

**TEXAS' TOMMY FORD** scoots through the Texas A&M line for seven yards early in Thursday's game featuring the No. 1 ranked Longhorns. At halftime the surprising A&M Aggies were leading, 7-3. Texas rallied late in the game to score a 15-13 victory and record its first undefeated season in 43 years. (UPI Telephoto)

## Texas Rallies For 15-13 Triumph; Illinois Wins

**By United Press International**  
Usually the aftermath of Thanksgiving day is turkey hash, but — for Texas, 15-13 victor over Texas A&M in one of the most dramatic games of any season, that left Texas Coach Darrell Royal admitting he was "shaken." It's a possible national championship. For Illinois, playing a "pursuit" game to the hilt in a 13-0 conquest of Michigan State, it's the school's first undisputed Big Ten championship in 10 years and a berth in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

For North Carolina, a 16-14 winner over Duke on a 42-yard field goal by Max Chapman with 33 seconds to play, its share of the Atlantic Coast Conference championship and a spot in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28.

**Win SC Crown**  
For Virginia Tech, 35-20 winner over VMI, it's the Southern Conference title.

And for Syracuse, 14-7 winner over Notre Dame, it's just plain old sweet revenge.

Texas, now assured of being the host in the Cotton Bowl game on Jan. 1, can look forward hopefully to next week when the final football ratings of the 1963 season are made by the UPI board of coaches. The Longhorns went into Thursday's game with the No. 1 national ranking and came out of it with a 10-0 season record, the only perfect mark among major colleges.

But for a long time as the shadows began to fall at College Station, Tex., Thursday, it looked like Texas' goose—rather than turkey—was cooked. Jim Keller of the Aggies had flipped two touchdown passes of 54 and

29 yards and in return Texas had only a 27-yard field goal by barefoot Tony Crosby.

**Texas Rallies**  
Trailing, 13-3, going into the fourth period Texas rallied for two touchdowns — the first after three minutes of play when Tommy Ford crashed over from the one and the second several minutes later, set up by Tommy Wade's passes and scored by Duke Carlisle on a one-yard plunge.

The Big Ten announced selection of Illinois for the Rose Bowl just as soon as the Illini had beaten Michigan State, thanks to a brilliant defense plus a touchdown by Joe Grabowski on a 14-yard run and two field goals by Jim Plankenhorn.

North Carolina blew a 10-0 lead and trailed Duke, 14-13, in the closing minute. Chapman, whose miss on an extra-point earlier now seemed about to doom the Tar Heels, suddenly redeemed himself with his booming field goal that gave North Carolina a tie with North Carolina State for the ACC title.

Bob Schweikert led Virginia Tech to its win over VMI by passing for two touchdowns and then returning a punt 82 yards for another.

**Syracuse Bounced Back**  
Syracuse, trailing 7-6, scored with less than four minutes to play when Dick King flipped a 35-yard touchdown pass to Mike Koski to down Notre Dame.

Also on turkey day: Mike Reid's two touchdowns and Carl Eller's line play led Minnesota in 14-0 upset of Wisconsin; Dick

Shiner passed for one TD, scored another for Maryland in 21-6 win over Virginia; Archie Roberts passed for the winning TD for Columbia in 35-28 decision over Rutgers; three TD passes by Eddie Pasinlong gave West Virginia a 38-7 romp over Furman; Gary Wood scored twice in Cornell's 17-8 victory over Penn; and Clemson, after failing to win in its first five games, wound up with its fifth straight victory, 24-20, over South Carolina.

A larger program of games is on tap Saturday, including Yale-Harvard and several others postponed from last week because of the death of President Kennedy.

## Detroit Battles Green Bay To NFL Deadlock, 13-13

**By United Press International**  
The Green Bay Packers suffered another shattering loss in their traditional Thanksgiving Day game with the Detroit Lions Thursday — but this time it wasn't the game.

The favored Packers, who were blitzed a year ago in the holiday game, were tied by the fired-up Lions, 13-13, in the final 16 seconds.

But in the process, the Packers lost their standout middle linebacker, Ray Nitschke, who

broke a bone in his right forearm in the fourth period.

Nitschke's injury wasn't believed serious after the game but X-rays taken when the team returned to Green Bay revealed the fracture that sidelined him for the season.

Packers Coach Vince Lombardi is still convinced the Packers have a chance to make the National Football League title game for the fourth straight season.

**Chances Are Slim**  
But the deadlock with Detroit didn't help the Packers' chances of overtaking Chicago, especially since the club has now lost Nitschke.

The Chicago Bears, who play Minnesota Sunday, are 9-1-1 in the Western Division while the Packers are second with a 9-2-1 record.

If the Bears lose one of their final three games and the Packers win their final two, the clubs will meet in Green Bay in a playoff for the Western Division title. The Bears have already beaten the Packers twice this season.

It may be the year for playoffs in the NFL: In the Eastern Division three clubs — Cleveland, St. Louis and New York — are tied for first place. Two of them, Cleveland and St. Louis, play in the feature game Sunday in St. Louis.

Besides the Chicago-Minnesota game, the other four games Sunday will feature New York at Dallas, Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, Baltimore at Washington and Los Angeles at San Francisco.

## Denver Topples Buckaroos, 3-1

**By United Press International**  
The Denver Invaders have invaded the No. 1 spot in the Western Hockey League standings—and if statistics are any indication, they might be awfully tough to shoulder out.

The scrappy Invaders, who are leading the league in both offense and defense, moved into a tie with Los Angeles for the top spot Thursday night by defeating Portland, 3-1, in the only contest played.

The Denver team has scored a total of 75 goals during the season to hold a healthy lead in that department. Ironically, the team with the next highest total is the ill-fated Vancouver with 66.

However, the Invaders have allowed only 52 goals, four fewer than have been scored against their nearest competitor in that department, the Seattle Totems with 56. Vancouver has given up 75, which explains the last place position of the Canucks.

The game in Denver Thursday night started as a tight affair, with neither team able to score in the first period. Then John Slevener hit for the Invaders midway through the second period and Rudy Migay, who scored a hat trick two nights before, slapped one in toward the end of the period to give Denver all the points it really needed.

Both teams scored in the final period, with Billy Collins hitting for Denver and Gerry Goyer finally found the net for Portland.

Goalie Dave Kelley of Portland had an impressive 29 saves in his futile effort to thwart the rugged Denver attack. Al Millar saved 24 for the Invaders.

All of the top teams, separated by just three points, will see action tonight. Portland is at San Francisco, Los Angeles at Seattle and Denver at Vancouver.

## Sports

### SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST



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### Sports Calendar

**Friday**  
Prep Football  
A-1 Championship  
North Salem Vikings vs. Grant Generals, 8 p.m., Multnomah Stadium, Portland.

**Saturday**  
Prep Football  
A-2 Championship  
North Catholic Royals vs. Phoenix Pirates, 1:30 p.m., Southern Oregon College Field, Ashland.  
B 11-Man Championship  
Jefferson Lions vs. Wasco County, 1:30 p.m., Maupin.  
B 8-Man Championship  
Eagle Valley Eagles vs. Camas Valley Hornets, 1:30 p.m., Knox Field, Myrtle Creek.

**College Football**  
Oregon State Beavers vs. Oregon Ducks, 1:30 p.m., Hayward Field, Eugene.

### STANDINGS

**NFL Standings**  
By United Press International

Eastern Division	W.	L.	T.	Pct	PF	PA
New York	8	3	0	.727	337	222
Cleveland	8	3	0	.727	282	194
St. Louis	8	3	0	.727	269	217
Pittsburgh	6	3	2	.667	260	223
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	231	296
Washington	3	8	0	.273	225	291
Philadelphia	2	8	1	.200	195	289

**Western Division**

Chicago	9	1	1	.900	233	106
Green Bay	9	2	1	.818	317	175
Baltimore	5	6	0	.455	220	239
Los Angeles	4	7	0	.364	159	283
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	248	319
Detroit	4	7	1	.364	274	231
San Francisco	2	9	0	.182	157	322

**Thursday's Results**  
Green Bay 13, Detroit 13

**Sunday's Games**  
New York at Dallas  
Baltimore at Washington  
Cleveland at St. Louis  
Los Angeles at San Francisco  
Minnesota at Chicago  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh

**AFL Standings**  
By United Press International

Eastern Division	W.	L.	T.	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	3	4	0	.600	211	227
Boston	5	5	1	.500	261	187
Buffalo	5	5	1	.500	233	250
New York	4	5	1	.444	208	287

**Western Division**

San Diego	8	2	0	.800	267	180
Oakland	7	4	0	.636	235	175
Kansas City	2	6	2	.250	212	22
Denver	2	8	1	.200	229	328

**Thursday's Results**  
Oakland 26 Denver 10

**Sunday's Games**  
Kansas City at New York  
Buffalo at Boston  
Houston at San Diego

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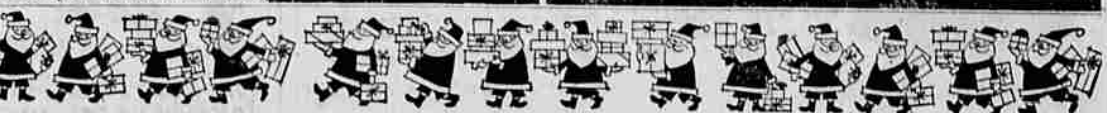


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