

# Johnny Unitas Leads Colts To 23-17 Victory Over Giants in Sudden Death Overtime

**United Press International**  
New York—Johnny Unitas, a former six-dollar-a-game sand-lotter, won \$10,000 today, an automobile and a permanent place in the hearts of Baltimore fans for leading the Colts to their first National league title on one leg.

The Colts won the championship in their first title appearance following nine years of frustrating failure in two leagues. In order to do it, they had to set up the first "sudden death" overtime in NFL history and then conquer the indomitable New York Giants, 23-17 as dusk closed over Yankee stadium Sunday.

This sports drama, a series of plays so fantastic no director would dare film them as the plot of a "make-believe

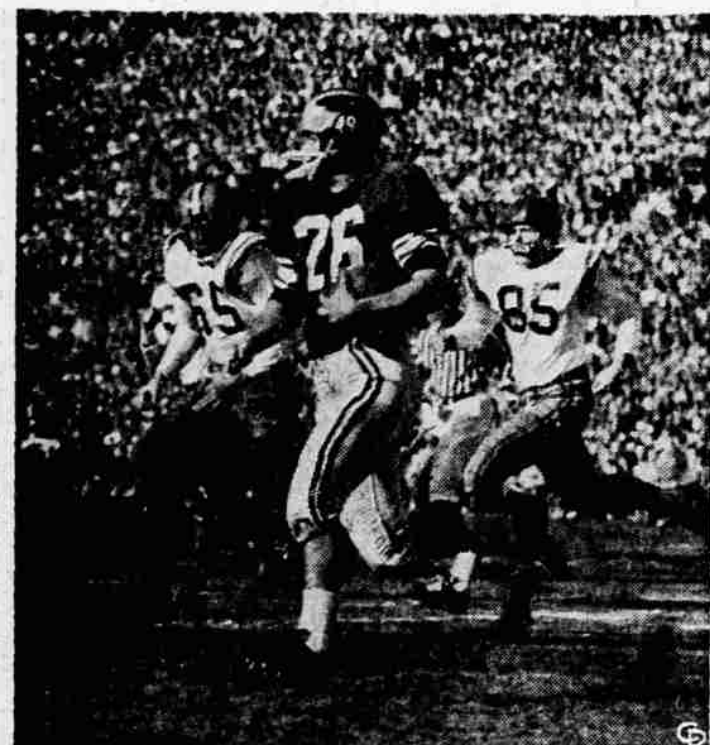
story, unfolded before 64,185 fans plus hundreds of thousands of TV and radio rosters. Unitas, a quarterback every now and then comparing with Sammy Baugh and Otto Graham, was the key to victory—bad leg and all—but a herd of other Colts also starred in the story-book finish.

**Many Heroes**  
There was Steve Myhra, whose 20-yard field goal with seven seconds to go in the regulation game sent it into overtime. And Alan Ameche, the fullback whose one-yard scoring blast ended the most successful and incredible of NFL campaigns.

How could anyone overlook Ray Berry, the Texan who wears contact lenses on his eyes and a brace on his back because one leg is shorter than



**ROSE BOWL BOUND BEARS** receive "good luck" goodies as they board plane for New Year's Day Tournament of Roses game against Iowa Hawkeyes. Left to right: Coach Pete Elliott, U. C. Athletic Director Greg Englehard, and Joe Kapp, who are receiving gift from Stewardesses Charlotte Edwards and Pat Ehlers at take-off time.



**EAST SPEEDSTER TAKES OFF**—Bob Ptacek, East's Michigan quarterback (26 sweater and 49 helmet), goes for a goodly gain at the East-West Shrine game at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco. West's Don Miller (65) and Dave Sherer (85) are in hot pursuit. Miller comes from Denver; Sherer, Southern Methodist Saturday.

## Giants' Loose Talk Spur to Victory

**United Press International**  
New York—Loose talk sinks ships and apparently it also scuttled the unwary New York Giants.

"The Giants just proved that they had bigger mouths than hearts," said center Buzz Nutter of the champion Baltimore Colts today, pointedly raking up some old coals that obviously hadn't been allowed to die out by the new National Football league title-holder.

The Colts, it seems, never forgot the 24-21 beating the Giants handed them last Nov. 9. That hurt. What hurt more was Giant quarterback Char-

ley Conerly's comment after that game.

"We out-gutted them, that's all," Conerly said.

Baltimore players took that to mean that Conerly felt the Colts were lacking in courage. Just so Conerly's comment would stay in the Colt's crew, Coach Webb Ewbank tackled that particular clipping in Baltimore's dressing quarters.

There was no special rah-rahing in the Colt's huddle at the start of Sunday's historic "sudden death" overtime at Yankee Stadium.

**Credits 'Trap' Play**  
One Baltimore player remembered another saying "Let's ram it down their throats," but that was the extent of any conversation that didn't concern itself particularly with signals and play assignments.

In the dressing room later, quarterback Johnny Unitas, the hero of Baltimore's 23-17 victory, singled out Alan Ameche's 23-yard "trap" play as the straw that broke the Giants' back.

The "mouse" who was trapped on that, particular play was Giant's defensive tackle Dick Modzelewski, who crashed through the line to tackle Unitas as he had done several times before. Only this time, Unitas handed the ball to Ameche, who plowed up through the hole created by Modzelewski's rush and romped all the way to the Giants' 20.

A pair of short passes by Unitas plus a one-yard touchdown plunge by Ameche then wrapped it up for the Colts.

"That was the big play of the drive," Ewbank agreed.

**Howell Praises Unitas**  
Over in the Giants' quarters, Coach Jim Lee Howell summed up Baltimore's victory this way:

"To much Unitas and too many good linemen."

Howell couldn't say enough about the plucky Unitas, who suffered a leg injury in the third period but kept pegging away until the end.

"Unitas can do everything a top quarterback should do," Howell said. "He can fake a throw in one direction, then turn and throw in another. He's a quick thinker. He knows just when to pass or to run with the ball. He makes good plays. He sure did against us."

Howell said Unitas has a chance to do all those things because of "that great line in front of him."

## OSC Loses Tailback

**Corvallis—UPI**—Oregon State has lost its speedy football tailback for the second, and probably last time.

Paul Lowe, a junior from Los Angeles, announced Saturday he was withdrawing from school because of financial and scholastic difficulties.

Lowe was declared scholastically ineligible at Oregon State following the 1957 Rose Bowl game against Iowa.

He worked to get his grades back up and reentered OSC and played football this fall.

Lowe said he had no immediate plans but would like to try professional football a try.

## Milling Crowd Causes Temporary Blackout

**New York—UPI**—The overenthusiastic crowd at Yankee Stadium Sunday caused a 2½ minute "blackout" during the sudden-death period of the National Football league championship game between the Baltimore Colts and New York Giants.

A National Broadcasting company spokesman said the milling fans disconnected the cable that brought power into the NBC equipment room.

The break was repaired in time for the cameras to record Alan Ameche's plunge for the winning touchdown.

**NFL ATTENDANCE UP**  
New York—UPI—The National Football league's 1958 attendance rose 5.98 per cent from 1957 and soared to 3,006,124—the first time the league topped the 3-million mark. NFL attendance in 1957 was 2,836,319.

## East-West Stars Eyed By Scouts

**San Francisco—UPI**—Football's professional scouts took another look at their notebooks today after the Shrine East-West game Saturday, in which the lads from the other side of the Mississippi chalked up a 26-14 victory.

Some of the stars already have been drafted, but there are some others that will be up for grabs at the next drafting session as a result of their performances in the all-star classic.

In the meantime, some of the scouts are wondering how they let these men get away:

Nick Pietrosante—Notre Dame footballer who was voted the game's "most valuable player." He has been drafted by the Detroit Lions. He's a 227-pound fullback who picked up 95 yards in 20 carries Saturday.

Sam Williams—Towering Michigan State end, drafted by the Los Angeles Rams, who was voted the game's "outstanding lineman." He spent most of the afternoon with his arms around the West's quarterbacks.

**Newman Contacts**  
Bobby Newman—Washington State quarterback, owned by the San Francisco Forty Niners. He came off the bench to connect on eight consecutive pass attempts and build a fire under a puzzled West offensive.

Eddie Dove—Colorado defensive back who was a one-man gang for the losing cause of the West. Eddie intercepted one pass and ran it back 80 yards for a touchdown. He intercepted another pass. He broke up a pass; and he was in on 13 tackles. He is the property of the Forty Niners.

The East dominated all the way through the game, holding a 6-0 lead at the half. The West went in front early in the third quarter when Newman led his aerial attack that scored a touchdown. But Dick Haley of Pitt stopped that when he took the next kickoff back 84 yards for a score to put the East in front for keeps.

**Pietrosante Scores**  
Pietrosante scored the first touchdown with a three-yard plunge in the second quarter. He got another one late in the game from the same distance. In between, Ptacek passed 20 yards to end Tom Franckhauser of Purdue for a score; and the other counter came on the Taley run.

The West scores came in the third quarter on Newman's five-yard pass to end Dick Wallen of UCLA; and on Dove's run in the last stanza.

The game was played in sunny weather on a dry field before 60,000 fans in Kezar Stadium. The victory for the East reduced the West win margin to two games. Last year the West won, 27-13.

**HOCKEY**  
**HOCKEY TEAM ARRIVES**  
New York—UPI—The Russian national amateur ice hockey team is due to arrive today to play a number of exhibition games.

**United Press International American Hockey League Sunday's Results:**  
Rochester 8, Cleveland 1  
Providence 8, Hershey 3  
Buffalo 5, Springfield 1  
Saturday's Results:  
Rochester 6, Cleveland 4  
Buffalo 4, Hershey 0

**National Hockey League**  
New York 5, Montreal 3  
Detroit 5, Boston 3  
Chicago 4, Toronto 3  
**National Basketball Association**  
Cincinnati 120, Minneapolis 116

Portland—UPI—Jack Curcic will be the featured speaker at the annual Bill Hayward "Banquet of Champions" here Feb. 4. It was announced over the week end.

## Rams, Lions Eye Bowl Performances Of Draft Choices

**United Press International**  
The Los Angeles Rams and Detroit Lions of the National Football league appear today to have been the biggest winners in Saturday's post-season college football bowl extravaganzas.

The Rams, who finished in a tie for second place behind the world champion Baltimore Colts in the Western Division, may have found the ad-

ditional passing strength they need in Buddy Humphrey who fired five touchdown passes in the South's 49-20 victory over the North at Miami, Fla.

And the Lions, who won only 4 of 12 games and finished fifth in the same division, were encouraged that they may have the runner they need in Nick Pietrosante who led the East to a 26-14 win over the West in the annual Shrine Game at San Francisco.

Humphrey, 22-year-old ex-Baylor star, completed 14 of 19 passes for 232 yards while Pietrosante, 215-pound ex-Notre Dame fullback, banged out 95 yards in 20 tries for a 4.7 average. Each, of course, was selected as the most valuable player in his game.

**Ole Miss Beats Florida**  
In the other Saturday games which kicked off the week-long bowl spectaculars, Mississippi beat Florida in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., the Blue defeated the Gray, 16-0, at Montgomery, Ala., and East Texas State whipped Missouri Valley, 27-7, in the Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Fla.

Humphrey, the nation's leading college passer, and the Rams' third draft pick, threw three touchdown passes to Mississippi State's Billy Stacy who also scored a fourth touchdown on a one-yard plunge. The South led, 28-14, at halftime and 42-14 after the third period as a crowd of 35,519 saw the Rebels shackle Army's All-America halfback Pete Dawkins.

**First-Down Man**  
A crowd of 60,000 saw Pietrosante, Detroit's first draft choice, score on two three-yard plunges. Pietrosante was called "our first-down man—the man who got the yardage when we needed it"—by East Coach Duffy Daugherty. An 84-yard kickoff return by Pittsburgh's Dick Haley and an 80-yard run with an interception by Colorado's Eddie Dove helped to make it one of the most thrilling Shrine games ever played.

The Lions were particularly encouraged by Pietrosante's performance because they did not have a runner among the top 10 in the NFL this year. Mississippi drove 70 yards with Jim Anderson plunging over from the one-yard line in the first period and made it stand up for its victory over Florida; Duane Wood of Oklahoma State and Bob Spoo of Purdue threw touchdown passes in the Blues' victory over the Gray and quarterback Sam McCord passed for one touchdown and set up another in East Texas State's win over Missouri Valley.

**VEJAR FACES STITCH**  
Louisville, Ky.—UPI—Welterweight Chico Vejar, of Stamford, Conn., riding a five-eight victory streak, meets Rudell Stitch, Louisville, tonight, in a non-televized 10-round bout.

**Other Fights**  
Monday: Dallas, Tex.—Bert Whitehurst vs. Art Swiden, Paul Jorgensen vs. Bobby Bell, Alvin Williams vs. Hurricane Sims, and Junior Flores vs. Tommy Bain, Louisville, Ky.—Rudell Stitch vs. Chico Vejar.  
Tuesday: Phoenix, Ariz.—Jimmy Martinez vs. Tony Montano.  
Saturday: Hollywood, Calif.—Neal Rivers vs. Willie Vaughn.

# SPORTS

## U.S. Splits Up Opening Singles

**Brisbane, Australia—UPI**—The United States split the opening singles matches of the Davis Cup challenge round with Australia today but appeared to have lost the daring gamble on which non-playing captain Perry Jones had pinned his hopes for final victory.

Alex Almado of Los Angeles gave the United States its first opening match victory in a challenge round since 1954 when he beat Mal Anderson, 8-6, 2-6, 9-7, 8-6, before a crowd of 18,000 in Milton Arena.

## Iowa Gets Edge Over OSC Team

**Corvallis, Ore.—UPI**—Iowa's Hawkeyes took the favorite's role here today at the third annual Far West Classic.

The Hawkeyes meet pre-tourney favorite Oregon State, twice past winner of the tournament, in the championship game at 9:30 p.m. (pst).

Veteran hoop experts in this basketball minded town are giving the edge to Iowa mainly because of 6-5 Dave Gunther who poured 36 points through the hoop in beating Wyoming, 82-75, in first round play. Oregon State slipped past Air Force, 49-47, on Jim Woodland's last ditch shot with five seconds remaining.

Gunther's 36-point total set a new single game record, surpassing the 35 points by Dave Gambee of Oregon State last year against Yale. Gunther needs only 21 points to set a two-game record. The old mark is held by Bruno Bojn of Washington who had 56 points last year.

**Close Game**  
The Oregon State-Air Force game before 4228 Saturday night fans was close nearly all the way. It was 31-30 Oregon State at the half and the second half saw a slow-down type of game with Oregon State getting only 18 points and the Air Force 17.

Woodland was high scorer for Oregon State with 14 points while Jim Um hit 14 and Bob Beckel 13 for Air Force.

Iowa and Wyoming were tied at 43-all at halftime of their game but Gunther's shooting carried the Big 10 team to victory in the second half.

Tony Windis had 20 points for Wyoming.

**GAME OF WEEK**  
New York—UPI—Notre Dame's 1958-59 basketball team will appear on the NBC-TV network's "Game of the week" telecast, Jan. 3 when the Fighting Irish face North Carolina. The game, starting at 1 p.m. e.s.t., will be followed by the network's telecast of the Senior Bowl all-star football game at 3 p.m.

## OSC Man Tops Ski Event

Timberline Lodge—UPI—Don Morrison, a senior at Oregon State, Sunday had the best time of 28 entries in three classes at the annual Portland Day Trial Ski races.

Morrison, skiing for Cascade Ski club, posted a 1:55.0 clocking for the 24-gate, 1½-mile course, and topped the class B men. The second best time, 1:58.1, was by Doug Taylor, an Army private from Fort Lewis, who topped the men's class A field, John Goodman, Beaverton High student, won the junior expert men's crown with a time of 2:00.6.

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