

Detroit Lions, Philadelphia Eagles Clash Here Saturday Night

McCullough May Be 'Blur' In Detroit-Philly Grid Contest

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. -- That blur you'll see during the Philadelphia Eagle-Detroit Lion clash at the Jaycee football classic in Raleigh, s' Carter Stadium will be Earl McCullough, one of the fastest men on earth (or on the moon, if you prefer).

It took McCullough of the Lions just six of the fourteen regular season games to earn Rookie of the Year honors during the 1968 season.

At post Cranbrook School, a private institution tucked away 23 miles from Detroit, the slender receiver recalled his dismay when learning of his selection.

"I was surprised. I say that because of two things. Me! Farr got it the year before and he's also from Detroit. I didn't think they'd pick two in a row from the same team."

The second reason was Earl's self-admitted poor play during the remainder of the season. He had caught five TD passes in the first six games, but was held scoreless in the next eight. He was said by Lion brass to be bumped, double-teamed, and tripled. He was said to be veering off his patterns and inexperienced, but certainly for stardom.

No one said he had played the entire year, including the exhibition season, with a broken wrist. No one found out about it until March, when he had to have a bone graft.

He had also suffered a leg injury in game number eight.

"I don't know if the injuries had anything to do with my poor play," he offered. "There was no doubt I was picked on my first half-season performance, because I was very disappointed with the rest of the year. I hope to do better this year, a lot better."

The Lions lost their pre-season opener to strong Kansas City of the AFL, but McCullough has started out just like last year. He hauled in a TD pass from Greg Landry against one of the toughest defensive secondaries in the game.

McCullough, who gave up a certain gold medal during the Olympics in Mexico for a pro-football career, isn't sorry about the decision.

"It's all a matter of money," he noted. "There's none for a track man, and if you're good there's a whole lot for a football player. I don't think I'm

a complete receiver now, but I hope to be. Some players have goals. They know when they feel they should be in their prime. Different people say a different number of years, I hope to do it by this year."

"In college, I was faced with only two or three basic defensive patterns. Now there are five or six. It is much more complicated. Here the backs are more versatile. Like Baltimore, they all know where they are supposed to be and work so well at it. It's hard to shake free. It's like moving from checkers to chess, going from college to pros."

In street clothes, the wiry speedster makes you wonder about the boasts of pro-football, the ones that infer it's a "man's game." He is skinnny, small, and light. How could he withstand the brutal challenge of the NFL?

"When he catches the football," says coach Joe Schmidt, "they won't be saying he's heavy or light. They'll be saying damn, he's fast."

"My smallness helps," McCullough insists. "When they take a shot at me, they take their best. If they miss, I may be gone. But if they hit, I'm okay. I might be a little skinnny (5'11", 175 lbs.), but I'm not brittle."

McCullough has already proven his after-burners are as good as the best of the NFL. He slipped by Herb Adery, the prototype of cornerbacks in pro-football, and Bob Jeter, a near equal if not a carbon copy, in the same game for TD snares. And he wasn't even a pro yet, but a starter on the '68 all-star team.

Being able to jock and outrun the best defensive speedsters around puts McCullough in class with only one other player. There's an inevitable comparison to the little guy and Dallas' Bob Hayes, who did get a gold medal at Tokyo in '64.

Can McCullough out-leg Hayes?

"Yes and no," wisely relates Earl. "I can beat him running the hurdles, but in sheer speed, he's probably faster."

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be one of the the best ATA tournaments in history. The association voted to return to St. Louis in 1970. Edgar Lee of Washington, D. C. defeated Colonel William Campbell of Colorado Springs to regain the Senior Men's Singles Championships a title he has had ten times.



MAKES FINGERTIP CATCH - Buffalo, N. Y.: Baltimore receiver Willie Richardson, 87, makes a fingertip catch of an Earl Morrall pass in the second quarter of play August 22. Defending for Buffalo is Booker Edgerson, 24. Baltimore defeated Buffalo 20-7. (UPI).



SCORED FIRST TOUCHDOWN AS PRO - (Browns-Packers) Cleveland, O.: Ron Johnson (30), Cleveland's No. 1 draft choice, scores his 1st touchdown as a pro in 1st quarter action against Green Bay. Dave Robinson (89) Packers LB, tries in vain to get Johnson. (UPI).

Detroit's Alex Karras 4-Time All-Pro Tackle

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. -- Alex Karras, a permanent fixture for the past ten years in the Detroit Lions' defensive system and four-time all-pro tackle, is a very, very funny guy.

He won't necessarily keep the Philadelphia quarter backs in stitches during the Lion-Eagle clash in Raleigh on September 6, but then again he just might -- but then that's another story.

Karras, actually diminutive by NFL defensive tackle standards at 6'2", 255 pounds, is recognized as one of the quickest, hardest-hitting linemen in the league and vital to the Lions' front four, well respected by all.

A flying trip by North Carolina press into the Lions' training camp here at plush Cranbrook School in the Detroit suburbs also revealed the Garry, Indiana native and brother of Ted Karras, who also toiled in the NFL, to be a comedian at heart.

"I have this little skit, you see, which is humorous," he told the group explaining his "thing" about being funny. "It led to my being put into several segments of Daniel Boone."

Karras plays a constable in eight parts of the Boone show which stars Fess Parker, 6'6", and Jimmy Dean (occasionally, 6'4"), and jokes when he says, "They actually put pads on me and made me wear elevator

boots when working with those guys."

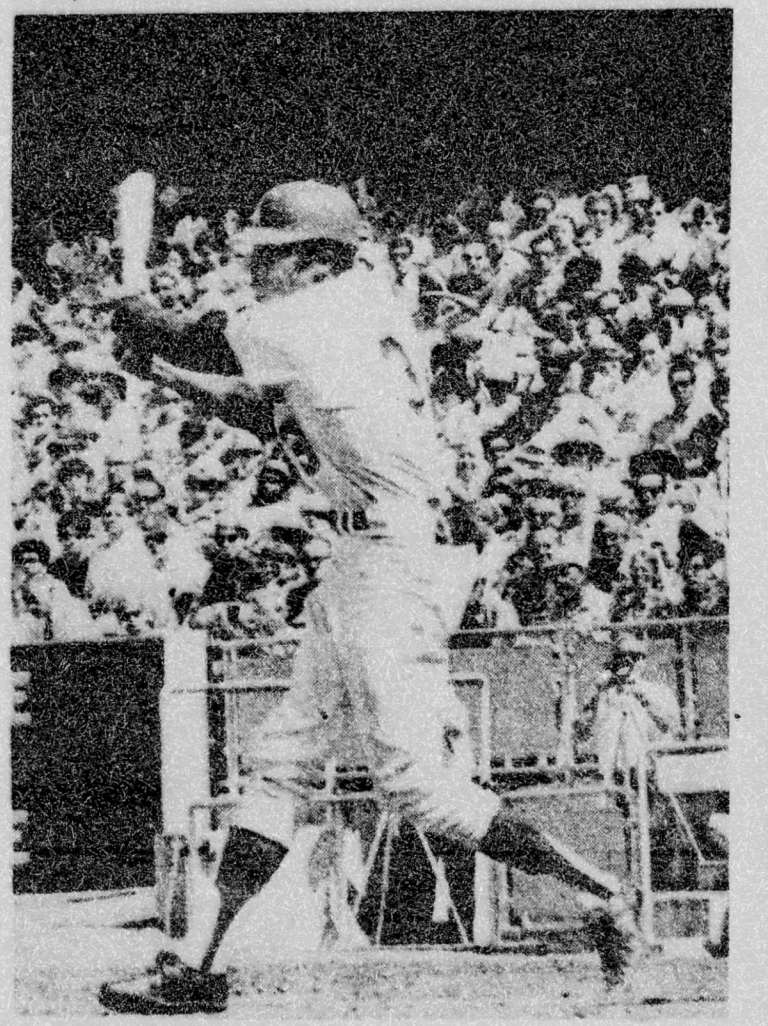
The likeable orator of comedy also had a leading role in "The Paper Lion," a movie adapted from the best seller by George Plimpton.

"I had a great time doing the film and the TV stuff, but football is my life," Karras offered and although with some of his usual wittiness, set about to lightly explain the game.

"The dirtiness in gone in pro-football. Sure, it used to be around, but no longer. The backs are so much quicker now; it doesn't pay to try to take a cheap shot at them. It breaks up your defensive network and you are only hurting the team. You can no longer use a shoulder to tackle a big, fast back. Now you use the first thing you can; that's usually your head. That's what happened to me. I used to be six-foot-six. They used to push shoulder pads as the most protective equipment. Now it's helmets."

"A lineman is like a wrestler. He plays leverage. You always have to be lower than your opponent. On passing plays I go to the sides. I don't like contact. I learned early that I wasn't as strong as some. When a man has a gun, you run."

"How much time left to play? I don't know anything about that. I play from day to day. Right now I am worrying about the next practice."



WILLIE DAVIS TIES RECORD - Los Angeles: Los Angeles Dodgers' outfielder Willie Davis at bat, singled sharply in the second inning against the New York Mets to tie the all-time Dodger Club record of hitting safely in 29 consecutive games. Davis single marks the longest hitting streak this year in the Major Leagues. (UPI).

The Sports Parade

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GUARD PELE - CARACAS, Venezuela -- Super soccer star Pele and fellow members of his Santos team were closely guarded last week after Venezuelan terrorists threatened to kidnap members of the visiting Brazilian team. Even during a tour of downtown Caracas, Pele, the world's finest and highest paid soccer star, was accompanied by a guard carrying a machine gun.

A KNOCKOUT - MONTICELLO, N. Y. -- Joe Frazier, Philadelphia heavyweight recognized as champion in six states, was a knockout when he appeared outside the ring as a singer last week. Frazier and his combo, called "The Knockouts," delighted fans in their night club appearances at Kutscher's and there was talk that the group may be headed toward lucrative bookings in Las Vegas, Miami Beach, San Juan, Los Angeles and New York.

AID SCLC - PHILADELPHIA -- For the second straight year, stars of the National Basketball association donated their talents for the benefit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in an All-Star Classic at the Spectrum, Aug. 22. Bos-

ton's player-coach Bill Russell; Will Chamberlain, Los Angeles Lakers; and Lew Alcindor, Milwaukee Bucks, saw action.

HIGH IN MONEY - MILWAUKEE -- Lee Elder, the Black golfer who rose from the ranks of the caddies to become one of the stars of the Professional Golfers Association, last week finished third and high in the money, when he carded a six-under-par, 72-hole total of 289 strokes in the \$100,000 Greater Milwaukee Open Golf tournament. Elder finished behind Ken Still, the winner, and Gary Player, in the contest over the 7,075-yard course at North Shore Country Club course.

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Football Drills At Shaw U.

The Shaw University Bears football team began preparation for the 1969 football season on September 2, with the first day being designated picture day, according to Dennis Jefferson, head coach.

The entire evening session, beginning at 4 p.m. at Washington School's practice field, was devoted to taking pictures and conducting interviews with the coaches and players.



MARCIANO KILLED IN PLANE CRASH - Newton, Iowa: Former world heavyweight boxing champ Rocky Marciano was killed late August 31, along with two other men - identified as Glen Beltz and Frank Farrell - when the single-engine Cessna 172 in which they were flying crashed about two miles south of here. Marciano, who would have been 46 on September 1, broke into professional boxing in March, 1947, and retired undefeated as world champ in April, 1956. He was elected to boxing's Hall of Fame in 1959. He was a native of Brockton, Mass. (UPI).

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