



IN THIS CORNER
George Beahon

By this time, anyone who agrees that footballs take crazy bounces, agrees that little Lubbock, Texas, has earned a mark on the national sporting map.

Lubbock is only 149,000 West Texans and Lubbock is 150 miles from any place else that claims to be a city. But Lubbock is the now established site for the finest of all the All Star football games — the Coaches' All America game on the first Saturday night of each summer.

Once known only for tornados and the chance of trading a gallon of water even up for a gallon of oil, Lubbock has made it where such so-called major league cities as Buffalo and Atlanta failed miserably.

It was this agent's privilege to witness the most recent All America Classic in Lubbock. In dry heat measuring 87 degrees at kickoff time, a record crowd of 43,472 football fanatics gathered in hospital clean Texas Tech's Jones Stadium to see the West beat the East. So much for the game itself.

This was the fourth time in four summers that Lubbock and environs turned out in 40,000-plus numbers to see the classiest group of graduated college senior-footballers in combat.

This game, sponsored by the nation's coaches, had failed miserably in Buffalo and in Atlanta, drawing as few as 12,000 in Buffalo and an announced 17,000 in Atlanta.

For most of nine previous years, the game lost money, and when the coaches' executive secretary, Bill Murray, took it to Lubbock, most of his colleagues and his board of directors figured Brother Murray had crossed over the line.

Lubbock is right for the game because it is not afflicted by competition from the pros, for the entertainment dollar, in any reasonable direction; the facilities offered by Texas Tech are nothing but super; and the enthusiasm and interest in West Texas can not be matched anywhere else. This is Lubbock's big night in sporting calendar, and Lubbock reports en masse.

The crazy bounces are something else.

Take the case of super star Johnny Rodgers, who didn't show because of a commitment to Canadian pro football.

Rodgers was replaced by a relatively unknown running back called Terry Metcalf, out of a not-so-famous football factory known (now) as Long Beach State.

Terry Metcalf, possibly inspired by the network TV cameras, carried the football 18 times for 135 yards, outgunning such big name backfield teammates as Greg Pruitt of Oklahoma and Sam (Bam) Cunningham of Southern California's national champions.

Metcalf was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals, and when Metcalf gets around to signing his contract, his showing in the All America Classic should be worth a tractor-trailer full of Kansas City cuts to the Metcalf larder.

Then there was the case of Danny Fouts, a 6-3, 191-pound hunk out of the University of Oregon.

Fouts was starting quarterback for the West, and the first series of plays was not finished when Fouts, white-faced and in severe pain, was helped to the sidelines, not to return.

Back at the coaches'

headquarters motel, John McKay, headmaster of the West, talked about Fouts and his broken collarbone.

"Fortunately, it's broken on the left side, not his throwing side," said McKay.

What would this do to the boy's pro future? He was drafted by San Diego.

"It probably," said McKay, "will be five or six weeks before he can participate in any training camp, and who knows what then?"

About his contract?

"That's something else," said McKay. "The boy had not signed, because he got one of those lawyer people for an agent. He still was negotiating. There's no telling now."

The only thing that is for certain in the tragic case of Danny Fouts is that his lawyer-agent won't be sending Fouts 15 per cent of his income over the next 10 or 15 years. Footballs take crazy bounces.



SCHOLASTIC
NOTEBOOK
John Doser

Rochester's four Catholic high schools plus Geneva's DeSales High may, by the time this is read, be members of Section 5 on an experimental basis for at least two years.

Another mail vote was due in Section 5. President Carl Palumbo's hands by Sunday, June 30. An earlier story in the Times-Union by John Czarniecki suggested that the vote would be favorable. Last year the vote was 59-30 against admitting the Catholic schools on a trial basis to the section's membership.

Indicative of the change in attitudes of many public school athletic directors and their principals is the fact that the Creece Central System, representing three votes, cast three YES votes this year for the first time.

Paul Fauth, principal of Creece Arcadia High and president of the Monroe County High School Athletic Association, confirmed the district's votes and said it was time (for public schools) to face the issue on a first hand basis.

Admission of Catholic schools means athletic talent like McQuaid's Chris Horton can compete in Section 5 tournaments as well as intersectional tournaments.

We applaud the teachers, coaches and administrators of both the public and Catholic schools who sat down in earnest, worked things out, and are apparently willing to give Catholic schools the opportunity to participate in the most dynamic and active section in N.Y. State.

There is no question that if any of the Catholic schools should abuse their newly earned (we hope) privilege, they should be quickly penalized — in the same manner a public school member would.

DIOCESAN NOTEBOOK — John Heart, ex-Kearney, won an Olympic water polo invitation, two team captainships, six medals and several swim titles at Northeastern University, Boston.

Heart received an Olympic invite to the U.S. water polo team (he turned it down), but decided

Committee Urges Governor to Veto Conciliation Bill

Albany — "The Governor's veto is the only way marriage conciliation services can be saved," said a spokesman for the New York State Catholic Committee, in urging veto of a bill which would eliminate conciliation services in the State.

State Catholic Committee Secretary, Charles J. Tobin, Jr., commenting on the bill said, "We urge a veto of A. 4183-A because we believe it very important for the State to take every possible step to help married people, particularly young people, solve their differences and reconcile and restore normal family relations."

"While everyone recognizes there are many difficulties with this particular form of conciliation, and we have urged it be revised, nevertheless, it is a mistake to 'throw out the baby with the bath water' which is what the legislature seems to have done in this case," Tobin said.

The Committee has recommended that leaders and the Governor approve temporary funds to continue conciliation services until the special session in July. The funds for the services have run out and were not included in the supplementary

budget passed in the waning days of the legislature.

Under the provisions of the revised divorce law, the service was set up to help save broken marriages. The service presently has a budget of less than \$1-million, Tobin pointed out. He noted, "This is a small sum to pay for potential savings of hundreds

of millions if we consider the charges against public assistance and foster care, which the breakdown of marriage creates."

Castro Accepts Bible Offer

London [RNS] — An offer of a large shipment of Bibles to Communist Cuba, made by Cardinal Raul Silva Henriquez of Santiago, Chile, to Premier Fidel Castro, has been accepted and implemented.

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