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Ford: Not Time To Pinch Hit For Nixon



GERALD FORD

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Those who keep clamoring for the President to be impeached remind Vice President Gerald R. Ford of some baseball fans he knows.

If he were the manager, he says, he wouldn't be influenced by them though. "He wouldn't take the hitter out now — not late in the game."

Knows Strategy

Usually that's when baseball managers make most of their changes, in the late innings, particularly when they're behind, and being as deeply sports-oriented as he is, the vice president knows that as well as anybody else.

He still wouldn't yank Richard Nixon for a pinch-hitter, and talking of the analogy, he says: "Suppose a good hitter pops up or fouls out in the first part of the game. Now it's the ninth inning and the score is tied. You don't take him out because he didn't perform ear-

lier. You know he has the quality and you also know he has the experience under pressure."

Meaning the President?

Can't Panic

"That's right," says the vice president, who can also see an analogy in what UCLA coach John Wooden had to say — "the worst thing a coach can do right now is panic" — after his generally unbeatable Bruins dropped their second straight game the other night in Eugene, Ore.

"I agree with Johnny Wooden, you don't panic, and you don't lose your poise," says the nation's second-ranked executive. "Translate that into terms of our country and I don't think we have to tear our system apart."

The vice president loves sports. He was a football star for the University of Michigan in the '30's, having played center both ways, later coached at Yale and still follows football, basketball, baseball and hock-

ey as well as most of the other sports. "The first thing I do every morning is read the sports page," he says. "I read it before I do the front page because at least on the sports page you have a 60-second change of being right." Gerald Ford smiles when he says that.

"I remember when I was a boy, I used to buy the Reach Baseball Guide every year. I'd study the averages, and still follow them today. Living in Grand Rapids, Mich., I can remember how the Yankees would come up to play an exhibition game there sometimes."

"I saw Babe Ruth hit a couple of home runs at Old Ragmop Park. It's no longer there today. They tore it down."

Named MVP

The vice president wasn't merely another member of Michigan's football team, he was named its Most Valuable Player during the 1934 season. Everyone knew him as plain old Jerry Ford then, and Joe Henshaw, one of his teammates, says nobody plugged any harder.

The late Lyndon Johnson, once asked what he thought of Ford, is said to have answered: "There's nothing wrong with him except he played football

too long — without a helmet." The vice president insists the remark didn't bother him.

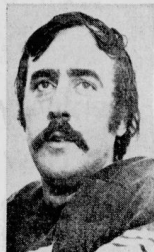
Really Said It

"We checked it out with several newsmen and found he actually said it, but honestly it didn't disturb me. Lyndon could very easily, very abruptly, I suppose because we fought him. When I first heard what he said, I really was amused, not upset."

By way of proving it, Ford, then minority leader in the U.S. House of Representatives, showed up at an annual Gridiron Club Dinner here one year dressed formal and carrying his old Michigan helmet. "I never played without a helmet," he says. "I wouldn't be foolish enough to do that."

One other thing about Lyndon Johnson's crack: "I know he didn't say it face-to-face to Jerry," says Joe Henshaw. "I don't think he'd have the nerve."

Houston Astros Manager Preston Gomez says he hopes Cesar Cedeno's difficulties will be the team's only problems. Gomez, who has replaced Leo Durocher as a manager of the Astros, referred to a charge of involuntary manslaughter against the team's star outfielder in connection with the shooting death of a young woman in Santo Domingo. Cedeno was fined \$100. Gomez says that Cedeno "seems to be in a great frame of mind," to start the season.



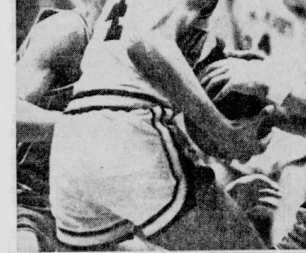
TERRY HANRATTY

Quarterback Terry Hanratty of the Pittsburgh Steelers says he may play out his option this year with the National Football League club and then try to find a team where he can start. Hanratty, a former star at Notre Dame, said that he doesn't feel he's gotten a fair chance at beating out No. 1 Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw.

Duquesne's head basketball coach, John "Red" Manning, announced yesterday that after 15 years he will resign his top position at the end of the season to become athletic director at the same school. Manning will replace Claire N. Brown who will become sports publicist. Duquesne will play the University of South Carolina this Sunday in Pittsburgh.

Veterinarians should be able to determine about April 1 whether Secretariat's first attempt at stud was successful. The Triple Crown winner was able to get two of three test mares in foal earlier this year, but yesterday was his first attempt with a thoroughbred mare-My Card. My Card, owned by Walter Jeffords, has been the winner of seven races and \$98,404.

Denny Duron, a leader of Louisiana Tech's march to the college division national football championship last fall, signed a three-year contract yesterday with the Birmingham, Ala., World Football League team. Duron is the first quarterback signed by the WFL club and is the 10th player now under contract to Birmingham.



Who's Got It?

William J. Mary's Jim McDonough for ball in game won by Cavaliers, 76-62 (left) and Virginia's Bill Langlosh scrap last night. (AP Wirephoto)

Win Oregon Trip

Trojans Happy To Tie UCLA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Coaches John Wooden of UCLA and Bob Boyd of Southern California are supposed for far different reasons, yet the basketball standings for each club today read exactly the same.

That's because UCLA was shot down in the Northwest by first Oregon State and then Oregon while the Trojans of USC beat both of them.

"We were the best club in Oregon last weekend," said Boyd. "While I felt we could win two games there, I'm very surprised to come home in first place. I thought only that we would firmly establish ourselves in second place."

Champions Sag Wooden was at a loss to explain why his defending collegiate champions sagged from an 18-1 overall record and No.

Playoff Hope Slim Bulldogs Make Move Too Late

The South Carolina State Bulldogs are beginning to peak, but it may be a little too late in the season. Last night the Bulldogs defeated Allen's Yellowjackets, 108-92, to boost their league record to 8-1 while lifting to 12-14 overall. However, the Carr ratings system ranked State eighth in its polls making any chances of a playoff berth for the Bulldogs very slim.

In other games involving Palmetto State teams last night, the Citadel rolled past VMI, 65-47. Presbyterian dominated Baptist College of Charleston, 78-63. Newberry routed Limestone, 84-62 and Wofford defeated Piedmont 97-68.

ALEX BARRON and Greg Sanders combined their scoring early in the game to give State a 14-0 lead, setting the tempo for the rest of the contest. Barron led the Bulldog

attack with 21 points followed by Sanders with 20 and Mike Williams, who tossed in 14. Head coach Tim Autry got some help from his bench as Marvin Fields and John Griffin along with starter Byron Bailey collected 10 each.

Allen, which saw its record dip to 6-10 on the season and 4-6 in NAAIA District 6 play, was paced by Tony Clines and Herman Arhoun, who had 18 each for the Yellow Jackets.

The Blue Hose, playing without the services of leading scorer George Hester, exploded in the final 10 minutes of play last night to pick up its 14th win in 25 outings and improve to 10-6 in NAAIA District 6 competition. Baptist fell to 3-7 in the league while dropping its 20th game in 25 decisions.

Once again Clyde Agnew put on a tremendous individual performance leading Newberry to its 21st win in 29 games. Agnew scored 24 points and picked off 27 rebounds in the winning effort.

S. C. STATE (108) — Barron 21, Williams 20, Henderson 6, Sanders 20, Evans 4, Bailey 10, Fields 10, Miller 4, Griffin 10, Spain 4.

ALLEN (92) — Blue 4, Clines 18, Murray 4, Williams 10, Howard 10, Bryant 4, Phillips 4, Behm 13, Anthony 10. Halftime score: S. C. State 44-43.

FOILED OUT: None.

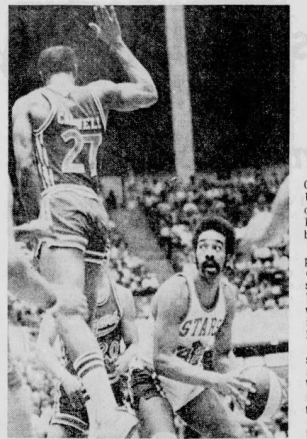
BAPTIST (43) — Beasley 2, Johnson 20, Kammeyer 4, Kirk 22, Jones 10, McKeen 4, Smith 4, Coker 2, Coker 2, Coker 2. Halftime score: Baptist 23, Presbyterian 20.

WOFFORD (97) — Morrison 4, Hicks 4, Murphy 14, Hannah 10, Vinegar 10, Mitchell 10, Brinson 20, Williams 10, Lewis 11, Bird 4, Kane 4, Mobley 5, Fitzpatrick 4, Taylor 10. Halftime score: Wofford 48, Piedmont 49.

LIMESTONE (62) — Gibbs 13, Campbell 4, Cole 11, Egan 4, Davis 10, Barber 4, Kester 4, Robinson 3, Burnett 11, Tate 4. Halftime score: Limestone 32, Wofford 30.

NEWBERRY (84) — King 18, Agnew 20, Johnson 10, Williams 10, Miller 10, Neal 10, Ballard 2, Weaver 7, Dickerson 12, Bevo 2, Callahan 4.

BARBER SCOTIA (102) — Howard 20, Ward 20, Camp 4, Calkins 10, Nelson 10, Ellison 10, Pugh 4, L. Carter 10, Nelson 10, Ellison 10. Halftime score: Barber Scotia 52, Piedmont 50.



Airborne Cougar

Utah's Willie Wise draws back from airborne Joe Caldwell of Carolina Cougars in ABA game last night. The Stars won 121-110 to extend their winning streak to 14 straight, two short of the ABA record. Wise scored 23 points for his team. (UPI Telephoto)

Terps' Elmore Player Of Week

GREENSBORO, N. C. (AP) — Senior Len Elmore of Maryland, the league's leading rebounder, today was picked as the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball player of the week for the first time in his three-year varsity career.

Elmore earned the honor for his standout play in the Terps' two victories last week over North Carolina, 69-50, and Clemson, 56-54. He had been selected once during his sophomore year as the ACC rookie of the week.

Elmore, a 6-8 Springfield Gardens, N. Y., native, had two superb defensive plays in the final 10 minutes of the game to insure the win over Clemson. He forced Wayne Rollins of Clemson to miss one shot, and then blocked a second moments later.

A basket would have given the Clemson Tigers a 56-55 lead. Instead, Maryland controlled the ball and hit a three throw to provide the final margin.

Elmore scored 15 points in the Clemson game after getting 10 in the earlier win over North Carolina. He also had 31 rebounds in the two contests, 21 against the Tar Heels.

Elmore leads the ACC rebounding race with a 14.2 average on 298 recoveries in 21 games. He already has established a new Maryland career record.

Flint Generals Make Addition

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — With International Hockey League playoffs just five weeks away, the Flint Generals moved Monday to strengthen their defense by acquiring Jim Edgeworth from the Charlotte Checkers of the Southern Hockey League.

Edgeworth is a 6-foot-1, 210-pound defenseman. He is expected to join the Generals in time for their game Wednesday night at Fort Wayne. To make room for him on their 18-man roster, Flint asked waivers on defenseman Ron Cox.

Stars Beginning To Open Daylight In ABA Division

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Coach Joe Mullaney of the Utah Stars won't come right out and say his American Basketball Association team is the best in the league.

"Let's say right now we're playing the soundest basketball of any team in the league," he said. Monday night after his Western Division leading Stars won their 14th straight by defeating the Carolina Cougars 121-110.

"The big thing about the streak is that we're moving away from their teams. We're now in a position where it is safe to say we should win the division," he added.

The Stars led the ABA West by 12½ games. It was the only scheduled ABA contest. No games were played in the National Basketball Association.

Ron Boone, Willie Wise and James Jones combined for 67 points for Utah. Boone hit 11 of 11 from the field, a club record, and led the Stars with 24 points. Wise scored 23 and Jones 20.

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