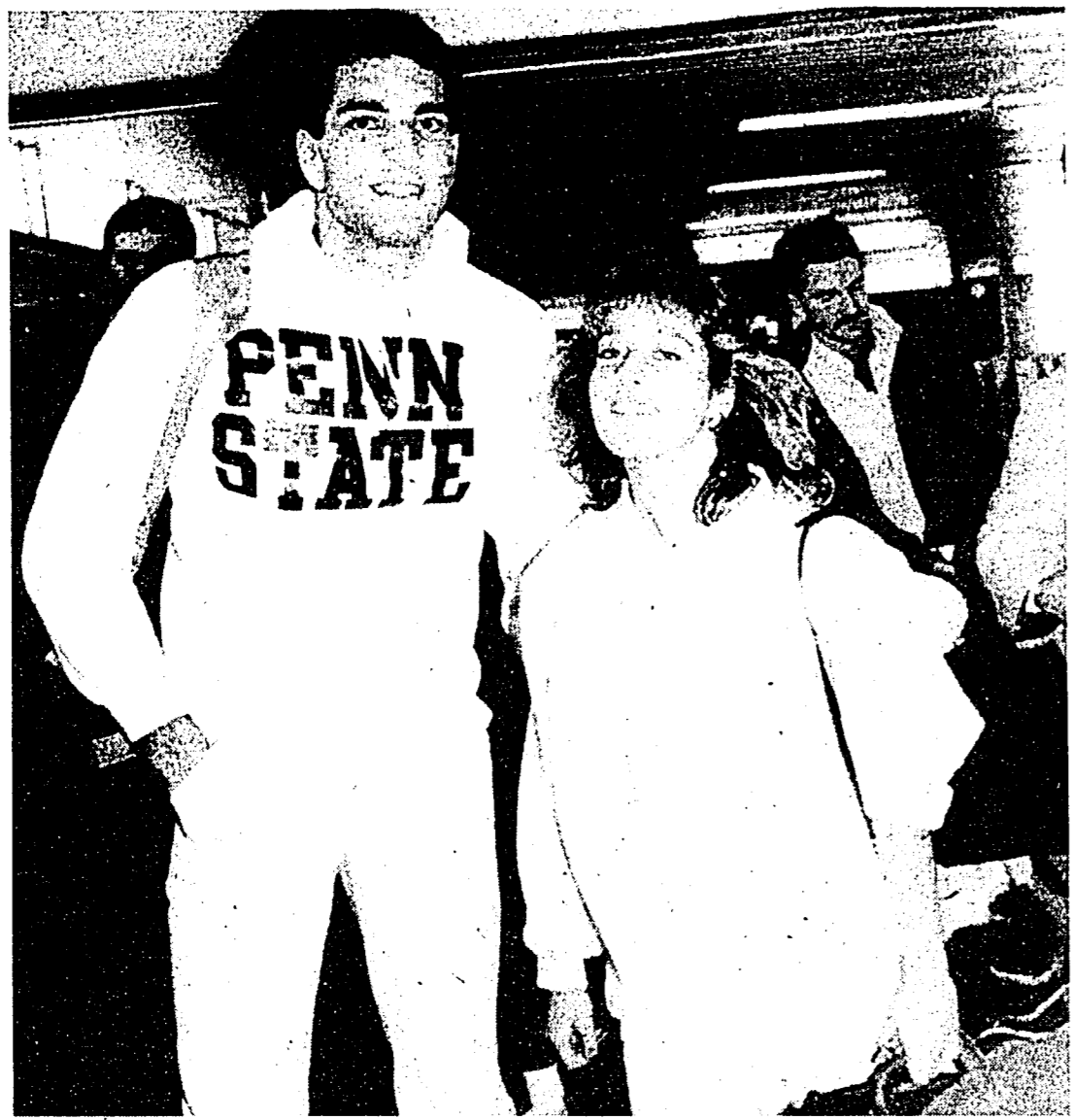


Working Overtime?

Will Lions and 'Canes have a chance to break a tie in Fiesta?

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — The Fiesta Bowl is investigating the possibility of playing overtime if the national championship showdown between top-ranked Miami and the No. 2 football team ends in a tie. An NCAA spokesman said the Fiesta Bowl "is not totally out of the ballpark, that's for sure," in pursuing overtime play. But a member of the NCAA Football Rules Committee said the tie-breaker provision does not apply to major-college bowl games and violation of the rule could result in sanctions.



Miami quarterback Vinny Testaverde had better get used to seeing blue and white. If Fiesta Bowl officials get their way, and an overtime is instituted, the Heisman Trophy winner may be eying Lions defenders for more than 60 minutes.

The tie-breaker provision does not call for sudden-death play like the NFL. An overtime period consists of possession of the ball on the opponent's 25-yard line, first and 10, by both Team A and Team B. If, after both possessions, there is no score or the score is tied, there will be a second overtime period. The team scoring the greater number of points after an equal number of possessions is the winner.

Landry not nervous despite death threat

By KEN PETERS AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Although a bullet-proof vest bulged under his coat as he stood along the Dallas Cowboys' sideline, Coach Tom Landry said he wasn't nervous. Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett, however, found phoned threats against Landry a little unnerving. "It was a very eerie feeling being on the sideline after hearing what we heard," Dorsett said after the Cowboys' 29-10 loss to the Los Angeles Rams Sunday night. "Everybody's looking around and over everybody's shoulders and saying who's standing behind whom," Dorsett said of the Cowboys on the sideline. "Wait a minute, man, this is only a game. My life is more important than anything."

Playoff picture still muddled

By DAVE GOLDBERG AP Football Writer

The race for the NFL's 10 playoff spots moved into its final two weeks yesterday with the AFC in a mad scramble that could go down to the final game of the season. Kansas City's 37-10 upset of Denver and Cincinnati's 31-7 win over New England Sunday meant no new teams were added to the three that had already clinched playoff berths — the Chicago Bears, New York Giants and Washington Redskins. But the Giants' 24-14 victory over the Redskins moved them a small step away from the NFC East title and the Los Angeles Rams 29-10 win over Dallas left them equally close to the NFC West championship. The Rams' triumph also left the Cowboys reeling elimination.

Ueberroth urges fiscal sanity

By BEN WALKER AP Baseball Writer

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Commissioner Peter Ueberroth renewed his call for baseball to spend wisely while a high-stakes battle over free agents began brewing yesterday. Ueberroth, in his "State of the Game" speech at baseball's winter meetings, brushed aside the issue of expansion and also said the 1987 season should be dedicated to the memory of Jackie Robinson since it will be the 40th anniversary of the year he broke the major league color barrier. A few trade rumors were also circulating involving Philadelphia pitcher Charles Hudson and New York Yankees catcher Butch Wynegar, made the rounds and nine players were selected in the major league draft. But most of the scramble for talent concerned free agents, particularly one who cannot sign with his 1988 team until May 1.

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UNLV runs it way to top of cage poll

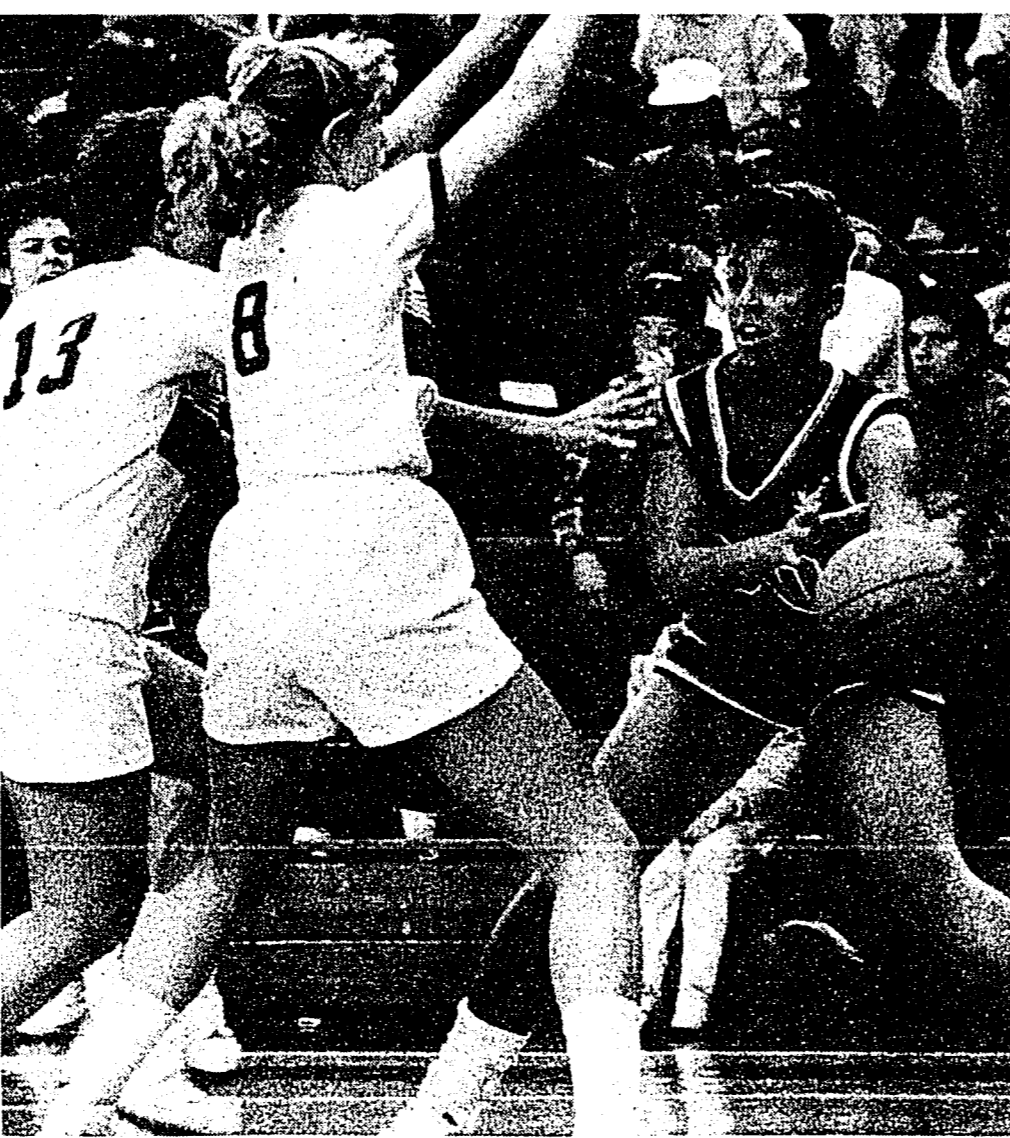
By JIM O'CONNELL AP Sports Writer

Nevada-Las Vegas took over the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll yesterday as previously top-ranked North Carolina fell to fifth, behind three teams from the Big Ten. The Runnin' Rebels, 5-0, moved up from last week's No. 2 ranking with 139 first-place votes and 1,286 points in the national poll. UNLV's only game last week was an 89-77 victory at Memphis State. "I don't know that we're the best team in the country, but I know we've beaten five of the better teams in the country," Nevada-Las Vegas Coach Jerry Tarkanian said when told of his team's new poll position.

Lady cagers looking to rebound

By DAVID SEAMON Collegian Sports Writer

The women's basketball team will attempt to rebound tonight, both literally and figuratively, when it travels to update New York to take on the Lady Orange of Syracuse. The Lady Lions are coming off a very disappointing outing — an 88-70 whipping at the hands of host Illinois in the finals of the Illini Classic. What may have been more painful than the actual results for head Coach Rene Portland and her team was the Lady Lions inability to follow through on one of this season's goals, to crash the boards more effectively. "We just did not rebound at all," Portland said, in reference to the Lady Lions lackluster performance on the boards. "If (the lack of rebounding) hurt our running game, we are very concerned about our inside play, offensively and defensively, at this stage of the season. Rebounding just needs to be a big, big part of our game."



Penn State's Lisa Lambert looks to pass the ball off in a game against Brock University earlier this season. The Lady Lions will be looking to hit the boards when the squad faces Syracuse tonight in New York.

Syracuse is coming off a record of 19-10 overall and 12-4 in the Big East Conference last year. This season the Lady Orange are expected to challenge for the Big East title and a position in the Top Twenty. Rival head coaches in the Big East have labeled Barbara Jacobs' squad as the second best team in the conference. Portland is cognizant of how gutsy and talented Syracuse really is, despite its struggles in the early portion of the season. "We've got to be concerned about the Lady Orange," Portland said. "They're a great ball club — the class of the Big East. They're going to play with their hearts. They'll play with a lot of emotion."

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