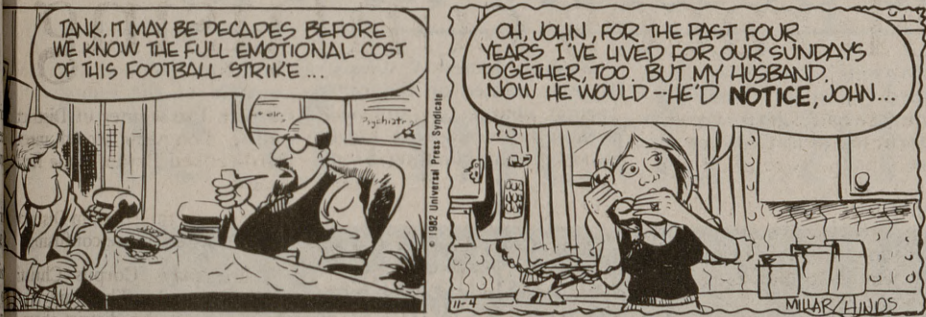


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Bulldogs' Dooley looking for second national title

United Press International
NEW YORK — Just ask George Coach Vince Dooley about the importance of Saturday's Southeastern Conference game between his No. 2 Bulldogs and No. 18 Florida.

"This will be our supreme test," said Dooley, who is hoping to lead his team to a second national championship in the last three years. "There are a lot of questions about our team and certainly most of those questions will be answered in Jacksonville."

A victory by the Bulldogs, 8-1, would further enhance their status as the nation's top-ranked team.

Here are this weekend's college football selections:

EAST — Penn State 31, North Carolina State 10 — It'll be a tough drive for NC State to contain Bill Garber, the passing of Penn State's Todd McKnight.

MIDWEST — Pittsburgh 24, Notre Dame 14 — Both teams are hurting but Dan Marino makes the difference.

SOUTH — Alabama 24, Louisiana State 20 — It's not clear Alabama gets to knock off the unbeaten team.

WEST — Florida 21, Georgia 19 — In the past two years, it's been Georgia by scores of 26-21. This year, the Bulldogs are missing the winning points.

Maryland 28, Miami (Fla.) 20 — Maryland makes it seven in a row.

Florida State 31, South Carolina 13 — FSU continues to surprise.

Others: Auburn 28, Rutgers 17; Duke 42, Wake Forest 38; Vanderbilt 31, Kentucky 17; Louisville 24, Indiana State 14; Mississippi 22, Tulane 21; Tennessee 35, Memphis State 19; William & Mary 17, Brown 13; Georgia Tech 28, Virginia 23.

MIDWEST — Illinois 24, Michigan 21 — Illinois defense frustrates Michigan while Tony Eason riddles Wolverines' secondary.

Nebraska 41, Oklahoma State 14 — Nebraska husks Cowboys.

Others: Iowa State 17, Kan-

sas 7; Michigan State 45, Northwestern 24; Missouri 27, Colorado 10; Ohio State 35, Minnesota 21; Iowa 23, Purdue 17; Wisconsin 27, Indiana 17.

SOUTHWEST — Arkansas 24, Baylor 21 — Baylor makes it close but Arkansas remains unbeaten.

Oklahoma 27, Kansas State 10 — Oklahoma has overcome early-season blahs.

Southern Methodist 42, Rice 7 — It may be worse.

Others: Texas 27, Houston 24; Texas Christian 31, Texas Tech 28; East Carolina 24, Texas-Arlington 23; New Mexico 42, Texas-El Paso 21.

WEST — Stanford 28, Arizona 21 — John Elway helps Stanford avoid letdown after its conquest of Washington.

Buzzer shot

Thompson's three-pointer downs San Antonio

United Press International
SEATTLE — David Thompson's reputation may have suffered a bit in the last few years, but according to the Seattle SuperSonics and San Antonio Spurs, he's still a genuine superstar.

Thompson sank a dramatic three-point shot at the buzzer to lift the Sonics to a 109-107 victory over the Spurs Wednesday night, handing San Antonio its first loss of the season and pushing Seattle to 4-0.

"If I had a Buick, I'd give it to him," Seattle coach Lenny Wilkens said. "David is a great player."

Seattle center Jack Sikma said: "David hit an almost impossible shot. To sneak one away is a good feeling."

The Sonics blew a 20-point first half lead and found themselves trailing 107-106 with two seconds to play. Thompson took the inbound pass from Gus Williams 30 feet from the basket and was immediately surrounded by Spurs Bill Willoughby and Ed Rains.

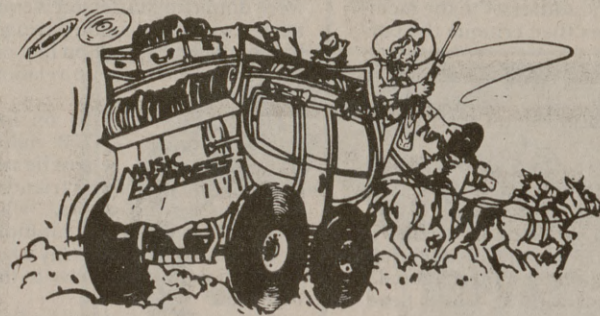
But the former All-Star guard used his famed leaping ability to get the shot off at the buzzer, instantly bringing the home crowd of 9,808 — the smallest ever for a Sonic game in the Kingdome — to and off its feet.

"Seattle went out and got a bonafide superstar and tonight was the harvest," said Spurs coach Stan Albeck. "Only a superstar can make that shot. In theory, we defended that shot perfectly, but this is a case of talent prevailing."

Nicknamed "Luke Skywalker" for his tremendous leaping ability, Thompson was once measured as making a 44-inch vertical leap, a feat noted in the Guinness Book of World Records.

He was named to the NBA All-Star team three times and Most Valuable Player of the 1979 All-Star contest, but injuries have hampered the 6-foot-4 guard and by the end of last season he was sitting on the

bench for the Denver Nuggets. Seattle acquired Thompson from the Nuggets during the off-season for Bill Hanzlik, a guard who averaged under 10 points a game last season, plus a first-round draft pick. So far this season, Thompson leads the Sonics with a 22 points-per-game average.



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