

Jack Curry Latches On To New State Records

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Lion split-end Jack Curry doesn't carry a crane, a vacuum cleaner or a pigskin magnet with him when he runs pass patterns. But, the way he has been hauling in passes during his sensational college career, it's pretty hard to convince opposing players and coaches.

Last Saturday Curry broke two Nittany Lion all-time football records in sparking a 38-6 win over the Mountaineers of West Virginia. His fifth pass reception of the day put him down in Penn State football annals as the player who has caught the most passes and gained the most yards by latching on to that football as if it "only had eyes for" him.

The fact that Curry broke the career reception mark set by halfback Junior Powell in 1961-62-63 is outstanding. The fact that the 6-foot, 177-pound Danville split-end broke the career yardage mark set by Len Krouse in 1939-40-41 is just as great. But, the fact that Lion football lasso artist is only a junior and has nearly a season and a-half to add to his mark is enough to raise eyebrows and

leave mouths agaped.

Curry does not amaze with his speed. Contrary to most stereotyped opinion of the sensational pass catcher, he does not blurr down the field in a streak of light. But, he does grab high passes at a single bound.

The West Virginia game proved to be somewhat frustrating as Lion fans began to count Curry's pass receptions as carefully as the Internal Revenue Service counts tax returns.

When Curry finally made the record breaking catch, it should have been ecstasy for the Lion junior. But, it was not.

"It wasn't a particularly exciting play," Curry confided. "At the time it was just another pass completion. In fact, I figured it would probably be called back."

Unlike many football greats, Curry is not his own best fan. "I don't take too much stock in the record," Curry said bashfully. "Penn State was never noted for a great deal of passing. I came along when passing became more and more a part of the offensive pattern. The

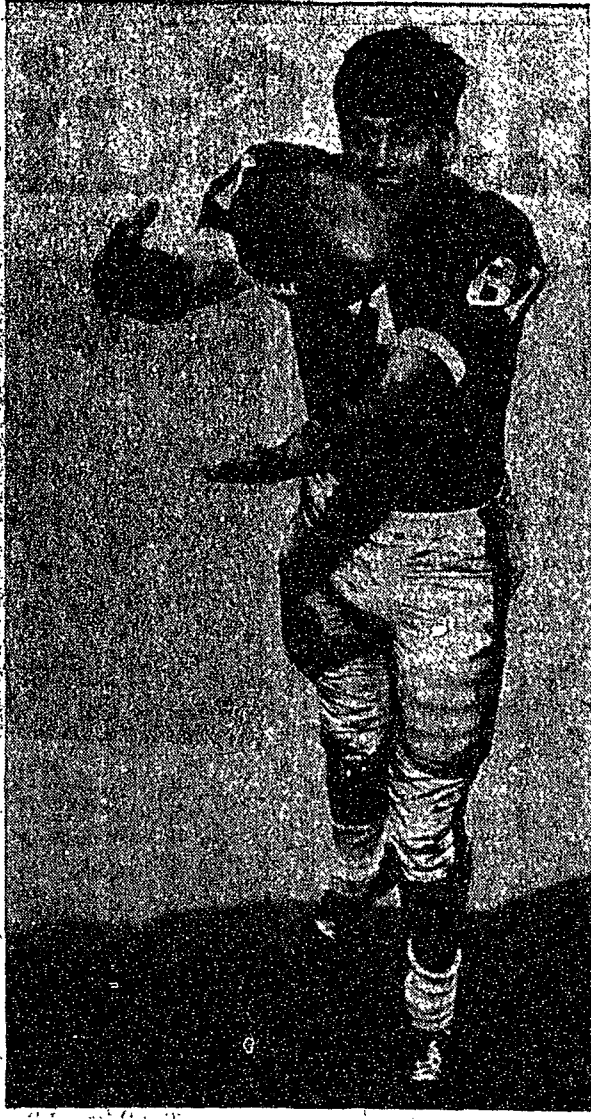
record doesn't mean that much to me, for I feel I'm just a lucky guy who came along at the right time."

Curry did indeed come along at the right time. In high school he was a quarterback who was noted for deft passing and tricky running. Upon arrival at the University, the 20-year-old "master pass receiver" was changed to a halfback position on the freshman football team.

He performed well at the halfback slot, but when varsity football induction began, he found himself behind such line busting talent as Dave McNaughton, Roger Grimes, Mike Irwin and Bill Rettig. So Curry began to work out at split-end.

This is where the story really begins and the hopes for an easy afternoon of pass defending for the opposition was called to an abrupt halt.

"I was surprised they kept me at the position," Curry said. "And, when they handed me the first team jersey and told me I was a starter, I didn't think it would last. Like I said before, I guess I was lucky enough to come along at the right time."



JACK CURRY

Mexico City Readies For Olympic Games

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The International Olympic Committee gave the Mexicans a vote of confidence on their preparations for the 1968 games.

"We have a full report from the organizing committee on what it has done and have seen schedules and blueprints of their planned construction," Avery Brundage, IOC president, told a press conference.

"We are pleased. We are confident that they will be ready and will put on a good show."

Brundage, reporting on a series of IOC meetings over the weekend, said also:

1. The IOC anticipated no political troubles in 1968, 1969, the sport may come under scrutiny for possible disbarment in future games unless changes are made.
2. The question of whether Mexico City will be permitted to sell radio rights to the games, as television rights are sold, is up for study with no decision made. Previously, radio rights have not been restricted.
3. There is growing concern over the growth of regional games such as the Commonwealth, Asian, Caribbean and African games but the IOC has no intention of trying to discourage them.
4. "There are so many games that it is difficult for an athlete to compete in all of those he feels obliged to take part in," Brundage added.
5. The IOC is not pleased with the irregularities of basketball in many countries, including the United States, particularly over commercialism and lack of conformity to amateur standards. While on the Mexico City program in 1968, the sport may come under scrutiny for possible disbarment in future games unless changes are made.

Orioles Divide Series Money

NEW YORK (AP) — Winning the World Series in four straight was worth \$11,683,044 to the Baltimore Orioles regulars, short of a record, but each full share for the losing Los Angeles Dodgers was worth a record \$8,189,36.

The official distribution of the Series receipts was announced yesterday from the office of Commissioner William D. Eckert with Charles Segar, secretary of baseball, standing in for the commissioner who is touring Japan with the Dodgers.

Although the total player pool of \$1,044,046.65 was a record, the generosity of the Orioles, who voted 34 full shares and cut in a total of 47 persons, cost them a record. Each full Oriole share was short by \$1,110.96 of the Dodgers' all-time high of \$12,794.00 in their four-straight sweep over the New York Yankees in 1963. However, the Orioles cut was the second best in history. The 1963 Dodgers voted 29 full shares.

The Dodgers, humiliated in four straight with a .142 batting average and a string of 33 scoreless innings, topped the previous high for a loser—the \$7,874.32 by the Yanks in 1963.

Baltimore cut in ailing Dick Brown, the catcher who

underwent brain surgery, for a full share, voted pitcher Frank Bertolina 32 per cent of a share, gave half shares to catchers Camelo Carreon and Larry Haney and quarter shares to the head groundskeeper and his crew.

Los Angeles gave a half share of \$4,094.67 to infielder Dick Schofield, who was acquired from the Yanks Sept. 11 and was not eligible for the Series. First baseman Dick Stuart, picked up as a free agent July 5 after he was cut by the New York Mets and outfielder Jim Barfield, brought up from the farm system in the second half each got two-thirds of a share of \$5,459.57.

In an unusual move, the Dodgers voted a one-fourth share of \$2,047.84 to the widow of Isaac Bingham, a security guard at Dodger Stadium who died after he was attacked after escorting two persons from the park last September.

Eddie Fisher, the knuckleball pitcher who came from the Chicago White Sox, wound up a big winner and Jimmy Adair, the second baseman traded to the White Sox, the big loser. The difference between a full winning share and Chicago's fourth place money of \$711.89 was \$10,971.05.

Irish, MSU, UCLA Remain Undefeated

Arkansas of the Southwest Conference and Wyoming, the Western Athletic Conference leader, gained rankings while powerful Notre Dame maintained a commanding lead in The Associated Press' major-college football poll for this week.

Oklahoma and Purdue, beaten by Notre Dame and Michigan State, respectively, last Saturday dropped out of the Top Ten as Arkansas moved into ninth place and Wyoming took over 10th.

Notre Dame drew 32 first-place votes and 397 points in the latest balloting by a national panel of 41 sports writers and broadcasters. Michigan State, the early season pace-setter, held the No. 2 position with 364 points, including 50 for five first-place votes. Points were awarded on a basis of 10 for a first-place vote, 9 for second, etc.

The unbeaten Irish walloped Oklahoma 38-0 for victory No. 5 while Michigan State, undefeated in six games, trounced Purdue 41-20.

UCLA remained in third place followed by Alabama, Southern California, Georgia Tech, Florida and Nebraska.

UCLA beat California, 28-15, Alabama walloped Vanderbilt 42-6, Southern California blanked Clemson 30-0 and Georgia Tech beat Tulane 35-17.

Arkansas overwhelmed Wichita State 41-0 for its fifth victory against one setback. Wyoming, 6-0, beat Utah State 35-10.

The Top Ten, with first place votes in parentheses and total points on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis:

1. Notre Dame (32) 397
2. Michigan State (5) 364
3. UCLA (2) 310
4. Alabama (1) 272
5. Sou. Calif (1) 47
6. Georgia Tech. 186
7. Florida 17
8. Nebraska 15
9. Arkansas 31
10. Wyoming 50

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