

# Landry discusses upsets of top pro teams this year

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DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Coach Tom Landry believes the stunning upsets rocking professional football can be attributed to the balance of talent and the era in which we live.

"Everybody will lose games from time to time because the talent is spread pretty thin," Landry says.

He adds "Sometimes the best team won't even be in the Super Bowl because you've got to have a lot of luck nowadays besides having a good team."

But he suggests there might be a more deeper meaning from the roller coaster rides of near perfection to dismal failure from week-to-week.

"We're in an era where the top teams are getting beat because it's hard to sustain your momentum from week to week," Landry says. "I'm not sure what it is."

"Perhaps, it is the approach to things of our young people . . . They don't have as much a driving force as they used to . . . There's a lot of complacency on the athletic field like everywhere else. We are in an affluent age where everything comes easy. There's a tendency not to work hard. In athletics, you must work hard or you'll get your head knocked off."

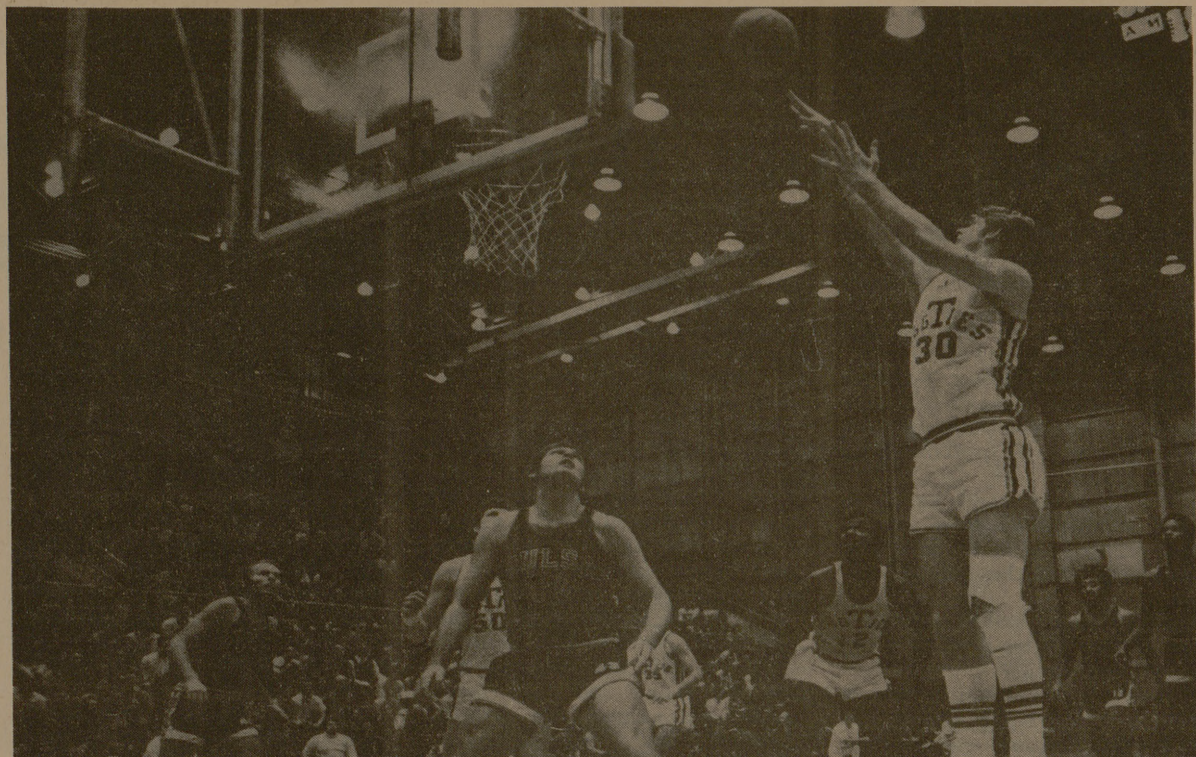
Landry is particularly concerned that some form of over-confidence might overcome his streak-

ing Cowboys, who are one game away from clinching a spot in the National Football League playoffs for the sixth consecutive year.

Dallas has won five consecutive games in posting a 9-3 record. If the Cowboys defeat the Giants in New York Sunday they clinch a wild card berth. If Dallas wins and Washington loses to Los Angeles Monday night, the Cowboys get the National Conference Eastern Division title.

"Overconfidence is always a problem," Landry says.

"We couldn't be in better shape when you consider we were 4-3 at one time," Landry says. "All we need now is one game."



RICK DUPLANTIS (30) SINKS two of his five points against the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes here Monday night. Guarding Rick is Joe Voskuhl (43) with Jim Clesson (44) looking on. Clesson came off the bench to spark Tulsa with 29 points in the 90-79 loss, A&M's first of the season. Aggies coming in to help are Mario Brown (12) and Jeff Overhouse (50). (Photo by Joe Matthews)

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# Ed Marinaro leads nation in football rushing records

NEW YORK (AP) — Cornell's hard-running workhorse, Ed Marinaro, barely beaten out for the Heisman Trophy, managed to grab his share of honors before closing out his collegiate football career.

The final 1971 statistics of the National Collegiate Sports Services show he was a triple champion on offense, leading in three important categories — rushing, scoring and all-purpose running.

With the popularity of the Wishbone-T and other multiple-upton running attacks, the nation never produced a more prolific collection of rushers than in 1971,

and Marinaro was the king.

The thick-necked Cornell half-back averaged 209 yards a game on the ground, better than 81 of the 119 major teams could manage. He averaged 5.3 yards a carry, running the ball 39.6 times a game.

His 4,715 yards rushing set a national record, beating the old mark of Oklahoma's Steve Owens by 848 yards.

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound Ivy League All-American scored 24 touchdowns and kicked four extra points for a total of 148 points and a 16.4 average. In all-purpose running including kick returns,

Marinaro had 1,932 yards for the season and a 214.7 average.

The final offensive figures reflect the running power of the nation's top-ranked teams, most of whom will carry on in the post-season bowls.

Nebraska's Johnny Rodgers placed ninth in scoring and eighth in all-purpose running. Oklahoma's Greg Pruitt placed second in rushing behind Marinaro and Houston's Robert Newhouse, and with teammate Jack Mildren, was among the Top Ten in scoring.

Lydell Mitchell of Penn State was second in scoring with a 15.8 average.

# Warriors want Barry back

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Franklin Mieuli, president of the Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association, reiterated Wednesday he "will use every device I have to get Rick Barry back in a Warriors' uniform."

Mieuli's comment came one day after the Warriors' owners had been awarded a \$1 million settlement of their lawsuit against the owners of the former Oakland Oaks of the American Basketball Association over Barry's status.

Barry now plays for the New York Nets of the ABA.

"I expect one of two things to happen," said Mieuli. "One, Barry will agree to come back to the Warriors, or two, we'll be in court in March."

"His contract with New York, which runs out after this season, acknowledges the fact that he

is bound to us for three years. Tuesday's judgment in our favor should only substantiate my argument that he belongs out here."

Mieuli's attorneys filed a suit in federal court last month hoping to make Barry live up to a three-year contract he signed with the Warriors in 1969. Tuesday's settlement does not affect the recent suit.

# Football dropped at UCSB after 50 years; financial

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) —The University of California at Santa Barbara announced Wednesday it will drop intercollegiate football because of financial difficulties.

The administrative decision

ends the sport which started at Santa Barbara 50 years ago.

Chancellor Vernon I. Cheadle also said that Jack Curtice will continue as athletic director, and football coach Andy Everest will have his contract extended for

next year, taking on classroom duties. But the assistant coaches were fired.

Santa Barbara posted a 3-8 record during the past season. The decision to drop football was a surprise.

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