

# Van Horne on Sports

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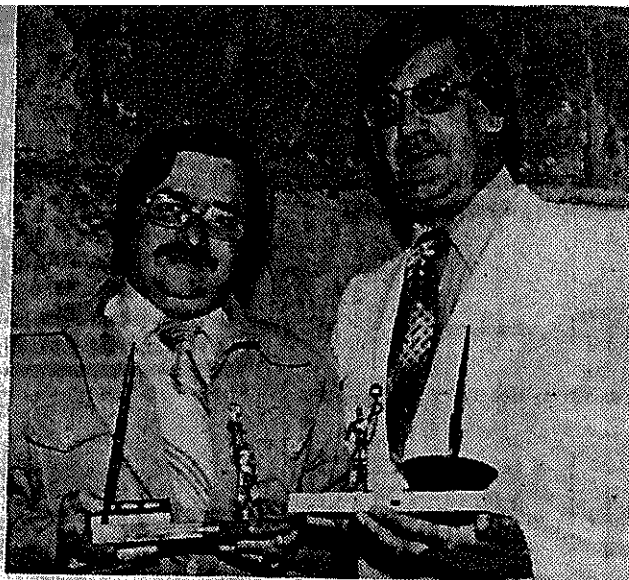
Holtz says he has no preconceived notion as to how much time it will take him to rectify the Jets' situation. He points out that he did not draft many "big people" but drafted for "folks with pride who can run."

He knows that he has to make some progress this year. "The only friends you have when you lose are the people you eat with, sleep with, bleed with, cry with and drink with. You don't have any more friends when you win but you have a lot more supporters. The problems with the Jets are consistent with the problems of life. The trouble is that 95 per cent of the people don't want to make decisions. They are afraid of being second guessed. I believe that to be successful, you have to have the courage to make a decision."

The Jets have signed "about 15" draft choices and all of their high picks except No. 1, Todd, the quarterback from Alabama. His agent is still negotiating.

But whether the Jets go into battle this year with Namath or Todd or Holtz's N.C. State protege, Buckey, at quarterback, the opposition had best come to the ball park prepared.

"I don't care whether what we do is orthodox or unorthodox if it gives us the best chance to win. We owe it to management and the fans to do whatever is necessary. People tell me that you can't do this and you can't do that in the pros. Well, I respect their opinions but I have to see for myself."



Special recognition was paid to two dedicated Ohio Valley newspapermen at the OVAC spring dinner meeting Thursday night. Honored with desk sets were Nick Bedway, at left, associate sports editor of the News-Register, and Calvin Pokas, sports editor of the Times-Leader. They were recognized for their many contributions to the conference. They compile the conference football and basketball standings on a weekly basis and are in charge of much of the conference's publicity, including that for the Ohio-West Virginia all-star game.

(News-Register Photo-Cochran)

NEWS-REGISTER—Wheeling, W. Va.—Friday, May 14, 1976



Smiling recipients of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference championship basketball trophies in behalf of their schools last night were, left to right, Dick Pannett of Mingo (Class A), Bob Dawson

of Wellsville (Class AA) and Sam Andy of Wheeling High (Class AAA). The trophies were provided by Charles Vogt, of C. & R. Cable Co., of Shadyside.

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# Park Girls Defeat South For OVAC Basketball Title

Even though having four players foul out, including three starters, the Wheeling Park girls' basketball team eked out a 57-55 triumph over home-standing Parkersburg South for the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference West Virginia-side championship Saturday.

It was the 11th straight win of the campaign without a loss for Coach Jim Brinkman's club, which participates in the Mountaineer League tournament this week. Parkersburg South dropped to 10-6 on the season.

The invading Patriots took a 15-13 lead after the first period and increased the margin to 27-21 at intermission. The Park erupted to take a commanding 48-34 advantage entering the final round before South caught fire and rallied back.

With four minutes left to play, the Park held only a one-point lead before Judy Ross hit on both ends of the one-and-one situation to put the Patriots on top by 55-52.

The hosts then drove down court



*Leesa Roseberry*

and scored a field goal to come within one again, 55-54, before Ross tossed in a two-pointer for a 57-54 lead. South got a chance to pull within one point when Pam Dennison went to the line but she connected only on the front end of the one-and-one to end the scoring.

Wheeling Park ran into some foul problems as guard Kim Stevenson fouled out in the third quarter, center Diane Rodgers exited with 4:08 left in the game, forward Leesa Roseberry fouled out with 3:31 remaining and forward Sharon Norman picked up her fifth personal with 1:14 left.

Parkersburg South went to the free throw line 45 times in the contest to only 24 for The Park South hit on nine of 22 attempts in the first half and were 16 of 23 in the second half.

Roseberry, the sweet-shooting 5 ft. 7 in. senior, was the lone Patriot to hit double figures as she tallied 30 points, on 14 field goals and a sub-par two-for-10 effort at the charity stripe.

However, Ross, a junior who was playing for the first time since a mid-season back injury which required hospitalization, came off the bench to score nine points while Norman pulled down 10 rebounds and Diana Phillips had eight caroms.

Wheeling Park stole the ball from the Patriettes 32 times, including 15 thefts by Roseberry, but were out-rebounded 44-41 was the taller hosts.

High scorer for South was 5-5 guard Jennie Dye, who had 19 markers on five field goals and a nine-for-11 effort at the line, while 6 ft. 3 in. center Brenda Ankrom added 13 tallies.

WHEELING PARK (57)—Roseberry 14, 7-10;	
Stevenson 1, 0-0; Shipley 2, 2-7; Rodgers 1, 0-0;	
Phillips 2, 0-1; Norman 2, 0-0; Bledsoe 1, 0-0; Ross	
3, 3-4; Anthony 0, 0-0; Miller 0, 0-0. (26, 7-24).	
PARKERSBURG SOUTH (55)—Dye 5, 9-11;	
Ankrom 4, 5-12; Dennison 3, 3-5; Cox 1, 3-7; Wiegel	
8, 2-2; Jordan 0, 1-2; Hearst 1, 2-4. (15, 25-45).	
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