

# The Sports Post

## Bowl picks from Wilkes-Barre Fats

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**HALL OF FAME**--Air Force has exceptional QB in Marty Louthan. If he gets blocking, the Falcons could pull upset. Vandy much bigger and swifter. Whit Taylor can hum ball and has the receivers...Vandy, 24-21.

**PEACH BOWL**--Speed vs. muscle here. Vols defense porous and Coach Majors must keep Iowa offense on sidelines. Field position most important. Two premier punters in Hawks' Reggie Roby (48.1) and Vols' Jimmy Colquitt (46.9). If Iowa can knock Vols off ball lookout! Like Vol QB Alan Cockrell. Vols have edge in field goals with Fuad Reveiz, who has converted 8-10 over 50 yards...Vols, 27-26.

**BLUE BONNET**--Depends on which Gator team takes field. An intense one will beat Razorbacks. Ark's QB Brad Taylor must start fast. Coach Holtz is coaxing and shaping for this one. Florida has some burners. Wilbur Marshall and Billy Ray Smith lead respective defenses. Gators, 16-13.

**FIESTA**--Home field advantage for Arizona State coupled with reckless defense must rate favorite role,

right? Wrong. Sooners have some gamebreakers in Stanley Wilson and Marcus Dupree. Gutsy QB Kelly Phelps hardnosed. If Sooners firm up, pass defense should prevail. ASU's Mike Richards key from strong safety. If he reads well could mean difference. Sooners, 27-23.

**ROSE**--Bad blood between these two coaches. UCLA's offensive line is key. If Bruins dominate up front, Big Blue has no chance. QB Tom Ramsey is stellar performer with heap of scoring threats. Michigan led 21-zip in regular season meeting, but Bruins, despite some questionable calls from refs, rallied for r31-27 triumph. Re-match is in Rose Bowl where Bruins happen to play home games. Bruins again, 27-20.

**SUGAR BOWL**--Penn State vs. Hershal Walker: Two teams that have made continued improvement game-to-game. The key for PSU is stopping Walker on first down. He's carried the ball 335 times this season, 100 have been on first-and-ten. On 55 of these carries he busted loose for 10 yards or better. Dawgs run 80 percent of time. They've won 33 of 35 games with Hershal. St. Joe is seeking initial

win in Sugar. He's 3-8 against SEC teams. For PSU to win, QB Todd Blackledge must be on target. The offensive line must move folks out and neutralize the Dawgs' blitzes. The Nittany Lions also must keep their egos in check. They've already voted on the national championship rings?

**GEORGIA** can win the football game. Dawgs must set tempo of game early with QB John Lastinger throwing effectively. They can't be predictable. Defensive unit is reckless and must pressure Blackledge into mistakes. Dawgs defense has plus 21 takeaways while PSU has 17.

According to most coaches, both teams have benefited from stripe-shirts' calls and some that haven't been made.

PSU averages 5.6 yards per snap, while Georgia has gotten 4.9 each time it has put the ball in play.

Both punters are excellent, while Georgia does have a more consistent kicker in Kevin Butler and he's got range.

According to some observers, Pitt defeated a much

stronger Georgia team in last year's Sugar...Penn State, 27-26.

**COTTON BOWL**--SMU vs. Pitt: The uncertainties surrounding this game are too difficult to figure. Pitt has an alleged collection of exceptional players that simply never improved from last season. Pitt's mental state is so significant. If ready to play can beat the Ponies. If not, then the Panthers could get caught in a stampede by the "Pony Express."

For the Panthers to win they've got to take away the option by QB Lance McIlhenny. Second, they've got to bottle up Eric Dickerson and Craig James and prevent them from exploding into secondary. Special teams are important, too. QB Dan Marino has to keep his poise and take what is open and the receivers must hold on to the ball.

SMU runs 81 percent of time and has only turned the ball over 22 times which is low. The SMU attack is geared around the above three which has accounted for 88 percent of yards gained. McIlhenny has gunned 10 TDS and is a big-play artist.

Another strength is SMU's swiftness on defense from its ends, linebackers and secondary. They'll be the quickest Pitt has met in sometime. SMU's opponents' overall record is 38 percent won-loss which is suspect. Watch defenders Russ Carter, Ardmore, Blane Smith and LM Gary Moten. SMU hasn't seen the likes of Marino when he's on either--SMU, 27-24.

**ORANGE BOWL**--Nebraska vs. LSU: Huskers just may have best club at present. QB Turner Gill's option pass and precision type attack should offset LSU's very quick defense. Tigers LBs Al Richardson and Lawrence Williams are big hitters. QB Al Risher is accurate thrower and has bevy of runners. Husker secondary has to be better than previous games or LSU can win. Huskers have size and LSU size and exceptional quickness. Nebraska, 29-17.

## Bowling League Results

Fino's Pharmacy shut out Stanton TV in the George Shupp League last week led by B. Downs who walloped pins for 247 (616). R. Mekeel added 576, K. Youngblood rolled 217, (575) and T. Shalata gave 220 (562). D. Katyl's 573 was high for the TV team with L. Lavelle hitting 545. Gino's Shoe Store picked up three points from Roberts Oil

paced by Gino's 215 (570) and C. Kazokas' 222 (554). T. Wilson tumbled pins for 563 for the oil men and D. Thomas spilled them for 540. R. Stair's 589, F. Adams 225 (523), and N. Stredny's 522 led Dallas Nursery in taking three from Harris Associates. A. Wendel hit pins for 576, D. Purvin rolled 563 and G. Harris knocked them down for 532 but it wasn't

enough for the losing five. Disque Funeral Home divided 2-2 with Endless Mountains with B. Varner topping pins for 542. J. Ide added 521.

In the Idetown Compact League the Camaros blanked the Citations sparked by M. Balberchak's walloping 225-211-210 (646). W. Rauch's 185 was high for the losing team. Omegas took all

from the Firebirds with no one hitting big series. C. Williams 516 showed the way for the Capris three points from LaBarons, who had Connie Doty's 170-179 (510). Mustangs dropped three points to the Cimarrons while Aries split with the Lynx. J. Roan topped pins for 217-215 (570) for Aries. Fashion Vending girls

shut out A. F. Roan Inc. in the Ladies Country League led by D. Vrhel who hammered the pins for 212-216 (570) and K. Scavone who hit them for 181 (501). M. Shepherd spilled them for 181, T. Langdon knocked them down for 179 and L. Cyphers tumbled them for 178. Grotto Pizza picked up four points from Daring's Market paced by

M. Harner's 189. R. Radzinski hit 181-172 (507) for the grocer. Castlettes took three from G.H. Harris Associates led by M. Culver's 174 (485).

The rest of the leagues took time off for the holiday season and will be back in play next year.

In the meantime, a Happy New Year to each and everyone!

## Three Black Knight Cagers hit double digits

Coach Rodger Bearde's Black Knight cagers broke even last week by defeating Abington Heights 49-47 but losing 66-31 to the Nanticoke Area Trojans.

The Knights had three men in the double digit column, Thursday night to edge the Abington Comets 49-47 on the Lake-

Lehman court. Tom Kukosky hit for 14 points, Paul Jones put in 13 and Billy Bearde added 12 to pace the Black Knights in their win.

Kukosky put in five shots from the field and went four-for-six from the foul line. Jones put five through the nets from the playing field and dumped

in three-for-four from the free line while Bearde put three through the hoop from the field and connected six-for-eight from the charity stripe.

The Knights were trailing 28-20 at halftime but came on strong in the second half scoring 15 in the third period and 14 points in the final quarter while holding their opponents to nine and 10 points.

Earlier in the week, the Trojans Brian Eddy hit for 20 points to lead Nanticoke Area to a 66-31 win over the Knights. The Trojans exploded for 21 points in the second quarter to take a 29-18 lead into the lockerroom at halftime. They held

down the Knights in the second half while they scored 19 and 18 points respectively.

Bearde led the Knights with nine points. Kukosky connected for eight, all of them from the field and

Jones scored six putting in two from the field and going two-for-two at the foul line.

## Mounts place fifth in tournament

Dallas Coach Clarence Ozgo's Mountaineers took fifth place in the Tunkhannock Kiwanis Basketball Tournament by defeating Montrose 61-57. Dave Thomas led the way for the Dallas boys with 26 points, tossing in 14-for-17 from the foul line and putting the ball through the hoops from the field for 12 points. Tim Grove also hit the double figures column for Dallas with 17 points, putting the ball through the nets eight times and going one-for-one from the charity stripe.

Thomas aided the

Mountaineers in giving their new coach his third win of the pre-season play. The young Mountaineers are showing improvement in competition as the season progresses.

Montrose had four players hitting double figures as Terry Gurn put in 16 points, Pat Granahan, Joe Kellam and Don Johnson each collecting 10.

The Mountaineers defeated Elk Lake 53-47 earlier to earn the chance to play Montrose for the fifth place spot.

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