

Sports Probe

NFL '78

by Steve K. Walz

Well, it's that time of the year again when housewives across the continent succumb to the call of the referee's whistle signifying the start of another pro football season, transforming them into instant football widows!

This year the weekly bone-crunching follies will be extended by two weeks giving millions of armchair athletes the opportunity to see their club wallow or challenge for a post-season berth in the playoffs. On paper it would appear that all 24 teams have gone to great lengths to try and upgrade their talent and with a slightly expanded roster the action should be highly entertaining.

Below you will find a fearless forecast of what might transpire during the coming season with a brief insight as to why each team may end up in a certain position in the standings.

National Conference

EAST

Dallas Cowboys—As long as quarterback Roger Staubach and his two favorite targets, Tony Dorsett and Drew Pearson stay healthy the Texas squad will be the toast of pro football.

St. Louis Cardinals—Loss of Terry Metcalf hurts immensely. There's also dissonance amongst the ranks which has the Cards stacked against them. A 500 season will not be surprising.

New York Giants—The Meadowlands squad has one of the best defenses in the league. If coach John McVay can generate some offense from the running back and quarterback positions the Giants may elevate to second place and grab a playoff spot.

Washington Redskins—The over-the-hill gang continues to degenerate. This should be a strictly rebuilding year but one never knows with the Redskins.

Philadelphia Eagles—I have a hunch that the Eagles may surprise many astute football observers before the season is out. Offensively, the Eagles are set. It's the defense that has the experts worried.

CENTRAL

Chicago Bears—I'm going out on a limb and predicting

that the Windy City squad will rise to new heights with Payton and Avellin. Unlike Buffalo, where O.J. Simpson's exploits couldn't be appreciated because of a leaky defense, Chicago possesses defensive standouts like Doug Buffone and Mike Hartenstein.

Minnesota Vikings—Like the Redskins, "Father Time" has caught up with the Vikes. Quarterback Fran Tarkenton has just about had it and replacement Tom Kramer deserves a shot at the starting position. The front office drafted some fine replacements for their aging defense but that will take time.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers—The sleeping giant of pro football. The defense was amongst the best in the league last year and with top draft pick quarterback Doug Williams from Grambling and running backs Ricky Bell and Johnny Davis, the Bucs may be better than most people think.

Detroit Lions—The Lions are a basically good team but they are a rollercoaster-type club. One week they look great, the next week they're horrendous. Some of their problems may be solved if they could get a signal-caller who could take charge of the offense.

Green Bay Packers—Bart Starr has a sad team on his hands. There is a nucleus of good players to build around but it's taking too long for the impatient Packer fans. Starr's job is in jeopardy.

WEST

Los Angeles Rams—As usual, the Rams are extremely adept at winning and coming up with blue-chip draft picks like running back Elvin Kirk. But come playoff time, will they be motivated enough to win it all? Despite their coaching problems the Rams are my pick for Super Bowl contention.

San Francisco 49ers—O.J. will have a great season and Jim Plunkett may regain his touch. If the defense jells the 49ers may give the Rams a run for their money.

Atlanta Falcons—One of the best defenses in all of football. A healthy (quarterback) Steve Bartkowski would go a long way toward

helping their anemic offense. If both mesh, the Falcons could be wild-card contenders.

New Orleans Saints—The mystery team of pro football. They have the tools to be contenders but one week the offense fails and another week the defense goes pfft...

American Conference

EAST

Baltimore Colts—The Colts are loaded offensively and if Lydell Mitchell can put his contractual problems behind him, the Colts could be the toast of the AFC. Bert Jones is probably the best signal-caller in the game.

New England Patriots—Loss of Daryl Stingley will hurt but Pats have rookie Carlos Pennywell to fill the void. The Pats may be a bit weaker this year defensively, which may cost them a notch in the standings as the club from southern Florida brings up the rear.

Miami Dolphins—The club is ready to roll again with Bob Griese at the helm and an eager Guy Benjamin waiting in the wings. Dolphins may have a problem at the full and halfback positions but the team won't need to score in bundles if defense plays well.

New York Jets—Coach Walt Michaels is building a superpower in Queens and with burgeoning quarterback Richard Todd and a young and aggressive defense loaded with Penn State types, the Jets may be serious contenders within a year. This is the best young club in the league.

Buffalo Bills—Bills have wheeled and dealt right through the exhibition season and are beginning to show signs of improvement. Rookie running back Terry Miller might make fans forget about the "Juice." Biggest plus may be the club's revamped defensive backfield.

CENTRAL

Cincinnati Bengals—If everything meshes at once, including running back Archie Griffin, quarterback Ken Anderson and the Bengals defense, the Queen City club will win the division. Otherwise they could drop to as low as third place.

Pittsburgh Steelers—I

have a sneaking suspicion that the Steel City squad will begin to deteriorate in key positions, namely quarterback (Terry Bradshaw) and running back (Franco Harris). If that happens, expect the club to make drastic changes.

Houston Oilers—Another rollercoaster club that has the ingredients of a championship team. They have a dream backfield of Earl Campbell, Anthony Davis and free-wheeling signal-caller Don Pastorini. If those three terrorize NFL defenses with any regularity, they could conceivably win the division title.

Cleveland Browns—They need help at quarterback and in the defensive secondary but the Browns will be strong enough to muster up some upsets.

Denver Broncos—They deserve to win the division off of last year's performance but let's face it, the team didn't have much of a draft and unless Craig Morton displays consistency, the Broncos may be bridesmaids to the Raiders.

Oakland Raiders—Strong all over as usual. If there is one reason why the Oaks might not capture the division, it would lie within the fragility of Ken Stabler's legs and lack of depth on the bench in the running back department.

San Diego Chargers—They have all the ingredients of a playoff contender. So why don't they make the playoffs? I wish I knew the answer. They drafted well and have good players. If Dan Fouts leads the team, San Diego will go places. Otherwise they are a question mark as usual.

Kansas City Chiefs—Strictly a building year but front office should let Tony Adams have a shot at quarterback. He has a better arm than most people think. The team has the uncanny ability to give better teams a rough time. Upset capability.

Seattle Seahawks—By next year the Puget Sound squad will be ready to make a serious run toward the playoffs. Quarterback Jim Zorn can put points on the board and with a consistent running back and a developing defense, the Hawks will be a major nemesis this year.

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- 7:30
2 CANDID CAMERA
3 \$25,000 PYRAMID
10 CROCKETT'S VICTORY GARDEN Starting A New Lawn
12 ADAM 12
- 8:00
2 LAVERNE AND SHIRLEY
The 'Laverne And Shirley' comedy gang visits New York where Shirley finds sudden romance and Laverne is tricked into an instant engagement with Squiggy. (60 mins.)
- 8:00
6 SPIDER-MAN A modern, computer-controlled skyscraper is infiltrated by a former Army major, a computer expert, and their confederates during the dedication ceremonies and, with its occupants, held for a \$10-million ransom. Stars: Nicholas Hammond. (60 mins.)
- 8:00
3 BIG EVENT MOVIE 'Little Mo' Stars: Glynnis O'Connor, Michael Learned, Glynnis O'Connor stars as the late tennis great Maureen Connolly, who became the best woman player in the world at the age of 17, when she won the Grand Slam of Tennis. Despite little encouragement at home, Maureen decides at 9 to take up tennis seriously. (3 hrs.)
- 10 JAMES MICHENER'S WORLD 'Israel: A Search for Faith' The history of Israel as seen through the three religious heritages of the country: Judaism, Islam and Christianity, is studied. (60 mins.)
- 12 MOVIE (ROMANCE)***
"A Certain Smile" 1958 Rossano Brazzi, Joan Fontaine. Young French girl gets a lesson in life and love; the latter promised by an eligible, handsome young man, the former by a wealthy, attractive man-about-town. (2 hrs.)
- 9:00
2 ROOTS The most popular television program in history returns for an encore performance beginning this evening. The story traces the saga of one family, Alex Haley's, from its origin in Africa in 1750 through 100 years of slavery, growth and freedom in the U.S. In 1750, Kunta Kinte is born in West Africa. At 17, he is taken prisoner by slave catchers. Stars: LeVar Burton, Ed Asner. Pt. I; 2 hrs.
- 6 TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIE
"Happily Ever After" Stars: Suzanne Somers, Bruce Boxleitner. An aspiring singer is torn between making the most of her one chance at fame in Las Vegas with her fiancé-singer partner and dealing with the persistent courtship of an uninhibited, love-struck mountain man. (2 hrs.)
- 10 MOVIE (COMEDY)***
"Life With Father" 1947 William Powell, Irene Dunne. The story of the irascible head of a household in 1800's New York City. (2 hrs.)
- 12 NEWS 10:00
12 NEWSMAKERS 10:30
2 6 8 NEWS 11:00
10 DICK CAVETT SHOW
Guests: Songwriters Sammy Cahn, Alan Jay Lerner, Arthur Schwartz, Part I.
12 F.B.I.
- 11:30
2 TUESDAY MOVIE OF THE WEEK
"The Last Picture Show" Stars: Cybill Shepherd, Ben Johnson. The
- 12 MOVIE (COMEDY-MYSTERY)***
"Female" story of life in a small Texas town during the 1950's and how characters lives intertwine. (2 hrs., 30 mins.)
- 2 U.S. OPEN TENNIS HIGHLIGHTS Highlights of the day and night play, with Pat Summerall, Tony Trabert and Virginia Wade providing the commentary.
- 8 THE TONIGHT SHOW
"The Best Of Carson" Guests: Johnny Mathis, Charles Nelson Reilly, Peter Benchley and Clare Rutter. (R; 90 mins.)
- 11:45
6 CBS LATE MOVIE 'Don't Drink The Water' Stars: Jackie Gleason, Estelle Parsons. Two American tourists are on their way to Greece when their plane is hijacked behind the Iron Curtain. 'Banacek: To Steal A King' Stars: George Peppard, Brenda Vaccaro. (R)
- 12 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 12:00
3 TOMORROW Host: Tom Snyder. Guest: Carolyn Craven, former investigative reporter for a San Francisco TV station. (R, 60 mins.)
- 1:30
6 MOVIE (ADVENTURE)***
"Lightning Bolt" 1967 Anthony Eisley, Wandisa Leigh. A sabotage ring tries to blow up Cape Kennedy. (2 hrs.)
- 2:00
2 MEDICAL CENTER
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WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 6, 1978
EVENING

TV: The Family Viewpoint

by Beatrice Gross

"The 'Hulk' Can Teach Coping With Anger"

Most of us have learned to repress our anger. It may "eat us up," cause hives, ulcers and even send us into therapy. The power of anger—what it does to the person who feels it and those affected by it—is the theme of CBS-TV's "The Incredible Hulk" and you can use this program to learn more about your child and help your child understand himself and you better.

By comparing how the hero (the intelligent and sensitive Dr. David Banner) deals with his anger—why he fears it, how he reacts when angered, what makes him angry—with your reactions and your child's reactions, you can share something intimate in a calm moment when you can learn from such a discussion.

Dr. Banner (Bill Bixby) is doomed to wander the earth as a result of exposure to radioactive rays, and when he loses his temper he turns into a demented, primitive hulk with inhuman strength.

He is provoked not only by intentional acts of aggression but by unintended acts and accidental things that "just happen." It's the "stupid" things that provoke him that are especially useful to talk about.

We are often overtaken by powerful feelings. Even if we tell ourselves our anger is "unreasonable" we still react. Like Dr. Banner, we lose our tempers not only when people wrong us but when natural forces frustrate us and when others, who are weaker or who lack self-control, let us down.

Your child feels angry when the teacher yells, when her soda spills, when a friend gets a better present, when a rash keeps him from swimming, etc. Unlike the Hulk, your child's fears of what his anger may lead to are exaggerated. Like the Hulk, he or she probably doesn't cause harm.

Start by talking about the hero and the program. "Boy, could I get into it when he got mad and tore out of there. Did you have the same reaction?" Listen to what your child found most meaningful.

Ask, "Did you ever feel that mad about something I did?" Be willing to share the things that made you angry but try to avoid times your child provoked you. Don't turn it into a session that criticizes your child.

What's the point of such a talk? Your child will be learning how others cope with anger. You will learn what upsets your child and why. Most important, you can help your child discover he won't lose your love even when he is showing anger. We all need to be assured we'll be accepted when we express our deepest feelings.

Because the program is well written, parents and children will enjoy watching the Hulk together and because it's stimulating, discussion follows naturally from it.

Do remember, if you intend to talk about a show, the best time to do so is when you've just watched it. Turn off the set for a while so you don't become distracted by the next program.

Mrs. Gross wrote "The Children's Rights Movement," "Teaching Under Pressure" and other books.



Lou Ferrigno as the Hulk

8 DICK CLARK AND A CAST OF THOUSANDS Dick Clark introduces many of the features that will be a regular part of his new NBC-TV series, "Dick Clark's Live Wednesday." Appearing in this 'sneak preview' will be Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr., Paul Anka, Lou Rawls and many others. (2 hrs.)

10:00
6 INCREDIBLE HULK A highway duel between a girl truckdriver and two hijackers pits the Hulk against a huge trucking rig. (R; 60 mins.)

10 KAREN KAIN, BALERINA This documentary traces Ms. Kain's career from early training through the current demands of ballet.

12:00 NEWS

12 NEWSMAKERS

2 6 8 NEWS

10 DICK CAVETT SHOW

Guests: Songwriters Sammy Cahn, Alan Jay Lerner and Arthur Schwartz, Part II.
12 F.B.I.

11:30

2 POLICE WOMAN-S.W.A.T.

6 U.S. OPEN TENNIS HIGHLIGHTS Highlights of the day and night play, with Pat Summerall, Tony Trabert and Virginia Wade providing the commentary.

8 THE TONIGHT SHOW
Host: Johnny Carson. Guest: Marvin Hamlisch. (90 mins.)

11:45

6 CBS LATE MOVIE 'Hawaii Five-O: Anyone Can Build A Bomb' Steve McGarrett has only 36 hours to deliver \$100,000,000 to a group of extortionists who are threatening to detonate an atomic bomb in Honolulu. (R) 'The Day They Hanged Kid Curry' Stars: Peter Dinklage, Ben Murphy.

12:00

12 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

1:00

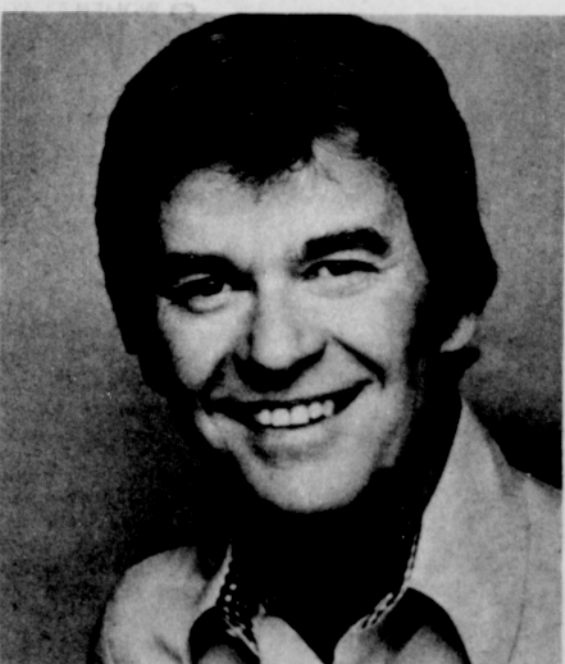
3 TOMORROW Host: Tom Snyder. Guests: Tom Gorman, Tommy Bell, Mendy Rudolph and Arthur Mercante—former professional sports officials. (R; 60 mins.)

1:30

6 MOVIE (ROMANCE)***
"Flame of the Islands" 1955 Yvonne De Carlo, Howard Duff. Story of a cafe singer and the three men who fall in love with her. (95 mins.)

1:45

2 MEDICAL CENTER



Dick Clark's 'AMERICAN BANDSTAND' series enters its 27th year with a season premiere special Saturday, Sept. 9 on ABC-TV. Meanwhile his new NBC-TV series, which will air Wednesdays this fall, will be previewed in the gala special ARK AND A CAST OF THOUSANDS, to be seen Wednesday, Sept. 6.

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