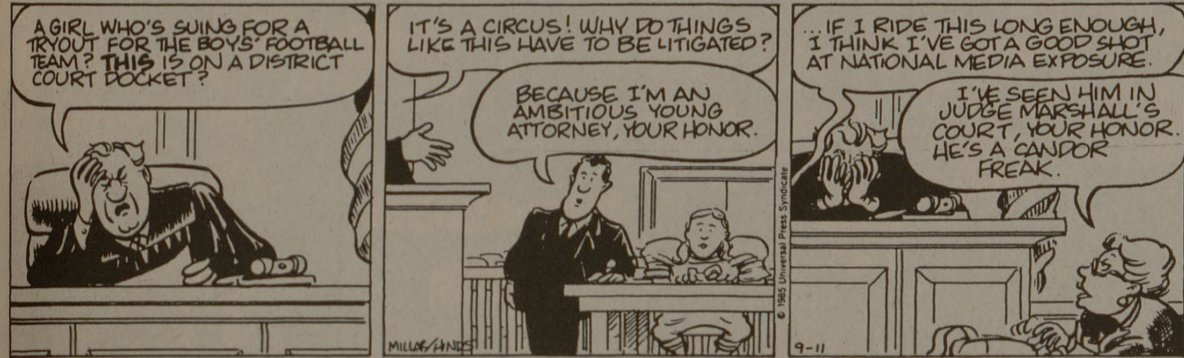


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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



No. 12's now out of style for today's quarterback

This column is dedicated to Dallas Morning News sports columnist Blackie Sherrod.

Why? Because I'm about to begin "scattershooting, while wondering whatever happened to ..." — Battalion style.

This column idea came to me in my sleep the other night, so try not to laugh.

It may seem trivial, and I almost guarantee it is, but whatever happened to NFL quarterbacks who wear the No. 12?

During the 1970s, most quarterbacks, or at least the good ones, looked naked to me, unless they had a "12" emblazoned on their jersey.

Where are all the "No. 12's" in pro ball today? There aren't many. In fact, here's a trivia question: Who's the only starting quarterback left in the league who wears No. 12? Answer at the end of the column.

OK trivia buffs, here's a run down of the best-known players in the NFL's "No. 12 Club":

Roger Staubach — Dallas Cowboys.

Dallas retired "Roger the Dodger's" jersey a few years back and who can blame them? Staubach's name also appears on the Cowboys' Ring of Honor in Texas Stadium. He wore No. 12 during his Heisman Trophy days at the Naval Academy, too.

Charlie Johnson — St. Louis Cardinals.

"Charlie Who?" you ask. You know, Charlie Johnson. He's the guy that led the Cards before Jim Hart. Hart probably would have

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picked No. 12 if he hadn't been a rookie. So he got 17 instead. Thanks a lot Charlie.

Doug Williams — Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Williams wore No. 12 for the Bucs. Williams wore No. 12 for the former Oklahoma, now Arizona Outlaws. What is Williams wearing now?

John Brodie — San Francisco 49ers.

Brodie wasn't exactly the greatest quarterback in the world. Brodie wasn't exactly the greatest anything in the world, but he's in the club because he wore No. 12. He also played during the '70s and that helps prove my point. He probably should be black-balled for treason, since he covers golf tournaments now.

Bob Griese — Miami Dolphins.

Griese should be vice-president no doubt. Griese also wore No. 12 during his days as a Purdue Boilermaker. He's the only quarterback I've ever seen that actually wore his good eye glasses during a game. That's class.

Joe Namath — New York Jets and Los Angeles Rams.

"Broadway Joe" wore No. 12 for a reason I think. Long-time Jets' coach Weeb Ewbank wanted a simple, but effective way to remind Namath when curfew was.

Joe Ferguson — Buffalo Bills. Ferguson had all the right tools

coming out of Arkansas. Ferguson picked the right number — 12. But, unfortunately for Ferguson, he chose the wrong team to for an NFL career.

Terry Bradshaw — Pittsburgh Steelers.

Bradshaw should be considered the maverick of the club. He probably didn't know what his number was and he probably didn't care. The one thing Bradshaw did care about was being a Steeler and winning Super Bowls. That was obvious on at least four occasions.

Ken Stabler — Oakland Raiders, Houston Oilers and New Orleans Saints.

Stabler's a disgrace to the club. Not because he's a bad player, but because he changed numbers between the Oilers and Saints and he didn't have to. He wore No. 12 as a Raider and as an Oiler, but switched to 16, of all things, as a Saint. It's also ironic that Stabler finished his career as a Saint. Lord knows, that's as close as he'll get.

Lynn Dickey — Green Bay Packers.

Who can forget Dickey, although it's easy to try. Dickey wore No. 10 when he broke into the league with the Houston Oilers. That was 14 years, umpteen teams and a couple of knee surgeries ago. He seems to have found a home in Lombardi Land though, and, in all likelihood, will end his career there.

Dickey is also the only starting quarterback in the NFL to currently wear the No. 12. He knows a good number when he sees one.

Knepper still has Giants' number

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Bob Knepper became the winningest left-handed pitcher in Astro history when he pitched a three-hitter Tuesday night to defeat the San Francisco Giants 4-1.

"Not all of us can set historical baseball records but it's nice to set a team record," Knepper said, after he recorded his 48th win in his fifth season as an Astro. "It won't get me in the Hall of Fame, but it feels good. It's nice to stay in a place long enough to set a record."

Knepper continued his mastery of his former team, the Giants, increasing his record to 3-0 this year and 8-4 overall.

Knepper, 33-10, pitched his fourth complete game of the season, did not walk a batter, struck out six and retired the last 14 San Francisco batters in order.

The win is Knepper's fifth in his last six decisions and he attributes his recent success to a more assertive pitching style.

"My last four or five games I've changed my approach to pitching. I've thrown a lot of fastballs and been more aggressive," Knepper said.

Kevin Bass backed Knepper with a two-run single in Houston's three-run fourth inning. Knepper also had a run-scoring infield single in the fourth.



Other Tuesday games:

(Home team in capitals)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland at SEATTLE (n)

TORONTO 2, Detroit 1

New York 13, MILWAUKEE 10

Kansas City at CALIFORNIA (n)

Baltimore 7-4, BOSTON 5-3

CHICAGO 7, Twins 2

Texas at OAKLAND (n)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

San Diego 3, CINCINNATI 2

Los Angeles 10-10, ATLANTA 1-4

NEW YORK 5, St. Louis 4

PITTSBURGH 2, Cubs 1

PHILADELPHIA 5, Montreal 2

It was Houston's 11th win in 13 games.

Mike Krukow, 8-11, was the loser, going 3 2/3 innings and giving up three runs on four hits before leaving the game with an injury to his right thumb which he suffered on Knepper's hit.

The Giants took a 1-0 lead in the fourth when Chris Brown slammed his 15th homer of the season.

Houston rallied to take a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the inning. A single by Jose Cruz and walks to Phil Garner and Mark Bailey loaded the bases with two outs. Knepper then hit a ground ball that struck Krukow on the thumb and careened away for an infield single that scored Cruz.

Frank Williams then relieved the injured Krukow and Bass singled home Garner and Bailey.

The Astros added a run in the fifth after Denny Walling led off with a double and scored on first baseman David Green's fielding error on a ground ball by Jerry Mumphrey.

The win was Houston's ninth straight over the Giants in the Astrodome dating back to August 7, 1984 and the 17th in their last 19 games with San Francisco.

The Astros are in fourth place in the National League West, 14 games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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