

Baltimore Wins NFL Crown In Overtime

Unitas, Ameche Lead Colts In 23-17 Victory

NEW YORK (AP) — If they play football for 100 years, they never can top Baltimore's first championship snatched in a sudden death playoff 23-17 after New York Giants refused to gamble.

The Giants refused to gamble. The Colts refused to gamble. It was fourth down and inches to go on New York's 43. A first down probably would have permitted the Giants to run out the clock on four ground plays. A punt would have given the Colts another chance.

Go for broke? Or play it safe? Coach Jim Lee Howell elected to play it safe. The Giants punted.

Coach Takes Extra Time To Grab Title

NEW YORK (AP) — Coach Webb Ewbank's five-year plan to bring the Baltimore Colts the National Football League championship has succeeded.

But with a smile on his face and tongue in cheek, he apologized for the Colts' 23-17 victory Sunday over the New York Giants at Yankee Stadium in an unprecedented sudden-death playoff.

"I miscalculated," he told Colts President Carroll Rosenbloom in the team's tumultuous dressing room.

"I predicted it would take five years to build a champion. It took me an extra quarter."

Actually it took the Colts 15 extra to score the winning touchdown on the arrow-straight passing of Johnny Unitas and the one-yard touchdown smash of bulldozing Alan Ameche.

"We just had to win because this was the better ball club out there," said Ewbank, a one-time assistant to Paul Brown at Cleveland. "And we never give up, that's us. That's characteristic of a great team, to come from behind. And they have been doing it all season."

One of the many Baltimore stars was Steve Myhra, who kicked the 20-yard field goal that tied the score at 17-17 with ten seconds to go in regulation time. "I had to hurry the kick," he said. "The Giants had blocked one attempt in the second quarter. I knew all the marbles were on the line. But I thought I just couldn't let a great bunch of guys like these down. It sure felt good when it went over."

There was no apology from New York Coach Jim Lee Howell for his decision to play safety — first time in the key moments of the tense, thrilling title playoff.

Both plays were fourth down and one to go situations.

The most vital call was in the fourth quarter: the other in overtime.

The Giants led 17-14 with 2 1/2 minutes to play in the fourth quarter.

A short run made it fourth down and inches to go on the Giant 43. This put it up to Howell. A Giant first down would have enabled New York to run out the clock.

Briefs

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TENNIS

NEW ORLEANS — Mike Franks of Los Angeles beat top seeded Ron Holmberg of Brooklyn, N.Y., 6-3, 6-4 and Eddie Maylan of Trenton, N.J., defeated Mike Green of Miami 6-2, 11-9 to advance to the finals of the Sugar Bowl Invitational Tournament.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Lawrence Nagler of Los Angeles, third ranking U.S. junior player, and Ronnie Barnes of Rio De Janeiro won 18-and-under semifinals berths in the junior Orange Bowl championships.

MOTORBOAT RACING

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Ray Cassner, St. Petersburg, Fla., was declared winner on points after a long debate in the Orange Bowl International Grand Prix powerboat race.

TRACK

NEW ORLEANS — Bobby Morrow won the 100 yard dash in 9.6 and Glenn Davis won the quarter mile in 48.8, both easy victories for the Olympic champs in the Sugar Bowl meet.

Owl Hooters Meeting Tonight

The Owl Hoots will hold their weekly dinner meeting at the Chuck Wagon tonight at 6:30, the last meeting of 1958.

Oregon Tech basketball coach Wally Palmberg will be on hand to preview his club's road trip to Salt Lake City for games against Westminster College this weekend. The Tech cagers face Westminster Friday and Saturday then return to Ontario for a game against Northwest Nazarene Monday evening.

All Oregon Tech boosters are invited to attend the weekly dinner meetings.

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Moyer Gets Big Chance, Faces Ortega

NEW YORK (UPI) — Lightweight contender Kenny Lane and Carlos Ortiz clash in a 10-rounder at the Miami Beach Auditorium Wednesday night for a probable shot at the title.

Their nationally televised (ABC) fight is the top attraction on this week's light holiday boxing schedule, although welterweight contender Gaspar Ortega engages newcomer Denny Moyer at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

The Ortega-Moyer 10-rounder will be televised and broadcast nationally by NBC.

In addition, four non-televised 10-rounders will be staged Monday night at the Dallas (Tex.) auditorium, with much attention focused on a bout between heavyweights Art Swiden of Pittsburgh and Bert Whitehurst of New York.

For Wednesday's Lane-Ortiz fight at Miami Beach, the betting is at even money. Southpaw Lane of Muskegon, Mich., is well supported because he gave champion Joe Brown an unexpectedly close title fight at Houston, Tex., July 23, although he lost the decision.

Lane, 26, is ranked tops among contenders by Ring Magazine and third by the National Boxing Association. Ortiz, 22, is rated tops by the NBA and second by Ring.

For Friday's welterweight fight at the Garden, lanky Ortega of Mexico is favored at 8-5 over unbeaten Moyer of Portland Ore., largely because of his greater experience.

Ortega's 47-13-2 record includes 20 knockouts. Moyer, only 19 years old, won all of his 18 professional bouts, four by knockouts.

The week's boxing schedule also includes:

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. — Ruddell Stutch vs. Chico Vejar.

Tuesday: Phoenix, Ariz. — Jimmy Martinez vs. Tony Montano.

Saturday: Hollywood, Calif. — Neal Rivers vs. Willie Vaughn.

Jordan Faces Narcotics Rap

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Officers arrested world welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan on suspicion of narcotics possession Sunday.

Four other young men in a car with him also were booked.

Jordan denied any knowledge of a freshly crushed marijuana cigarette but which officer Robert Ludwig said he found on the floor of the back seat.

Jordan, 24, won the 147-pound crown Dec. 5 from Virgil Akins.

Those booked with the fighter were Javier de la Cruz Sanchez, 24, also a boxer; Pete Padilla, 19, driver of the car; George Chavez, 21, and Richard Holguin, 18.

Jordan was released later on \$1,000 bail.

Gino Marchetti Fractures Bones

BALTIMORE (AP) — Defensive end Gino Marchetti of the NFL Champion Baltimore Colts will have two broken bones in his right leg set today.

The defensive star suffered the injury late in the fourth quarter of Sunday title game against the New York Giants.

Dr. Erwin Mayer, team physician, said both the tibia and the fibula in Marchetti's right leg were fractured in the ankle area.

Pettit, Sears Pace NBA's Star Balloting

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Pettit, scoring ace of the St. Louis Hawks and Kenny Sears, New York Knickerbocker star, topped the voting today for the National Basketball Assn. All-Star game.

The game, between hand-picked aces of the Western and Eastern divisions, will be played in Detroit Jan. 23.

Writers and sportscasters selected 10 players announced by NBA President Maurice Podoloff. The remaining five players on each squad will be named by the coaches next week.

The lone newcomer is rookie Elgin Baylor, former Seattle All-America now with the Minneapolis Lakers. The other nine have seen action in the annual All-Star event with Bob Cousy of the Boston Celtics booked for his ninth successive game.

In addition to Sears and Cousy, the Eastern squad is composed of Bill Russell and Bill Sharman of Boston and Paul Arizin of Philadelphia.

Members of the Western squad include Pettit, Baylor, Cliff Hagan and Slater Martin of the Hawks and Gene Shue of Detroit.

Only one NBA game was played Sunday as the Cincinnati Royals handed the Minneapolis Lakers their fourth straight setback, 120-116.

Jack Twyman paced the Royals with 32 points.

In Saturday night games, Boston tightened its hold on first place in the Eastern Division with a 112-94 decision over the Lakers. New York remained four games back by downing Syracuse 106-102 and Philadelphia turned back St. Louis 114-108 in overtime.

Rangers Stop Montreal Run

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Montreal's unbeaten 13 - game hockey streak lay shattered today but the Canadiens still had a bulging lead in their National Hockey League runaway.

The New York Rangers, chalked up their fourth victory in eight games with Montreal this season, cut down the league leaders 5-3 Sunday night.

Montreal had won 11 and lost two games since Nov. 26 when the same pesky Rangers trimmed them. The defeat left Montreal a dozen points ahead of second place Detroit. Boston and New York were deadlocked in third place, two points behind the Red Wings.

The New York victory shoved them into third place with the Bruins who fell before Detroit 5-3 after losing to Montreal 6-1 Saturday.

The Chicago Black Hawks defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-3 at home Sunday night after they had played a 2-2 tie in Toronto to Saturday.

The Rangers, cheered by a sell-out crowd of 15,925 at Madison Square Garden, held a shaky 3-2 lead but bolted for two goals within three minutes, in the second period to sew it up. Rookie Les Colwill produced his first NHL goal and then Red Sullivan blasted from close range.

Fans Celebrate Title In Frenzied Turnouts

BALTIMORE (AP) — After 11 long years of waiting, it finally was "next year" for Baltimore Colt fans.

So when the Colts rallied to win the National Football League championship, defeating the New York Giants 23-17 in sudden death overtime Sunday, it lifted the lid on a lot of pent up emotion.

A crowd estimated by police in excess of 30,000 turned out at Friendship International Airport to welcome home the champions.

It was Baltimore's first winner since the Colts joined the old All-America Conference in 1947 and shifted to the NFL in 1950.

Three trainloads of spectators who witnessed the title game in New York's Yankee Stadium paraded and shouted their way through Pennsylvania Station.

Elsewhere in the city there was bedlam.

Soon after Alan Ameche plunged over for the winning touchdown, residents rushed outside into mild winter temperatures to dance, set off fireworks and shout the praises of the Colts.

"The Colts won. The Colts won," was the oft-heard cheer. Bells rang. Auto horns sounded. Main one-way streets leading into the city were jammed with bumper-to-bumper traffic.

At the airport, the crowd became unruly, damaged several vehicles, and threw flares and fireworks. A near panic developed when hundreds of persons were jammed into a small area as a bus carrying Colt players inched its way through the mob.

One window in the bus was broken and about 30 fans climbed on the roof to lead cheers. Police later picked up 14 of the roof riders after the bus was taken to a lonely road about one mile from the airport. No charges were placed.

The crowd at the airport overwhelmed some 90 policemen and special guards as they stormed through a rope barrier.

Dixie Cage Classic Gets Nation's Best

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The college basketball fan heard giving out with "I wish I were in Dixie" isn't whistling in the dark. He's in tune with the times, brother.

For while more than a dozen holiday tournaments are on the schedule today, the majority of the big boys have converged on Raleigh, N.C., for the Dixie Classic.

Four of the nation's top ten teams entered the Dixie, and tomorrow night's semifinals could see them banging heads in a doubleheader, providing all survive today's opening round.

Cincinnati (No. 2) met Wake Forest, North Carolina (No. 3) faced Louisville, N.C. State (No. 6) was paired with Yale and Michigan State (No. 9) took on Duke.

Meanwhile, unbeat Kentucky, idle for a week after winning its own invitational tournament, puts its No. 1 ranking on the line against Navy at Lexington. The Kentucky boys have won eight straight this season.

Championships will be decided tonight in ECAC Holiday Festival at New York, the All-College Tournament at Oklahoma City, the Far West Classic at Corvallis, Ore., the Queen City Invitational at Buffalo, N.Y., and the Southwest Conference tournament at Houston.

The Big Eight tourney reaches the semifinals with the championship tomorrow night.

The Motor City, Orange Bowl, Gator Bowl, Sugar Bowl and Richmond Invitational tournaments, all four-team affairs, get under way tonight, while the Carroussel Tournament at Charlotte, N.C., an eight-team battle like the Dixie, opened with a winnibill this afternoon.

The ECAC final matches St. Joseph's of Philadelphia and St. John's of New York, a pair of once-beaten teams.

Oklahoma City and Duquesne clash for the All-College title.

Favorite Texas Christian and darkhorse Texas A&M play for the pre-season Southwest crown.

Oregon State tackles Iowa in the Far West showdown.

Canisius and Dartmouth play the big one in the Queen City.

Kansas State lived up to its favorite tag with a 69-66 first round triumph over Missouri in the Big Eight's first round at Kansas City, while Oklahoma State went under 55-48 to Nebraska. Colorado meets Nebraska in one semi tonight, while K-State plays Oklahoma.

Michigan plays Princeton and Army tests Detroit in openers at the Motor City tourney at Detroit.

Crowd Causes Video Blackout

NEW YORK (UPI) — The overenthusiastic crowd at Yankee Stadium Sunday caused a 2 1/2 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 Co. 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.

Herald and News SPORTS

Olmedo Wins, Barry Loses In Davis Play

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Anderson until the tide of battle changed.

In the first set, Anderson was ahead 6-3 and ran up a 40-15 margin on Olmedo's service. But Alex forced Anderson into two errors, then grabbed two more quick points and it was tied at 6-6.

In the third set again, Anderson made a bid to snop down Olmedo. But Alex again wouldn't give. Anderson was ahead 7-6 on Olmedo's service. No fewer than five times was the Aussie at set point, only to have Olmedo come storming back at him, and finally win the game.

That one discouraged Anderson, and by the time the fourth set came around, Olmedo was the master of the situation.

As for MacKay, he tried to put his service right through Cooper for three sets.

His strategy worked for one set, but then Cooper began merely keeping the ball in play and waiting for the proper spot to go for his winners.

That finished MacKay. In the final set, Barry also decided to change his tactics and he gave up trying to overpower Cooper. By that time it was too late.

Olmedo whipped Anderson 8-6, 9-7, 8-6 in a magnificent uphill battle. Cooper, after writhing under MacKay's bullet services for one set, came out on top 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

So now it's a brand new match. The doubles are scheduled for Tuesday with Olmedo teaming with Richardson and Cooper pairing with left-handed Neale Fraser for the Australians. It is in the doubles that the Americans were conceded their best chance in pre-match forecasts.

The courts were soaked from a tropical storm the night before, and all four players donned spikes at one time or another. Despite the canvas covering, some rain seeped onto the turf of the Milton Tennis Stadium.

Olmedo, 22, the first foreigner ever to play on a U.S. Davis Cup team, more than acquitted himself before the sellout crowd of 18,500.

He hauled himself off the deck a couple of times when he appeared ready to take the count, and slugged it out toe-to-toe with

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