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SPORTS

Flutie doesn't see beyond green bills

Do you remember the old saying,

"Money isn't everything?"

Doug Flutie apparently doesn't or hasn't ever heard it before.

The Heisman Trophy winner from Boston College announced Friday he will sign a multi-million dol-lar contract with the United States Football League's New Jersey Gen-

The contract, believed to be worth at least \$7 million over at least five years, could make him the higest-paid pro football player and the hi-

paid pro football player and the in-gest-paid rookie in any sport. It also means he has spurned the established National Football League for the USFL, which is in only its third season.

Flutie might be seeing dollar signs now, but he better invest wisely for the future. He can't afford to make another dumb decision.

The USFL is suffering serious fi-

nancial problems.

The Chicago Blitz were taken over by the league after no one could afford to own them. Several teams have folded and others have combined. Commissioner Chet Sim-

mons bailed out two weeks ago.

The Los Angeles Express had such financial difficulties last year that quarterback Steve Young, who was the league's top paid player, almost got out of his contract because the team couldn't afford to pay him. Flutie will be playing for one of the richest men in the country, Genwald Trump.

erals' owner Donald Trump. Trump won't have any problems paying Flu-

Considering the league's dollars and cents situation, will Flutie's team have anyone left to play?

Probably not after this season.
This season, which begins Feb. 24, will be the last spring football for the USFL. After sitting out a entire year, the USFL will move its season into head to head competition with the head-to-head competition with the NFL in the fall of '86.

Can a player come back after not playing for one year? Inactivity has ended many careers and it could mean the end for a few USFL play-

Mustangs fall victim

CHAREAN WILLIAMS Asst. Sports Editor

Going head-to-head with the NFL brings up another important point, which Flutie should have considered

but apparently didn't — image. Flutie was an American hero. He had perhaps the biggest following since former Dallas Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach entered the

Mothers told their daughters to find a husband like clean-cut, wholesome Flutie. Daughters drooled that they would love to do just that. Fathers dreamed of having a son just like Flutie and sons dreamed of being Flutie.

But how quickly things can change.

Have you ever seen a USFL player endorse anything?
Endorsements, Mr. Flutie, bring in not only money but prestige.
Two former Heisman winners are

learning that lesson right now. The winner of the '82 award, running back Hershel Walker, also plays for the Generals. Even though he has gained his share of yards, Walker is not even mentioned in the same breath with the NFL's premier

And the '83 winner?
He's trying to find a team who will

take him. Mike Rozier played for the Pitts-burgh Maulers last year. The team went bankrupt and the Baltimore Stars won the rights to his services. The Stars didn't want Rozier and the NFL team who has control of his

rights, the Houston Oilers, got tired of negotiating and now they don't

Trump said, "Having Doug Flutie will be fabulous not only for the Generals, but for their fans."

want him either.

What fans? Flutie will be learning a hard but

to weekend's upsets

The upset fever sweeping collegiate basketball killed off the No. 2 ranked Southern Methodist Mus-

Texas Tech ambushed the Mustangs 64-63 in a Southwest Conference game on a Saturday in which top-ranked Georgetown was bumped off by St. John's, also by a

It was SMU's first loss on the mainland after having fallen to Chaminade in Hawaii on Christmas Day.

"This is probably the biggest win e've had," said Tech Coach Gerald Myers. "On the other hand it's too bad SMU wasn't playing someone else so I could pull for them.

"With Georgetown getting beat they might have had a chance to be No. 1. They've done a lot for our conference and have been great representatives for the SWC. I'm sure they'll still be a force to reckon with this season," Myers said.

Texas Tech's Tony Benford 10-

foot baseline jumper with three seconds left was the Pony killer.

SMU Coach Dave Bliss was philosophical about the loss.

"It's difficult to go undefeated on

the road and have everything go your way." said Bliss. "We had our chances and missed some free throws at the end. We had our opportunities. "It was a typical road game." The Mustangs had to play the fi-

nal 6:48 without starting center Jon Koncak who fouled out with only six

"We made some foolish fouls but still could have won if we hit all our free throws," said Bliss.

Myers said, "Our guys had it won, lost it, then came back and won it

and that's the important thing."

Tech blew an 11-point lead but came back at the end on Benford's

critical bucket Myers said, "This definitely has to be one of the greatest victories since we've been here but the importance of the game will be determined by

how we use it down the line."

He added, "Bubba Jennings played a great game. We did a good

ob on stopping Koncak inside."

The defeat was the first in SWC play for the Mustangs against six victories. It was only their second loss of the season with 15 victories.

Jennings had a game-high 26 points for SMU and Larry Davis had 25 points for SMU.

Jennings hit 13 of 18 shots for the Red Raiders to score a game-high 26 points as a sellout crowd of 8,174 jammed Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, watching Tech increase its SWC record to 5-2. The Raiders are 12-5 for the season.

"It was a great win against a super team," said Jennings. "This is the kind of win you think about when you first start playing basketball. I was hot and some of the shots I took

AP Top 20

How the Associated Press Top 20 college basketball teams fared over the weekend:

1. Georgetown (18-1) beat Connecticut 79-66; lost to St. John's

Southern Methodist (16-2) lexas 54-40; lost to lexas Tech 64-63. 3. St. John's (15-1) beat Syracuse 82-80, OT; beat Georgetown 66-

4. Memphis State (15-1) beat Florida State 74-69; beat Virginia

Tech 89-79. 5. Duke (14-3) lost to North Carolina State 89-71; beat Clemson

6. Illinois (17-4) beat Ohio State

84-66; beat Indiana 52-41. 7. DePaul (13-4) lost to Dayton

8. North Carolina (14-4) lost to Georgia Tech 66-62. Oklahoma (15-4) beat Iowa State 81-74; beat Kansas State 94-

10. Oregon State (14-2) beat Arizona, 59-55; lost to Arizona State

83-82, 2OT. 11. Syracuse (12-3) lost to St. John's 82-80, OT; beat Pitts-

burgh 80-75. 12. Louisiana Tech (16-2) beat McNeese State 88-69; lost to La-

13. Indiana (11-6) lost to Purdue

62-52. lost to Illinois 52-41. 14. Villanova (13-4) beat Providence 65-57; lost to Maryland 77-

15. Kansas (15-4) beat Missouri 70-68; beat Colorado 70-68; lost to Michigan 96-77 16. Georgia Tech (15-3) beat Clemson 64-59; beat North Caro-

lina 66-62 17. Tulsa (16-2) beat West Texas

State 110-90; beat Southern Illi-

18. Michigan (14-3) beat Michigan State 86-75; beat Kansas 96-

19. Virginia Commonwealth (14-3) beat West Virginia 72-60; beat South Alabama 71-70; lost to Alabama-Birmingham 66-62.

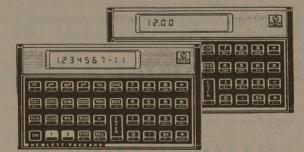
20. Nevada-Las Vegas (15-2) beat New Mexico State 92-70; beat Long Beach State 75-61.

weren't that good but they went it."
In other SWC games, Texas
Christian knocked off Texas 53-45 and the Baylor Bears bumped off the Rice Owls 65-56.

SMU and Houston meet in a big showdown game on Wednesday night in Dallas.



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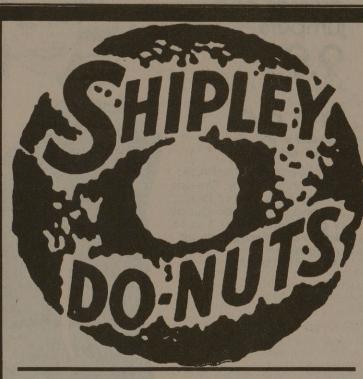
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