

# Sports

Wilkes-Barre Fats

## College football rankings created some confusion

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College football is finished for another year and I'm still a mite riled and confused over the final polls - and there is enough of them. I've come to one conclusion, win on.

New Year's Day against anyone and you're going to get a good ranking, perhaps even a national crown.

For four months, pollsters ranked Nebraska No. 1. For four months, these same know-it-alls heaped accolades on the Huskers. Some even called them the greatest team ever assembled.

So the Huskers ran into Miami with a passing game the likes they couldn't defend against if they played a bunch of times. I predicted the Huskers to win a squeaker, 33-30. I'd given Miami a better than even chance if Speedy Neal or their middle guard Tony Fitzpatrick could play. Well Fitzpatrick played, Neal didn't but it didn't matter because the passing brilliance of Bernie Kosar was enough.

It was a magnificent football game, but the Huskers deserved better for their gut-check comeback with Mike Rozier, the No. 1 player as selected by many of these same grid authorities, on the bench almost all of the second half.

It didn't matter that Coach Tom Osborne went for the two-point try and the win, when all he had to do was boot through the PAT for a tie and the title. If the Huskers make the duce, its 63 points total. I wonder if Rozier is in the game whether they run QB Turner Gill on the option and Rozier takes the pitch and grinds in for the victory?

It's all irrelevant now. The pollsters gave us Georgia, Clemson and Penn State last year was about to crown another 'Fantasy Champ.'

Forget that Miami was blown away in its opener 28-3 by Florida.

Forget that Miami wound up playing only five winning teams all season and only two would make the final top 20.

It's immaterial that Miami becomes the first college grid champ to lose a game by 25 points! The Hurricanes take the record away from the '82 Penn State team which bowed to Alabama, 42-21.

Forget the fact Nebraska wound up 12-1, Auburn 11-1.

I assumed nobody but a few even took the time to sort things out and discover Auburn's opponents' win-loss record was the best in the country (81-45-3) not counting Michigan. Auburn played six ranked teams and eight bowl teams. That doesn't matter.

It doesn't matter that Miami struggled against Cincinnati, 17-7; Florida ST., 17-16 and East Carolina, 12-7.



### Highlanders coach

Robert Nape, above right, the newly appointed men's basketball coach at College Misericordia is shown here with Dennis Fisher, Misericordia's new assistant athletic director. Nape took over the reigns of the Highlanders following the resignation of Joseph "Red" Jones.

## Robert Nape named new cage coach at Misericordia

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Following last Saturday night's scrimmage against Baptist Bible College at Lake-Lehman High School, College Misericordia's newly-appointed boys basketball coach views his position as a challenge... a challenge he faces with enthusiasm.

"We have 10 eligible players," said Robert Nape. "All of them enthusiastic and willing to work hard. They did well in Saturday's scrimmage and they all played."

"I'm pleased with the men and their response and quick transition to new techniques. They have a lot of talent but need to improve. Our goal will be to play to our potential and be competitive with local teams. I'm making no predictions, we'll take one game at a time. We have a good group and we will surprise some people."

Nape, whose appointment was announced last week, is a Scranton resident, where he works with the Scranton Department of Recreation and is co-founder of the Scranton Summer Basketball League.

A 1975 graduate of Hartwick College with a degree in sociology, Nape is no stranger to basketball. He coached junior varsity basketball at Hartwick from 1973 to 1975 and women's basketball at Marywood

from 1979 to 1982. He also coached the Scranton Minors pro team in the Professional Atlantic Basketball Association.

Nape's assistant will be George Aldrich of Avoca. Aldrich is a 1982 graduate of King's College where he was the second highest all-time scorer and selected by opposing coaches as MVP of the Mid-Atlantic Conference. He also received All American honorable mention in Division III. Aldrich works with the Luzerne County Office of Domestic Relations.

"I am delighted that Aldrich is working as my assistant," said Nape. "He and I are close friends and I have the greatest respect for his ability. He will make some excellent contributions to the program at Misericordia."

As the schedule was set up prior to Nape's appointment, there are 18 games left on the schedule. Nape believes the schedule is too crowded and will try to eliminate some if possible, and come up with a possible 14 games which will average two or three games each week.

Nape replaces Joseph "Red" Jones, who resigned recently due to increasing responsibilities in his full-time employment in addition to coaching, recruiting and school district demands.

College Misericordia's Boys Highlanders play in Division III of the ECAC, Division 19 of the NAIA and Keystone Athletic Conference.

## Strikes & Spares

Two weeks of bowling during the holidays found few bowlers breaking high scores in the Back Mt. Church League. Prior to Christmas Eve, B. Williams 534 was high for 10 men as he led Dallas A to four points from Trucksville B. Carverton B shut out Carverton A with no one able to hit 500 and Trucksville C blanked East Dallas with the same luck. C. Molley topped pins for 513 to pace Shavertown A to taking all from Maple Grove and T. Wilson's 236 was wasted as his Lutherans dropped three points to Shavertown A. F. Cornell spilled pins for 548 and C. Cyphers rolled 521 as Cornell's Orange B men divided evenly with Cyphers' Orange A.

Prior to New Year's Eve, Cyphers' 518 led Orange A to shutting out Shavertown A while the Lutherans took four by forfeit from Carverton A with B. Monk scattering pins for 222 (545). C. Kazokas was the big gun for the night hitting 595 to lead Shavertown B to picking up four from Carverton B. Teammate D. Wright rolled 574 to aid the cause. B. Williams had a good night for Dallas A spilling pins for 539 to help his men take three from Trucksville C. Orange B copped three from East Dallas and Trucks-ville B divided with Maple Grove.

In the Bowlerette League, Tom

Reese girls blanked Franklin's and the Hoagie Bar picked up three points from Brent Long with none of the girls able to solve the lanes for better than 164.

The Christmas Spirit must have overshadowed even the major league bowlers because in two weeks of competition there were only 18 respectable 500 series and just one 600. G.H. Harris men took all from the Hambos paced by D. Purvin's 556. K. orkwis tumped pins for 587. K. Spencer topped them for 225 (542) and F. Cornell rolled 540 to aid Charlies All Stars in taking three from Sweet Valley Outfitters whose Glen Mazer posted 544. J. Roan walloped the woods for 200-200-206 (606) to pace Brown's Oil to three points from the Beach Combers while Back Mt. Sporting Goods copped three from the Bermudas.

The next week Brown's Oil shut out the Hambos sparked by Roan's 536. Charlies All stars made it three over the Sporting Goods five led by K. Spencer's 566. F. Cornell gave 531 and C. Williams 523. S. Wickard hit 530 for the losing five. Bermudas took three from Sweet Valley Outfitters with J. Pearson turning in 529. Glen Mazer gave the Outfitters 527. Beach Combers copped two and one half points from G.H. Harris despite

the Harris team having A. Wendel's 232 (595), C. Kazokas' 545 and D. Purvin's 520. B. Harris led the winning five with 533.

Sally Johnson slammed the pins for 233 (559) and I. Katyl hit them for 193-172 (493) to lead American Building in taking three from Mahaffey Oil in the Imperialette League. Gale Bachman scattered pins for 173-174 (472) for the oil company. The following week Johnson rolled 174 (477) and Katyl posted 173 but it wasn't enough as they dropped three points to Scavone Motors who were led by K. Scavone's 174. M. Neifert tumbled pins for 173-171-189 (533) for Humphrey's Apparel but her scores were wasted when the Jean Shop took three by consistent bowling. The following week Jean Shop forfeited four points to Mahaffey Oil despite J. Mekeel's 172 (480). J. Clark's 194 (503) paced Lombardo Bakery to three points from Scavone Motors despite K. Scavone's 480. The following week the bakery team shut out Humphrey's Apparel.

In Bonomo's Mixed League, Ken Spencer's 537 was wasted when his Maniacs had to forfeit to the Half-breeds. D. Wright's 517 led the Halfwits to three points from the "A" Team.

## Simonson leads Sonics past Hawks in Lake-Noxen elementary league

In the Lake-Noxen Elementary PTA basketball league, the Sonics defeated the Hawks 19-17. High scorer for the Sonics was Mike Simonson with eight points, while Mike Taylor made seven points for the Hawks.

In the next game, the Warriors defeated the Bucks 24-10. Mike Barber and Mike Stratko both with 12 points each for high scorers for the Warriors, while Aaron Montrose

scored four points for the Bucks.

In the last game of the evening, it was the Knicks over the 76'ers 21-10. High scorer for the Knicks was Jason Grady with 10 points while T.J. Zerfos scored nine points for the 76'ers.

In the opening game on Jan. 3, it was the Hawks defeating the Warriors, 24-19. High scorer for the Hawks was Billy Vigarito with 10 points while Mike Barber scored

nine points for the Warriors.

In the next game of the evening, the Knicks beat the Bucks, 12-8. High scorer for the Knicks was Todd Dwyer with 10 points and for the Bucks, Aaron Montrose with six points.

In the final game of the evening, the Sonics beat the 76'ers, 25-10. High scorer for the Sonics was Mike Leahy with 11 points, while T.J. Zerfoss had six points for the 76'ers.

## Bonomo wins at Wilkes Open Tournament

Rocky Bonomo, former state championship wrestler from Lake-Lehman High School, captured the 126-pound title at the 51st Annual Wilkes Open Wrestling Tournament

held last weekend. Bonomo, currently a member of the Bloomsburg University wrestling team, defeated Kris Rowlette, a Wilkes College alumnus, 13-5, in

the semi-final round.

The Lehman grad then defeated Pittsburgh's Kyle Nellis, 9-1, to win the championship bout.

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