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The Month Before Pigskin

'Twas the month before pigskin—and all through the Land—
Camps are just openin' and coaches are never bland.
Come Ditka, now Landry, on Perkins, with Gibbs:
"Don't give me no sore-arms, don't tell me bruised ribs."
With 'Fridge' and "The Boz" and "Lawrence the T,"
Tell Bo it's no hobby, tell Tony Hill and Testaverde.
And I heard him exclaim as he sped out of sight,
"Just four exhibitions and the world will be right."

By the way, William "Fridge" Perry has to weigh under 325 or Mike Ditka says he won't be allowed to practice with the Bears. Perry was supposed to work out in the offseason, but didn't and has to forfeit the same 40-thousand bucks he lost last year, because of the weight clause in his contract. Ditka says, "Perry did run twice a day—from the refrigerator to the bathroom."

Which reminds me of another girth story—this one about 247 pound relief pitcher Terry Forster of the Minnesota Twins Portland farm team. Manager Charlie Manuel looked at Forster leaving the park and asked, "Where are you two guys going?"

I'm glad the recent U. S. Olympic Festival was a success. I'm also glad it's over. I agree with the basic premise—giving athletes a shot at Olympic-type competition—but what good does it do the average competitor when unbelievable talents like Greg Louganis so dominates a sport? The event should be sold for what it is—a sports festival—and not pumped as a mini-Olympics.

Reagan Cites Harris-Teeter

President Reagan presented the nation's highest volunteer community service award to Harris-Teeter Super Markets at the White House on Thursday. The Presidential Award for Private Sector Initiative was given to Harris-Teeter for its effort in the "Hay for Farmers" campaign of last year.

The Harris-Teeter has a local store in Kings Mountain.

The severe summer drought last year created a major crisis for North Carolina dairy and cattle farmers. "Hay for Farmers" was a cooperative effort involving the Private Sector, Government and farmers. It provided an estimated two million bales of hay from 46 states and Canada; especially Ohio and Kentucky. Area farmers received hay.

National Guard air cargo planes, transport trucks, FCX Railroad, Harris-Teeter's own convoy of trucks, drivers, employees and vendors, government officials, hotel chains, State

Highway Departments, NASCAR drivers and many others in the Private Sector were a part of this campaign. Harris-Teeter provided its warehouses for hay storage, round-the-clock security and insurance to protect and cover any losses. Scores of volunteers worked through the night using ill-equipped farm machinery to load the trucks so they could get back on the road to North Carolina without losing any time on Harris-Teeter's normal grocery delivery operations. They hay came from

August to October and Harris-Teeter stayed involved until the crisis was over.

Governors, State Departments of Agriculture, substantial media support and coverage of the campaign, countless Harris-Teeter employees, their families and friends all contributed greatly to the success of "Hay for Farmers".

"Our corporate philosophy includes a commitment to using our resources for the betterment of the communities in which we live and work, and when Congressman Alex

McMillan called to inform us of this crisis, we were glad to go into action to help alleviate the situation. We are very pleased for the recognition of our efforts to live up to that commitment," says Bob Goodale, Harris-Teeter's President.

Harris-Teeter is involved in many other community assistance activities along with having given over five-million pounds of food to food banks as of October, 1986.

Harris-Teeter owns and operates 112 supermarkets in the Carolinas and Virginia.

Rudisill Qualifies For Event

Gilbertsville, Ky. — Larry Rudisill, of Hickory is the current Carolina Division leader for a spot in Operation Bass' Red Man Circuit Point Leader Tournament of Champions to be held on the Wahiawa Reservoir on Oahu, Hawaii, January 18-25, 1988.

After completing four of six qualifying events, Rudisill has collected 151.50 points to lead all other anglers vying for the one Carolina position open in the exotic \$50,000 Hawaiian tournament.

Mike Whitaker, founder and president of Operation Bass, and the man responsible for developing the unique Hawaiian tournament said, "the industry-wide interest that has developed concerning the tournament has been phenomenal."

Whitaker had earlier announced that the Red Man Tournament of Champions marks the first time a national bass tournament has been conducted outside of the continental United States and the first time Hawaii has hosted such an event signaling the growth and popularity of the sport.

Twenty Red Man weekend anglers will compete in the two-day contes all having qualified for the tournament by finishing with the most points within one of 20 Red Man divisions. Each division will be represented.

Qualifiers for the event receive an all-expense-paid, week-long trip to Hawaii and will compete for more than \$50,000 in cash and prizes and a chance to move on to the Red Man All-American where the winner receives \$100,000 the top prize in sport-fishing.

The 1988 Red Man All-American will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, November 16-21. The annual event determines America's top "working man", weekend fisherman.

Sponsors of Operation Bass include: Red Man chewing tobacco, Ranger Boats, Chevrolet trucks, DuPont Stren line, Evinrude Outboards, GNB batteries, Fenwick tackle boxes, Minn Kota trolling motors, Ryobi reels, Pennzoil outboard lubricant, Techsonic (Humminbird electronics), Browning rods and Iglood coolers.

County Tax Bills On Way

Cleveland County property owners will begin receiving their 1987 tax bills Wednesday, according to Tax Collector Mary A. Laughlin.

Those who pay the bills by Sept. 1 will receive a 2 percent discount.

The deadline for paying 1987 taxes without penalty is in early January 1988.

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