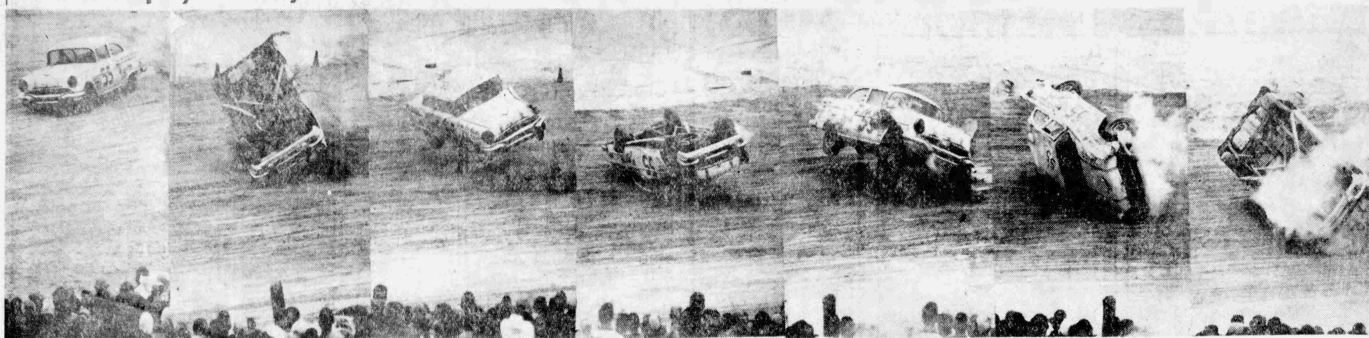


The Topsy-Turvy World Of Junior Johns on: Three Bounces And You're Out!



PONTIAC BROADSIDES STARTS FIRST ROLL BOUNCES FOUR FEET LANDS ON ROOF BEGINS 3rd FLIP STEAM POURS OUT FINISHES ROLLOVER

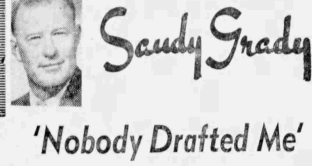
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Sandy Grady

'Nobody Drafted Me'

THE man in room 57 has a jagged scar across his right cheek. There is a sort of bright, haunted look around his eyes. He is smallish, compact, restless. In short, he looks the part of a man who has taken the 500-mile gamble at Indianapolis 11 times and lived to remember.

His name is Billy Devore, and he talks as only an articulate Irishman can. His daddy, Earl Devore, was a racing great until he died on the Charlotte board track in 1920 and Billy was on the bricks at Indianapolis as late as 1954.

When stricken with the proper mood, Devore will say, "Racing is a real fine life, dad, and I really had a ball in it. It is the only frontier left in America for the rugged individual. Any race driver I know could make more money by quitting, but the challenge, the adventure, traps him. Racing is a sort of strange and beautiful island of independence, and you can't forget it!"

AS YOU CAN see, Billy Devore is a talker of uncommon talent and stamina. All we can do is to put him on the track and give him the green flag.

"Yeah, dad, I was at Indianapolis seven times as a driver and finished in the first 10 cars five years, which looks hot but really isn't. I rode as a mechanic four other years. I only got 5 per cent and if we didn't win, maybe I couldn't pay the hotel bill, but I was learning to drive the hard way. "The best race driver I ever saw was Mauri Rose. His greatest admirers are the people who raced against him. The smoothest was Wilbur Shaw. I rode with Shaw in the 500 and almost went to sleep."

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THE wildest I saw was Al Gordon, who always won or hit the wall, until the day he was rubbed out. I rode with him at Detroit one year — he was a big guy with muscle and course, but too aggressive.

"The small guys make the great drivers. They have the reflexes, coordination, respect for machines and speed. . . . Ralph DePalma, Frank Lockhart and my own dad were great in the era before me. My dad was a real keen driver, second at Indianapolis once."

"Foreign drivers don't much over here. Nuvolari, Europe's pride, couldn't get out of the pits at Indianapolis — honest, he hit the pit wall at 50 miles an hour. Ascari? Ah, a real good race driver, dad. Castrol? Okay, until he hit the wall, which is no disgrace at all, believe me."

"OF THE NEW drivers, you have to like Jimmy Bryan. A fine one on any track. Goes like gangbusters all the time. Watch this little George, a kid in Indiana. I won't give his name, who was hooked on dope last winter. He'll be back, though, a real story."

"Indianapolis this year? Nothing will touch the Novi if the cars are ready. Five hundred and fifty horsepower. Rear drive. Fantastic, dad. . . . In stock cars, watch the new Ford, 312 inches, and the Plymouth Fury, the best stock car they've got. I always laughed at stock cars but now they have the power. They're real race cars, especially these convertibles. Real George."

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"DANGEROUS! I never thought about Indy that way. I guess. Nobody drafted me to run there. When I was a riding mechanic (1933-36) I took one turn with a guy and saw he was a good chauffeur. I drove there in 1937-41 and 1948-49 and it is a tricky course, you can believe that, but not the killer the public thinks. "I don't like these wild-eyed laments for race drivers. Yukuovich was a spectacular accident but nothing new. A race driver understands his chances. He lives with them. The cars at Indianapolis aren't like one turn with a guy and it's no such thing. It is a hairy-chested sport, dad, and you not like it?"

"I got out of it with my health, and if I had the chance I would do it again. I was tired on racing because my dad was lost when I was 17, and racing was the easiest thing to do. It has been a real George life for Devore, a real ball, and I don't regret it."

"THE TRACK I liked and still do, was Atlanta, Lakewood. I got hurt there in 1939. I went through the fence one spring, all a fool's mistake, and hit about seven vertebrae. Ten years later I was in a bad tangle, real bad. One of my best friends were rubbed out and I finished 20 feet down in a drainage ditch, all busted up. "The scar on my face? You'll be surprised, dad. A horse threw me into a barbed wire fence when I was 12. That always disappoints people."

This is Devore, unabridged.

Equestrian Team Trials Tomorrow

TRION (AP) — U.S. Equestrian team officials will have another go tomorrow at conducting final trials for places on the Prix Des Nations team that will compete in the Olympic games at Stockholm, Sweden, in June. Bad weather has prohibited all trials since last Tuesday. Three places on the team are riding on the outcome of the final trials, William Steinkraus of Westport, Conn., named captain of the team several weeks ago. He is assured of the fourth place. Ten riders are competing for the other three positions. The Prix Des Nations team will be chosen tomorrow night, according to a source close to E. J. T. Cole, manager of the U.S. Equestrian team.

A Saturday Football Flicker?

ACC Grid Games May Hit Regional TV Sets

Weaver Wants To Peddle Package Sked

By SANDY GRADY

If you read the 1956 television football schedule and gnashed your teeth, do not despair.

There is still hope that you'll see Duke, Carolina and other Atlantic Coast conference clubs on the screen next fall.

Jim Weaver, who bosses the ACC, said so. Weaver was in a hurry when the National Broadcasting Company announced its college football plans. There were nine games—but not an ACC team was involved.

It isn't the loss of national prestige that hurts. It's the missing money. Last year the Saturday TV game paid approximately \$100,000, with two schools splitting 50 per cent (in the ACC's case) the league dividing up the rest among its member schools.

"We will get together soon with the Southern and Southeastern Conferences," said Weaver. "We'll discuss the possibilities of regional television for this fall. Perhaps we can get up a package schedule and sell it."

Last year in ACC, Southeastern and Southern attempted to peddle TV rights to a composite schedule but failed. The three leagues have more time to sell it this year.

UNDER THE NCAA rules, there are five open Saturdays when you may see regional games on sport screen. They are Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 30, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17.

The NCAA allows each region to bid for its own TV deal of those Saturdays. If Weaver and his colleagues can't sell the regional schedule, you'll see no TV football those five Saturdays (A typical regional slate could include such attractions as South Carolina-Duke, Georgia-Georgia Tech, Maryland-Tennessee, North Carolina-N.C. State and Duke-Georgia Tech).

Last year the Duke-Carolina game was telecast on the coast-to-coast TV setup. Why did the ACC schools miss the television bid this time?

"IT ISN'T UP to us to make the television schedule," said Weaver. "It's up to NBC and the sponsor. They can make two games from each NCAA district. I hear the Wake Forest-South Carolina game was under consideration in that district, but I'm not sure that's true."

"Anyway, the games they picked were the Georgia Tech-Kentucky game (Sept. 22) and the Miami-Pittsburgh game. That's like you shopping for a pair of pants. If you don't like the pants they've got, you can go across the street. NBC went across the street."

ACC officials are enthusiastic about televised football. "They think the money from TV doesn't offset the fall in attendance," said Jim.

Unless the ACC and other leagues can sell a package of five Southern games, this will be the 1956 television calendar: Sept. 22, Georgia Tech-Kentucky; Oct. 6, Texas Christian; Oct. 27, Notre Dame-Oklahoma; Nov. 10, Big Ten game to be named; Nov. 21, UCLA-Southern Cal.; Dec. 1, Army-Navy; Dec. 8, Pitt-Miami.

Ducks Start Flying

Greensboro, Kannapolis Keg Stars In Tourney Spotlight

By RONALD GREEN

Greensboro and Kannapolis bowlers were in the spotlight today as the National Duckpin Bowling championships opened a six-week stand at the Morehead Bowling Center.

As the first of an expected 8,000 bowlers began firing at 2 p. m., all eyes were on teams, doubles duos and singles from Greensboro and Kannapolis.

Griffin Pie of Greensboro and the Greensboro Independents teams, scheduled to roll in the 4:30 p. m. round, are regarded as the strongest men's teams in the opening day field.

In men's doubles, the teams to beat were Dick Nance-Dick Craig of Greensboro and James Hudson-Earl Clayton of Kannapolis. They were to roll in the 2 p. m. group.

Maxine Allen and Lib Bradshaw of Kannapolis were ranked as the top two women scheduled to compete in the women's doubles today (2 p. m.).

Maxine, No. 2 ranked woman bowler in the country and holder of more world records than any other woman, was expected to prove her standing in the singles, also, at 3:15.

In addition to these two events

the outstanding Kannapolis woman skill figures to spark the Kannapolis Bowling Center's women's team into the fore to night in the 9:30 run.

This team is the current state champion.

Mutt Elder, No. 1 male bowler in North Carolina, will be in action tomorrow.

Seventy-eight teams, 72 of them from North Carolina, were scheduled to take their shots today and tonight. Many doubles, mixed doubles and singles events were also slated for the opening day.

The tournament will run through Apr. 29, excluding Easter Sunday.

The thousands of bowlers who will flock here from all over the country in the next six weeks, among them most of the nation's top keepers, will be shooting for thousands of dollars in prize money as well as gold championship medals.

Winning teams will receive \$50. The men's singles champion will take down \$125, the women's champ, \$75. The men's doubles champions will pick up \$25, the women's \$100.

There are many divisions in the tournament: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, men's teams, women's teams, mixed doubles (varying groups, depending upon the proportion of men to women on the teams).

Each division is split, with bowlers or teams averaging over certain scores being placed in one group, those averaging below those scores forming the second group.

College Scores

FRIDAY'S RESULTS (SECOND ROUND)

San Francisco 72, UCLA 41
 Iowa 67, Iowa State 55
 Southern Methodist 89, Houston 74
 Iowa St. Moorhead (Ky.) 81
 12:30 a. m. at Philadelphia — 54
 Temple 65, Connecticut 39
 California 65

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE (PREFINALS)

7:45 p. m. at Philadelphia — Temple vs. California
 10:30 p. m. at Iowa City — Kentucky vs. Iowa
 10:30 p. m. at Lawrence, Kan. — South. Methodist vs. Oklahoma City
 12:30 a. m. at Corvallis, Ore. — San Francisco vs. Utah
 7:45 p. m. at Philadelphia — Dartmouth vs. Kansas State

REGIONAL CONSOLATIONS

7:30 p. m. at Iowa City — Wayne (Mich.) vs. Kansas State
 9:30 p. m. at Lawrence, Kan. — Houston vs. Seattle
 10:30 p. m. at Corvallis, Ore. — UCLA vs. Seattle

Pinehurst Oddity:

CURTIS CUPPERS VS. FIELD

By KEN ALYTA

PINEHURST (AP) — Officials of the National Amateur Golf Tournament called on the traditional "luck of the Irish" on this St. Patrick's Day to make up for time lost when rain washed out, "flooded" is probably a more suitable word, the second round of play.

Two rounds today were aimed at reducing the field to semifinals for Sunday and Monday on the 54th North and South on Pinehurst as originally scheduled.

It rained all through Thursday's first round, but it wasn't until late at night and right up to moon yesterday that the downpour really struck the ancient No. 2 champion.

Course of the country club almost two inches of rain fell in some 36 hours, most of yesterday morning and the temperature was a chilly 28 at the original tee-off time of 10:18.

After a two-hour postponement, officials reluctantly gave in to nature and called off the schedule to try again today.

... BUT ESCAPES UNHURT



—A Case For Safety—

THE sequence photos above demonstrate how a driver can make a new stock car a junkyard special in three seconds—yet emerge unhurt.

Junior Johnson of Ronda, N. C., barreled this 1956 Pontiac into the north turn at Daytona Beach—much too hot. The car had finished a 110 MPH run down the beach when it rolled three times. Johnson crawled out the rear window unhurt. How he did it may be a lesson for car owners and manufacturers.

Like all NASCAR drivers, Johnson had (1) a crash helmet, (2) quick-release safety belt, (3) car doors bolted shut, preventing him from being thrown out, (4) rolls bars inside car to prevent roof from collapsing.

A 24-year-old Ronda farmer, Johnson was the No. 6 driver in Grand National events last year, winning six. Needless to say, he did it with his one.

(Photos by Richard Kelsey and Lily Lucier).

NEW TEAMS CAN ENTER SOFTBALL LOOP MONDAY

ANYONE interested in entering a team in the city softball program this season should be present at the second meeting of the softball group Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Low & Campbell, Commissioner Roy Green has announced.

Managers, sponsors, umpires and members of the softball commission will be present at this meeting.

Plans will be drafted for the approaching season. The softball program is under the sponsorship of The Charlotte News and Low & Campbell.

Roy Spruings has been named a member of the softball committee, completing the naming of this group.

Prospective Little League umpires will gather Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Domestic Courtroom for a clinic.



PHIL WOOLPERT

Ex-NC Griddler Frank Jones Up For Furman Job

GREENVILLE, S. C. — Frank Jones, former North Carolina football player who is now head coach at Decatur, Ga., High School, will be recommended by Head Coach Homer Hobbs for the line coaching vacancy at Furman University on Monday.

Hobbs will present Jones' name to the Furman athletic board upon his return from Virginia, where he is visiting old friend Ben Martin, cavalier coach.

The vacancy at Furman was created when line coach Johnny Griffith resigned to move to Georgia U. as chief recruiter.

Driver Boxscore

DRIVER	POINTS
Tim Flock, Atlanta, Ga.	110
Lee Petty, Rockingham, N. C.	108
1. Herb Thomas, Martinsville, N. C.	107
1. Buck Baker, Charlotte, N. C.	108
1. Roy W. Green, Greensboro, N. C.	96
1. Marvin Panch, Garden City, Ga.	89
1. Jim Wynn, Greensboro, N. C.	88
1. Fonty Flock, Atlanta, Ga.	87
1. Jim Lewis, Asheville, N. C.	86
1. Fred Newton, Hunter, Va.	85
1. Earl	84
1. Fred	83
1. Chevrolet	82
1. Chevrolet	81
1. Dodge	80
1. Chevrolet	79
1. Oldsmobile	78

Fight Results

NEW YORK (AP) — Middleweight Oscar Gray (New York) beat Ernie Caba (Pennsylvania) 10-7. Middleweight Oscar Gray (New York) beat Ernie Caba (Pennsylvania) 10-7. Middleweight Oscar Gray (New York) beat Ernie Caba (Pennsylvania) 10-7.