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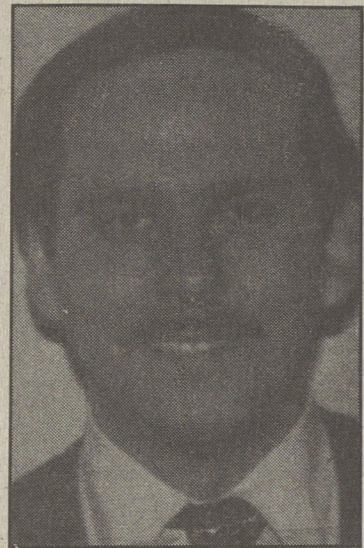
'Goalpost Petie' debuts

Dallas Post prognosticators try their luck

Will predict football games

Get ready, football fans! The Dallas Post is going to offer you, for the first time ever, something to bet against - or, at least, something to agree and disagree with every week.

Beginning next week (Aug. 29), in our special Football '84 edition, we will be featuring the first-ever team of Dallas Post prognosticators. A prognosticator, you see, is someone who predicts the future, using signs and symptoms around him. In this case, the prognosticators will be predicting the outcome of high school and college football games - on a weekly basis and you, the readers, will have the opportunity to either agree with or disagree with their choices, congratulating them when they're right and chastising them when they're wrong.



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We will feature six prognosticators - five members of the Dallas Post sports staff whom we will introduce to you in the following paragraphs and one of whom will

remain anonymous until after the final game of the season when his - or her - identity will be revealed. Our anonymous prognosticator will assume the fictitious name of

"GoalPOST-Petie" and, throughout the season, will present our readers with the challenge of guessing his - or her - identity.

Members of The Dallas Post staff who have been named to the 1984 team of prognosticators include Bill Savage, our managing editor; Dotty Martin, editor; Lee Richards, sport columnist; Charlot M. Denmon, sportswriter; and Ed Campbell, photographer.

Savage, the former sports editor of our sister paper, The Abington Journal, admits to being a sports fanatic all his life. Reading as much about sports as he possibly can, and sometimes overdosing on it, Savage can strike up a conversation on just about any sport around. Savage has reportedly already begun learning all there is to know about local football, in hopes of outguessing his competition this year.

Martin, The Dallas Post editor, is a former athlete, official and sportswriter. Having majored in basketball at Wilkes College, she has always been a sports fan and thoroughly enjoys everything about a good football game. A staunch supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, Martin vows to do everything she can to beat her male counterparts in this contest.

Richards, whose weekly sports column always manages to raise an eyebrow or two, is most likely to

provide the toughest competition to his prognosticator teammates. Richards, who is also a faithful supporter of college football, writes for a national football magazine and sometimes seems to know more about football than the coaches themselves.

Charlot Denmon, who will be reporting on local football games throughout the season, will join Martin in a concentrated effort to show men that women can also enjoy football - and understand it, too. The former news editor of The Dallas Post, Denmon is rather familiar with the Back Mountain teams and is expected to hit a few games right on the nose.

Ed Campbell, whose photographs throughout the past year have become part of many a scrapbook, will try his hand at prognosticating for the first time. Although his experience at "shooting" things has earned him fame in the Back Mountain area, Campbell will take on the "rookie" role with this team of prognosticators.

And, of course, every week there will be "GoalPOST Petie" to contend with. And, boy, will he - or she - keep you guessing.

The job of the prognosticators will be to predict the outcome of several high school and a few college football games each week. We will include all games played by Lake-

Lehman, Dallas, Wyoming Valley West, Bishop O'Reilly, and West Side Tech. We also hope to include the collegiate games of Penn State, Notre Dame and Pitt.

Every week, each one of the prognosticators will decide which of the above teams will win their respective games and provide you with what they think the final score will be. After all the games have been played every week, we will tally the prognosticators' choices and provide you with a running score so you can see which member of our team knows football best.

Every one of our prognosticators has taken an oath to do the best job he or she is capable of and not to let any personal preferences affect their decisions. All of them will take a very serious look, on a weekly basis, at each and every team so that they can make a very honest choice.

So, get ready Back Mountain sports fans! The Dallas Post prognosticators are gearing up for their first-ever season of picking the winners. But, watch out! "GoalPOST Petie" just may be someone you know.

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Some things to think about

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CLIPBOARD NOTES:

— How many high schools in Pennsylvania field boys' gymnastic teams? Would you believe only eight. There's over 100 girls teams.

— Most of the coaches I've visited with in recent weeks believe Valley West will be the team to beat in the upcoming Wyoming Valley Conference grid race. Wyoming Area is



expected to have another solid football team, along with GAR, Meyers and perhaps Coughlin, although the Crusaders aren't going to be what they used to be under Coach Meck.

— Lake-Lehman Coach Mark Kirk is optimistic about the Knights being more competitive this season. He'll be working with around 33 players on the varsity, but there's some hard-nosed youngsters.

— Linebacker Jeff Martin will put a hit on folks. He's the youngster who rushed for over 130 yards against Meyers last season.

— Nose guard Ed Gavlick played last season at around 145 pounds. He's tipping the scales at 179 right now and he bulked up very nicely with the off-season weight program. He's another hitter.

— While St. Joe Paterno isn't sure as to how good this year's Penn State team will be, he told several scribes at recent Press Day that he feels the Nittany Lions will be legit contenders for the national crown in 1985 and 1986 seasons. Very interesting.

— Grit sports scribe Chuck Yorks tells me this year's Little League World Series will be one of the best with the various teams from around the globe coming to Williamsport.

— While the Olympic games are over, the performance by the USA is still the topic of conversation by many sports buffs. Carmen Maffei was in LA for three weeks and is one of the more knowledgeable track buffs I know. He's one of the Committee whips for the Jesse Owens Foundation.

— Carmen told me the games went beautiful with the exception of a couple of the little things which always occur.

— The Mary Decker incident stunned many of the folks in the coliseum, but Carmen agreed with me that it wasn't all the British runner's fault and that Mary contributed to her own downfall.

— I can't help remembering that old cliché: "Good athletes and good teams never allow themselves to be put in a position where another person is going to determine their destiny or the outcome."

— Street and Smith's College Football Magazine appears to be going rinky-dink with some of its prognostications. They only selected 10 people to their All-East defensive team. Then in their bowl predictions for this season they omitted Pitt? They obviously haven't been as thorough as in previous years.

— Most of the people I visited with last week felt the synchronized swimming and the rhythmic gymnastics were the most boring of the Olympic Games. They should forget those two in the future.

— Wyoming Area Athletic Director Si Bernoski, one of the best roundball coaches I've seen locally, told me he thought the USA team was one of the best he's ever seen.

— Said Coach Bernoski, "I thought Bob Knight did a splendid job in handling and manipulating the personnel. His defense was the best I've seen on that level. I've always believed in most of Coach Knight's philosophy and he did it his way with splendid results."

— I mentioned to Coach Bernoski about one of the no-necks from the New York Daily News stating in a story that Coach Knight didn't deserve any credit for the USA roundball team winning. This same

clown would have been the first to blame Knight had we lost through?

— Look for Valley West's Bob Ontko to get a heap of playing time for PSU as a linebacker this season. I wouldn't be at all surprised to see him nail down a starting job either.

— One question I'm asked a lot is who was the best running back I've seen perform for an Eastern collegiate team? Most think I'm going to say Tony Dorsett. Nope. My choice

for the most complete running back was Syracuse's Ernie Davis. I saw him in person on several occasions.

He did it all and played defense, too. He ran back punts and kickoffs. I never saw Jim Brown in college.

Tony was the best pure runner I've seen, but Davis was the most complete all-around running back.

— Check out Lake-Lehman's new helmet design. They are quite similar to the style of Michigan and Delaware. I like them. It was Coach Kirk's idea.

— I've always felt that Dallas and Lake-Lehman dress out with stylish uniforms.

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