

Sports

Wilkes-Barre Fats

Taking a guess at Bowl Game winners

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MORE BOWL SELECTIONS:

GATOR - Florida is favored over Iowa, but Gators seem to lump in bowl games. However, if Pell's troops decide to play up to their potential they should prevail. Hawk-eyes big and strong, but lack speed of Gators. Florida, 27-24.

PEACH

Strange Florida State is favored here. North Carolina has as much talent as any team in country. Coach Crum always seems to have them ready to play

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in bowls. FSU's best athletes are on offense, while Carolina has some superb defenders. Tar Heels, 34-31.

BLUE BONNET - Okie State has lost four games by a total of 12 points. Superb defense and very average offense. Baylor may have more guns on offense. Neither team noted for sparking bowl performances. Okie State, 28-27.

COTTON - Texas has super defense, but lacks outstanding quarterbacking. Georgia lacks the passing game to dent Horns defense, but Dawgs can play defense, too. Texas, 20-13.

FIESTA - Ohio State would appear to have an edge on offense against Pitt. Buckeyes offensive line will be key. If it can handle Panthers like it did Oklahoma, Pitt bows for second straight year in bowl action. I'm still not impressed with Big 10. Pitt, 24-20.

SUGAR - Auburn lives by the run and Michigan has the fifth best defense overall allowing mere 267 yards per game. Coach Bo is 2-10 in post season play. Tigers tack on 11th loss as Bo Jackson leads TD parade. Auburn has too much speed

Record fish swim in Pa.

They came from the depths of the lakes and currents of the rivers. They came to spinners, salamanders, nightcrawlers and worms. They came in all sizes and shapes. They made instant heroes of those who brought them to net. And, they all had one thing in common - they were all new state record fish.

After the waters calmed, there were nine new fish logged into the Pennsylvania Fish Commission's record book.

It is interesting to note that out of 26 possible categories, 14 new record fish have been established since 1980, and that there are only four records still standing that were caught previous to 1960. Such information is enough to leave those who believe the "good old days are long gone" gasping for breath.

An 11-pound, 3-ounce largemouth taken by Donald Shade made him a believer, and Larry Ashbaugh's 7-pound, 4-ounce smallmouth has confirmed the fact that the Youghiogheny River once again is growing some bragging size fish.

Georgé Krause realizes that the striper program at Raystown is working because of his 27-pound, 13-ounce monster, and Matt Kaliszewski was surprised to find a 9-pound, 9½-ounce bowfin in Presque Isle Bay.

No question, record fish are still swimming in the Commonwealth's water. For more information about the Pennsylvania Fish Commission's Angler Recognition Program, details on qualifying weights and a list of all current state records, send a stamped, self-addressed legal-sized envelope to Pennsylvania Fish Commission, Department ARP, P.O. Box 1673, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1673.

on defense for Big Blue to cope with. Tigers, 27-20.

ROSE - UCLA with 6-4-1 record does nothing for the glamour here. Illinois coming in with too many guns on offense and a very solid defense. Any team which can go 80 yards in less than 45 seconds against Ohio State can't be that bad. Illinois passing game is the difference, 30-17.

ORANGE - What can be said about Nebraska that hasn't already been said? Huskers have so many weapons, however they haven't faced the passing game Miami can launch. If the Canes had its two nose guards and FB Speedy Neil I'd give them a shot, but both out with knee injuries. It will be wild scoring game and Husker secondary will get stern test. Nebraska must keep Miami offense on bench. Huskers in close one, 33-30.

Here's the predicted winners from the Wizard of Odds (Ned Hartman): Florida and Iowa to tie, 24-24; Carolina over FSU, 25-24; Okie State, 26-24; Texas, 30-25; Ohio State, 22-20; Michigan, 26-24; Illinois, 31-24; Nebraska, 29-12.

CLIPBOARD NOTES: Lou Holtz bailing out at Arkansas came as no surprise. Holtz has replaced more coaches in recent years than any major college team. Not one of your stable mentors. Look for Razorbacks to bring hometown hero Ken Hatfield of Air Force Academy to run the show. He's a good coach with more professional approach.

It's a down year in Wyoming Valley for major college grid talent. Most of the biggies making only token stop here and with any luck only one has legit shot at playing on that level and he's Berwick's Bo Orlando.

It was a sad day on Monday in the Richards home. I opened the mail and found a nifty Christmas card from long time pal John Brunner of the Green Bay Packers. On the front was picture of a tree with gifts and the Packer helmet. I sensed my pal was in trouble with the Packers blowing games down the stretch. On the evening news came the word Coach Bart Starr and staff were fired. My pal Brunner is out of a coaching job. What really hurts is he left the Lions last February and the Silver and Blue is in the playoffs. There's little security in coaching at any stage.

While Jim Sweeney, Pitt's superb center, didn't receive a heap of recognition, I've been informed the pro scouts will select him in the early rounds. He was the best in the East and one of the best in the country, but media people aren't

very adapt at naming centers to A-A teams.

How about four of my All-East selections for Eastern Football Magazine making UPI's NFL All-Rookie team? Pitt's Dan Marino and Jimbo Covert, along with Curt Warner of Penn State and Bill Pickel of Rutgers. Pickel is the interesting one. One Eastern Coach told me he thought Pickel was overrated and shouldn't have been on my team. I selected him two straight years along with Warner and Covert, while Marino was a three-timer.

After the butt kicking the Cowboys took from the 49ers last week it is evident Dallas is mite over-rated. I'm tired of hearing about Gil

Brandt saying this player is great and that player is great. One thing is certain, Brandt hasn't been able to discover the right chemistry to

put America's team over the top. Teams with supposedly lesser talent line-up and kick their butts. The Cowboys lack the Five Cs: Commitment, Competitiveness, Closeness,

Continuity and Chemistry. I know there's many factors involved in winning and losing, but I've always believed the Five Cs are the key ingredients in making the sixth and most significant C, Champions!

For what it is worth, I like the Raiders to defeat the Redskins in the Super Bowl.

In recent weeks I've had more folks tell me they've lost interest in Pro football. The reason is the changes in the structures of the game. You can't block anymore, but you can hold. The defenses are supposed to allow the receiver to catch the ball. It has become a school yard game of pitch and catch. Also, the impact of drugs and agents has detracted from the glamour and integrity.



Tourney held

The Hayfield Ambassadors, a student organization on the Wilkes-Barre Campus of Penn State, recently sponsored a ping-pong tournament on the Lehman campus. Prizes from Whitesell Brothers, Dallas, and Cook's, Variety Store, Lehman were awarded to Mike Bernick, first place singles winner, and Gary Solomon, second place singles winner. Awards also went to the doubles winners, Mike Bernick and Rulison Evans, and to second place winners Michael Boyczak and Doug Evans. The Hayfield Ambassadors act as official student hosts and hostesses for the campus and conduct tours of historic Hayfield House. Shown at the tournament are, from left, Gary Solomon, participant; Bill Hinkle, Leonard Farber, Lori Britton, Marybeth Gotoiweski and Debbie Shepps, all Hayfield Ambassadors; and Mike Bernick, participant.

Kukosky sparks Knights in victory over Argents

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Lake-Lehman Knights bowed 69-54 to Bishop Hoban last week but Knight Tom Kukosky sparked his teammates to a 59-50 win over the Nanticoke Trojans three nights later.

Kukosky excelled in the fourth quarter when he scored eight points on layups to lead the Knights in their win.

The Knights took a 13-10 lead at the end of the first period but the Trojans came back to outscore them 14-6 in the second quarter to take a 24-19 lead into the lockerroom

at halftime.

The Lake-Lehman cagers played an excellent aggressive defense in the second half and forced the Trojans into making mistakes. They also slowed down the pace of the game and spread out the Trojan defense.

The Knights took the lead at the end of the third period when Bill Bearde made a two point shot as the buzzer sounded to put his team in front 38-35. Bearde scored the first four shots in the fourth period to give the Knights a 42-35 margin.

The Trojans closed the gap to 44-40 but never got any closer and Kukosky started scoring for the Knights. Nanticoke left him open

and Kukosky scurried down the court to hit the nets, scoring six of his points in the final two minutes.

Paul Jones hit 16 points to lead the Knights in scoring followed by Kukosky and Bearde each with 14.

In the game with the Argents, Ralph Gillespie and Mike Rinkevich combined for 38 points to overpower the Knights. John Andrejko added another 16 points.

Leading the Knights was Bill Bearde with 15, seven from the field and one-for-two from the floor, Jones with 15, and Scott Drugotch with 12.

The Knights were 7-3 in the pre-season standings following the Nanticoke game.

forfeit and 105-lb. Austin decided Campbell 5-3. Hughesville's Pearson clamped Smith in 3:04 but MacDonald got three of the points back for the Knights by defeating Kirken-dall 12-6.

The 126 lb. and 132-lb. bouts went to Hughesville with Shriner winning 4-2 and Poust taking Honts 13-7.

138-lb. Clancy shut out Parsons 2-0

for the Knights, 145-lb. Rosencrans took a superior decision 16-0 from Snyder, and 155-lb. Wargo won a major 12-1 decision from Winfield.

Following Guerin's pin over Hughesville's Amer, Knight Janusz was clamped by Puderback in 4:33. Van Gorder's opponent was Billig.

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Lehman grapplers use eight wins in defeating Hughesville, 36-18

Lake-Lehman grapplers, under new head coach Ed Ladamas, used eight wins, two of them pins, to defeat Hughesville 36-18, on Dec. 17.

Heavyweight Chris Van Gorder and 167-lb. Bill Guerin pinned their opponents, Van Gorder in 1:25 and Guerin in 4:24.

Knight Guzenski won at 98-lbs. by

Gavigan leads Lady Mounts to win

Cheryl Gavigan tossed in 20 points and Kim Rollman put in 17 to lead Dallas girl cagers to a 61-28 win over Northwest Area last week.

Northwest jumped out to a fast 4-0 lead in the first period but the Lady Mountaineers took over and scored

thenext 16 points to lead 16-4 at the quarter.

In the second period, Dallas outscored Northwest 20-10 and took a 36-14 lead into the lockerroom at halftime.

After their first four points in the

opening period, Northwest never moved in front with Dallas outscoring them all the way.

Coach Kit Karuzi emptied his bench in the second half as his girls outscored 16-12 and 9-2 to take the win 61-28.

Lehman girls slip by Nanticoke, 47-42

The Lake-Lehman Lady Knights were down 26-19 at halftime in Tuesday's game with Nanticoke but rallied in the second half to outscore the Trojans 28-16 to defeat them 47-42.

The Lady Knights outscored the Trojans 12-4 in the third quarter and

16-12 in the fourth period paced by Rhonda Hudzik who collected 15 points.

Hudzik netted four goals from the field and hit 7-for-12 from the foul line. Kim Fey hit three goals from the field and 3-for-10 from the char-

ity stripe and Sandy Dicton went 3-for-4 from the line and put three shots through the nets from the field.

The Trojans Francine Greco put in 12 points and Michelle Pawlusch aided 11.

Strikes & Spares

Two weeks of bowling in the George Shupp League Katyl TV took seven points, three from Endless Mts. and four from Disque Funeral Home. Harris Associates shut out Dallas Nursery but dropped three to Fino's Pharmacy. Roberts Oil divided with Disque and lost four on a forfeit to Dallas Nursery. Gino's Shoe Store shut out Fino's Pharmacy and picked up three from Harris Associates.

High scorers were Ted Wilson 233-245 (643), L. Coolbaugh 221 (554), C. Kazokas 220 (568), T. Doughton 585, 536; s. Fielding 528, K. Orkwis 522, R. Bonomo 554, M. Coury 525, L. Lavelle 546, D. Katyl 528, J. Maculis 519, Klimek 231 (536), J. Guido 547, S. Bonomo 534.

In the Ladies Country League, G.W. Harris Associates blanked Daring's Market but dropped three to Grotto Pizza. Fashion Vending took all from the Castlettes and

divided evenly with Gordon Insurance. Gordon Insurance picked up three points from the pizza girls and the Castlettes took three from Daring's. High rollers were M. Hirner 190-183 (529), 482; R. Radzinski 489, V. Patton 187 (480), 196; L. Cyphers 187; D. Vrhel 180 (471); C. Smith 182-173 (497), 474; M. Culver 211 (476); A. Hospodar 179 (500); K. Scavone (474) and J. Lamoreaux 179.

High scorers were hard to find in Our Gang League where the Suds Suckers lost four to Half 'O Nickels who were paced by Doreen Jenkins 180 (474). Barn Owls blanked Lucky Strikes and Buckwheats split 2-2 with Mold 'N Oldies.

Shavertown B copped three from Trucksville B led by C. Kazokas' 529, in the Back Mt. Church League. B. Williams toppled pins for 537 for

Dallas A who collected three points from East Dallas. J. Remington scattered wood for 234 (540) to lead

Trucksville C to three points from Orange B and Orange A made it three over the Lutherans. Shavertown A split 2-2 with Carverton A. Carverton B divided with Maple Grove.

M. Reese hit 205 and N. Moser rolled 170 (498) to lead Brent Long in shutting out Tom Reese in the Bowlerette League. Franklin's picked up three points from the Hoagie Bar girls.

Jack Sandstrom's 512 paced the Halfbreeds to taking only one point from the Halfwits in Bonomo's Mixed League. A Team blanked Kenny's Maniacs.

In the Bonomo Major League, it was 3-1 night with Back Mt. Sporting Goods taking three from the

Beach Combers. Brown's Oil copped three from the Bermudas and Sweet Valley Outfitters picked up three from the Hambos. G.W. Harris took three from Charlies All Stars.

High scores were hit by K. Orkwis 595, C. Williams 542, C. Kazokas 569, D. Purvin 536, A. Wendel 527, B. Varner 550, Glen Mazer 224 (569), G. Mazer 525, K. Spencer, Jr. 515, and R. Harned 219.

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