

'Twin Tornadoes' Primed

CINCINNATI (UPI) —The Baltimore Orioles and the Cincinnati Reds, who roared like twin tornadoes through their respective leagues, collide in the first game of their World Series showdown for baseball supremacy today with the Reds slight favorites.

Right-handers Jim Palmer (20-10) of the Orioles and Gary Nolan (18-7) of the Reds, were the scheduled starting pitchers for the classic at 1 p.m. EDT in Cincinnati's spanking new Riverfront Stadium.

Rain fell in Cincinnati last night and there was 30 per cent chances, according to the weatherman, of rain during the game.

The Reds, who won the National League's Western Division by 14½ games and annihilated the Pittsburgh Pirates in a three-game sweep of the NL playoffs, were 11-10 betting choices, the razor-thin margin evidently because four of the maximum seven games will be played here.

Riverfront Stadium, which was opened in mid-season, sports the most unusual artificial turf surface in the major leagues.

The plush Astroturf carpet covers the entire playing field, including the "dirt-

skin" of the infield which has been left dirt in other major league parks with artificial surfaces. Only small "sliding areas" of dirt have been left exposed at the bases, and the Orioles have not played on a similar surface in the American League.

"I don't like it," commented Orioles' slugger Frank Robinson, who played on the Cincinnati field once last July when the Major League All-Star game was held in the new stadium. "It's hard on my legs," Robinson said. "But more than that, you play the game

entirely different on this kind of a surface. You can't even think the same."

Many observers, including Cincinnati slugger and leader Pete Rose, regard the opening game matchup of pitchers Palmer and Nolan as possibly a key to the entire series.

The theory that the first game is more important runs contrary to what happened in the World Series last year. The Orioles won the first game of that one and then lost the next four games and the series to the New York Mets.

Miami Eyes First Victory Over Jets

By United Press International

The New York Jets won't have to wait long to size up their American Football Conference title chances without Matt Snell.

The Jets, who lost their prize fullback for the season due to a ruptured Achilles tendon in last week's roughhouse loss to Buffalo, play host to the much-improved Miami Dolphins tonight.

Although it's still early in the season, the Jets must beat Miami, who has suddenly emerged as a prime contender for the AFC Eastern Division title, or else face the prospect of playing "catch-up" with a grueling schedule that no team would envy.

The Dolphins meanwhile, under new coach Don Shula, have title visions themselves. And although Miami has never beaten the Jets, the battered New Yorkers could be in for a rude homecoming.

In Sunday's AFC games, surprising Denver will try for its fourth win at Oakland, Baltimore will be at Houston, Buffalo at Pittsburgh, Cincinnati at Cleveland and Boston at Kansas City.

In the National Conference on Sunday, San Francisco will be at Los Angeles, Detroit at Washington, Minnesota at Chicago, Atlanta at Dallas, New Orleans at St. Louis and Philadelphia at New York against the Giants. Green Bay and San Diego will tangle on the West Coast Monday night in a nationally-televised (ABC-TV) inter-conference game.

Three teams (Los Angeles and Detroit in the NFC and Denver in the AFC) put their unbeaten records on the line Sunday.

The Rams-Forty-Niners Pacific Coast rivalry is always unpredictable, and San Francisco comes to Los Angeles prepared to counter the Rams' defensive front four of Deacon Jones, Coy Bacon, Merlin Olsen and Diron Talbert, which obliterated San Diego passer John Hadl last week. The Forty-Niners will call on an underrated offensive line of Cas Banasek, Len Rohde, Woody Peoples, Randy Beisler and Forrest Blue to protect quarterback John Brodie, still the vital force that makes the San Francisco offense go.

Denver, which surprised the world champion Kansas City Chiefs last week, will get another chance to flex some newfound muscle against Oakland. The Broncos, in an unfamiliar spot as Western Division leader with a perfect 3-0 record, also have used a punishing pass rush to good advantage. Headed by defensive end Rich Jackson, the Bronco front four nailed Chiefs' quarterback Len Dawson seven times last week and forced three interceptions.

Danbury Remains Winless

In Lakeshore Conference action Friday night, Ostego survived a third-quarter Danbury rally to post a 28-13 win.

Ostego was paced by the running of Jim Sears and Don Christman. Sears scored twice, and gained 162 yards in 10 carries. Christman had one touchdown, and picked up 79 yards in 11 carries.

Bob Nason scored both of the Lakers touchdowns, on runs of 12 and eight yards.

The loss was Danbury's fifth in as many outings.

In other conference action, Northwood humiliated Woodmore 60-0. The Rangers were paced by halfback Ron Saylor, who scored on runs of four and 55 yards, and caught scoring passes of 12 and 45 yards.

Northwood quarterback Howard Jennings also had an outstanding game. He scored on runs of 15 and 75 yards, threw the two touchdown passes to Saylor in addition to another 10-yard scoring toss, and caught a nine-yard aerial for a score.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ostego 6 8 0 14 28
Danbury 7 0 6 0 13

Scoring:
Danbury — Nason 12 run. (Tracy kick).

Ostego — Sears 93 run. (run failed).
Ostego — Sanders 55 run. (Christman run).

Danbury — Nason 2 run. (kick failed).
Ostego — Sears 43 run. (run failed).
Ostego — Christman 8 run. (Sanders run).

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Robinson is the player on the Orioles most familiar with Cincinnati—he was traded away by the Reds five years ago when a top Cincinnati club official described him as, "an old 30."

Robinson, now 35, said that the remark made him extremely bitter at the time, "because it just wasn't true." He proved it by winning the Triple Crown in the American League in 1966.

Both clubs have been idle since clinching their respective playoffs last Monday and it remained to be seen how the long layoff affected them.

The Orioles come into the series riding a 14-game winning streak including the last 11 games of the regular season as they ran away with the American League East and a three-game sweep over the Minnesota Twins in the American League playoffs.

Weaver has expressed worry that the delay may dull some of his pitchers, especially Mike Cuellar and Dave McNally, who will have more than a week between starts.

The Orioles, after working out at home during the week, came to Cincinnati yesterday and took a long workout on the Riverfront carpet. The Reds, who staged an intra-squad game on Thursday in an effort to stay sharp, also worked out briefly on Friday.

After opening today, the series remains here for the second game on Sunday. There will be a day off for travel on Monday and then the third, fourth and fifth (if necessary) games will be played in Baltimore, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If the series has not been decided by then after another day off for travel on Friday, the sixth and seventh games will be played here Saturday and Sunday.

Elyria and Fremont Ross stamped themselves as genuine Buckeye Conference contenders with important victories in Friday's activity.

The Pioneers had problems with Findlay quarterback Keith Woodruff, but scored a touchdown in the waning moments of the game to grab a 20-12 decision.

Meanwhile, Fremont punched over a pair of fourth-quarter scores to hand invading Marion Harding a 28-12 setback.

Both Elyria and Fremont suffered stunning losses in opening games, but have rebounded to win four in succession.

In the other Buckeye game, Admiral King bested Mansfield, 9-7, as Ed Santos booted a 26-yard field goal with 64 seconds left in the game.

Barry Elsom sparked Elyria's attack with 104 yards in 20 carries. The senior

First Downs	E.	F.
Net Yds. Gained Rushing	12	14
Yds. Gained Passing	208	80
Total Net Yds. Gained	220	94
Passes attempted/completed	4/12	11/11
Passes Intercepted by	0	0
Fumbles/lost	3/2	1/1
Penalties	4	0

tailback rambled 15 yards in the first period for the initial tally, then capped a 48-yard drive with a 23-yard scamper in the final two minutes to provide the clincher.

FINDLAY TWICE came within two points of the hosts. Woodruff, exciting senior quarterback, sneaked one yard late in the first quarter to narrow the margin to 7-6. However, John Bohanan raced 83 yards with a Findlay punt in the third canto, and Dave Sexton kicked his second extra point for a 14-6 Elyria advantage.

Frank Burke knifed in from two yards out midway through the final canto for the Trojans, but Woodruff's try for the two-point conversion to knot the count at 14-14 went incomplete.

Findlay attempted an onside kick, but Elyria recovered on the Trojan 48. The hosts pushed over the score seven plays later.

Woodruff connected on 11 of 26 aerials for 130 yards and also had 34 yards in 10 rushes.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Elyria 7 0 7 6 20
Findlay 6 0 0 6 12

Scoring:
E — Elsom 15 run. (Sexton kick).

F — Woodruff 1 run. (pass failed).
E — Bohanan 83 punt return. (Sexton kick).

F — Burke 2 run. (pass failed).
E — Elsom 23 run. (run failed).

TOM LIGGINS RAISED his Buckeye Conference point total for two games to 46 with three Fremont touchdowns. The talented 190-pound junior halfback gained 111 yards in 27 carries for the Little Giants.

Fremont broke on top in the first period on Liggins' two-yard run, and the

First Downs	F	M
Net Yds. Gained Rushing	18	10
Yds. Gained Passing	279	192
Total Net Yds. Gained	297	202
Passes attempted/completed	6/4	4/1
Passes Intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles/lost	2/1	1/0
Penalties	4/40	3/15

1969 runnerup in BC scoring added a six-yard jaunt in the second stanza for a 14-0 halftime lead.

Marion jumped into contention with

Senator Fan Claims Short Is Interested Only In Box Office

Times-Post

WASHINGTON — "We got one starter for four starters. The only thing this guy Short is interested in is box office, not winning. When's he gonna realize the only way the fans are gonna come out is to see a winning team, not for one or two players and a bunch of gimmicks."

This was how Bill Keckley of Laurel, Md., saw the trade Friday that sent pitchers Jim Hannan and Joe Coleman, shortstop Ed Brinkman and third baseman Aurelio Rodriguez to the Detroit Tigers for former 31-game winner Denny McLain, third baseman Don Wert, utility man Elliott Maddox, pitcher Norm McRae and 200,000 dollars.

INDEED, IT WAS DIFFICULT to find any Senators' fan with much positive to say about the deal, although most were not as bitter as Keckley.

"Look, we should get the Tigers in here and give them a rent-free stadium," Keckley added. "Short certainly doesn't deserve getting free rent."

Mostly, the fans figure the trade as getting an old third baseman, 32-year-old Wert, for a young one, 22-year-old Rodriguez, a utility infielder-outfielder for one of the most competent shortstops in baseball and one possibly great arm for two good ones.

"Maddox, he's the one with brick hands isn't he?" one caller to the Washington Post wondered.

"I WON'T RENEW MY SEASON tickets without Eddie Brinkman in the lineup," a woman declared.

"Short talked about moving the franchise. Well, he's just given up about half of it," said a veteran Senators' observer.

"It's ridiculous," fumed Dave Bristol, manager of the Milwaukee Brewers, Friday in Cincinnati. "Why do they mess up a World Series to hold a press conference on a guy (McLain) like this?"

CLEARLY, MOST FANS ARE UPSET with owner Robert Short, who hints of bankruptcy after charging the highest ticket prices in baseball. However, there are those anxious to see what new caper McLain will pull and whether he can recapture his 31-victory form of 1968.

Even if McLain does regain that old form what good will it do with a team with the potential to be worse than the last-place outfit that ended 1969 on a 14-game losing streak? The fans wonder.

"I hope McLain throws a lot of popups," one fan said. "If anyone hits anything on the ground, it's all over."

Elyria, Fremont Strike Late To Secure 4th Triumphs

two third-period strikes. Junior Roger Chase slanted off-tackle for three yards, then rangy quarterback Frank Gifford hurled a nine-yard touchdown pass to fleet halfback Rick Huddle.

However, Fremont pulled away with two markers of its own in the fourth stanza. Rob Lytle dashed 37 yards and Bill Burkett provided the two-point PAT for a 22-12 bulge.

Liggins galloped 20 yards later in the quarter to add frosting to the cake.

With four wins in a row, Fremont now had equalled its win total for 1968 and 1969 combined, and it was in 1965 that the Little Giants had won four games for the

season. It marked the first win over Marion since 1966.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Fremont Ross 8 6 0 14 28
Marion Harding 0 0 12 0 12

Scoring:

F — Liggins 2 run. (Burkett run).
F — Liggins 6 run. (pass failed).

M — Chase 3 run. (pass failed).
M — Huddle 9 pass from Gifford. (run failed).

F — Lytle 37 run. (Burkett run).
F — Liggins 20 run. (kick failed).

SANTOS BOOMED his 26-yard field goal between the uprisings with Admiral King on the short end of a 7-6 count in the other Buckeye clash, at Mansfield.

The Admirals struck for their lone touchdown in the first period on Larry Blackman's one-yard plunge. The score remained 6-0 until the fourth quarter

First downs	A	K	M
Net Yds. Gained Rushing	10	12	94
Yds. Gained Passing	108	80	108
Total Net Yds. Gained	202	253	202
Passes attempted/completed	19/10	13/3	3
Passes Intercepted by	3	1	0
Fumbles/lost	1	0	0
Penalties	4/40	6/57	

when Keith Shulko and Ray Webb combined for an electrifying 52-yard scoring pass. Bill Yoitum booted the extra point which appeared to be the margin of victory until the soccer-style kicker from Admiral King stepped in.

Elyria and Fremont, like Sandusky, are 2-0 in the conference, with Findlay and Admiral King at 1-1, and Lorain, Marion Harding and Mansfield winless in two starts.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Admiral King 6 0 0 3 9
Mansfield 0 0 0 7 7

Scoring:

A — Blackman 1 run. (run failed).
M — Webb 52 pass from Shulko. (Yokum kick).

A — Santos 26 field goal.

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