

Griffin thinks he's big enough

CINCINNATI (AP) — Archie Griffin, who shattered the Heisman Trophy jinx by becoming the first player to win it twice, wants to bury another myth — that he is too small to survive in the National Football League.

"I don't believe in jinxes," said the 5-foot-9 halfback from Ohio State who closed his career as the only 5,000-yard rusher in major college history.

"I've always heard that I'm too small. Well, a hard hit is a hard hit, whether it's in college or the pros. I think I've proven I'm no weakling. I can take a beating," said Griffin, who makes his NFL debut Sunday against the Denver Broncos.

"There is definitely a place for the little man in Football. Look at the things Terry Metcalf and Greg Pruitt can do," he said. "I've always believed my size was more of an advantage than a disadvantage. You're built closer to the ground and when you get behind those big linemen you can't be seen as easy."

Griffin, the second of Cincinnati's two first round picks, frowns at the idea that he is under pressure to succeed in a big way.

Veeck activates 'Cuban Comet'

CHICAGO (AP) — Bill Veeck, who says he likes to give older men a break, is putting coach Minnie Minozo on the active list with a chuckle and the hope his bat may help the swooning Chicago White Sox.

Saturino Orestes Arrieta Armas Minozo, who started with the White Sox 25 years ago, probably will be used as a designated hitter during the Sox home stand starting tomorrow night with the California Angels. He is the second oldest Veeck has called forth in his baseball ownerships. Twice in the past he hired ageless pitcher Satchel Paige at Cleveland and St. Louis.

"I certainly don't have anything against using older men," said Veeck.

No one is certain of Paige's age.

"We aren't even sure the age of Minnie. But the available records show he was born in Cuba Nov. 29 1922, making him 52," said Veeck. "He's in remarkable condition. I've watched him slamming balls in the left field stands in batting practice. If he doesn't get a hit, he'll get hit by a pitch. He'll be one of the very few active players who has been part of four decades."

Minozo himself said, "It's like starting my life all over again. I'm not going to feel like an old man. I'm going to feel like a rookie."

"I'll go to the plate trying to make contact. I'll be swinging. Veeck asked me to do it. I take orders and I'm happy to do it but I don't think they'd ask me to play if they didn't think I could still hit."

Veeck said he assumes Minnie will be used as a designated hitter, "but he'll be available for whatever duties Manager Paul Richards wants..."

Minnie was hired as first base coach in January, soon after Veeck took over the Sox. He had played for Veeck previously with the Sox and Cleveland Indians...

Minnie, who played and managed in Mexico the last 10 years before rejoining the Sox, was hit 189 times by pitches from 1949-1964 — an American League career record.

Known in his heyday as the Cuban Comet, Minnie broke into the majors with Cleveland in 1949. He made his Sox debut as a player May 1, 1951, and became an instant darling of the fans by ripping

"As far as I'm concerned the pressure is gone. For one thing I don't think I'll be running the ball as much here. Maybe it would be different if they didn't have Ken Anderson here. But I don't think anybody is putting the pressure on me at all."

Anderson, at 27, is the first NFL quarterback since 1961 to win back-to-back passing titles, leading the Bengals to a best-ever 11-3 record and a playoff berth.

"The Heisman Trophy doesn't mean anything now. It's a whole new ball game for me," said Griffin, who destroyed the NCAA major college record by gaining 100 yards or more in 31 consecutive games. After rushing for 867 yards as a freshman, he helped Ohio State win three straight Big 10 championships with season rushing totals of 1,577, 1,695 and 1,450 yards.

What does worry Griffin is his weight. "I'm down to 177," he said Wednesday after workout in sweltering heat. "I'd like to play between 185 and 190."

Two of Griffin's biggest boosters are fullback Boobie Clark and jumbo-sized offensive lineman Vern Holland.

"He's going to be a big benefit to our backfield," said Clark. "He's one of those little guys who can squirt through a crack. That's what we've needed."

Holland supports Clark's sentiments. "I noticed right away that you don't have to hold your block that long for Archie. That means a lot to an offensive lineman."

Griffin sat out Cincinnati's last two preseason games due to a groin pull, but still topped all rushers while playing less than a half in the other games. He averaged 5.1 yards per carry in 38 attempts.

Richards wants...

When Veeck headed the Sox in 1960, he brought Minozo back. On opening day before 41,000 fans, Minnie blasted two homers, one a grand slammer, and drove in six runs as the Sox won. He closed out the 1960 season batting .311, driving in 105 runs and topping the AL in hits with 184.

Minnie made the AL All-Star team seven times and compiled a .305 batting average and hit 135 homers with the Sox.

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Campomanis said the match could be held "within half a year" depending on the outcome of "haggling" over sponsorship of the purse.

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secretive three-day stay, was quoted by the Bangkok Post as saying he had discussed the match with Fischer and Karpov in Spain last weekend.

Home against Lock Haven

Booters kick off season

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Last year, the Penn State soccer team outplayed, outclassed, and outshot the opposing Lock Haven State College squad, but when the Jeffrey Field clock read 0:00, the Lions had to settle for a 1-1 tie.

But that was last year — when Lock Haven's fine goalie, Steve Tanner, totaled 18 saves. Tanner singlehandedly kept Lock Haven in the thick of things, recording some spectacular saves to frustrate the Lion booters.

Tanner won't return this year to tend the goal for the Eagles, but the Lions' home opener (7p.m. at Jeffrey Field) should be tough nevertheless.

Lock Haven, coached by England's Mike Parker, has eight returnees including five starters from the 1975 team which recorded an 11-2-1 record and lost to Johns Hopkins, 2-0, in the first round of the NCAA Division III playoffs. Senior Roger Bernecker, a former Penn Stater, is the leading goal scorer for Lock Haven with 22 goals in the past two seasons. Jon Connor, a senior from Havertown, also

returns this year after recording eight goals in 1975.

They will be joined by junior Mike McCartney, sophomore Dean Wilson, and senior Mark Sildve, a two-year co-captain, to form the veteran nucleus of the team.

"Lock Haven likes to play a fast, hard game," said Penn State soccer coach Walt Bahr. "They're a strong team physically and they like to play the long ball. They play the typical English soccer — hard tackling and long kicking."

"I don't want us to get into a kicking contest with them," Bahr continued. "I want us to play a controlled game. Our strategy would be to slow down the pace of the game. A good team can control the tempo of the game whereas an average or poor team can be forced into playing the other team's game."

The Penn State booters have been slightly hampered by injuries in fall practice. Half a dozen players have minor injuries, but according to Bahr, none of the players will be out for any length of time. However, pre-season starters Sal Bommarito and Dave Lloyd have been nursing injuries that may

keep them out of the starting lineup and possibly limit their playing time tonight.

Bahr is satisfied with his booters right now. "We had a very good spring," he said, "and we've had three excellent scrimmages (Frostburg State, LaSalle, Slippery Rock). I couldn't have asked for better performances in those scrimmages. I was a little concerned on Tuesday because we were a little lethargic. But I guess you could contribute that to the hot weather and the first day of classes. All in all, we've had a very good early practice. There's been fine team spirit and a lot of hard work."

CORNER KICKS: Dan Gallagher, a sophomore from Huntington Station, N.Y., will start in the nets for the Lions tonight. Mike Parker, coach of the Eagle booters, played professional soccer in the English Football League and was assistant coach at Lock Haven for four years. Lock Haven's tough defense allowed only eight goals in their last 11 games, closing out the season with shutouts over Lycoming, Indiana (Pa.), Pitt, and Frostburg State. Halftime festivities of tonight's game will feature a soccer game between media personalities and women athletes from Penn State.

NFL to face more headaches

NEW YORK (AP) — With the National Football League almost certain to appeal the ruling against its college draft, representatives of the owners and players agree that the chance of a modified draft has been improved.

U.S. District Judge William B. Bryant ruled in Washington Wednesday that the stocking of 28 teams with the nation's collegiate talent, the NFL's current system, is illegal because it violates the antitrust laws.

Bryant said the draft is, in effect, an agreement among NFL club owners "that the right to negotiate with each top-quality graduating college athlete will be allocated to one team, and that no other team will deal with that person."

"This outright, undisguised refusal to deal constitutes a group boycott in its classic and most pernicious form, a device which has long been condemned as per se a violation of the antitrust laws," the judge continued.

Ed Garvey, executive director of the NFL Players Association, expressed delight at the ruling and suggested it might spur the owners to be more conciliatory in future talks aimed at achieving a basic labor agreement with the players' union.

Sargent Karch, executive director of the NFL Management Council, the owners' bargaining team, said the decision produced optimism.


Bryant, he said, had expressed the opinion that if an agreement on a draft were to be part of a basic labor pact, it therefore would be exempt from antitrust action. And Karch said Bryant stated that the draft should be a mandatory part of any collective bargaining. Garvey publicly has taken the opposite viewpoint in both instances.

Bryant's decision, on a suit filed in 1970 by former Washington Redskins safety James "Yazoo" Smith, was the third major courtroom setback for the NFL.

In December 1974, in ruling on a suit filed by former quarterback Joe Kapp, a federal judge in San Francisco ruled illegal the league's standard contract which binds a player to one team.

Earlier this year, in a suit filed by former tight end Tom Mackey, the so-called Rozelle Rule named after NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, similarly was struck down by a federal judge in Minneapolis. The Rozelle Rule had given Rozelle the power to decide what compensation a team would have to pay if it signed a player who played out the option year of his contract with another club.

Both rulings have been appealed by the league. Don Weiss, a spokesman for the league, said the league would have no comment until NFL attorneys had studied the decision.

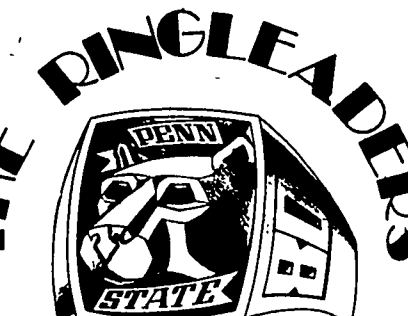


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