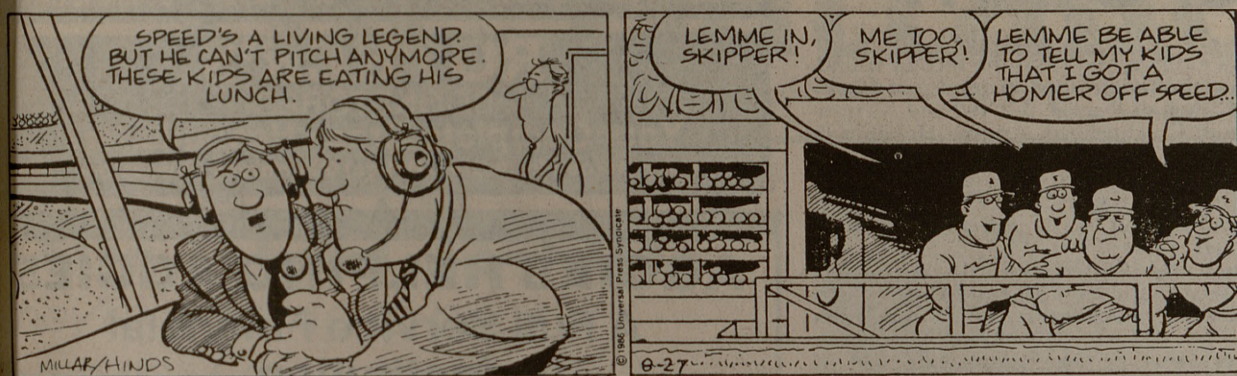


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# Quarterbacks similar for '86 Kickoff Classic

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Fifth-ranked Alabama and No. 9 Ohio State, who get the college football season under way Wednesday night in the fourth annual Kickoff Classic, are remarkably similar teams — and nowhere more so than at quarterback.

Ohio State's Jim Karsatos, a curly-haired Gene Wilder lookalike, is a 6-foot-3, 224-pound senior from Fullerton, Calif., who set school records last year by completing 61.2 percent of his passes (158 of 254 for 2,115 yards) and throwing for 19 touchdowns. He finished fourth nationally in passing efficiency.

Alabama's Mike Shula is a 6-2, 198-pound senior from Miami who set school records last year by completing 60.3 percent of his passes (138 of 229 for 2,009 yards) and threw for 16 touchdowns. He was fifth in passing efficiency.

About the only difference is that Shula is left-handed and the son of a famous football father. Each was in-

tercepted eight times. And neither quarterback expects to put many points on the scoreboard.

"I think it will be a defensive game, playing against the type of defense we're going to play against," Shula said Tuesday.

Karsatos could tell Shula all about the Buckeyes' defense, which Coach Earle Bruce expects to be the best in his eight years at Ohio State.

"I've got to play against our defense every day," Karsatos said. "I could probably tell Mike what to look for... but I won't."

Although Shula ranks ahead of such luminaries as Ken Stabler, Steve Sloan, Bart Starr and Richard Todd on Alabama's passing chart and is closing in on Joe Namath, he doesn't consider himself a pro prospect of their stature.

"Everybody's dream is to play pro football," he said. "But my chances are not as realistic as some of those other guys. I'm not worried about that right now. It's something you've

got to put in the back of your mind. Some guys get to thinking about it and their senior year isn't as good as their junior."

Alabama coach Ray Perkins described Shula as "a combination of (former Alabama quarterbacks) Steve Sloan and Pat Trammell. From a competitive standpoint he reminds me of (the San Diego Chargers') Dan Fouts, whom I coached in 1978."

"He has to improve his arm strength to be a pro quarterback, but mentally he could play in the NFL right now."

Karsatos, who grew up as "a Southern Cal kid," knows all about the dream.

"You always watch the Monday night football games and say, 'Am I going to make it?'" he said. "But I'm not a complete passing guy. I don't want to go out and throw 60-70 passes. I think a good mix of run and pass makes a quarterback better and helps the team more."

# Former Bulls coach accepts post at college alma mater

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Former Chicago Bulls Coach Stan Albeck signed a five-year contract Tuesday with Bradley University, a basketball program on probation for two years, and said no other college coaching job could have lured him from professional basketball.

"I can't think of a better place than Bradley, where I started 31 years ago, to wind up my career," Albeck said at a news conference at his alma mater.

"I've made a commitment to Bradley. I'm not interested in an NBA job," Albeck said, adding that his contract provided no "golden

parachute" clause that would guarantee him a salary if he left Bradley before five years.

Other details of the contract were not disclosed.

Albeck, 55, a native of Chenoa, Ill., graduated from Bradley in 1955.

Bradley, which won the Missouri Valley Conference last season and finished the year with a 32-3 record, is a private university with an enrollment of about 5,000 students and tuition of about \$6,500 a year.

Albeck coached three National Basketball Association teams in six

years before his most recent stint with the Bulls, who fired him in May after one year of a three-year contract that guarantees him \$250,000 this coming season.

On July 14, Dick Versace signed a one-year contract for a ninth season at Bradley, but was told it would be his last because of NCAA sanctions imposed against the school that same day.

Bradley began looking for a successor to Versace two weeks before he took an assistant coaching job with the Detroit Pistons on Aug. 5.

# Spurs guard ready to play ball after illness shortened season

DALLAS (AP) — Johnny Moore, the San Antonio Spurs' guard whose season was cut short last year by a rare form of meningitis, says his main challenge now is overcoming the effects of his layoff.

Moore, in Dallas during the weekend to play in the NBA Pro-Am Summer Texas Shootout, said he still suffers from headaches — but he now knows when they are coming and how long they will last.

"The day I get my medication I get the headaches again and it puts me out for about a day and a half," Moore said. "But it is caused by the

medication. They have to inject it through this tube up here."

Moore has a small tube implanted into his head through which he receives medication once a week. In two weeks, he will get a spinal tap to determine whether the frequency of the treatments can be reduced.

He has been running three miles a day and lifting weights three times a week. Moore, who played in all five Pro-Am games recently in Dallas, is using the NBA Pro-Am Summer League to get his game back in shape. On Sunday, he scored 38 points in one game.

"I just need to work," he said.

"Playing at this level of competition has been real good for me. I really helps. A lot of people have different reasons to play here. It is a little bit more crucial for me to play on this level or organized ball."

Moore, whose NBA season ended in December, didn't start working out again until mid-June. He says his disease won't be as big an obstacle as overcoming the effects of the layoff.

"I'm not in the shape I want to be in yet," he said. "I'm still working on it. My quickness and jumping ability are the two things that aren't back to normal yet, but I think they will come back by just getting in shape."

# You get to be a freak

## Pohl remembers problems of being long distance golfer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Dan Pohl has some advice for Davis Love III, that extra-long rookie who's drawing "oh's" and "ah's" from PGA Tour galleries around the country.

"I think he'd better put another wood in his bag," said Pohl, the winner of last weekend's exclusive World Series of Golf.

Love is the 22-year-old rookie who has captured the imagination of golf galleries with his prodigious drives and the incredible distances he hits his irons — 180 yards occasionally with a 9-iron.

He currently leads the Tour in average driving distance, 284.5 yards.

He carries only one wood in his bag: a driver.

"It's a burden, a problem," Pohl said. "You get to be a freak."

He knows. He's been there.

The first two years official statistics were compiled on the Tour, Pohl led in driving distance: 274.3 in 1980 and 280.1 in 1981.

He may have been even longer the two previous years, his first two on the Tour, Pohl suggested.

The only problem was, during those first two years, Pohl didn't make enough money to retain his playing rights. He had to return to the Tour's Qualifying School and regain his place among golf's touring pros.

"You know, it's fun. You go out there and everybody expects you to hit it out of sight," Pohl said.

"You know you can do it, and you let go. You hammer it."

"It's fun. They're yelling 'put it in orbit,' and 'don't let me see it come down,' and all that. But you keep shooting bad numbers and you're going back to the Q School," he said.

So, as he learned, as he matured, as he became more professional, Pohl changed. He cut down on his swing — his backswing now is among the shortest on the Tour.

And his scores improved. In the next five years, he did not win the driving distance title. (Most of

those who did, incidentally, lost their playing rights and either returned to the Qualifying School or sought their livelihood elsewhere). But his scores improved. Over the following five years, as he cut back, he averaged \$116,000 a year in earnings.

This year, he does not rank among the top 10 in driving distance. And he's won two tournaments, the first two of his life, and \$440,563.

"People come out to see you because you're a freak. They want to see you hit it long, hit it out of sight. It takes a while to learn, you're better off not being a freak, not giving in to them, cutting back just a little and trying to play the game."

"It takes some experience, some maturity," said Pohl, now 31 and in his ninth season as a touring pro.

"Love is now the longest guy out here. Nobody else is even close. And he is going to find that it's problem, a burden."

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