

Penthouse identifies college football flops

Just in time to inject a note of reality into alumni hopes for a winning football season, Penthouse magazine's October issue identifies what sports writer Lawrence Linderman calls "The Penthouse 20 Worst Football Teams of 1979-80."

These teams are not obscure teachers colleges: they are, or have been, potential rivals of the best. But all have fallen on hard times in recent years, and Linderman sees little hope for the football season soon upon us.

The list:

1. Northwestern. Its 0-10-1 record set last year "figures to be even worse in 1979." Says the magazine: Northwestern's major problems are offense and defense, in both of which they are deficient."

2. Wake Forest. Last season's 1-10 record may turn out to be better than 1979's likely outcome. "Wake Forest may well lose every time out in 1979, including its curtain raiser against unheralded Appalachian State."

3. University of Texas, El Paso. UTEP has won only one game per season since 1975, "and they won't do any better this time around. UTEP's gridiron specialty is the equal-opportunity defense, which allows opponents to score five touchdowns a game without regard to race, creed, color or talent."

4. Vanderbilt. Finishing 2-9 last year, "this fall Vanderbilt will again be atrocious and nothing new that head coach George MacIntyre can say or do will help the Commodores escape what seems to be paramount possession of last place in the Southeastern Conference."

5. Idaho. Last year's 2-9 record isn't likely to be much better this year, but Penthouse concedes that the team might be able to give us less than the 36 points per game it yielded in 1978.

6. Texas Christian University. "Defense will again be the Froggies' short suit, but the same can be said of their offense." Look for another 2-9 season this year.

7. Virginia. After 1979's 2-9 record, Linderman says: "I look for

the Cavaliers to beat James Madison this year.... And that's about it."

8. Columbia. "The doormat of the Ivy League" in 1979 after last year's 3-5-1 season. Graduations have made the outlook dimmer.

9. Oregon State. This school had a winning season -- in 1970. Last year's record was 3-6-1 and 1979 looks like the ninth consecutive losing season.

10. West Virginia. Another losing season after 1978's 2-9 record, but there is hope: the state legislature has approved a \$20 million new stadium, and "high school athletes always have an edifice complex. The Mountaineers will begin getting their share of blue-chip players quite soon and should show marked improvement within the next couple years."

11. Rice. Rice's record for the last three seasons is 3-29. This year, says the magazine, "the Rice defense will again give up twice as many points as the offense can score, which is why the Owls can be expected to check in with a record that will approximate last season's 2-9 performance."

12. Army. The once-mighty football school hasn't been able to attract top high school players, many of whom don't find four years in the Army after graduation an enticing prospect. The loss of

eight starting seniors from the '78 season won't help Army either. (Navy, incidentally, is not on the Worst 20 list.)

13. Illinois. Last year's 1-9-2 record foreshadows this year's results. Failure to take to the air with the forward pass was to blame last year, and likely will be again in '79.

14. Boston College. "Hollywood producers could do worse than to study Boston College's 19-78 football season for possible adaptation as a movie comedy," Penthouse says. Head coach Ed Chlebek was fired last year -- but rehired after his players pleaded that he be given a second chance. After last year's 0-11 record, Boston College "will improve, although not dramatically."

15. Kansas. "The Jayhawks are a decent enough college team, but unfortunately they're playing in a murderously tough conference." Last year's 1-10 record may be a taste of the current season as well.

16. Syracuse. Once the symbol of Eastern football power, the school of Jim Brown, Ernie Davis, Floyd Little and Larry Csonka, the Orangemen have fallen on hard times. This year, "the Orange will be mostly black and blue."

17. San Diego State. Used to winning seasons, this school found introduction to the Western Athletic Conference last year a sobering experience. For '79, "the team has been so depleted by graduations that its chances of finishing near .500 seem very remote."

18. Tulane. The Green Wave's last winning season was in 1973, and the next isn't likely to be this year. "One reason for Tulane's protracted decline is its somewhat steady offense," the magazine says. On the other hand, "the defense won't be able to stop a sneeze."

19. Washington State. Despite the services of the nation's "finest collegiate quarterback," WSU last year has a 3-6-1 record. "Since Washington State was the PAC Ten's easiest team to push around last season, look for their conference foes to really stick it to the Cougars this season."

20. Memphis State. Last year the Tigers were 4-7. Their first losing season since coach Richard Williamson took over in 1975. "and this fall will seem like a replay of 1978. It's easy to diagnose what ails the Tigers: their defense has as much muscle as Bianca Jagger."

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Intra Mural controversy rages

by Renne Bushey

It's only three weeks into the Intra-mural season, yet the controversy about which flag football team is the best is already raging. Will the "Dorm Dudes" finish first? Will "Team Number Six" stomp the "Dirty Dozen"? or will "Jory Bromond's Team" win overall? That remains to be seen as the IM games continue.

Who are the hearty lads which comprise the teams?

"Jory Bromond's Team":

Jory Bromond, Pat Robarge, Jim Amsler, Ken Lechtanski, Bill Metzke, Brian Brown, and Tim McKay.

"Dorm Dudes":

Byron Sinclair, Steve Kueffner, Loren Champine, Steve Muller, Eric

Szukowski, Bill Hastings, Bob Raymond, Drew Potock, Bob Payton, Joe Gruber, Tim Roesk, and Dan Gibbs.

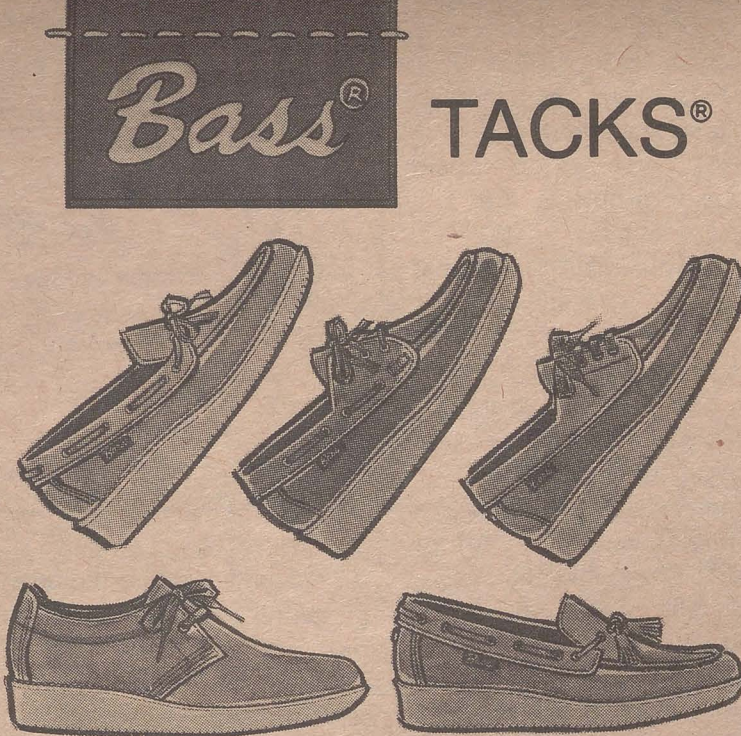
"Team Number Six":

Dave Perry, John Boss, Rich Richman, Mark Engstrom, Bob Teetzel, Mike Kissinger, John Silvia, and Mark Grimes.

"Dirty Dozen":

Dave Whitney, Steve Hirde, Bill Snow, Bob Mid, Dave Brewster, Don Wilcome, Jim Jahson, Scott Hetzner, Brad Schem, Calvin Dallas, and Robert Costelnock.

The IM schedule, standings and the upcoming tournaments will be covered in the **Campus Update**.



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