

A&M Falls to TCU

Rice Beats Texas For Title, 65-58

HOUSTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Sophomore Joe Durrenberger teamed up with the magnificent Gene Schwinger to rally the undefeated Rice Owls after a miserable start to defeat Texas 65-58 and win the Southwest Conference pre-season basketball tournament championship.

The Owls won their 10th game in a row by overcoming an early Texas lead that reached 11 points shortly after the second quarter began.

Quick baskets by Durrenberger and Schwinger started the Rice comeback and the Owls were only three points behind at the half 24-27.

In less than a minute of the third quarter, Durrenberger tied the count at 27-27 on a free throw and put the Owls ahead for the first time at 28-27. A goal by Texas' Bob Waggener produced a 29-28 tie but Buzzy Bryan put the Owls ahead again at 31-29 and they never trailed again.

Schwinger scored 24 points for a three-game record 84. He also was voted the tournament's most outstanding player for a second straight year.

Durrenberger scored 19 points 12 of them in the last half.

Sophomore Carl Scharffenberger led Southern Methodist to a 70-66 victory over Arkansas as the Mustangs grabbed third place.

Scharffenberger scored 23 points as Southern Methodist and Arkansas battled on fairly even terms in their third-place game. The lead changed 13 times and the score was tied 15 times.

Bama Consolated

Alabama won the consolation championship of the tournament Wednesday with a 67-61 victory over Baylor before an afternoon audience of 1,000.

In the seventh place game Texas Christian led all the way to defeat the Texas Aggies, 69-41, for the Purple's only victory in the tournament. The Aggies were the only team which failed to win a game.

Alabama's brilliant Perry Harper scored 28 points to give him a total of 74 points.

On the other hand, Hank Ohlen's tournament progress wasn't very rapid.

The Texas Christian center entered the tournament with a 24-point average. He scored only 29 points in three games and played about half the time against the Aggies and scored 10 points.

Dependable Ray Warren led the Froggies fifth 18, a total exceeded by Roy Martin's 20 for the Cadets.

Alabama had trouble all the way with Baylor, which led at the end of the third quarter, 47-46. But the Bears saw Bill Sexton and Harper go on a point rampage that prevented them from their second victory of the tournament.

Harper scored nine points in the fourth quarter as Baylor never got closer than three points in the final period. Sexton's basket to open the period sent Alabama ahead, and it never trailed the rest of the way. Harper missed nine free throws.

The lead changed hands six times and the game was tied three times.

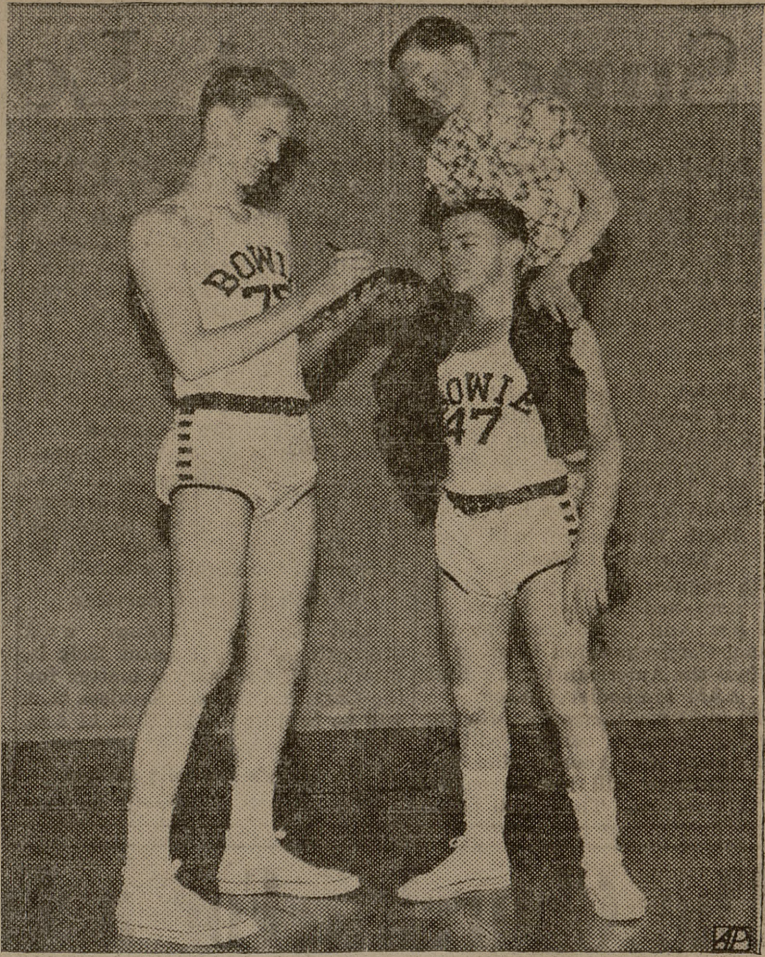
The Tide hit 33 per cent of its field goals to Baylor's 31 per cent. Murray Bailey was the top Bear scorer with 17 points.

Near the end of the first half the Aggies pulled closest to TCU at two points, but Warren shot the Froggies into a 30-24 halftime lead and they never headed the rest of the way.

A&M made 32 per cent of its field goal attempts and TCU hit 40 per cent.

Poor Aggies!

Table with columns G, F, P, T for various teams including A&M, TCU, SMU, etc.



TALL TEXAN—Temple Tucker, Bowie high school's 6 foot 10 inch basketball star, is one of the most sought-after athletes in Texas, but he has indicated that Rice has the inside track for his college playing days.

Basketball Scores

Table of basketball scores for various tournaments including SWC, Gator Bowl, Capital Invitational, etc.

Johnson Ailing on Eve Of Rice-Alabama Battle

DALLAS, Dec. 31.—The Rice Owls, everybody's choice in the Cotton Bowl classic, arrived by air here Wednesday morning from a two-day stay in Abilene bringing gloomy tidings that all-American David (Kosse) Johnson may not start against Alabama New Year's Day.

At the airport, where the 37-man team was greeted by a bevy

of coed beauties and Cotton Bowl officials, Rice Trainer Eddie Wojewicki pronounced Johnson "ready to go."

Kosse, who explained his injury as a strained muscle in the right ankle, also said he was ready.

But at the afternoon practice at Owenby Stadium, the fullback was the last player to come on the field and limped noticeably. He posed

for the photographers but skipped the brisk hour-long drill returning to the dressing room to have his ankle worked on by Wojewicki.

Afterward, Neely said: "I just don't know if Johnson will start. The ankle is not coming along as well as I hoped."

If Johnson does not start, Neely indicated that Sophomore Mac Taylor of Lubbock would take over the fullback role with Senior Bob Garbrecht of New York being held in reserve.

Whether Johnson is used or not, Dickie Moegle will do the punting. The chore is usually handled by Kosse.

"We have the utmost respect for Alabama," Neely said. "We especially wanted to come up here and find out why they made us a touchdown favorite."

"I'm a little surprised they (Alabama) got here considering all these injuries they have," he added. Neely said that Leroy Fenstermaker would start at quarterback and Gordon Kellogg at right half.

How sharp is his team, Neely was asked.

"Two weeks ago, the club was sharp—more so than at any time this season. I think the boys will give a good account of themselves."

Quarterback Albert Elmore was lost to Alabama Wednesday to add to the woes of Coach Harold (Red) Drew as he tried to get his battered Crimson Tide ready.

It made the quarterbacking situation quite critical since Bart Starr is the last field general with experience left. But it wasn't expected—Elmore hasn't worked a single time since Alabama has been here because of injuries suffered in an automobile crash during the Christmas holidays. But Drew had held out until Wednesday that his "running" quarterback could spell Starr, the one who leans toward punting.

Sports Round-Up

Writer Picks Rice, Raiders, Sooners

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK —(AP)—Employing once more the practically infallible Talbot system which enabled us during the past year to predict Roland LaStarza's ascension to the heavyweight title and Native Dancer's runaway victory in the Kentucky Derby, we are pleased to provide our readers all both with an exclusive preview of tomorrow's bowl games.

Orange Bowl — The Oklahoma Sooners will win that showdown by about two touchdowns, partly because the Maryland team did not get voted the nation's No. 1 with its great quarterback, Bernie Faloney, sitting on the bench with a bad knee. No team can lose its finest back and be the same.

Rose Bowl—We'll have to go along with Michigan State until the West Coast finally proves its large, sun-kissed lads belong on the same field with the little, undernourished specimens who annually represent the Big Ten. UCLA has an authentic All America in Paul Cameron, and he has a team around him which can move the ball from the single wing. But you

know how it always is. Pretty soon the Big Ten backs begin going every which way with the ball and the volume of sound from the big bowl slowly subsides.

Cotton Bowl—Rice over Alabama by anything up to three touchdowns, with All America Kosse Johnson showing off big before his first national audience.

Sugar Bowl—The crystal ball is a little clouded on this one, but we'll string with the odds makers and give Georgia Tech a split decision over West Virginia.

Gator Bowl — Texas Tech, the mighty scoring outfit from the plains country featuring Bobby Cavazos and 12 other talented backs, has to be the choice over Auburn in what should be an eye-filling offensive display.

Sun Bowl—Mississippi Southern, upstart conqueror of both those fine old gentlemen, Alabama and Georgia, rates a three-touchdown margin over Texas Western in our home town, El Paso.

Cigar Bowl—Lacrosse State over Missouri Valley.

Bowl Games Appear Close, High-Scoring

NEW YORK —(AP)—Close observers figured today a total of seven touchdowns should decide the five major New Year's Day football bowl games.

Three of the contests—the Rose, the Orange and the Gator—looked close enough that the winning margin in each might be a touchdown or less.

The Sugar Bowl and the Cotton Bowl appeared a little more one-sided, although not by more than a couple of touchdowns apiece.

Maryland continues to rate a slight nod over Oklahoma in the Miami Orange Bowl clash between what on paper are the two highest ranking clubs. The unbeaten Terrapins of Jim Tatum won 19 games in gaining the No. 1 rating in the Associated Press poll. Oklahoma lost its opener by a touchdown to Notre Dame and was tied by Pittsburgh but wound up No. 4.

The condition of Bernie Faloney's left knee may make this game even closer. Faloney injured the knee in his last regular game against Alabama and it's not right yet, although trainer Duke Wyrse says he will be available for some action.

Michigan State figures to start a new Big Ten winning streak in the Rose bowl at the expense of UCLA but it isn't nearly as strong a favorite as the Midwest clubs often are at Pasadena. UCLA pins its hopes on All-American Paul Cameron. Both teams are in fine condition.

The Gator Bowl at Jacksonville finds Texas Tech, highest scoring major team in the country, rated over Auburn, another explosive outfit from the Southeastern Conference. The team that can muster the most defense probably will prevail.

Georgia Tech's Engineers should extend Coach Bobby Dodd's winning bowl record to five games in their Sugar Bowl meeting with West Virginia at New Orleans. But the boys from the hills may prove every bit as good as their 8-1 record, which has been criticized in some quarters for including some relatively weak foes.

Coach Art Lewis has drilled his Mountaineers hard for the past 10

days. Tech has been satisfied with only one full-scale drill.

Injuries have plagued both of the Cotton Bowl foes, Alabama and favored Rice, with Alabama the hardest hit.

Quarterback Albert Elmore, injured in a car crash during the Christmas vacation, definitely will not suit up, Alabama Coach Red Drew said last night. He added that two other regulars, right end Bud Willis and right guard Charles Eckerly, would see only limited action as will Curtis Lynch, who is supposed to understudy Willis on the flank.

All America Kosse Johnson of Rice was still limping at yesterday's practice session and did no contact work.

Aussies Win Davis Cup; Seixas Falls

By WILL GRIMSLEY

MELBOURNE —(AP)—Ken Rosewall, a pint-sized racket rifleman of 19, saved the coveted Davis Cup for Australia today by mowing down America's depressed Wimbledon champion, Vic Seixas, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the climatic fifth match of the Challenge Round.

Nervous as a kitten at first, but inhaling confidence as Seixas fell into the simplest errors, the dark-haired Sydney youngster swept past his opponent in 93 minutes to give the Aussies a 3-2 victory and their 11th triumph since the series started in 1900.

This was the fourth straight year the lads from Down Under have beaten off the Yanks in the Challenge Round. The Americans won from 1946 through 1949.

Although neither Rosewall nor Seixas played above-average tennis in the technical sense of the word, it was a good match from a competitive standpoint and the crowd of 17,500 that filled every seat in the Kooyong stadium got a big kick out of it.

Cotton Bowl, SWC Tied Up Back in 1940

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF Associated Press Sports Writer

The 18th annual Cotton Bowl game goes on Friday. It has come a long way from 1937 when Curtis Sanford started its promotion. Sanford tried it four times and lost money but had founded the solidest post-season classic of them all.

We shall never forget Jan. 1, 1940, when Clemson and Boston College played. The spectators were not outnumbered by the players and bands but there were mighty few folks.

But in 1940 the Southwest Conference tied up with the Cotton Bowl and its success was assured from then on.

The Cotton Bowl today is the best operated of all the post-season games. It doesn't go in for lavish entertainment and Dallas does not have the attractions of New Orleans and Pasadena but there never is any rhabar connected with its operation, no school ever has been able to charge the Cotton Bowl with giving it the run-around or of making promises it didn't keep and the financial structure always has been above reproach.

When the NCAA set down on bowl games and called for certain things, such as having a college operation and a better distribution of the money, the Cotton Bowl already was in line. The Cotton Bowl never would have caused cries of football overemphasis.

Friday, the Cotton Bowl will take in a net \$298,000 at the gate. Radio, television, programs and concessions will contribute another \$120,000. Here's how that money—a total of \$418,000—will be distributed:

Seven per cent goes toward paying off the stadium debt, leaving \$298,000. Of that Rice and Alabama, the competing teams, will get 39 per cent each—approximately \$151,000. The Cotton Bowl gets the other 22 per cent—\$87,000—for its operating fund.

Rice isn't going to take home \$151,000 and neither is Alabama. Here's how Rice will share in the money: it will get \$60,000 and some \$3,000 for travel expenses. That will leave \$83,000 to be cut up seven ways—each member of the Southwest Conference gets a share. So Rice will get \$12,000 more, making its total take for playing in the game about \$75,000. But the other six conference schools get \$12,000 each for not playing.

Alabama has a similar split-up to make with the Southeastern Conference.

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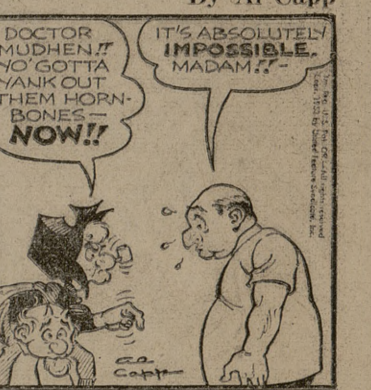
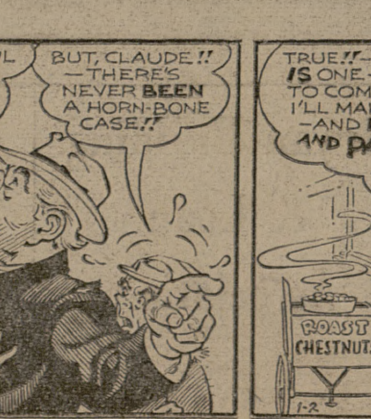
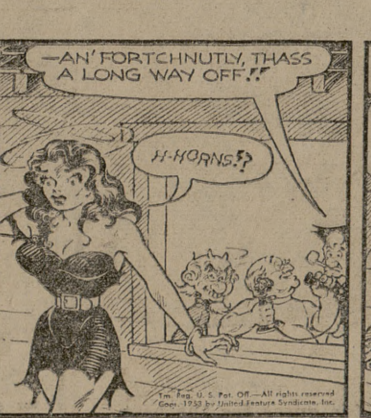
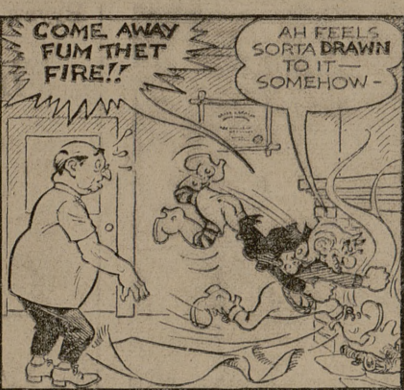
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