



Tom Weiskopf couldn't keep up his torrid pace on the pro tour at the Westchester Golf Classic and tied for third with Dan Sikes

Harris making fans forget others

PITTSBURGH — Saturday night saw the reunion of two former acquaintances here on the Three Rivers Stadium carpet before 50,350 success-crazed Steeler fans. But it was not like old times.

During their playing days at Penn State they had been known as Lydell Mitchell and Franco Harris. In that order. But a season of change has separated that duo from the Nittany Valley and, at this point, there is only Franco.

While Lydell is just now establishing himself, Harris is growing accustomed to the stardom, to the focus of attention, the big cars, the cheers of 50,000 boosters. Saturday night gave testimony to this fact.

The Steelers jumped on the suspect Baltimore Colts so fast, many of the patrons were still caught in a pedestrian traffic jam on the Bridge to Nowhere. In the game's opening play, Steeler running back, wide receiver Preston Pearson almost fell flat on his faceguard, but managed to recover well enough to stumble around left end for 69 yards to the Baltimore two. Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw then walked up center Ray Mansfield's backside for the first six.

On the Steelers' next series Pearson fell back into his stumbling routine. This time, however, the act lasted only 39 yards. Colt safety Rick Volk shut it down on the Baltimore 13.

The Blond Bomber then handed off to Harris, who instead of stumbling past the Colt defenders, chose to go over them. His decision was made much easier by Steeler wide receiver Frank Lewis who put the Colt cornerback into a horizontal position, allowing Pittsburgh's bearded sophomore to scoot in for the second six.

So with more than ten minutes remaining in the first quarter, Pearson's statistics said three carries, 111 yards, 37 yards per carry. Later recounting the first five minutes of that quarter, Pittsburgh radio sportscasters could remember only Harris' 13 yard exercise. There are a number of reasons why the name of Franco Harris seems to be forever on the tip of their tongues.

One of them is one 1,055 yards rushing in a rookie season. Another is Rookie of the Year honors. Another is a 5.6 yard average per carry. Another is a statistic that says 6-2, 230 pounds. Another is a catch, a shoestring job on a ball that referees claimed collided with Oakland linebacker Jack Tatum's shoulder armor and popped 10 yards back onto Franco's fingertips.

NCAA cites SLU on cage violations

CHICAGO (AP) — The expulsion of Southwestern Louisiana from National Collegiate Athletic Association membership was recommended yesterday by the group's policy-making council, which also inflicted unprecedented penalties against the school for numerous violations in its basketball program.

Effective immediately, the council banned Southwestern Louisiana from intercollegiate basketball for two years and ruled the school ineligible over a four-year period from participating in any NCAA post-season championship competitions or NCAA-sponsored television programs, or voting in any NCAA conventions.

The recommended ex-

pulsion will come up for consideration before the NCAA's 68th annual convention in San Francisco next Jan. 7-9.

In an action described by Warren Brown, NCAA executive director in charge of enforcement, as the most severe in NCAA history, the council also ruled that Southwestern Louisiana will have all placings vacated, and trophies and receipts returned, from participation in NCAA basketball tournaments the past three seasons.

The council cited more than 100 violations in the basketball program involving basketball players "improperly recruited, erroneously certified and/or recipients of improper extra

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And another is the footrace that ensued immediately following that catch in which Harris put the stunned Oakland secondary behind him like so many Pitt and Air Force safeties.

That was the big six. The biggest six in the Steelers' four decade history. So perhaps the sportscasters, fans and writers can be forgiven if they occasionally over indulge in the recounting of Mr. Harris' gridiron adventures.

After all, he symbolizes winning and good lick for the Pittsburgh ballclub — something Art Rooney's men have never known heretofore.

However don't waste sympathy for Mitchell and Baltimore. The club is building towards something which is currently a matter of great speculation, but whatever it is, it includes Mitchell.

The Colts want to run twice as much as they throw and the Baltimore front office thinks Lydell can move into the 600-700 yard range now that he's spending more time in the backfield. The former Lion All-American is down to 195 pounds for camp this year and Colt's head coach Howard Schnellenberger said he is his quickest back.

So while Harris rides the wave of instant recognition and success, and Mitchell tries to improve on a mediocre rookie year, both the Colts and the Steelers can watch with great interest, to say the least.

The Steelers won the game 34-7 and in Pittsburgh Coach Chuck Noll seems to have survived the criticism he invited when he chose Harris instead of Mitchell in the 1971 draft.

The fans had to change their minds about that selection once. Conceivably, it could happen again.

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Southwestern Louisiana last January temporarily thwarted NCAA punishment by obtaining a court injunction. This enabled the school's basketball team to play in the NCAA regional basketball tournament at Houston.

However, in April, the NCAA obtained relief from the injunction in both the Louisiana Court of Appeals and the Louisiana Supreme Court.

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Nichols owns big check

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — Big Bobby Nichols dropped a dramatic 25-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole yesterday to beat Bob Murphy in a sudden death playoff for the \$50,000 first prize in the Westchester Golf Classic.

Nichols came from five strokes off the pace with a seven-under-par 65 — including an eagle-three on the final hole — in the final round to tie Murphy at 272, 16-under-par on the 6,614-year Westchester Country Club course.

Murphy played the last of yesterday's two rounds in 67 and gained his share of the lead with a birdie on the 16th hole.

Tom Weiskopf's victory string that included the British and Canadian Open titles ended as he failed to recover fully from a confidence-shattering eight on the par-four fourth hole.

Weiskopf, now winner of five events in nine starts, just missed on an eagle try at the 72nd hole and finished one stroke out of the playoff with a 71-273.

Weiskopf, who said he was again bothered by an amateur photographer enroute to the crucial quadruple bogey, was tied with veteran Dan Sikes, who also had a 71.

The group at 274, just two strokes away, included Gene Littler, Gibby Gilbert and Frank Beard. Littler had a 66, Gilbert took a 67 and Beard a 71.

Jack Nicklaus never really got close in yesterday's double round and finished with a 69 for 276. Arnold Palmer had a closing 69-279.

A double round of 36 holes was forced when Thursday's scheduled opening round was washed out.

The 42-year-old Sikes and Weiskopf shared the lead at the end of the morning round at 202 and at one time or another in the see-saw drama of the last 18, five players led of shared the lead.

At least half a dozen others got to within one or two strokes in the multiple-man charge of the last round.

Weiskopf dropped out of it when he took that fat eight on the fourth hole.

"As usual, for the whole four days, people were taking pictures while I was on the tee," he said. "It disturbed me and I hit my drive into a tree on the right."

He hit another tree trying to come out, hit his next across the fairway to the left rough against a next tree "and I won't tell you what happened over there. Anyhow, I hit the next one out sideways," missed the green with his fifth, chipped on and two-putted.

Cole also faded and Murphy came on with birdies on the 12th, 14th and 16th holes, the last from about 12 feet.

Nichols came from nowhere with a brilliant, five-under-par 31 on the back nine.

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He birdied the 10th hole from 10 feet, whipped an iron to within five feet on the next hole and two-putted for birdie on the next, a par five that he reached with a six-iron second shot.

The 37-year-old veteran came to the final hole, the 509-yard 18th, needing an eagle to tie.

He got it.

Bobby blasted a four-wood second shot some 18 feet below the hole and rammed the putt home.

It set up a playoff — Weiskopf, Board and Sikes all finished later and all had an outside chance to tie — and Bobby won that one with the big putt on the first playoff hole, the 13th.

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Bucs nail Phils again; Zisk's bat burns Twitch

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Phillies are not sorry to see the Pittsburgh Pirates leave town and in the case of rookie Richie Zisk they are downright happy.

Zisk, who is hitting .533 since the All-Star break, was a one-man wrecking crew as the Pirates capped three victories in four games with a 4-1 victory yesterday.

Zisk banged out a single and a pair of key doubles to help Dock Ellis pick up his 11th victory in 20 decisions. In the four game series, Zisk contributed a home run, a triple, four doubles and two singles to the Pittsburgh attack.

"The biggest difference is seeing my name on the lineup card," said Zisk, who has had trouble breaking into the Pittsburgh lineup despite six highly successful years in the minors.

"Really," said Zisk, "I don't know what I'm hitting. I don't even look up when they put it on the scoreboard."

"I just try to hit the ball hard... if I get it good three times out of four I know the hits will come. I can't guide the ball, so I don't worry about it."

Zisk, who learned his trade playing stickball on the streets of New York, is not surprised by his lousy hitting. "It's something I've always been able to do," he said confidently.

Despite his hot streak, the Phillies intentionally walked Willie Stargell with one out and runners at the corners in the eighth inning of a 1-0 game.

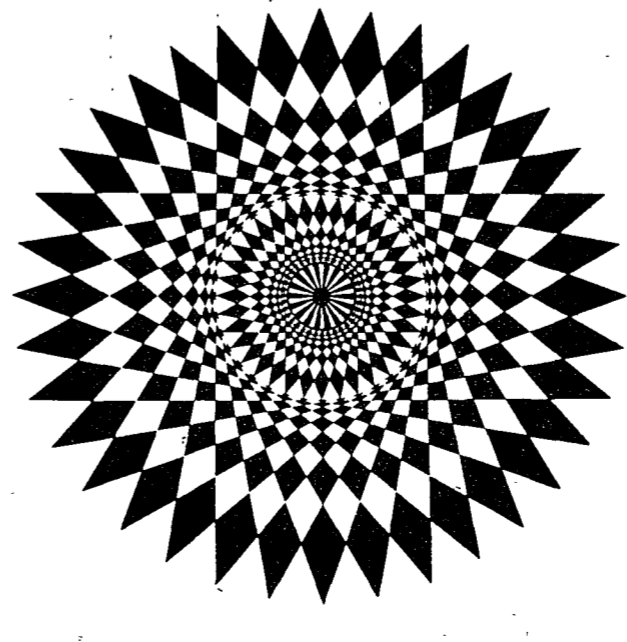
"I wasn't surprised," said Zisk. "They struck me out with the bases loaded in the sixth."

This time, though, Zisk laced a double into right-center to make it 3-0 and tag Wayne Twitchell with his fourth loss against ten wins.

Earlier, Zisk doubled after a second inning single by Stargell and Twitchell uncorked a wild pitch to account for the first Pirate run.

The Phillies knocked out Ellis in the eighth with lead-off singles by Bill Robinson and Bob Boone, but Dave Giusti came on to pick up his 14th save despite an RBI double by Tommy Hutton.

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