

Experts Dizzied By Upsets In Christmas Holiday Tournaments

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College basketball's annual merry-go-round of Christmas tournaments has only begun but it already has the experts dizzy.

The opening rounds of both the Los Angeles Classic and the Quaker City Tournament produced spectacular upsets and play in three other tournaments suggested that the upset lightning has

only begun to strike.

The most surprising results on Wednesday night were Northwestern's 82-61 last-gasp triumph over fourth-ranked Stanford and St. Joseph of Philadelphia's 58-57 last-second victory over seventh-ranked Bowling Green. Both losers started the tournaments unbeaten and with designs on displacing Cincinnati as the nation's No. 1 team.

Fifth-ranked Illinois made an impressive debut with a 96-66 rout of Pennsylvania in the Holiday Festival Tournament in New York, meanwhile, but 12th-ranked West Virginia staggered to a 54-84 decision over Boston College in a game that nearly produced the biggest upset of all.

Ken Lutgen, a substitute who didn't see any action in the first half, tipped in a desperation shot

with four seconds left to give Northwestern its victory at Los Angeles, Stanford, which started the game with a seven-game winning streak, had gone ahead, 61-66, with 13 seconds remaining. The victory sent Northwestern into tonight's second round against Colorado State, which lopped previously unbeaten Southern California, 72-64.

St. Louis defeated Washington 84-80, and UCLA downed Utah State, 89-75, in other first-round games of the L. A. Classic.

Bowling Green led St. Joseph's by a point with four seconds left and also had possession of the ball out of bounds. But a wild pass gave St. Joseph's the ball and Jimmy Boyle that shot through the cords as the final buzzer sounded. It was the

18th time the lead changed hands in the thriller at Philadelphia.

Ruce Burton's 34 points led Brigham Young to an 84-73 win over favored LaSalle, Providence beat Delaware, 70-57, with the help of 20 points by Ray Flynn, and Wally Jones' 18 points paced Villanova to a 72-54 victory over Manhattan in the Quaker City's other first-round action.

Center Bill Burwell connected on 16 of 13 field goal tries as fast-breaking Illinois blitzed Pennsylvania, Illinois led by as much as 25 points in scoring its sixth straight victory.

Mike Wolfe tied the score for West Virginia with five seconds left in regulation time and scored the winning basket with 13 seconds left in the overtime period at New York St. Bonaventure

walloped Holy Cross, 82-68, and New York University beat Duquesne, 71-66, in other first-round games.

Mary Straw scored 27 points as Iowa State whipped Nebraska, 82-68, and George Unsel tallied 25 points as Kansas defeated Colorado, 70-64, in first-round games of the Big Eight Tournament at Kansas City, Mo. Kansas State plays Missouri and Oklahoma in State

Junior Bowling Tourney Begins Today In Area

The area portion of the 16th annual Christmas American Junior Bowling Congress World Tournament got underway today on three area lanes with over 300 kids expected to participate.

The three bowling alleys housing the tournament are Lucky Lanes, Holiday Bowl and Tulelake's lanes. The bowlers will bowl at their home lanes in the three-day tournament.

Tittle Selected 'Player'

By NORMAN MILLER
UPI Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UPI)—A Title of the New York Giants, only two years ago on the scrap heap of pro football, today was voted United Press International Player-of-the-Year for the 1962 National Football League season.

The Giants in a man agree that they could not have won the Eastern Division title in the NFL this season were it not for their bald 36-year-old quarterback.

Title set a league record by throwing 23 touchdown passes, in addition to providing the brainy play-calling and inspired leadership requisite of a championship quarterback.

Carries Ball

And despite his advanced age, he risked his limbs by carrying the ball 17 times, averaging 6.4 yards per rush and scoring a pair of important touchdowns.

Title won the honor by a close margin over fullback Jim Taylor of the Green Bay Packers. Title received 19 votes and Taylor 17 in a poll of 42 writers who covered the NFL campaign. Defensive tackle Roger Brown of the Detroit Lions attracted two votes and four players had one vote each.

Title and Taylor will be on opposing sides in the NFL championship game next Sunday for the second year in a row. Taylor had much the better of it in last year's 17-14 Green Bay rout as Title had a lack-luster game.

Seeks First Title

"If we can win next Sunday, it will be the greatest thrill of my lifetime," says Title.

Although he has played pro football for 13 seasons, he never had played on a championship team before coming to the Giants from the San Francisco Forty Niners at the start of the 1961 season.

This was the second time in his career, however, that he was a named UPI Player-of-the-Year in the NFL. He previously was named in 1957 during the holiday with the Forty Niners.



MOORE GRABS REBOUND — Washington State's Ted Warner (41-C) grimes as Oregon center Glenn Moore looks for another pass to after out-rebounding Werner. Moore scored eight points as the Ducks won their opening game in the Far West Classic, 67-57.

The versatile quarterback, who rushed and passed for 2,276 yards and threw 13 touchdown passes, also won the Heisman and Maxwell trophies as the nation's top college player. He was the first westerner to receive all three awards.

Previous winners of the Warner award starting in 1949 were Eddie LeBaron, College of the Pacific; Russ Pomeroy, Stanford; Ollie Matson, USC; Jim Sears, USC; Bob Garrett, Stanford; George Shaw, Oregon; Bob Davern, UCLA; Jon Arnett, USC; Joe Francis, Oregon State; Joe Kap, California; Chris Burford, Stanford; Bill Kime, UCLA; and Cliff Galloway, San Jose State.

NEW YORK (UPI)—The United Press International small college basketball ratings with first-place votes and won-lost records in parentheses:

Team Points
1. Westminster (Pa.) (21) (64-308)
2. Southern Ill. (31) (61) 249
3. Prairie View (21) (246) 214
4. Tenn. State (31) (61) 199
5. Grambling (6-1) 178
6. Wittenberg (11) (64) 138
7. Evansville (11) (43) 119
8. Hofstra (7-2) 71
9. St. Olaf (9-2) 62
10. Mt. St. Mary's (11) (33) 44

Second 10-11. Fresno State 37, 12. Orange State 28, 13. Ute, Northern Michigan and Pacific Lutheran 23 each; 14. Sacramento State 21; 15. Santa Clara 20; 16. Lamar Tech 18; 17. (19) Chapman, 11; Gannon and Kentucky Wesleyan 17 each; 20. Southeast Missouri 15.

Others 15 or more points — St. Cloud State 9; Augsburg, St. Joseph and Whitler 8 each; Florida A&M and Valparaiso 7 each; Arkansas State, Indiana (Pa.) State and Ohio Wesleyan 6 each; Wheaton and Western Illinois 5 each.

WESTMINSTER STAYS TOP RANKED QUINT

Westminster (Pa.), the defending national champion, today was named the No. 1 small college basketball team for the fourth straight week by the United Press International Board of Coaches.

The Titans, who have won all six of their games this season following a 29-2 record a year ago, were named the nation's top team this week by 21 of the 25 coaches who comprise the UPI rating board. That represented a slight decline in popularity from a week ago when Westminster was picked No. 1 by 23 coaches, but nevertheless, the Titans held a firm grip on the top spot.

With points computed on a basis of 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 for votes from first through 10th places, the Titans had a total of 306 — 57 more than runnerup Southern Illinois, the top choice of five coaches.

Prairie View A&M, unbeaten in seven games, switched places with Tennessee State (4-1) in this week's ratings, taking over the third spot, while Grambling (6-1) remained fifth.

Wittenberg (6-1) held on to sixth, Evansville (4-3) remained seventh and Hofstra (7-2) held eighth. Southeast Oklahoma (2-2) swapped places with Mt. St. Mary's (Mt.) (3-2) for the sixth spot in the game at Roseburg.

There are several games scheduled around the state tonight. The only one involving class A-I teams is the Dallas, unbeaten in four games this season, to WY's.

Trojans Drill For Wisconsin

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Southern California returned to the serious work of practicing defense patterns against Wisconsin football plays today after joining the Badger team for a Disneyland junkie Wednesday afternoon.

John McKay's crew had all three USC quarterbacks, Pete Beathard, Bill Nelson and Craig Fertig, playing the role of Badger ace Ron Vanderkum to give the Trojan secondary a preview of things to come New Year's Day in the Rose Bowl.

Receivers Jay Clark and Fred Hall practiced in the USC offense drill with Nelson throwing.

Badgers Work On Timing Edge

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI)—The Wisconsin Badgers practiced to afternoon practice sessions today as previously announced and Coach Bill Bruhn was hopeful of gaining the needed edge in timing for their Rose Bowl contest with University of Southern California.

After a morning workout on the track Wednesday, Bruhn said "we boys are still not sharp. We definitely are not ready yet."

Bruhn said that all the players were in good physical shape.

WHAT'S THE SCORE BUD? — Bob Patton of NYU is held up by a reporter after he leaped over the school's cheerleaders and jumped up on a table while chasing a loose ball during the game with Duquesne in the ECAC Holiday Skisette Festival at Madison Square Garden. NYU won, 71-65.

Oregon Drops Cougars; Beavers Favored

PORTLAND (UPI)—Defending champion Oregon State starts its quest for a seventh consecutive Far West Classic basketball title tonight and once again arch-rival Oregon is bidding to meet the Beavers in the finals.

Oregon defeated Washington State 67-57 and Iowa edged Arizona 57-56 in opening games Wednesday night.

Oregon State takes on unbeaten Idaho tonight in the last opening round contest at 8:30 p.m. PST, after Seattle and California meet in the opener at 7:30. Oregon State has never lost a game in this tournament and the Beavers are among the favorites again.

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Baker Wins Warner Title

PALO ALTO, Calif. (UPI)—Terry Baker of Oregon State Wednesday was named winner of the 14th annual Glenn S. 'Pop' Warner award for the most valuable senior football player on the Pacific Coast.

Baker, chosen by vote of more than 400 sports writers, broadcasters and coaches, will receive his trophy Jan. 22 from the Palo Alto Sports Club.

The versatile quarterback, who rushed and passed for 2,276 yards and threw 13 touchdown passes, also won the Heisman and Maxwell trophies as the nation's top college player. He was the first westerner to receive all three awards.

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After another tie, forward Dave Roach hit a basket to put Iowa in front to stay, 56-54, with 31 seconds to play.

Jimmy Rodgers led Iowa with 18 points, but scoring honors were taken by Albert Clara of Arizona with 18.

edge Arizona.

Referee Bill Fouts gave Schuerman the heave-to with 8:10 to play and his team trailing 50-43. Arizona scored again moments later, but the Hawkeyes reeled off nine points of their own for a tie game from nine points behind to

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