# Running protest of Colt win pure exercise in futility

By Milton Richman

NEW YORK (UPI) — There's no provision for an official protest in pro football as there is in baseball, which is an injustice in one way but a pure blessing in another because what would they do with an official found to have cost a team a key ball game — hang him from the nearest goal post?

Anytime a protest is upheld in baseball, the game in question either is resumed from the point of dispute or replayed entirely. Such cases are rare since baseball protests are upheld about as often as Egypt and Israel get together at the peace table.

In football, there's no practical way to replay a game already finished or resume it from the point of contention. The mechanics for setting up such a procedure simply are not feasible. What could any ruling body do, re-schedule the same two teams to meet each other again on some given Wednesday?

That doesn't necessarily mean football officials never make mistakes. They're human, the same as anyone else. Certainly they make mistakes although on balance, they don't make that many. Only a few years ago, the Los Angeles Rams were given five downs during the same series. The referee lost count of the downs and for doing that, he and his entire crew drew a suspension.

All this comes into sharper focus now due to the uncommon furor continuing over last Sunday's contest in Baltimore where quarterback Bert Jones of the Colts fumbled away the ball near the Patriots' goal line with less than three minutes left, but the referee ruled he had whistled the play dead, and Baltimore immediately took advantage of that break to beat New England, 30-24, for its third straight AFC East Division championship.

A New England victory automatically would have given Miami the division championship title under the National Football League's tie-breaker rule, but when the Colts won, that finished the Dolphins for the season.

Up at their headquarters on Park Avenue, the NFL people haven't heard the end of it yet, nor are they likely to for some time to come.

Although the Patriots already had been eliminated from the playoffs before Sunday's game, their supporters are burned up because a victory was "stolen" from them. The Miami fans are boiling because they feel their team was jobbed out of the division title, and Dolphin coach Don Shula, who was watching the game on TV, is steaming because he isn't sure whether the referee blew his whistle accidentally, prematurely or arbitrarily.

Fred Silva was the referee in Sunday's game. He's no rookie, having officiated in the NFL 11 seasons. For working Sunday's game, he got $575 plus a lot of heat.

Jones says he doesn't know if he fumbled before the play was over or not. If Silva was guilty of whistling too quickly, it could've been he was being overprotective of Jones. Consciously or otherwise, most referees don't like to see quarterbacks absorb unnecessary punishment, particularly quarterbacks of Jones' ability, so they sometimes become a bit overprotective.

Regardless, it was purely a judgement call on Silva's part and as such, all those irate Miami and New England fans have no solid basis for their condemnation of him. They can criticize his judgement, but who's to say their own judgement of him is right? That goes for Don Shula, too. He wasn't exactly a disinterested witness watching that game.

If it's any consolation, Fred Silva draws some support from Lee MacPhail, president of the American League.

"In this particular case, there couldn't be any protest in baseball, either, because it was a judgement call," says MacPhail. "The only time there can be a protest with us is when a rule is interpreted improperly.

"Besides, we've found that different camera positions can give you entirely different views of the same play. You see it from one angle and you say 'What a bad call!' Then you look at it another way and you say, 'Well, now wait a minute.'

"My sympathy is all with him (Silva). He was right there, he most likely was in a position to see the play best and he was the one who had to make the call."

## 3 perish in fire

NEW YORK — Unemployed, separated from her husband, Mrs. Freida Laguerre left her five children in the candlelit apartment for which she had never ordered electricity and went out to a social club in her decaying Bronx neighborhood.

About 11 p.m. a candle ignited a fire that killed three of the children — Timothy, 8 months; Jeanine, 2 years and Anthony, 8. Fire officials who found their charred bodies on mattresses lying on the apartment floor said they "never had a chance."

## Colts won't play wait and see

Although the Baltimore Colts won key games during the 1977 season by pouring on the offense in the second half, coach Ted Marchibroda belives a wait-and-see attitude is not the best philosophy for the playoffs.

Marchibroda said Tuesday the Colts, 10-4, cannot wait until the second half to try to knock off the Oakland Raiders, 11-3, their opposition in the first round of the AFC, super bowl playoffs Saturday.

"Oakland can beat you so many ways — on the ground and in the air," said Marchibroda. "We can't spot them any points, we can't give them the time of day."

As if consistency is a virtue, the colts' quest for their third AFC East Division title in a row also depended on a late-hour surge to victory.

The Colts, who ran up a 9-1 record during the first part of the season, were then stung by three losses in a row. Their playoff hopes were salvaged by last Sunday's come-from-behind, 30,24 victory over the New England Patriots.

Marchibroda repeatedly said during the season, "We only do what we have to do to win — that's our philosophy. It's a 14-game season. You're not in or out until it's over."

When the New England game was won on a dramatic 99-yard drive in the final seven minutes, halfback Lydell Mitchell admitted the team's philosphy needed to be reworded somewhat.

Mitchell, who broke the 1,000-yard season mark for the third season in a row, said after the game, "I'll say what no one else does — we play our best with our backs to the wall.

"I guess you'll have to say we need the pressure of the clutch," said Mitchell. "Get us in a hole, and it's the team's problem."

However, Marchibroda is a little less reserved about the "back against the wall" philosophy.

Asked if he thought the philosophy might backfire against a capable team, he said, "then it really wouldn't be our philosophy. Breaks are always a part of the game. Successful teams find ways to win."

And it almost backfired against New England as a controversial fumble gall on the patroit's 6-yard line saved that game-winning drive. Jone fumbled on that play but the referees ruled the play dead before the lost ball.

The Colts had dropped behind 14-3 at the half and were down 21-3 before they got their hands on the ball as the Patriots' Raymond Clayborn ran the second half kickoff 101 yards for a touchdown.

That's when the colts started to March, moving behind the passing of quarterback Bert Jones, who was 19-for-30 for 340 yards and three touchdowns in the game.

"We did that against Miami earlier in the year," said Mitchell. "We gave the Dolphins an 18-point lead and beat them, 45 to 28.

# Webb Center captures weightlifting title

Nearly doubling the point total of its nearest pursuer, the Chick Webb Center won the team championship in the 13th annual Bureau of Recreation novice weightlifting meet.

Webb tallied 24 points to Lafayette Courts second with 13. Patterson Park acquired 12 for third place.

Webbs' Andre Washington was cited as the meet's best all-round lifter in the field of 76 entries.

Individual summaries follow:

PRE-TEEN — Winner Darryl Nichols, Chick Webb, 180 pounds; second, Keith Adams, Westport Homes, 165 pounds; third, Earl Spencer, Westport Homes, 130 pounds.

100-POUND DIVISION — Winner, Nathaniel Curry, Webb, 205 pounds; second, Don Ockimey, Lafayette Courts, 170 pounds; third, Andre Seribner, Webb, 170 pounds.

107-POUND DIVISION — Winner, Tony Lee Taylor, Westport, 165 pounds; Timmy Couser, Towanda, 155 pounds.

115-POUNDERS — Winner, Alvin Wright, Madison Square, 275 pounds; second, Keith Leggins, Madison Square, 245 pounds; third, David Gray, Patterson Park, 240 pounds.

123-POUNDERS — Winner, Nelson Levmoody, Hollander Ridge, 260 pounds; second, Conti Meims, Patterson Park, 245 pounds; third, Davis Fergerson, Lafayette, 230 pounds.

132-POUNDERS — Winner, Anthony Williams, Flag House, 280 pounds; second, Kenneth Edwards, Webb, 245 pounds; third, Carl Taylor, Lafayette, 235 pounds.

148-POUNDERS — Winner, Andre Washington, Webb, 365 pounds; second, Anthony Bailey, Lafayette, 335 pounds; third, Daniel Diggins, Flag House, 320 pounds.

165-POUNDERS — Winner, Gary Walker, Lafayette, 380 pounds; second, Paul Riekenberg, Locust Point, 315 pounds; third, Greg McDonough, Locust Point, 245 pounds.

181-POUNDERS — Winner, Brian Askew, Patterson Park, 310 pounds.

UNLIMITED — Winner, Larry Marconi, Brooklyn, 320 pounds; second, Robert Murry, Patterson Park, 310 pounds.

YOUNG ADULTS — Winner, Roderick Scribner, Webb, 315 pounds; second, Mark Hafford, Leith Walk, 450 pounds; third, Mark Kraefle, North Harford, 470 pounds.

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# Mrs. Giles honored at banquet

A surprise appreciation banquet was held at Martin's North Point for Mrs. Zatella Giles recently.

Mrs. Giles is known as one of Baltimore's most active and respected community and labor leaders.

For several years, she worked at the Continental Can Company where she was a quality control inspector.

Mrs. Giles has been active in union and labor affairs and was instrumental in organizing the women Steelworkers Local 2609, Sparrows Point Mill to fight discrimination at the mill.

She is coordinator of the Concerned Citizens of East Baltimore that was organized to fight the establishment of a prison in East Baltimore.

Mrs. Giles is an active member of Fountain Baptist Church, where she is chairperson of the Social Action Committee.

Cong. Farren J. Mitchell was the speaker at the banquet and greetings were extended by friends of the honoree.

Mrs. Zlatella Giles

Mrs. Mildred Williams presided with 200 guests attending.

Committee members of the affair were Dr. Charles M. Franklin, Mesdames Sadie Thompson, Beatrice Mosely, Estellena Ridges, Barbara Ferguson and Loretta Carrington.

# In Our Churches

By Pam Widgeon

Churches are invited to send news of special church activities and a copy of their church programs.

Emmanuel Christian Community Church, Lanvale St. and Carrollton Ave., will hold only one service at 10 a.m. on Christmas. Rev. Sidney Daniels is pastor.

Members of the adult department of Wayland Baptist Sunday School, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joan Cooper, will play host to residents of the Maryland Baptist Aged Home.

Instead of the traditional Sunday School lesson, which is a weekly project of the department throughout the year, an informal fellowship is planned where the residents will join in the telling of the Christmas story and carol singing.

Handmade personalized stockings stuffed with goodies and gifts will be given to each resident.

In addition, each person will receive a personalized calendar with Bible verses for each day of the week.

# Last rites for Mrs. E. Cornish

Funeral services will be held Dec. 23, 8 p.m. for Mrs. Evelyn Murphy Cornish at Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Sts.

Mrs. Cornish, 61, of the 600 block Chester St., died Dec. 13 at her home.

For years, she was a singer and dancer and often appeared at clubs in New York, the Royal Theatre and the Comedy Club.

Mrs. Cornish was also known as "Momma Murphy."

She is survived by three daughters Ms. Evelyn Anderson, Ms. Mildred Cornish and Ms. Rae K. Cornish; three sons, Dennis, Gary and Charles Cornish; 10 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Olivia McKetchin and Mrs. Miriam Camper.

Mrs. Evelyn Murphy Cornish

# Frank C. Reed, 56, dies suddenly

Some 400 persons attended funeral services for Frank C. Reed Monday, Dec. 12, at Grace United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Reed, 59, who had lived in Baltimore for the past 29 years, died suddenly Dec. 8 at his home.

Born in Port Gibson, Miss., he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James R. Reed. He attended Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss. He enlisted in the Army during World War II. After being honorably discharged, he enrolled in Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., where he completed his undergraduate studies. He also studied at the University of Maryland and taught at Veterans School in Baltimore.

At the time of his death, Mr. Reed was teaching Painting and Interior Decorating at the Samuel Gompers Junior - Senior High School where his concern for his students oftentimes extended beyond the classroom.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anne F. Reed, a Medical Social Work Supervisor with the Baltimore City Health Department, and his daughter, Ms. Frankie A. Reed, a second year law student at the University of California, Berkeley.

He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Thelma Reed Peyton, a teacher in public schools, of Bay Springs, Miss. and a brother, James R. Reed Jr., of Jackson, Miss.


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9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Mid Day Worship Christmas message by the Pastor. Music by the combined choirs.
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11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship sermon by the Pastor
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11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
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3:30 P.M.—Afternoon Worship
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10:30 P.M.—Watch Night Service
8:00 A.M.—Early Service
9:00 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship and Installation of All Officers
Rev. William Brown, Pastor
Mrs. Marie Cooper, Publicity Chairman

SEASON'S GREETINGS
FOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
MONUMENT ST. NEAR GAY ST.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1977
ORDER OF SERVICE
9:30 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Christmas Message by the Pastor
Christmas Carols By Combined Choirs
DECEMBER 31, 1977
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