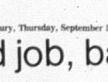
A good job, bad job and Tito's snow job



Bob Watkins' Sports

Good job. Pete Rose has done for the Cincinnati Reds this season.

The 44-year-old player-manager—dogged day and night by television, radio and print reporters asking him the same questions over and over again about Ty Cobb's record and his pursuit after it—has still managed the Reds' mixed bag of talent to an above .500 won-lost record this season and attendance at Riverfront is up 350,000+.

And yet, I am reminded of an old cliche: Every manager is hired to be fired.

Good job... Isn't it refreshing when a coach at a big time college program advertises in the student newspaper for a punter? UK's Jerry Claiborne did last week and 15 "student/athletes" showed up.

Among those who gave it the old college try were Mark Proffit, a junior from Lancaster who is a left-footed kicker. He got off several punts of 50 yards. He was the only one of 15 asked to come back this week.

Among the others who tried out were Allen Nicholson, a sophomore from Stanford, who said it "was the dream of every sportsman" to play for the Wildcats. Nicholson said he once had a 77-yard punt while playing at Lincoln County High School.

And Chuck Stuber, a junior communications major from London, gave it a try.

Bad job. Prosecuting attorneys in New Orleans who, because of guilty ineptitude and devious behavior, allowed John 'Hot Rod' Williams to escape prosecution for crimes he admitted having taken part in—shaving points in games involving Tulane University.

Ironically, Williams not only gets off scot free from charges that could have put him in jail for 17 years with fines of $350,000, but—pending a review by the National Basketball Association (snicker)—he will likely sign a six or seven figure contract to play basketball for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

In a written report last week Louisiana State District judge Alvin Oser said that assistant district attorney Eric Dubelier coached witnesses, concealed evidence and deliberately forced a mistrial in the case.

Comment: Former University of Kentucky basketball stars, Ralph Beard, Bill Spivey, Dale Barnstable and Alex Groza were banned for life from playing in the NBA because of alleged point shaving and taking money at UK in the late 1940s. None was ever convicted.

Bad job. Prep basketball star Tito Horford did quite a number on several schools before "landing" at Louisiana State University last week.

Horford told a Baton Rouge television reporter, "I'm really glad I think I made the right decision."

The 7-1, 226-pounder originally signed a national letter-of-intent with the University of Houston last November. But when complications arose concerning NCAA recruiting violations, Horford left UH holding the bag and let the word go forth that he would attend Kentucky or maybe UCLA, or maybe Florida State, or maybe LSU, and who knows what others.

Steve Myers, editor of the Tiger Rag, a weekly newspaper associated with LSU athletics, wrote last week "Horford apparently told other coaches he would attend their school and a new record in verbal commitments may have been set."

Ironically, Myers also said, "If Tito Horford wants to come to LSU, he can, but he won't find (coach) Dale Brown standing on the steps of the Assembly Center with open arms."

Comment: Wanna bet?

Footnote: Ironically after Horford signed with Houston he charged that Brown had offered illegal inducements to his family in order to attract him to LSU. He also said that he would rather attend a junior college than LSU because of statements Brown had made about Horford wanting a car and money in exchange for his talents.

UK football news

"Don't bet against Mark Higgs seeing some action in the first game (against Bowling Green Sept. 14)," a University of Kentucky source said last week. "Mark has been looking very good at practice. He might not start that first game, but just don't be surprised to see him."

Quarterback Bill Ransdell has performed very well so far in fall workouts. And according to sports information director Russell Rice, "We've had some TV execs in from Birmingham and they really are raving about Billy."

What about UK's punter problems?

Joe Worley looks like the front runner," Rice said. "Nobody's been consistent, but Worley's hang time has been the best."

A second chance

When Union College decided to take a chance on former Somerset High School all-state football player James Fletcher it was a demonstration of what college athletics ought to be about.

Helping a young man get his life pointed in the right direction.

Fletcher, you will recall was a 6-1, 200-pound running back who rushed for 2,523 yards and 46 touchdowns last autumn and had several major colleges interested in him.

But, despite his athletic skills and promise, Fletcher could not stay out of trouble with the law.

In an interview recently with scribe Jeff Neal of the Somerset Commonwealth Journal, Union assistant football coach Gary Barnett said: "The first time I ever thought about bringing James to Union, he was in jail there in Somerset. He was a real upset and he really needed to get things turned around. With his situation, there was no way that a major college could take a chance on him. We decided to go ahead and see if we could get him over here."

Fletcher listened to Barnett, started to get his act together. He passed his high-school equivalency test (GED) and showed up at Union College earlier this month.

"I think this is just what I needed for my first year of college," Fletcher said. "I worked hard to get my GED and I'm really trying to get situated now."

On the surface at least Fletcher seems to have straightened out, set new goals — he starts a starting spot on Union's team and get his grades in order. He wants to transfer to a major college.

"I'm finished messing around now," he says. "I'm ready to get down to business."

If Fletcher is sincere then Union head coach Bob Shackleford believes both his team and its newest player can benefit from the experience.

In an important sense, it is what competitive athletics should really be about.

Shackleford believes the college environment can turn Fletcher's life around, put a college football career in front of him.

"I think the players here will set a good example for him and every thing will be just fine," the coach said. "He'll be able to get a good education and have the opportunity to do what he does best, play football. This may be the best thing that ever happened to James Fletcher."

It is the beginning of a success story in athletics. Many football fans and just good folks from around Kentucky will be supporting James Fletcher, hoping he does well.

And, Kentucky coach Jerry Claiborne, along with John Majors of Tennessee and Vince Dooley of Georgia have let it be known that they are interested in the young man's progress as well.

In an important sense, Fletcher's story is what athletics should be all about.

NEXT WEEK. From around the state, readers write:

And so it goes.

If you have a point of view you would like to share, I would be delighted to hear from you. Write to: Bob Watkins, *Sports In Kentucky*, Route 1, Glendale, Ky. 42740 ■

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Jackets face Mason Friday

Nicholas County football Bluejackets, trying to get on the winning track, will journey to Mason County Friday night. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The Jackets dropped their second consecutive game of the season last week, being shut out by Madison, 26-0. A week earlier coach Robbie Barr's team lost a 19-12 decision to Fleming County.

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Mrs. Dorothy Gaunce and Greg, Lexington, visited Mrs. Andrew Grey on Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Grey of Paris also visited Mrs. Grey on Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney visited Mrs. Carrie Asbury, Hookhorn, and Mr. and Mrs. O.M. Ritchie, Lake Road, on Wednesday evening.

Donald Riggs entered Humana Hospital, Lexington, on Thursday and underwent surgery there Friday. He was able to return home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stone and Denise, Mrs. Diane Smith and Shelly, Mrs. Donna Galbraith and Andrea enjoyed a cookout the past Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar, Tracy and Chris.

Mrs. Linda Chapman and two children, Lexington, visited Mrs. Mae Kenney and Lovell the past Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rotz and Chad of Decatur, IL and Mr. and Mrs. George McKenzie and Mark, Lexington, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Denver Kirby and family. The Kirbys are spending a few days at their home here before returning to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Kirby, Lexington, for more therapy.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fryman, Lisa Linville and Tim Fryman enjoyed supper with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fryman, Winchester, on Saturday night.

Bob Kenney, Covington, spent Saturday with Gladys Kenney.

Mrs. Naomi Gaunce, Ramona George and Richard Cain were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Chris Hollar spent Sunday night with Chris Anderson in Carlisle.

Mrs. Geneva Fuller and Chris Hollar visited Mrs. Alice Marie Gaunce the past Sunday.

A very good crowd attended the lovely supper and singing by the pastor, Rev. Lowell Lightner and his family Sunday evening at Barbierville Methodist Church.

Harold Mattox and Sue Spradlin, Lexington, visited Mrs. Mildred Green, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox on Saturday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar. Lane and Gary Hollar also visited with them in the afternoon.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady spent Sunday afternoon at Harrison Memorial Hospital during the emergency surgery of her aunt, Mrs. Odessa Stone of Cynthiana.

Mrs. Mary Stubbs, Harrison County, spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Jobie Howard and family.

Mrs. Jennie White and daughters Erla and Pauline of near Grayson spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCoy and family. On Saturday night the McCoys and Whites, along with Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Larry White and Jimmie surprised Ray "Munkey" Oney with a surprise party honoring his 13th birthday. Ice cream and cake were served.

Gayle Brady and Mrs. Bobby Brady were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and son, Cynthiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Snapp and daughters Danielle and Andrea visited E.V. Delaney on Sunday night.

Chris Hollar spent Saturday night with Gary Dotson, Carlisle.

Mrs. Denver Kirby, Pam and Gar Kirby and guests Mrs. Harry Rotz and son Chad, Mrs. George McKenzie and son Mark all accompanied Gar Kirby to the Cincinnati Zoo on Sunday to celebrate his seventh birthday.

Racing Derby on KET

The third leg of pacing's triple crown, "The Kentucky Pacing Derby", will air on KET Saturday, Sept. 7 at 11:30 p.m., approximately 10 minutes after the race is run at Louisville Downs.

Scattered rain, cool temperatures a mixed blessing

Our community extends sympathy to the family of Rev. W.W. Bentley, who passed away Sunday at St. Luke Hospital, Ft. Thomas. Funeral was conducted at Moore-Parker Funeral Home at Brooksville on Wednesday evening with burial in Elizaville Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Peck and children, Marvin Doyle, John Cleaver, Gayle Brady, Hazel Boaige, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitsin, Gladys Kenney, Richard Cain, Veach Delaney, David Easterwine and others visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady the past week. Bobby has been confined to his home this week with back problems.

Congratulations to Jeffery Mattox and Teresa Hedley, who were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at St. Matthew Seventh Day Adventist Church in Louisville. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mattox and Ragena, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cohors and Mike and Mrs. Allen Rule were those from here attending the ceremony and reception that followed. The couple will make their home near Richmond, where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Riggs visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riggs on Saturday night.

Mrs. Sterling Hollar attended the wedding recently of her son, Johnny Wayne Gibson and Miss Vicky Mann at Kentucky Lake near Gatlinburg, Tenn. There were around 200 guests.

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