

Oilers Edge LA Chargers For AFL Title

Houston Sparked By Blanda, Defense

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers are the first champions of the American Football League, thanks to the third-down passes of George Blanda and an out-of-character pass defense.

Blanda threw three touchdown passes and the Oiler pass defense was amazing Sunday as Houston took the championship with a 24-16 victory over the Los Angeles Chargers before a crowd of 32,183.

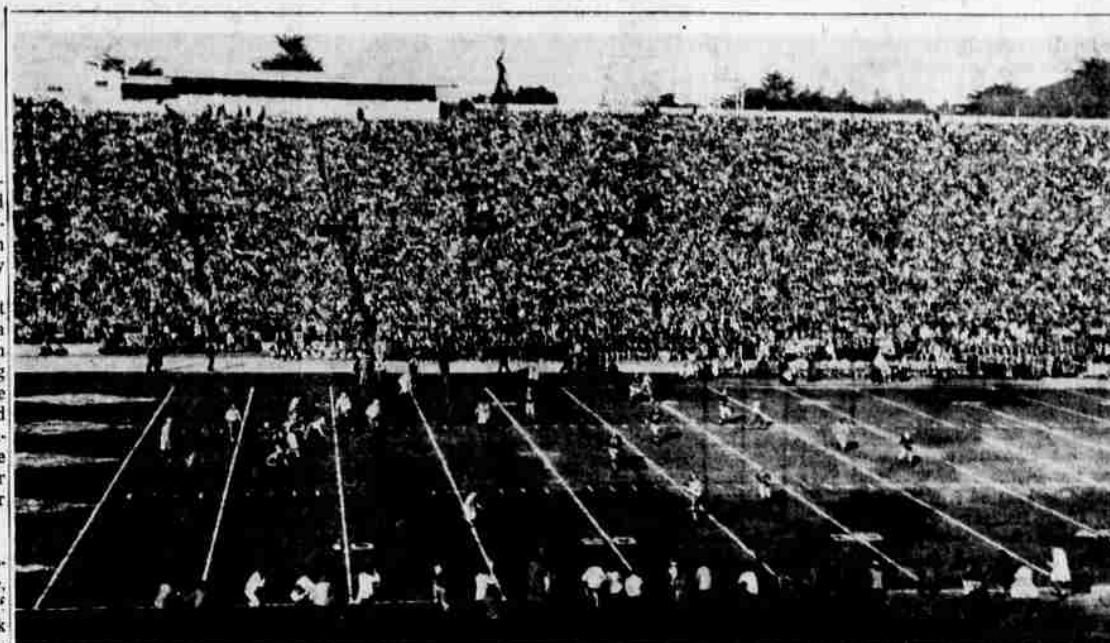
While Blanda's effectiveness on third down triggered the Oiler offense, the Houston defense was handing Jack Kemp, the league's No. 1 passer, his first touchdown shutout in five games.

TD's On 3rd Down
All of Blanda's touchdowns came on third down, as did 11 of his 16 completions. The completions were good for 301 yards.

Kemp had thrown six touchdowns in two regular season games against the Oilers, who won the Eastern Division title despite the league's pass defense in the league. Kemp's 21 completions Sunday were good for 171 yards but this was well below the 276.7-yard average Houston had allowed in 14 regular season games.

"It was our best defensive game of the season," said Blanda, who spent 10 years with the Chicago Bears before "retiring" two years ago.

Play Too Rough
Game officials thought play was too rough in spots. Second and fourth quarter fist fights caused three players — Hogan Wharton and Julian Spence of Houston and Maury Schleicher of Los Angeles — to be ordered from the game.



A PASS FOR THE WEST — The Air Force Academy's quarterback Richie Mayo, far left, completes a pass to UCLA's wingback Jim Johnson, foreground, in this East-West Shrine Game action viewed Saturday by Herald and News photographer Don Kettler. The action occurred late in the game as the West fought in vain to overcome a 7-0 deficit. Aaron Thomas of Oregon State and Dave Urell of Oregon played in the contest. The Klamath Union High School Marching Band entertained at halftime.

Rafer Johnson Wins Prized Trophy

NEW YORK (UPI) — Rafer Johnson, victorious in the grueling Olympic decathlon and considered a model of American youth, has added the highly prized James E. Sullivan Amateur Athletic Union Memorial trophy to his collection of honors.

Wilma Rudolph and Jeff Farrell, who also gained fame as personalities and athletes during the Olympic Games, were second and third in the 1960 balloting by a nationwide tribunal of sports authorities.

The award, named in memory of James E. Sullivan, a founder of the AAU, is presented annually by that organization to "the amateur athlete who, by performance, example and good influence did most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship during the year."

Scores Narrow Victory
Johnson scored a narrow victory in the Olympics over his close friend and UCLA classmate, C. K. Yang of Formosa, with a record total of 8,392 points for the world games. Earlier, at the

Olympic trials, Johnson had established the world mark for the 10-event decathlon of 8,683 points. Johnson, of Kingsbury, Calif., received 233 first place votes of the 635 ballots cast and a total of 1,611 points.

Miss Rudolph, the premier woman athlete of America, was awarded 103 first place votes and 1,079 points for her spectacular successes in the Olympics when she won the 100 and 200-meter dashes and anchored the triumphant 400-meter relay team. A native of Clarksville, Tenn., she now attends Tennessee State A&I.

Triumphs Over Surgery
Farrell, of Wichita, Kan., amazed both the sports and medical fields when he qualified for the Olympic swimming team just six days after an emergency appendectomy had appeared to end his hopes. Farrell was the successful anchor man on both the 800-meter freestyle relay and 400-meter medley relay. He received 702 points in the Sullivan Trophy voting.

Chris Von Saltza of Saratoga, Calif., winner of three Olympic gold medals and one silver medal in swimming, was fourth in the balloting with 585 points.

Completing the list of point-getters were: Tommy Kono, weightlifting, Hawaii (402); Don Bragg, pole vault, Penns Grove, N.J. (385); Dave Sime, track, Fair Lawn, N.J. (291); Jerry Lucas, basketball, Middletown, Ohio (275); Terry McCann, wrestling, Tulsa, Okla. (131); and Mike Troy, swimming, Indianapolis, Ind. (127).

Celts, Hawks Lead Divisions Of NBA

National Basketball Association
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Eastern Division
W L Pct. GB
Boston 25 11 .694 —
Philadelphia 23 12 .657 1 1/2
Syracuse 14 19 .424 9 1/2
New York 10 26 .278 15

Western Division
W L Pct. GB
St. Louis 24 11 .686 —
Cincinnati 19 23 .452 8 1/2
Detroit 15 19 .441 8 1/2
Los Angeles 15 24 .385 11

Sunday's Results
Boston 113, Syracuse 96
Cincinnati 114, St. Louis 112
Detroit 116, Los Angeles 105

On the surface the St. Louis Hawks have a comfortable 81-game cushion atop the Western Division of the National Basketball Association today, but...

Second place Cincinnati already has equalled its total victories of last season, 19, including Sunday night's 114-112 decision over the Hawks.

And the Detroit Pistons, tied with the Royals for second behind the Hawks, ran their winning streak to four games with 116-105 triumph over the Los Angeles Lakers.

In the only other game Sunday night, the Boston Celtics coasted to a 113-96 triumph over the Syracuse Nationals.

Cincinnati blew a 55-44 halftime lead and had to bounce back in the final quarter to pull it out. Wayne Embry scored 14 points in the final sessions for the Royals. Oscar Robertson was high man with 28 points.

The Pistons won going away after being 10 points behind in the first quarter. Bailey Howell paced the winners with 28 points.

Bevos Best In Oregon

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Oregon's three major independent college basketball teams still have winning records for the season, but Oregon State is emerging as the strongest.

The Staters won their fifth straight Far West Classic tournament title last week, posting three straight victories to run their season record to 6-3.

The Staters will be idle until Saturday, when the University of Portland will invade the Oregon State court.

Portland (7-3) will journey first to play a game against the strong Seattle University Chieftains at Seattle Tuesday.

The University of Oregon (4-3) will play a pair of games at the University of Idaho Friday and Saturday.

TENNIS

NEW ORLEANS—Ham Richardson won the singles and teamed with Ronald Holmberg to take the doubles in the Sugar Bowl tournament.

Defending Champs Make Bid For Second Straight Crown

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Buckeyes of Ohio State, national collegiate basketball champions last season, may well be on the way to another title this year.

They are 9-0 to date, with 15 more regular season games to go before the NCAA tournament warfare begins. Perhaps Coach Fred Taylor's outfit led by All America Jerry Lucas can repeat. There are 14 Big Ten conference games ahead for the Bucks, plus one date with Evansville Jan. 9.

Indiana and Purdue of the Big Ten are supposed to provide the main opposition to Ohio State in the conference struggle but Purdue and Indiana both are 5-3 for the young season after the holiday skirmishing, and Ohio State rides high after winning the Holiday Festival Tournament in New York. Ohio State was rated No. 1 in the nation a week ago.

Lucas and mates knocked off St. John's (N.Y.) 70-65 in the semifinals and then St. Bonaventure 84-82 in the tourney final. In a first-round game, the Buckeyes

cllobbered Seton Hall 97-57. The two later victories were over a St. John's outfit ranked No. 7 nationally in the weekly Associated Press poll, and St. Bonaventure with a lofty No. 3 rating.

In the Los Angeles Classic tournament in which Iowa whipped UCLA for the title 71-65, Indiana started off by beating Stanford, but then was drubbed 94-72 by UCLA, and 90-71 by Southern California for third place.

Purdue dropped openers to Pittsburgh and Penn State early in December, won five straight over not too impressive opposition, then was beaten last week by Butler, 65-63.

St. Bonaventure, with Tom Stith piling up 35 points, gave Ohio State all it could handle, but Lucas steered the Bucks to a hard-earned victory. He got 32 points, had seven assists and snared 21 rebounds, and was voted the most valuable player.

Duke finally dropped its first game as North Carolina came from behind to whip the Blue Devils 76-71 in the finals of the Duke had won nine straight and

North Carolina State, rated No. 10, won the Dixie consolation honors by defeating Wake Forest 99-91.

Among other top 10 teams, No. 1 Bradley pushed its record to 10-0 by beating Drake and Dartmouth during the week, and Louisville (No. 5) made it 11-0 with wins over Brigham Young and St. Louis, Auburn (No. 9 and 5-0) didn't play, but swings back into action with Florida State tonight.

In one hangover from the Christmas week tournament grind, Canisius and Drake meet tonight for the championship of the Queen City invitation at Buffalo, N.Y. Canisius gained the finals by whipping Princeton 79-73, and Drake made the grade by beating Connecticut 90-81.

Kentucky, which defeated Missouri 81-69 Saturday, tackles Miami of Ohio tonight in hopes of improving on a 5-3 record.

College Basketball Scores

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ECAC Holiday Festival
Championship
Ohio State 84, St. Bonaventure 82
Third Place
St. John's (N.Y.) 73, Utah 65
Fifth Place
Seton Hall 91, St. Joseph's (Pa.) 83

Dixie Classic
Championship
North Carolina 76, Duke 71
Third Place
Villanova 75, Marquette 70
Fifth Place
North Carolina State 99, Wake Forest 91

Seventh Place
Maryland 84, Wyoming 77
Queen City at Buffalo, N.Y.
First Round
Canisius 79, Princeton 73

Drake 90, Connecticut 81
Norfolk State Holiday Festival
Championship
Virginia Union 112, Morgan State 84
Third Place
Hampton Institute 78, Norfolk State 74
Spindale, N.C., Rotary Tourney
Championship
Lenoir Rhyne 82, West Carolina 63

Winston-Salem Tchrs 100, North Carolina A&T 91
North Carolina College 92, J.C. Smith (NC) 83
Independence (Mo) Tourney
Championship
Graceland (Iowa) 69, Kansas City Univ. 62
Third Place
Tarkio 77, Kansas City National 71

Other Games
Louisville 49, St. Louis 47
Kentucky 81, Missouri 69
Cincinnati 84, George Washington 61
Northwestern 59, Notre Dame 56
Xavier (Ohio) 78, Yale 63
Kent State 72, Akron 67
Toledo 76, Miami (Ohio) 68
North Dakota 85, Bemidji (Minn.) 73
Northern Illinois 100, New Hampshire 84

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First Goal Big One For Negro Puckster

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National Hockey League
Saturday's Results
Montreal 3, Boston 1
Toronto 2, New York 1
Chicago 3, Detroit 0

Sunday's Results
Boston 3, Montreal 2
Toronto 4, New York 1
Chicago 3, Detroit 0

Willie O'Ree, the only Negro player in the National Hockey League, made his first goal one that he will remember for a long time.

The Boston rookie fired him a blast at 10:07 of the final period against Montreal Sunday night and it proved to be the winning margin in a 3-2 Bruins victory.

With the Bruins ahead, 2-1, O'Ree grabbed the puck at center ice, whipped in at Montreal goalie Charlie Hodge and beat him with a 20-footer. The capacity crowd of 13,909 in Boston Garden gave O'Ree a standing ovation for two minutes.

Defenseman Leo Boivin had put the Bruins ahead earlier on an unassisted 35-footer. Johnny Bucyk

OCC Begins Play Friday

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The Oregon Collegiate Conference will open competition this week.

Eastern Oregon (3-5) will be at Southern Oregon (3-6) for games Friday and Saturday.

Oregon Tech (4-6) will be at Portland State (3-4) for games the same nights.

Only Oregon College of Education (2-3) will not be in conference action, although OCE will play three games this week. First OCE will journey to Pacific Tuesday night, then go to St. Martin's Friday and Saturday. In another non-conference game Eastern Oregon will be host to Whitman tonight.

Black Hawk goalie Glenn Hall whitewashed the Redwings for the third time in a row and the second time in two nights. The victory also pushed the Hawks into third-place with Detroit.

Stan Mikita, Ken Wharram and Ron Murphy all scored for the Hawks while Hall was waving his magic wand at the Red Wings.

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College of Idaho (4-3) will open at Linfield, then finish up with Friday and Saturday games at Willamette.

Pacific (1-7) will play a pair of games against Lewis and Clark (5-2) Friday and Saturday.

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Conant Raps HS Sports

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Former Harvard University President James B. Conant today called for the abolition of state high school athletic championships.

Conant also urged an end to all sports competition between junior high schools.

In an article in the current issue of Look Magazine, Conant said "vicious overemphasis on competitive athletics" has, in many areas, resulted in school athletics taking precedence over classroom studies.

He called this "seriously destructive to our entire educational structure."

Conant said "exploitation of children" occurred in cities and towns where football games between teams composed of boys 13 and 14 years of age were played in a stadium at night. Spectators are encouraged to attend since gate receipts are counted on to pay at least some of the expenses.

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Veteran Fighter Earns TV Shot

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NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Veteran Rory Calhoun today looked forward to a TV bout with Florinto Fernandez on the basis of a win Sunday night in his 10-round middleweight match with third-ranked Hank Casey.

Calhoun coasted in the three opening rounds, then found the range to Casey's body and laced at it for the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds. Then the White Plains, N.Y., boxer got in trouble in the seventh.

Casey, weighing 162 and hailing from San Francisco, caught his 163-pound opponent with a two-hand combination and had Calhoun staggering when the seventh ended.

Calhoun managed to hang on during an eighth-round follow-up onslaught by the faster Casey. He managed to turn the tide again, returning to his earlier body attack in the ninth and tenth.

One judge and the referee gave Calhoun the nod; the other judge saw Casey best. United Press International's scoring agreed with the majority.

RACING
ARCADIA, Calif. — Tompion (\$7.80) defeated New Policy by 3 1/4 lengths in the \$27,650 Malibu Stakes at Santa Anita.

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