

Bowl bids to the victors

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This is "White Knuckle Week" in college football.
It's a time of great anxiety for those college football coaches whose teams are good enough to be considered for season bowl invitations.
It is, of course, more interesting when two teams are fighting for one invitation and this is precisely the case at Ann Arbor, Mich., Saturday when Michigan plays host to the ranked Ohio State.
More than likely, the winner of that game will represent the Big Ten conference in the Rose Bowl.
Michigan has beaten Ohio State three years in a row and the Wolverines are 1-3-1 at Ann Arbor, Mich., against the Buckeyes since 1969. We see the Wolverines to snap the Buckeyes' perfect 10-0 record and that trip to Pasadena.
Here's how we see the major games across the nation:
East
Penn State 18 — Owls
waited a long time for this.
Pittsburgh 35 Army 0 — Panthers
nail down a Gator Bowl bid.
Butgers 27 Villanova 6 — Scarlet

Knights are hoping for something better than the Garden State bowl.
Syracuse 33 Boston College 8 — Orangemen wind up a very successful road show.
The South
Alabama 20 Miami (Fla.) 13 — Injuries have left the Tide mighty low.
Auburn 21 Georgia 14 — Tigers, riding out probation, salvage season by spoiling Bulldogs' Sugar Bowl hopes.
Tennessee 27 Mississippi 13 — Vols climax comeback season by earning bowl bid.
Florida St. 30 Memphis St. 8 — If Georgia loses, Seminoles a likely Orange Bowl pick.
The Midwest
Michigan 13 Ohio St. 10 — Wolverines angry after Purdue loss.
Notre Dame 22 Clemson 17 — Best Irish can do is a minor bowl.
Indiana 23 Purdue 21 — Hoosiers drink champagne from Old Oaken Bucket.
Minnesota 28 Wisconsin 10 — Gophers go-for .500 season.
The Midlands
Nebraska 33 Iowa St. 10 — Always

take Redwine with beef.
Oklahoma 24 Missouri 20 — Tigers always give the big boys trouble.
Kansas 17 Colorado 12 — This is a year Chuck Fairbanks will leave out of his memoirs.
Oklahoma St. 26 Kansas St. 15 — Cowboys won't even need their spurs. **The Southwest**
Arkansas 20 Texas A&M 14 — Razorbacks are now the favorite for the Cotton Bowl in the SWC.
Texas 29 TCU 10 — Longhorns keep SWC title hopes alive.
Texas Tech 26 SMU 16 — Red Raiders have edge in experience.
Baylor 35 Rice 6 — After Arkansas, this is like a week off for Bears. **The Far West**
Stanford 31 California 27 — The "Big Game" should be a real shootout.
UCLA 28 Oregon 20 — But Bruins still can't reach Rose Bowl.
Arizona St. 29 West Virginia 10 — Sun Devils' talent is better than record indicates.
Washington 29 Washington St. 13 — Huskies can still smell the Roses.

Ryan could become an Astro or a flaming \$4 million

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HOUSTON — The Houston Astros have a chance of adding free agent pitcher Nolan Ryan to a coaching staff that already includes J.R. Richard. "I look for Ryan to sign with the Astros Thursday."
We are hopeful of being able to sign Nolan Ryan and it does look good," Smith said after a newspaper reported Houston's signing of the former Angels right-hander was imminent.
The newspaper said highly placed sources indicated Ryan would sign a four-year, \$4 million



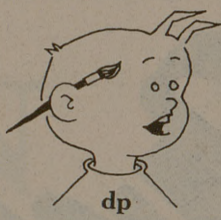

contract.
Smith's only other comment was that talks were progressing.
Ryan was quoted in the Houston Post Thursday as saying, "I've pretty well made a decision. I have one team in mind. I'm not going to comment on the team. I'll let the club make it's announcement."
Astros owner John McMullen of New York planned to fly to Houston Monday.
Since declaring his free agency, Ryan had said he was interested in playing for either Houston, the New York Yankees, Texas or Milwaukee. Brewers General Manager Harry Dalton said he thought Ryan would

sign with Houston "because we haven't heard from him."
Ryan, 32, lives in Alvin, 30 miles from Houston.
His signing with Houston would pair the major league's two strikeout kings. Richard fanned 313 batters last season to lead the majors and Ryan led the American League with 223 strikeouts.
Richard, 29, recently signed a four-year extension of his contract.
Ryan would be the first free agent signed by the Astros. The sale of the team to millionaire shipbuilder McMullen last spring made it possible for the Astros to enter the free agent market for the first time.

Horns, Hogs smelling the sweetness of Sugar

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NEW ORLEANS — Sugar Bowl executive director Mickey Holmes said Thursday the bowl would select the Southeastern Conference opponent Saturday, but he refused to confirm reports that it would be either Arkansas or Texas.
The States-Item reported Thursday that both Texas and Arkansas Saturday, the Sugar Bowl will select either the Longhorns or the Razorbacks as the visiting team.
Formal bowl invitations may be extended Saturday at 6 p.m.
The Sugar Bowl will have representatives at seven games Saturday: Auburn at Georgia; Miami at Alabama; Ohio State at Michigan; Iowa State at Nebraska; Oklahoma at Missouri; Arkansas at Texas A&M; and TCU at Texas.
Holmes said he would remain in New Orleans, keeping in touch with his representatives by telephone.
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runnerup, either Oklahoma or Nebraska.
"We have four or five separate plans," Holmes said. "But which one of those priorities takes precedence is based on the contingencies I keep referring to."
Georgia will be the SEC representative in Sugar Bowl if it defeats Auburn this Saturday. But if the Bulldogs lose, No. 1-ranked Alabama would need to beat only Auburn on Dec. 1 to earn a berth in the Sugar.
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A&M-Arkansas Ark. by 3		Arkansas by 7 A&M by 4	
Rice-Baylor Baylor by 20		Baylor by 17 Baylor by 8	
Texas Tech-SMU Tech by 9		SMU by 3 Tech by 2	
TCU-Texas Texas by 6		Texas by 10 Texas by 9	
Ohio St.-Mich. Ohio St. by 7		Ohio St. by 21 Ohio St. by 2	
Auburn-Georgia Auburn by 5		Georgia by 7 Georgia by 2	
Cal.-Stanford Stanford by 6		California by 10 Stanford by 3	
Dallas-Washington Wash. by 4		Dallas by 13 Dallas by 8	
Cinn.-Houston Houston by 9		Houston by 7 Houston by 7	
N.O.-Seattle Seattle by 6		Seattle by 2 Seattle by 6	
Last week's record 6-4		8-2 4-6	
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Spurs defeat Knicks, 136-132

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SAN ANTONIO — Scoring champ George Gervin continued his hot-shooting streak, scoring 33 points to pace San Antonio to a 136-132 NBA victory over the New York Knicks Thursday night.
Gervin, who has hit 67 percent of his field goal attempts in his last four games, made good on 13 of 21, including 21 first-half points.
Spur forward Larry Kenon added 29 points and 12 rebounds.
The Knicks, who have never won in San Antonio, came out strong to take a 36-34 lead after one quarter. But the Spurs, behind Gervin and center Billy Paultz, outscored New York 39-31 in the second quarter to take control of the game.
Guard James Silas, the Spurs "Captain Late", hit eight fourth quarter points, six coming on free throws, to fight off a final game by

the Knicks.
While San Antonio elected to play offense only, New York rallied behind a full-court press and reserve forward Sly Williams' seven final quarter points.
The Knicks pulled to within six, 122-116, on a 15-foot jump shot by center Bill Cartwright with 4:44 left to play. However, New York could do no better than exchange baskets with the hot-shooting Spurs.
San Antonio raised its record to 10-7, while the Knicks dropped to 7-9.



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