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The Mental, The Physical

O. J. SIMPSON, the celebrated collegian, who is now a rookie with the Buffalo Bills, divides professional football into two categories — physical and mental.

On the physical: "So far I've played against good, tough teams. But I don't feel that I have been hit any harder than I was in college ball. Of course, I haven't played too much and maybe I'll feel differently. But when I come off the field I feel fresh. In fact, I don't know if anyone can be hit any harder than I was in college. Remember, I was carrying the ball 40 or more times in the game at USC. I certainly don't expect to carry that much as a pro. Anyway, I hope not."

On the mental: "The biggest problem I've encountered is trying to master the way they call the pass patterns. We have 20 different flair actions off of one play. Also, there are variations on the 20 flairs when we go into any one of our five formations. This means that I have to learn about 100 different pass routes. Then there are audibles that either instruct me at the last second to run my route or stay back and pick up a blitzing line-backer. I'll admit I've blown a few of those."

Now Finesse Pays Off

"THE RUNNING is different too. At USC we had what we called option running — picking your own hole. From the USC 'T' formation I could glide along the line and see the holes. Now I have a definite hole to hit. Because of our split formation, I wouldn't have time to find another hole if it's plugged. I'd just have to bounce along to the outside."

O. J. has also noted a marked difference in the professional attitude as compared to the collegiate approach. "In college it was rah, rah for old what — have you. Here they tell you what to do and expect you to take care of it yourself. No one is running alongside of you pushing you to go all out. I couldn't get over the wind sprints here. Guys are laughing and joking as they run them. Boy, I can't see them doing that at USC with (Coach John) McKay."

"But, don't get me wrong. The college way is the right way for them. College football is the conditioning process — physical toughness. We won a lot of games at USC because we simply out-hit the other team. It seems to me in the pros that it would be pretty hard to out-hit anyone. You win games on finesse."

Pro Games Set, Fame Doors Open

Northern Ohio takes the nation's professional football spotlight Saturday when five former greats are inducted into the Hall of Fame, Green Bay meets Atlanta in afternoon activity at Canton and Cleveland meets Minnesota in a night game at Akron.

The National Football League's regular season play begins next weekend. The Green Bay Packers go in to their final exhibition game with a 3-2 record, the Atlanta Falcons are 2-3, the Cleveland Browns 3-1-1, and the Minnesota Vikings 4-1.

Inducted into the Hall of Fame will be Joe "The Jet" Perry, Ernie Stautner, Albert Glen "Turk" Edwards, Leo Nomellini, and Earl "Greasy" Neale.

Perry and Nomellini are the first 49ers to make the Hall of Fame. Nomellini was a defensive tackle from 1950 to 1963 and played in 174 consecutive regular season games.

MANY YARDS

Perry, a fullback, gained 9,723 yards in 16 seasons, including two with the Baltimore Colts. His total yardage is second only to Jim Brown. He caught 260 passes for 2,012 yards and scored 513 points in his career and was the first man to gain 1,000 yards rushing in two successive years, 1953 and 1954. He retired in 1963.

Stautner was a Pittsburgh Steelers' defensive tackle for 14 seasons from 1950 to 1963 and played in nine Pro Bowls, being named outstanding defensive player in the 1957 game. His three career safeties ties a league record and his 21 fumble recoveries is third on all-time lists.

Edwards was both offensive and defensive tackle for the old Boston Redskins and later Washington Redskins from 1932 to 1940. He was an all-league choice in four seasons, and in one 15-game season, played all but 10 minutes.

Neale was coach of the Philadelphia Eagles from 1941 to 1950, guiding them to a divisional title in 1947 and 1949.

Rams Defeat Plymouth

Mansfield Madison cross country runners outdistanced Plymouth yesterday 22-37 to win their opening season meet.

Although the Ram runners had the best overall tally, Plymouth's Randy Conley had the best individual time on the Possum Run course two-mile with 11:06. Jeff Musille led Madison with 11:15.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

At Possum Run
 Score: Madison 22, Plymouth 37.
 MADISON — 1, Randy Ink, 11:48; 2, Jeff Musille, 11:15; 3, John Brewster, 11:22; 4, Tim Sore, 11:28; 5, Pat Kern, 11:31; 6, Walter Markwell, 11:56.
 PLYMOUTH — 1, Randy Conley, 11:06; 2, Jacques Daup, 11:34; 3, Tim Nesbitt, 11:52; 4, Tim Reynolds, 13:01; 5, Jim Sautter, 13:24.

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Baseball Crowds Up For 1969 Season

BY CHARLES MAHER

LOS ANGELES (PTS) — At the rate they're going, major league baseball teams will finish the season with a combined attendance of about 28.5 million, or about 5.4 million more than they drew in 1968.

This year, of course, they have four more teams to draw with. But there has still been an increase in average attendance. The last time the commissioner's office checked, the per-game average was about 14,700. Last year it was about 14,000.

An increase of 700 may not look like much. But if you multiply it by 1,620 (the number of games that would have been played this season had there been no expansion) you get an increase of 1,134,000, or about as much as an average franchise will draw in a season.

Still, the per-game average this season is about 800 lower than it was in the record attendance year of 1966, when the majors drew 25.2 million. The difference may be attributed, strangely enough, to expansion.

You might suppose that moving into new markets would increase the attendance average, but it hasn't worked out that way. Of the four new teams, Montreal is the only one whose per-game average is higher than the major league average. At the start of the month, the Expos were averaging 15,594 per game. Kansas City was averaging 11,498, Seattle 9,305 and San Diego 6,726.



DAVE McNALLY

Linescores . . .

By United Press International

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Montreal	000 000 000-0	6	1
New York	001 011 01x-4	8	0
Philadelphia	000 000 000-0	3	0
San Francisco	000 000 000-0	3	0
St. Louis	000 000 000-0	3	0
Washington	000 000 000-0	3	0
Atlanta	000 000 000-0	3	0
Chicago	000 000 000-0	3	0
Cincinnati	000 000 000-0	3	0
Cleveland	000 000 000-0	3	0
Los Angeles	000 000 000-0	3	0
Milwaukee	000 000 000-0	3	0
Pittsburgh	000 000 000-0	3	0
San Diego	000 000 000-0	3	0
Seattle	000 000 000-0	3	0
St. Paul	000 000 000-0	3	0
Winnipeg	000 000 000-0	3	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	001 000 000-3	8	0
Washington	000 000 000-0	3	0
Baltimore	000 000 000-0	3	0
Chicago	000 000 000-0	3	0
Cleveland	000 000 000-0	3	0
Los Angeles	000 000 000-0	3	0
Milwaukee	000 000 000-0	3	0
Pittsburgh	000 000 000-0	3	0
San Diego	000 000 000-0	3	0
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Ontario High Triumphs in 3-Way Meet

The Ontario Warriors ran away from the field in a three-way cross country meet yesterday at the Possum Run course, scoring a low 23 points to wipe out Malabar and Bucyrus.

Bob Chase (10:48) and Mike Mitchell (10:49) topped the Warriors with a one-two finish. Geoff Gilbert was the leading Malabar contender, coming home fourth as the Falcons barely edged Bucyrus in the second-place team duel. 52-53. Jim Vance finished third for the Redmen.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Score: Ontario, 23; Malabar 52; Bucyrus 53.
 ONTARIO — 1, Bob Chase, 10:48; 2, Mike Mitchell, 10:49; 3, Dave Hill, 11:19; 4, Chuck McGee, 11:23; 5, Jeff Gorman, 11:30.
 MALABAR — 4, Geoff Gilbert, 11:17; 7, Kim Colby, 11:24; 10, Roger Loesch, 11:32; 12, Steve McKee, 11:37; 19, Charles Jones, 11:46.
 BUCYRUS — 3, Jim Vance, 11:15; 8, Ken Fox, 11:28; 12, Steve Theil, 11:37; 14, Ed Vance, 11:38; 16, Bill Yost, 11:39.

Invader Wins

CLEVELAND (UPI) — An invader from Waterford Park Thursday swept to a convincing win in the featured perfect fifth race. George Calongne sped to the front of a field of eight and turned for home in a five furlong sprint.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

By United Press International

Carew, Min	105	394	74	135	343
Reese, Min	118	377	48	123	326
Smith, Bos	126	485	81	155	320
Powell, Bal	128	488	81	154	317
Oliva, Min	133	534	91	173	316
F. Robinson, Bal	137	504	104	159	315
Howard, Wis	142	537	104	161	306
Petrocelli, Bos	123	454	84	129	306
Clarke, NY	137	544	77	168	296
Blair, Bal	135	564	99	167	296

McNally Finally Returns to Form

By MIKE BRYSON, Associated Press Sports Writer

Hey, guess what? Dave McNally won a ball game. That wouldn't have been much news a couple of months ago when the big left-hander was winging along toward a phenomenal 17-game victory string.

But, McNally's four-hitter in Baltimore's 4-2 victory over Boston Thursday night was only the second triumph in eight decisions for Dave since his two-season 17-game streak was broken Aug. 3. It was his first complete game since Aug. 7.

The victory, coupled with Detroit's 5-2 loss at Cleveland, boosted the Orioles' runaway lead in the American League East to 16½ games and cut to three their magic number for clinching the divisional crown.

Any combination of three Oriole victories or losses by Detroit will mathematically end the race. In fact, the Orioles could clinch a share of the title tonight by beating Cleveland, if Detroit loses at Washington.

SEATTLE STOPPED

In other AL games, Kansas City blanked California 3-0 on Wally Bunker's one-hitter, Washington beat the New York Yankees, 7-3; Chicago tripped Minnesota's West Division leaders, 4-0 and Oakland stopped Seattle 6-3.

McNally (18-6) who won his first 15 games this year, helped himself out by doubling home the Orioles' first run as Baltimore picked up its 10th victory in 12 games.

Dave Johnson, Andy Etchebarren and Mark Belanger lashed consecutive doubles for two more in the fourth.

Dave Johnson, Andy Etchebarren and the Orioles added another in the fifth when Paul Blair was caught on the front end of a double steal, but Boog Powell scored all the way from first on errors by third baseman Syd O'Brien and catcher Russ Gibson.

Major Boxes . . .

Detroit		Cleveland	San Diego	Cincinnati
AB R H	AB R H	AB R H	AB R H	AB R H
1 3 Stanley rf	Cardenal rf	4 1 1	1 1 Arica 2b	Savage lf
2 1 Tresh ss	Baker if	4 1 1	0 0 Brown ph	Tolan if
3 1 Northrup cf	Sims c	1 0 0	0 0 Dean 2b	Rose rf
4 1 Cash lb	T. Horton lb	4 0 2	1 2 Pena ss	Bench c
5 1 W. Horton lf	Harelin rf	3 1 0	0 0 Librab ss	May lb
6 0 Matchick 2b	L. Brown 3b	3 1 0	0 0 Gaston ph	Stewart 3b
7 0 Werl 3b	Fuller 2b	3 1 1	0 0 Dukes p	Helms 2b
8 0 Price c	Leon ss	3 0 0	0 0 Morales c	Woodward ss
9 0 McLain p	Tiant p	3 0 1	1 1 Farrow c	Nolen p
10 0 G. Brown ph			0 0 Roberto p	Granger p
11 0 Timmerman p			1 1 Colbert lb	
34 7 Totals	Totals	31 5 8	3 0 Kelly 3b	
Debut		001 000 000-0	0 0 Corkins p	
RBI —		031 000 01X-3	1 0 Stahl ph	
RBI — Northrup, W. Horton, Fuller, 2,			0 0 Scumac ss	
Tiant, DP—Detroit 1, LOB—Detroit 6,			4 1 Murrell rf	
Cleveland 1, 2B—Horton, T. Horton, C.			1 0 Cannizzaro c	
Fuller, Cash, SB—T. Horton, SF—W. Hor-			0 0 Kendall c	
ton.			1 0 Sisk p	
	ip h r er bb so		0 0 Baldschun p	
McLain	6 6 4 4 3		1 1 Williams ph	
Timmerman	2 2 1 1 0 2		2 0 Spiozio 3b	
Tiant	9 8 2 2 4 0		37 410 Totals	
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			Cincinnati	

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Further, these clubs are hurting attendance elsewhere. Every time they go on the road, they drag down averages in other cities.

One of the main reasons the new teams have not drawn well is that the established teams did a lousy job of stocking them. All you have to do to get an idea of how little talent the expansion teams were given is to look at their records. As of Tuesday morning, the four teams together had won only 198 of 558 games.

Of the four, Kansas City had the best record (it was over .400). But, without looking at a box score, how many people could name five Kansas City players? And, of those who could, how many would pay to watch them?

What happened (again) was that the old clubs short-changed the new clubs in the expansion draft and wound up hurting the whole game. You don't create baseball interest by creating dogs.

But attendance is up despite this blunder. The first reason, I would guess, is that divisional play has produced more contenders. Another reason is that baseball teams are producing more runs.

Last season, the average number of runs scored per game by both teams was 6.84. It was the lowest average

in 60 years. This season, the average is about 8.2, or nearly a run and a half higher.

Several things have contributed to this increase. First among them, perhaps, is expansion. Expansion gave major league jobs to 40-odd pitchers who otherwise would be in the minors. When the quality of pitching declines, scoring naturally goes up. Other factors are the smaller strike zone and the lower mound. Both work against the pitcher.

Some think there may be yet another factor. They suspect the baseball is livelier this year.

Joe Reichler, director of public relations for Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, says the baseballs being used this year were manufactured by exactly the same process as those used last year.

Of course, two balls manufactured the same way will not necessarily travel the same distance when struck with equal force. One thing that makes a difference is temperature. A ball that has been stored in a warm room will travel farther than one that has been kept in an icebox.

Whether storage practices have changed Reichler doesn't know. But he'll tell you he's dead certain the ball hasn't been souped up. "Not that it's a bad idea," he said. "In fact, I'd be all in favor of it."

Pro-files . . .

WHO PLAYED ON THE MOST CLUBS IN THE MAJORS?

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 AMERICAN LEAGUE: BOSTON, CHICAGO, DETROIT, ST. LOUIS, AND BALTIMORE . . . NATIONAL LEAGUE: PITTSBURGH, ST. LOUIS, NEW YORK, CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE . . . IN NINE YEARS!

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Scioto Ends 1969 Racing On Tuesday

COLUMBUS — Scioto Downs will bring down the curtain Tuesday on the most successful season in its eleven-year history.

Tonight, the \$6,000 Invitational Handicap Trot has attracted seven speedsters, including the Season Champion aged trotting mare, Stormed and the former season champions Lady Berry and Steamin Missile. Saturday night, the \$6,000 Invitational Handicap Pace has drawn six entries in Beau's Rose who paced in 1:59 3-5 last week; Chief Crazy Legs, the 1:59 3-5 winner; Little Brown Jug eligible Penn Hanover and Shadow Rocket, Don Thorpe and Bill Car Lith.

Season Championship Races Set Sunday

Mansfield Raceway officials announced today the season championships for the late model super stock cars will be Sunday at seven o'clock at the track. Time trials are at 5:30 p. m. Sunday.

Saturday, the late models will race again at 6:30 p. m. and eight o'clock. There is no racing tonight at Mansfield Raceway.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
 By The Associated Press

Parma Valley Forge 28, Cleveland Heights 20, Shaker Heights 13
 Independence 40, Beachwood 8
 Gahanna 36, Bexley 14

Fish and Game Group Set Mortgage Burning

The Richland County Fish and Game Association will usher in its 40th year Saturday by burning the mortgage on its club grounds.

The all-day festivities on the 320-acre farm area north of Mansfield begins at 3 p.m. with the burning of the mortgage and game activities for members.

At six o'clock, a corn roast and covered dish supper will be held. The association is presently constructing a new trap shoot facility on the club grounds to replace an older one that is no longer in use.

According to President Ralph Young, the club "hopes to have the new site built so we can hold trap shoots later this fall." Also on the club grounds near the Mansfield OSU campus is the club's stocked lake and club house.

Besides aiding conservationists in the area, the club helps to sponsor hunting clinics, such as the teal identification clinic, and raises pheasants and distributes them throughout Richland County for their fall hunting season.

Mann, Kathy Lead Field

OCEAN SHORES, Wash. (UPI) — Carol Mann and Kathy Whitworth, top money winners in Ladies Professional Golf Association tournaments this year, led a field of 59 professionals and four top amateurs into today's opening round of the first \$20,000 Wendell — West Open at this coastal resort.

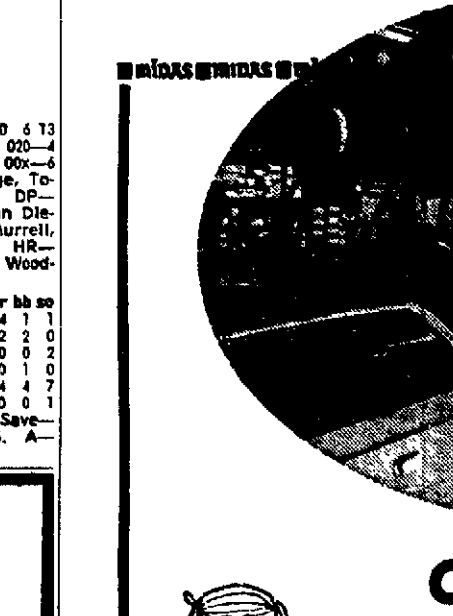
The legendary Patty Berg, who helped initiate pro golf for women, had to withdraw from the tourney because of an ankle ailment.

Ohio's Gene Wins Racing

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio's Gene, spurned by bettors, won Thursday night's \$1,100 conditioned pace at Scioto Downs by three-quarters of a length.

Driver Bob Burns held Ohio's Gene in sixth place until the last quarter mile, then drove the horse to the line in 2:08 2-5. Pearl's Pride was second and Paragon Pick showed.

Miss Miniver and Mi Shane, a 1-1 combination, returned a daily double of \$74.40. A crowd of 3,455 watched \$159,964.



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