

# Disappointment at Morgantown

Penn State travels to horse-shoe-shaped, monolithic Mountaineer Field Saturday to resume a rivalry that means more to the Mountaineers than to the Lions. But then, in a crazy football town such as Morgantown, almost every game means more than it does here, like WVU coach Bobby Bowden's job for instance.

"It's time to get rid of Bowden," is the feeling among some West Virginia fans after losses to Richmond, Tulane, Pitt and Miami. The father of a minister and a devout Christian, Bowden better start praying for his job.

If Penn State wins big Saturday, the Mountaineer may turn his musket on Bowden.

You get the feeling the folks in Morgantown aren't very fond of losing. You also get the impression they don't tolerate people who don't get the job done.

First, there is the constant pressure-building on Bowden.

Then there is the musical chair set-up associated with the selection of co-captains for the team. At Penn State, Jim Bradley and Jack Baiorinos are the captains, win or lose. At West Virginia, Danny Buggs and Jeff Merrow were the co-captains until the opening loss to Richmond.

As soon as the team loses, the Mountaineer co-captains hit the road and Bowden picks new ones.

In addition to his Veer offense and his 5-2 defense, Bowden has installed another concept in his program which he calls his "whole man" concept.

"I do not want our boys to smoke, drink, or cut classes, and I encourage church attendance," Bowden explains. "As far as coaches are concerned, I have surrounded myself with men who have strong religious convictions."

Besides his religious convictions, Bowden



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should have stuck a four leaf clover in his pocket. After three losses by four points or less West Virginia has not been "Almost Heaven" for Bowden. But his blithe spirit carries on...

"My goal was to make West Virginia THE best, and I'll always work to get Mountaineer football on top. My goal is, of course, an undefeated season. How long it will take I don't know, but that's what it's all about."

"You can take all the X's and O's and the fancy formations and the hidden defenses, but if you don't block and tackle better than the people you're playing, then you're going to get beat."

Bowden's comment on this year's contest?

"They'll be good, but not as good as last year when they plastered us 62-14. West Virginia wants this one bitterly and I'm sure my kids will do everything humanly possible to win it. Joe will have some great players as he always does, and it should be some battle."

"Quicker than a coon dog with turpentine on his tail. The fastest most elusive dude in college football. The nearest thing in a broken field to Floyd Little."

West Virginia flanker Danny Buggs has drawn almost as many acclamations as honors and awards.

Penn State coach Booker Brooks describes Buggs this way: "I'd compare him to some of the people we've seen in the NFL to give you a better idea. Running a reverse, catching a pass, returning a punt, it doesn't matter, he can beat you."

First, the bad news.

Last year against Penn State Buggs caught the longest pass in WVU history when, shortly after the start of the second quarter, third string quarterback Ben Williams heaved a 96-yard scoring bomb to Buggs, who immediately switched on his 9.5 af-terburners.

The other Mountaineer score that day was also set up by Buggs, who decoyed the coverage on a kickoff and handed off to Artie Owens.

Second, some more bad news.

Buggs is recovered (at least that's what everybody says) and should suit up and torment the Lions Saturday. Buggs has been getting lots of rest lately due to calcium deposits in his leg, and Bowden's desire not to play the entire season with "half a football player."

Third, the last of the bad news.

Just for the record, that 9.5 clocking in the 100 was set while Buggs was a freshman running intramurals in his tennis shoes.



It isn't the year of the Mountaineer

## Billiard tourney breaks today

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scheduled four tournaments to be held on college university grounds this year. There will be January competition at the University

the 1974 Worlds Invitational Champ and has an unfinished run (clear the table) of 243.  
—Steve Mizerak, 29, U.S. Open Champion 1971, '72 and '73.

1974.  
—Jim Rempe, 25, Youngest player in-tourney and he has won 10 championships in just four years of pro-competition.

Thursday, October 24  
1:30 p.m. Irving Crane vs. Willie Munson  
3:30 p.m. Steve Mizerak vs. Jack Colavita; James Rempe vs. Ray Martin  
7:00 p.m. Willie Munson vs. Steve Mizerak; Irving Crane vs. Ray Martin  
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—Willie Munson, 36, Rockford Midwest Open Champ in 1974 and also the Kentucky Pocket Billiard Champ in

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—Ray Martin, 37, He was

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CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs announced yesterday they have traded slugger outfielder-first baseman Billy Williams to the Oakland A's for three players, including veteran reliever Darold Knowles and Bob Locker.  
Williams, 36, a longtime Cub batting mainstay, hit .278 this season and .288 in 1973. He hit .333 in 1972. He had been tried at first base as the Cubs pressed for youth and speed in the outfield.  
Locker, 36, is a former Cub who was sidelined by surgery in 1974, and Knowles, 32, was 3-3 this season with three saves. The A's also gave up second baseman Manny Trillo, 23, a .253 hitter regarded as fast and capable with a glove. He spent much of 1974 with Tucson.

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