

A LINE ON SPORTS

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This could be the year something very big hits pro football. It could be a very big betting scandal or it could be a very big betting coup, which conceivably could knock a lot of book-makers out of business.

There has always been rumblings concerning two or three western and mid-western teams and their relation to the point spreads. Recently there has been a fairly strong buzz about an eastern team which reportedly "likes to play with points spreads." And even more recently stories have appeared in some newspapers about an owner who likes to bet very big on golf and gin rummy. The stories fail to mention whether or not this high-rolling owner likes to bet pro football. The point I'm striving to make is that if your bag is betting pro football, be careful this coming season, there are too many signs of inconsistency carrying over from last season.

The best thing to do is invest your money wisely in the opening games and then watch for any trends. Always remember this number one rule when betting pro football: the best teams are often those that have lost more games than then have won but have consistently beaten the point spread. To the neophyte gambler (in this case pro football bettor) that doesn't make much sense but to the guy who makes his living figuring out ways to beat the spread that rule is the life line of betting.

The two best teams in pro football last season were the Atlanta Falcons and the Boston Patriots. Between them they had won only ten games last year, who cares about records. Anybody betting a team off records is insane. You bet a team off past performances and inside information, never off its record. Both Atlanta and Boston were tailenders last season, the Falcons finishing with a 6-8 record on the NFL; the Patriots 4-10 in the AFL yet one smart bettor made over \$300,000 betting these clubs. Fantastic! Incredible! Impossible? This individual would bet anywhere from \$20,000 to \$25,000 a week.

Further scrutiny, as I point out, reveals the fallacy in betting a team off its record, take the Baltimore Colts for example, a team that broke more bettors than the rest of both leagues combined. The Colts were the top team in 1964 but in 1969 the club had an 8-5-1 record (and this is the key) the Colts were 4-10 in the point-spread League. That really is the name of the game - the Point-Spread-League - and not the National Football Conference or American Football Conference. Beating the point spread is really what pro football is all about and if a bettor is not wise he is certainly bound to end up poor. Therefore, when you make your bet, make sure you are laying down your money with the sincere knowledge that you have covered most of the angles.

There is no way a bettor knows before a game whether a player will deliberately miss a pass or miss a key block but that's where caution in betting comes because you have no way of really knowing. Look at it this way, the 1970 pro football season is expected to provide its usual thrills and upsets and weird betting patterns, the idea is to bet wisely and survive. Maybe you will make some money, too.

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PEE WEE STANDINGS				
Team	Sponsor	W	L	Pct.
Mustangs	E.G.&G.	11	0	1.000
Mets	French Clnrs.	8	3	.727
Rebels	Club Bingo	7	4	.625
Cubs	NLV Elks	6	5	.533
Elks	Manor House	6	5	.533
Terriers	Jerry's Nugget	4	6	.400
Braves	NLV Jaycees	3	7	.300
Twins	NLV Lions	3	7	.273
Fay Herron		0	10	.000

MIDGET LEAGUE				
Team	Sponsor	W	L	Pct.
Giants	Cashman Equip	12	1	.923
Astros	A. Williams	11	2	.846
Panthers	Manor House Furn	11	3	.785
Cubs	C.C. Fire	9	5	.643
Padres	Bank of L.V.	8	5	.615
Engineers	Steel Engrs.	6	7	.553
Bobcats	I.B.E.W.	5	8	.384
Cheyennes	NLV Jaycees	5	9	.357
Vikings	Joe's Shell	4	10	.286
Indians	Outdoorsman	2	13	.133
Colts	Sun Home Bldrs	1	11	.083

GAME SCORES					
PEE WEE					
Braves	3	Cheyennes	0	Astros	18
Cubs	6	Indians	6	Engineers	14
Mets	11	Panthers	4	Padres	7
Rebels	6	Vikings	1	Cubs	15
Fay Herron	7	Giants	-	Bobcats	-
Twins	2	Padres	2	Cubs	3
Mustangs	2	Colts	0	Cheyennes	5
		Engineers	5	Astros	10
Elks	5	Cubs	15	Indians	0
Twins	21	Bobcats	13	Panthers	14
Terriers	13	Giants	10	Vikings	2
Mustangs	12	Cheyennes	1	Panthers	15
Braves	17	Vikings	0	Indians	1
Elks	23	Cubs	21	Padres	2
Mets	1	Cheyennes	10	Indians	8

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Tony Picchillo in one game hit a single, double, triple, had seven RBI's and scored three runs himself.

Correction: Greg Johnson pitched the no hitter for the Giants last week, not Terry Johnson.

Grand slam home run by Larry Wooten of the Braves.

David Duran (Indians) pitched a Shut Out, and hit a home run against the Vikings.

Ricky Dearing (Bobcats) home run against Panthers.

Monte Leavitt (Panthers) home run against Cheyennes.

Larry Williamson (Panthers) home run against Cheyennes.

Larry Williamson (Panthers) two home runs against Bobcats.

Thomas Dillard (Cubs) two home runs against Indians.

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