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The Weather Report

- **Youngs predict: Sun and a dry field (to exert speed)**
- **Silvers predict: Snow, sleet, or rain (to slow the Youngs)**

By James Bundy

"DEAR DALE"

An Advice Column for the Deeply Perplexed

Dear Dale:

I have some concerns regarding my marriage, and I hope you can help. A year ago, my husband "Wild Bill" was his usual self, adjusting to the beginnings of a new school year and anticipating the big football game between the Young Bucks and the Silver Bucks. In preparation, he had lost a significant amount of weight, and was working out daily in order to enhance his performance as nose tackle for the Silver Bucks. As you know, it was successful, as the Silver Bucks beat the Young Bucks by a significant margin. Things seemed perfect. Then, little things happened that should have given me clues to the trouble that lay ahead. In March he formed a band with other teachers, and as a drummer with "The Academia Nuts" he wowed a gymnasium full of high school students with his prowess. In May, at the wedding of our oldest daughter, he

serenaded me "a la Sinatra". It went to his head. Now he's gone off the deep end and is talking about reforming "Nuclear Orange", his band from the sixties.



Wild Bill—After

To top it off, he has cut off his beard and gotten a ridiculous toupee. He has told me he will be on the road this Thanksgiving and has further added that he is giving up his football career. AAAAAARRRRRGGG!!! I want my bearded, burly "Wild Bill" back! Whatever shall I do???

Perplexed Pattye in Toledo

Dear Perplexed:

You're right to be so concerned. The last thing this country needs is another dinosaur band playing moldy oldies. Get him back in the gym and start pummeling that girly-man into shape. Start loading him up with carbs again. He's wasting away on the Atkins diet. Rip that ridiculous rug off his head and tell him the way to keep your heart is to be a football hero. Besides; we can't afford too may more retirements on the Silver Bucks. The Youngs aren't aging fast enough to replace them.

Sincerely,

"Too Tall Dale"



Wild Bill—Before



Bobby running in Eugene for the track Junior Olympics in July. **Danny** and **Bobby** placed 2nd in the state in their divisions for cross-country this November.

News out of Perrysburg, OH is that **"Big Ben Mack-Attack"** has found married life agreeing with him. Home-cooking by his new bride **Jessica**, has given him an Urlachian-physique. That will mean "magnifique" for the Silver Bucks who drafted him last year. By **"Wild" Bill Nicolls**

Kyle will be graduating from Columbus College of Art and Design on December 10th. The only graduation gift he said he really wants is a pound of Aunt Ruth's fudge.

Lindsay's friend Steve (a senior) - tall, strong... was on the OSU swim team, plays golf - and now wants to give it all up to join the...Silver Bucks??? Young Bucks??? Let the bidding begin... By **Carol Kauffman**

Young Bucks Recruiting News - Even though Ted Ginn Jr. and Tony Pittman turned the Young Bucks down, they had a good recruiting year. The Youngs set their hearts on pure speed and found it in Colorado. **Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls** and **Danny "Bronco" Nicolls** are two of the most talented players in the country. The Nicolls Duo should fit in nicely on the Young Bucks and do better than if the Youngs had signed Ted and Tony. By **James Bundy**

Our field reporter discovered a secret summer camp put on by the Young Bucks in Colter Bay, Wyoming. In early July the entire Young Bucks team was seen in a huddle designing new strategies to break through the Silver Bucks' formidable line. Quarterback

Jake Grover was practicing passes to his running backs **Bobby** and **Brad**, while **Jeff, Cody, Danny** and **Marieta** tried out new formations to fool the Silver Bucks into missing blocks. But not to worry. Unbeknownst to the Young Bucks, a number of members of the Silver Bucks were watching and recording all the moves from the deck of **Don's Nonbar and Grill**. While chomping on some great cheeseburgers, **Bob, Bruce**, and **Gayle** were carefully making notes of the movements below in order to turn the tables again and win the game. At the same time, NFL cameraman **Jim Ridge** was recording the entire camp for further review. Hey, Young Bucks, you gotta get up a lot earlier than noon to outdo the Silver Bucks! By **Gayle Ridge**

An Editorial by "Jammin" Jake Grover

This reporter agrees that there is a conflict of interest, but it was clear that the Youngs weren't getting any calls

The conditions were cold in Nicolls Stadium, but so were the tensions between aging Silver Bucks and the under-12's... I mean Young Bucks. After an embarrassing loss in 2002, "The Don" was forced to rely on a sneaky free-agent pick-up reminiscent of the Carlos Boozer debacle in Cleveland. With the Young Bucks reeling from the loss of key wide receiver, Ben "Big" Mack "Attack", the Silvers looked to capitalize on their newly acquired talent as well as their perennial experience advantage. As is expected, the Silver Bucks let "Big" Mack in on their trickeration as he was soon pushing down little kids in the end zone for touchdowns. The reversal may have been a planned set-up of the Young Bucks, because they could not get a call for the rest of the game. It seemed as if the ref had some vested interests in the game... **Gayle "Sayers" Ridge** was overheard to say during the game, "I think there's a conflict of interest between

the other side's quarterback and the ref" This reporter agrees that there is a conflict of interest, but it was clear that the Youngs weren't getting any calls, so maybe the conflict lies elsewhere. An obvious make-up call for the mugging in the endzone occurred on the next drive when a two-point conversion was taken away after "Jammin" Jake had managed to sneak under several Silver Buck defenders to reach the ball over the line. He was overheard after the game declaring, "I knew to dive along the ground because they can't touch their knees, let alone me diving along the ground." This was the first give-away that the Silvers had bought off the officiating crew. Another example was the Silvers' first TD, when, after careful review, it has been determined that "Big" Mack was a good two steps offside while the "level-headed" ref turned a blind eye. With the Silver Bucks up by a touchdown in the fourth

quarter, the new "five minute play clock" rule was enacted in an obvious attempt by the Silver Bucks to run out the clock. After the game, the Young Bucks' whining about the officiating was subdued by the presentation of the MVP award to the deserving Young Bucks' linemen, "who were outweighed two or three to one and still played the whole game." With the expected return of Big "Mack" as well as the highly anticipated homecoming of the young trio of Nicolls (Bobby "Roadrunner", Danny "Bronco", and "MVP" Marietta) the Young Bucks are favored by six points by commentator/cameraman "Joltin'" Jim Ridge, who is best-known for his dizzying camera angles. Hopefully, with the infusion of stolen talent and some returning young prospects as well as a "Maurice Clarett Special" (a few thousand in the glove box) for "Hammerin'" Hank, the Young Bucks will be able to recapture the heralded title that is so rightfully theirs.