

# Baltimore Crushes New York 31-16 For Pro Football Title

BALTIMORE, Md. (UPI) — Johnny Unitas will get better. But the big story is that you can get the blond Baltimore Colt quarterback down but you can't keep him there.

That was the story of Baltimore's second straight triumph over the New York Giants in the National Football League championship game, 31-16. And Sunday's story may tell the tale of the league for years to come because Unitas is only 26 and coach Weeb Ewbank of the Colts says

he will get better. But New York's defensive platoon, one of the finest developed in recent years, has put Unitas to the supreme test in two consecutive games and found him composed of equal parts of talent, skill and heart.

This defensive unit — and 57,547 Memorial Stadium fans plus millions of TV viewers will certify the action — repeatedly hammered Unitas into the scarred sod. This defensive display by such huskies as Andy Robustelli, Sam Huff, Cliff Livingston and Dick Modzelewski enabled the Giants to nibble away until they took a 9-7 lead into the final

period. Baltimore fans watched in awe while their hero was buried under heaps of white-shirted Giants for losses totaling 57 yards.

Unitas Came Back But Unitas, who was turned down by major colleges because he was too small and released by the Pittsburgh Steelers, bounced back just as he always has in the past. His passes gave the Colts a 23-17 victory over the Giants in last year's unprecedented overtime game for the title and they finally cracked Sunday's bitter defensive struggle wide open.

Starting on his 15 late in the third period, Unitas drove the

Colts 75 yards in 10 plays for the touchdown that started a 24-point Baltimore blitz. Unitas fooled the New York defense when he swung around right end to score it, but the plays that set it up were his key tosses to Raymond Berry and Lenny Moore.

The Giants had been successful in keeping Unitas from completing vital third down passes when the Colts needed eight or 15 yards to keep rolling. But as the final period began, Unitas hit Berry for a 17-yard gain on a third-and-eight situation. Then Moore, who had teamed with Unitas to produce a touchdown on a 60-yard perfect play in the opening minutes, took a pass from Unitas on the New York 40, broke loose from Rosey Grier and ran to the New York 13.

### Cracked Defense Open

Moore then leveled Livingston with a vital block while Unitas raced to put the Colts back in front at 14-9. Thus after 47 minutes and 42 seconds Unitas cracked open the defensive classic that might possibly have ended in at least a near re-run of last year's "sudden death" overtime title clash. During those 48 minutes, there were no interceptions despite the constant hammering Unitas and quarterback Charlie Conery of the Giants took from the rival defenses.

The Giants, who shipped the Cleveland Browns twice en route to the Eastern Division title, collapsed as dusk fell over the flood-lit stadium. Baltimore fans, who behave admirably although they have been called the most partisan in the league, went wild while the Colts poured three touchdowns and a field goal into the statistics in the last 13 minutes.

## LA Tourney Top Coast Hoop Fare

California's 22-game winning streak gets its severest test of the 1959-60 season tonight against unbeaten Illinois in the first round of the first annual Los Angeles Basketball Classic.

The Illinois (5-0) and Coach Pete Newell's defending NCAA champions (6-0) clash at 9 p.m., climaxing the first day of action in the new Los Angeles Sports Arena.

West Virginia's nationally ranked Mountaineers (8-0), the tournament favorites, meet Stanford University at 7:30 p.m. Leading the West Virginians is All American Jerry West, averaging 26 points a game this season.

Other first round games paired Southern California vs. Northwestern in the curtain raiser and UCLA vs. Michigan in the third tilt.

**Action In Northwest** The annual Far West Conference Basketball Tourney opens today in Chico, with guest teams Whittier and Willamette drawing the favored roles.

Today's bracketing sent Willamette (5-1) against Humboldt State (3-4), Whittier (6-2) vs. Nevada (2-5), defending champion San Francisco State (1-5) vs. Sacramento State (1-7), and Chico State (3-5) vs. Cal Aggies (1-7).

City College of San Francisco and host Hancock College were co-favorites in the three-day Christmas Tournament opening in Santa Maria today. Santa Barbara City College and Monterey tangled in the first game, with Coalinga facing Santa Ana, San Francisco meeting Hartnell and Cal Poly opposing San Luis Obispo.

## Scores

By United Press International

(First Round) Saturday's College Basketball By United Press International EAST Holiday Festival Tournament at New York (First Round)

St. Joe (Pa.) 84 Manhattan 70 New York U. 70 Dartmouth 68 Iowa 91 St. Johns (N.Y.) 84 Cincinnati 96 St. Bonaventure 56

Queen City Invitational at Buffalo, N.Y. (First Round) Canisius 89 Pittsburgh 82 Wisconsin 95 Boston College 82

MIDWEST Big Eight Tournament at Kansas City, Mo. (First Round) Iowa St. 74 Kansas St. 73 (o.t.) Colorado 64 Nebraska 55

Evansville Invitational at Evansville, Ind. (First Round) Wittenberg 56 Tennessee Tech 44 Evansville 85 Fresno St. 77

Xavier (Ohio) 84 New Mexico 76 Marquette 84 Milw. Br. Wis. U. 70 Detroit 87 Buffalo Techs 56 St. Louis 84 Creighton 66

SOUTHWEST Dillard 64 Southern (La.) U. 52 Xavier (La.) 71 Tex. Southern 65

Far West Classic at Corvallis, Ore. (First Round) Oregon St. 54 New Mexico St. 50 Idaho 63 Portland St. 45 Washington St. 71 Hawaii 45 Oregon 66 Denver 49 Idaho 62 Portland 45

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## Oregon State, Ducks Advance In Far West

CORVALLIS (UPI) — It could be an all-Oregon finale when the championship game is played in the Far West Classic Tuesday night.

Whatever happens, though, a Northwest team will be crowned champion of the tourney.

Oregon, Oregon State, Washington State and Idaho all turned in first round wins Saturday.

Oregon State was a 54-50 winner over New Mexico State; Oregon blasted Denver's Pioneers 66-49; Washington State took the measure of Hawaii 71-45 and Idaho avenged an early season loss at the hands of Portland by beating the Pilots, 63-45.

Action tonight in the championship brackets sees Oregon State testing Idaho in the first game and Oregon meeting the tough Washington State Cougars.

In consolation play this afternoon Portland met New Mexico State and in the second game Denver played Hawaii.

Only one game Saturday was close and that was the first game of the tournament between OSC and New Mexico State.

**OSC Blows Lead** The Beavers had a 15-point lead at 38-23 with 14 minutes left only to see New Mexico narrow it to four with three minutes left. Aggies cut OSC's margin to 36-46 but that was as close as they could get.

**Weekend Sports Briefs** United Press International

Saturday MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Blue defeated the Gray, 20-5, before 20,000 in the annual Blue Gray football game.

NEW YORK — The U.S. Olympic Committee announced that Clifford (Tip) Goes of Syracuse will retire from Olympic rowing after next summer's Roman games. Goes, 66, has been in the sport for 50 years.

MIAMI, Fla. — The North College All-Stars defeated the South, 27-17, in the annual Shrine charity football game.

TEMPE, Ariz. — The National All-Stars defeated the Southwest All-Stars, 21-6, in the Copper Bowl football game.

Sunday STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Attorney Roy Cohn of New York said he is confident he will iron out the most important arrangements for an Ingemar Johansson-Floyd Patterson heavyweight title return bout during his visit here. Cohn hopes to stage the bout in New York next June.

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George Knighton topped the game's scoring with 23 points. Bill Wold and Karl Anderson each contributed 11 points to the Beaver win.

Oregon State turned in its worst shooting performance of the season hitting 22 of 74 for a 29% average. Rebounds favored the home club 60-66 with Anderson nabbing 18.

Oregon started off fast against Denver and had a 21-5 lead in the first nine minutes. Oregon upped its 39-23 halftime lead to 52-29 in the second half.

Denver managed to cut this to 10 points only to have Oregon reel off 11 straight points while holding the Pioneers to two.

Duck sophomore Glenn Moore had 21 points and grabbed 18 rebounds.

Denver's all-American candidate, Jim Peay, got 14 points per- was hampered with three personals in the first half.

**Idaho Avenges Loss** Idaho's Vandals avenged an earlier season loss to Portland in their win. The Pilots were cold from the floor and made many ball handling mistakes.

Using ball control the Vandals built a 30-18 halftime bulge and upped that to 38-20 with three minutes gone in the second half.

Four Vandals scored in double figures with Joe King taking scoring honors with 17 points.

Washington State won with ease over Hawaii as Marv Harshman used 11 players and all scored in the victory.

John Maras of the Cougars and Tony Davis of Hawaii shared scoring honors with 17 points each.

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