

Namath stands behind guarantee in 16-7 Jet victory

MIAMI (AP) — The New York Jets are the grand champions of pro football, the American Football League has suddenly come of age, and Joe Namath is the greatest prophet in the sports world since Cassius Clay called the rounds in which his foes would fall.

Namath, the golden arm and the jawbreaker of the Jets, "guaranteed" that the AFL upstarts would win the world title, and he backed it up all the way Sunday when he led New York to a spectacular 16-7 upset of the Baltimore Colts, proud champions of the National Football League.

"Today we won," Broadway Joe exulted as the Colts walked in utter dejection off the battle-scarred Orange Bowl turf. "We'd win tomorrow or any other time. I told them all."

In the thick gloom of the Colts dressing room, coach Don Shula said, "We've got to be men. It's just a shame for us to face the winter after all of the good things that happened to us before today."

"Namath is everything that we've heard good about him. He beat our blitz more than we did him."

In the two previous games of the World Series of pro football, the Green Bay Packers had clubbed the AFL entries, Kansas City and Oakland, and Baltimore was an 18-point favorite to keep the NFL mystique alive.

The game plan of the Colts was obvious. Their vaunted defense would take away the New York running game, opening the way for the big rush that would stop Namath. Then Earl Morrall's passes and the slashing runs of Tom Matte and Jerry Hill would carry Baltimore to the inevitable victory.

But Namath tore the whole plan apart. Right from the beginning, he established the Jet rushing attack by ramming Matte's Snell down the throats of the Colts. And when Baltimore still tried the blitz, he beat it repeatedly as he bombed the Colts with 17 completions in 28 tries for 206 yards.

In fact, the Jets did to frustrated Baltimore just what the Colts had planned to do to them. Against a magnificent New York defense, Morrall and later the incomparable Johnny Unitas

found all avenues to victory closed to them.

Morrall, the cinerella man who replaced the injured Unitas as NFL's Most Valuable Player in 17 seasons, had been given added incentive by Namath's pregame crowing that Morrall was no better than at least five passers in the AFL.

But Morrall was unable to rise to the challenge. The scrambling Jets defenders allowed him only six completions in 17 throws for a measly 71 yards and came up with crucial interceptions that choked off every threat the Colts mustered in the three quarters Morrall was in the game.

"I don't think we did anything right," Shula said. "On defense we didn't play like we should, and our offense didn't come up with the big plays like it has all season."

Coach Weeb Ewbank, who won two NFL titles with the Colts and now has guided the Jets to the playoffs, said, "The Colts were great but we were greater. It was fabulous. Joe

called another of his great games.

"This is the start of a new era in pro football."

Snell raced four yards for a kicked field goal of 32, 30 and nine yards, and New York held a commanding lead of 16-0 before the veteran Unitas came in for the final quarter and the Colts got on the scoreboard on a one-yard run by Jerry Hill.

Big heroes of the New York defense were Randy Beverly, whose two end zone interceptions prevented what looked like sure Baltimore touchdowns, Johnny Sample, who stole another at the Jet two, and Jim Hudson, who swiped one at the New York 12.

"We're the greatest team alive," Sample shouted. "We showed them," added defensive end Gerry Philbin. "We proved it. We knew that if we stopped them, Joe would take over."

Linebacker Larry Grantham said, "The odds were foolish. We were confident that Joe would get the points. Baltimore undersold our defense. It is so sweet."

George Sauer, who led the Jet receivers with eight catches for 133 yards, got off on the wrong foot at the start. After David Lee had punted dead to the New York three in the first period, Namath hit Sauer with a shot pass but he fumbled and Ron Porter recovered for Baltimore at the Jets' 12.

The sellout crowd of 75,377 thought this would be the start of a Colts landslide as Matte, rushing star of the Colts, scored the ball back to Morrall, standing alone and unnoticed. Morrall had Jimmy Orr wide open near the goal, but failed to see him. He threw for Hill and Hudson came up with New York's third big interception of the first half.

In spite of all of Baltimore's troubles, the crowd waited expectantly for Shula to rally the team for a big second half comeback. But the Colts' offense failed to improve.

On the first play after the interception, Matte fumbled and Ralph Baker recovered for New York at the Colts 33.

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"There was still time, with 3:14 left on the clock, and Baltimore hopes remained alive when an outside kick gave the Colts possession at the Jet 44. Unitas took them to the 19 but New York's defense lowered the boom by breaking up three Unitas passes in a row.

"I was confident that I could move them and I did," said Unitas, one of the all-time greats of the NFL. "Time just ran out on us."

"Eighteen point favorites!" Namath shouted through the din of the New York dressing room. "Never were so many people so wrong."

Namath's 17 completions set a Super Bowl record. Snell topped the Jet rushers with 121 yards. "The victorious Jets received \$15,000 each to sweeten the night's work. The Colts got \$7,500 a man. Namath said before the game the money "doesn't mean a thing."

"The most important thing to me," said the game's flamboyant hero, "is to be known as the quarterback of the greatest team in pro football."

And that he is.

M.U. idle after upset over Kansas

(By the Associated Press)

Cotton Fitzsimmons thought defense beat Oklahoma, so why should Kansas State do anything different now that its big basketball week is here?

The Wildcats, just about the Big Eight Conference's hottest commodity since Christmas, can either make or break their early drive in games tonight at Colorado and Saturday night at home.

Their defense will be tested to the hilt, however, because both foes—including Kansas Saturday night—are their chief rivals for the lead.

Kansas State had the easiest of the Big Eight's top three clubs over the weekend during an 87-82 frolic past Oklahoma in the televised matinee.

Fitzsimmons called it defense "that did the job for us" but noted realistically that all was not perfect in the Wildcat performance.

"We went back to our poor free throwing (21 for 32)," he said after his team ran its record to 3-0. "We dribbled too much in the first half too and we didn't react as well as in the previous two games."

As Coach Ted Owens of Kansas had feared, Missouri (1-2) proved to be a tough customer and scuttled the Jayhawks, 47-46, on junior guard Theo Franks late shot following a stall.

Kansas (2-1) stays on the road tonight at Iowa State (0-3) then moves into Manhattan Saturday for a crack at Kansas State before playing Colorado in Jo Jo White's final college game Feb. 1.

At Colorado, Buffalo Coach Sox Walsh is hoping for more consistency tonight than his team displayed while nudging Iowa State, 88-67, over the weekend.

The Buffaloes shot alternately hot and cold and finally called on junior defensive ace Gordon Topp for two free shots with 11 seconds to go in subdividing the Cyclones.

Among Colorado shooters under par was 6-7 sophomore Bash Cliff Meely, whose 16 points were 14 under his average.

While Kansas State's offense against Oklahoma involved ability to get inside, it will be interesting to see what the alert Wildcats tonight against Colorado's 72 Ron Smith.

Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Missouri and Oklahoma are idle tonight.

With most schools breaking for semester exams, the only other conference game on Saturday will be Iowa State's regional televised skirmish against Missouri at Columbia.

Glasgow takes title in California tourney

Glasgow rolled to the championship of the California Tournament Saturday night with an 85-71 victory of the host California Pintos.

Gary Lewis and Ricky Cropp with 28 and 27 points respectively paced Glasgow. Seth Hackett poured through 32 in a losing cause for California.

Roonville upended Camdenton 65-58 in the third-place game. Linn walked off with consolation honors by taking a 58-50 decision from Fatima.

Fatima	11	15	10	14-50
Linn	13	18	12	15-38
Roonville	16	17	20	12-65
Camdenton	15	17	14	12-58
California	19	15	18	26-78
Glasgow	20	24	20	21-85

Broadway Joe draws spotlight in Jets' dressing room

MIAMI (AP) — Joe Namath had just led his New York Jets to a stunning 16-7 victory over the Baltimore Colts. He obviously was elated.

He also was thirsty, dirty, tired—and bitter.

"Are you one of those NFL writers?" he asked each reporter who approached him in the Jets dressing room. "Well, listen," he would say with a scowl, "AFL is here to stay and you'd better believe it. I guarantee."

Stripped to his football pants and socks, Namath slouched on a bench and the well wishers

and writers strained to get near him. It was at least 100 degrees in the crowded Jets dressing room and he was soaked with perspiration. His long black mane hung down in damp ringlets.

"Nobody believed we would win," he kept saying. "Nobody but the New York fans gave us a chance. Where were you guys?"

At least 50 reporters were ringed around him scribbling down every word. "Hey, somebody get me another Pepsi," he yelled. As if by magic, a full cup was pressed into his hands

and four others were set down beside him.

"Hey brother, watch it," he said to a photographer whose foot was dangerously close to the salt drink supply.

"I want everybody to take notice," he said. "There's no champagne in the dressing room of the new world champions."

After about 20 minutes of questions and congratulations, a little man wearing a Super Bowl straw hat pushed through and tapped Joe on the arm, almost timidly.

"Hey, Dad," he yelled

"where'd you get that hat?" Then they hugged each other.

"What are you shaking about?" John Namath asked his famous son.

"I'm a little weak right now Dad," was the reply.

Joe's mother was not at the game. "She never comes," he said. "Her nerves won't stand it, she swells up like a balloon."

After an hour, Joe made his way to the training table and began cutting away the tape on his feet and knees. The purple scars on his knees stood out in contrast against the white flesh. They were the only signs of

wear on the 25-year-old former Alabama star who made football history when he signed a \$400,000 contract with the Jets four years ago.

"Do you feel sorry for Morrall?" he was asked.

"Better him than me," replied Joe. "Do you think anyone would be crying for me now if the Colts had won? Ha!"

Joe turned and tossed a wad of tape at a Jets trainer. It missed by a foot. "Excuse me," he said, "I overthrew."

"He's the cock of the walk now," whispered one writer. "Yes," said another, "he's on

top. There's nobody like him."

Joe was angered when somebody asked him if the Super Bowl had been his greatest game.

"You must be one of them NFL writers," he sneered. "Just because we beat an NFL team doesn't mean it was our best game."

"I was confident we would win... we all were," he said. "Confidence is one thing and over confidence is something else. If we didn't have confidence we shouldn't have been here."

Joe's outspoken victory pre-

dictions made headlines before the game and many writers forecast he would pay for his remarks when the Colts' defensive line got a shot at him. But they never really got to him.

"I got good protection," he said. "It was a team effort. Everybody was great."

Asked how the Colts compare with AFL teams, Namath said: "It's hard to say. On any given day one of our better teams could whip one of their better teams and vice versa. The Colts didn't take any cheap shots. They came to play and they were businesslike."

Kentucky considers race for 1,000 wins finished

(By the Associated Press)

In the viewpoint of the University of Kentucky, the race to be the first team to win 1,000 college basketball games is long since over. Kansas and Oregon State are only also-rans.

Kentucky, ranked No. 7, by its own count has 1,004 all time victories thanks to beating Florida 89-67 Saturday night. The National Collegiate Athletic Association, however, says Kentucky has won only 999 games, but could make it 1,000 by taking Georgia Monday night.

Kansas, No. 5 upset by Mis-

souri 47-46 by a goal scored by Theo Franks with seven seconds to go, has won 997, officially. The Jayhawks go to Iowa State Monday night to try to make it 998.

Oregon State is virtually out of contention with 993. The Beavers were put down by mighty No. 1 UCLA, led by Lew Alcindor, 83-64.

The discrepancy between the NCAA's figures on Kentucky's overall total of victories and Kentucky's own reckoning comes about this way. Adolph Rupp took his team to Israel for

a post-season university tournament in 1966 at the behest of his NCAA. There the Wildcats won five games. The NCAA won't count these because they were post-season. Rupp demands that they should because he was playing by NCAA request against college teams.

The other three games in the eight that separate the views of the NCAA and Kentucky were played in the early 1900's. Kentucky had the names of the opponents but not the scores, so the NCAA has never recognized them. Then Russell Ricks of the Kentucky public relations staff dug out the scores from old newspaper files and now Kentucky has applied for NCAA recognition.

As a sort of compromise between the 1,004 games claimed by Kentucky, and the 996 recognized by the NCAA, Kentucky brought out a cake Saturday night with 1,000 candles on it after Dan Issel had led Kentucky's rout of Florida by scoring 20 points.

UCLA's victory over Oregon States was its 11th of the season and 27th in a row. Lew Alcindor scored 29 points and dominated the game.

Kansas was the only victim among the nation's Top Ten although St. John's of New York was idle.

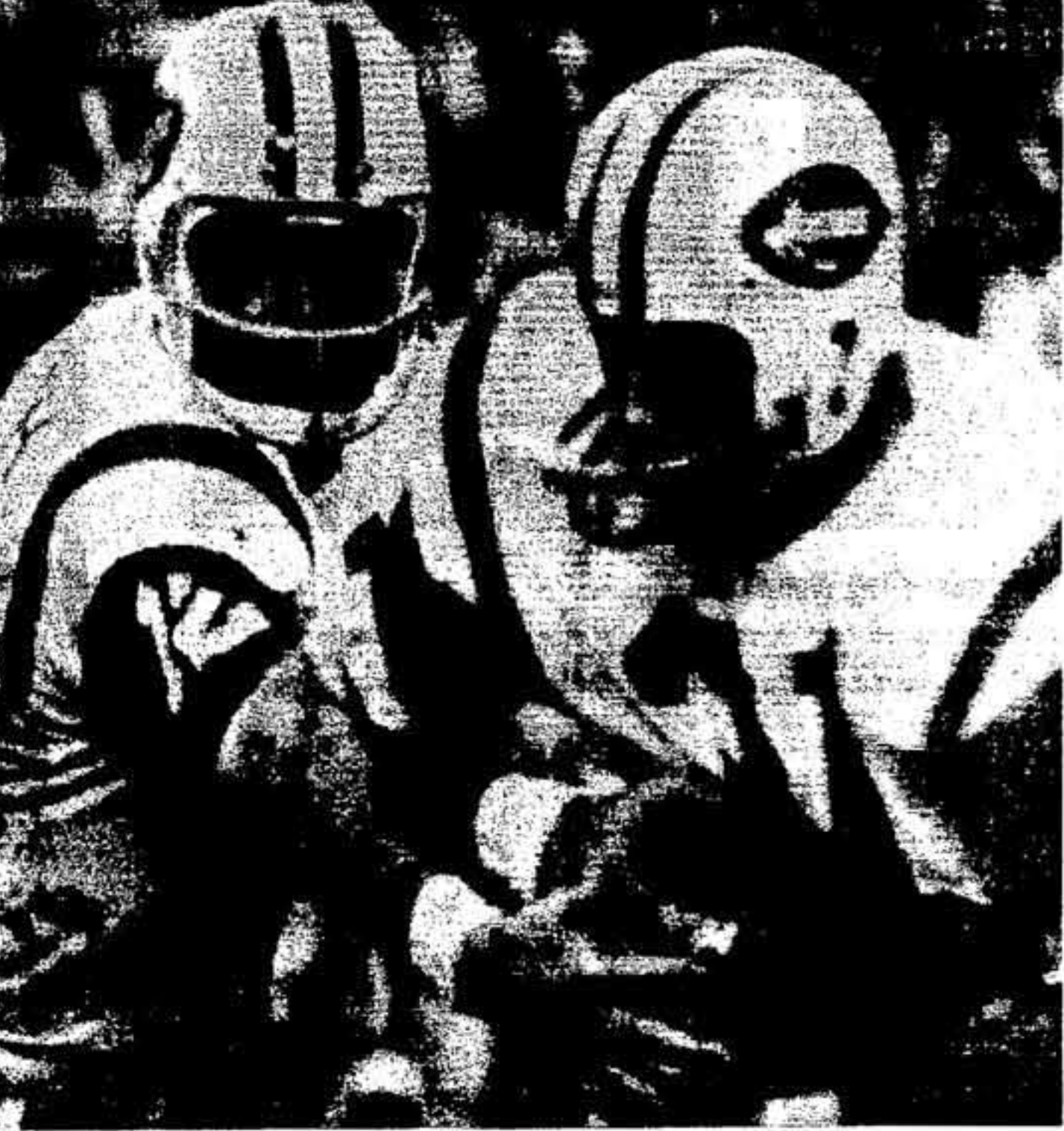
No. 2 North Carolina easily disposed of Virginia State 83-63, third ranked Santa Clara boosted its season's record to 15-0 by crushing the University of the Pacific 67-56, and Illinois, No. 4, beat No. 12 Northwestern 82-77.

Davidson, No. 5, took it easy in running away from West Virginia 102-71, and Villanova, No. 9, won over St. Joseph's of Pennsylvania 87-62 with Howard Porter, a sophomore, making 36 points and snaring 26 rebounds. The tenth ranked team, New Mexico State, pushed its season's record to 14-0 by running over Santa Fe 117-67.

Although aside from Kansas' loss, there were some disturbances in the next ten places.

Detroit, which held the 13th spot, was nosed out by Dayton 64-62. Cincinnati, No. 19, beat Louisville, the No. 14 team, 87-75, and Drake, No. 13, lost to Tulsa, 86-68.

The rest of the list followed form, LaSalle, No. 11, beat Syracuse 83-63; Duquesne, No. 15, downed Creighton 66-59; Ohio State, holding the 16th spot, whipped Wisconsin 84-69; Notre Dame, No. 17, edged ahead of DePaul 86-69; and No. 20 Marquette beat Xavier 82-69.



A watchful eye Keeping a watchful eye on rushing defenders, New York Jets quarterback Joe Namath (left) hands off to running back Bill Mathis during Sunday's Super Bowl. (AP Wirephoto)

Colts admit being outplayed

MIAMI (AP) — "They just flat walked out there and beat us," said defensive tackle Billy Ray Smith, the aging veteran of the National Football League's Baltimore Colts.

"They didn't beat us physically, they just beat us."

The 33-year-old Smith, a 10 year veteran of the NFL, his voice fraught with emotion, fought back the tears as he talked-sometimes in an almost inaudible whisper—about the New York Jets' stunning 16-7 rout of the Colts in Sunday's Super Bowl.

It was another of "those" years for the Colts.

A year ago the Colts blew the last regular season game, leaving the Los Angeles Rams to represent the Coastal Division in the NFL playoffs. Many people, including most of the Baltimore team, felt the best team of the 1967 season had been left out of the playoff structure. After all, the Colts did have the best win-loss record.

It was different for the 1968 season—at least until the disastrous (from Baltimore and NFL viewpoint) Super

Bowl which saw Joe Namath, the brash-Broadway playboy, humiliate and humble the Colts and the senior pro football circuit.

The Colts zipped through the season with victory after victory, even though the golden arm of Johnny Unitas was aching.

How could the Colts win without the great Johnny U?

That was a question that was still puzzling many self-styled and bonafide pro football experts today. Win they did, though. Earl Morrall became the NFL's Most Valuable Player of 1968 as he directed the Colts to victory after victory. Morrall, is, of course, the oft-traded 33-year veteran who has always been a second stringer—until Johnny U's arm started giving him trouble.

The generous of heart said Morrall did not have a bad day Sunday. Well, it may not have been bad—but it sure wasn't good.

Unitas used the pronoun "we" in referring to the time angle. It was obviously apparent that "I" could have been substituted easily.

Unitas did move the Colts and get them on the scoreboard.

He diplomatically sidestepped a direct answer to a query by saying it was coach Don Shula's decision—not his—but when Morrall should have been replaced. And Unitas added, "I was ready to play from the start." He also said that one of his well-off-target passes occurred "when you don't get much practice."

Could Johnny U. have saved the Colts from ignominy? Apparently he thinks so. Shula, most naturally, won't comment. It is, however, a question that will occupy the armchair quarterbacks for years to come.

As for the Colts, Billy Ray Smith said: "When you're No. 1, you're the best. But when you're No. 2, you're nothing."

Dixon's Brown tops area prep scoring leaders

EDITOR'S NOTE: There are several players in the Central Missouri area that may be eligible for the Top 20 but were left off because the Post-Tribune did not have their records. Such players will be included in the next list if the high school coach will notify the Post-Tribune sports desk.

John Brown, Dixon's 6-7 center, paces the Central Missouri high school scoring parade with a 29.5 per game average.

Brown has scored 472 points in 16 games according to News-Tribune statistics compiled through last Thursday's games.

Another Frisco League product, Danny Helms of Crocker, is close behind Brown with a 28.3 average with 358 total points.

Bill Laurie, Versailles 5-9 junior guard, has burned the nets for a 28.0 per game average to place third. Dixon's Randall Irvin (25.8) and Dave Hackmann (24.0) of St. George are No. 3 and 4.

The Top 20 scorers through January 9 are:

1. John Brown, Dixon, 29.5, 472
2. Danny Helms, Crocker, 28.3, 358
3. Bill Laurie, Versailles, 28.0, 280
4. Randall Irvin, Dixon, 25.8, 400
5. Dave Hackmann, St. George, 24.0, 356
6. Murray Jensen, Richland, 23.0, 385
7. Kirk Bays, Moberly, 22.1, 287
8. Bob Holloway, Jays, 20.7, 233
9. A. Van Wyn Garden, Mexico, 20.6, 289
10. Eric Thompson, Helias, 20.4, 163
11. Leo McGruder, Lincoln Lab, 20.4, 160
12. John Allen, Vienna, 19.7, 256
13. Reggie Snodgrass, Vienna, 19.4, 273
14. Rodney Cable, Versailles, 18.6, 186
15. Rick Williams, Lincoln Lab, 18.0, 144
16. James Lepper, Eugene, 17.8, 267
17. Danny Hart, Eugene, 17.8, 266
18. Allen Meyer, California, 16.9, 188
19. Tom McHenry, Jays, 15.8, 189
20. Tom Starke, Chamois, 15.8, 189

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