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Annapolis' Melisa White, a member of the women's 17-and-under team gets ready to fire a shot, at a water polo practice.

SHOCKER

Annapolis group stuns water polo opponents

By JOE GROSS

Associate Sports Editor

One of the rarest occurrences in sports is having a championship water polo team at any level from anywhere outside of California.

One of those rare champions is from Annapolis. Annapolis won the boys' 15-and-under National Junior Olympic championship in Florida earlier this month.

It is a team made up almost exclusively of young men who began playing water polo after joining the Navy Junior swimming program. It is a team of boys who hardly knew what water polo was a few years ago, admits coach Mike Schofield.

The team was one of three taken from the 3-year-old Annapolis program to the competition at Orlando, Fla. The Annapolitans represented one of 62 districts from across the country, nine of which got to the national championships in each age group.

"A lot of areas have no teams, but California has its own tournaments just to get teams to the nationals," Schofield said. Because of the California dominance in the sport, once the Annapolis 15s won their first game over a Stanford entry, the players from all the teams outside of California became their cheering section.

"It was sort of like an East vs. West thing," said Schofield, who coached the championship team to victories over four of the best teams in all of California.

"The Californians were upset, to say the least," Schofield said with the flash of a happy smile. "They were not happy, but this

is very good for the development of the sport.

"The championship was not a fluke. It was a very pleasant surprise to me, but it was not a fluke. We won almost every game by three goals," added Schofield, who said he did not want to take credit for the success of the Annapolis teams at the tournament.

"It was very gratifying. These kids spent a lot of time this summer training. The kids gave up their vacations and a lot of fun time to work for what they got," Schofield said. "We worked out about 12 hours a week and played tournaments almost every weekend."

The hard work paid off with the championship for the 15s. The men's 17-and-under team finished third, going 4-2 against the top notch competition, and the women's 17-and-under team, in its first truly prestigious competition, finished fourth in the tournament.

"We had three teams, but it was amazing how everyone supported everyone else. The girls were cheering at the guys' games and the guys were at the women's games cheering them on," Schofield explained.

One of the things that made the championship all the better is that Schofield feels that the 15-and-under bracket was the strongest in the tournament.

"Our players are very good, but they're still young athletes and still learning about the game and still developing physically," Schofield said. "I do foresee some of our players being on top level water polo teams a few years down the road. They are that good."

Chris Tengwall, one of the former Annapolitans, was selected first team All-America as a result of the Junior Olympics success. On the

second team are goalie Joe Alton and field players Brad Schumacher and John Sanchez.

In the 17-and-under age group Phillip Quinton and Danny Brown earned first team notice, while Chris Tomscheck was second team.

Schofield, who is also the varsity water polo coach at the Naval Academy, noted that just three members of the team are from outside Annapolis. One is the brother of a Navy player. Another is the son of a former assistant coach here. The third is the son of a former Navy man who had been stationed at the academy. All the others came out of the Navy Juniors program.

Schofield praised the assistants Ron Atkins, Bruce Wigo, who has two sons in the program, and second lieutenant Brian Bell, a former Navy player.

Schofield's program has already started sending water polo players from this area to college teams. Some of the young players are beginning to express interest in the Navy program.

Members of the national championship team include Alton, Schumacher, Tengwall, Sanchez, Chad Aronson, Wolf Wigo, Jay Snay and Eric Schultz.

The 17-and-under men's team was made up of Quinton, Wigo, Tomscheck, Brown, Chuck Snay, Andy Cavalleri, Chris Jansen, Reb Cobb and Bob Zimmermann.

The women's contingent was Trish McGuire, Carrie Basye, Jennifer Brizzie, Kristy Dickey, Allison Donovan, Dana Goldstein, Vicki Gorman, Cindy Shepherd, Melissa White and Lauren Wigo.

'Skins give nod to Grant

Manley due back Monday

HERNDON, Va. (AP) — Washington Redskins defensive tackle Dean Hamel has lost his bid to take the starting job away from Darryl Grant, but he can console himself with the knowledge that he will see increased playing time at the position.

Hamel and Grant have been competing for the starting job since late last month. There's still one preseason game left, against Atlanta this tomorrow, but Hamel said the battle is over.

"I think they've already made their decision," Hamel said. "Darryl had a good camp, so I have no complaints."

"The guy's been here for eight years and I've been here for four, and that makes a big difference," he added. "They've been to war with him in three Super Bowls, so there isn't much I can say."

The good news, Hamel said, is that he has performed well. So, even though he won't be starting, he shouldn't be spending too much time on the sideline.

"This doesn't mean I'm going to be sitting on the bench," Hamel said. "I know I'm going to get a lot of time on defense this year. Dave (Butz) is getting up in age (38), and they have more confidence in me now. I think there will be a lot of switching around."

Defensive line coach LaVern Torgeson said Grant should start in the regular season opener Sept. 5, but it is likely Butz, Grant and Hamel would all see plenty of action this fall.

"We'll end up alternating all three," Torgeson said. "We intend to keep all of them fresh, you know,

"They've been to war with him in three Super Bowls, so there isn't much I can say."

use different guys on third downs or maybe alternate them each series."

Hamel has spent much of the past three years running amok on all the Redskins' special teams. But it's tough for a player to sprint 50 yards under a punt and then line up on defense, so Torgeson said Hamel should get a break this season.

"I don't think he'll play as much on special teams as last year," Torgeson said. "But he's in real good shape. He could do both if he had to."

In other news, Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said defensive end Dexter Manley will participate in his first team practice on Monday. Manley, who received a 30-day suspension from the NFL for substance abuse, was eligible to return today.

But Gibbs decided against taking Manley with the team to Birmingham, Ala., for the game against the Falcons. And, since the Redskins were to merely hold a brief practice today, Gibbs figured it was best to begin working with Manley next week.

Meanwhile, Gibbs said he had enough of all the speculation concerning a possible trade involving backup quarterback Jay Schroeder.

"I'm tired of talking about it," Gibbs said.

Runners striding for top condition

By JOE GROSS

Associate Sports Editor

Every runner who has entered Sunday morning's Annapolis 10-Mile Run has been intently watching the five-day forecast given by area weathermen.

The weather can be critical to anyone running 10 miles. It can determine the times runners can shoot for. It can determine the amount of activity for the emergency personnel who will be on hand along the course. It can determine the Sunday afternoon condition of the runners.

The Annapolis 10-mile Run gets underway 8 a.m. at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, with 3,500 runners registered for the event.

It is imperative that runners be in condition to run in the 10-mile event. Anyone who has not trained sufficiently should not attempt to run the event.

The Annapolis Striders put out

such a warning in the pamphlet that informed registrants that they would be official runners.

The running club, formed because of the 10-mile run, has also sponsored a series of training runs for anyone wishing to build their endurance leading up to the event itself.

Because of the heat and humidity that is almost a constant in this region, it is especially important to be in tip top physical condition.

A training program consisting of a minimum of eight 20-mile weeks is recommended, especially for the novice runner. Included in the training program should be a number of runs of seven or more miles on hot days.

Despite all the warnings, there are always runners who are not adequately conditioned. Invariably, they end up being cared for by the emergency units.

In addition to the conditioning, (Continued on Page D4, Col. 5)

INSIDE SPORTS

LITTLE LEAGUE: Hawaii, with a pair of one-run victories, advanced to tomorrow's Little League World Series game against Taiwan. C2.

BASEBALL: Reggie Jackson has denied a report that he is negotiating with the Yankees to return as a player next month. C2.

OLYMPICS: Carl Lewis and the U.S. Olympic Track & Field coach have cooled their feud, so Lewis will be "Goin' For The Gold" — four times — once again. C3.

FOOTBALL: Nebraska and Texas A&M will kick off the 1988 college football season in tomorrow night's sixth annual Kickoff Classic. C3.

NFL: The Philadelphia Eagles, behind the passing of Randall Cunningham and three sacks by Reggie White, routed the Detroit Lions 27-9 in the final preseason workout for both teams. C2.

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Mourning belongs in classroom, not Seoul

Alonzo Mourning has proved he belongs on the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

Now, for his own good, Coach John Thompson must cut him.

It's not that Mourning, who is attempting to become the first high school player ever to make the U.S. hoop squad, hasn't earned the opportunity to represent his country next month in Seoul.

His performance this summer against some top college and NBA players has more than answered any questions about his credentials.

The problem is a matter of timing.

Since the Olympics are being held so late this year — the basketball tournament won't end until Sept. 30 — Mourning would be forced to miss over a month of classes from his first semester of college at Georgetown in order to

participate.

School starts next Wednesday.

Most likely, he would have to skip the fall semester entirely and begin his studies when school reopens after the holidays.

That would probably make him ineligible for the Hoyas' first few early-season games.

What's worse, it would mean the Virginia schoolboy star would have to dive directly into the rigors of big-time college basketball without first getting his feet wet academically.

The pressure involved and the potential for failure — in the classroom more than the basketball court — is not worth the benefits gained by his participation in the Olympic experience.

Hopefully Thompson understands the dangers involved with the youngster's selection to the team. As Mourning's future

SPORTS COMMENT



By BRETT FRIEDLANDER

college coach, one would think he does.

Face it: The U.S. will go to Seoul as the overwhelming favorite to win the gold medal with or without Alonzo Mourning.

There are too many proven stars on this team for it not to succeed.

And, with the likes of David Robinson, Danny Manning and

J.R. Reid on the roster, Mourning's Olympic playing time would be minimal at best.

So why take him?

The only possible reason would be as an insurance policy to protect against the dangers of foul trouble or injuries to either Robinson or Reid — the team's top two big men.

Mourning has averaged 2.5 points and 1.5 rebounds in just over six minutes of playing time per game, in four contests against NBA all-stars this month. His is likely to see even less playing time when the games start to count.

A veteran backup player like defensive-whiz Stacey Augmon would seem a more logical choice to fill the role of 12th man.

Apparently, Thompson is beginning to think along those lines too.

The enigmatic Georgetown

coach has chosen to keep his prized recruit on the bench in each of the Olympic team's last two exhibition games against NBA all-stars.

That's probably a sign that Thompson, who said he has virtually settled on his final 12-man roster, is planning to leave Mourning home.

Still, the coach appears in no hurry to make the two remaining cuts. He has until Sept. 2 to do so.

If he keeps Mourning, he'll be accused of endangering the future of a promising student athlete. If he cuts him, the coach will open himself up to criticism that he isn't interested in fielding the strongest team possible.

Thompson can take the heat.

So hopefully — when the time comes — he'll pat Mourning on the back, congratulate him for a job well done, then send him off to school where he belongs.

NFL

Rooney was NFL's last link to not-so-golden days

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Art Rooney Sr. is dead. So is an era in American professional sports history.

Rooney, the patriarchal Pittsburgh Steelers founder who died yesterday at age 87, was the NFL's last remaining link to its not-so-golden days, when college football was king and pro football was a forgotten stepchild.

"When I first bought the team (in 1932), pro football wasn't a hop, skip and a jump from semi-pro football. Maybe just a hop," said Rooney, the only owner in the Steelers' 56-year history.

Now, an NFL player now makes more money than Rooney paid his entire team in the 1930s. Some Phoenix Cardinals' season-ticket holders pay \$200 a ticket per game; the Steelers' gate receipts once were \$500 a game.

Oh, how things changed. Art Rooney never did. "He was the most popular figure in sports history," Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell said.

"Sadly, we have lost Art Rooney. He was a great sportsman and humanitarian. It's the end of a glorious era in professional sports ... the last of the founders of the NFL has passed away," said New York Jets owner Leon Hess.

They're all gone now, those larger-

than-life legends of the NFL: George Halas, George Preston Marshall, Curly Lambeau. And Art Rooney.

"Art Rooney was a man who belonged to the entire world of sports," said NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle. "It is questionable whether any sports figure was more universally loved and respected."

Rooney, who will be buried Saturday, was the most unpretentious of millionaires, a kindly grandfather to thousands of players and fans, and, unquestionably, Pittsburgh's most popular resident.

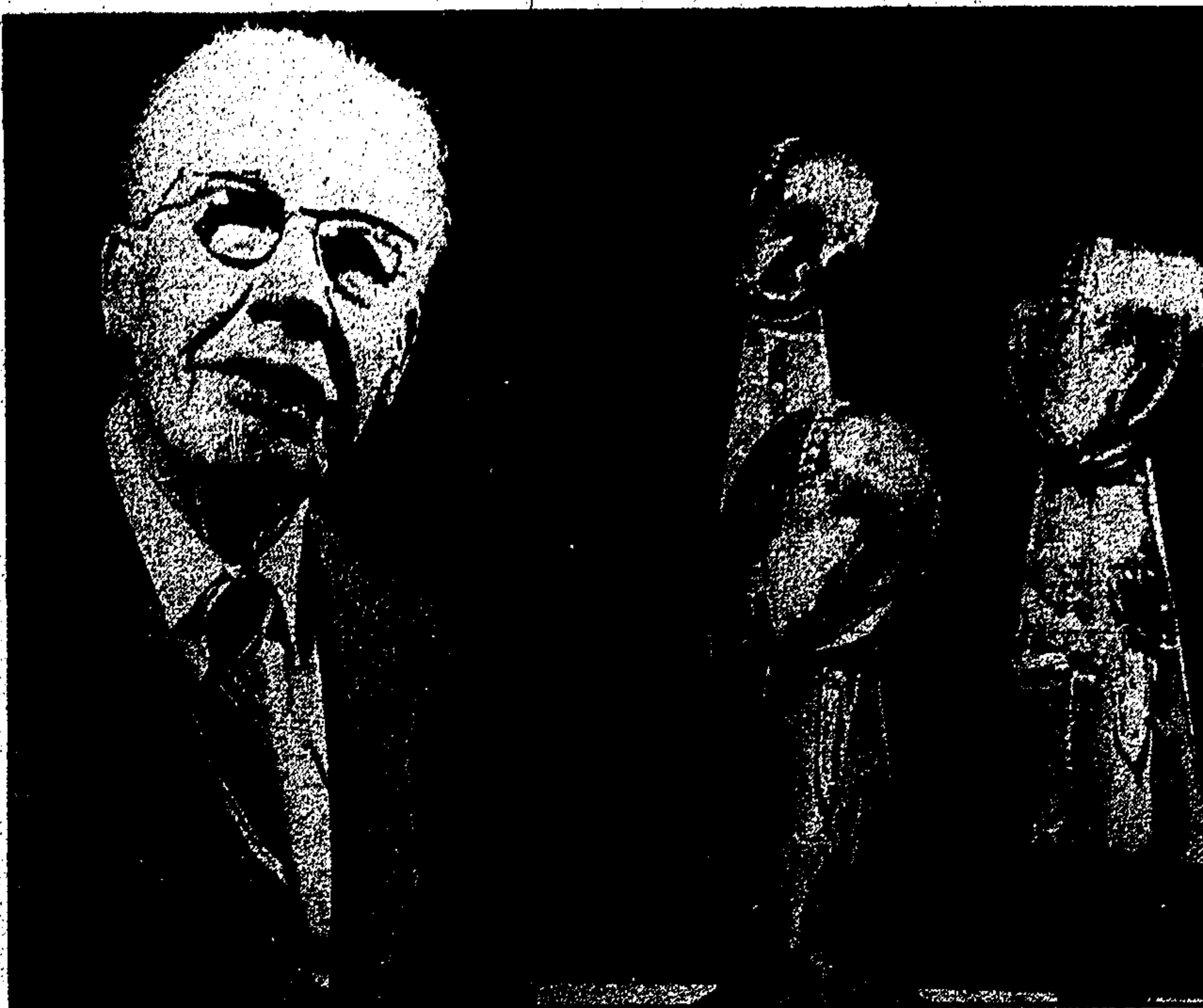
Known as "The Chief" to even his most casual acquaintances, Rooney never forgot his roots, an old friend or a neighbor.

"Art Rooney typified the spirit of our city," Mayor Sophie Masloff said.

"He was a real American hero," said Gov. Robert P. Casey.

Rooney loved Pittsburgh, and the feeling was mutual. He always had time for the man in the street, the fan in the stands, the custodian as well as the corporate chief. He could have lived anywhere he wanted, but he chose to remain in the same North Side red brick house he called home for 50 years.

"He was a very humble person," former Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw said. "Losing or winning, he was no different. It didn't matter



Art Rooney Sr.'s Pittsburgh Steelers won three Super Bowl titles.

whether he was talking to the Pope or a bum in the street. He treated everybody the same."

Rooney died at 7:45 a.m. EDT Thursday of complications from the stroke that hospitalized him last week. He lapsed into a coma Monday and never regained consciousness. When doctors detected no

brain functions and medicine was unable to maintain his blood pressure, they gradually removed him from a respirator.

Rooney's family, including his five sons, was at his bedside.

The death of Pittsburgh's most beloved resident touched off an outpouring of sympathy and sadness.

Flags in the city were lowered to half-staff on all public buildings, and radio and TV stations aired memorial programs.

Players and coaches at the Steelers' training camp in Latrobe choked back tears when they heard the news, and former Super Bowl star Joe Greene wept openly.

"He truly was one of the finest people I ever met," Greene said. "It's a sad time for sure, not just for me personally, but for the Steelers."

Steelers coach Chuck Noll, who rarely shows emotion, was grief-stricken.

"He led a long, fruitful and productive life," Noll said. "He is going to be missed, there is no doubt about it."

Bradshaw cut short a KDKA-TV interview when he began crying on the air.

"I'm blessed for having known him. I loved him," Bradshaw said.

New York Giants co-owner Wellington Mara, a long-time friend, said Rooney "leaves a legacy of decency he has contributed to the NFL for half a century."

Jim Finks, the New Orleans Saints general manager, called his seven years as a Steelers' player "the most important years of my life. (Rooney) was always there for you, win or lose. The example he set for us is something I have never forget-

ten. He had the greatest 'people skill' of anyone that I have ever known."

Nice guys finish last, and Rooney's Steelers frequently were tailenders in their first 40 seasons of existence. The "Same Old Steelers" were a standing joke in Pittsburgh, a laughing stock of a team that couldn't win for losing.

But Rooney's luck, and the Steelers' fortunes, changed in the 1970s. They hired Noll, a cerebral, determined head coach, and began a fortuitous run of draft day successes that brought in Greene, Bradshaw, Lynn Swann and Jack Lambert.

Once a disaster, the Steelers became a dynasty. Rooney, the one-time lovable loser, was the revered chief of the most successful franchise in pro sports.

There were few dry eyes in the locker room on Jan. 12, 1975, when Rozelle presented Rooney with his first Super Bowl title trophy.

"He put the right people in the right spots and was positive and supportive," Swann said. "We all loved him."

The day he died, city residents jammed radio talk show lines to pass along their memories of Art Rooney. Rooney knew long ago how he wanted to be remembered.

"I'd like to be remembered as a good guy," he said.

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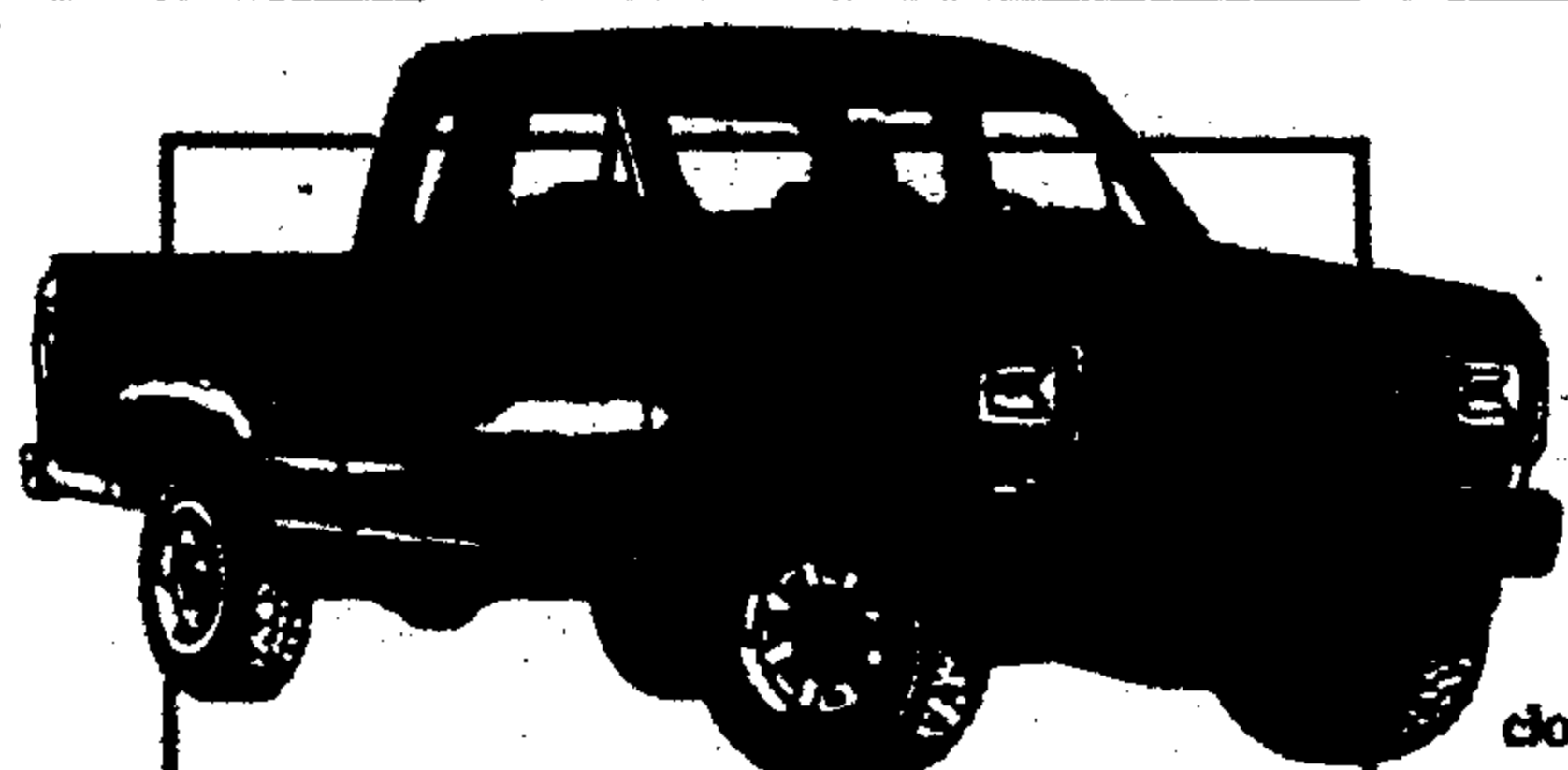


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Detroit completes winless preseason

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Motown has been Showtown in professional sports recently. The Detroit Pistons, Tigers and Red Wings have been division winners in the last year.

Their NFL counterparts, the Lions, would settle for any kind of win right about now. But they won't get one in the exhibition season.

The Philadelphia Eagles, behind the passing of Randall Cunningham and three sacks by Reggie White, routed the Lions 27-9 last night in the final preseason game for both teams. The victory left Philadelphia 2-2, while the Lions finished 0-4, their worst preseason mark since 1966.

"Right now, we have no continuity or rhythm," Lions quarterback Chuck Long said. "We have to do something about that this week. It's frustrating (to go 0-4) but it doesn't count. We have to go back to the drawing board."

And they don't have much time. On Sept. 4, they Lions open the regular season at home to another struggling squad, the Atlanta Falcons.

"I'm concerned but I'm not alarmed," defensive end Eric Williams said. "I'm not pushing any panic buttons. If things don't start falling against Atlanta, then I'll push the panic button."

"The new attitude is going to show next week or it will just be a bunch of lip service. I'm going to be one of the guys who won't let it die."

While the Lions are trying to survive, the Eagles might be flourishing, especially if Cunningham keeps improving. He completed 19 of 25 passes for 245 yards, including a 49-yard TD to Mike Quick in the first quarter.

"As Cunningham goes, so go the Eagles," Coach Buddy Ryan said. "If the rest of the team comes up to Cunningham's level, we'll be all right."

The Eagles rushed for 127 yards and held Detroit to 27; had 24 first downs to 13 for Detroit; and added six sacks.

BILLS 14, BUCCANEERS 7

At Nashville, Tenn., Jim Kelly hit on nine of 12 passes and threw for a touchdown in the first half. Kelly passed for 86 yards before leaving at halftime with a slightly sprained ankle.

After Tampa Bay took a 7-0 lead on a 41-yard pass from Vinny Testaverde to Frank Pillow, rookie Thurman Thomas swept seven yards for a touchdown at the end of an 82-yard drive.

On the next series, Testaverde was intercepted by Ray Bentley and Kelly marched the Bills 45 yards in

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

Yesterday's Games	
Buffalo 14, Tampa Bay 7	
Philadelphia 27, Detroit 9	
Denver 21, Indianapolis 20	
Phoenix 41, Kansas City 21	
Today's Games	
Cincinnati at New England, 7 p.m.	
Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	
Seattle at San Francisco, 9 p.m.	
Los Angeles Raiders at Chicago, 9 p.m.	
New York Giants at Cleveland, 9 p.m.	
Los Angeles Rams at San Diego, 11 p.m.	
Tomorrow's Games	
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 12:30 p.m.	
New York Jets vs. Green Bay at Madison, Wis., 2 p.m.	
Atlanta vs. Washington at Birmingham, Ala., 7 p.m.	
Houston at Dallas, 9 p.m.	

seven plays, capping the drive with a 1-yard touchdown pass to Jamie Mueller.

CARDINALS 41, CHIEFS 21

Neil Lomax wiped out the memory of a subpar preseason by completing 12 of 15 passes, including his first touchdown pass. Vai Sikahema scored on an 81-yard punt return and Tony Jeffery had an 80-yard touchdown run as Phoenix won its first game of the exhibition season. Cliff Stoudt also threw a touchdown pass for the Cardinals, while Bill Kenney had a 46-yard scoring pass for host Kansas City.

BRONCOS 21, COLTS 20

John Elway and Eric Dickerson, the resident stars of each team, didn't disappoint. Elway, who left the game in the third quarter with a strained right shoulder, threw two touchdown passes to Ricky Nattiel. Dickerson rushed 17 times for 128 yards, including a 67-yard scoring dash in the third quarter.

The Colts held the edge in total offense, 449 yards to 362, but twice fumbled the ball away — at the Denver 7 and 1 yard lines — and Dean Biasucci was wide on a 55-yard field goal attempt on the final play of the game.

AROUND THE CAMPS

All-Pro tackle Gary Zimmerman came to terms with the Vikings, leaving defensive tackle Doug Martin as the lone holdout.

RUNNING

Runners stride for top condition

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Runners are best prepared by eating a lot of carbohydrates, which is the reason for the club putting on its spaghetti buffet on Saturday evening. Runners also should be fully hydrated before starting the run.

Water will be available for the runners at the start, at three locations on the course and at the finish. The runners are prompted to take in liquid wherever they can.

There will be many course monitors looking for runners in distress.

Runners are also asked to report any such runners out of sight of the monitors so that paramedics can be notified.

Runners experiencing dizziness, stoppage of perspiration, nausea, confusion or muscle cramping should stop running immediately and ask a course monitor for assistance or ask another runner to inform a monitor of their condition.

In addition to paramedic units, doctors from the Sports Medicine Center of Annapolis will be on hand.