense. I think their 28-7 victory over Duke is the finest example of what its offense can do." Tech gained 322 yards that day and Leon Hardeman is good.

The Sugar bowl starts at 1 p.m. (CST) and will be broadcast and telecast by the American Broadcasting Company. About \$2,000 fans are expected.

Rose Bowl

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 31—(AP)—The largest turnout in the flesh, as usual, will be in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, the grandpapa of the post-season extravaganza. A crowd of 103,000 is expected and receipts totaling \$400,000, not counting TV and radio proceeds, would make it a near million dollar enterprise.

Southern Cal, beaten only by Notre Dame is favored by a touchdown over Wisconsin, the Big Ten co-champion, but the Trojans' odds may be changed by the loss of Psalitis, a great defensive back.

The Pacific Coast hasn't been able to subdue a representative of the Big Ten since the present inter-conference series was begun in 1947, but this may be the year.

The Trojans, a group of heavyweights with the speed of bantams, are the best representatives to appear in the Classic for some time.

Big Wisconsin rides on the back of their top fullback Alan Ameche and he may prove the difference along with the Big Ten jinx over the Coast elevens.

The A&M basketball team opens its 1953 conference season against the Baylor Bears in Waco Jan. 6. The Cadets have compiled a 3 win 5 loss record for the year.



SCORED TOUCHDOWNS FOR DETROIT LIONS—Doak Walker (left) and Bobby Lane, Detroit Lions backs, whose football prowess has been a by-word in Texas since they played together on the Highland Park High School in Dallas, Tex., pose in the dressing room after the Lions trounced the Cleveland Browns 17-7, to win the National Football League championship in Cleveland. Both Walker and Layne scored touchdowns. It was Walker's first touchdown of the season and he did it on a 67-yard run. (AP Wirephoto).

1952 Brings Texas Erratic Sport Year

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It was an erratic year in Texas sports—away up here, away down there.

Two champions of the Olympic Games headlined the accomplishments. The other extreme was the low ebb to which football sunk.

Failure of Dallas to make a go of professional football created more talk than even the championships Texas athletes won.

For the first time in years there wasn't a Texas golfer to win a national title although Jack Burke took the Vardon Trophy for the best scoring average. It was marked by the virtual retirement from competitive golf of Ben Hogan, the greatest linksmen of history.

Big Prizes

The big prizes were international—Walter Davis' victory in the Olympic Games high jump, Skippy Browning's victory in Olympics diving. Other Texans distinguished themselves in the Olympic Games but Davis and Browning were the only ones to take first places.

Betsy Rawls was the leading money-winner in women's golf, Betty Jameson won the women's division of the George S. May golf tournament at Chicago—the richest prize sought by the feminine linksters. Betty took down \$5,000.

The North Texas State golf team won the national collegiate championship for the third straight year but Billy Maxwell failed to defend his national amateur title. Don Cherry, the crooner, was the sensation of the national amateur although being eliminated in the semi-finals.

JC Cage Champs

Wharton County won the national junior college basketball championship, a pleasant surprise.

College football in Texas this year was the poorest in many seasons. The inter-sectional record was worse than mediocre. The only team gaining national renown was East Texas State, which swept through the season undefeated and untied.

Dallas men brought professional football to Texas with a big flourish. There was no doubt as to its stability—the men who got the National League franchise were said to have more money than they knew what to do with and wouldn't mind dropping three-quarters of a million dollars just to get pro football started. But after losing \$225,000, these men turned the franchise back to the league. They hadn't expected to lose in the first place, they said, and besides they lost too much.

Pro-Ball Not Wanted

The fans, it seemed, didn't want pro football like it had been anticipated. Not a game drew as many as 20,000 fans—it takes 25,000 to even pay expenses. Failure of the team to win a single game contributed to the lack of interest among the fans.

But Texans did shine in professional football. Bobby Layne and Doak Walker were keymen in Detroit's surge to its division championship in the National League. Layne was the top back of the season. Walker, out for a long time with injuries, got back just in time to spark Detroit to victory over Los Angeles in the showdown game.

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Ags Lose to Texas

Ponies Clip Owls; Win Cage Tourney

The SMU Mustangs won the Cotton Bowl Basketball Tournament in Dallas Tuesday night with a 71 to 62 victory over Rice.

The University of Texas Longhorns snapped a six-game losing streak as they defeated A&M 58 to 54, for their first win in the Tourney. The luckless Aggies wound up without a victory to show for their Dallas visit.

Texas Christian University's Horned Frogs, winners of the Southwest Conference basketball tournament a year ago, took only the consolation prize in the current event Tuesday afternoon as they downed Arizona, the guest team, 63 to 48 in Fair Park recreation building.

Southern Methodists amazing Mustangs squelched Arkansas, 65 to 62, in a full-dressed thriller, and Rice defeated Baylor, 65 to 56, Monday night to roar into the finals.

Hogs Fall

The Razorbacks owned the lead only for a fleeting moment late in the opening period and for a matter of seconds in the next quarter. Otherwise, except for six times when the score was tied briefly, the Hogs trailed.

The Mustangs, fighting their heavily favored adversaries all the way, were ahead, 16 to 15, at the end of the opening quarter, 33 to 28 at half time, and 47 to 44 at expiration of the third. Art Barnes, their spectacular little sophomore, even dropped a free throw through the hoop after having been fouled on the last play of the contest.

Though it was a team victory, Barnes, once again, was a vital spark in the win, as he was in the Mustangs' first-night 57-to-35 defeat of the Texas Aggies. Against the Razorbacks, in addition to turning in a crowd-pleasing floor game, Barnes tallied 15 points to lead his team in scoring, though barrel-chested Jack Kastman was right behind him with 14 and Bryant had 13.

High Scorer

The high scorer for the game was Arkansas' sharp shooting Gene Lambert, with 18. Lambert was one of the three Razorbacks who fouled out in the latter part of the

closely-waged scrap under the experimental rule permitting a player three fouls in each half. Two Mustangs also collected three fouls and were through for the evening.

The Mustangs continued their unusually accurate shooting. They hit on 20 of 45 shots from the floor and 25 of 37 charity chances. The Porkers had 23 for 67 from the floor and 16 for 31 from the free-throw line.

Coach Don Suman's Smooth Owls reached the championship round easily. Led by Gene Schwinger who scored 20 points to run his total in the tournament to 41, the Owls were ahead by at least six points all the way. At the end of the first it was 15 to 7, at the half 39 to 27, and three-quarters way through, 52 to 43.

BAYLOR (54)		ARKANSAS (59)	
fg.	ft.	fg.	ft.
Brown	6 10 1	Shaw	2 4 5
Quillen	0 1 1	Whitley	0 2 0
Bailey	4 8 16	McDonald	2 0 1
Morgan	5 3 13	Adams	2 1 5
Starkey	4 5 21	Bradley	0 0 1
Strasbourg	0 2 2	Scroggins	0 0 1
Wieland	2 1 5	Sarey	2 1 3
Dalton	0 3 0	Lambert	3 4 31
		Smith	1 2 3
		Kennis	3 5 25
		Elkins	2 2 3

Total 15 24 54 Total 19 21 25 59
Half-time score: Arkansas 33, Baylor 27.

Free throws missed: Bailey, Morgan 4, Starkey 5, Strasbourg 5, Dalton, Shaw 2, Lambert, Smith.

Officials: B. J. King and Bo McAlister.

TEXAS (58)		TEXAS A&M (54)	
fg.	ft.	fg.	ft.
Black	0 3 3	Johnson	5 1 11
Morgan	5 5 11	Pirilo	2 1 3
Sealing	4 9 17	Hirt	0 3 5
Richardson	0 1 0	McCraey	0 0 1
Powell	6 7 15	Binford	0 0 0
Saunders	3 2 4	Mikach	5 6 16
		Addison	5 2 22
		Martin	2 1 5

Total 18 22 58 Total 20 14 22 54
Half-time score: A&M 36, Texas 29.

Free throws missed: Black, Morgan 3, Sealing 4, Powell 4, Mikach 5, Addison, Martin 2.

Officials: George Lee, Dwight Parks.

TCU (63)		ARIZONA (48)	
fg.	ft.	fg.	ft.
Baker	0 2 2	Eddy	2 0 7
Brown	2 2 6	Lazovich	0 0 4
Brumley	0 0 0	Stanton	0 0 0
White	4 5 23	Rountree	3 4 10
Warren	6 1 13	Brower	1 1 2
Oiler	3 3 13	Leffault	0 0 1
Allen	1 3 5	Kemmerie	2 5 9
Lampkin	1 2 4	Smithan	3 2 3
Swaim	3 2 7	Dunlap	4 1 9
		Kain	0 1 2
		Castro	1 2 0

Total 22 19 63 Total 16 16 19 48
Half-time score: TCU 37, Arizona 26.
Free throws missed: Baker 2, Brown, White, Oiler 3, Swaim 5, Rountree, Kemmerie, Smithan 3, Dunlap, Kain.

Doak to Play One More Year In Pro Ranks

DALLAS, Dec. 31—(AP)—Doak Walker, Southern Methodist's All-America who made good with a bang in pro football, said today he would play "at least one more year in the professional ranks."

Walker had been quite uncertain about whether he would take a third year until now. But he explained it like this:

"I want to play in the Chicago All-Star game as a pro. I played in it as a collegian and it's always been my ambition to play in it as a professional."

Walker, ace halfback of the National Football League Champion Detroit Lions, came home to Dallas yesterday but will leave tomorrow for Honolulu where he will appear in the Hula Bowl games, Jan. 5 and 11.

Walker and Bobby Layne, former Texas star who played high school football with Walker in Dallas, were the big guns in Detroit's 17-7 victory over Cleveland Sunday in the league championship game. Layne scored one touchdown and Walker the other.

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Stanky, Weiss, Roberts Named Baseball's Best

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30—(AP)—George Weiss, Eddie Stanky and Robin Roberts Saturday were named major league baseball's No. 1 men of the year in annual selection by the Sporting News.

Weiss, general manager of the New York Yankees, was cited as the top major league executive for the third straight year while Stanky, St. Louis Cardinal pilot, received the managerial citation. Roberts, ace Philadelphia Phillie pitcher was named No. 1 player.

The newspaper also awarded similar honors in the minor leagues to: Jack Kent Cooke, president of Toronto in the International League; Luke Appling, manager

of Memphis in the Southern Association; Bill Skowron, Kansas City outfielder in the American Association, and Hillman Lyons, general manager of Danville in the Mississippi-Ohio Valley League as top executive in the lower classification minors.

Weiss was credited with being "the man behind the scenes" in the Yankees' fourth straight championship drive. The peppery Cardinal manager was honored for his ability to organize and get the most out of the material at hand, and Roberts as an "outstanding performer with the fourth-place Phillies." He paced the majors with 28 victories.

Record Attendance

Cooke, the newspaper said, established a club record of 446,000 paid attendance. Appling, whose team won the Dixie Series title, was cited as a manager who "did so much with so little." Skowron led the American Association in home runs, total bases and RBIs and was third in hitting in his second season of organized baseball. Lyons was honored for increasing attendance, wiping out a \$12,000 deficit and ending "the season in the black."

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