

Dull says Bias death hastened decision

# Maryland athletic director resigns

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Len Bias died as athletic director of the University of Maryland Tuesday, the first casualty of the campus upheaval following the cocaine-induced death of basketball star Len Bias.

While contending he had been contemplating resigning for as long as two years, Dull conceded that the incident and the resulting investigations accelerated his decision. He will serve Chancellor John B. Slaughter for a year as an adviser on athletic and policy program issues before stepping aside on Nov. 1.

Charles F. Sturtz, vice chancellor for administrative affairs, will serve on an interim basis, Slaughter said, while a national search is conducted for a permanent replacement.

Slaughter announced the resignation at a news conference, but he declined to discuss the status of basketball coach Lefty Driesell.

"That is not an appropriate question today," Slaughter said. "I'm not going to enter into speculation and conjecture on that issue."

Driesell was reported out of town on a basketball recruiting trip, and

was not available for comment.

Dull, 41, in his sixth year as athletic director, has publicly supported Driesell in the wake of charges against his program by Prince George's County prosecutor Arthur A. Marshall.

Marshall criticized the team's academic performance after the grand jury voted against an obstruction of justice indictment he sought against Driesell for allegedly seeking to have Bias' dormitory room cleaned soon after he collapsed.

"The university had given Lefty a vote of confidence before Len Bias

died, and it was fully aware of the academic problems," Dull said last month. "I don't see why he shouldn't be given one now."

Slaughter said major changes in the athletic department were upcoming, but he reiterated that he would not address them until he receives all the information he seeks.

A report from an academic task force Slaughter created will be made public on Friday. But he still awaits the grand jury report and an in-house investigation of Driesell he initiated recently.

# Collins says SMU feeling NCAA pinch

IRVING (AP) — The way Coach Bobby Collins sees it, the NCAA sanctions that swept away all of Southern Methodist's new football scholarships this fall have made their impact on the Mustangs.

"The most disappointing thing is the special teams," Collins said after the Mustangs held on for a 31-29 win Saturday night against Boston College.

Collins said that the missing 25 scholarships have cut down the number of potential specialists on the kickoff and punting teams.

"Most schools have 95 scholarship players," he said. "We have 70."

The no-scholarships penalty is part of some of the toughest NCAA sanctions ever handed down for recruiting violations. The Mustangs also are barred this season from live telecasts, bowl games and from competing for the Southwest Conference championship.

An 85-yard punt return for a touchdown by the Eagles' Kelvin Martin, followed by Martin's reception of a two-point conversion pass nearly swiped the win from the Mustangs. Ahead 31-14 in the fourth quarter, Martin started the comeback by catching a 32-yard scoring pass.

But SMU engineered a drive that ran out the clock.

"You can't make it much closer than this," Collins said. "We have them down, but let it slip away with . . . the punt return. I was really proud of the way the offense never gave them the ball."

Boston College Coach Jack Bicknell said the punt to the speedy Martin was unexpected.

"I'm shocked that they punted the ball to Kelvin Martin," he said. "I thought they would try and punt it out of bounds, because Kelvin almost broke the last one (before the 85-yard TD return)."

Collins said special teams would be a prime concern as the Mustangs prepare to face Baylor in Waco on Saturday.

"We can't expect to give away returns like that and win," he said.

Jeff Atkins rushed for three touchdowns and 129 yards on 32 carries, the third time he has run for at least 100 yards this season.

Collins isn't ready to make any predictions concerning who is the toughest conference opponent awaiting the Mustangs, now 3-1.

"Baylor is the toughest because we play them right now, next week," he said.

# Largent, Joiner break NFL receiving records

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks are 4-1, the San Diego Chargers are 1-4, and Steve Largent and Charlie Joiner have NFL records.

"I hope the fact that I have established the record is not going to be the most important contribution I make to my football team," Largent said.

"Charlie's record was the only good thing to come out of the game," said San Diego Coach Don Ryell. "I know Charlie would rather have had a win."

It won't get any easier for the Chargers, either.

A 33-7 loser to the Seahawks Monday night, San Diego will be at home Sunday against 5-0 Denver, American Football Conference West leader.

Meanwhile, the Seahawks will be in Los Angeles Sunday to face the defending division champion Raiders, who have won two straight after losing their first three games.

Largent, 32, and the 38-year-old Joiner set their records on a night when the Seahawks came on strong in the second half to overcome a 7-6 halftime deficit.

Largent caught a pass for the 128th straight regular season game

while Joiner, in his 18th pro season, became the NFL's all-time leader in receiving yards with 11,855, surpassing by 21 yards the record held by Don Maynard, who played for the New York Jets.

Joiner, the second oldest player in the league, now has 728 career catches, also an NFL record.

Largent broke the record set by Harold Carmichael, who caught passes in 127 consecutive regular season games with Philadelphia from 1972-80. Carmichael was at the game and took part in a brief on-field ceremony after Largent's record catch at 4:16 of the second quarter.

# Injured Cowboys uncertain for big game with Redskins

IRVING (AP) — Noting his Dallas Cowboys have picked the wrong time to get banged up, Coach Tom Landry said Tuesday that defensive tackle Don Smerek will be activated for Sunday's NFL game against the Washington Redskins and backup quarterback Steve Pelluer probably will start.

Smerek, who hasn't played this year because of a severely sprained knee, will start in Randy White's position should the All-Pro's hamstring fail to respond.

"Randy doesn't have a defect in the hamstring pull and could be ready to go on Sunday," Landry said.

"He worked Smerek in pads last week but he was very rusty. It could take him a while to get into a groove."

Quarterback Danny White has a pulled groin muscle that caused him to miss Sunday's 29-14 loss to Denver.

"We just don't know Danny's status," Landry said. "He has trouble just setting up to throw a pass. We'll work with Pelluer. He did a remarkable job against Denver. He'll be better this week and shouldn't have many problems against Washington."

Running back Tony Dorsett, who didn't play against the Broncos because of a sprained knee and ankle on the same leg, will put on a knee brace in practice this week.

"It's not an ideal circumstance to be playing an unbeaten team without your starting quarterback and tailback," Landry said.

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East						East							
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N.Y. Jets	4	1	0	800	125	109	Washington	5	0	0	1000	114	67
New England	3	2	0	600	138	81	N.Y. Giants	4	1	0	800	95	70
Buffalo	1	4	0	200	104	108	Dallas	3	2	0	600	142	108
Miami	1	4	0	200	126	176	Philadelphia	2	3	0	400	81	107
Indianapolis	0	5	0	000	41	148	St. Louis	0	5	0	000	46	110
Central						Central							
Cincinnati	3	2	0	600	121	142	Chicago	5	0	0	1000	146	60
Cleveland	3	2	0	600	118	136	Minnesota	3	2	0	600	106	60
Houston	1	4	0	200	93	99	Detroit	2	3	0	400	85	102
Pittsburgh	1	4	0	200	63	125	Tampa Bay	1	4	0	200	81	123
West						West							
Denver	5	0	0	1000	148	87	Green Bay	0	5	0	000	60	156
Seattle	4	1	0	800	138	74	Atlanta	4	1	0	800	124	94
Kansas City	3	2	0	600	105	91	LA Rams	4	1	0	800	102	84
LA Raiders	2	3	0	400	92	92	San Francisco	4	1	0	800	136	70
San Diego	1	4	0	200	104	128	New Orleans	1	4	0	200	74	101
Sunday's Games						Sunday, Oct. 12							
Denver 29, Dallas 14						Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.							
Detroit 24, Houston 13						Chicago at Houston, 1 p.m.							
Cincinnati 34, Green Bay 28						Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.							
Cleveland 27, Pittsburgh 24						Kansas City at Cleveland, 1 p.m.							
Los Angeles Raiders 24, Kansas City 17						Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta, 1 p.m.							
New England 34, Miami 7						New Orleans at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.							
Chicago 23, Minnesota 0						New York Jets at New England, 1 p.m.							
New York Giants 13, St. Louis 6						St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.							
Philadelphia 16, Atlanta 0						Washington at Dallas, 1 p.m.							
Washington 14, New Orleans 6						Seattle at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.							
Los Angeles Rams 26, Tampa Bay 20 (OT)						Philadelphia at New York Giants, 4 p.m.							
New York Jets 14, Buffalo 13						Minnesota at San Francisco, 4 p.m.							
San Francisco 35, Indianapolis 14						Denver at San Diego, 4 p.m.							
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