



## Backseat Coach

By Steven A. Powell

Football fans and football fans' wives will be glad to know the most exciting time of the year is coming up with the college football bowl games.

Fans know the bowl games are where the best football games of the year are played within a close period of time. Fans' wives know when bowl season come, football season is almost over.

The first of the bowl games will be played this Saturday when California battles Temple, California, with a 6-5 record, would not normally be getting a bowl game bid but the Garden State Bowl was started only last year so that organization has not been able to get the quality teams yet. Temple, at 9-2, had a great year with an explosive offense. Temple should win by 10, 31-21.

Syracuse, 6-5, will take on McNeese St., 11-0, in the Independence Bowl Saturday. Syracuse is a much better team than its record indicates and the team should be able to handle McNeese St., which has a weak schedule. Syracuse should win 28-14.

The Holiday Bowl will feature an offensive show with Brigham Young, with All-American quarterback Marc Wilson, playing Indiana of the tough Big-10. Indiana had a great year but had the misfortune of playing in the same league as Ohio State, Michigan and Purdue. It should be an exciting game but the nation's leading offensive team in BYU should prevail by seven, 28-21. The game is Dec. 21.

The Sun Bowl will match the Washington Huskies against the Texas Longhorns. The Huskies were 9-2 this year and as usual they were led by a stingy defense. Washington lost its all-time rushing leader Joe Steele for the season with an injury so Texas will probably be favored, but not by this predictor, who is a long-time Husky football fan. In what should be a defensive battle, the Huskies should be able to shut off Texas' high powered running game. In an upset, Washington will win 17-14.

Penn State had a bad year for the Nittany Lions with a 7-3 record. They did not have that tough of a schedule either so Tulane should be able to beat them in the Liberty Bowl 17-10. The game will be Dec. 22 in Memphis, Tenn.

The Tangerine Bowl will match Wake Forest, 8-3, against Louisiana State, 6-5. Again the abundance of bowl games allowed a team like LSU with an unimpressive record to play in a post-season game. But despite the unimpressive record, LSU should be able to handle Wake Forest 24-17.

On Christmas Day, the annual Blue-Gray all-star game will be played in Montgomery, Ala. Nobody really cares who wins that game because it is played for the pro scouts who are checking out the star players on average to poor teams that did not make it to a bowl game.

Pittsburgh is playing in the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. against Arizona. Pittsburgh is one of the top 10 teams in the country with its 9-1 record against some tough competition. They were voted the top team in the east and all the other top teams are playing in other bowl games, so Arizona plays Pittsburgh and the team from the iron city should win by at least 10 points. That game is also Dec. 25. The Wildcats benefited by the fact the game is in Arizona. Auburn is 8-3 and in the top 20 but that team would not draw a crowd in Arizona like the Wildcats will.

Michigan is not in a major bowl for the first time in quite awhile because of its 8-3 year but they should be able to beat North Carolina, 7-3-1, in the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. The Wolverines will win by 17, 34-17. The Gator Bowl is played Dec. 28.

Dec. 29 is the day for the Hall of Fame game in Birmingham, Ala. Missouri, 6-5, will play South Carolina, 8-3. This game is a toss up with South Carolina having the better record but the Tigers playing in a tougher league in the Big-8. South Carolina will win by three, 24-21.

The Peach Bowl will match Baylor against Clemson. The game is played in Atlanta New Years Eve. Baylor is 7-4 this year and Clemson is 8-3. This game should also be close but Baylor played a tougher schedule so I will go with them by seven, 24-17.

The Purdue Boilermakers behind quarterback Mark Herrmann had a great 9-2 year with a second-place finish in the tough Big-10 Conference. They will take on Tennessee, a team that came on strong near the end of the year and finished at 6-4. The two teams will tangle New Year's Eve in the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston. Purdue should win by two touchdowns, 28-14.

The Sugar Bowl New Year's Day in New Orleans will match two of the five best teams in the country when Arkansas, 9-1, will battle Alabama, 10-0. Alabama is ranked number two in the nation after a close win over Auburn but they have a history of being undefeated and ranked number one going into the final bowl game and then blowing the national championship. In the past, Arkansas has proved to be a spoiler in bowl games so I will pick the Razorbacks in an upset, 17-14.

The Cotton Bowl in Dallas is in for an exciting game New Year's Day when Nebraska will play Houston. Nebraska has only lost once this year, to Oklahoma, and that is nothing to be ashamed about. The Cornhuskers will play Houston tough and it should come down to the wire but Nebraska will prevail 28-24.

In what should be the game for the national championship, the University of Southern California Trojans will take on number one Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. The Buckeyes are undefeated, 11-0, this year while the Trojans are undefeated with one tie and are number three. The Pasadena extravaganza will feature the Heisman Trophy winner from USC tailback Charles White. With White in the backfield, USC should win 17-14.

The always exciting Oklahoma Sooners, 10-1, will take on the surprise team of the year Florida State, 11-0, in the Orange Bowl. The Big-8 champ have been there before in a big game but Florida State is a newcomer. Oklahoma has as great a team as ever and they should be number one in the nation, but then I have thought that for eight straight years. The Boomer Sooners should handle Florida State by 17, 37-20. But the bowl games are not finished this year on New Year's Day.

The Black college All-Star game will be played at New Orleans Jan. 5, the East-West Shrine Game will be played at Palo Alto, Calif. on the same day, and the Hula Bowl will be played in Hawaii Jan. 5.

The final college game of the 79-80 season will be Jan. 13 in the Japan Bowl in Tokyo.

But then the pro playoff games are underway.

# Joseph edges Heppner in tournament final

Joseph squeaked by Heppner in overtime 50-46 to win the first Heppner Invitational Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the high school.

Heppner led with 35 seconds left in regulation time but an 18-foot shot by sophomore Doug Holland was off the mark and Joseph got the rebound and had a chance to tie the game.

Stephen Clyde did just that as he hit a short jumper with only seconds remaining to tie the score at 44 at the end of regulation time in the championship game.

Joseph scored the first four points in the overtime period by Steve Butterfield and Jeff Winkelman to make the score 48-44 but Dale Holland came back with a bucket for the Mustangs as Heppner came to within two points at 48-46.

Clyde iced the game with another two pointer as Joseph made all three of its overtime shots.

The championship game was close throughout as Heppner led at the end of the first quarter 12-9 but Joseph outscored the host team in the second period 15-12 to make the halftime score even at 23-23.

Both teams played tight zone defenses most of the game and they had to rely on outside shooting. The tempo was slow and deliberate as each team showed a lot of patience.

Joseph took its first lead in the second half with five minutes left in the regulation time 36-34 when the Eagles scored an uncontested layup when no Mustang defenders dropped back to defend.

The Eagles scored again seconds later on the same type of play and Heppner fell behind 38-34.

But the Mustangs came roaring back when Jim Parker hit two free throws and Dale Holland got an offensive rebound and put it in for two points to tie the score at 38-38.

Clyde came back for Joseph in the see-saw game with two free throws to make it 40-38 but Doug Holland tied it at 40 with an outside jump shot.

Curt Day put Heppner

about 42-40 with a sideline jumper but Clyde came right back with two more free throws to tie it up at 42. Day hit another clutch jumper to make it 44-42 setting the stage for Clyde's heroics and the overtime Joseph win.

Heppner made 21 of 61 shots from the field for 34 percent but Joseph made 22 of 50 for 44 percent. The Mustangs had eight turnovers compared to 13 for Joseph and 33 rebounds to 27 for the Eagles.

Clyde was the high scorer for the game with 25. Winkelman added nine and Butterfield eight.

Parker led Heppner with 16 points and Day and Dale Holland had 12 each. Doug Holland had four and Riek Cole two.

Parker had 10 rebounds, Dale Holland eight and Day

seven.

Dale Holland and Jim Parker were named to the all-tournament team. Joining the two Mustangs were Clyde and Kevin McCadden of Joseph and Monty McIntosh of Condon. Three of the players tied to be the tournament's most valuable player so no award was given.

In the game for third place, Condon beat Echo 75-65. To get to the championship game, Heppner demolished Echo 80-37 and Joseph did the same to Condon 85-53.

Heppner ran away with the game with Echo from the start leading 18-8 at the end of the first quarter and 37-18 at halftime.

The taller Heppner team dominated the boards both offensively and defensively. Heppner consistently went to

the offensive boards for rebounds and put up second and third shots.

Heppner led at the end of three quarters 67-33 and continued to build on that lead until the game ended.

Heppner's balanced scoring attack was too much for the two-man scoring punch from Echo in Joe Ramos and Todd Rohde. Ramos had 16 points and the 5-foot-7 Rohde had 14 points. Both players made most of their points shooting from the outside.

The Mustangs were led by Doug Holland with 14 points. Dale Holland with 11, Jim Parker with 10 and Curt Day with 10. John Bier added eight, Jim Launer seven, Todd Sherer six, John Murray six, Dorian Forrar four, Larry Palmer two and Tony Currin two.



Doug Holland (43) concentrates on a shot in the championship game.

## Five Heppnerites in Shriners' Rodeo

Five college students from the Heppner area participated in the Shriners' North-South College All-Star Rodeo and Beef-O-Rama Dec. 8 at the Southeastern Washington fairgrounds in Walla Walla.

Cindy Dougherty tied for first place in the Breakaway Roping competition with a time of 3.8 seconds. She was on the winning North team because she goes to Walla Walla Community College.

The other four students were on the losing South squad, composed of members of Oregon schools.

Jerry Gentry was second in the Bulldozing competition with a clocking of 5.3 seconds. He attends Oregon State University.

Dawn Peterson was fourth in the Barrels with a time of 15.278. She competes for Blue

Mountain Community College.

The other two contestants did not place. Janice Healy competed in the Barrels and Ron Currin was in both the Bulldozing and Team Roping events. Both students go to BMCC.

Ten individuals competed in each event for a total of 60 at the rodeo. All of the contestants placed in the top five in their respective events in the regional competition last spring.

The contestants received Shriners' jackets and prize money was given to individuals who placed in events.

It was the first Shriners' Rodeo and the organization hopes to make it an annual affair. One is scheduled for next year at the same indoor arena in Walla Walla.

The North beat the South 540 to 470.

## City league teams enter second week

Jim Lankford's team established itself as the team to beat in the Heppner City Basketball League with an 80-41 win over Don Barber's team.

LaVerne VanMarter scored 20 points and Mike Stookey added 16 leading VanMarter's team to a 53-50 squeaker over Steve Powell's team. Powell scored 17 for the losing team with Dana Heideman adding 12 and Brent Eggars 10.

Mickey Sharp led the balanced scoring of Mike Smith's

team with 10 points as they beat Les Schwab 41-35. Tom Pointer led the losers with 12 points.

Gary Watkins scored 15 and Gary VanArsdale 12 in Rick Johnston's 41-36 win over Roger Britt's squad. Britt was led by Wes Harrison with eight.

This Sunday's games will match Smith against Barber at 5 p.m. Powell and Britt at 6. VanMarter and Schwab at 7 and Lankford will play Johnston in the 8 p.m. game.

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## Juniors beat Riverside

The Ione Jr. High basketball team beat the team from Riverside last week 32-23.

Mark Meyers led the team in scoring with 14 points. Craig Hams scored eight, Darrin Padberg four, Bobby Harris two, Jeff Ball two and Mike Douglas two.

Riverside was led by Hamilton with 10 points.

The Ione team has 12 players in grades sixth, seventh and eighth. The Riverside team is composed of seventh and eighth graders.

The next game for Ione will be today at 2:30 p.m. in Heppner.

The Riverside girl's team beat Ione's squad 46-14. Janet Taylor was the leading scorer.

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