

What Happened? Amazin' . . .

By Clint Roswell

With a copy of the "Sporting News" in one hand, and the National League Standings in the other, fearless pre-season prognosticators are still taking a second look. The Braves and the Amazin' Mets?

Let's see. According to this report, Rico Carty will never recover from his bout with tuberculosis, and the Mets will be lucky to break .500. But, alas, don't throw away that pencil. The year of the impossible, Baseball 1969, is not over.

It is now up to the Braves and the Amazin's to throw another curve at the Baseball World. The surging Braves, behind the slugging Carty and Hank Aaron, and Phil Niekro, that slinky, rubber-armed knuckle-baller, have been installed as favorites to take the best-of-five series that starts Saturday in Atlanta.

—Will Take A Miracle?

The Braves have beaten every contender, winning their last 17 out of 20, and emerged on top in one of the most torrid races in National League history. They have shown such consistency that San Diego Padres Manager Preston Gomez has said "it will take a miracle for the Mets to beat them."

He figures the Braves have too much hitting, fielding, and experience for the Mets, or any team. He forgot to mention that the Amazin's beat Atlanta eight of twelve games during the regular season, and that the Mets are no ordinary team.

The Mets are a metaphysical force that has stolen the hearts of people all over the country (except in Atlanta). The mets, themselves, regard their sudden rise to power as only natural.

Tom Seaver, the 25-game winner and leading candidate for the Cy Young Award, claims; "The Mets are just a group of young men who love to play baseball." This somewhat casual approach is typical of the team that has conquered every obstacle, a team that did not fold when it was behind 9 1/2 games in August, a team where every man contributed and never lost the faith.

—Clean Is Typical

"This club has a lot of real good talent all the way through, not just one or two guys," adds Cleon Jones, exemplifying Met pride.

Cleon, currently vying for the National League batting title, probably was more responsible for the Mets' success than any other every day performer—except those Amazin' fans.

Never has one team had such support and love as the Mets this year. The fans have generated so much excitement that visiting ball clubs are visibly shook when playing before a full house at the Big Shea.

"It's been a good effort. The team, the fans, everybody," says a happy Met manager Gil Hodges.

Yes, it has been a happy year—except for the forecasters. But who can think about next year?

GOLFERS!

All varsity lacrosse candidates should meet in 304 Woollen Gym on Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

The Carolina Judo Club meets Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Tin Can.

Any interested male or female may attend. Instructors are Guy Jacobson and Kos Letterly. There will be a judo tournament on December 6 for anyone in the South.

Colts, Jets Collapse Make Pro Headlines

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Last year the Baltimore Colts were acclaimed as "the finest team in the history of football," until they met the New York Jets. Then their bubble burst and the Jets were acclaimed as a strong club with a super quarterback.

In the 1969 preseason, Baltimore invincibly rolled over six AFL foes. The Jets, meanwhile, quietly played exhibition games with little regard for score. Both the Colts and the Jets entered their respective regular season campaigns as predicted champions but then the upsets happened.

Baltimore opened their season with a 27-20 loss to the powerful Los Angeles Rams. This was no great shock since the Rams were generally considered the second or third best unit in the NFL.

Baltimore's defense did give up 27 points more than in any game last year, but if that was a bad game then this past weekend was disastrous. Minnesota's Vikings hung 52 points on the board and gained over 600 yards the 52-14 triumph over the Colts.

The Jets have different problems. They suffer in part because they are champions. They've also have injuries to Matt Snell, Al Atkinson and Randy Beverly. But golden-armed Joe Namath has been injured too, and that's there problem.

In three games the Jets have scored only seven touchdowns and eight field goals. The fault is directed toward Namath and his receivers. At various times one or the other is going badly.

But the Jets must start to win soon since their division is improved. For the Colts, with the mighty Rams rolling along, it may already be too late.

Vanderbilt Packs Size And Speed

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The Vanderbilt Commodores are what Carolina Head Coach Bill Dooley calls "an explosive team" packed with size and speed.

UNC's winless Tar Heels will test that very size and speed Saturday when the Commodores, who have also yet to win, invade Chapel Hill for the home football opener in Kenan Stadium. Kickoff is at 1:30.

"There's not much difference between this year's Vanderbilt team and the one that went 5-4-1 last season," Dooley said Tuesday. "It feels real good to be back in friendly Chapel Hill, but we still have to be at our very best if we hope to win."

Carolina defeated the Commodores, 8-7, a year ago in Nashville, but the Tar Heels went out of character by taking advantage of their only scoring opportunity to capture a fourth quarter victory.

Several spring changes in the Vanderbilt offense are the primary reasons for Dooley's tag of "explosiveness."

Quarterback John Miller, who completed over 50 per cent of his passes last season, is back, and Commodore Coach Bill Pace has given him more speed and power to work with in the backfield.

Doug Mathews, a 5-10, 190-pound bullet, has been converted from defensive halfback to tailback, and he gives the Commodores a constant break away threat.

Last year's tailback, Alan Spear, moved to fullback and has adjusted well to the position.

Vanderbilt uses a Houston pro-type triple option offense, so the fourth backfield member is primarily a wide flanker. He is Dave Strong, who was second in receiving for the Commodores a year ago.

The split end and deep threat for Vandy is leading pass catcher of last season Curt Chesley. He has been a marked man this year, however, and Miller has done most of his tossing to big tight end Karl Weiss, the team's top scorer after two games.

Vanderbilt lost to Michigan, 42-14, two weeks ago but were trailing the Wolverines 14-7 in the fourth quarter before the roof fell in. Last week the Commodores lost a 16-6 decision to Army.

Aside from the loss of guard Jim Papai, Carolina came out Mike Wall, former undergraduate intramural whiz, is now luggin' the leather for the grads. Mike is the new star tailback of the Med I team.

of Saturday's game with USC in good physical condition.

Quarterback Paul Miller, who completed an impressive five of seven passes in Carolina's late desperation drive, is still not fully recovered from back problems but may see some action Saturday.

"Miller did a better job throwing the football," Dooley said. "But we liked the way John Swofford ran the team in the first half. He is still our starting quarterback."



CHESLEY

Braves Juggle For Series

ATLANTA (UPI)—Braves manager Luman Harris juggled his pitching rotation Wednesday to keep 18-game winner Ron Reed ready for the National League Playoff Series with the New York Mets.

Harris had planned to go with the 6-foot-6 former professional basketball player Thursday night if the Western Division race went that far.

But the Braves clinched the west Tuesday night by edging Cincinnati 3-2 and now Harris plans to pitch Reed Sunday against the Mets and hasn't made up his mind about who'll close out the regular season against the Reds.

"I honestly don't know who's going to pitch that game Thursday," Harris said. "But I'm anxious to look at (19-year-old rookie) Mike McQueen and you can bet he'll work sometime during that game."

Harris will go with his 23-game-winning knuckleballer Phil Niekro here Saturday opposite Tom Seaver, the Mets' 25-game winner. Reed figures to face Jerry Koosman Sunday.

Harris has a pair of 13-game winners, Pat Jarvis and George Stone, to throw against the Mets in New York Monday and Tuesday, if the best-of-five series goes that long and then can come back with Niekro in New York on Wednesday if the series goes the full five.

While Thursday night's

game with the Reds no longer has any bearing on the division race, the Braves still have an incentive to win.

Tuesday night's victory was their 10th straight and they need no. 11 to tie the all-time Braves' winning streak set by the 1956 Milwaukee Braves.

But their attention now is focused on the Mets who beat them eight of 12 times during the season.

"We're a better team now than when the Mets last met us (Aug. 10)," said Harris. "We're much the same as we were early in the season when we got off to a good start. But there's no comparison between this team now (the Braves have won 17 of their last 20) and a month ago."

"I'm encouraged by the way my team has been hitting of late," Harris continued. "We didn't hit well at all the last couple of series with the Mets and still the games were very close."

Harris and many of the Braves credit the last-minute arrival of 46-year-old knuckleballer Hoyt Wilhelm, picked up Sept. 6 on waivers from the Angels, as providing the impetus needed to win the division.

"Our bull pen was weary and Hoyt gave it a real lift," Harris said.

However, unless the Braves can find a loophole in the

Sophomore Quarterbacks Top ACC Statistic News

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Two sophomore quarterbacks, Wake Forest's Larry Russell and Clemson's Tommy Kendrick, top the ACC's total offense category.

Russell is in front with 364 yards in three games while Kendrick follows closely with 319 yards in two contests.

Defending champion and ACC record holder Leo Hart of Duke leads sixth and Tommy Suggs of USC's undefeated

Gamecocks is third.

Leon Mason of N.C. State has rushed for 255 yards in 33 carries and leads sophomore Gary Helman of Virginia by 57 yards. State's Charlie Bowers is a close third with 193 yards and 95 attempts.

Duke's Hart, the passing leader, has thrown 13 of 31 completions to Marcel Courtillet, the ACC's reception leader. Carolina's Tony Blanchard ranks sixth with seven receptions for 77 yards.

South Carolina heads the conference in rushing offense, total offense and scoring.

The Gamecocks are averaging 234 yards per game on the ground and 340 yards total offense after two contests. They have scored 41 points for a 20.5 average.

Surprisingly, stingy Virginia

is far ahead in rushing defense, allowing only 121 yards in two contests. The Cavs also lead in scoring defense, permitting just 21 points.

North Carolina, burned many times last year through the air, tops the loop in pass defense. Carolina's two opponents have split the Tar Heel's secondary for only eight completions and 112 yards.

N.C. State, sparked by All-America candidates Ron Carpenter and Jack Whitley, are slightly in front of Virginia and North Carolina in total defense.

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Carolina ranks seventh in total offense and last in scoring with a total of nine points.

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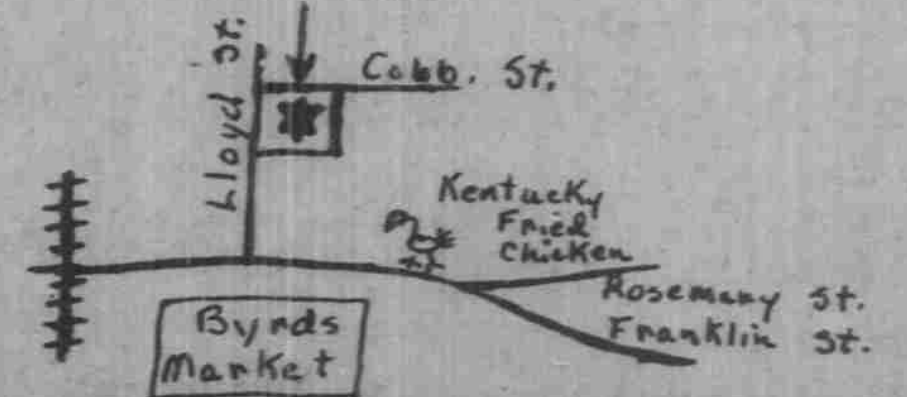
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