

Gambling Fever

by Ed Nyerick

I am a gambler, but wait, don't get me wrong. It's just that I have been bombarded with legalized gambling in Connecticut from every conceivable angle—and I must admit, I miss it!

Connecticut first adopted a 50 cents weekly lottery about six years ago—fun but much too infrequent. To remedy the infrequency, the state came up with the idea that the better could try his luck any time—the birth of the instant lottery. The instant lottery was one of those "win \$10,000 instantly, just scratch the boxes and match three." Of course, the chances of pocketing \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$100, or even \$2 were slim, and as an incentive automobiles were added to the instant match. How could anyone go wrong for just a buck?

But these two lottery games did not seem to satisfy the better, who claimed the chances of winning rested more on sheer luck than any of his doing. Again, the placebo came to the rescue—this time being a daily lottery in which the gambler chooses his own random three digit number; amazing, what could be more fair?

Jai-Alai, a game made famous in Spain, was first introduced to Florida as a legalized gambling operation, but it found its way to Connecticut about four years ago. Jai-Alai is similar to the sport of racquetball, but the players use a cesta or basket instead of the stringed racquet. Jai-Alai is a quick and dangerous sport, and the game is loaded with explosive action and excitement. Presently, there are three Jai-Alai frontons in Connecticut located in Hartford, Milford, and Bridgeport.

Then it was argued many letters preferred the traditional horses or grayhounds as wagering material. Sure enough, the state satisfied this sector of the gambling population with O.T.B. or Off Track Betting. O.T.B. sprung up in many cities across Connecticut, but what appeared to be necessary was a system that could handle a greater mass of gamblers at one time. This need for a bigger facility resulted in Connecticut's latest gambling phase—the Teletrack, a huge gambling complex capable of seating thousands of betters while having view of their race via huge television screens.

Legalized gambling in Connecticut is there to stay. There are few people who can say they are from Connecticut and claim to have never gambled; from the 50 cents lottery ticket to a \$100 night at the fronton, gambling in Connecticut is as common as coal in Pennsylvania.

According to Mrs. Mary R. Ferry, librarian, the following schedule of library hours is in effect at the Highacres Library this term:

Sunday evening	6:00 pm-10:00 pm
Monday-Thursday	8:00 am-10:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday	12:30 pm-4:30 pm

Locker room rap

by Scott Semmel

season, seems like training camp just opened, and for some teams like San Francisco and Detroit, they wish they could start over again.

Mets up for sale; only question is who will buy them. Ed Kranepool and Co. making strong bid for team; only problem he said is that Linda DeRoulet doesn't even listen to him. His offer is said to be around 30 million dollars. The question here is not who eventually purchases the team but whether they will spend enough money on the team and buy some quality ball players.

Wonder how long it will take Too Tall Jones to realize that there is a lot more to boxing than just putting on gloves and walking into the ring. Just a matter of time before Too Tall comes to his senses and realizes that football is his game and that

he's a lot better at it than he is chasing Mexican midgets around the ring. If a no-name like Yacki Lopez can deck him, I'd hate to see what Larry Holmes would do to him. Hope he comes to his senses before he loses them.

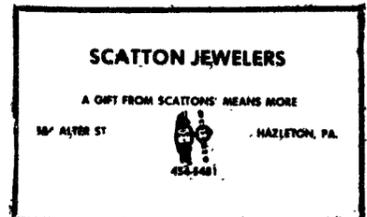
Did you see that call the referee made toward the end of the Florida vs. Florida State game? Florida set up for a pass, but the heavy pressure that Florida State put on forced the quarterback to throw the ball into the ground. The ball however bounced up off the turf and landed in the hands of a Florida State linebacker. The ref. ruled it an interception which paved the way for a Florida State touchdown that sewed the game up for them as well as an Orange Bowl bid. An early Christmas present to Florida State due to a blown call; I wonder what game the ref was watching. Florida must have been saying, "C'mon ref., give us a break!"

Too bad Billy Martin has such a bad disposition, he's one helluva manager, but still keeps letting his pride get in the way. Billy's one thing that doesn't mellow with age. This may have been Billy's last shot at being a manager, might land a front office job however. Can you imagine Billy as a P.R. man, if a fan calls up with a complaint Billy will punch him out. That may pick up attendance in some places such as Grant's tomb (Shea Stadium), during the 7th inning stretch Billy would fight any fan who complained about the club. Well, it's just a thought!

Hollywood Henderson is an individual whom I cannot understand at all. He has everything going for him, playing for a class organization, commercials, etc. making all that bread, and then he goes and acts like a fool in front of millions of people while his team is getting their brains beat in by Washington. All Tom "morbid" Landy had to do was hear about it and had Hollywood packing for Siberia. Wonder how long it will take for Henderson to swallow his pride and to come out of retirement. He'll soon forget that once a cowboy, always a cowboy stuff as soon as somebody waves big cash signs under his nose.

Flyers the surprise of the N.H.L. so far, they dropped the Broadstreet Bullies tactics and now realize that they can skate and use finesse to win games, they are also cutting down on the medical bills. Phil Myer and Peter Peeters playing excellent goal for Flyers making Philly fans forget about Parent. Flyers going to their farm team, the Maine Mariners, to bring up young talent; main reason for Flyers' blistering start.

Hard to believe there are only two games left in the football



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