

BATT PICKS

GAME	DROMGOOLE	GARCIA	DeFRANK	JERDEN
Ark-LSU	Ark 28-14	Ark 16-8	Ark 22-15	Ark 32-24
Tenn-Tulsa	Tulsa 35-24	Tenn 28-24	Tulsa 34-28	Tenn 24-21
Missouri-Fla	Mo. 17-6	Fla 12-6	Fla 19-6	Fla 12-0
Missis-Aub	Miss 21-12	Miss 15-7	Aub 16-3	Aub 13-7
Neb-Ala	Ala 21-14	Neb 7-6	Neb 13-7	Neb 41-32
TT-GeoT	TT 28-18	GeoT 14-6	GeoT 27-13	TT 14-13
MichSt-UCLA	MichSt 36-17	MichSt 14-10	MichSt 40-23	MichSt 32-6
TCU-TexWest	TCU 20-0	TCU 26-6	TCU 20-6	TCU 13-0
SEASON	57-33	58-32	63-27	58-32

Matson, Stringfellow Lead Aggies Past Owls, 89-81

HOUSTON — Randy Matson and Dick Stringfellow led a neversay-die Texas Aggie basketball team from an 18-point deficit in the first half to an 89-81 victory over the surprising Rice Owls Wednesday night in the Bluebonnet Classic thriller.

It was A&M's fifth win in as many starts. The Owls took a quick lead with a pair of free throws by Doug McKendrick, and went on to completely stifle the cold Aggie three quarters before a jump shot by Dick Rector put the Cadets in front to stay with just under 10 minutes to play.

Matson, coming through with clutch points, stole the show in the second half when it became apparent Aggie ace John Wesley was going to see limited playing time with four first half fouls. Matson made his presence known with numerous rebounds and ball steals.

While Matson sparked the Aggies in the second half, it was Stringfellow who carried the team in the first half with 16 points and wound up tied for high-point honors with Rice's Bill Doty with 22 points.

In a game plagued with referee mistakes, the Owls lost five men fouls, including four starters, and the Aggies lost three. There were 76 personal fouls and one technical foul called.

Rice's uncanny 24 of 26 from the free throw line and eight steals carried them to a comfortable 56-43 halftime lead and what appeared to be easy victory over the jittery Ags. But the Cadets came back to play and outscored

the Owls, 46-25 in the second half.

Following Stringfellow and Matson in scoring for the Aggies were Rector with 16, Eddie Dominguez, 12 and Jerry Payne, 8. Rice's McKendrick pitched in 19 and Marty Ivy had 14.

After the game Aggie basketball coach Shelby Metcalf termed

the game "a harder comeback than some of the others." These second half kids really disciplined themselves. You just can't count them out." He was especially pleased with Matson, Stringfellow and Payne.

A&M meets Houston Cougars at 9 p.m. tonight in the final game of the classic.

Bills' Kemp Captures Valuable Player Title

NEW YORK (AP) — Jack Kemp, the quarterback Buffalo picked up on waivers for \$100 in 1962, has been voted the Most Valuable Player in the American Football League.

Kemp won over Lance Alworth, San Diego's brilliant flanker, in a close vote by the 24 sports writers, three from each league city, who make up The Associated Press panel.

The man who directed the defending champions to another title in the Eastern Division, received 10 votes and Alworth drew eight. Paul Lowe, San Diego's fine running back, polled four votes and one went to Bobby Bell, Kansas City's outstanding linebacker. One member of the panel did not vote on this category.

Gino Cappelletti, Boston pass catcher and place kicker, was voted the Most Valuable Player in the league last year.

Although Kemp ranked fourth among the league's passers in the latest statistics, the voters acknowledged his leadership abili-

lity in bringing the Bills into another title game. Buffalo grabbed Kemp in 1962 when San Diego put him on waivers with a broken finger.

Alworth, generally accepted as one of the best receivers in pro ball, grabbed 64 passes for 1,442 yards and 13 touchdowns in San Diego's march to the Western Division crown. The

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Bills, Chargers Dominate All-Star Team

NEW YORK (AP) — The Buffalo Bills and San Diego Chargers, who will meet for the second straight year in the American Football League's title game Dec. 26 at San Diego, Calif., dominate the AFL All-Star team picked for The Associated Press by 24 sports writers.

The panel, including three from each league city, placed six Buffalo players on the 22-man squad and five San Diego men. Kansas City had four; Denver, Houston and Oakland two each and Boston one. New York did not put a man on the first team.

Quarterback Jack Kemp and guard Billy Shaw were the only members of the defending champion Bills on the offensive unit, but tackle Tom Sestak, linebacker Mike Stratton and defensive backs Butch Byrd and George Saimes gave Buffalo four places on the defensive team.

Flanker Lance Alworth, running back Paul Lowe and tackle Ron Mix of San Diego were named on offense, and the fearsome pair of end Earl Faison and tackle Ernie Ladd made it on defense.

Alworth, recognized as one of the best flankers in football, if not the best, was a unanimous choice. Nick Buoniconti, the Notre Dame boy who plays middle linebacker for Boston, was the only other player to get all the votes.

Kansas City's delegation included tackle Jim Tryer on offense and end Jerry Mays, linebacker Bobby Bell and safety Johnny Robinson on defense. Lionel Taylor, split end, and Cookie Gilchrist, fullback, were Denver's contributions. Houston was represented by tight end Willie Frazier, who was on his way to a great season when he was injured, and guard Bob Talamini.

Jim Otto, a perennial all-star was at center and Oakland also placed corner back Dave Grayson on defense.

Duke Named To Top Spot In AP Basketball Poll

DURHAM, N. C. (AP) — Duke Coach Vic Bubas surveyed the basketball world from his No. 1 position Wednesday and tempered his enthusiasm by observing, "We haven't arrived yet, but we've taken some giant steps

forward." His Blue Devils, ranked third in The Associated Press pre-season college poll, dropped to sixth last week after their stunning loss to South Carolina, then leaped all the way to the top after a double bombing of two-time national champion UCLA. Duke battered the Bruins by 16 and 19 points, pushing them down from first place to eighth.

Duke gained 17 first-place votes in a poll of 43 sports writers and sportscasters and 357 points on a basis of 10 for a first-place vote, nine for second, etc. Runnerup St. Joseph's of Philadelphia had 14 votes for first and 323 points. Michigan, which meets Duke next week, was third. The rest of the top 10:

Kansas Vanderbilt, Minnesota, Providence, UCLA, Bradley, Wichita. The only newcomer to the select group was Wichita, which replaced South Carolina as No. 10.

"It's a great honor to be No. 1," said Bubas.

The Top Ten with first place votes in parentheses, won-lost records through Tuesday's games and total points:

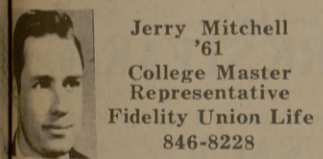
1. Duke (17)	5-1	357
2. St. Joseph's (14)	4-0	323
3. Michigan (8)	4-1	260
4. Kansas (4)	5-0	253
5. Vanderbilt (5)	4-0	243
6. Minnesota	3-0	137
7. Providence	3-0	134
8. UCLA	2-2	132
9. Bradley	6-0	112
10. Wichita	3-0	63

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