

# Penn State wants to go to Orange Bowl

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One week before the official invitation date, much of the bowl picture fell into place Sunday night when No. 1-ranked Penn State declared its preference for a trip to the Orange Bowl.

That put sixth-ranked Miami in the Sugar Bowl and left the Cotton Bowl with a major problem when Auburn refused to wait a week.

Penn State coach Joe Paterno met with his players Sunday evening and sports information director Dave Baker reported that "the team's sentiment was that their leading choice, if they received a bid, would be to go to the Orange Bowl."

An Orange Bowl spokesman told the Associated Press a bid would be forthcoming regardless of what 10-0 Penn State does next Saturday night in its regular-season windup against Pitt.

"It was not a formal vote," Baker said. "It was a sentiment that (the Orange Bowl) would be their leading choice right now, the reason being that it would appear right now that bowl would offer the highest-ranked team that we could play."

According to NCAA regulations, bids may not be tendered before next Saturday at 5 p.m., local time, or the end of that day's game, if there is one. The Penn State-Pitt game is scheduled for a 6:45 p.m. CST start and the Orange Bowl spokesman said the Nittany Lions would already have their invitation in hand by the kickoff.

"We're looking at it like a game being played after the picking date," the spokesman said. "We've been spilling our mouths off for months that what we want is the No. 1 team. If Penn State loses, Nebraska has a chance to be No. 1."

Nebraska, No. 2 in last week's Associated Press poll, concludes its regular season Saturday at seventh-ranked Oklahoma. The Big Eight champion is the host team in the Orange Bowl and No. 10 Oklahoma State still has a shot at the title.

As usual, almost everything fell into place one week before the official selection date.

The Big Eight worked a deal that will send its runnerup to the Fiesta Bowl against Michigan and the third-place team to the

Gator Bowl against Florida State.

Tennessee controls its own destiny in the Southeastern Conference race for the Sugar Bowl. The Vols can go to New Orleans by defeating Kentucky and Vanderbilt. That would put LSU in the Liberty Bowl.

But it was a lost weekend for the Cotton Bowl. Fifth-ranked Iowa seemed likely for a trip to Dallas until Wisconsin upset third-ranked Ohio State and, in all probability, cost the Buckeyes a trip to the Rose Bowl.

The Cotton Bowl, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, has never had a Big Ten team and would have been happy with any of the top three. But with Iowa in the Rose Bowl if it beats Minnesota and, if that happens, Michigan committed to the Fiesta Bowl, the Cotton Bowl was squirming.

It asked 8-2 Auburn, which is idle next week and plays Alabama on Nov. 30, to wait until next Saturday's Ohio State-Michigan game. Obviously, the Cotton Bowl would have taken Ohio State with a victory over Michigan.

Auburn, which has been wooed by the Florida Citrus Bowl to play Brigham Young, said no. The Citrus was waiting to grab whichever team the Cotton Bowl didn't.

And that's where matters stood Sunday night.

The Southwest Conference host team also was in doubt with Baylor, Texas and Texas A&M all in the running.

The only "official" bowl pairing was 10-0 Bowling Green of the Mid-American Conference against 9-0-1 Fresno State of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association in the California Bowl.

But these other teams reportedly were set for postseason trips:

Arkansas-Arizona State in the Holiday Bowl, Army-Illinois in the Peach Bowl, Georgia Tech-Michigan State in the All-American Bowl, Alabama-Texas in the Aloha Bowl — but only if Texas wins at least one of its last two games and doesn't go to the Cotton Bowl — Air Force in the Bluebonnet Bowl, Georgia in the Sun Bowl, Washington-Colorado in the Freedom Bowl and Minnesota vs. the Clemson-South Carolina winner in the Independence Bowl.

# Clay Center, Hillsboro lose heartbreakers

By TIM HOSTETTER  
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It was a night of heartbreakers and routs Saturday as Classes 4A, 3A, 2-1A and Eight-Man Division II narrowed their fields to the final four in this year's high school football state playoffs.

Classes' 6A, 5A and Eight-Man I had decided their sub-state teams on Friday. Sub-state rounds in all classes will be played this Friday at 7:30 p.m. State championships will be decided Nov. 30.

Two of the most exciting games played Saturday night were at Clay Center and Clyde.

For the second straight year, Clay Center's Tigers had a sub-state berth slip out of their hands in the last minute of the game.

Last year, it was eventual champ Andover that rallied to nip the Tigers, 21-16. Saturday, second-ranked and unbeaten Mulvane drove 54 yards in the last 1:19 to tie the game then got the extra point to win, 15-14.

Clay Center twice appeared to have the verdict sewed up. First, when Ronnie Wright broke four tackles to gain 13 yards and a first down near midfield with 3:15 remaining. One more first down would've put Mulvane away, but the Wildcats held and forced a punt.

The second time victory flashed before the Clay Center's eyes came on the 17-yard pass play which moved Mulvane to the Tigers' 16 with nine seconds remaining. A Clay Center defender had the pass in his sights, but he over-ran the ball, allowing Curtis Hicks to make a diving catch.

On the game-winning 16-yard TD pass from Michael Snow to Mike Stump, Snow scrambled from one side of the field to the other before hurling the ball toward the far side of the end zone, where Stump stood alone beside a fallen Tiger defender.

"Me and my teammate (Hicks) bumped each other, and it screwed up the defense. They didn't know which one was supposed to cover which one of us," said Stump, whose catch tied the game and PAT kick won it.

Clay Center called two timeouts in an effort to rattle Stump before his PAT kick.

And Stump wasn't even going to kick the ball until after the first timeout, as it turned out.

"We were going to run a fake kick and try for two," said Stump, who had shanked a first-quarter field goal attempt.

"Stump came and said, 'Coach, I

## High school playoff pairings

**CLASS 6A Regionals**  
SM-West 14, SM-East 0  
Lawrence 42, KC-Washington 0  
Manhattan 16, Wichita-North 14  
Dodge City 35, Wichita-Southeast 13

**Sub-State pairings Nov. 22**  
SM-West (9-1) at Lawrence (10-0)  
Manhattan (6-4) at Dodge City (10-0)

**CLASS 5A Regionals**  
Washburn Rural 31, SM-Mittege 7  
Pittsburg 35, Independence 0  
Wichita-Kapoun 27, Valley Center 0  
Wichita-Carroll 21, Salina Central 6

**Sub-State pairings Nov. 22**  
Washburn Rural (8-2) at Pittsburg (7-3)  
Wichita-Carroll (8-2) at Wichita-Kapoun (10-0)

**CLASS 4A Bi-Districts**  
Shawnee-Aquinas 6, Santa Fe Trail 0  
Maur Hill 36, Marysville 24  
Spring Hill 19, Paola 15  
Fredonia 9, Neodesha 0  
Clay Center 21, Beloit 0  
Mulvane 13, Augusta 10  
Larned 10, Haven 6  
Norton 26, Goodland 3

**Regionals**  
Shawnee-Aquinas (10-1) at Fredonia (9-2)  
Mulvane (11-0) at Norton (11-0)

**CLASS 3A Bi-Districts**  
Nemaha Valley 24, Jeff North 0  
Wellsville 21, St. Marys 0  
Humboldt 7, Burlington 6  
Sedan 22, Riverton 0  
Clifton-Clyde 28, SE-Salina 14  
Hillsboro 27, Medicine Lodge 0  
Lyons 14, Lakin 0  
Plainville 29, Wokeeney 7

**Regionals**  
Wellsville 7, Nemaha Valley 6  
Sedan 41, Humboldt 14

Clifton-Clyde 20, Hillsboro 14 (3ot)  
Plainville 35, Lyons 7

**Sub-State pairings Nov. 22**  
Sedan (8-3) at Wellsville (9-2)  
Plainville (10-1) at Clifton-Clyde (10-0)

**CLASS 2-1A Bi-Districts**  
Highland 27, Lyndon 7  
Centralia 20, Washington 14  
Pomona 14, Olpe 6  
Pittsburg-Colgan 34, St. Paul 0  
Caldwell 20, Udall 0  
Clifton H, Moundridge 6  
Victoria 35, Dighton 14  
Johnson 15, Meade 0

**Regionals**  
Centralia 31, Highland 6  
Pittsburg-Colgan 45, Pomona 8  
Caldwell 14, Clifton 7 (ot)  
Victoria 38, Johnson 12

**Sub-State pairings Nov. 22**  
Pittsburg-Colgan (11-0) at Centralia (10-0)  
Caldwell (11-0) at Victoria (7-4)

**8-MAN DIVISION I Regionals**  
Axtell 28, LeRoy 26  
Otis-Bison 34, Mankato 0  
Caldwater 55, Pretty Prairie 6  
Juntura 28, Sharon Springs 6

**Sub-State pairings Nov. 22**  
Otis-Bison (9-1) at Axtell (7-2)  
Juntura (8-2) at Caldwater (10-0)

**8-MAN DIVISION II Bi-Districts**  
Denton-Midway 62, Wakefield 34  
Norton-Central 40, Glasco 9  
Tescott 42, Dexter 10  
Haviland 42, South Haven 19  
Eastern Heights 52, Lucas-Luray 28  
Lenora 14, Brewster 8  
Bozine 42, Grinnell 40 (2ot)  
Rolla 64, Montezuma 58

**Regionals**  
Denton-Midway 54, North Central 19  
Tescott 73, Haviland 14  
Lenora 24, Eastern Heights 2  
Rolla 39, Bozine 22

**Sub-State pairings Nov. 22**  
Tescott (10-0) at Denton-Midway (10-0)  
Lenora (9-1) at Rolla (10-0)

stopped on the same play, Clifton-Clyde fans could only think back to 1980 when the Eagles tied Meade late in a sub-state game only to see coach Ed Buller go for two points instead of having Monty Bechard kick for win. Instead, Bechard was stopped short and Meade went on to win in overtime.

Ironically, Bechard's younger brother, Matt, is the kicker on this year's team. Debes didn't want to risk a bad snap or block a kick can produce.

Penner never hesitated in sending in kicker David Kiewer in the game on the Trojans' first play in the second overtime. The 27-yard field goal would've given Hillsboro the win because the Eagles failed to score on their turn.

Kiewer, who had made 18 extra points and two field goals during the season, had plenty of distance, but missed to the right giving the Eagles another chance.

"I wasn't surprised that he (Penner) kicked on first down instead of running a couple of plays first," said Debes. "Did you see that kid kick in pregame? He had good range and accuracy."

After Hillsboro fumbled the ball away on its try in the third overtime, the Eagles scored in three plays when senior Ricky Tremblay plowed up the middle from the 3-yard line.

Plainville used 21 third quarter points and 285 rushing yards to whip Lyons. The Cardinals have won 10 straight games since losing to Norton in the season-opener.

Victoria is the surprise team of the class. The 7-4 Knights upset Johnson-Stanton County, 38-12, to advance to the sub-state against 11-0 Caldwell.

Victoria — playing in the tough Mid-Continent League — was just 2-4 entering district play. The Knights won all three district games then whipped Dighton, 35-14, in bi-district play.

In 2-1A, defending 2A champ Pittsburg-Colgan advanced to sub-state with a 45-8 win over Pomona. The top-ranked Panthers will play at 10-0 Centralia.

In Eight-Man II, Tescott posted the rout of the playoffs in downing Haviland, 73-14. The Trojans, 10-0, held a 51-8 halftime lead and rolled up 383 yards rushing for the game. The win gave Tescott a shot at the defending Eight-Man I and top-ranked Denton-Midway Eagles.

Lenora stopped Eastern Heights, 24-2, to earn a sub-state berth against Rolla. The Wildcats, 9-1, were led by Jerry Teel's two TD receptions from quarterback Greg Van Deist.

# Defense boosts Builders

By The Associated Press

There's an old coaching slogan that goes, "We'll dance with the one who brings us," and the Southwestern Moundbuilders have lived it to the hilt.

It was defense that brought the Moundbuilders to the threshold of their Kansas Conference football title. And it was defense that pushed them over the top Saturday with a 28-3 conquest of St. Mary of the Plains.

It was the eighth time in 10 games Southwestern has held an opponent to fewer than 10 points.

Elsewhere, in what was for many the final game of the season in Kansas college action, Bethel whipped Friends, 40-7, Sterling slipped past Ottawa, 21-20, Bethany shut out McPherson, 26-0, Tabor downed Kansas Wesleyan, 13-10, Sam Houston blasted Washburn, 51-7, and unbeaten Benedictine roared past William Jewell, 35-17.

The Moundbuilders, 8-1 in the KCAC and 8-2 overall, came into the game ranked No. 17 in the NAIA

Division II poll. Their defense came into the game ranked first in scoring defense. Southwestern's 10 opponents have managed a total of 52 points. Two 3-yard first-half scoring runs by Johnny Williams provided all the points Southwestern needed to drop St. Mary of the Plains to 4-5 and 5-5.

Benedictine struck for three big plays in the final 64 seconds to wrap up an unbeaten regular season. The Ravens will take a 10-0 record into the playoffs. William Jewell finished 7-3, and scored on a blocked punt after faltering at the Benedictine 3 on its opening possession.

Bethel quarterback Milan Suzek completed 20 of 47 passes for 385 yards and three touchdowns against a Friends defense which entered the game ranked No. 1 in total defense and pass defense in NAIA Division II. Thirteen of Zusek's passes were to wide receiver Ed Smith, who had 280 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Bethel finished 7-2 overall and 7-2 in the KCAC.

# Swedes fall to OCC, 80-58

OKLAHOMA CITY — Rodney Ferguson scored 17 points and Doug Bradley added 16 to lead Oklahoma Christian College to an 80-58 basketball victory over Bethany College Saturday night.

Bruce Washington paced the Swedes, 2-3, hitting 9 of 11 field goals and all six of his free throws for 24 points. Steve Malm and Craig Macari each had 13 points to back Washington.

Bethany will play Central Oklahoma State Friday at 7 p.m. in the first round of the Fort Hays State Pepsi-Augustino's Classic in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

**BETHANY (58)**  
Geiman 0-3 0-0-0, Cole 2-3 0-0-4, Hayden 1-5 0-0-2, Malm 5-12 3-9-13, Steels 0-2 0-0-0, Washington 9-11 6-6-24, Stanley 1-4 0-2-2, Macari 5-8 3-5-13, Totals 23-50 12-16-58.

**OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN (80)**  
Manning 2-2 0-0-4, Clark 4-8 0-0-8, Manek 1-3 1-2-3, Dunn 4-6 3-4-11, Malone 0-2 3-4-3, Branigan 0-1 1-2-1, Bradley 6-11 4-4-16, Hubbard 1-1 2-3-3, Ferguson 6-10 5-6-17, Walker 5-7 0-2-10, Winley 2-5 0-1-4, Totals 31-56 18-27-80.

**HALFTIME: OCC 42, Bethany 27. TOTAL FOULS — Bethany 22, OCC 19. FOULED OUT: Washington, Stanley (BC). REBOUNDS — Bethany 29, OCC 31. TURNOVERS — Bethany 24, OCC 16.**

# North Dakota coach resigns

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Pat Behrns resigned as head coach of the University of North Dakota Sunday, saying he believed the school's football program "needs a change."

"I just hope my contributions to the program have not gone for naught," said Behrns, who has been head coach for six years. He compiled a 36-27 record.

However, North Dakota stumbled to 3-8 this year and ended the season Saturday with a 49-0 defeat at the hands of intrastate rival North Dakota State.

# Baker, Builders invited to bowl

WINFIELD (AP) — Baker University, ranked tenth in the final NAIA Division II poll, will face No. 15 Southwestern in the fourth annual Sunflower Bowl, bowl officials announced Sunday.

Baker, 7-2-1, will meet Southwestern, 8-2, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Winfield.

# 49ers

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yards on 16 carries.

The Chiefs were even after one period despite gaining only 11 net yards in the quarter. Nick Lowery kicked a 46-yard field goal, his seventh of the season from 40 or further, after linebacker Scott Radecic recovered a fumble by the 49ers' Tyler at the San Francisco 29-yard line.

The 49ers' Ray Werschling accounted for the first points of the game with a 41-yard field goal.

The 49ers outgained the Chiefs by 101 yards, 112-11, in the first period. The San Francisco offense settled for Werschling's field goal three plays after a penalty, for an illegal block by center Fred Quillan, nullified a gain to the Kansas City 11-yard line.

San Francisco overcame a holding penalty in the short drive to its first touchdown. The 49ers started from the Chiefs' 29 following an exchange of punts. Max Runager of the 49ers rolled a punt out of bounds at the Chiefs' 4-yard line, and San Francisco's Dana McLemore had an 8-yard return on Jim Arnold's punt from the end zone.

Matt Cavanaugh finished up at quarterback for the 49ers, and Todd Blackledge did the passing for the Chiefs in the last quarter. Kansas City starter Bill Kenney, who left the game with a sore back after being tackled on a pass attempt, completed only 12 of 26 passes for 74 yards.

Another KC starter, free safety Deron Cherry, left early after suffering a neck strain.

# Ravens shock No. 1 Butler

EL DORADO (AP) — Putzer Dayton ran back a kickoff 65 yards and crossed the goal line with no time left to give the Coffeyville Community College Ravens a 34-32 victory Sunday over previously unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Butler County.

Butler County had taken a 32-28 lead with 11 seconds remaining in the Jayhawk Juco Conference's championship game when Andre Southerland dashed 60 yards for a score.

The defeat cost Butler County its second straight conference championship. The Grizzlies needed to beat Coffeyville and Phoenix College in the Valley of the Sun Bowl in Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 29 in order to hold the No. 1 spot.

# NFL

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built a 23-0 lead after three quarters before the Rams finally came to life in the fourth period.

Mick Luckhurst kicked a 39-yard field goal 4:58 into the opening period after Scott Case had returned a fumble recovery 17 yards to the Los Angeles 24.

Charles White then fumbled the kickoff, and Johnny Taylor claimed it for Atlanta on the 17. It took the Falcons three plays to go the distance, with Riggs scoring from the 3 for a 10-0 lead after 6:03 had elapsed.

It was the fourth consecutive 100-yard rushing game for Riggs, a club record.

Riggs capped a 14-play, 59-yard drive with a 1-yard plunge in the second quarter, and the Falcons stretched their lead to 20-0 at halftime on Luckhurst's 27-yard field goal.

It was only the third victory in the last 21 regular season games for the Falcons, 2-9. The NFC West-leading Rams lost for the third time in four weeks and fell to 8-3 for the year.

**EAGLES 24, CARDINALS 14** — At St. Louis, Earnest Jackson ran for 164 yards and a touchdown, and Mike Quick caught two touchdown passes to lead Philadelphia over St. Louis.

Jackson, who carried 34 times, ran 51 yards for a touchdown with 9:16 left, after Paul McFadden's 20-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter snapped a 14-14 tie. The Eagles improved to 6-5.

St. Louis, 4-7, wasted a 179-yard rushing performance by Stump Mitchell, the career best for the Cards' fifth-year running back.

Mitchell plunged 3 yards and 1 yard to touchdowns as the Cards overcame a 14-0 deficit in the first half. The big gainer during a Cards comeback that eventually went for naught was Mitchell's 60-yard scamper to the Eagles 11.

**JETS 62, BUCS 28** — At East Rutherford, N.J., Ken O'Brien threw for five touchdowns — three to Mickey Shuler — and the New York Jets set a team scoring record by routing Tampa Bay despite losing National Football League rushing leader Freeman McNeil to a minor leg injury.

McNeil suffered a bruised lower right leg late in the first quarter with the Jets on their way to a 41-point opening half, a team record. McNeil gained 41 yards, putting his season

total at 1,093, before getting hurt while blocking for O'Brien.

The victory, in the NFL's highest-scoring game in the league this year, put the Jets' record at 8-3 and kept them atop the AFC East. They stormed back after falling behind 14-0, as O'Brien hit 17 of 24 passes for 239 yards in their 41-point opening half. He finished with completions on 23 of 30 passes for 367 in just under three quarters of play.

**RAIDERS 13, BENGALS 6** — At Los Angeles, quarterback Marc Wilson tossed a 7-yard touchdown pass to running back Marcus Allen with 2:50 remaining Sunday to give the Los Angeles Raiders a victory over Cincinnati.

The triumph broke a two-game losing streak for the Raiders, who are now 7-4, and was sweet redemption for their defense, which allowed 593 yards in a 40-34 overtime loss to San Diego on Nov. 10.

The Bengals, who entered the game as the NFL's highest-scoring team, had a three-game winning streak snapped and fell to 5-6.

**LIONS 41, VIKINGS 21** — At Pontiac, Mich., Detroit took advantage of three early Minnesota turnovers with the sharp passing of Eric Hipple to blitz the Vikings with 31 first-half points.

The triumph over their NFC Central Division rivals gave the Lions sole possession of second place behind the undefeated Chicago Bears, who have clinched the division title, and avenged a 16-13 last-season defeat in Minneapolis 14 days earlier.

Detroit is 6-5 while the Vikings, who had a total of five turnovers in the game, fell to 5-6.

**PATRIOTS 20, SEAHAWKS 13** — At Seattle, Steve Grogan's 13-yard touchdown strike to fleet Irving Fryar with 2:39 left gave New England a come-from-behind victory over Seattle.

The Patriots, 8-3, scored two touchdowns in the final quarter to overtake the Seahawks, 6-5, and the triumph allowed them to stay in a tie with the New York Jets in the AFC East.

With the score 13-13, free safety Fred Marion set up New England's game-winning touchdown by intercepting a tipped Dave Krieg pass at

the Patriots' 2-yard line and racing it back 83 yards to the Seattle 15. Linebacker Larry McGrew was credited with tipping the Krieg pass on a third-and-five play on the Patriots' seven.

After a 2-yard run by Craig James, Grogan found the streaking Fryar cutting over the middle at about the 5-yard line.

**BRONCOS 30, CHARGERS 24** — At Denver, Louis Wright returned a blocked field-goal attempt 60 yards for the winning touchdown 4:45 into overtime Sunday, lifting Denver to a wild victory over San Diego.

The triumph kept Denver, 8-3, one game ahead of the Los Angeles Raiders in the AFC West. San Diego fell to 5-6.

San Diego, winning the coin toss at the start of overtime, marched methodically to the Denver 23-yard line, where Bob Thomas lined up for a 40-yard three-point attempt. Thomas' first attempt was blocked, but the officials ruled a Denver player had called time out just before the play.

Dennis Smith, who earlier deflected Thomas' 47-yard try, then blocked the re-kick. The ball bounded to Wright, who outran the Chargers for the clinching TD.

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