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

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

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.

"Most definitely we're thinking about it (overtime)," Bruce Skinner, executive director of the Fiesta Bowl, said yesterday. "We're checking the rule book at this time and checking the NCAA and checking with NBC to see if that possibility can be resolved if it ends up in a tie.

"I know that a tie-breaker format's in the rule book, but that's really all that I know at this time. I'm not sure if you can do it or what the process is.' Bob Minnix, the NCAA's liaison to the bowls, said that "off the top of my head I don't see any reason they can't do it (play overtime)." But Dave Nelson, secretary-rules editor of the

breaker provision applies only to Division I-AA, Division II and Division III playoffs and regularseason play in conferences whose champions automatically qualify for those playoffs. Major-college football is the only NCAA sport without an official playoff system. The national

and sportscasters who participate in the Asso-The rule book describes a "tie-breaker system to be used when it is necessary to decide a tie game for the purposes of determining a champion or a team's progress in a tournament bracket." "Since it's an NCAA rule book, that means determining NCAA champions," Nelson said.

"The NCAA said if we wanted a tie-breaker for everybody we'd have to say that, and it doesn't." But, said Minnix, "It can be argued whether it means a national champion as well as an NCAA Nelson also quoted rules saying that "NCAA

member institutions shall conduct all contests under the official football-playing rules of the Association" and that "NCAA member institutions not complying with NCAA football-playing rules . . . are subject to NCAA 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

You can do anything you want as far as breaking If, after both possessions, there is no score or the past 11 p.m.

The tie-breaker provision does not call for sudden-death play like the NFL. An overtime period will televise the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2 (8 p.m., consists of possession of the ball on the opponent's EST), said the overtime suggestion "has pros and 25-yard line, first and 10, by both Team A and cons, like anything else. One of the considerations

the rules, but you may not get certified next year. score is tied, there will be a second overtime "We'd like to hear what the governing bodies The interpretation of the rules committee for period. The team scoring the greater number of have to say about it before we entertain such a years has been that the tie-breaker does not apply points after an equal number of possessions is the proposal. Let it come through proper channels and we'll evaluate it."

Landry not nervous despite death threat

threats against Landry a little

"It was a very eeric feeling have to deal with in our society," being on the sideline after hearing Landry said, adding, "When the what we heard," Dorsett said af- security people are concerned, ter the Cowboys' 29-10 loss to the I'm concerned. Los Angeles Rams Sunday night. "Everybody's looking around Francisco once, too. You have it and over everybody's shoulders occasionally and you hope it's not

whom," Dorsett said of the Cow- be bad. "Wait a minute, man, this is only a game. My life is more important than anything.

"As far as concentration, you know you are going to keep your head in the game, as well as wondering, 'Well, is something going to happen? Is there a sniper in here? Is he going for one individual or is he going to spray the whole

"It made for a very uncomfortable situation," Dorsett said. Landry was escorted off the field after a man made two anonymous calls to Anaheim Stadium during the game, claiming that his mentally disturbed brother might ry to shoot the Dallas coach. Landry was off the field briefly and returned wearing a bullet-

Dick Beam, the Rams' director of operations, said yesterday that Los Angeles Coach John Robinson Jim Everett's passing, Eric Dickalso was threatened by the same erson's running, and solid defense caller, who phoned the stadium and special teams play. twice during the game. According to Beam. after Land- his fourth NFL game, threw for

big enough to fit me," Robinson on 28 carries.

ry came back wearing a bullet- 182 yards and a touchdown in the proof vest, the individual called first half as the Rams built a 20-10 protected, "John Robinson is for 212 yards as he won for the "They didn't have a flak jacket Dickerson rushed for 106 yards

incident less than amusing and

downplayed it. ANAHEIM, Calif. - Although a "I wasn't really nervous out bullet-proof vest bulged under his there," Landry said. "They (the coat as he stood along the Dallas security people) were nervous Cowboys' sideline, Coach Tom enough to try to do something Landry said he wasn't nervous. about it. They asked me if I Cowboys running back Tony wanted to stay off the field, but I Dorsett, however, found phoned put on the vest and went back out.

things. It's just something you "I know we had a threat in San

and saying who's standing behind a serious thing because it's sure to "It seems to happen out here in California.'

> The threats had no affect on the game's outcome, said Landry, who credited the Rams with "making the plays, mostly in the passing game, that beat us." The victory gave the Rams a 10-4 record and put them to within one victory of clinching their sec-

They lead the San Francisco 49ers

Everett, a rookie playing in just

by 11/2 games, and could win the title outright by beating Miami Game" speech at baseball's winter right to sign them through Jan. 8. next Sunday at Anaheim. The slumping Cowboys, meanwhile, saw their hopes of a playoff orv of Jackie Robinson since it will be an outfielder-first baseman with the spot virtually wiped out. Losers of their last three games and five of record heading into the final two Charles Hudson and New York Yan- and catcher Rick Cerone, whose last The Rams beat the Cowbovs on

> the rounds and nine players were headed to Montreal. selected in the major league draft. ones who cannot sign with their 1986 cial policies.

nor offered the option of salary arbi-draft. tration, thereby losing the right to re-

The race for the NFL's 10 playoff event of a tie.

and the Los Angeles Rams 29-10 win and Cincinnati.

Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testa- conference record.

scramble that could go down to the

Washington Redskins.

spots moved into its final two weeks As for playoff berths, here's the

Kansas City's 37-10 upset of Denver Jets, both losers Sunday, remain tied

and Cincinnati's 31-7 win over New for the lead in the East at 10-4. The

already clinched playoff berths — the day against Pittsburgh or the follow-

But the Giants' 24-14 victory over and at Miami on the final Monday

the Redskins moved them a small night could clinch a wild card with a

step away from the NFC East title win and a loss by either the Raiders

over Dallas left them equally close to Miami, 7-7, needed an unlikely

Rams' triumph also left the Cowboys avoid missing the playoffs for the

Denver remained on the verge of If the Patriots and Jets each win

the AFC West title — a win by Seattle their final two games, New England

over the Los Angeles Raiders Mon- would win the division title because it

day night would clinch it for the would have a 7-1 record in the division

The Indianapolis Colts, meanwhile, final two, the Jets would win the title

may have jeopardized their shot at because they would have a better

verde by beating Atlanta 28-23. That
The Central title may be decided

yesterday with the AFC in a mad way the conferences break down:

number of clubs," said Knight's "We've made great progress since agent, George Kalafatis. "It's clear then." that some teams have certain needs Ray could fill."

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Last year, several free agents, in- had also been in the area of expanthere were rumors the Phillies would cluding Detroit slugger Kirk Gibson, sion, but did not elaborate. complained they did not receive any "Please don't ask me here to judge Detroit and the San Diego Padres offers other than from their own clubs the chances of new cities for expan- also were said to show interest in

- a practice that prompted the play- sion," he said. "We have to start to Hudson

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call for baseball to spend wisely while players like Montreal outfielder Tim patches bearing No. 42, the uniform a high-stakes battle over free agents Raines and Detroit pitcher Jack Mor-number Robinson wore, or placing ris, whose clubs have offered salary No. 42 emblems on second base, the Ueberroth, in his "State of the arbitration and thus retained the position he played. "We also have to look at ourselves"

It still remains to be seen what kind
Ueberroth also said he hoped the

Bay's opponents are currently 73-78-3 Four teams in the West remained to 86-79-2 for Indianapolis, giving the alive going into last night's game. Bucs the edge for Testaverde in the A Raiders' win would eliminate

New England and the New York

were added to the three that had one more win - either at home Satur- second wild-card spot and the home

Chicago Bears, New York Giants and ing week in Cincinnati. The Patriots, 49ers have a shot at the title in the

who are at home to San Francisco

the NFC West championship. The combination of circumstances to York its first title of any kind since

to 6-2 for the Jets. If each loses the

left them at 1-13 to 2-12 for Tampa Sunday when Cleveland, 10-4, visits with one more win or a loss Sunday by

Bay with a decent shot at another win Cincinnati, 9-5. If the Browns win, San Francisco, 8-5-1. But if the Rams

this week at home against Buffalo. they clinch; if the Bengals win, they lose to Miami in Anaheim Sunday the

for the worst record in the league at 2- because they would have beaten the will be decided by the Rams-49ers

14, the first pick would go to the team Browns twice. The loser remains in game in San Francisco on Friday,

Ueberroth urges fiscal sanity

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. - Commis- of treatment this year's crop will 1987 season could be dedicated to

sioner Peter Ueberroth renewed his receive, particularly million-dollar Robinson. Ueberroth suggested arm

against owners.

If Indianapolis and Tampa Bay tied would have the edge in the tiebreaker 49ers win in New England, the race

first time since 1980.

Seattle and Miami from contention

and require Denver to win one more

game to clinch the division title.

Kansas City, 8-6 is still in the running

The only real races left are for the

field in the playoffs, although the

two-game lead in the East over 11-3

Washington because they've beaten

the Redskins twice. One more win or

The Giants also can get the home-

field advantage throughout the play-

Green Bay. If they lose one and

Chicago, which clinched the Central

title two weeks ago, beats Detroit and

one more Redskins loss gives New

West if they win both games.

for a wild card.

meetings, brushed aside the issue of But, the battlelines are different for to see if baseball is providing expansion and also said the 1987 sea- free agents who have been cut loose. "enough opportunities for minorities, son should be dedicated to the mem- That list also includes Danny Heep, particularly blacks," he said. the 40th anniverary of the year he Mets, is said to be interested in sign- now," Ueberroth said. broke the major league color barrier. ing with Boston; Rick Burleson, for-A few trade rumors, most of them mer California infielder, is attracting home run leader and currently vice involving Philadelphia pitcher attention from Baltimore and Texas; president for player personnel for the

kees catcher Butch Wynegar, made club was Milwaukee, is possibly call to honor Robinson. "It's probably one of the greatest While Ueberroth said he would not things that could ever happen to But most of the scramble for talent' tell teams how to spend their money, baseball," said Aaron, the highestconcerned free agents, particularly he urged them to develop sound finan-ranking black team official. "If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be standing "Our goal is eliminating waste . .

Player in the World Series with the three players no longer playing and by the draft, in which nine players on New York Mets, 300-game winner still paying \$18,000 to a scout and Class AAA rosters were taken for Tom Seaver, Dave Kingman, Gary looking to cut the scout, there's some-Ward and John Denny were among thing damn wrong with baseball," ed pitcher Tony Ferreira and Stan those looking for new employment. Ueberroth said to the applause of Clarke, while the Chicago White Sox Their teams neither re-signed them team executives gathered for the took reliever Bob Gibson and Texas

bankruptcy in 1984," said Ueberroth, their new major league team, or be "We've had conversations with a who took over in October of that year. offered for resale to the club they

Not taken in the draft with pitcher Ueberroth said he did not mind Ron Romanick, who went 5-8 for players getting high salaries that California before being sent to the Kalafatis declined to identify the were "deserved," yet emphasized minors in midseason. There was talk teams showing interest, although one teams had to watch their spending. the Angels would send Romanick to The commissioner said "progress" the Yankees for Wynegar, although try to get Wynegar for Hudson.

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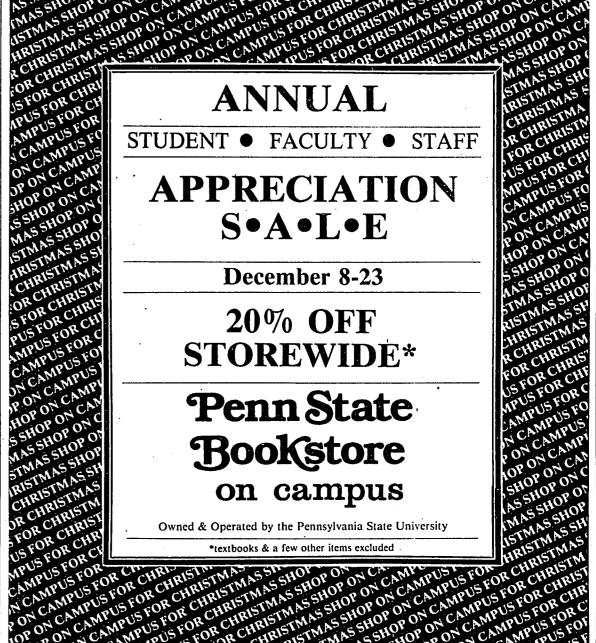
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The Giants, 12-2, actually have a



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UNLV runs it way to top of cage poll

The Runnin' Rebels, 5-0, moved The Tar Heels, who had one first-

up from last week's No. 2 ranking place vote and 1,012 points, lost 89-

said when told of his team's new Rounding out the Top Ten were

and Connecticut. Iowa beat Mis-

Auburn, which also received one

Western Kentucky, 6-1, and Ok-

lahoma, 3-1, improved from 14th

Leading off the Second Ten is

UCLA, 3-0, which received one

Following UCLA in the Second

souri-St. Louis before winning the Nevada-Las Vegas took over the Amana-Hawkeye Classic, which it No. 1 spot in The Associated Press hosts. college basketball poll yesterday North Carolina, 4-1, fell from the as previously top-ranked North top spot it held in the preseason-Carolina fell to fifth, behind three and first regular-season poll as it won two of three games last week. teams from the Big Ten.

with 39 first-place votes and 1,236 84 at UCLA before posting home points from the nationwide panel victories over Stetson, 100-64, and of sportswriters and broadcasters. Miami, Fla., 122-77. UNLV's only game last week was Illinois, the fourth Big Ten team an 80-77 victory at Memphis State. in the top six, jumped from last "I don't know that we're the best week's No. 9 ranking with a 99-97 team in the country, but I know road victory over then-No. 12 we've beaten five of the better Pittsburgh. The Fighting Illini, 4teams in the country," Nevada- 0, had one first-place vote and 857

Las Vegas Coach Jerry Tarkanian points.

In the preseason National Invi- first-place vote and 779 points: tation Tournament, the Runnin' Western Kentucky, 663 points; Ok-Rebels posted victories over Arilahoma, 627 points; and Navy, 547 zona, Oklahoma, Temple and points. Western Kentucky. All but Temple have been ranked this season. "I don't think anybody in the and 11th, respectively. Both

country has played five games like schools' only loss was to Nevadawe have so far," Tarkanian said. Las Vegas in the preseason Na-Tarkanian praised his players tional Invitation Tournament. but also felt there were other reasons for the perfect record. "We've won so many close first-place vote and 517 points. games," Tarkanian said. "We

have great kids, they work hard. Ten were Syracuse, Georgetown, All our kids say no one works Kansas, North Carolina State, Georgia Tech, Pittsburgh, Alaharder than we do. "We've been lucky too. You can bama, Kentucky and Arkansas. say all you want about character Syracuse jumped from last but the ball has to bounce your week's No. 17 ranking after winway sometimes. We hit the clutch ning its own Carrier Classic with a

free throws, the clutch baskets." 94-74 victory over then-No. 19 The last time Nevada-Las Vegas Northeastern in the championship held the No. 1 ranking was in game. February 1983. However, that Northeastern and Arizona lasted just one week as the Run- which had been ranked 20th, were nin' Rebels, then 24-0, lost road the only teams to fall from the games at Fullerton State and West ranks of the ranked. Arizona was beaten by Utah 68-67.

Nevada-Las Vegas' next game votes and 1,126 points, and Iowa,

week, while Purdue, 3-0, regis- 66.

Joining UCLA as the new teams will be Saturday at Nevada-Reno. in the poll was Arkansas. The Indiana is second with 14 first- Razorbacks, 4-0, beat then-No. 6 place votes and 1,144 points, fol- Kansas 103-86 and have won all of lowed by Purdue, seven first-place their games by at least 14 points. Alabama dropped from eighth to Indiana, 3-0, beat Notre Dame 72-71 and Kentucky fell from 13th and then-No. 13 Kentucky last to 19th after losing to Indiana 71Lady cagers looking to rebound

The women's basketball team will attempt to rebound tonight, both literally and figuratively, when it travels to upstate 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. "It (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

Portland said the lack of productivity from

inside the paint allows opposing defenses, such as Illinois, to concentrate on the vaunted Lady Lion outside shooters such as Lisa Faloon, Suzie McConnell, Laura Hughes and company. "It was difficult in the Illinois game to get our guards free for their shooting, because Illinois knew after watching us the night before (a 70-68

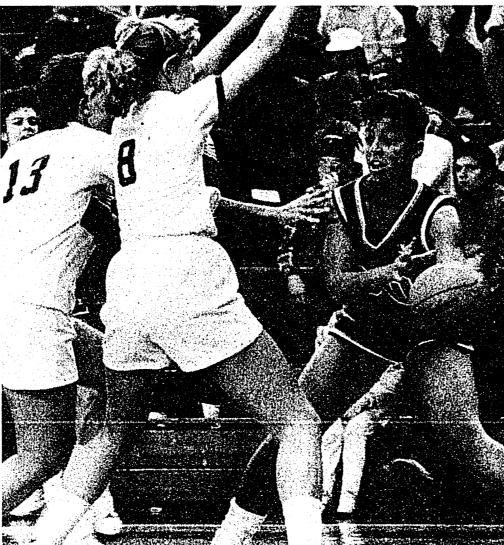
Lady Lion win over Washington) that we are not a big team inside," Portland said. "They let the whole lane open; we just could not put the ball in the basket." she added. As for tonight's encounter, the Lady Lions will be trying to put the ball in the basket against a team they edged by three points, 82-79, last year at Rec Hall. The Lady Orange have never defeat-

ed Penn State in eight previous attempts, however, Portland knows that they will be primed for "From what we understand, they (Syracuse) have dedicated their entire pre-season to beating Penn State," Portland said. "They have the 'We are. . Penn State' signs in their locker room with slashes through them like Ghostbusters

Too bad the Lady Orange, 1-3 in the early going, haven't dedicated their pre-season to hardwood, New Hampshire defeated Syracuse

rebounding columns by a talented junior, Felisha second best team in the conference. Legette, who has averaged 13.5 points and ten caroms per contest. Also scoring in double digits for Syracuse are guard Sue Ludwig and forward Vera Jones. Both have averaged 12.5 points per

time for Syracuse are guard Janice Long and lclub - the class of the Big East. They're going Bethany Collins, Shelly Caplinger and Adrie front court players Becky Wright, Danene Hop- to play with their hearts. They'll play with a lot of DeVries are also likely to see substantial playing



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

beating teams like New Hampshire. A power- and 12-4 in the Big East Conference last year. the Lady Lions to come out roaring after their house in field hockey, but an also-ran on the This season the Lady Orange are expected to loss to Illinois. challenge for the Big East title and a position in "We expect them to be very angry when they the Top Twenty. Rival head coaches in the Big get up here," Jacobs said. "They have a very The Lady Orange are led in the scoring and East have labelled Barbara Jacobs' squad as the strong team. I hope it will be a good game."

Syracuse really is, despite its struggles in the

Portland is cognizant of how gutsy and talented consist of Faloon and McConnell in the back-

Syracuse is coming off a record of 19-10 overall On the other side of the coin, Jacobs expects

court. The pair from Pittsburgh have averaged 18.7 and 10.7 points per game. Up front the Lady Lions will go with Hughes, Lisa Lambert and "We've got to be concerned (about the Lady Vicki Link, a 6-foot-2 senior, is the team's Also expected to contribute valuable playing Orange)," Portland said. "They're a great balleading scorer averaging 19.0 points per tilt.

The Lady Lions' starting lineup will once again