



V IS FOR VICTORY — These University of Arkansas cheerleaders seem confident of the outcome of the Sugar Bowl game today in New Orleans. The University of Arkansas met the University of Mississippi in the Sugar Bowl game. The cheerleaders are unidentified. —UPI Telephoto

Cincinnati Increases National Cage Lead

NEW YORK (UPI) — Cincinnati, which scored an easy victory in its only game during a light Christmas week schedule, was a unanimous choice Tuesday for the second straight week by the United Press International Board of Coaches as the nation's No. 1 college basketball team.

The unbeaten Bearcats, who have won nine games this season and 27 in a row over two seasons, have led the UPI ratings for all five weeks. Ohio University was Cincinnati's latest victim by a 73-43 score Saturday night.

Hula Bowl Players Prepping For Game

HONOLULU (UPI) — Thirty-six Hula Bowl participants, plus coaches Rip Engle of Penn State and Bill Barnes of UCLA, arrived in Hawaii Sunday night to begin preparations for the 16th annual football classic scheduled for Jan. 6 at Honolulu Stadium.

Engle will coach the North All Stars and Barnes, along with his UCLA assistant Johnny Johnston, will mastermind the South. Two Bruin linemen, Andy Von Som and Tony Fiorentino, arrived from Los Angeles with their coaches.

Arriving from San Francisco on a second flight were Larry Ferguson and Earl McQuiston, both of Iowa; George Reed, Washington State; Dave Behrman, Michigan State; Steve Barnett, Mickey Ordling and Ron Snidow, all of Oregon; Dave Robinson and Roger Kochman, both of Penn State; Bill Murkowski and Bob Vogel, Ohio State; John Mackey, Syracuse; Bill Munsey, John Campbell and Bobby Bell, all of Minnesota; George Gnos, Oregon State; Ray Mansfield, Washington; George Saimes, Michigan State; Paul Flatley, Northwestern; Don Brumm, Purdue.

Other arrivals included Eldon Forte, Brigham Young; Bill Turner and Larry Balliet, California; Conrad Hitcher and Tom Hertz, Missouri; Tom Hutchinson, Kentucky; Ed Cummings, Stanford; Dave Costa and Marv Fleming, Utah; Ray Schoenke, Southern Methodist; Sonny Gibbs, Texas Christian; Ron Goodwin, Baylor; Lionel Aldridge, Utah State; and Kermit Alexander, UCLA.

Dave Watson of Georgia Tech was scheduled to arrive from San Francisco, but missed connections and is now due in later this week.

Hugh Campbell of Washington State, who was voted the outstanding lineman of Saturday's East-West Shrine game in San Francisco, arrived late Sunday night from Seattle with his new bride.

New Year's Day bowl participants will arrive Wednesday. They include Pat Richter and Ron Vanderklein of Wisconsin.



A HAWAIIAN WELCOME — Ron Snidow, Steve Barnett and Mickey Ordling (left to right) of Oregon are welcomed to Honolulu by State Greeter Winnie Hewett. They are among 48 senior candidates who will participate in the 17th annual Hula Bowl football game at Honolulu Stadium Jan. 6. —UPI Telephoto

JOIN EAST SQUAD
BOSTON (UPI)—Offensive tackle Charlin Long and defensive back Fred Bruney of the Boston Patriots have been added to the East squad which meets the West January 13 in the All-Star game.

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Bowl Games Highlight Opening Of New Year For Nation's Sports

By FRED DOWN
UPI Sports Writer

College football rings in the new year for some 330,000 on-the-scene fans and a beary-eyed TV audience of approximately 40-million armchair quarterbacks today with four big bowl games involving the eight top-ranked teams in the country.

Wisconsin, Louisiana State, Alabama and Mississippi are the favorites in the Rose, Cotton, Orange and Sugar bowls, respectively, but none is better than a six-point pick and the experts agree that any of the four games can go either way without it being labeled a real upset.

There'll be a full eight hours of TV entertainment—with the first two games scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., EST, and the

fourth likely to end about 8 p.m. EST.

Some 100,000 fans, the biggest crowd of the day, are anticipated at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., to see Southern California place its perfect record and national championship on the line against strong, dedicated Wisconsin. The Badgers, who had an 8-1 season record in the tough Big Ten and midwestern competition, have been installed two-point favorites over the West Coast squad.

Southern Cal, which completed its first perfect season since 1932, will bank mainly on the passing of Pete Bealhard and Bill Nelson while Wisconsin's attack is sparked by passer Ron VanderKelen. The game will be televised by NBC beginning at 5 p.m., EST. President Kennedy will be in

the crowd of 74,000 at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Fla., where Alabama is a three-point choice over Oklahoma. The outlook is for a rugged, hard-nosed defensive battle with Alabama carrying a 9-1 record and Oklahoma an 8-2 mark into the game. This one will be televised by ABC beginning at 2 p.m. EST.

A full house of 75,504 is assured at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Tex., with Louisiana State a three-point choice over Texas. Another tight defensive battle is in prospect when the game begins at 3 p.m., EST, with CBS carrying the action on television. Texas enters the game with a 9-0-1 mark compared with Louisiana State's 8-1-1 slate.

Mississippi is a six-point favorite over Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl with the action slated to be televised by NBC at 2 p.m., EST. Mississippi, which had a 9-0 season record for its first perfect season in history, was ranked its 10th post-season bowl appearance in 16 years under coach John Vought. Arkansas, 9-1, will rely heavily on the running and passing of Billy Moore.

West Texas State Grabs Sun Bowl

EL PASO, Tex. (UPI) — Hoot Gibson, a scrawny second team quarterback, completed a 32-yard scoring pass to halfback Jerry Richardson to give the West Texas State Buffaloes a comeback 12-14 victory Monday over the Ohio University Bobcats in the 28th annual Sun Bowl.

West Texas coach Joe Kerbel called the play "the turning point of the game."

"He (Gibson) eluded so many players that I didn't know if he would ever get free," Kerbel said. Gibson reversed his field twice looking for a receiver. He found Richardson behind the line of scrimmage and the fleet halfback zipped down the sidelines for 32 yards and the touchdown. Regular quarterback Jim Dawson passed to end Jim Ostrander for the game-winning two extra points.

Kerbel said "When (Don) Hoolver caught that fumble in the air and ran it back for their touch-

down, I was just about as low as I could get."

Hoolver, who was voted the game's outstanding lineman, grabbed Dawson's fumble on the nine and lumbered 91 yards for a touchdown that put Ohio ahead, 11-7, in the third period.

Specialist Jim McKee booted two field goals for the Bobcats. A 32-yarder in the second period put Ohio on front, 3-0, and set a new Sun Bowl record. He added a 24-yard field goal in the second quarter after Ohio marched to the West Texas four-yard line and then stalled.

West Texas marched 92 yards for the game winning touchdown with 10 minutes left in the last quarter. Dawson passed 13 yards to halfback Jerry Logan, the national scoring champion, for West Texas' first touchdown in the second period. Logan was voted the game's outstanding player. Gibson kicked the extra point.

Sun Devils Shade Pesky Denver Pioneers, 79-72

By United Press International
Joe Caldwell led his sixth-ranked Arizona State Sun Devils to a tournament crown last weekend, picking up the most valuable player award, and Monday night he showed he was more valuable than ever.

The 6-foot-3 junior hotshot score 11 points in overtime as the Sun Devils shaded the University of Denver, 79-72, at Tempe, Ariz.

Caldwell, who led his mates to the Queen City Invitational title at Buffalo Saturday night, sank four field goals and three free throws in Monday night's extra period. The game went into overtime when the underdog Pioneers hit eight straight points in the final three minutes of regulation play to tie it at 67-67.

Caldwell finished the evening with 25 points, with Art Becker and Gary Senitz contributing 17 apiece. Game high man was Dennis Hodge of Denver with 27.

The Arizona State-Denver tussle was the only major game on the New Year's Eve schedule, and tonight's card is equally slim — Montana State is at Seattle and that's it.

This weekend the chase for the conference championships gets going with a couple of weekend clashes in the Big Six and three games Saturday night in the West Coast Athletic Conference.

The wide-open Big Six opens Friday night when the twice-beaten Trojans of Southern California visit Berkeley to take on the surprising Bears, who have also lost

only two. The two teams meet again Saturday.

UCLA, which ranks at the conference favorite following its victory in the Los Angeles tournament during the holiday season, journeys to Washington for a weekend pair with the Huskies.

In the WCAC, another league where the best is hard to find, Saturday's games find San Jose State, winner of the holiday tournament in San Francisco, visiting University of Pacific, while Santa Clara tackles Pepperdine at Los Angeles and USF is at Loyola.

College Scores

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SOUTHEAST
Furman 62 Air Force 53

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SKI TIME — The new Gold Coast chairlift in the upper Squaw Valley ski terrain was the favored meeting place over the past week. The lack of snow on the lower levels brought the masses to the newly opened upper trails. This is one of the few ski areas open to the public over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Lines form to board the new lift to get in some skiing this upper elevation. —UPI Telephoto

Oregon State Regains Ranks

NEW YORK (UPI) — Oregon State, which dropped virtually out of sight last week, bounced back into the top ten this week in United Press International basketball ratings.

The rebound came after the Beavers won their seventh straight Far West Classic title

this weekend at Portland, Oregon. The Beavers received 44 points in the coaches poll to take the number ten spot in the top ten. A week ago, the Beavers were lower than the top 20.

Cincinnati was first with 350 points, followed by Loyola of Illinois, Illinois, Arizona State and UCLA. Ohio State was sixth, Kentucky was seventh, Wichita was eighth, and Duke was ninth.

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