

Pro Grid Merger Angers Werblin

GOLDEN BEACH, Fla. (AP) — David A. (Sonny) Werblin, the man who brought fabulous Joe Namath into pro football with a \$400,000 bonus contract long before anyone ever dreamed of the Super Bowl, still considers the world champion New York Jets "my team."

About the only thing that grips him is the planned merger of the National and American Football Leagues, a move started almost three years ago with a common draft to prevent the rival leagues from outbidding one another for top college play-

ers. "They didn't accomplish a damn thing," Werblin said during a second cup of coffee in his exquisite winter home overlooking the Atlantic in reply to a question regarding the five-day NFL and AFL March meetings in California.

"In 1968 when the merger was planned (for 1970) I said 'let's stay one more day and work out the realignment right now.' Wellington Mara (New York Giants president) and I became the closest of friends. He even left a proxy with me if the meet-

ings were to continue." That was the year the AFL owners paid an indemnity of \$2 million per club to join the established NFL.

"We paid our price, playing to empty stands and bringing such stars as Joe Namath, John Huarte, Floyd Little and others into the AFL," added Werblin. "I was opposed to the merger from the start, and was the last one to sign it."

"We needed one more year of the draft and we had them (the NFL) just where we wanted them."

Cougars Run Into Tough Hurler, 3-0

EDWARDSVILLE — Southern Illinois University's Cougars of Edwardsville ran into some tough pitching here at the SIU diamond Wednesday and dropped a 3-0 baseball decision to McKendree College of Lebanon.

Nick Passomato was the McKendree hurler who stymied the Cougars. He allowed just three hits—two by Bob Reichert—struck out seven and walked five in posting his second win against no losses.

The Bearcats collected seven hits off losing pitcher Don Poos, who struck out three and walked one.

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in the first inning and again in the seventh inning but couldn't push across any runs.

SIU, now 6-8, plays at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis Friday and enters Southwest Missouri in a 1 p.m. Saturday doubleheader.

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Panthers Bombard Jacksonville, 9-2

JERSEYVILLE — Scoring all its runs in the first inning, Jerseyville bombarded Jacksonville, 9-2, in posting its fifth victory in six starts of the baseball season here Wednesday.

Included in the first inning barrage was a three-run homer by Tom Purcell and a two-run triple by Bob Meuth.

Winning pitcher Scott Posey held the Crimson in check with only two hits, both singles, but he gave up seven walks while striking out eight. It was Posey's third win without defeat.

Starting pitcher Roger Stewart of Jacksonville was sent to cover after only two-thirds of an inning, during which time he gave up eight of Jerseyville's nine runs. He also walked three.

His relief was Brad Lawson who worked the rest of the way, allowing one walk and fanning two.

The loss was Jacksonville's sixth in seven starts.

The Panthers, now 5-1 for the season, will host North Greene Friday.

Eagles 12-0 Losers To Southwestern

BETHALTO — Southwestern trounced Civic Memorial, 12-0 in an abbreviated baseball game here Wednesday. The game was halted because of the 10-run rule.

The Plaza Birds, working behind the two-hit pitching of Steve Burk, clobbered 14 hits

in their attack on two Eagle hurlers.

Bob Ogelsby of Civic Memorial averted a no-hitter by singling and doubling off Burk, who was turning in Southwestern's third straight shutout, all of them halted because of the 10-run rule.

Besides the two hits, Burk walked three and struck out seven. Steve Bivens started for the Eagles and lasted one and two-thirds innings. He was belted for five runs, as many hits, fanned one and walked two.

Bob Deist came on in relief of Bivens and was greeted by seven runs, nine hits and he struck out three.

Mike Bryson and Burk doubled for the winners.

The victory upped Southwestern's record to 5-4 for the season while Civic Memorial is now 2-5.

Edwardsville Hands Shells 6-2 Setback

EDWARDSVILLE — Roxana High School went down to a 6-2 baseball defeat here Wednesday in a non-conference contest.

Edwardsville built up a 6-0 lead before Roxana scored in the seventh inning on a two-run homer by Jim Kelsall.

The loss left Roxana with a 4-4 record.

Edwardsville had a homer from Dan Hamilos in the sixth frame.

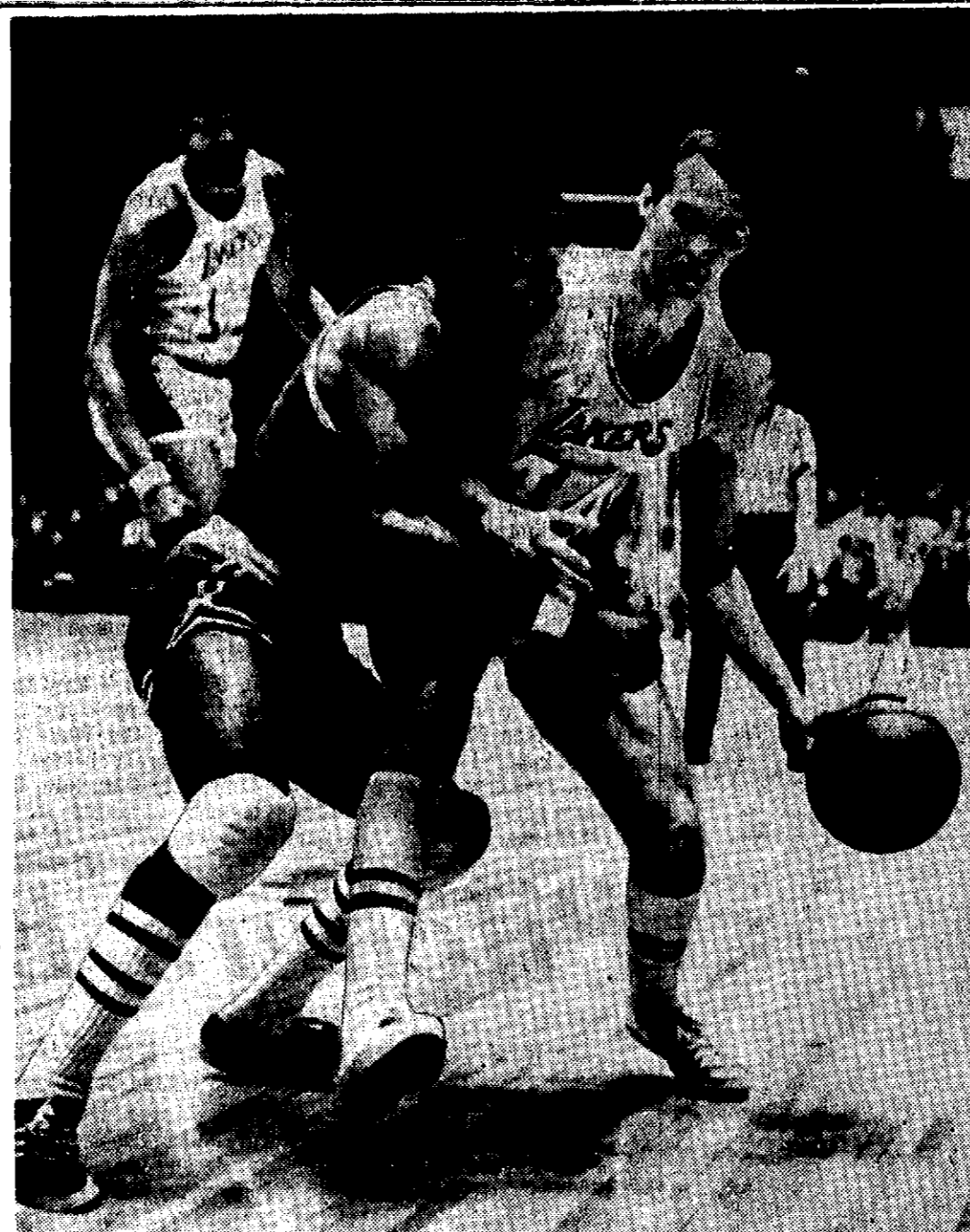
Kevin Gallagher was the winning pitcher but had to have help from Krumatch in the seventh inning. They combined for eight strikeouts and issued three walks.

Losers was Paul Schwabe who had five strikeouts and two walks.

Roxana plays at Civic Memorial Friday.

Player AB R H Player AB R H
Bryson 4 1 1 Knight 3 0 0
Clark 4 2 2 Ogelsby 3 0 0
Burk 4 1 1 Greer 3 0 0
Reese 4 1 1 Taylor 3 0 0
R. Calton 4 1 1 Hawkins 3 0 0
Burch 4 1 1 Delt 3 0 0
Orban 4 1 1 Tague 3 0 0
Miller 4 1 1 Bivens 3 0 0
Keller 4 1 1
Linsley 4 1 1
Totals 31 12 14 Totals 18 0 2
Inning 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Southwestern 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Civic Memorial 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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CLOSE QUARTERS FOR WEST—The Lakers' Jerry West tries to take the ball down the court, but finds himself closely pressed by Boston's Emmette Bryant in the first period of Wednesday night's opening game of the National Basketball Association championship playoff in Los Angeles. That's the Lakers' Wilt Chamberlain in background. (AP Wirephoto)

West Scores 53 In Lakers' Win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Boston's John Havlicek said it the only way it could be said: "Jerry West was fantastic and he really killed us."

Not only did the veteran star of the Los Angeles Lakers score 53 points against the defending National Basketball Association champion Celtics in their opening playoff game Wednesday night but he had 10 assists.

As it turned out, the Lakers needed all the West contributions to pull out a 120-118 decision and take a 1-0 lead in the best of seven title series.

Player-coach Bill Russell of the Celtics declared he didn't plan any big changes for Friday night's second game, again at the Lakers' forum.

He won't, for instance, double team the 6-foot-3 superstar from West Virginia.

"West was the difference, but with a two-point loss here in the opening game, I'm not going to change a thing," Russell said.

"It wasn't the 53 points that beat us, it was the 10 assists," West's previous playoff high total was 52 points but not in a championship series. In eight previous seasons, the Lakers never have won the title, losing to Boston on five occasions.

Jerry played like a man with a mission before the 17,554 fans, hitting shots from 25 feet out and on several occasions driving in under Russell and coming back with a reverse lay-up.

"I suppose it's one of the greatest games I've ever played," West commented. "However, there have been games when I've scored a lot fewer points and still felt I helped the team more with assists and playing defense."

Havlicek, with 37 points, bound department, Russell collected 27 and Wilt Chamberlain 22. In their personal scoring duel, Russell got 16 points and Chamberlain 15.

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No-Hitter by Alton; Second This Week

Alan Cruthi of Alton's baseball Redbirds set down East St. Louis, 8-0, with a no-hitter in a Southwestern Conference contest here Thursday.

It was the second straight no-hitter turned in by the Redbirds staff. On Monday Gary Hagen blanked Granite City with a no-hit gem in another conference contest.

Cruthis was never in serious trouble against the Flyers, although he walked five. He also struck out six.

Oilers Stay Alive With 3-1 Victory

WOOD RIVER — Wood River High School, fighting to stay alive in the Southwestern Conference baseball race, defeated Collinsville here Wednesday, 3-1.

The Oilers now own a 9-3 overall record. Collinsville is 2-4 in the conference and 3-7 overall.

Wood River plays a single game at Carbondale Friday and a doubleheader at Marion Saturday.

The victory left the Oilers with a 6-2 league record behind Alton's 8-0. The two meet Monday afternoon on the Alton diamond at 4 o'clock.

Roger Cato hurled the win for the Oilers Wednesday, giving up three hits, striking out three and walking three.

The loser was Jim Beiser, who was touched for four hits, struck out two and walked three.

After Collinsville scored once in the top of the first inning, the Oilers came back with two runs on Steve Haug's two-run single with Roy Morris and Bob Hoffman on base.

The Oilers added an insurance run in the fourth on a successful double steal with Hoffman scoring.

Player	AB	R	H	Player	AB	R	H
Sackett	3	0	0	Morris	3	1	0
Koelling	1	0	0	Linders	3	0	0
Schuerbaum	3	0	0	Leichenste	3	0	0
Deets	3	0	1	DeGeria	0	0	0
Martin	3	0	1	Hoffman	2	2	2
Riggs	2	0	0	Haug	3	0	0
Thomas	3	0	0	Fliegenbaum	1	0	0
Klein	2	0	0	Culp	2	0	0
Stone	1	0	0	Evans	1	0	0
Beiser	2	0	0	Cato	2	0	0
Totals	28	1	3	Totals	28	3	1
Inning	1	2	3	RH	1	2	3
Collinsville	1	0	0	RH	1	2	3
Wood River	2	0	1	W	3	4	3

Top Matmen In Tourney Harrisburg Prep Picks SIU

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Some of the country's finest wrestlers will compete at Northwestern's McGaw Hall in the first annual national championship of the newly-formed United States Wrestling Federation.

The meet will open Friday and end Tuesday with a respite Sunday. There will be two separate divisions — freestyle competition Friday and Saturday and Greco-Roman competition Monday and Tuesday. There will be 10 weight classes with individual and team champions crowned in both divisions.

The pre-tournament favorite is Chicago's Mayor Daley Wrestling Club, winner of the national freestyle titles in 1968 and 1967. Leading challengers are expected to be Oklahoma State, perennial NCAA power, and the Minnesota Wrestling Club coached by Wally Johnson, Federation president.

The Federation includes organizations that conduct national and statewide wrestling programs, including colleges, junior colleges, high schools and independent wrestling clubs.

Caluffetti, 6-1, 210, also played basketball and baseball at Harrisburg in addition to football in which he earned special mention all-state recognition.

Lawrence Caluffetti, Larry's father, lettered in football for four years at SIU, 1940-41-42, and 1946.

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