

## The party's over in NFL

Charlie Brown, Washington Redskins wide receiver extraordinaire and charter member of the now defunct Fun Bunch, is a man with a mission.

The reactionary, humorless NFL owners have reduced the Fun Bunch to rubble. This season, premeditated and unrestrained celebrations will officially be considered "taunting" and will bring a 5-yard penalty. They've taken the fun out of Charlie's Fun Bunch, which will no longer be permitted to perform its leaping, group high five following a Washington touchdown.

But Charlie Brown intends to be heard from. He will not rest until the names of those responsible for this intolerable rule are delivered personally to him. The word is, he will take no prisoners.

"I would like to know who started the whole thing," Brown says with bitterness. "Was it a coach or coaches? Which team was it?"

## Kurt Rosenberg

Under the rule, only a player who scores a touchdown will be allowed to spike the ball. In other words, a running back can no longer present the ball to an offensive tackle, giving the latter a rare opportunity to cradle and caress it before putting it out of its misery in a Neanderthal display of machismo. In addition, the rule goes on to say that "unrehearsed leaping hand slaps after a good play are perfectly acceptable and well within the bounds of good sportsmanship, provided they do not carry a clear intent to embarrass or deride an opponent."

It is that part of the rule that makes the Redskins see red. "I can't see our routine as taunting the opposition," Brown says. "It's understood by the guys that if we are way ahead we don't perform. The same when we are behind. If coach (Joe) Gibbs had thought we were taunting the other club he would have asked us to stop."

Gibbs never brought down the curtain on the Fun Bunch. But several Dallas Cowboys tried to in a game at Texas Stadium last season, and the Dec. 11 incident may well have been a factor leading to the inception of the taunting rule.

Redskins wide receiver Art Monk had just caught a touchdown pass and the Fun Bunch had gathered in the end zone to celebrate. But Dallas defensive backs Michael Downs and Dennis Thurman weren't in the mood for entertainment. They crashed the party, trying to break it up like a couple of thugs. Shoves were exchanged and both teams were penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"It was a personal insult," was Downs' post-game explanation.

It will be up to the officials to determine what is taunting and what is not. As if they don't have enough to worry about, now they will have to judge whether a celebration is premeditated or spontaneous, whether or not it is excessive or prolonged.

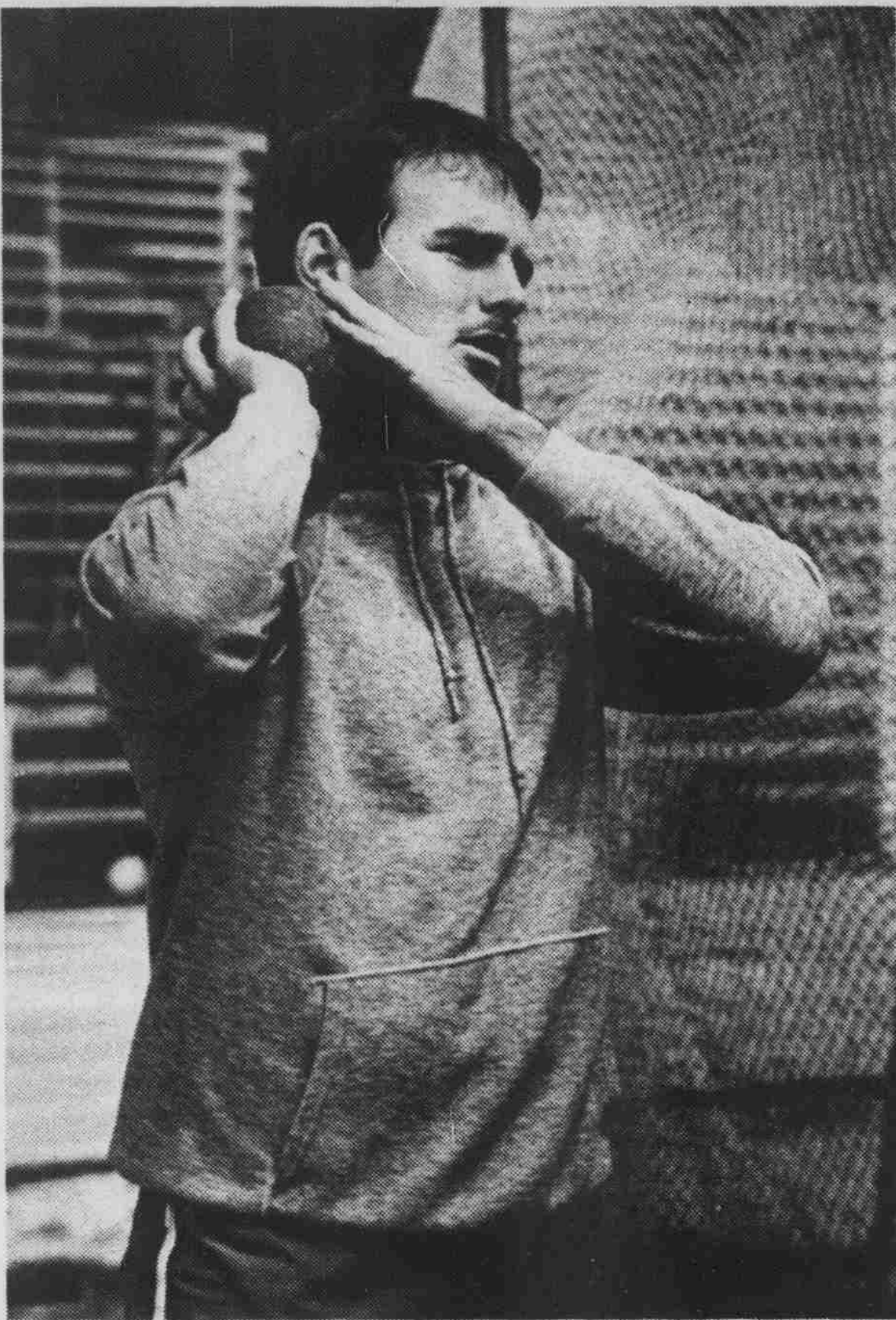
"We're not trying to stifle players' enthusiasm," says Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula, a member of the league's competition committee. "If (Mark) Gastineau jumps once, that's fine."

According to Shula that's fine. But according to the attorney for the New York Jets' flamboyant defensive end, it's not fine at all. Leigh Steinberg insists he will do whatever it takes to keep his client dancing.

"I'm prepared to follow him from game to game," Steinberg says. "We can have adjudication after every sack dance. I'm prepared to have a trial on the field every time he's penalized."

It would be unfortunate, but typical of the NFL, if a matter so ludicrous as this actually had to be decided in a courtroom. When the Fun Bunch and Gastineau perform, it is not taunting. If their behavior upsets their opponents, that's their problem. They should be mature enough to handle it. "Guys react instinctively when they score," Brown says. "It's a natural high. It's easy to get fired up because football is a game of emotion."

It's also entertainment, which the NFL owners seem to have forgotten.



UNC's Darren Biehler was 10th after one day of the decathlon

## Wolfpack takes lead in decathlon

By SCOTT SMITH  
Staff Writer

The first day of the ACC track and field championships at Fetzer Field concentrated on two of the more unusual events in track — the women's heptathlon and the men's decathlon.

The decathlon, which figured to be a strong event for N.C. State, turned out as expected after four events were completed Wednesday.

Wolfpack athletes Fedelis Obikwu and Troy Wright held down the first and third positions, respectively, going into the final five events scheduled for today.

Obikwu led the way for State, as he piled up 3,067 points while capturing first place in the long jump, shot put, and high jump. He was particularly impressive in the high jump with a winning leap of 6-8.

Clemson's Eric Olson was second after the first day with 2,814 points and Wright was third with 2,726.

After four events had been completed in the heptathlon, Maryland's Linda Spenst and Virginia's Beth Sheehan separated themselves from the field with very strong performances.

Going into Friday's final three events, Spenst has a 3,050 to 2,922 lead on second-place Sheehan. Both heptathletes spent time in and out of first place until a strong effort by Spenst in the high jump gave her the first-day lead.

Wake Forest's Becky Cortis was third after Wednesday's events with 2,524 points.

North Carolina athletes are looking forward to tomorrow's second and final day in the events, as they finished somewhat disappointed.

UNC's Darren Biehler stood in 10th position after Wednesday's events with 2,262 points while Tar Heel women Gaylen Garrett and Sharyn Gates stood fifth and sixth, respectively, in the heptathlon. Garrett had 1,918 points while Gates had 1,864.

UNC track coach Don Lockerbie expects all three to improve today, particularly Biehler, who Lockerbie says has his best event, the pole vault, coming up.

## Maryland blanks Georgia Tech

From Staff Reports

DURHAM — Mike Romanovsky tossed a 3-hit shutout and struck out 10 Yellow Jackets as Maryland defeated Georgia Tech, 4-0, Wednesday night in the first round of the ACC baseball tournament.

Maryland, which entered the tournament with a .232 batting average, slashed 10 hits off Georgia Tech starter Stu Rogers, who took the loss.

However, all the Terrapins' runs were unearned. Maryland scored its first run in the first inning when Marty Freeman, who reached first on a walk, stole second and then went to third on a single by Tom Meider. Freeman scored on a Mike Lavin single.

Maryland struck for three runs in the third. Chris Stark led off with a bunt single down the third-base line and moved to third on a single off the right-field wall by Bryan Davenport. Freeman then lined a grounder to the third baseman and Stark scored when Georgia Tech catcher Jeff Mons dropped the throw to home plate from third baseman Chuck Dunn.

Meider bunted and was safe at first on an error by Mons that loaded the bases. Lavin walked to drive in the second run and Kevin Johnstone sacrificed to score Davenport.

In the Georgia Tech seventh, Steve Newbern singled up the middle and Scott Jordan dropped a base hit in left field before being stranded when Chris Morgan, a .399 hitter, struck out to end the inning. Romanovsky struck out two in the final inning.

### Duke 8, Clemson 5

Seventh-seeded Duke shocked second seed Clemson, 8-5, in the first round of the ACC baseball tournament behind timely hitting and pitching.

The Blue Devils got on the board first in the third inning when centerfielder Mark Miliello hit a sacrifice fly deep to right to allow leftfielder Jeff Ziegler to score. Duke scored again in the fifth when designated hitter Fred Donegan slammed his fifth home run of the season deep over the right field fence.

The Blue Devils scored three more runs in the sixth when catcher Tom Decker smacked a bases-loaded

single to right to score Russ Lee and Mark Heffley. The very next pitch from Clemson pitcher John Pawlowski was wild, allowing Dave Amaro to score from third.

The Tigers threatened in the bottom of the sixth, scoring one run when shortstop Scott Powers reached base on a walk and was singled in by first baseman Bob Paulling. Clemson then loaded the bases with one out, but freshman Duke pitcher Scott Bromby regained his composure and struck out DH John Jay and leftfielder Ray Williams to end the inning.

The Tigers scored one run in the seventh and two more in the eighth to pull within one, but Duke scored three runs in the ninth, including a monstrous home run by second baseman Ron Bianco.

Clemson scored one run in the bottom of the ninth, but it was too little, too late as Bromby threw out Brooks Shumake for the final out.

Duke will face high-powered N.C. State today at 7:30 p.m. and Clemson will face Virginia at 1 p.m. in the losers bracket.

### N.C. State 10, Virginia 0

N.C. State christened the 1984 ACC tournament with a seven-run first inning en route to a 10-0 thrashing of Virginia.

Jim Toman hit two home runs in two innings, including a first-inning grand slam, and Doug Davis and Tracy Woodson added home runs to lead the Wolfpack.

"They just drove down the field on their first possession, scored a touchdown and kicked the extra point," Virginia coach Dennis Womack said. "There's not much else to say."

Toman's two home runs tied a tournament record, which was broken by North Carolina's Todd Wilkinson in the second game.

Woodson's blast gave him 24 homers and 72 RBIs on the year, leading the ACC. The Wolfpack junior now holds a .953 slugging percentage.

N.C. State starter Mike Pesavento went the route, striking out six Cavaliers while surrendering only four singles. Pesavento is now 7-0.

Compiled by Lee Roberts, Mike Sanders and David Wells.

## Intramurals

### Big Four Tournament

Five UNC teams captured titles in the Big Four Tournament with Duke, N.C. State and Wake Forest:

#### WOMEN'S BOWLING CHAMPIONS

Julie Baker  
Julie Leeb-Lundberg  
Kim Skelton  
Ronda Moorefield  
Dorothy Arundell

#### MEN'S BOWLING CHAMPIONS

Roy Lake  
J.C. Metzethin  
Billy Barnes  
Don Courtney  
Knox Hughes

#### MEN'S RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONS

Rick Fair  
Scott Davis

Andy Holloman  
Donny Barnes  
Tom Stewart, Mark Thompson  
Kevin Kirk, Tom Spencer  
Doug White

#### MEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

Johnny Stephenson, Charlie Davis  
Robert Velder, David Rush  
Jay Harrell, Kenny Tatum  
Earl Taylor, Tom Craft  
Steve Tanner, Jeff Burgess  
Rob Lucas, Johnny Hooker  
Lloyd Evans

#### MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

Jeff Byrd, Bob Frimmel  
Tracy Sample, Kevin Fairley

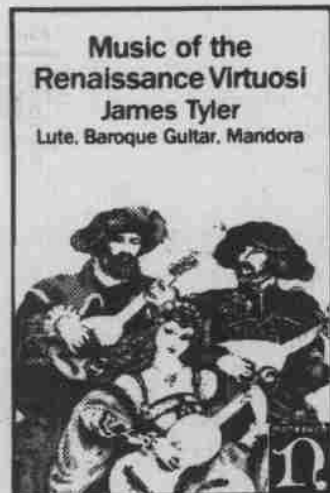
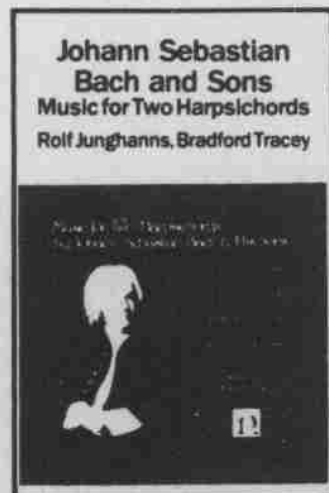
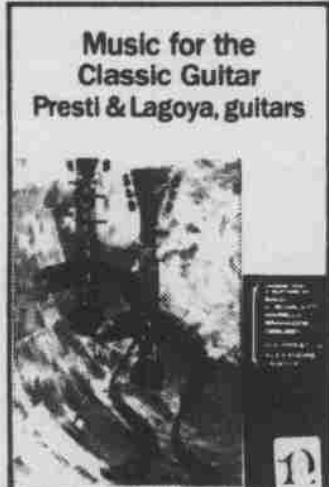
#### IM-REC NOTES

\*\*\*The Spring Lecture/Exercise Series presents a program on "The Pre-Menstrual Syndrome" with Lindsay Lacky of the National PMS Society. Following the lecture, a one-hour exercise session will be held, Saturday, 10 a.m., in the Women's Gym Dance Studio A (room 26 located behind the indoor pool). Free.

\*\*\*Friday is the entry deadline for the Open Croquet Classic and the Student/Faculty Baseball Game. Entries are due in 203 Woolen Gym.

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