

NFL Division Races Turn Into Scramble

By DON WEISS
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Step by step, Cleveland's comeback Browns and New York's defending champion Giants are moving straight toward a Dec. 15 showdown for the Eastern Division title in the National Football League.

In the Western Division, it should be so simple!

With the San Francisco 49ers turned to vagrants on the road, Detroit rolling again behind Bobby Layne, Baltimore's Colts apparently back in stride and even the Los Angeles Rams butting into contention, it's anybody's guess in the West.

And there remain only four weeks of the pro season to unscramble the mess.

The mess looks like this after the eighth round of the 12-week NFL season yesterday:

San Francisco, Baltimore and Detroit tied for first place with 5-3 records and Los Angeles a notch behind at 4-4. The Lions, with Layne clicking on 17 of 24 passes in the first half alone, routed San Francisco 31-10, the 49ers' second straight whipping on a road trip that will keep them away from home for another two weeks. The Colts, scoring 16 points in the fourth quarter, downed the Chicago (3-5) Bears, 29-14. The revived Rams, down 24-3 at the half, rallied behind vet Norm Van Brocklin and ace rookie Jon Arnett to defeat luckless Green Bay 31-27.

In the East, the Browns stumbled a bit in a 30-30 tie with Washington but with six victories, a loss and a tie they still hold a half game lead over New York, 6-2 after a 13-0 blanking of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago Cardinals were idle, their game having been put back to Dec. 22. Layne, ace of Detroit's championship teams of a few years back who shook off an injury to

regain his passing form last week, riddled the 49ers' defenses as the Lions gained 37 yards by passes. Layne's first half brilliance, helped by rookie Terry Barr's defensive play, shot Detroit into a 21-3 halftime lead and the 49ers never recovered.

Baltimore's Johnny Unitas fired his 11th touchdown pass of the season but it was a pair of pass interceptions by Milt Davis, a 28-year-old "rookie" from UCLA, that whipped the Bears. Davis set up one TD with a 78-yard return and ran 41 yards to score after swiping another Chicago pass with the Colts holding only a 16-14 lead.

The Rams, winning their first away from home since the 1955 season, clinched on Van Brocklin's 34-yard pass to Lamar Lundy after Arnett had scored on a 68-yard run to tie the score. Van Brocklin, establishing the old-timers' franchise in this year of rookies, wound up with 14 completions for 250 yards and two TDs.

Cleveland put a time-worn Brownie formula to work in coming from off a 10-point deficit with 4 minutes left. First, the quick thrust aerial attack, with Pete Brewster going 23 yards to score after the recovery of Preston Carpenter's fumble of a pass from Tommy O'Connell, the Cleveland quarterback. Again O'Connell got the Browns moving and with 13 seconds remaining Lou (The Toe) Groza hit on a 23-yard field goal for the tying points.

The puncheon Eagles outplayed the Giants on the attack, but New York's defense turned back four Philly threats, one that came within six inches of the goal line. Philadelphia fumbles set up a pair of 26-yard field goals by Ben Agajanian and the Giants closed having been put back to Dec. 22.

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Aggie Defeat Slows Cotton Bowl Plans

DALLAS (AP)—The 7-6 defeat of Texas A&M by Rice that prevented the Aggies from sewing up the Southwest Conference championship slowed down Cotton Bowl plans somewhat.

It will be Thanksgiving Day at least before the title can be decided and could be Nov. 30. The Conference champion is host team in the Cotton Bowl.

But it was going to be Nov. 30 before a visiting team could be officially announced anyway because of the status of Navy in Cotton Bowl plans and because of a Southeastern Conference rule that prevents any team accepting a bowl bid or an invitation being extended before that date.

It is generally understood that Navy would accept a bowl bid if it beats Army.

Bob Cullum, Cotton Bowl president, said today Mississippi, Tennessee, Mississippi State and Georgia Tech also are still prominent on the list.

Cullum was in Memphis Saturday and saw Mississippi defeat Tennessee 14-7. He said, "Tennessee still looks good. It lost nothing in its standing by losing this very fine game. Tennessee would be a good bowl team."

He said Mississippi State could add to its stature if it should defeat Mississippi Nov. 30.

Georgia Tech has lost three games, but they were to top out fits and good games and Cullum said the Yellow Jackets were still under consideration.

Oregon's Rose Bowl Berth Climaxes 37-Year Drought

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)—Football thrills are not few and far between at Notre Dame but Saturday's stunning 7-0 upset over Oklahoma will find its place in Irish gridiron archives.

Go back to the days when Knute Rockne and Gus Gorais led the Irish to a 35-13 upset victory over Army in 1913 and come down through the era of Frank Leahy and you'll find that unbeaten seasons, winning streaks and big surprises are part of the Notre Dame tradition.

But the triumph over Oklahoma that ended a record-breaking 47-game winning streak was best described by Coach Terry Brennan today when he said:

"It was really something, wasn't it?"

The victory marked a celebration on the Irish campus which was to continue through today. The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the university, proclaimed a school holiday.

"We got in at 9:30 Saturday night," said Brennan, "and there were thousands of people at the airport. Then we came to the school and ran into about 4,000 students. Even as late as 1 o'clock in the morning lights were burning in the dorms and I guess the students were still celebrating."

How did the Irish win the game?

"It's a big pie and we have to cut it up in a lot of pieces," said Brennan. "The team, naturally, deserves the credit but the coaches and scouts had a lot to do with it. We just buckled down, worked hard and found it paid off."

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Irish Campus Celebrating Football Win

"Another big help was that we had three of their game movies. I can honestly say that it's the first time in two years that we put together a real ball game. I'm not trying to belittle the teams we've played but this time we did the job."

Brennan, after losing to Navy 20-6 and Michigan State 34-6, insisted his team was not as bad as it had appeared.

"The Navy game was the worst we played," said Brennan, "and we made too many mistakes against Michigan State."

Brennan also had nothing but praise for Oklahoma.

"They played a fine game and took the loss graciously," he said.

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Albert Cites Spirit Lack Reason For 49ers Slump

CHICAGO (UP)—Coach Frankie Albert of the San Francisco 49ers wondered today where the hustle had gone that had brought his National Football League entry five straight victories, prior to the last two Sundays.

"We were simply outblocked and outtackled for the second straight week," Albert said, referring to Sunday's 31-10 shellacking at the hands of the Detroit Lions. "I don't know why, but we just didn't have the hustle."

The San Franciscans arrived here today from Detroit and will remain in the Windy City until they leave for Baltimore Thursday for the second tilt in their three-game road swing.

Albert called Sunday's loss to

We Goofed . . .

The Merrill Huskies were defeated by Moro last year in the state quarterfinals rather than by St. Marys of Medford as was given in Sunday's Herald and News. Merrill defeated St. Marys to capture the District 5-B conference championship.

Rangers Regain NHL Leadership

By UNITED PRESS

Although the embattled New York Rangers scored back-to-back victories over the Montreal Canadiens in their weekend series to regain first place in the National Hockey League, coach Phil Watson admits "we'll be lucky to get in the playoffs."

The Rangers, backed up by the brilliant netminding of Marcel Paille, rolled to a 4-2 victory over the Canadiens at Montreal Saturday night and then beat the defending Stanley Cup champions by the same score Sunday night at New York.

The Chicago Black Hawks tied Boston for third place by edging the Detroit Red Wings, 3-2, on defenseman Elmer Vasko's first goal of the season, while the Bruins rallied to gain a 2-2 deadlock with the Toronto Maple Leafs in other Sunday night contests.

Hershey Sweeps Weekend Series

By UNITED PRESS

The Hershey Bears swept a home-and-home weekend series with the Rochester Americans to reopen a healthy 11-point lead in the American Hockey League.

The Bears turned back Rochester, 2-0, Sunday night on goals by player-coach Frank Mathers and Lorne Davis after rallying to a 3-1 victory over the same club Saturday night.

In Sunday night's other action, the Cleveland Barons downed the Providence Reds, 4-1, and the Buffalo Bisons edged the Springfield Indians, 6-5.

Scores

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sunday's Results
Syracuse 110, Minneapolis 98
St. Louis 98, Cincinnati 97
Detroit 95, Philadelphia 91

Saturday's Results
Boston 111, Philadelphia 89
Detroit 109, New York 105
St. Louis 118, Syracuse 101

Middle Bouts Top Weekly Boxing Card

NEW YORK (UP)—Two excellent middleweight fights stand out on this week's boxing schedule, one in New York and the other in Paris.

Rory Calhoun, third-ranked 160-pound contender, meets Bobby Boyd, number nine, in a TV-radio 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden, Friday night.

Calhoun, 23, of White Plains, N.Y., is favored at 9-5 to beat Boyd, 24, of Chicago because of his aggressive slugging. Each is a good puncher. Rory's 30-2-1 record includes 15 knockouts. Boyd's 46-7-2 list boasts 22.

Monday night at the Palais Des Sports in Paris, Frenchman Charles Humez—middleweight champion of Europe—meets Andre Drille, champion of France, in a non-title 10-rounder. Drille, a dangerous southpaw, is expected to give 30-year-old Humez a severe test. A defeat would blast Humez' plans for an American campaign.

Wednesday night's TV 10-rounder at the Chicago Stadium brings together ex-champion Kid Gavilan, sixth-ranked welterweight contender, and unrated Walter Byars for a return brawl. Cuban Gavilan is favored at 3-1 to turn the tables on Byars of Boston, who outpointed the "Keed" last Dec. 4. Gavilan's 105-28-3 shows 29 kayoes; Byars' 16-5-1 includes only 4 kayoes.

The week's boxing schedule includes:

Monday—New York (St. Nick's)—Danny Russo vs. Eddie Lynch; Paris—Charles Humez vs. Andre Drille; Providence, R.I.—Larry Boardman vs. Gene Butler; New Orleans—Dave Dupas vs. Larry Armstead.

Tuesday—Bangor, Me.—Nino Valdes vs. Jeff Dyer; Boston—Billy Ryan vs. Rocky Tomasello; Holyoke, Mass.—Larry Zernitz vs. Charlie Forest.

Wednesday—Chicago (Stadium)—Kid Gavilan vs. Walter Byars; Newburgh, N.Y.—Bobby Bell vs. Pappy Gault.

Thursday—Los Angeles—Ike Chestnut vs. Ricardo Moreno; Oakland, Calif.—Bob Satterfield vs. Howard King; Revere, Mass.—Joe Devlin vs. Jimmy Bradley; St. Paul, Minn.—Del Planagan vs. Carlo Sarlo; Phoenix, Ariz.—Zora Foley vs. Duke Sabedong.

Friday—New York (Garden)—Rory Calhoun vs. Bobby Boyd.

Saturday—Hollywood, Calif.—Arthur Persley vs. Mickey Northrup.

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