

USFL trophy headed for a 'new' franchise

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BALTIMORE — The championship trophy of the United States Football League will be headed for a new city this season, even if the defending champions repeat.

Last year's winners, the Philadelphia Stars, have shifted their franchise to Baltimore as one of a series of moves by a mercurial league that will operate under its third alignment in three years.

But the Stars will continue to practice in Philadelphia, and will play home games at the University of Maryland at College Park, Md., until a fall schedule permits a more permanent move to Baltimore in 1986.

The Stars have posted the best record in each of the USFL's first two years. They were 15-3 when the league was composed of three four-team divisions in 1983, and improved to 16-2 in regular season play under the 1984 setup of four divisions within two conferences.

With the number of teams reduced from 18 to 14, the new format calls for two seven-team conferences in 1985.

Joining the Stars in the Eastern Conference will be the Doug Flutie-led New Jersey Generals, the Birmingham Stallions, the Tampa Bay Bandits, the Memphis Showboats, the Jacksonville Bulls and the Orlando Renegades, who operated as the downtrodden Washington Federals in the league's first two seasons.

Missing from last year's conference alignment are the Pittsburgh Maulers, who folded after tying Washington with a 3-15 record, and

the New Orleans Breakers, who shifted to Portland, Ore., and are now in the Western Conference.

Baltimore quarterback Chuck Fusina was the top-rated passer in the USFL last season, with 31 touchdowns, 3,837 yards and only nine interceptions. Running back Kelvin Bryant was the No. 2 rusher in the league with 1,406 yards.

New Jersey, 14-4 last season when they dealt the Stars their only two losses before losing to them in the playoffs, sent quarterback Brian Sipe to Jacksonville after signing Heisman Trophy winner Flutie to a multimillion-dollar contract.

With Herschel Walker, another Heisman winner, rushing for 1,339 yards and Maurice Carthon adding 1,042, the Generals ran twice last season for every pass attempted.

Tampa Bay, with basically the same roster as last season, and revamped Birmingham, both with 14-4 records, figure to be contenders in the Eastern race.

Spurrier, a noted passer when he won the Heisman Trophy, has molded the Bandits in his own image. Quarterback John Reaves, who like Spurrier played at the University of Florida, passed for 28 TDs and 4,092 yards last season.

Birmingham had the top-rated offense in the East last season, paced by Joe Cribbs, the USFL's No. 1 rusher with 1,467 yards, and Cliff Stout, the No. 2 quarterback who passed for 3,121 yards and 26 TDs with just seven interceptions.

Birmingham, 9-0 last year, has added safety David Dumars, who

played out his option with Denver in the National Football League, linebackers Doak Field and Ken Kelley from the USFL allocation draft, and defensive ends Doug Smith and Don Reese. Smith was the team's top draft pick but did not play last year, while Reese has been out of football for four years.

Memphis, which allowed 455 points last year while going 7-11, bolstered its defense with rookie defensive backs Mossy Cade and Leonard Coleman. They also picked up defensive end Sam Clancy and linebacker John Corker in the allocation draft.

The Showboats picked up Tim Spencer and Harry Sydney, the USFL's No. 3 and No. 5 all-time rushers who combined for more than 2,100 yards last year, but they have yet to produce.

Jacksonville has added Sipe, plus former Heisman winners Mike Rozier and Archie Griffin since finishing 6-12 a year ago. Rozier played for Pittsburgh last season while Griffin took a year off since playing for Cincinnati in the NFL.

Orlando had only 11 players who performed with the Federals, but they included Joey Walters, who caught 98 passes a year ago; 1,000-yard rusher Curtis, and Mike Guess, who intercepted 11 passes.

Quarterback Mike Hohensee was released after the Renegades signed veterans Reggie Collier, Jerry Golshteyn and Steve Pisarkiewicz.

USC hoop makes splash in Pac 10 after 24 years

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LOS ANGELES — A year ago at this time, the Southern California basketball team was well on its way to an 11-20 season and critics were screaming for Coach Stan Morrison's scalp.

Morrison is still around, so are all but one of his players from last year, and the Trojans, 6-12 in the Pacific 10 Conference in 1983-84, are in a position to win their first conference championship in 24 years.

Winners of eight of their last nine outings, Southern Cal brings a league-leading 9-2 record and a 15-5 overall mark into its game against visiting Arizona State Thursday night.

Southern Cal, 1-13 in road games last year, is 8-2 this season and has won all six league games on the road, including an improbable sweep at Oregon State, Washington and Washington State. The sweep topped off a stunning four-game, eight-day period that began with a 78-77 overtime victory over UCLA.

The win at Oregon State, over the 18th-ranked Beavers, was the first there for the Trojans since 1974 and the triumph over Washington, the pre-season favorite in the Pac-10,

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avenged a 66-50 setback last month. "It was amazing," Morrison says of those four games. "There were several built-in reasons for losing. No one would even offer them, let alone listen to them. The potential emotional overkill was there after each of the first three games."

Southern Cal is working from a senior nucleus — Wayne Carlander and Ron Holmes lead the team with 15.7 scoring averages and Clayton Olivier and Glenn Smith also play key roles. Point guard Larry Friend,

who provides 6.2 assists per game, is a junior and forward Derrick Dowell, leading rebounder with an 8.9 average, is a sophomore.

Despite their recent success, the Trojans remain unranked, although two of their five losses are to fifth-ranked Memphis State and seventh-ranked Duke.

But Morrison, in his sixth year as the Southern Cal coach, says, "I thought this team had a chance to be very good if it remained healthy."

"Nobody's interested in excuses and we don't offer any. When I look back to last year, anything that could go wrong did. It was like coaching General Hospital. Now, we're the only team around that's started the same five every game."

"The players deserve 100 percent of the credit. They've matured. They've stayed committed. It has not been a one-man team. They've played with very good balance."

Morrison says he's not thinking about the NCAA Tournament, much less the conference title.

"Our only goal is to win Thursday night, and nothing more than that. You talk about a day-to-day team... We can't afford the luxury of looking down the road."

SWC Hoop

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6-6 in the SWC, while Baylor dropped to 9-13 and 2-9.

Baylor hit just one of its first 10 field goal attempts. Nutt paced the Frogs to an early 10-3 lead, and he had 15 points at intermission. After TCU's early success, Baylor staged a comeback and tied the game at 16 on Eric Johnson's free throw with 10:48 remaining in the first half.

With just under five minutes left in the opening period, Baylor guard Carlos Briggs tied the game at 29 on a 15-foot jump shot. Briggs finished the night with a game-high 26 points.

TCU held a 43-35 lead at half-time.

In second-half action, Baylor could come no closer than three points on Johnson's 15 footer with

9:53 left, which cut TCU's lead to 57-54.

TCU then reeled off 10 unanswered points to clinch the victory.

Texas Tech 61, Rice 60

HOUSTON — Guard Bubba Jennings scored 28 points, including a pair of free throws with eight seconds left, to pace Texas Tech to a 61-60 victory over Rice Wednesday night in Southwest Conference basketball play.

With Tech holding a 59-58 advantage, Jennings sank two free throws to secure the win for the Red Raiders. Rice's Tony Barnett cut the Red Raiders' lead to one point with a dunk shot as time expired.

Tech led 56-47 with five minutes

left to play, but the Owls rallied to outscore the Raiders 11-4 and shaved the Red Raiders' lead to 59-58 with 14 seconds left.

Jennings, who went into the game as the SWC's second leading scorer with a 19.2 average, ripped the Owls with long-range jump shots to help Tech improve its record to 7-4 in SWC play and 15-7 overall.

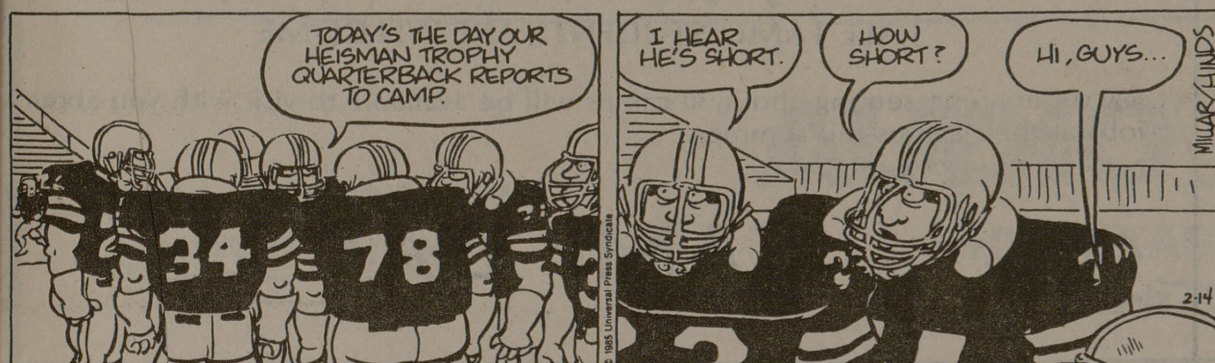
Greg Hines scored 20 points for the Owls and Terrance Cashaw added 14.

The Owls, 2-10 in the conference and 9-13 overall, led most of the first half, going ahead 8-4 with 16:30 left in the first half.

Rice maintained a narrow lead until Tony Benford scored three baskets in the final 3 minutes of the first half to put Tech ahead to stay, 32-27.

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