



COMING DOWN — Washington Redskins wide receiver Charlie Brown is opened by Minnesota Vikings cornerback Rufus Bess, causing him to drop the pass from Joe Theismann for an incomplete pass in NFL action Thursday night. Washington won the game 31-17. (AP Laserphoto)

Redskins Are Alone In First

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — It's not by much and may not be for long, but the Washington Redskins are alone in first place in the National Football Conference's East Division.

With Joe Theismann throwing two quick touchdowns and the Redskins recovering two fumbles for scores, Washington built a 31-0 lead and held on to beat the Minnesota Vikings 31-17 Thursday night.

The victory left Washington, 9-5, a half-game

ahead of Dallas and the New York Giants in the NFC East.

We're probably in as good shape as we can be. Theismann said. "We're 9-5 and they have to catch us."

Although the Redskins were ahead by 31 points, the Vikings, 3-11, almost caught them Thursday night.

Archie Manning, the 35-year-old veteran reliever, came on in the second half and threw two touchdown passes to Len Lewis.

If Viking rookie Allen Rice

hadn't fumbled on the 2-yard line with 2:30 to go, Minnesota would have been only seven points behind.

The Redskins played without bruising fullback John Riggins, who said he'll check into a Washington hospital today for further tests on his painful lower back.

The Redskin victory put the Giants and the Cowboys on the spot as they go into Sunday's games.

The Giants make the

shortest road trip in their history across the field to the visitors' side of Giants Stadium, where the New York Jets, the stadium's other tenant, will be the home team.

Dallas, meanwhile, must face one of the NFL's toughest losing teams, the 5-7-1 Philadelphia Eagles, who with a swing of a half dozen points could be 9-4.

Philadelphia has lost three one-point decisions, including a 17-16 defeat in St. Louis last Sunday. The Eagles also played a 24-24 overtime tie with Detroit.

The Cowboys, who have an extra three days off following their 20-17 Thanksgiving Day victory over New England, will continue at quarterback with Danny White, who engineered the drive that resulted in the Rafael Septien's game-winning field goal.

But the Eagles will be hampered by the loss of their quarterback, Ron Jaworski, who broke his leg on the third play of their loss in St. Louis. Joe Pisarcik will replace him.

The other game with a bearing on the NFC East race pits 7-6 St. Louis at New England in a game that's crucial for both teams. The Cards must win to stay in the race and so must the Patriots, who trail the Los

Angeles Raiders by a game in the AFC wild-card chase.

The Raiders, meanwhile, have a tough assignment of their own at 12-1 Miami, where the Dolphins have clinched the AFC title, but still would like to ensure themselves of the overall home field advantage. Miami also would like to get Dan Marino, who tied the NFL single-season record last Monday night when he threw his 36th touchdown pass, the record-breaking 27th.

In other games with bearing on the playoff races, the Seattle Seahawks, who beat the Denver Broncos last Sunday to move into a tie with Denver for the AFC West lead, will be at home to Detroit while the Broncos visit Kansas City.

Pittsburgh can clinch the AFC Central title if it beats Houston and the Cincinnati Bengals lose at Cleveland. And the Los Angeles Rams, in the middle of the NFC wild-card race, will be at home to New Orleans.

In games with no immediate bearing on the playoffs, San Francisco, which has clinched the NFC West title, is at Atlanta; Indianapolis at Buffalo and Tampa Bay at Green Bay.

The Chicago Bears, the NFC Central champions, play at San Diego Monday night.

Earlybird Tourney Tips Off

By JIM TERRAMIGGI
FULTON — High school basketball in the Port City gets an early-season tipoff when Oswego hosts its "Earlybird" Tournament Friday night at the Leighton Gym.

The four-team tournament will involve Oswego County teams as Fulton, Mexico and Sandy Creek vie with Oswego for the title.

Sandy Creek will meet Mexico in the 8:30 contest Friday night with Fulton and Oswego battling in the 8:30 contest.

A consolation game between the losers will take place Saturday at 6:30 p.m. with Friday's two winners colliding at 8:30.

The Earlybird Tournament will help fill one half of Oswego's four game nonleague slate. Bill Farden's Bucs will compete in the Canastota Christmas Tournament Dec. 28-29 for its other allotted pair.

Friday's clash between the Bucs and the Raiders will mean Fulton and Oswego will hook up three times this season.

The Red Raiders will host Oswego at Bodley Dec. 14 and Oswego entertains Fulton on Jan. 30 in home- and home-conference games.

Sandy Creek will get its Frontier League conference schedule underway Dec. 7 with Indian River, but first will visit APW Dec. 4 in a third straight nonleague engagement.

Mexico prepares for a Dec. 11 date with Westhill for its Central opener while the Red Raiders are drilling for a first meeting with C.B.A. Dec. 7, since the 1960's.

Sports Briefs

Pinarama 5 Advance

SYRACUSE — The Pinarama Oswego Middle School bowled against the DA Oswego Middle School Nov. 21 on WSTM's Challenge 3 Bowling. The Pinarama 5 came out on top 112 to 94.

The Pinarama 5 will now bowl again Nov. 29 against another Middle School team, this one from Boonsville.

The Pinarama team is made up of Jamie Perry, Brenda Lomire, Bryan Lamb, Linda Goodroe and Mike Perry.

In last week's action, Lamb hit an awesome strike and spare that kept the team alive. Perry picked up a spare in the 10th frame to keep the team in front.

Alcan Tourney Results

OSWEGO — At the Alcan Annual Hockey Tournament held over the Thanksgiving weekend, the Oswego Lake City Police Club captured the first place gold medal. The Speedway Squirrels, in a line performance, were able to garner the silver medal.

Coach Dave Lloyd's Pee Wees won the gold by defeating Watertown 5-2 on Nov. 25. Oswego goalie John Gosek and Tim Spadatore were outstanding in net as they registered three straight shutouts in defeating Watertown 8-0, Auburn 4-0 and Syracuse 8-0, before allowing two goals in the championship game.

All skaters had a hand in scoring during the tourney as Oswego outshot their opponents 123-68.

The Oswego Speedway Squirrels entered the final round of the tourney by defeating Auburn 6-5, Fulton 4-1 and Watertown 6-4. Unfortunately, Auburn was able to defeat Oswego during the championship game 4-1.

Oswego Coach Ed Gates was pleased with the performance of his Squirt team for their accomplishments.

In Bantam play, Auburn captured the title by defeating Syracuse 7-3, as the Oswego Bantams did not qualify for the podium.

Bob Ball, Alcan Works Manager, and Bernie Sanders, Personnel Director, were on hand to pass out the awards at the end of each championship round.

Meanwhile, in Snow Belt League action on Nov. 25, IBEW 478 defeated Corland, 2, as Becker scored twice. Single goals were made by Johnson, Pritchard and Wincheck. Assists were credited to Farrell, Wincheck and Virgin.

LeMoyne Women Sink The Lakers

SYRACUSE — The Laker women's basketball team suffered a defeat at the hands of Division II LeMoyne Thursday, 80-50, in Syracuse.

LeMoyne jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead and the score stood at 46-23 at the half. Oswego Coach Jo Meadows noted that the Lakers got into real trouble early.

Forward Carla Quinn got three quick fouls in the first half and eventually fouled out with 3:43 to go. Plus, all the other starting Lakers had two fouls by the time there was just five minutes left in the first half.

Leading the scoring attack for Oswego was Jennifer Williams with 15 points and seven rebounds. Quinn and Linda De Ryke each put in 11 while Kathy Baumberger had five.

"Any other team we play this season will seem like their in slow motion after playing LeMoyne," Coach Meadows said. "They were extremely fast and aggressive. They had great ball movement and a great fast break."

The Lakers will host Elmira at Lee Hall Saturday at 3 p.m.

SPORTS

Bock's Score

Glickman Remembers

By HIL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

December marks the 50th anniversary of college basketball in Madison Square Garden, a hall a century worth of jump shots, layups and dunks.

Broadcaster Marty Glickman, the longtime voice of basketball in the Garden, remembers many of those buckets, but none better than the miracle two-pointer Ernie Caverley launched in the 1946 National Basketball Tournament.

The shot, a 30-foot prayer forced underdog Rhode Island into overtime against Bowling Green in the opening round of the tournament. It also helped establish basketball as a viable broadcast sport and Glickman as the game's most familiar and popular voice.

In 1934, when the Garden presented its first basketball program, Glickman was the national schoolboy sprint champion, a title he won in that famed Manhattan arena.

After graduating from Syracuse University and returning from Marine Corps duty during World War II, Glickman started his broadcasting career at WJL, a New York City station. He charted a course for himself and used basketball as the vehicle.

Bill Stern and Ted Husing were the football broadcasters of that time, Glickman said. Mel Allen and Red Barber were the best known baseball announcers. Clem McCarthy was racing. Bert Lee was hockey. I wanted to be the basketball announcer.

His station, though, wasn't

sold on the sport and Glickman embarked on a campaign to add basketball to WJL's programming. By 1945-46 he had broken down the resistance. Ernie Caverley's miracle shot sealed the deal.

"What people forget is that before the 35-footer, he had hit a half-court shot to bring Rhode Island within two points," Glickman said. "With four seconds to go, he got the ball again on an inbound pass. He threw up a line drive shot. I didn't think it would reach the basket, but it hit the back rim and caromed in at the buzzer."

"I still remember my call: 'Four seconds to go. Time for one last shot. Caverley's got it. Double-teamed. He shoots. Good!'"

Oilers' Post First Victory In Boston

By The Associated Press

In the last couple of years, there isn't much that Wayne Gretzky and his Edmonton Oilers hadn't accomplished in the National Hockey League. But they had never won in Boston Garden.

The Oilers took care of that Thursday night, as they beat the Boston Bruins 4-2. It was Edmonton's first triumph in Boston since joining the NHL six years ago and followed seven losses and one tie there.

It's just good to beat them, Edmonton Coach Glen Sather said. "It's not an emotional high, though. It means two points, the same as a win in Toronto."

Thursday night seemed to be a good time for breaking boxes on the road. New Jersey, which had been 0-2-1 in Philadelphia, beat the host Flyers 2-1. In other NHL games, Chicago downed Pittsburgh 6-1 and Los Angeles routed Vancouver 12-1.

Edmonton won its fifth

straight game as Glenn Anderson scored two goals, both times assisted by Gretzky, and the Oilers broke a 1-1 tie in the second period. Gretzky's assists, his 42nd and 43rd of the season, enabled him to reach the 600-assist mark for his career.

Devils 2, Flyers 1

Aaron Broten scored two goals in the third period to help New Jersey surprise Philadelphia.

The Flyers, the Patrick Division leaders, had not lost in their last 10 games at home this season before facing the Devils, who entered the contest in the Patrick Division cellar.

Ron Sutter's first-period goal stood up until the final period, but Broten tied the game at 2-0, and then scored the game winner on a rebound at 15:16 after Flyers goalie Pelle Lindbergh had stopped Phil Russell's shot.

The victory lifted New Jersey one point ahead of Pittsburgh in the Patrick standings.

Week 5 Schedule

- OSWEGO — The following is the schedule for week five of City League Basketball.
- Monday, Dec. 3 OMS**
- 6 p.m. HCT vs. Elder Elks (B)
 - 7 p.m. Barney's vs. Clam Bar (E)
 - 8 p.m. Oswego County Savings vs. Bayshore Grove I (E)
 - 9 p.m. Office Tavern vs. MaryAnn's (B)
- Monday, Dec. 3 LEIGHTON**
- 6 p.m. Woodshed vs. NYPA 1 (C)
 - 7 p.m. Park Lighting vs. Northern Ready Mix (C)
 - 8 p.m. RaeLynn's vs. Labor Local 214 (F)
 - 9 p.m. Broadwell's vs. Speedway Press (C)
- Tuesday, Dec. 4 OMS**
- 6 p.m. Shacki Patch vs. Pritchard Construction (D)
 - 7 p.m. Video Gallery vs. K of C (E)
 - 8 p.m. Marie's Sweet Shop vs. Bayshore Grove II (B)
 - 9 p.m. Godfather Pizza vs. Ferlito's Express (D)
- Wednesday, Dec. 5 OMS**
- 6 p.m. Mac III vs. Arnold's Construction (E)
 - 7 p.m. Alcan II vs. Canale's (C)
 - 8 p.m. Gary's vs. Wahrendorf's Restaurant (A)
 - 9 p.m. The Wheel vs. Firehouse Tavern (A)
- Thursday, Dec. 6 OMS**
- 6 p.m. Modern Shoe Repair vs. Front Door (F)
 - 7 p.m. Morabito Auto vs. Great Laker Inn (F)
 - 8 p.m. JAFRA vs. Office Tavern I (E)
 - 9 p.m. Oswego Sub Shop vs. Stoney's Auto (B)
- Friday, Dec. 7 LEIGHTON**
- 6 p.m. Bartlett Nuclear vs. Alcan I (D)
 - 7 p.m. Firehouse Tavern vs. Oswego Plaza Liquors (F)
 - 8 p.m. Pine's Restaurant vs. GLI (C)
 - 9 p.m. Cleary Plumbing vs. DA Lodge (F)
- Saturday, Dec. 8 OMS**
- 6 p.m. Marty's vs. Neal O'Brien (E)
 - 7 p.m. Oswego Plaza Laundry vs. MaryAnn's II (D)
 - 8 p.m. Nelson Racing vs. Amedio's Truckers (B)
- Sunday, Dec. 9 LEIGHTON**
- noon Campus vs. Bayshore Grove III (D)
 - 1 p.m. Shacki Patch vs. Sports-a-Foot (A)
 - 2 p.m. NY Deli vs. Elk's Club (A)



ARMS LENGTH — New Jersey Devils' Tim Higgins, right, keeps Philadelphia Flyers' Mark Howe at arms-length in the first period of NHL play in Philadelphia on Thursday. The Devils won the game 2-1. (AP Laserphoto)

NY's Flatter Than A Squashed Puck

By The Associated Press

It was three weeks ago that the New York Rangers stormed from a 4-0 deficit to beat their archrival, the Islanders, 5-4 in a National Hockey League game played at a fevered pitch.

Instead of carrying that success and emotion onward, the Rangers have flatter than a squashed puck. They've won only one of eight contests since then, they've been wracked by injuries and inconsistency and they've dropped three games below .500, being outscored 4-19 in the slump.

"I don't think we're putting too much pressure on ourselves," said goaltender Glen Hanlon. "We know what to do when things go bad and we're approaching it the right way. We're working hard."

Adds captain Barry Beck, who was sidelined earlier this season with a shoulder injury — a recurrence of a problem dating back to last spring's playoffs — and seems to be playing not to get hurt rather than with the all-out aggression which usually marks his game.

"It might be that we're lacking a little mental toughness right now. We've been blown out in so many first periods that we're just trying to hang in there and get wheeling in the second and third periods. But we have to break out in the second and third periods more than we have been."

The effort is there and it will come but it will take a little time. It's never easy to lose, even with a good effort.



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