

1969 Turned Out To Be The Year Of The Braves: Siler

BY CHUCK SILER
BATON ROUGE, La.—1969 was called the "Year of the Tiger, Panther, Devil..." and a variety of other names around the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

It turned out to be the year of the Braves—from Alcorn. Still, many overlooked the fact that a young team with a new coach finished a close second to the Mississippians. For the Southern University Jaguars and Alva Tabor 1969 turned out to be a Cinderella season.

he had in his first year as head coach of the club. Many of the names that were heard will possibly be on the lips of other people in a variety of other places. Names such as those of Alden Roche and Louis Porter, Ken Ellis, Mel Blount, Ray Jones and others will no longer be on the roster. These are the bonus babies that signed to try their luck as professionals.

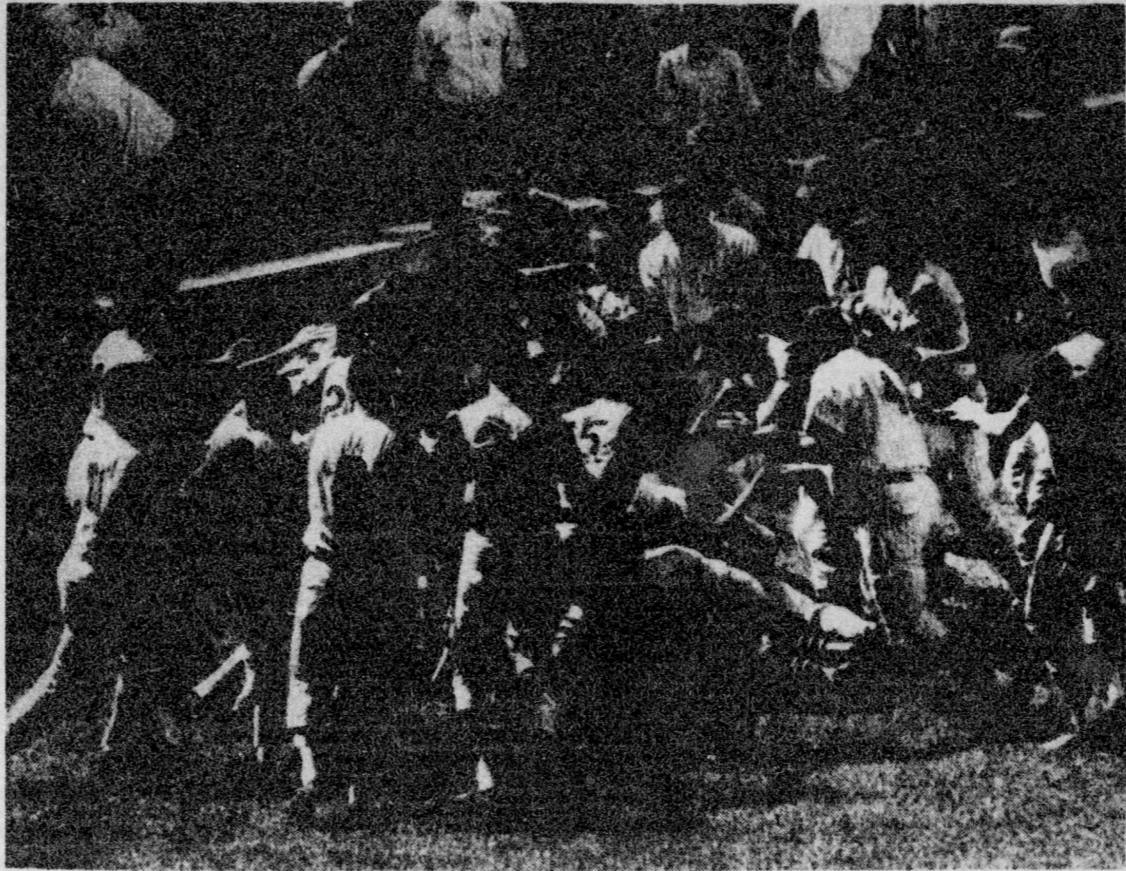
Others like Art Carroll, Terry Lewis, Albert Williams and Mark Samples who are among the free-agent signees will also be missing. Still the Southern Unit is somewhat intact. Though not as fast in the backfield the Jags are loaded with power runners that can move the ball. It may take a few more plays to make the big one since they lack the great Ellis-Porter speed duo but there is little doubt about the fact that the Richardsons (no kin) Gover and Eddie, Ernest Murry and transfer Harold Levins will be able to carry their share of the load.

he has been moved to fill a guard's spot. The tremendous twosome Hal Sampson and Randy Morton typify the type of linemen that Tabor has been out recruiting. Both weigh 280 and stand 6-7 and 6-8, respectively. They have the quickness and agility necessary as a result of their also having played basketball as prepsters.

As far as depth goes in the line the center position is loaded with three tough performers all of whom gained battle experience during the 1969 campaign. Elton Blount, Carl Turner and Thomas Smith are the three.

Al Levy and Joe Newton will front the guard spots Tabor is hoping for suitable backup men. Big John Spight who tips the scales at 280 may be one of the players available to turn in time in addition to playing offensive tackle.

Howard Hall who quarterbacked most of last season will be returning after having had a strong spring session. Backing him - and trying to win the starter's role - are transfers Henry "Shakey" Washington and Jerome Bettis.



NEAR FREE-FOR-ALL-Chicago: A near free-for-all broke out in the top half of ninth inning July 5, after Cub's manager Leo Durocher and Pirate's Dock Ellis apparently exchanged words over the pitching of reliever Jim Colborn. Players from both benches walked to the plate. However no one was ejected as Pirates won, 5-2. (UPI).

ATA National Tennis Championships Set For St. Louis August 17 To 22

DANVILLE, Va. - Dr. Hubert Eaton, President of The American Tennis Association announced recently that the ATA National Tennis Championships have been scheduled for August 17th through the 22nd at the Dwight Davis Tennis Courts, Washington Park, St. Louis, Missouri, for the second consecutive year. The Tandy Park Tennis Club will serve as local host for the hundreds of players expected for this year's tournament. All of last year's Champions are expected to return led by Men's Singles Champion Marty Gool of Detroit, Michigan.

Two new events have been added this year, the Men's Junior Veteran Singles and the Men's 55 years and over Singles. Interest in the Junior Veterans Event is expected to be extremely high with many players from across the country competing. Miss Bonnie Logan, Women's Singles Champion, for a number of years and now a Morgan State College student, is expected to lead the women's field, with a number of outstanding challengers competing.

The ATA along with the Pepsi Cola Company, The Mid-America Volkswagen Company, co-sponsor this national event which bring together some of the top amateur tennis players from the U. S., Canada, Nassau and Bermuda.

Outstanding ATA stars such as Althea Gibson, Jimmie McDaniels, The Peters Sisters, Arthur Ashe and others have contributed greatly to the support and growth of the ATA. The Junior Development Program, under the leadership of Dr. R. Walter Johnson of Lynchburg continues to develop outstanding young players.

For additional information write Ronald Charity, Executive Secretary, American Tennis Association, P. O. Box 1139, Danville, Virginia 24541.

BRONCO SPORTS NOTES

FAYETTEVILLE - Word has been received that one of Coach T. L. Reeves' Fayetteville State cage catches from the 1970 prep ranks, Willie Baker, has been named the "Athlete of the Year" at Fallsburgh High, New York. Baker is a 6-4 backcourt performer that Reeves is counting on for help this coming basketball season.

Reeves is working on an advanced degree at North Carolina Central University this summer and getting in a few recruiting Hicks in his spare time.

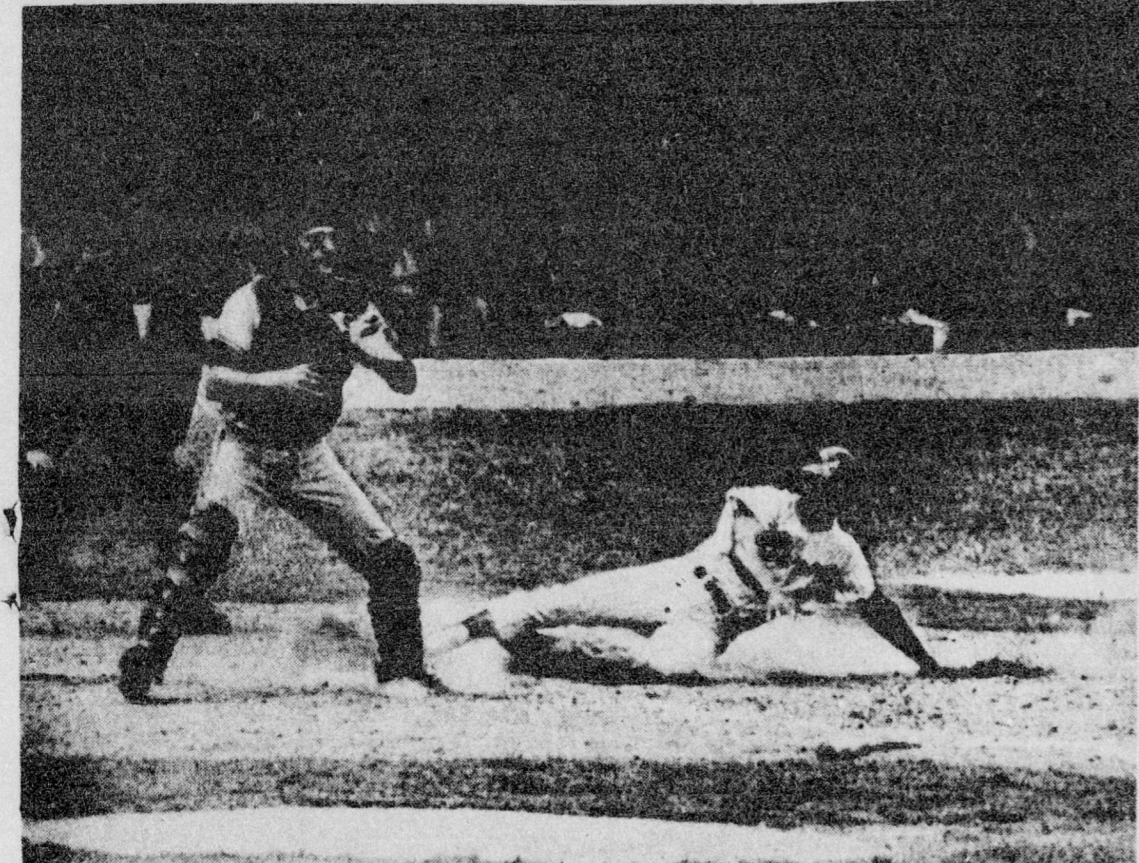
THE CENTRAL
Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Athletic Directors will huddle for three days, July 9-11, at Tanglewood, Winston-Salem, for a review of scheduling policies. A number of member institutions including Fayetteville State have changed their academic calendar.

For the third successive year, Fayetteville State's football games will be broadcast at home and away. Radio Station WIDU will be the anchor station with William Hennessee and Ted Hooker at the mikes.

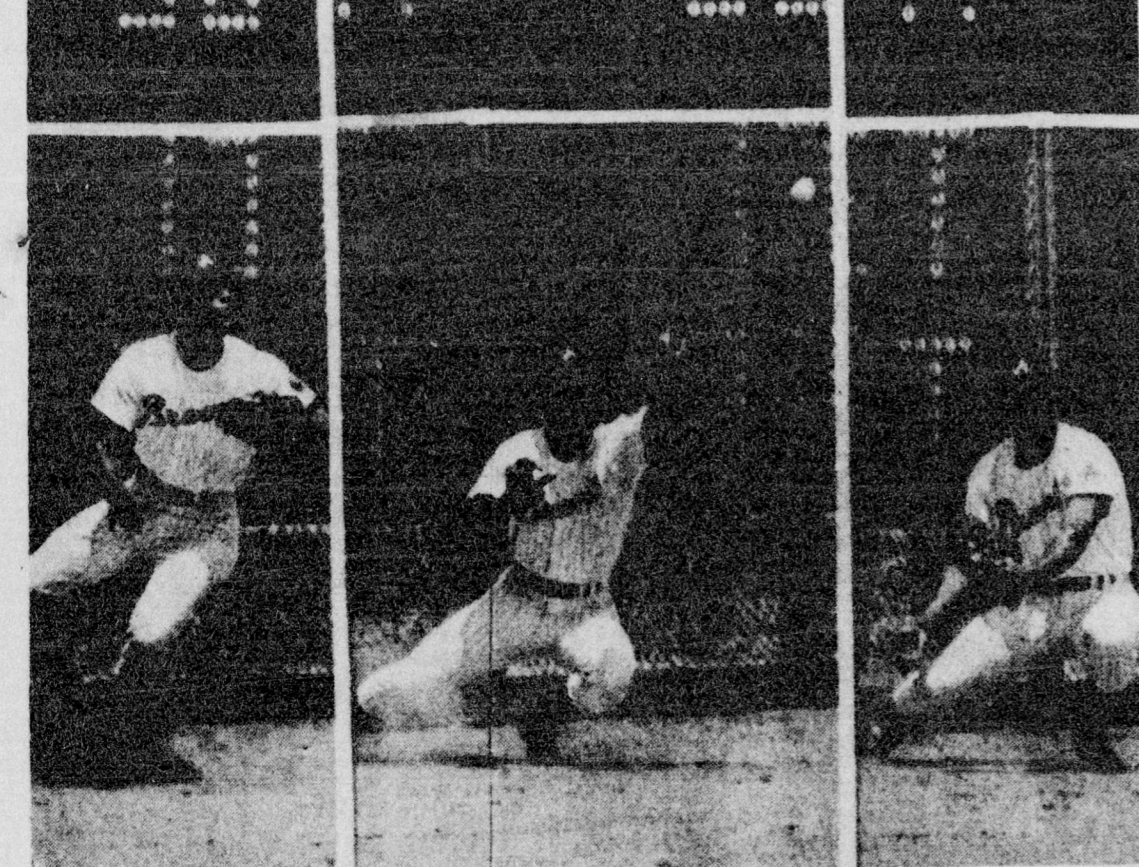
Tickets for Fayetteville State's four home football games will go on sale July 1. The FSU Athletic Department has signed an agreement with a major credit care company and ticket purchases can be charged on credit cards.

The four home games are September 19, Albany State College; October 3, Shaw University; October 24, Livingstone College and October 31, Elizabeth City State University (Homecoming).

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BRAVES' SANDY JACKSON SAFE-Atlanta: Braves' Sonny Jackson is safe across home with a score tying run in the 8th inning as Padres catcher Bob Barton waits for the relay throw from right field. Umpire Al Barlick. San Diego came back and beat Atlanta 6-5 to stop a four game losing streak. (UPI).



NL'S TOP HITTER SHOWS FANCY FIELDING-Atlanta: The National League's top hitter, Braves leftfielder, Rico Carty, shows some fancy fielding as a second inning drive off Padres catcher, Bob Barton sends Rico to the wall for the putout. San Diego topped Atlanta, 6-5. (UPI).



BEATS FELLOW-COUNTRYMAN-Wimbledon, England: John Newcombe (L) beat fellow-Australian Ken Rosewall (R) in a tight match July 4 to win the Men's Singles of the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships here. Newcombe outslugged Rosewall, 5-7; 6-3; 6-2; 3-6; 6-1, as 14,000 spectators watched. (UPI).

O.J. Simpson Looks For Good Year

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—O. J. Simpson, with one year of professional football out of the way, looks back at a less than satisfactory season and is now looking forward to a major improvement by himself and the other members of the Bills' squad.

"It was not a good year," he insists, "either for me or for the team."

The team did, indeed, have a poor season, finishing fourth in the American Football League's Eastern Division with a 4-10 record.

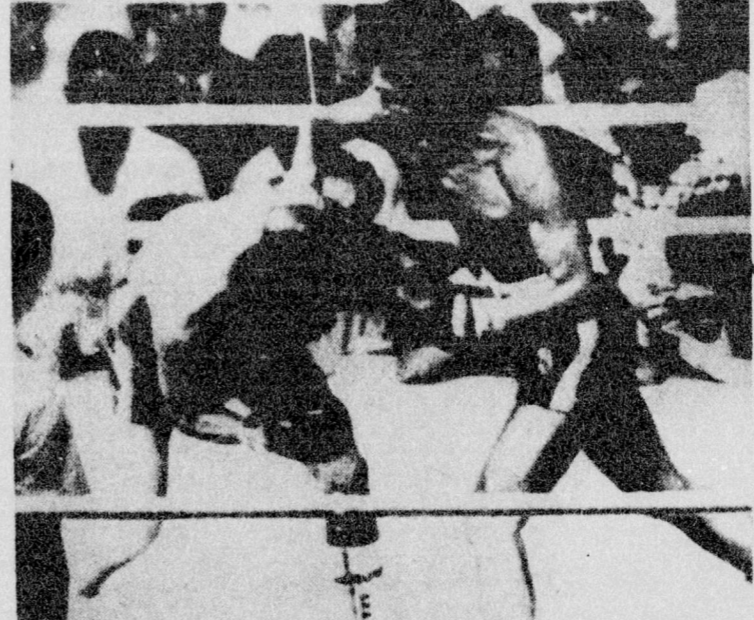
Rookie Simpson, however, was the sixth best rusher in the AFL with 697 yards and was fifth in average yards on kickoff returns at 25.2. Despite his performance, through there were those who said he didn't live up to his advance billing.

Now, as the 1970 season approaches, O. J. sees youth as the key to this year's improvement.

"Our team is so young that all but about five guys on the squad are going to report to rookie camp."

Besides the major drawback of a lack of experience on the Bills in 1969, Simpson believes the club was handicapped by the fact that "no one wanted to take charge."

"I guess the logical man would have been Jack Kemp, the veteran quarterback, but he wasn't a starter for a lot of the year—and it's hard for a man to lead when he's on the bench," Simpson observed.



SMASHES U. S. CHALLENGERS-Sendai, Japan: World Featherweight Champion Shozo Saijo smashes the U. S. challenger, Frankie Crawford of Los Angeles, with a right during their title bout here July 5. Saijo, the fourth Japanese fighter to successfully defend a world title, won with a decision in the fifteen round match. (UPI).



BOTH HANDS IN ACTION-New York: Emile Griffith keeps both hands in action during his work-out session with light bags at New York's Madison Square Garden. The former middleweight champ is slated to meet another former champ, Dick Tiger, in a featured bout at the Garden July 15. (UPI).

Grambling Tigers Set 11-Game Schedule

BY COLLIE J. NICHOLSON
GRAMBLING, La. - The Grambling Tigers, recognized nationally as the kingpin of small college football attractions, will play an 11-game schedule this fall.

Besteget with numerous offers to play in vine-fringed stadiums across the country, and buoyed by the knowledge that a healthy increase in attendance can be guaranteed through appearances in Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, and Houston, Grambling will play five games at home and six on the road.

A special closed-circuit TV arrangement will enable students, faculty members and alumni on campus to watch several contests played away from home "live."

The Nomadic Tigers open the 1970 season Sept. 12, by playing the first college game in the new Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh with Morgan State College.

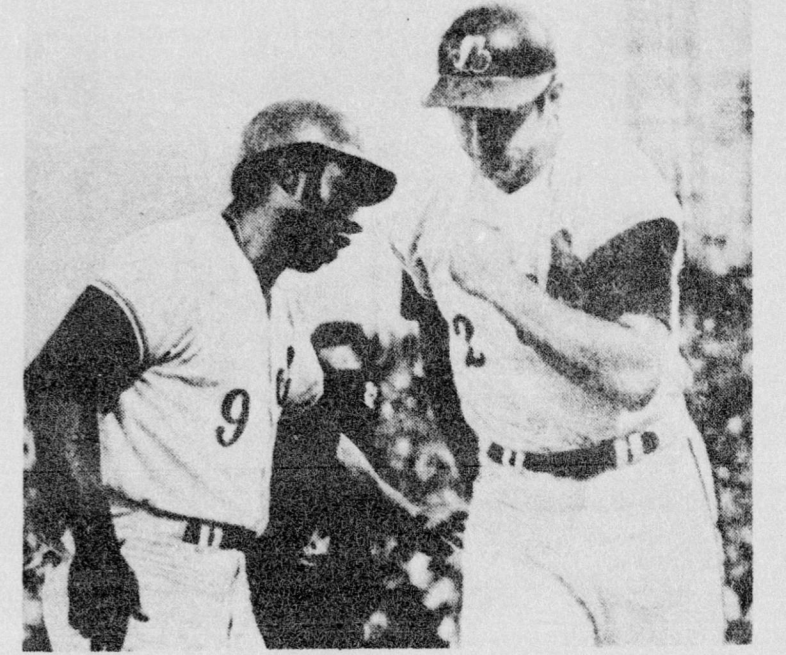
Coach Eddie Robinson calls the schedule enormously rewarding.

The Tigers initiate their at-

tractive home schedule with powerful Alcorn A&M on Sept. 19, and end the campaign Nov. 28 with Calif. State Fullerton.

The complete schedule follows: Sept. 2, Morgan State, (Three Rivers Stadium) Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sept. 19, Alcorn A&M, Grambling; Oct. 13, Prairie View A&M, (Soldiers Field) Chicago, Ill.; Oct. 10, Tenn. State A&T, Grambling; Oct. 17, Miss. Valley State, (Tiger Stadium) Detroit, Mich.; Oct. 24, Jackson State, (Municipal Stadium) Cleveland, Ohio; Oct. 31, Texas Southern, (Astrodome) Houston, Texas; Nov. 7, Arkansas AM&M, -Homecoming-Grambling; Nov. 14, Norfolk State, Grambling; Nov. 21, Southern University, Baton Rouge; and Nov. 28, Calif. State Fullerton, Grambling.

The development of child-care programs may aid considerably in meeting the increasing demand for trained personnel, in many segments of our economy, as well as in alleviating one of the problems encountered by many mothers who work or who would like to work.



HITS GRAND SLAM HOMER-Montreal: His face showing determination—or is it satisfaction --Montreal Expos' John Bateman (2) gets congratulations from teammate Mack Jones (9) after Bateman hit grand slam home run in the first inning against St. Louis Cards with Jones, Rusty Staub, and Jim Gosger on base. (UPI).

Signs of Safety

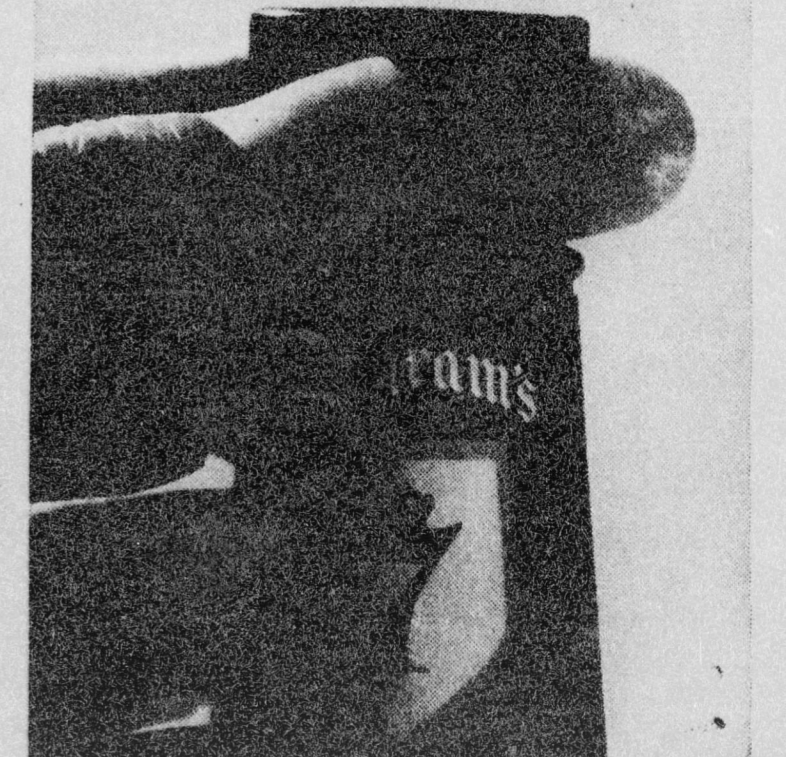
RIDER OR PUSHER MOWER

SOME 30 MILLION LAWN MOWERS WILL BE GROOMED WITH POWER MOWERS THIS SUMMER. RIDER MOWERS ARE BECOMING ESPECIALLY POPULAR. WHETHER YOURS IS A RIDER OR PUSHER TYPE, OBSERVE THESE COMMON RULES OF SAFETY:

- READ THE OWNER'S MANUAL BEFORE YOU OPERATE THE MACHINE. BE ITS MASTER, NOT ITS VICTIM. THE PART YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH COULD CAUSE AN UNHAPPY ACCIDENT... OR AN UNNECESSARY BREAKDOWN.
- CLEAR YOUR LAWN OF ROCKS, STICKS, TWIGS AND OTHER DEBRIS WHICH COULD BE FLUNG FROM YOUR MACHINE AT DANGEROUS SPEEDS AND KEEP IT CLEAR OF KIDS AND PETS. TOO THEY CAN BE THE TARGET OF THE DEBRIS YOU'VE MISSED.
- NEVER TRY TO UNLOCK YOUR MACHINE RUNNING. EVEN WITH THE ENGINE SWITCHED TO "OFF" POSITION—JUST ONE NUDDLE AND THE SLAPE CAN START SPINNING! PLEASE CONNECT THE SPARK PLUG WIRE.

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