Colts, Dolphins limp to Sunday's battle

By Peter Vandevanter

The Baltimore Colts and the Miami Dolphins limp winless to Memorial Stadium Sunday to see if they can regroup their patchwork offenses after sloppy season debuts.

Both the Colts, who were blanked by the Dallas Cowboys last weekend, 38-0, and the Dolphins, upset by the New York Jets, 35-20, will again play without their starting quarterbacks.

The Colts' Bert Jones is sidelined with a shoulder injury and the Dolphins' Bob Griese is out most of the season with a knee injury.

In their places will be Bill Troup for the Colts, who also was out last week with a shoulder injury, and Dolphin Don Strock, who threw two interceptions in the first half last week as the Jets jumped ahead, 13-0.

"If I knew the reason for the Jet loss I'd be coaching instead of playing," said Dolphin middle linebacker Steve Towle. "Not knowing, that's the worst part. You can't know whether to be superstitious and change your routine during the week or go on doing things the same way to prepare. Speaking for myself, I thought I was ready.

"I'm sure everyone else did too," Towle said. "I guess the only reason is to work harder. The bottom line is the Jet game is over and the best thing to do is immediately get into thinking about the Colts."

Baltimore Coach Ted Marchibroda reacted similarly after the Dallas debacle: "It's over and the important thing is how we react and get ready for Miami."

In 1977 the Colts and the Dolphins both ran up 10-4 records but the Colts won the division due to a statistical advantage. The teams split their two contests with the Colts winning the first, 45-28, but losing the second, 17-6.

Perhaps the brightest sign this week for the injury-ridden Colts is that second string quarterback Troup, who has been backup to Jones for five years, is healthy enough to start.

Last week third-year pro Mike Kirkland, playing his first regular season game, called the signals against the Super Bowl champions.

The Colts have lost five starters besides Jones from last year's roster, including all-time rushing leader Lydell Mitchell, who was traded to San Diego after he filed a discrimination grievance.

Injuries have sidelined offensive linemen David Taylor and George Kunz, defensive halfback Norman Thompson and linebacker Stan White, who was the team's defensive captain.

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FRONTRUNNER — Del. Troy Brailey with Sen. Verda Welcome at a recent fundraiser held in his honor. Although political observers say Brailey is an easy win, the candidate continues to conduct a street campaign.

Edward Smith was an AFRO employee

Funeral services for Edward Louis Smith, 45, were held Sept. 8 at Sharon Baptist Church.

Mr. Smith died at St. Joseph Hospital on Sept. 2. He lived with his family in the 3900 block Fairview Ave.

He was formerly employed with the school system for 15 years as a teacher and worked part-time for the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers as a teletype operator until 1974.

At the time of his death, Mr. Smith was employed as an educational development specialist of the training branch for the Internal Revenue Service, Baltimore district office.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gloria J. Smith; one son, Kirk E. Smith; mother, Mrs. Hannah L. Smith; one brother, James H. Smith; and adopted sister, Mrs. Hazel Shell.

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Justices split on use of voiceprints

ANNAPOLIS — The State Court of Appeals ruled in a split decision Wednesday that voiceprints, a mechanical and still experimental method of comparing taped voices, may not be used as evidence in Maryland courts.

On a 4-3 decision, the state's highest court ordered a new trial for James Reed Jr., convicted in Montgomery County circuit court in 1976 of rape and related offenses after voiceprints were admitted as evidence during his trial.

The use of voiceprints was later upheld by the Court of Speical Appeals.

But the high court said, based on judicial opinions and available legal and scientific information about voiceprints, voiceprint analysis had not achieved the acceptance in the scientific community necessary for it to be admissible as evidence.

"We therefore hold that testimony based on 'voiceprints' or spectrograms is, for the present, inadmissible in Maryland courts as evidence of voice identification," the 31-page court opinion stated.

"This holding is, of course, subject to reconsideration by this court if the use of spectrograms or some other technique of voice identification does in the future achieve the general acceptance of the scientific and legal communities."

Associate Judge Marvin H. Smith, joined by Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy and Associate Judge Charles E. Orth Jr., entered a 108-page dissent that said the majority opinion was contrary to other court opinions and even to previous Court of Appeals opinions concerning expert testimony.

"The decision here is out of step with that of a number of respected courts as to the basis for admission of evidence concerning expert opinions related to fingerprints, ballistics, X-ray, and the like," the dissenting opinion stated.

Smith's dissenting opinion also said the majority, composed of Associate Judges J. Dudley Digges, John C. Eldridge, Irving A. Levine and Harry A. Cole, based its opinion on "a legal rule criticized by eminent scholars and never adopted in Maryland.

Smith also dismissed the majority's stated intention to leave the way open for admission of similar testimony in future trials.

"As a practical matter, however, what trial judge in his right mind would be so bold at any time in the future as to permit the introduction of such testimony when the court has today rejected the very thoughtful and thoroughgoing analysis of Montgomery County's Judge (John F.) McAuliffe in this case as well as the equally thoughtful and thorough analysis by Chief Judge (Richard P.) Gilbert for the Court of Speical Appeals?"

The Reed case began when a Montgomery County woman was raped late at night in September 1974. For the next several days, she received telephoned threats from a man believed to be the rapist, and police taped the calls.

Voiceprint experts testified during Reed's trial that, based on the voice comparisons, Reed had been the caller.

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