



Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

Ron's NFL Picks

San Diego at San Francisco (Sat.): S.F. by 1.

Baltimore at Minnesota: Minnesota by 6 1/2.

Cleveland at Cincinnati: Cincinnati by 10.

Miami at New England: Miami by 3 1/2.

Tampa Bay at New York Jets: Tampa by 1.

Pittsburgh at Buffalo: Pittsburgh by 4.

Chicago at Seattle: Pick 'em.

Denver at L.A. Rams: Denver by 1 1/2.

L.A. Raiders at Kansas City: Raiders by 3.

The game will take place on December 11 at the Capital Centre in Landover, Maryland. The principles are billed as Georgetown vs. Virginia. Sure we know that it takes a team and team play to win in today's game, and that individual play went out the door with argyle socks.

But if it were humanly possible for one man to take on an entire team alone, then some would argue that that one man would be the 7-0 Sophomore from Georgetown, Patrick Ewing.

While others would gladly shake their heads in disbelief, because they would say that anyone knowing anything about basketball would

have to know that that one man is Virginia's 7-4 Ralph Sampson.

Yes, Ralph and Patrick will duel it out this Saturday in a match that all interested round ball fans are anxiously awaiting.

Sampson vs. Ewing is the Super Bowl of collegiate basketball. It's the heavyweight championship of basketball.

For these two are surely up there with the Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier encounter.

It's a classic between the slugger, Pat Ewing and the finesse of Ralph Sampson.

Sampson, if he were a boxer, would be not different from Sugar Ray Leonard. Ralph will use finesse but if power is needed, then the 7-4 Cavalier center is ready to generate power.

Patrick Ewing is young, but can control a game. The older Sampson at 7-4 completely dominates play.

If Georgetown Coach John Thompson gets caught up in the media hype and believes his young center (Ewing) can handle Sampson by himself, then he'll be in for a long evening and Virginia will be in for an easy night's work.

There's simply no one in the college game that can handle Sampson's size, speed and strength.

Sampson's four-inch advantage will certainly allow him to do what-

ever he wants in a straight man-to-man defense.

Ewing is aggressive and will come right at Ralph with jumpers and soft hooks. What he'll get is a "Wilson" sandwich with each attempt.

To be effective Patrick must do something he's not used to doing... he must vacate his normal spot underneath the hoop and go outside where the guards and forwards usually roam.

Georgetown, in order to win, must immediately establish its running game. They simply must tie Ralph up on the floor. If they don't then it's curtains.

Ewing normally the frustrator will find himself in the unnatural position of being frustrated if he tries to attack Sampson face on for his jumpers.

Sampson is a lot stronger this year up from 215 to a strong 230. After extensive weight work this summer it is said that Ralph can now squat 690 pounds on a hip sled. That is reportedly more than any if the Virginia football players can handle. This exercise is said to have increased Ralph's vertical jump from 31 inches to 34 1/2. Awesome.

Ralph Sampson is simply the best basketball player playing the game today, and perhaps the best ever to play the game.

Sampson & Company by 10.

The Dallas Cowboys, America's team, presented Coach Tom Landry his 200th career win after a hard-fought contest with previously unbeaten Washington.

The Cowboys (4-1) held the Redskins (4-1) scoreless through the first half, then had to hold on as Washington closed the score to a respectful 17-10.

Danny White, playing much like his predecessor, Roger Stanbach, had a great day against the Redskins, completing 21 of 30 passes for 216 yards.

It was White's fake punt that really broke the Redskins' back.

With fourth and 10, white dropped back in punt formation. When he discovered the 'Skins retreating to put on a return he immediately took off behind them and gained the necessary yards for the first down.

"I couldn't believe it," lamented Tom Landry. "If he gets tripped up the game goes their way."

But not to worry Tom, Mr. White had nothing but clear sailing. When the smoke cleared Mr. White had rambled for 20 yards, and all that from punt formation.

Blazers still losing

by Joe White

The Portland Trailblazers are playing with uneasiness and results of a youngster on his first date.

Just as the young man knows what he should do, no matter how hard he tries, everything turns into a disaster, from slamming his date's dress in the door to stumbling over a good night kiss.

The Blazers are experiencing a similar situation. They know what is expected and that they should go out and accomplish those goals. The only problem is that they have been stumbling around and suffering from mistakes, lack of emotion and listless play.

Concentration is one of the big problems. Newly acquired center Wayne Cooper said, "We've got to come out each night and come out hard from the beginning. Be consistent and concentrate. Concentrate on what we're supposed to do."

A total team effort of concentration and emotion has been missing. The players are aware that they must develop complete games but for some reason not everyone is responding.

Some players have been playing up to expectations but through one-quarter of the season, the others haven't caught up yet.

Head coach Jack Ramsay keeps reminding that the season isn't de-



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cidied on one game's outcome but he must remember that the Blazers have lost some games that are listed as must wins. Last Thursday's loss to Utah, a 119-112 defeat, was a game the team needed to win for many reasons. One basic one is morale.

Ramsay is optimistic and that optimism is shared by some players and Harry Glickman, team president. When asked if he was pleased with the season to this point, Glickman said, "Not entirely. I wish we had more wins. I still think we'll wind up with more (wins)."

Glickman indicated that the Blazers aren't "aggressively" seeking a

trade but if something opened up that would help the team, they would look into it. He reminded that the basketball business is in such constant fluctuation and anything could happen tomorrow.

What really needs to happen is for some teammates to start playing with the tenacity that Calvin Natt has been showing, as usual. Natt is second on the team in scoring with a 19.8 average and has grabbed 7.2 rebounds per game. Trying to put a finger on the play of the team so far Natt said, "Everybody goes through periods." Rebounding is still a problem according to Natt and Cooper. "We're still getting beat on the boards," Natt said. "We're trying different things. Different people in different rotations to alleviate that."

Cooper said, "My rebounding is inconsistent." Why? "I think it's a matter of timing and mental right now. I just have to overcome that." He has been helping the team with his rebounding and blocked shots. Averaging only 21 minutes a game, Cooper has 6.1 boards a game to go along with his 30 blocked shots.

Natt didn't want to put the blame on anybody else but he knows that his intensity is still high. "I can't let my game go down any, just play harder and hope everyone else can get going."

Cooper feels that the team will

turn it around. "It takes time to jell. You got six new guys and there's no way you're going to go together like you've been playing together for years." He mentioned that it is still early in the season and it is sure that the Blazers will turn their game around. "I can feel that. We take games we should have won, there is at least five games we shouldn't have lost."

Everyone knows that there were games that shouldn't have been lost but they were lost. Time remains a big factor. Cooper realizes that also. "We need to go on a good streak. I'm optimistic we can," he said.

"The way the NBA is, anyone can beat anyone on any night. Look at Kansas City. People picked K.C. to finish last and they're at the top of their division," Cooper said.

An equally struggling Golden State Warrior team awaits the Trailblazers in San Francisco for a Thursday night contest and then the Blazers return home to entertain Phoenix Sunday night.

The way the Blazers have been operating they could start next week with a 10-12 record. Natt said that the team was trying different combinations to solve the problems. Those problems look big. If the team doesn't solve them, the only kisses they will be getting will come from their mothers.

Hays seeks NAACP presidency

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people. They can help young people get started in their careers."

Among the issues the NAACP would address if Mrs. Hays is elected are:

1) Leadership: The NAACP is a recognized and respected organization and its place is at the vanguard of the movement. "The goals and objectives are the same as they've always been and the problems are the same." There is a place for these groups that have come later—that have filled the role the NAACP should have performed—and the NAACP should work with them. A source of strength and power in the black community is the churches and their role in the NAACP should be strengthened.

2) Education: There are still serious problems in the school system, and there is need for monitoring the various programs. Mrs. Hays would support a strong education chairman who is not an employee of the School District: "I would never put anyone in that situation." The NAACP executive committee should meet with Superintendent Matthew Prophet to determine his goals and plans and to provide support for him.

3) Employment: The NAACP is needed now more than any time since the '60s. Black youngsters have been told to get an education so they can succeed; now there are

no jobs. The fight will be to hold the line and try to prevent losses, and also to improve affirmative action especially in public employment. The national priorities are not to provide jobs and the rules are changing. There is still a need to educate and train young people to ensure they can take advantage of opportunities still open to them.

4) Criminal justice system: "The criminal justice system is a mess and I'm in a position to know that." Twelve percent of the state prison population is black. Because black young people receive harsher treatment at the hands of the law, they have more extensive records and when they get to prison they lose points in the matrix system that sets parole dates. Black prisoners also arrive with longer sentences.

The parole board can shorten sentences given by judges and can give time off for good behavior. "I've taken more time from black prisoners with my vote than any other member of the parole board," she said.

5) Training: The NAACP has traditionally been a training ground for young people and many of today's leaders and professionals came through the NAACP. "I would build a strong youth board—one that would be active in civil and human rights—and train tomorrow's leaders. We, in the NAACP, must be ready to let our young people take that responsibility."

ACT-SO is a wonderful program that encourages and awards young people in the arts and sciences. The Portland Branch has been active in this program since its inception and has had several national winners. Of course this program should continue and be expanded, Mrs. Hays said.

There have been remarks and rumors that the local branch can only proceed with the approval of the national office—that the national office must be consulted before an activity can begin. Mrs. Hays disagrees. "NAACP branches are free to fight discrimination and racism wherever they find it. Yes, there are guidelines and there are policies determined by the national conventions, but local branches have a great deal of autonomy."

"There is nothing to prevent the local branch from involving itself in the many serious problems that face black people in this county."

"The NAACP is first of all a civil-rights organization—its first mission is to seek equality and justice."

Mrs. Hays is currently Chairman of the Parole Board. Prior to her 1979 appointment to that Board she was Area Manager of Adult and Family Services; manager of the Albina Human Resources Center; director of community services for Portland Development Commission; assistant administrator, interim director and citizen participation director of Model Cities.

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