

OUTDOORS WITH MARTIN

Buying a beagle

By Dick Martin

A friend of mine decided to buy himself a beagle pup several years ago, and, having nothing to do that day, I went along for moral support. The choosing was easy. He simply glanced over the mass of squirming puppies and said, "I'll take that one." Then, glancing at me, "It's like pitching a coin, anyway."

He might have been right to some extent, because no matter how you do it, choosing a young dog is a chancy business. But I disagree that it's pure chance, and there are at least a few ways of boosting the odds that you'll get a useful partner in the field. And since a number of area hunters are likely to be picking a bird dog or young hound in the next few weeks for training over the summer, I'd like to offer a few words of advice on the choosing.

To start with, before you pick a pup, know their sire and dam. Is the female a good dog with the qualities you'd like to see in a hunter of your own? Does the sire have a good record of breeding fine pups with a desire to hunt? If the female is a very average dog and the sire is the first male that comes along, the odds of pups being as mediocre as their parents is mighty good. And that's bad.

Here's another thought on the parents. A lot of beagles are either Field Trial Champions or offspring from such, and while it sounds good ("My dog came from field trial champions!"), they're usually not good hunters. Such are usually too slow, put their nose in every track, and don't know how to cheat on a rabbit. Look for adults that are champion HUNTERS! There's a real difference.

Now you've decided that the parents are fine, you've chosen the sex, now what? Will the runt prove out to be the best animal? That's an old wives tale. What about choosing the litter leader? Not good, because he got on top by bullying others, not necessarily by intelligence. Instead, turn the litter loose in the yard or an open part of the barn and watch for the bold pup who isn't afraid to move out and investigate surroundings.

And some pros will offer a new experience to a pup, like dropping a water bucket in front of him. You'd expect a sensible pup to run, but the one to choose is that little critter who comes back to see what all the commotion was about.

Whatever your method of picking, for heaven's sake, watch the litter for a week or two. Some pups may be sleepy or have a full belly one time, and be literal fireballs the next. Drop in and watch the pups, then come back and watch them again. You'll be feeding that dog for years and a too hasty choice now can mean wasted dog food or a trip to the pound.

Scoreboard

Whippets

AT W.W. Skiles Field
Shelby 7 7 6 6 - 28
Norwalk 0 0 0 0 - 0
S. Baker one-yard run (A. Dowe kick).
S. T. Koller recovered Shelby fumble in endzone (A. Dowe kick).
S. Horvath 10-yard run (kick failed).
S. Martin 44-yard run (kick blocked).

Cougars

AT Crestview High School
Crestview 7 0 13 6 - 28
New London 0 0 0 0 - 0
C. Jim Thiem 1-yard run (Curtis Reed kick).
C. Thiem 43-yard pass from Rod Bernhard (kick failed).
C. Bernhard 9-yard run (Reed kick).
C. Thiem 32-yard run from Bernhard (kick failed).

Bucks

AT River Valley High School
River Valley 14 7 14 7 - 42
Buckeye Central 0 0 0 0 - 0
RV-Pete three-yard run (Hansen kick).
RV-Berry seven-yard pass from Jellis (conversion failed).
RV-Pete three-yard run (Hansen kick).
RV-Berry 20-yard run (Hansen kick).
RV-Moore 20-yard pass from Stuber (Hansen kick).
RV-Stuber eight-yard run (Hansen kick).
BC-Dye 70-yard pass from Ackerman (Ackerman run to Dommersbach).

Big Red

AT Monroeville High School
Monroeville 0 14 14 6 - 34
Plymouth 0 0 0 0 - 0
M-Rieder three-yard run (Roth kick).
M-Smith three-yard run (Roth kick).
M-Smith 10-yard run (Roth kick).
M-Palmer five-yard run (Roth kick).
M-Rieder 15-yard run (kick failed).
P-Ricks 61-yard run (Will kick).

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AT Columbusian Stadium
Tiffin Columbusian 0 0 7 7 - 14
Bucyrus 0 0 0 0 - 0
TC-Hear one-yard run (Hear kick).
AT Upper Sandusky High School
Upper Sandusky 7 7 7 7 - 28
Bait 0 0 0 0 - 0
US-Ogg 61-yard run (Bailley kick).
US-Shilling 22-yard pass to Smith (Bailley kick).
G-Schaefer 17-yard run (kick failed).
US-Ogg 22-yard run (Bailley kick).
US-Shilling 24-yard pass to Nowell (Bailley kick).

NCC

AT Ridgeville High School
Colonel Crawford 0 19 0 0 - 19
Ridgeville 0 0 0 0 - 0
R-Schumacher one-yard run (kick failed).
CC-Henning 11-yard run (kick failed).
CC-Asin 10-yard run (kick failed).
CC-Asin 64-yard run (Harris kick).
AT Canby High School
Canby 0 0 0 0 - 0
Canby 0 0 7 7 - 14
C-Ryan 57-yard pass from Wendling (kick failed).
E-Rathoff run (kick failed).
E-Rathoff 11-yard run (kick failed).



KEEPING IN SHAPE — Despite the NFL players being on strike, many of the pros have found other ways to stay in tip-top shape with other forms of exercise. Above, Philadelphia

Eagle's fullback Leroy Harris takes to the links for a friendly afternoon of golf at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. (UPI photo)

Eagles club Plymouth, 34-7

MONROEVILLE — The Plymouth football squad had its losing streak extended to three games following a 34-7 beating administered by Monroeville Friday night.

Monroeville improves to 3-1 overall while the Big Red falls to 1-3.

Both teams battled to a 0-0 deadlock during the opening 12 minutes before the Eagles added 14 points each in the second and third periods to coast to a 28-0 lead entering the final quarter.

Kevin Reeder capped off the Eagle scoring for the evening with his second touchdown of the night on a 13-yard run with 9:02 left in the contest.

Plymouth tallied its lone score of the game with 31 seconds left on the clock on a 61-yard run

by Eugene Hicks and Jim Will added the PAT kick.

Monroeville stuck to a ground attack for the most part and chewed up 277 yards of real estate while Plymouth was limited to 73 yards on the ground.

Plymouth encountered troubles with its passing game and was five of 16 with three interceptions for 50 yards.

The Eagles netted 47 yards through the air on a five of ten showing with one interception.

First downs told much of the story as Monroeville picked up 20 to Plymouth's six.

Reeder led all rushers with 109 yards. Plymouth hosts Edison Friday for its annual homecoming game.

Scores-n-such

Northern Ohio League
Overall 4-0 1-0
Bellevue 3-1 1-0
Upper Sandusky 3-1 1-0
Tiffin Columbusian 3-1 1-0
Gallion 3-1 0-1
Norwalk 1-3 0-1
Willard 1-3 0-1
Bucyrus 1-3 0-1

Friday night's scores

Shelby 28, Norwalk 0
Upper Sandusky 28, Gallion 6
Bellevue 40, Willard 0
Tiffin Columbusian 14, Bucyrus 0

Next Friday's games

Shelby at Gallion
Bucyrus at Norwalk
Tiffin at Bellevue
Willard at Upper Sandusky

North Central Conference

Overall 4-0 3-0
Pleasant 4-0 3-0
Elgin 4-0 3-0
Colonel Crawford 3-1 3-0
Wynford 3-1 2-1
Moberg 2-2 2-1
River Valley 2-2 2-1
Ridgedale 1-3 0-3
Cary 1-3 0-3
Buckeye Central 0-4 0-3
Riverside 0-4 0-3

Friday night's scores

Pleasant 14, Wynford 7
Moberg 18, Riverside 7
River Valley 42, Buckeye Central 6
Colonel Crawford 8, Ridgedale 6
Elgin 14, Cary 6

Next Friday's games

Ridgedale at River Valley
Cary at Moberg
Pleasant at Elgin

Saturday's game

Wynford at Buckeye Central

Firelands Conference

Northern Division
Overall 1-0 1-0
Monroeville 1-0 0-0
Edison 1-0 0-0
Norwalk St. Paul 1-1 0-0
Western Reserve 1-0 0-1

Southern Division

Overall 1-0 1-0
East Liverpool 1-0 1-0
Edgerton 1-0 1-0
Elk 1-0 1-0
Elk 1-0 1-0
Elk 1-0 1-0

Friday night's scores

Crestview 28, New London 0
Black River 12, Western Reserve 0
Monroeville 34, Plymouth 7
Bishop 28, St. Paul 7

Tonight's game

South Central at Edison

Next Friday's games

Monroeville at Edison
Edison at Plymouth
Black River at New London
Western Reserve at Fostoria St. Wendelin

Next Saturday's game

South Central at St. Paul

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Special visitor

James Betts finally made it back to Shelby Wednesday when he addressed about 100 students at the Shelby Senior High Little Theatre.

Betts' appearance was delayed one week because he had to take over his running mate Bud Brown's appointment while the Urbana congressman returned to Washington for important House votes.

Betts, who has striking physical resemblances to former president Gerald Ford, Ohio Senator John Glenn and Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw, made note of these similarities in his talk here. He indicated he is mistaken for Ford at Republican functions, and for Glenn when he speaks to a predominantly Democratic group.

"I am a much better golfer than Ford, and at least I have both feet on the ground," Betts cracked with that last reference made to the former astronaut, Glenn.

However, Betts' most amusing story was about the time when he was mistaken for Bradshaw at a 1980 Monday night football game between the Browns and Oilers at Cleveland Stadium. Betts said the Browns were not having a good offensive game, and one fan came up from behind and tapped him on the shoulder, saying, "Gee, Terry, it's too bad you don't have your equipment to suit up and go out there."

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By United Press International

Today is Saturday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 1982 with 97 to follow.

The moon is in its first quarter.

The morningstar is Venus.

The evening stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Libra.

American author William Faulkner was born on Sept. 25, 1897.

On this date in history:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Balboa became the first known European to see the Pacific Ocean when he crossed the Isthmus of Panama.

A group called Conservatives Against Liberal Legislation (CALL) recently released their grades for Congress members. According to the CALL news release, the grades were based on 20 critical votes made during 1981 in each chamber of Congress. CALL, incidentally, is a non-profit, nationwide citizens action group organized to educate, inform, alert and mobilize Americans concerned about the merits of proposed legislation.

Naturally, CALL gave more favorable ratings to the conservative Republicans than the liberal Democrats. Among the Ohio delegation, the late Rep. John Ashbrook scored 100 percent, or an A+ grade. Fourth District Congressman Mike Oxley, also a Republican, scored an 86 or B+ for his voting record. Don Pease, the Democrat from Lorain, who might represent parts of Lorain County in 1983, received a 5 or F rating. Others who received failing grades were Cleveland area congresspersons Rose Oakar, Louis Stokes and Dennis Eckart. Ron Motl, the maverick Democrat who voted for Reaganomics last year, received a B-rating. Also getting a B— surprise, surprise! — was GOP gubernatorial candidate Bud Brown.

Ohio Democratic senators Glenn and Metzenbaum naturally each received F-marks from CALL. Of course, their ratings will improve when the liberal groups do their ratings.

In 1789, the first U.S. Congress adopted 10 amendments to the original Constitution, 10 of which were ratified and became known as "The Bill of Rights."

In 1926, the Ford Motor Co. put its workers on an eight-hour day, five-day week schedule for the first time.

In 1978, a Pacific Southwest airliner crashed into a residential neighborhood of San Diego, Calif., after colliding in flight with a light plane. One hundred forty-four people died.

A thought for the day: American author William Faulkner said, "I decline to accept the end of man."

What other Ohio newspapers are saying

By United Press International

Cincinnati Enquirer
Americans have embarked on a crusade against drunk drivers with a tenacity that has literally scared judges and state legislators into taking the problem seriously. That's good. But while the movement has such great momentum, we need to ask other questions.

If anyone needs a reminder of the dreadful toll drunk drivers exact on the nation's highways, recall that half of all auto fatalities are alcohol-related. More Americans lost their lives to drunk drivers during the past two years than were killed in the Vietnam War. Government statistics estimate that three Americans are killed and 80 others injured by drunk drivers every hour of every day.

So the growing insistence, spearheaded by groups like Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, that drunk drivers be held accountable for their actions under full weight of law is clearly warranted.

But while it is proper for society to demand protection from, and punishment of, drunk drivers, it is necessary also to allow that differences exist in the circumstances of the offense. We certainly do not believe that anyone should be excused or allowed to slip through a loophole in the law. But we do believe that the whole answer goes beyond the one word answer: jail.

First offenders need to be taken off the road, perhaps even more than they need to go jail. The same statistics that inform us of the

severity of the problem in terms of carnage also tell us that the most dangerous drinking drivers are repeat offenders — people with lengthy records of previous citations for driving under the influence. By repeatedly turning them back onto the streets, the courts are doing nothing more than increasing the probability of a serious accident.

Somehow, society and the courts have come to treat a person's driving privilege as if it were a constitutional right. Even when a judge suspends the license of someone convicted of drunk driving, he usually allows driving to and from his job. Why? That only makes the suspension impossible to enforce. And anyone who wants to get to work can accommodate himself to mass transit or a riding arrangement with a coworker. Certainly, the seriousness of the offense warrants at least that much inconvenience.

At the same time, medical and/or psychological counseling should be mandatory. While society is angry at, and fearful of, the problem drinker behind the wheel, we admit that alcohol abuse is sickness that requires professional attention. When the Cincinnati Police Division was conducting its Alcohol Safety Action Project with a Ford Foundation grant a few years ago, all agreed that incarceration alone did little more than intensify an alcoholic's thirst. What purpose is served, then, by locking him up for three days and then handing him his car keys so he can drive to the nearest tavern?