

WILKES-BARRE FATS

Laying football to rest

by Lee L. Richards

CLIPBOARD NOTES: We all know Cowboys' Tony Dorsett can run with the football, but announcers seldom point out his superb blocking ability...There are more good college hoop teams around this season than ever before. We're going to see Louisville and Maryland play this Saturday, weather permitting...If you watched the Blue Bonnet Bowl you know why we believed Stanford QB Steve Dils was the NO. 1 player at this position in the collegiate ranks in '78...Hanover and Bishop Hoban are our choices in the local roundball action. Kinda think when all of the dribbling is over, they'll be on top.

Lou Saban's selection as the man to lead the Army football team came as a total surprise. Being a long time Army fan, I don't believe he's the answer. I've questioned the policy at the Point for sometime and it's about time they clean house from top to bottom. The current athletic director, Ray Murphy, appears to think like it's still the 1940's Saban would be a likely candidate for U-Haul commercials he's jumped around so much in the last 10 years. Murphy went on record he wanted a big name. Names don't win football games, general, coaches do. In Homer Smith they got a dud.

Now they've got Saban, who won't last the duration of his contract. There were several highly regarded assistants from Ohio State, Arkansas and Emory Bellard that could've given the program some stability. The White Hats at Annapolis have got to be laughing it up.

—Did you catch some of the All-Star grid tilts on the tube Saturday? Two good buddies of our, Maryland's Jerry Claiborne and Cholly Mac of LSU, rallied their respective teams to wins in the East-West Shrine and Hula Bowls. One thing for sure, there was a heap of talent in both games...Paid particular interest to the glue-like blocking of center Robert Shaw of Tennessee in Shrine tilt and he

opened things up. Coach Mac is the incoming president of the Football Coaches Association.

The two best possible teams will compete in the Super Bowl. Steelers have won seven games in a row, while the Cowboys have posted eight straight wins. Both teams appear to be at the peak of their games. More on this next week.

Oilers' Coach Bum Phillips has finally received some well-deserved recognition through the playoffs. He's highly regarded in the profession and has quality credentials. It just took a while for the media guys to recognize the fact.

Wonder if Howard Cosell has been informed yet that Coach Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide has won four-straight bowl games? The "Monday Night Mouth" never was very adapted to college football.

NCAA grid committee is going to propose a four-team playoff system for the National Championship at the completion of the bowl games if it's accepted. We feel it's about time to do away with the "Paper Crown."

One of the most alert and dedicated women coaches we've come across is Lake-Lehman's Florence Finn. She appears to have the right philosophy on what it takes to have successful programs.

How about Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis entering their wedding reception with a tape of the Clarion State fight song playing in the background? That's what I call having "gold blood." Clarion's colors are blue and gold.

There's never been a coach in any sport get the hook and get so much ink as former Buckeye taskmaster Woody Hayes has over the last week. Speaking of Ohio State, pal George Champ was interviewed Thursday for head job.

Several sources from Mt. Top indicated to me that Lake-Lehman grid boss Rich Gorgone has applied for the vacant head job at Crestwood. Evidently some of the feedback we've been hearing from the Black Knight camp concerning Coach Gorgone is on the level.



NEW SCOREBOARD--Knight athletes admire the new electric scoreboard purchased and installed in their high school gym by the Lake-Lehman Booster Club. Left to

right, wrestling coach Shorty Hitchcock, Tom Williams, Chris Shaw, Ray Leskowsky, Tony DeCesaris, John Coulton, Greg Bogdon and assistant basketball coach Mike Sharok look over the board. (Photo by Ace Hoffman)



SENIOR BAND JACKETS--Senior members of the Dallas Senior High School Band were presented with blue and white jackets by members of the Dallas Band Parents Association at a special assembly program last week. Mrs. Robert Law, president; Mrs. Grace Lord, majorette ad-

visor; Mrs. Edwin Johnson, secretary; Edgar Hughes, principal; Mrs. Patrick McGough, vice president; and Lester Lewis, band director, took part in the program. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Bowling News

by Charlot Denmon

East Dallas gained four points on a forfeit by Shavertown C in the Back Mountain Church League with E. Roth hitting the pins for 214 (535). R. Baer one of the two men showing up for the C team tumbled wood for 214-212 (587). Carverton B picked up three points from Shavertown A and B. Williams rolled 543 to lead Dallas A to three from Shavertown B whose D. Wright knocked down pins for 538 and W. Jones hit for 519.

The Lutherans shut out Orange B paced by T. Wilson, Sr., who scattered the pins for 208 (578) and B. Lozo who toppled them for 221 (550). Orange A blanked Trucksville B sparked by four 500 series. T. Heness rolled 541, J. Mitchell scattered pins for 225 (536). J. Zarno tumbled them for 548 and B. Meade 519. Maple Grove took three from Carverton A and E. Connors led Dallas B to three points from Trucksville C with his big 556 series.

In the Thursday's Girls League the Roses copped three from the Daffodils who had H. Parker's 166. L. Culver's 161 aided the Tulips in picking up three from the Iris and K. Richard's 162 paced the Petunias to three points from the Violets. The Pansies lost three to the Daisies despite F. Cowett's 169.

The Violets copped the first half title with a 42-22 record. The Roses placed second with 35-29 and their Iris came in close on the Roses' heels with 34 1/2-29 1/2.

In Our Gang League the Pinheads started the

second half by shutting out the Slickies with M.J. Kostrzewski hitting pins for 181 (460). The Mud-wasps earned three from the Bad Tastes paced by G. Mazer's 543 and E. Langdon's 501. Glen Mazer's 519 paced Aw Fudge to three points from the Swamp Stompers whose B. Katyl was high with 503. The Sting gave up three to the Holy Rollers despite L. Isaac's 202 (513).

Miss Fits and Short Shots divided evenly with L. Busch rolling 160 and D. Husak hitting pins for 170-160. R. Homyak hit 544 and for the Short Shots B. Hadvance rolled 166.

Two weeks of league play had Tom Reese girls take three from the Checkerboard in the Bowlerette League. Hoagie Bar copped three from Duke Isaacs. Last week Tom Reese picked up three from the Hoagie Bar while the Checkerboard and Tom Reese divided 2-2. Hitting highs for both weeks was L. Cyphers with 178 (506) and 476.

The Imperiallete League ended the first half with Lombardo Bakery taking the title. The bakery team took three and one half points from the Jeans Shop paced by C. Smith's 472. Dallas Dairy finished second by shutting out

Gino's Shoe Store with A. Pickering scattering the pins for 182-191-213 (586). M. Fondo hit 173 for the shoe dealer.

J. Bolinski set a new high series for the league by walloping the pins for 197-192-208 (597). E. Shaffer added 173-171 (474) to aid in Country's Best third place finish by a forfeit from the Dallas Post team who had three bowlers absent. C. Smith walloped the pins for 232 (554) to lead her Goodman Florist girls to three points from Ralph Fitch & Sons whose V. Andrews came through with 471.

The unprecedented rate of absenteeism prompted the executive board of the league to meet and establish new rules for the second half relating to absenteeism and league fees.

In the Crown Major League, the week of Dec. 29 Dallas Shopping Center shut out Army Recruiting. Franklin's Restaurant blanked Shavertown

Lumber, Wesley's Garage took three from Gebhardt's and Hasay Chevrolet picked up three from Steele's Restaurant.

Last week Hasay Chevrolet blanked Franklin's Restaurant, Shavertown Lumber earned three from Wesley's Garage and Steele's Restaurant took three from Army Recruiting. The report was not turned in for the match between Dallas Shopping Center and Gebhardt's. Let's not walk away with it, men!

High scorers were C. Williams 533, S. Christensen 526, R. Bonomo 559, K. Youngblood 207-221 (600), J. Roan 521, R. Bonomo 552, B. Varner 513, L. Yankowski 565, B. Hislop 518, P. Jordan 559, S. Bonomo 545, J. Ide 516, C. Sorber 229 (584), D. Wickard 216 (533), K. Youngblood 524, R. Bonomo 231 (579), J. Roan 517, T. Doughton 537, and H. Bennett 510.

Back Mt. matmen first in Bethlehem

Three Back Mountain Wrestling Club grapplers took first place awards in the annual Bethlehem Boys Club Wrestling Tournament.

Billy Mathers, 60 lbs., Dan Kratz 85-lbs., and Steve Kaminski 95 lbs. won the first place crowns. Jim Chernavage took runnerup at 90 lbs., and Eric Lee 100 lbs. took third. Steve Mathers finished fourth in the 45-lb. class.

More than 250 wrestlers took part in the Bethlehem elementary tournament. Kaminski's win was over R. Darpino, defending national champion at that weight and age group.

The local team is coached by Joe Walko and Ray Dennis.

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