

# Sugar, Orange Bowl Games Draw St. Mary's, Holy Cross

## Bowl Stars

Worcester, Mass. (AP) — Holy Cross's football team, picked to represent the East in the Orange Bowl game in Miami on New Year's Day, started its training this year with material so meager that the April practice sessions had to be canceled.

This discouraging prospect did not daunt John "Ox" DeGross, serving his first year as head coach, and when the regular schedule was completed there was only a 14-1 defeat by Temple to mar the team's record.

Captain Stan Koslowski, third highest scorer in the country as a freshman in 1943; Frank Kronoff, the only veteran from last year's team; and Steve Conroy, a reserve guard from four years back.

The inexperienced Crusaders won from Dartmouth 13-6 in their first game, then beat Yale 27-0, the first time Holy Cross has ever subdued a team from the New Haven school. In the contest with Villanova, Koslowski made two touchdowns in the first three minutes and the Holy Cross boys went on to win 28-6.

The next four games were won convincingly, by scores of 23-0 over Brown; 21-0 over Colgate; 20-6 over the U. S. Submarine Base; and 39-6 over the U. S. Coast Guard Academy.

The strain of winning their first seven games finally told on the young team as Holy Cross met an inspired eleven from Temple and was defeated. But this defeat served to arouse the boys from Worcester and they played superbly against their long-time opponents from Boston College, winning 46-0, and subsequently receiving the invitation to meet the University of Miami in the Orange Bowl.

Holy Cross has been practicing for its first Bowl game in snow varying from one to four inches, but the coach has discounted this as an alibi for defeat.

"It should take us about a week down in Florida to thaw out and then we'll really be ready for anybody," he vows. "Holy Cross will do its best, and if that isn't good enough, we'll just have to do better."



Meet Charles "Spike" Cordoba, 19, (top), and Herman Wedemeyer, 21 (center) of St. Mary's College (Calif.) eleven. These twin tornadoes from Hawaii, both halfbacks, will lead the Crus in New Orleans' Sugar Bowl against undefeated Oklahoma A. & M. Stanley Koslowski (bottom) is the star halfback and captain of the Holy Cross Raiders which meet Miami University in the Orange Bowl game. Both contests are scheduled for New Year's Day.

Los Angeles — "Underhill Team" is the title that has been handed the Galloping Gaels of St. Mary's College who left San Francisco for New Orleans, where they meet undefeated Oklahoma A. & M. in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day.

Captain Jimmie Phelan, outstanding candidate for "Coach of the Year" honors, led his youthful charges to seven wins in eight games, including a 20-13 victory over California and a 36-0 triumph over the University of Southern California, a Rose Bowl entry.

Though not the strongest team in St. Mary's history, the present outfit is the most spectacular one. Sparked by the sensational all-American halfback, "Squire" Herman Wedemeyer, and his Hawaiian helpmate, 150-lb. Charles "Spike" Cordoba, the Gaels handle the ball like championship basketball team.

In the amazing 36-0 rout of Southern California last November 3, the Gael ball handling bewildered U. S. C. before an unbelieving hometown throng of 78,000. It was the worst defeat

a Trojan team has ever known from a Pacific Coast rival.

At the beginning of the season 22 members of the 40-man crew were 17 years of age; eight were 18; four were 19. Only a half-dozen players among the "Magnificent Juveniles" had reached their 20th birthdays.

The team is undoubtedly the most youthful and inexperienced ever to achieve major success on the nation's gridirons. There are only four sophomores on the squad — all the rest are freshmen!

Who is the old "Nestor" of the outfit is Jimmie Phelan's "Ancient Mariner" quarterback, 23-year-old Dennis O'Connor, a discharged serviceman. Dennis is called the brainiest signal caller on the Pacific Coast.



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Gen. Patton Termed 'Great Leader,' 'Gallant Commander' Frankfurt — (INS) — Archbishop Carlo Chiarlo, Papal representative in Germany, who met Gen. George S. Patton in Italy, termed the American Field Commander a "great leader." Commenting on Patton's death he said: "The United States and world civilization will miss him. To all members of the Patton family, our blessings." Paris — (INS) — Jefferson Caffery, U. S. Ambassador to France paid tribute here to Gen. George S. Patton as the "gallant Commander of the Army which contributed so much to the liberation of France." Caffery said Patton personified the skill and heroism of the nations allied against Germany, and that "his death will be lamented by people of all Allied Nations — not least by the French who recently and so lavishly honored him."