



Photo by Eric Felack

Bahr: Imitators must be found

It all began in very late April when Penn State announced that Walt Bahr would be replacing Herb Schmidt as head soccer coach. Actually, the relationship between Bahr and Penn State goes back further than 1974 — much further.

It dates back to the 1950 World Cup when Bahr played for the United States on a team coached by former Penn State mentor Bill Jeffrey.

"That has to be the greatest thrill I've ever had," Bahr reminisced. "You know, since 1950 they haven't reached the finals."

The Fifties were good times for Bahr. The 46-year-old former All-America and Olympian earned a berth on the '50, '54 and '58 squads. Still, the '50 World Cup stands alone as one of the most memorable not only for Bahr, but for England which lost 1-0 to the United States.



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"I took a shot and Joe Gaetens headed the ball into the corner," Bahr remembered. "It was bedlam in Belohorizonti (Brazil). People couldn't believe we beat England."

"One of the relay stations sending the message around the world wouldn't take it and kept sending it back for confirmation. He finally fainted when he realized what had happened."

"There was a big upheaval in soccer after that game. England wanted to fire everybody because of that defeat."

The upheaval in international soccer progressed far faster than that in the United States. Plus, Europe as a whole has made soccer (they call it football) its national sport and consequently, more people play it.

"This is the thing," Bahr argued. "Go to any country and they'll have two or three sports. But the major sport is soccer and that's what the kids play first."

"We in the U.S. are very spread out. We have too many sports. Kids come to soccer sometimes because they can't make it in any other sport. If we had kids who played soccer for hours a day, like they do with basketball, we could compete with Europe."

But playgrounds are more frequent than football fields and football and basketball still offer more opportunity money-wise. Another problem is time.

"Soccer is year round," Bahr said. "It's not three months. I'd like to see a 25 game schedule, like basketball. Look at gymnastics — it's year round!"

Even if the sport isn't year round, it is growing in this country and at Penn State, soccer is a big draw. Especially with night games at Jeffrey Field.

"On the positive sides of soccer, we have more junior and senior leagues and now the juvenile leagues . . ."

There's a negative side, too. "One of the greatest shortcomings here (U.S.) is that players don't see enough good soccer players to imitate and develop. If they did, they could experiment and gradually make it a part of their style of play."

"I've watched many teams and seen a lot at the Cup Games and I'd like to have my players adopt some things from these players. But I guess you're limited to the material you have and we still get good players."

Professionally speaking, the North American Soccer League has become the league to watch since its birth two years ago. It has an influx of both American and European players and the brand of soccer is different than that found on an American college team.

"The NASL is for the most part, being coached by English oriented coaches," Bahr noted. "They play a very conservative game. They play a very conservative game. They bypass the midfield with those long passes."

"You have a lot of swerving balls and it gets down there fast — right through the middle. Some teams, like the Italians, they play line to line. They'll take 20 passes to go upfield."

"However the better teams in soccer mix it up a bit. They pass around and they shoot long ones downfield, too. This way, they can control the pace of the game."

The game that Penn State will be playing under Bahr is an interesting one. Players will work both offense and defense and even shift positions, much like Fred Shero did with the Stanley Cup Champion Philadelphia Flyers last season.

"You'll see them moving around out there. You know what I say about players who play only one half of the game — they're passengers."

On Walt Bahr's ship, no "passengers" are allowed.

Golf, laX candidate meetings

Candidates for the Penn State men's golf team are asked to attend an organizational meeting in room 112 Rec Hall today at 3:30.

Anyone interested in trying

out for the Penn State men's lacrosse team should attend the meeting Wednesday night, Sept. 11. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. in room 112 Rec Hall.

Paterno's forecast: partly cloudy, mild

Showers possible for Stanford

By RICK STARR
Sports Editor

At this stage, without such aids as statistics and scores, football season is little more than opinion and guesswork.

Here's a score of football opinion by Penn State football coach Joe Paterno.

On Lion tailback Walt Addie

"Addie's got to do his thing; Cappy did his thing. I'm not worried about Addie, but I should have played him more last year. He might be mad at me."

On last year's team

"After I recruited last year's seniors I thought 'God Almighty I don't have anybody for the skilled positions.' Then 10 went to the pros. We had so many veterans last year we concentrated on depth. This year we're just trying to get a starting team together."

On Lion quarterback Tom Shuman

"If I didn't have Shuman, I'd be crawling on my knees."

On the schedule

"I know Navy is going to be better. Iowa has a new coach and everybody is back. Last year Maryland had the best personnel — not the best team — but the best personnel we saw all year. They had three or four kids we couldn't handle. I know what some people say about the schedule, but everybody's got a way of attacking the situation."

On the team returning out of shape

"I'm not mad. I'm disappointed. But it's their football team."

On Lion tight end Dan Natale

"(Former All-America Lion tight end) Ted Kwaliak was a bigger man with bigger hands and made more spectacular catches, but Natale has caught the ball more consistently than anyone we've ever had. And they're holding him, grabbing him every time he crosses the line. They know he's on the field."

On playing Lion freshman Jim Cefalo

"I wouldn't put that monkey on his back."

On the Stanford game

"Our defense is going to have to carry it for us in that game. Outside of some sloppy fumbling at Michigan and sloppy tackling at UCLA, Stanford played outstanding football the second half of the season."

On the season outlook

"We don't have the kind of squad we've had. Nobody realizes yet what kind of team we have. We just have to be realistic, we don't have the people who have played. This is the slowest team here since 1966, in the poorest condition. A lot of people think we'll keep on winning because we've won before, but we're not going to make a yard on what we did last year. And we have the least amount of time to prepare in a long time."

On his Penn State loyal mother

"My mother has been here three weeks and hasn't left church yet."



Photo by Jim Starr

Vikings class of NFC central

By THE AP

"Our goal a year ago was to get into the Super Bowl and win it," says Minnesota Coach Bud Grant. "We got into it, but we didn't win it." And that has been the major knock against the Vikings. They haven't been able to win the big games.

Bulletin

DALLAS (AP) — Unflappable Joe Gilliam, making a bid to unseat Terry Bradshaw as Pittsburgh's No. 1 quarterback, burned Dallas with two touchdown passes Thursday night to spur the Steelers to a 41-15 National Football League exhibition victory over the Cowboys.

Their 24-7 loss to Miami in Super Bowl VIII last January was their second humiliating setback in the National Football League's post-season classic. The game wasn't even as close as the scored the first two times they had the ball and the Vikings were completely demoralized — and thoroughly beaten.

In their other Super Bowl appearance, they were upset by the Kansas City Chiefs 23-7 four years ago. In other years, they have been beaten earlier in the playoffs.

Still, their success within their division — now the National Football Conference Central — cannot be demeaned.

Last season, they won their division crown for the fifth time in six years, finishing with a 12-2 record, tying Miami and Los Angeles for the best regular-season record in the entire NFL. They then beat Washington 27-10 in the opening round of the playoffs and whipped Dallas 27-10 for the NFC title, before being upended by the Dolphins in the Super Bowl.

Now, says Grant, "We hope we're as successful and get back into the Super Bowl."

The Vikings should have no trouble repeating as NFC Central champions, and another Super Bowl appearance could be forthcoming. Detroit, under new Coach Rick Forzano, and the Green Bay Packers likely will wage a strong battle for second place, but don't yet appear to be of championship calibre, with the Chicago Bears again last.



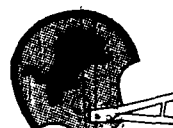
Minnesota Vikings
The normally soft-spoken Grant speaks loudly about the chances of his team retaining the divisional championship. "I'd say over-all our squad

strength is the best it's been since I've been here," says Grant, starting his eighth season at the Vikings' helm. "Our strengths include depth, which is as good as I've seen here since I came."

The Vikings are fortified by veterans at all positions, and will open the season without a rookie in the starting lineup. Only five rookies made the squad last year. One was the sensational running back, Chuck Foreman, who was named the league's Offensive Rookie of the Year. He earned the honor by rushing for a club high 801 yards, finishing second on the team in receptions with 37 catches and scoring six touchdowns. His running mates will include veterans Bill Brown, Dave Osborn and Oscar Reed

and youngsters Ed Marinaro and Brent McClanahan.

Quarterback Fran "The Scram" Tarkenton, who after 12 disappointing seasons finally shook the tag of "loser" and won his first championship of any kind last season, directs a diversified and unpredictable offense.



Detroit Lions
The tragic death of Coach Don McCafferty during training camp left the Lions a shaken team. McCafferty, known as

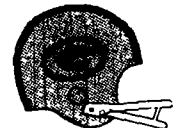
"Easy Rider" for his easy-going attitude, was replaced by Forzano, former head coach at Navy and Connecticut, and a stern disciplinarian.

Since 1970, when the Lions rallied late in the season and gained a "wild card" playoff berth, their fortunes have declined steadily. Last season, they finished with a 6-7-1 record, causing owner William Clay Ford to verbally blast them for apparent indifference and lack of effort.

Forzano blamed the dismal showing on too many dropped passes, too many intercepted passes and the ineffectiveness of veteran defensive end Larry Hand.

"Larry didn't have a good year last year and he knows it," said Forzano. "If Larry comes back well, we'll be improved defensively. I think when people are premier players like Larry, they're not supposed to have average years."

A comeback by Hand would give the Lions a formidable defensive line, including Bob Bell, Herb Orvis and Jim Mitchell. Despite the retirement of fiery middle linebacker Mike Lucci, the Lions are well fortified at linebacker.



Green Bay Packers
The Packers, after winning the divisional title in 1972 with a 10-4 record, plunged to third place last season with a 4-8-2 mark, setting-off months of soul-searching and self-analysis during the offseason. Now, they are optimistic and confident of making a strong comeback.

Those feelings are based on several factors, including the team's youth and potential, anticipated improvement at last year's problem positions including quarterback and

wide receiver, the expected return to form of the defense, and the recovery of kicker Chester Marcol.

Marcol, one of the league's premier kickers as a rookie two years ago, fell off in production last season because of a pulled groin muscle. The defense, which helped carry the club in 1972, also was decimated by injuries last season. The most serious was the broken leg suffered by cornerback Willie Buchanan. Injuries also plagued linemen Clarence Williams and Mike McCoy.

Now, Buchanan is back, as part of a tight-knit secondary with Ken Ellis, Al Matthews and Jim Hill. Williams and McCoy will team with Aaron Brown and Dave Pureifory up front, and the linebackers will be Jim Carter, Fred Carr and Ted Hendricks, who was acquired from Baltimore.



Chicago Bears
The raging debate over whether Bobby Douglass or Gary Huff should be the starting quarterback, plus several other internal problems—all of which were existent last season—still are plaguing the discontented Bears.

Unless they are settled quickly, the Bears, who finished 3-11 last season, appear headed for the same fate this year. Abe Gibron, the burly 300-pound coach, has a fondness for the left-handed Douglass, a big, strong, runner as his No. 1 signal-caller. Many Chicago fans have expressed a preference for Huff, a more orthodox quarterback.

Whoever calls the signals, his runners will include Carl Garrett, Jim Harrison and Joe Moore, a respectable trio.

Connors, Newcombe reach finals

Women volley for finals berths today

FOREST HILLS, N.Y. (AP) — Jimmy Connors, the court maverick, and John Newcombe, a shotmaking howitzer from Australia, thwarted a threatened outbreak of upsets and smashed into the semifinals of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships yesterday along with an ageless Australian and a hill boy from Tennessee.

So it will be the top-seeded Connors, reigning Wimbledon titleholder, against Roscoe

Tanner of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., and No. 2 Newcombe, the defender, against 39-year-old Ken Rosewall tomorrow for the right to play for the \$23,000 first prize.

Tanner, 22, scored the day's major upset when he outgunned Stan Smith, seeded No. 3 and co-ranked with Connors as America's No. 1 player, in a duel of thundercap services 7-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Connors won a center court joust of backcourt strategy from Russia's Alex Metreveli

3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

Rosewall, who made his first appearance in the United States 22 years ago and won the first of his two American titles in 1956, won over the gifted 20-year-old Indian, Vijay Amritraj 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. Newcombe, once five points from elimination, rallied for a 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 triumph over an inspired Arthur Ashe of Miami.

Rosewall beat Smith in a marathon match this year at Wimbledon before advancing

to the final where he was virtually blown off the court by the 21-year-old Connors.

The men are idle today while the women play for finalist berths. Top-seeded Chris Evert, the Wimbledon queen, will play Australia's Evonne Goolagong and the old lady of the courts, second-seeded Billie Jean King, will face unseeded Julie Heldman of Houston, who knocked her out of the tournament a year ago.

Standings of the clubs

NATIONAL LEAGUE				AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East				West				
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.	
Pittsburgh	73	63	.537	GB	New York	72	63	.533
St. Louis	72	65	.526	1 1/2	Boston	72	64	.529
Philadelphia	67	70	.489	6 1/2	Baltimore	70	65	.519
New York	63	71	.470	9	Cleveland	67	67	.500
Montreal	61	73	.455	11	Milwaukee	65	72	.474
Chicago	55	79	.410	17	Detroit	63	73	.463
West				West				
Los Angeles	85	51	.625		Oakland	79	58	.577
Cincinnati	83	54	.606	2 1/2	Texas	72	66	.522
Atlanta	77	61	.558	9	Kansas City	69	67	.507
Houston	69	67	.507	16	Chicago	68	69	.496
San Francisco	62	75	.453	23 1/2	Minnesota	67	70	.489
San Diego	50	88	.362	36	California	53	84	.387
Thursday's Game				Thursday's Results				
Philadelphia @ Chicago 5, 11 innings Only game scheduled				Milwaukee @ Boston 3 Minnesota @ Kansas City Texas @ Oakland Chicago @ California Other clubs not scheduled.				
Friday's Games								
Philadelphia at Chicago San Francisco at Atlanta, N Los Angeles at Cincinnati, N Montreal at Pittsburgh, N New York at St. Louis, N San Diego at Houston, N								