

In  
Memoriam  
Donald G.  
Grover

Don Grover, better known as Dunk, played in several Turkey Bowl games in the late '60s and early '70s for the champion Silver Bucks - then known as the Over-Forties. Known as Cowboy Grover, he retired after the '71 championship when football was replaced by tennis at the annual Family Festival. Dunk remained active and initiated or was instrumental in several innovations that we accept today as normal. He came out with T-shirts for the tennis and family reunion. With the renewal of the Turkey Bowl game in 1987, Dunk was the first to realize the potential and future of video. He started taking videos of the annual reunion and the Turkey Bowl game. He continued to video tape the Turkey Bowl game until health problems stopped him. Today the video is a standard practice for a record of the reunion weekend. Dunk had two sons, Rick and Gary, on the Young Bucks team and one son, Hank, on the Silver Bucks team. Now, several grandsons are on the teams. Dunk, along with Betty, was an early enthusiastic booster of the Grand Teton National Park. They took Mom Nicolls to the Tetons several times - even in her wheelchair. Dunk was inspired to paint much of the scenery he saw and loved in the Tetons. He painted many pictures.

# The Insider

## Teton Trip Revives Silver Confidence

During the cowboy breakfast at the Box K Ranch in the Tetons, Jolt'n Jim Ridge was telling a group of fans that the theme for the Silver Bucks this year is "It's our Kicks in '96." Emilie Ridge popped up with, "You'll get your Licks in '96." Ski'n Ian added, "It's Nix in '96 for the Silver Bucks." (CRN)



Below: Dandy Dean Kauffman plays a cowboy serenade.



## Secret Strategy Session out West

The Silver Bucks were holding a strategy session around the campfire, after dark, one night in the Tetons. Big Don was explaining his new strategy and game plan. He told the team that the strategy called for more speed — the need to



The Four Horsemen Ride Again???? Oh, no - that's Big Don up on Old Thunder at a Silver Buck's strategy session in the Tetons. Jolt'n Jim Ridge (background) listens while thinking, "Same old song — a little more thunder." (CRN)

fly down the field. Someone popped up with, "It's hard to soar with the eagles, when you're surrounded by a bunch of turkeys like you-all." No one owned up to the remark. Some think it might have been Grandma Grover. Hmm — one of her pearls of wisdom???? (CRN)

Left: Dunk Grover in the Tetons

## Muli-talented MVP

Last year's Turkey Bowl MVP, Dandy Dean Kauffman, relaxes around the campfire in the Tetons last summer. Dandy Dean played guitar with the camp musicians during the cowboy supper on the trail in the Togwotee Pass. He was heard to say,

"That was a real kick. This is a great place — the mountains and the scenery are fantastic. Carol wants to know why we haven't been here before this year. She wants to buy the Bar J Ranch and to settle down out here." (CRN)

The fans in Cleveland  
are eager to get the Silver Bucks  
according to Mean Gene

*Mean Gene Nicolls*, retired Silver Buck Hall of Famer, recently admitted to our reporter, Just A. Barker, that he has been in negotiations with authorities in Cleveland for a possible move of the Silver Bucks to Cleveland. Mean Gene was quoted as saying, "The fans in Cleveland definitely don't want the Browns back. They want the game played at a higher level — so, they're eager to get the Silver Bucks. Yes, they will build a new stadium. There are a few snags. *Big Don* is still talking with the New Castle people about the domed stadium downtown. Also, we need the income from the concessions; but, — as you know, the *Grandma Grover* syndicate controls all the concessions, souvenirs, ushering, and parking. We think we have the inside for an exclusive on *Aunt Ruth's Fudge*. I'll be meeting with Big Don in a few days to try to solidify our position in Cleveland. What's that — Are you sure? — *Wild Bill* is my son. — I think I'd have heard if he was trying to get the Young Bucks into Cleveland. Ah, that's garbage— who wants the Young Bucks?" (CRN)

## Is Bubby Returning to the Big League?

Our Columbus reporter, Justa Dogleg, caught up with **Greg Bubby Bundy** at the OSU-Pitt game. Justa reminded Bubby that the Young Bucks missed him for the Turkey Bowl last year. Bubby Bundy said, "Well, I had this opportunity to

play in front of my many fans back in my home town of Beaver. They've been after me for years to make an appearance in their Beaver Bowl game. They've read about my playing in the Turkey Bowl. My fame seems to keep spreading. They had

a big parade with ticker tape, bands, the whole works. It was a great time; but I really missed the Turkey Bowl — the players, the fans, the pre-game activities, the food, and the BINGO. We'll be there this year." (CRN)

## Quick Kyle is Pennsylvania Dreamin

**Grandma Mary Nicolls** reports that **Quick Kyle Kauffman**, who stays up to 3am drawing, recently had a dream. 'The family drove up to **Uncle Don and Aunt Bev's** for the

family festival. When Quick Kyle, who plays for the Silver Bucks, walked on the field, there were only three or four players there. His teammates were laid-up with bad

backs.' Could it be that Quick Kyle is dreaming (sub-consciously wishing) of younger players on his Silver Bucks team???? (CRN)

## Big Boy Bob Playing at a Higher Level

**Big Boy Bob Nicolls**, the Young Bucks western ace, says that he's flying the family in for the festival and the big game. When asked about conditioning, Big Boy Bob

said, "Hey, we have mountains out here and we're at a higher elevation. Just ask **Mountain man Bruce**. With **Bobby, Marieta**, and **Danny** chasing **Kathy**

and I up and down the mountains — aa — it might be the other way around — well, we're in good shape. I'm ready to help add to the Silver Bucks string of defeats." (CRN)

## Crazy Legs Lewis Swears by Pronesthesis

Reporter Fun E. Bone in Virginia caught this picture of **Crazy Legs John Lewis** with granddaughter **Allison Blair Yoder**. On query Crazy Legs said, "This is just taking my methodology — Pronesthesis — to the

next level. You've read my book *Pronesthesis and Winning* haven't you? It's all about my positive, winning attitude. The big game — sure, Virginia over North Carolina any day. Oh, the Turkey Bowl? That's easy — it's the Silver Bucks. What? Oh,

no. I don't change diapers." (CRN)

