

Hot Giants eye title

NFL STANDINGS
By United Press International

Eastern Division	
W. L. T. Pct	PF PA
New York	12 2 0 .857 398 293
Pittsburgh	9 5 0 .643 312 303
Cleveland	7 8 1 .538 291 257
Washington	5 7 2 .417 305 376
Dallas	5 8 1 .385 306 402
St. Louis	4 9 1 .308 287 361
Philadelphia	3 10 1 .237 282 356

Western Division	
W. L. T. Pct	PF PA
Green Bay	13 1 0 .929 415 148
Detroit	11 3 0 .786 315 177
Chicago	9 5 0 .643 321 287
Baltimore	7 7 0 .500 293 298
San Francisco	6 8 0 .429 282 331
Minnesota	2 11 1 .154 254 410
Los Angeles	1 13 1 .077 224 334

Sunday's Results
New York 41 Dallas 31
Chicago 3 Detroit 0

Baltimore 42 Minnesota 17
St. Louis 45 Philadelphia 35
Pittsburgh 27 Washington 24
Green Bay 20 Los Angeles 17
(Only games scheduled)

Saturday's Results
Cleveland 13 San Francisco 10
(Only game scheduled)

By Norman Miller
UPI Staff Writer

The Green Bay Packers' penant-clincher turned out to be an anti-climax, but the free-and-easy New York Giants carried on their hi jinx right to the final Sunday of the National Football League season with a record passing performance by Y.A. Tittle.

They'll meet for the league championship for the second straight season, Dec. 30 in New York, and the Giants are counting on their hot hand to reverse the outcome of last year's 37-0 rout in Green Bay.

The oddsman have pegged the Packers as 6½-point favorites for the title game, to which the Giants ask: Who ever expected us to come this far?

Green Bay clinched its third straight Western Division title Sunday before its game at Los Angeles was five minutes old. By that time, the second-place Detroit Lions had lost to the Chicago Bears, 3-0, dousing their last hope for the title.

League, the Oakland Raiders snapped their 19-game, two-season losing streak by defeating the Boston Patriots, 20-0; and the Dallas Texans beat the San Diego Chargers, 26-17. On Saturday, the Houston Oilers walloped the New York Titans, 44-10.

Roger Leclerc's 9-yard field goal for Chicago on the first play of the second period decided the game that knocked the Lions out of the race. These two teams played two games this season without scoring a touchdown, Detroit winning their opener, 11-3.

Kicks Winning Field Goal

Tackle Fred Williams' fumble recovery on the Chicago 36, after linebacker Joe Fortunato had knocked the ball out of Ken Webb's hands, gave the Bears the ball for their game-winning drive. They penetrated to the Detroit 20 largely on Joe Marconi's rushes and after being stalled there, Leclerc kicked his field goal.

The Lions later drove to the Detroit 18, but the Bears' defense threw quarterback Earl Morrall for a loss back to the 37 and ended Detroit's last threat.

An 83-yard pass from Bart Starr to Paul Hornung in the final period provided the Packers' winning margin at Los Angeles. Jim Taylor of Green Bay gained 156 yards to win the league rushing championship, although he fell 53 yards short of Cleveland Jimmy Brown's NFL record. Taylor also scored his 19th touchdown of the year on a 28-yard burst to win the scoring crown with 114 points.

Tittle gained 341 aerial yards

and fired three touchdown passes to Joe Walton, two to Alex Webster and one to Frank Gifford. His 33 scoring tosses broke the old mark of 32 set by Johnny Unitas of Baltimore in 1959 and matched by Sonny Jurgensen of Philadelphia last season.

Suffers Bruised Back

Before completing his record-breaking 8-yard toss to Walton with 1:08 left to play, Tittle suffered a bruised back after carrying 19 yards on a "bootleg" play. The injury was not deemed serious.

Michaels' 38 and 33-yard field goals, coupled with a pair of touchdown passes by Bobby Layne, helped the Steelers wind up their best season with a 9-5 record. George Izo, replacing injured Norm Snead, threw three scoring passes for the Redskins, the last two during a futile last-period comeback.

Johnny Unitas also had a hot day, completing three TD tosses within less than four minutes of the final period to spark a 28-point Baltimore rally that slaughtered the Vikings. Unitas also threw a first-period touchdown pass.

The Cards and Eagles combined to set a single-game passing record by gaining 634 aerial yards. Philadelphia gained 419 and St. Louis 415. Sonny Jurgensen of the Eagles threw five touchdown passes and John David Crow of the Cards scored four TD's, three of them on rushes.

In Saturday's game, Jimmy Brown gained 135 yards and scored two touchdowns on a muddy field as the Browns beat the Forty Niners.

All-Texan AFL finale scheduled for TV Sunday

AFL Final Standings
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Eastern Division	
W. L. T. Pct	PF PA
Houston	11 3 0 .786 367 270
Boston	9 4 1 .692 346 295
Buffalo	7 8 1 .538 309 272
New York	5 9 0 .357 278 423

Western Division	
W. L. T. Pct	PF PA
Dallas	11 3 0 .786 389 233
Denver	7 7 0 .500 353 334
San Diego	4 10 0 .282 314 392
Oakland	1 13 0 .071 213 370

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By Ed Pitt
UPI Staff Writer

The Dallas Texans and the Houston Oilers, both of whom thrive on pressure, will be counting on momentum when they turn the American Football League championship game next Sunday into an all-Texas affair.

The Lone Star State teams, owned by a pair of the world's young millionaires, determined to forge at any cost a strong rival for the established National Football League, completed their third AFL seasons with identical 11-3 won-lost records.

AFL founder Lamar Hunt's Texans, their Western Division title in the bag for three weeks, wrapped up their most successful season with a 26-17 victory over the San Diego Chargers Sunday in Dallas.

Houstonian Bud Adams' Oilers clinched their chance for a third successive AFL crown 24 hours earlier in New York's bitter cold with a 44-10 triumph over the Titans that earned the Eastern Division flag.

This Game Sunday

Now, they'll settle the league title at Houston next Sunday in their third clash of the season. They split the first two games in back-to-back mid-season scheduling. The Texans walloped the Oilers 31-7 at Houston and the Oilers bounced back the ensuing Sunday with a 14-6 decision in Dallas.

Texans Coach Henry Stram, after praising his team for its refusal to take the enemy lightly with the title in the bag, said he felt the showdown contest would be "a fine game."

"We have momentum going, but so does Houston," Stram said.

Houston Coach Pop Ivy, who watched the Texans sandbag the Chargers Sunday with four Tommy Brooker field goals, four pass interceptions by Bobby Ply, fine running by Abner Haynes and clutch passing by Lenny Dawson, had nothing but praise for the team he has to beat.

"They (Texans) have a real fine team," Ivy said, "both offensively and defensively. Their running game is so good it makes their passing hard to defend, plus the fact that Dawson is a running threat too. Their balance is tremendously troublesome."

The Oilers' George Blanda, after quarterbacking his team to its seventh successive victory Saturday to nose out Boston for the Eastern Division crown, warned Dallas that Houston is "twenty-five per cent better than the last time we beat them."

Blanda threw three touchdown passes and Billy Cannon got away to the longest run of his pro career, 64 yards, for another as the Oilers cut down the Titans in 20-degree weather.

Brooker and Ply, both fresh off the Alabama and Baylor campuses, tied AFL records with their four field goals and four interceptions.

Church league practices KO'd

All church league basketball practices, originally scheduled for the week of December 16-22, have been cancelled due to Christmas preparations at the school gyms.

Senior league church play is scheduled to begin January 7.

Columbia Basin drubbed 20-0 in Junior Rose Bowl

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI)—Dave Hansen, freshman from Portland, Ore., led the seven Oregon members of the Columbia Basin College team Saturday in the Junior Rose Bowl game which was won by Santa Ana, 20-0.

Hansen was the chief ground gainer of the day for Columbia. He made the only first down of the first half for the Hawks when he rolled off end for 18 yards on the opening scrimmage play of the day. Later, in the third quarter, he had the long gainer of Columbia Basin's only sustained drive of the day. It was a 19-yard off-tackle jaunt which put the ball on Santa Ana's 23 — the deepest the Hawks penetrated all day.

Hansen, 190 - pound halfback, gained a net of 30 yards on seven carries for an average of 4.28 yards.

Outstanding on defense was Jim Dimit, a 198-pound sophomore guard from Salem. Dimit was the key man in stopping several of the Santa Ana drives within the Columbia Basin 10-yard line, and was the man that made the tackle that halted the Dons on the one-yard line midway in the fourth period. Also in the third quarter

he recovered Santa Ana halfback Steve Ledbetter's fumble on Columbia Basin's 46.

Also a bulwark on defense was little quarterback Bill Pierce, a sophomore from Portland. He played safely but came up from that position afternoon-long to make a number of the tackles.

Halfback Wes Austin, also from Portland, was the deep man on kickoff and punts. On a punt early in the fourth period, he made a spectacular 38-yard sideline return—but it was naught as the play was called back on a clipping penalty against Columbia. On two other Santa Ana punts he returned the ball seven and eleven yards respectively.

Others who saw action included Bob Davidson, a big defensive end from Portland who made several spectacular tackles, guard Rudy Dietrich of Beaverton, Ore., and Bob Schnell, a halfback from Milton-Freewater, Ore. The only Oregon member of the squad who made the trip and did not get into the game was reserve center Dan Cauffman, a freshman from Seaside, Ore.

Packers Relax

Upon learning that the Packers "died," in the words of Coach Vince Lombardi, and went on to an unimpressive 20-17 victory over the weak Rams, winding up the season with a 13-1 record.

Meanwhile, Tittle and the Giants couldn't pass up the opportunity to steal the scene. The 35-year-old "YAT" threw six touchdown passes to set an NFL season record of 33 as the Giants beat the Dallas Cowboys, 41-31.

In Sunday's other games, Lou Michaels extended his field goal kicking record to 26 by booting two more during the Pittsburgh Steelers' 27-24 victory over the Washington Redskins; the Baltimore Colts drubbed the Minnesota Vikings, 42-17, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Eagles, 43-35. The Cleveland Browns edged the San Francisco Forty Niners, 13-10, on Saturday.

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