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Fans set for NFL year — are players?

Football fans are psyching themselves up for the forthcoming National Football League season.

The fans are excited with each exhibition game that is played. They can't wait for the real thing, the regular season, to get under way.

Every fan is reading everything that is written about his or her favorite team. They watch whatever games they can find on television. They watch interviews, pregame shows, postgame shows and even the sports segments of the local news programs.

The fans are buying up the many magazines designed for the most avid fans.

The tickets have long been purchased. Arrangements have been made for car pooling to games and for tailgating and for postgame celebrations. Plans for television parties have already been set up by those not fortunate enough to have tickets to the games.

The players are nearly as excited as the fans. There are kids close to realizing dreams of playing in the NFL. There are veterans who have taken up the challenge of keeping the kids from making the team.

The exhibition games are going off according to schedule. There is a lot of highly competitive play for every team in the league. It all gets hotter as opening day gets closer.

Just a minute, folks. Hold your pants on. Think.

The National Football League Players Association and the National Football League Management Council do not have a collective bargaining agreement.

You do know what that means, don't you? Without a collective bargaining agreement there is a strong possibility of a dreaded strike.

The two sides have chatted a few times. They have not sat down with each other and put their cards on the table.

The current agreement becomes null and void on Monday. That isn't very far away. That doesn't leave a lot of time for discussing the differences of opinion between the players and the owners.

Representatives of the players and owners seem to be in no hurry to get together. That isn't good for those hoping to get in a full season.

The good thing is that many of the players say they don't want a strike. The pay scale has reached a point that would make it costly for almost every veteran player, not to mention the overpaid rookies.

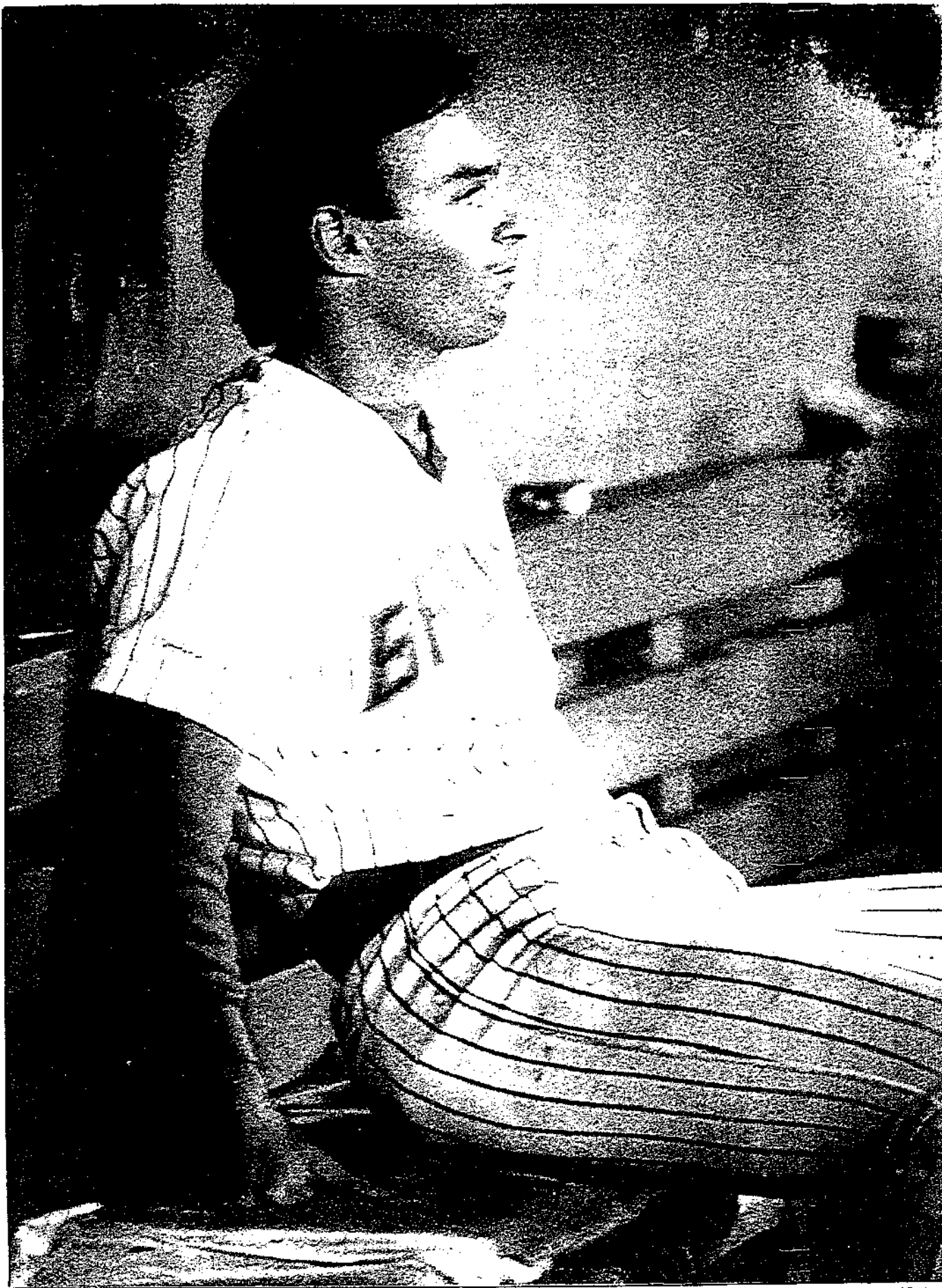
There are, however, a few issues that could require bitter negotiating. One of those concerns whether severance pay should be doled out on the spot or go into the players' pension fund. Another is the proposed cap on contracts for rookies.

Other bones of contention include the number of mini-camps, the amount of disciplinary fines and a decrease instead of an increase in option year salaries.

Right now, all the planning for the start of the season can go on. It's doubtful that there will be a strike before the opening games. However, the possibility looms large of the Players Association calling for a walkout three or four weeks into the season. That would be crippling to the owners.

So, while thinking about the glory we know as football season, in the back of your mind should be the possibility that the season will be abbreviated because the two sides in a labor dispute are too stubborn to talk seriously before the problem gets out of hand.

That isn't bargaining in good faith.



PAUL MOLITOR watches 10th-inning action last night after going 0-for-4 against the Indians.

Molitor stops at 39

Left on deck as game ends

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Think Paul Molitor had an emotional evening? How about Rick Manning.

Here was Manning, a reserve outfielder in his 14th major-league season, celebrating a rare game-winning hit, and yet the fans were booing.

They had wanted Manning to fail, because in doing so Molitor, the next batter, would have one more chance to succeed.

But Manning didn't fail, singling to center to drive in the only run as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Cleveland Indians 1-0 last night. More importantly, at least to the fans, was that Molitor's 39-game hitting streak had ended.

And so they booed.

"The irony is the distortion of priorities. You have the home team win in extra innings and the crowd goes silent," said Molitor, who was hitless in four at-bats against Cleveland rookie John Farrell.

"It was meant to be 39 and not 40," Molitor said. "I went up to Rick and he said, 'Sorry,'" Molitor recalled. "And I said 'Sorry? You won the game.'"

Molitor struck out in the first inning, grounded into a double play in the third and grounded out in the sixth.

In the eighth, in what turned out to be his final plate appearance, Molitor came up with a runner at second and two out. The situation called for Molitor, a .365 hitter, to be walked intentionally to set up a force play.

But Cleveland Manager Doc Edwards and Farrell decided to give Molitor one more chance.

"After 39 games, we felt the percentages were against him," Edwards said. "If it was every going to stop, this would be the night."

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Terp runners an untested bunch

Lowery's 317 yards lead tailbacks

By BRETT FRIEDLANDER
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COLLEGE PARK — Bren Lowery can hardly be called an experienced college football player.

In fact, he's hardly had an opportunity to prove himself.

The 5-foot-10½, 182-pound sprinter didn't see regular action until the sixth game of the 1986 season. Even then, it took injuries to regulars Alvin Blount and Tommy Neal to get him into the lineup.

He's gained just 317 yards and scored but one touchdown in his career.

Yet he's the veteran of the University of Maryland running back corps.

"That's the great question mark on this team — the ground attack," Terrapin running backs coach Tony Whittlesley, himself a newcomer to College Park, said. "Even with Bren, there's not a whole lot of experience there."

Lowery, a red-shirt sophomore, will team with freshmen Arnold Walker and Mike Beasley at tailback in head coach Joe Krivak's pro-set offense. Neither backups has played a down of college football.

Sophomore Dennis Spinelli, junior Keith Bullock and converted linebacker Jack Bradford — another freshman — are the top candidates at fullback.

All have great potential, according to their coaches.

But the question remains, how will they hold up once the season starts and the pressure begins to build?

"People may not have heard of us, but we've got a lot of talent here," Lowery said. "Our experience is a little shaky, but I feel confident — everyone feels confident — we'll be able to do what it takes to win the (Atlantic Coast Conference) title."

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Agents approached Ra'oof

By BRETT FRIEDLANDER
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COLLEGE PARK — Three University of Maryland football players, including former Northeast High star Azizuddin Abdur-Ra'oof, were contacted by sports agents prior to the start of fall practice, the trio confirmed yesterday.

Abdur-Ra'oof, tight end Ferrell Edmunds and linebacker Kevin Walker all said they refused to talk with the agents and immediately reported the incidents to the Maryland coaching staff.

"I told them to talk to me after the season," said Abdur-Ra'oof, a wide receiver rated highly by NFL scouts prior to an Achilles tendon injury

last season. "If they want, I told them to send letters to the football office."

A number of standout players, including Ohio State receiver Cris Carter and Pittsburgh running back Charles Gladman, have been declared ineligible by the NCAA for signing contracts with agents while still in college.

Carter's agents — Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom — are currently under investigation by law enforcement officials.

Maryland head coach Joe Krivak, who has stepped up his counseling efforts among the players within the last five days, said he is concerned

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New route set for 10-Mile Run

3,000 expected to compete Sunday

By JOE GROSS
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During the past 12 years, the Annapolis 10 Mile Run has grown from a whimsical idea to one of the best known running events in the middle Atlantic states.

The initial run saw five people run from Severna Park High School to the Annapolis City Dock.

Not many people really cared and when now House of Representatives delegate John Astle bragged of winning that non-event, a lot of people chuckled.

To be honest, they thought Astle and his four friends were a little crazy. The running craze was not yet in full swing and it was not a normal thing for people to go out and run 10 miles on a Sunday morning.

A lot has changed since that day in 1976. This year 3,000 runners have entered the run, which will be run.

Astle will again be one of the runners starting at 8 a.m. from the east parking lot of the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

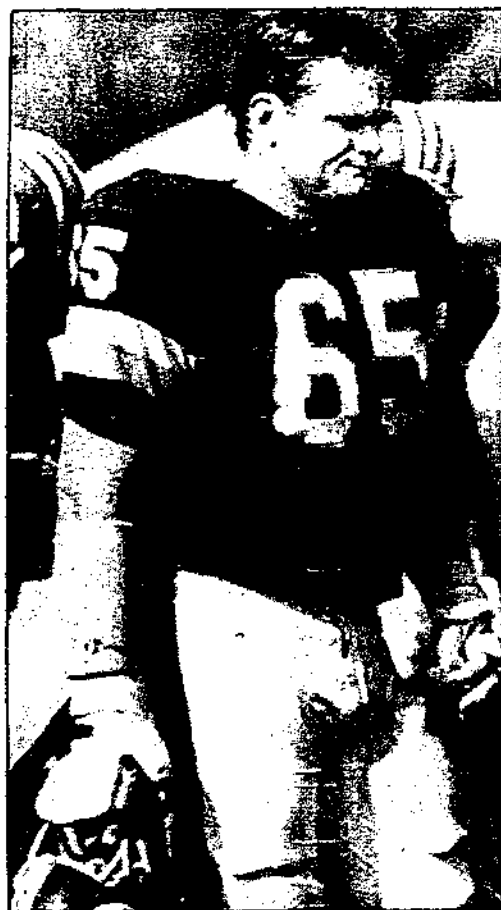
The competitors are no longer a group of friends out for a lark. Many are serious runners who earn pocket money from the sport, though the sponsoring Annapolis Striders running club, another outgrowth of this event, say they give no prize or appearance money.

The event also has a list of sponsors now. First National Bank of Maryland, Chesapeake Bay Distributors and Lite Beer by Miller and the Entre Computer Center of Annapolis.

This year's route being used for the first time. It is, according to race director Dick Hillman, an improved course.

"We will surely have a course record," Hillman said, in a deadpan expression. The new course goes

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TACKLE DAVE Butz, shown in early August, and the rest of the Redskins closed camp yesterday.

Upbeat Redskins close camp

By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

CARLISLE, Pa. — The Washington Redskins are home again after spending a more than a month cramped together in a dormitory on the campus of Dickinson College.

"Everybody's getting on each other's nerves here," said quarterback Jay Schroeder yesterday afternoon. "It's time to get going."

Schroeder didn't have to wait long. Moments after the players pelted Russ Grimm, Charles Mann and Clint Didier with water balloons at the conclusion of the evening practice, most of the team was scrambling to hit the road.

The three players got the water bath because it was the first time in years that they participated in every training camp practice.

The Redskins were scheduled to break camp today, but Washington Coach Joe Gibbs surprised the team by dismissing them early, in part to avoid the extensive damage the players traditionally inflict

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Thursday	Soccer
BASEBALL	Eleven players return from last season to anchor Navy's soccer team Page C3
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AUTO RACING	Baseball C2
10 p.m. — USAC Midwesterns in Indianapolis, ESPN	Golf C4
LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES	Hockey C6
5:30 p.m. — Semifinal game 1, ESPN	Recreation C7
8 p.m. — Semifinal game 2, ESPN	Outdoors C9
Friday	NFL C10
GOLF	Sailing C11
3 p.m. — World Championship of Women's Golf 2nd round, ESPN	
4 p.m. — World Series of Golf, 2nd round, USA	

Good time for flounder, bluefish

Legal size flounder, from 12 to 16 inches long, are in the bay off Annapolis, along with snapper bluefish

Wally Holman of Hilsmere and I decided to check on this, and trapped three-inch bull minnows, rigged bottom fishing spreaders with 1/0 size spinner hooks and one-ounce sinkers on spinning rods and reels with 10-pound test Stren lines and worked the hard bottom at a depth of 10 feet. This drift fishing was done just north of Thomas Point Light Aug. 19

When the tide was slack, we did not get a bite. But when the tide started to come in flounder started to bite and we netted three flaties. All were 15 inches long and weighed about two pounds

We hooked our minnow baits through the lips from the bottom side, using only the liveliest

We did try some soft crab baits that took three snappers about a foot long — the first I have taken

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this year

We also tried trolling a No. 15 red and white Tony spoon that took snapper blues when breaking at Buoy 975

Wally returned to the same area with two buddies two days later and each landed a pair of legal 15 inch fluke, plus one undersized flounder they released along with more than a dozen toadfish (brown trout)

I checked another report of snapper bluefish arriving in South River Friday and after four hours of trolling at the best places, I did not find any there. But, I did see schools of alewives there that should attract snapper blues soon

Robert Arndt of Reisterstown caused a stir among swimmers at Sandy Point Park beach Saturday morning when he rented a skiff baited with live whole bluefish, hooked and played for an hour a 9-foot bull shark. The shark was estimated to weigh some 375 pounds. Arndt is said to have made a similar shark catch there several years ago. This time he used rope to drag his prize to the dock

Our 1987 drought has made the bay extra-salty and you can expect to catch species of fish not usually found in the upper bay. It is likely that black seabass will show off Kent Island soon, tautog at the Gas Plant and Spanish mackerel near Sharps Island. Capt. Bill O'Bannon drifted a

live spot bait near the wreck of *The Davidson* last week and landed a 15-pound cobia in his chumline that also produced a dozen bluefish in the six to eight pound class

Puppy drum flounder, seatrout, hardheads and spot are all biting in Southern Maryland waters where bottom fishing is giving away to trolling catches of two to three pound trout on small bucktails at the Chinese Muds in the mouth of the Patuxent River

Experienced skippers get 40 to 100 trout per trip

Flounder catches are good to excellent in Cornfield Harbor, at the gas plant above Cove Point, and off St. Jerome's Creek on sandy bottom

Speckled trout and puppy drum are taking soft crab baits in the rocky shallows of the shoreline. Big bluefish were hard to find last week, but three to six pound blues hit well in the surf at the Point Lookout beach

3,000 to try new 10-Mile Run course

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from the stadium to Taylor Avenue then turns right on Rowe Boulevard heading into town

The runners will be strung out as they cut across Church Circle and down the hill on Main Street. At the bottom of the hill they turn onto Randall Street heading toward King George Street. That's where the course changes

The runners will now turn into the Naval Academy Gate No. 1. They will pass the field house and run along the seawall, then follow the roadway through the back end of the academy and exit the grounds at Gate No. 8

There, the runners turn right onto Old Annapolis Boulevard and cross

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the old Severn River bridge. Once over the water the field turns right and follows Old Annapolis Boulevard to St. Margaret's Road, where they turn right again

The runners turn left onto Meadow

Valley and left again at Meadow Hill, then wind their way through Long Green Drive, Gate Drive and Severn Ridge Road onto Gov. Ritchie Highway

They run down the hill, back across the old Severn River bridge up the toughest hill of the course to Annapolis Street, then turn right on Taylor Avenue and head back to the stadium

On the stadium grass, the runners run three quarters of a lap to the finish line

The men's and women's records for the previous course were both established in 1982 when the temperatures and humidity were below normal

The holder of the women's record for the old course is Eleanor Simon, sick of Washington, who will be running Sunday

This year, for the first time there will be team competition. Teams will consist of six runners with the first five to finish scoring the points. Thirty teams have entered. Spectators are invited

The Striders sent letters to all residents along the route of the run, sanctioned by The Athletics Congress and the Road Runners Club of America, telling them of inconveniences they might encounter, such as the old Severn River bridge remaining closed from 8:15 until 9:30 Sunday morning

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