Falcons Begin New Day

ATLANTA (AP) — Philadelphia and Atlanta, a pair of National Football League playoff-starved teams, collide in the National Conference Wild Card playoff game Sunday as pro football launches its postseason drive to the Super Bowl.

Matching identical 9-7 records, the two teams, unexpected participants in the playoff derby, will square off at 12:30 p.m. EST in Atlanta Stadium before a sellout crowd of 60,673 and a national television (CBS) audience.

It's the first time in Atlanta's 13-year history that the Falcons have reached the playoffs, arriving by virtue of four 20-17 regular season miracle victories in the final 10 seconds of play.

The Eagles, featuring the NFL's No. 5 rusher in Wilbert Montgomery, have not been in postseason competition since former Atlanta Coach Norm Van Brocklin quarterbacked the club past Green Bay 17-13 in the 1960 title game.

Philadelphia also won league titles in 1948 and 1949 and lost to the Chicago Cardinals in their only other playoff appearance in the 1947 championship game.

"It's a do-or-die position, and the players realize that if we lose, the season is over," said Leeman Bennett, in his second year at the Atlanta helm. "As for a game plan, it's the same as it has been throughout the season, we cannot make turnovers and expect to win."

The Eagles, a one-point favorite, beat the Falcons 24-7 in a preseason game here, but Atlanta logged a 7-1 home field record during the regular season. The Falcons have won six straight home games since a 24-16 loss to Cleveland.

"We are an emotionally tense, tough football team," said Coach Dick Vermeil of the Eagles. "We play consistent every week. We may not play great, but we play hard every Sunday. I think we'll play good football. I don't know if we can beat Atlanta, but we'll try."

The winner will advance to the National Conference semifinals next week. If Philadelphia wins, the Eagles will play at Los Angeles next Sunday. If Atlanta wins, it will visit defending Super Bowl champion Dallas on Saturday.

The Eagles had a more consistent offense during the season as Montgomery broke Steve Van Buren's one-year club record by rushing for 1,220 yards.

Passing figures for the starting quarterbacks, Philadelphia's Ron Jaworski and Atlanta's Steve Bartkowski, were almost identical.

Jaworski hit on 206 of 398 attempts for 2,487 yards and 16 touchdowns and Bartkowski, who rode the bench until the second half of the third game, completed 187 of 369 for 2,489 yards and 10 scores.

One of the key figures in Atlanta's drive to the playoffs was an Eagle reject before the season opened, place kicker Tim Mazzetti. He was rescued from his bartending job in a Philadelphia pub in time to kick 13 field goals in 16 attempts, including five in a 15-7 Monday night televised victory over the Los Angeles Rams.

Both teams are young with few players with previous playoff experience.

Defensive tackle Jim Bailey of the Falcons, who was on a Super Bowl winner with the Baltimore Colts, said, "If we were against a veteran playoff team, it might make a difference.

AFC Wild Card Game

Miami Must Contain Campbell

MIAMI (AP) — Last time the Miami Dolphins and the Houston Oilers played, it was a case of two irresistible forces meeting two very moveable objects.

The Dolphins couldn't stop Earl Campbell and the Oilers couldn't stop Bob Griese. But in the end, Campbell was just a little more irresistible in the Oilers' 35-30 victory at the Astrodome.

Miami's defenders have no doubts about what they have to do to win Sunday's National Football League wild card playoff game.

"If we've ever played a swarming defense, we have to do it this week, because I don't know many men that time after time can bring Earl down one-on-one. But I don't know many men, Earl included, who, when all 11 guys are around him, can run with much success," said Miami linebacker Steve Towle.

Towle said he played his worst game of the season when Campbell broke several tackles in gaining 199 yards and scoring four touchdowns.

"He has the acceleration and the balance of a much smaller man," Towle said. "There are lots of big, strong guys, and lots of small, fast guys, but few who have everything. Earl has the acceleration and the balance of O.J. Simpson — only he's a lot bigger and stronger."

Griese shredded the Oilers' pass defense, completing 23 of 33 aerials for a career-high 327 yards. He ended the regular season by hitting 12 of 13 passes in a 23-3 victory over New England last Monday night.

Both Campbell and Griese will play with banged-up ribs. Campbell suffered a broken rib against the Pittsburgh Steelers Dec. 3 and has been sub-par since. Griese's ribs were severely bruised during the Patriots' game and he has been unable to practice this week.

Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini plans to play despite an injured knee, cracked ribs and a sprained ankle. His backup, rookie Gifford Neilson, played for the first time in last week's 45-24 loss to San Diego.

Griese's backup, Don Strock, led the Dolphins to a 4-2 record while Griese recovered from a knee injury. He has thrown 12 touchdown passes, one more than Griese, and Coach Don Shula indicated he would not hesitate to use Strock if Griese is hampered too much.

"We have all the confidence in the world in Don Strock," Shula said.

Miami's leading rusher, Delvin Williams, has gained only 7 yards in 8 carries during the two games. A sore knee has slowed him.

Veteran guard Larry Little of Miami is questionable for the game because of a painful knee and ankle.

The Oilers' offense figures to be even more dependent on Campbell than usual, with Pastorini hurting and receivers Rich Caster and Mike Renfro sidelined. Rookie free agents Robert Woods and Guido Merkens are their replacements.

"By losing Mike and Rich, we've taken a lot of pressure off the other team's defense," Houston Coach Bum Phillips said. "They've gone back to double-teaming Kenny Burrough and keying hard on Earl. We don't have the weapons we used to."

The Dolphins' defense, playing with increased confidence and two new players Charlie Babb replaced Rick Volk at safety and Gerald Small replaced Curtis Johnson at cornerback since the Houston game, finished the season by blanking Washington, holding Oakland to six points and New England to three.

"I think a lot of it has to do with confidence and not making the mistakes that come from inexperience," Shula said. "It's tough enough in this league without making the mental errors we were making."

Small, a rookie, has four interceptions in four games. The Dolphis' defense has picked off 12 passes in its last four games.

Miami finished the regular-season 11-5 and in second place in the American Football Conference East. Houston was 10-6 and runner-up in the AFC Central.

If Miami wins Sunday, it plays Pittsburgh in the second round of the playoffs. If Houston wins, it plays New England.

★ Scoreboard ★

Bowl Lineup

By The Associated Press
Wednesday's Game
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Texas A&M 28, Iowa State 12
Friday's Game
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Navy 23, Brigham Young 16
Saturday's Games
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Texas 42, Maryland 0
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Missouri 20, LSU 15
Tangerine Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Pittsburgh (8-3-0) vs. North Carolina State (8-3-0), 8 p.m.
Monday's Games
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Purdue (8-2-1) vs. Georgia Tech (7-4-0), 1 p.m.
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
UCLA (8-3-0) vs. Arkansas (9-2-0), 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 29
Blue-Gray Game
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 2 p.m.
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Clemson (10-1-0) vs. Ohio State (7-3-1), 9 p.m.

Dec. 31
Bluebonnet Bowl
At Houston
Stanford (7-4) vs. Georgia (9-1-1), 8 p.m.
Jan. 1
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Notre Dame (8-3-0) vs. Houston (9-2-0), 2 p.m.
Super Bowl
At New Orleans
Penn State (11-0-0) vs. Alabama (10-1-0), 2 p.m.

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan (10-1-0) vs. Southern Cal (11-1-0), 5 p.m.
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (9-2-0) vs. Oklahoma (10-1-0), 8 p.m.

Jan. 6
East-West Shrine Game
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 3 p.m.
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
North vs. South, 4 p.m.
Canadian-American Bowl
at Tampa, Fla.
Canadian vs. USA All-Stars, 1 p.m.
Jan. 13
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1 p.m.
Japan Bowl
At Tokyo
East vs. West, 11 p.m.

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Sunday's Wild-Card Games
National Conference
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 12:30 p.m.
American Conference
Houston at Miami, 4 p.m.
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Dec. 30
American Conference
Denver or Miami at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
National Conference
Minnesota or Atlanta at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31
American Conference
Denver or Houston at New England, 1 p.m.
National Conference
Minnesota or Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 5 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 7
AFC Championship, teams to be determined
NFC Championship, teams to be determined
Sunday, Jan. 21
SUPER BOWL XIII
AFC Champion vs. NFC Champion at Miami, 4 p.m.

Pro Hockey

National Hockey League
Campbell Conference
Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	20	4	7	47	138	86
Atlanta	19	13	3	41	143	118
Philadelphia	18	11	5	41	115	95
N.Y. Rangers	18	10	4	40	127	96
Smythe Division						
Chicago	10	15	7	27	94	119
Vancouver	12	20	2	26	111	136
St. Louis	7	23	5	19	100	163
Colorado	6	22	6	18	92	146

Wales Conference
Adams Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	23	5	6	52	150	105
Toronto	16	15	4	36	118	112
Buffalo	14	12	8	36	112	106
Minnesota	12	17	3	27	98	112
Norris Division						
Montreal	23	6	4	50	138	[illegible]
Los Angeles	1	1	5	31	122	[illegible]
Pittsburgh	12	15	7	31	120	122
Detroit	8	17	9	25	106	123
Washington	8	21	5	21	102	158

Late games not included
Saturday's Games
Boston 6, Buffalo 4
Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 3
Washington at Detroit, (n)
Colorado at Montreal, (n)
New York Rangers at New York Islanders, (n)
Los Angeles at Vancouver, (n)
Philadelphia at Chicago, (n)
Toronto at St. Louis, (n)

World Hockey Association

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Quebec	17	11	4	38	126	109
New England	15	9	6	36	130	111
Cincinnati	14	15	4	32	117	121
Edmonton	15	14	0	30	111	105
Winnipeg	13	12	4	30	125	108
Birmingham	12	15	3	27	107	117
x-Indianapolis	5	18	2	12	78	130

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Pro Basketball

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Washington	23	10	.697	—
Philadelphia	19	10	.655	2
New Jersey	17	13	.567	4½
New York	16	17	.485	7
Boston	12	20	.375	10½
Central Division				
San Antonio	18	14	.563	—
Houston	15	14	.517	1½
Atlanta	16	16	.500	2
Cleveland	12	20	.375	6
Detroit	11	20	.355	6½
New Orleans	11	22	.333	7½

Western Conference
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	18	11	.621	—
Denver	17	15	.531	2½
Milwaukee	14	21	.400	7
Chicago	13	20	.394	7
Indiana	10	21	.323	9
Pacific Division				
Seattle	20	11	.645	—
Phoenix	21	13	.618	½
Los Angeles	21	13	.618	½
Portland	16	14	.533	3½
Golden State	17	16	.515	4
San Diego	14	20	.412	7½

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 109, Cleveland 91
San Antonio 130, Detroit 126
Indiana 127, New Orleans 103
Kansas City at Milwaukee, (n)
New York at Houston, (n)
Washington at Portland, (n)

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

College Basketball

By The Associated Press
Boston U. 84, Fairfield 76, OT
Brooklyn Coll. 82, Dominican 61
Hofstra 72, Manhattan 70
Iona 75, New Orleans 52
Wisconsin 65, Marquette 52
TOURNAMENTS
Dayton Invitational
Third Place
Penn St. 63, Florida St. 57
Heidelberg Invitational
Third Place
Baldwin Wallace 74, Mt. Union 70
Kentucky Invitational
Third Place
Kentucky 94, Syracuse 87
John Jay 87, Hunter 60
Jacksonville 74, FDU 61
Louisville 88, Providence 70
Maryland 128, Canisius 103
S. Florida 72, UNC Charlotte 70
Detroit 79, Cent. Michigan 72
E. Washington Christmas Tournament
Third Place
Warner Pacific 91, Cal Baptist 84
Illinois St. Holiday Festival
Third Place
Loyola, Ill. 89, N. Illinois 88

College Basketball Roundup

Kentucky Holds Off Run By Game Syracuse Squad

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Center Chuck Aleksinas scored 20 points Saturday night as No. 11 Kentucky blew most of a 24-point lead before holding off No. 8 Syracuse 94-87 in the consolation game of the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament.

Illinois, ranked 15th, met No. 17 Texas A&M in the championship game.

Kentucky, upset 73-69 by Texas A&M in Friday's opening round, shook off the shooting woes that had plagued the defending NCAA basketball champions the last two games.

Kentucky, 4-2, charged to a 14-4 lead in the first five minutes as Aleksinas worked free for a couple of baskets underneath. Syracuse, now 6-2, cut the margin to 22-20 midway through the half, but the Wildcats began rolling again and built a 51-36 lead at halftime.

Aleksinas, a 6-foot-11 sophomore, scored six points during that streak, while Jay Shidler, LaVon Williams, Dwight Anderson and Truman Claytor each added four.

Aleksinas contributed three baskets early in the second half as Kentucky blew out to a 67-43 margin with 13 minutes left. At that point, Syracuse went to a full-court press, the same ploy that brought about Kentucky's downfall against Texas A&M.

The tactic worked as Syracuse outscored Kentucky 16-2 to draw within 69-59 midway through the second half. The Orangemen got a lift from Dale Shackleford and Marty Head, who had 24 and 21 points, respectively.

Syracuse twice cut the margin to four in the waning minutes, but a pair of free throws by Shidler and a layup by Williams kept the Orangemen at bay.

Anderson finished with 17 points, Williams had 13, Kyle Macy had 12 and Shidler 10.

Loyola, 89-88

NORMAL, Ill. (AP) — Dan Bush scored four points in the last two minutes as Loyola of Chicago rallied from a three-point deficit to defeat Northern Illinois 89-88 in the third-place game of the Illinois State Holiday Festival basketball tournament Saturday night.

Illinois State, the host team, faced Mississippi in the championship game.

Northern was leading 84-81 with less than two minutes left in the game when Bush, Rod Callahan and Rod Floyd sank baskets to put Loyola up 87-84.

Shawn Thrower's basket pulled Northern to within one point with 31 seconds to go, but Bush added two free throws with 22 seconds left to make the score 89-86. Thrower got the final basket with five seconds to play.

Larry Knight led Loyola with 18 points and 14 rebounds, Kevin Sprewer added 17 points and 11 rebounds and Callahan had 12 points.

Paul Dawkins was high man for Northern with 31 points and Ray Rhone and Franklin Welch had 12 each.

Northern, whose record fell to 4-6, led 41-37 at halftime. Loyola improved its record to 4-5.

Wisconsin, 65-52

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin ended nearly a decade of frustration at the hands of Marquette Saturday, upsetting the 13th-ranked and previously undefeated Warriors 65-52 in a foul-marred college basketball game at the Wisconsin Fieldhouse.

Center Larry Petty scored 15 points for the Badgers and played a bruising game under the boards, effectively shutting off Marquette's Odell Ball much of the game. Ball, averaging 14.9 going into the game, was held to seven points.

At the final buzzer, cheering fans streamed onto the court to congratulate Wisconsin Coach Bill Cofield and his Badgers, whose triumph snapped a string of 15 consecutive losses to Marquette dating to 1969.

Both teams now have 6-1 records. Wisconsin's only loss was to DePaul.

... leads several times in the early going until the Badgers pulled away for a 31-24 halftime advantage.

Marquette lost Oliver Lee on fouls with 13:24 left in the game, but the Warriors fought back to trail 53-49 with 2:55 left. But the Badgers put the game away at the free-throw line.

Wisconsin reeled off 10 straight points — eight of them on free throws — and led 63-49 with 1:25 to play.

Guard Wesley Matthews scored five points in that streak, all of them from the line, and forward Claude Gregory added a field goal and free throw. Matthews finished with 16 points and Gregory 14.

Forward Bernard Toone led Marquette with 19 points.

Louisville, 88-70

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Forwards Bobby Turner and Larry Williams scored 16 points each Saturday night as 12th-ranked Louisville rolled to an 88-70 college basketball victory over Providence.

Louisville, 7-2, was never in trouble in building a 38-30 halftime lead and the Cardinals pulled away to a 20-point lead midway through the second half. Turner, Williams and freshman Scooter McCray each scored eight points in the first half, and guard Darrell Griffith ignited the second half surge with three straight baskets.

Providence, 4-4, was its own worst enemy much of the evening, committing 13 turnovers in the first half and hitting only 38 percent of its shots in the second half.

Heralded sophomore guard Rudy Williams led Providence with 22 points and freshman forward Bill Fields added 16 for the Friars.

The Louisville supporting cast included Griffith with 13 and freshman forward Derek Smith 11. Ten of Griffith's points came in the second half.

Vanderbilt, 88-59

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Charles Davis and Mike Rhodes combined for 41 points to lead Vanderbilt to an easy 88-59 basketball victory over Rice Saturday night.

The victory gives Vanderbilt a 7-1 record as the Commodores complete their nonconference action. Rice's record fell to 3-6.

The game was decided during an eight-minute Vanderbilt outburst in the first half when the Commodores, with Davis' marksmanship leading the way, outscored the Owls 21-8 to take a 43-22 lead. Vanderbilt increased the lead to 48-24 at halftime.

In the second half, with substitutes playing most of the way, Vanderbilt never was threatened and led by 37, 80-43, with 5:53 remaining.

Davis finished the game with 19 points, 17 in the first half. But Rhodes took scoring honors with 22, eight in the second half. Bobby Tudor scored 16 to pace Rice and substitute Willis Wilson added nine.

—AP Laserphoto

Kentucky Guard Truman Claytor Drives Past Marty Head

All-Southern

Lastinger Named To Georgia 11

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Eric Dickerson, latest product of running-back rich Texas, heads this year's All-Southern high school football honor squad.

The 60th annual team was selected by high school officials and writers in all 12 southern states. The team is compiled by the Orlando Sentinel-Star.

Dickerson, who runs the 100-yard dash in 9.4, gained over 2,000 yards in both his junior and senior seasons at Sealy, Texas — the state that's yielded Earl Campbell and Billy Sims, the last two Heismann Trophy winners, and Texas A&M star Curtis Dickey and Louisiana State star Charles Alexander. He was picked player-of-the-year in Texas.

Other top players include running backs Johnny Hector of New Iberia, La., Chet Winters of Jacksonville, Ark., George Rudd of Boone County, Ky., Kelvin Bryant of Tarboro, N.C., Carney Norris of Spartanburg, S.C., and Cyrus Lawrence of Southampton, Va., Johnell Brown of Gainesville, Fla., and Buford McGee of Durant, Miss., and linemen Doug Collins of Audulusia, Ala., Ray Brown of East Rome, Ga., and Mike Cofer of Knoxville, Tenn.

Among the familiar names on the team are Joey Browner of Atlanta Southwest, brother of Cincinnati Bengals' lineman Ross Browner, Rye Ogilvie of Birmingham Vestavia Hills, brother of Alabama runner Major Ogilvie and Mike Harmon of Kosciusko, Miss., brother of former Mississippi State quarterback Clarence Harmon.

Here are the players selected:

ALABAMA

Doug Collins, Adulusia, 6-4, 256, senior, DL; Thomas Hubbard, Birmingham Minor, 6-0, 205, junior, LB; Lennie Patrick, Jasper Walker County, 5-10, 175, junior, RB; Donnie Humphrey, Huntsville Johnson, 6-3, 260, senior, DL; Rye Ogilvie, Birmingham Vestavia Hills, 6-2, 185, senior, E-DB.

Honorable Mention: Tony Johnson, Wicksburg, 6-2, 180, senior, WR-DB; Brian Blankenship, Birmingham Berry, 5-9, 171, senior, RB; James Brown, Montgomery Jeff Davis, 6-3, 220, senior, TE; Mike McQueen, Enterprise, 6-4, 220, senior, OL; Thomas Coffey, Leighton Colbert County, 6-2, 190, senior, RB; Mike Landrum, Sweet Water, 6-1, 173, senior, quarterback.

FLORIDA

Johnell Brown, Gainesville, 6-1, 175, senior, quarterback; Jimmy Jones, Pompano Beach Ely, 6-4, 208, senior, TE-RB; Dan Plonk, Merritt Island, 6-2, 218, senior, OL; Anthony Carter, Riviera Beach Suncoast, 6-0, 162, senior, WR-DB; Mike Walker, Orlando Oak Ridge, 5-11, 185, senior, running back.

Honorable Mention: Donald Williams, Jacksonville Wolfson, 6-0, 188, senior, RB; Blair Williams, Tallahassee Leon, 6-0, 172, senior, QB; Tom Wheeler, Port Orange Spruce Creek, 6-4, 208, senior QB; Bob Kurzu, Fort Walton Beach, 6-2, 200, senior, RB; Al Young, Dunellon, 6-0, 180, senior, RB; Freddie Miles, Miami Springs, 5-9, 180, junior, RB; Dennis McKinnon, South Miami, 6-1, 170, senior, WR.

GEORGIA

Ray Brown, East Rome, 6-4, 230, senior, DE; Gordon Beckham, Atlanta Westminster, 6-3, 195, senior, QB; Michael Carson, Buford, 6-1, 170, senior, RB; Will Forte, Fayette County, 6-1, 205, senior, LB; John Lastinger, Valdosta, 6-2, 180, senior, QB.

Honorable Mention: Tim Case, Tift County, 6-4, 250, OL; Joey Browner, Atlanta Southwest, 6-3, 195, senior, DE; Ricky Hill, Commerce, 5-11, 190, senior, LB; Larry Smith, Jesup Wayne County, 5-10, 170, senior, RB; Robert Troupe, Swainsboro, 6-0, 170, senior, QB; Ricky Williams, Griffin, 5-11, 175, senior, RB.

TENNESSEE

Mike Cofer, Knoxville Rule, 6-5, 225, senior T; Daryl Bowles, Brownsville, 6-0, 192, senior, RB; Kinny Hooper, Cleveland Bradley Co., 6-0, 198, senior, RB; Kenneth Dotson, Centerville, 6-6, 225, senior, E; Bill Bates, Knoxville Farragut, 6-2, 190, senior, DB.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Carney Norris, Spartanburg, 5-10, 180, senior, RB; J.D. Fuller, Clinton, 6-1, 210, senior, DL; Anthony James, Hartsville, 5-9, 160, senior, RB; George Smith, Denmark-Oler, 6-0, 230, senior, LB; Jeff Tobin, Williston-Elko, 5-6, 160, junior, RB.

Honorable Mention: Morris Brown, Lauren, 6-3, 197, senior, WR; Jeff Cornett, Somerville, 6-2, 226, senior, DL; John LaBoard, Charleston Middleton, 5-11, 195, senior, RB; Wendell Moore, Aiken, 6-3, 195, senior, E; Timmy Renfroe, Lakeview, 5-8, 155, senior, QB-DB; Stanley Wood, Gaffney, 6-1, 215, senior, C.

Sports In Brief

Lion Fans Argue For Blackout Lift

From Staff, Wire Reports

DETROIT (AP) — If the taxpayers are helping to pay for the stadium, they ought to be able to stay away from it and watch the Detroit Lions' home games on television.

That was the argument made in U.S. District Court Friday before Judge James P. Churchill by lawyers for two public figures who are trying to lift the National Football League's television blackout of home games that are not sold out.

The Lions play in Pontiac, Mich., at the Silverdome, which gets an annual $800,000 subsidy from the state.

The blackout policy violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment, argued Ted Mayden, attorney for state Sen. John Hertel, D-Detroit, and Wayne County Commissioner George Killeen.

"If you take the people's money and only allow some of them to watch the game on television, you're denying them their constitutional rights," Hertel said outside the courtroom.

Attorneys for the NFL, the Lions and the state all argued on the other side. The NFL contended that the policy requiring a blackout within 75 miles of the game if all tickets were not sold three days before was "sound business practice."

For the state, George Weller said, "The main question is if there's a constitutional right to watch a football game on television."

The judge replied, "There's no constitutional right to do lots of things, but it might be against the law to let some people watch the game and deny others that right." He gave all parties three weeks to file additional written arguments.

Two Valdosta Wrestlers Place

ATLANTA — Two wrestlers from Valdosta High placed in the Southern Open Scholastic Wrestling Tournament here this past weekend. Wade Connell took home second place in the 100-lb. class, and Greg Godwin copped fourth place in the 107-lb. class.

The tournament was an open invitational, Valdosta coach James Landrum said. Wrestling under high school rules, some 286 wrestlers from Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina were entered in the competition.

"It was a super tournament," remarked Landrum. "Most of the best wrestlers in Georgia were there. We carried six kids up there, and they all competed real well. They all found that they could compete with the Atlanta area wrestlers."

Landrum stressed that the competition there was really stiff. For example, the 114-lb. class alone fielded four champions. However, he commented that he was "real pleased" with his team's performance.

Evangelista To Defend Crown

BOLOGNA, Italy (AP) — European heavyweight boxing champion Alfredo Evangelista arrived here Saturday for a hard-working Christmas in preparation for a title bout against Italian challenger Dante Cane.

Evangelista, A Uruguayan-born Spanish citizen, will face Cane in the Bologna Sports Palace Tuesday night. It will be the third title defense for the 24-year-old Evangelista and experts believed he stood a good chance to win against a challenger who is shorter and 14 years older.

For Cane, an erratic boxer who gained and lost the Italian heavyweight title five times, the bout will mark his return to the ring. He was sidelined for a long time with a case of the gout.

"This is the last chance for me to achieve the success after which I have run and for which I have hoped so much," Cane said.

Evangelista, however, sounded quite confident he could easily dispose of the veteran Italian.

"The crown will be mine before and after the match," he said on arrival. "I'm ready to go the full 15 rounds but I think the bout could well end earlier."

A&M Steals FSU Assistant

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — George Haffner, who helped give Florida State one of the nation's most explosive offenses in college football, has taken a job as offensive coordinator at Texas A&M.

Haffner also was offensive coordinator at Florida State.

Haffner, a Chicago native who coached under former Pittsburgh Coach Johnny Majors, said A&M Coach Tom Wilson wants to transform his wishbone-oriented offense into a more pass-oriented offense.

Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden, who could not be reached for comment, is expected to elevate parttime assistant Nick Kish to a fulltime role.

Vols Receive Land Gift

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Nashville man said Saturday he has given the University of Tennessee land appraised at about $750,000. He said he wants proceeds from sale of the land to go toward a planned expansion of the university's football stadium.

Paul Mountcastle said in a telephone interview that he and his wife, Catherine, donated seven three-acre lots, located near the couple's Nashville home, to the university.

"They can sell it anytime they want to," he said, referring to the land. "I just put the property in their name. As far as I'm concerned, it's final."

Mountcastle, who will be 87 in February, said he played football at Tennessee as a freshman in 1910 but that he quit the university before graduating. He is from Lynchburg, famed as home of the Jack Daniel whiskey distillery.