

Eagles in a jam, hands down

New defensive rules prove no hit, says Logan

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One of the ways the Eagles set a club record for fewest points allowed last year was jamming. Now, Randy Logan says, they're just in a jam.

Logan intercepted five passes last year, second-best on the team. Part of the reason why was that he jammed more effectively than anyone since, oh, Day Gillespie was hitting high punts with his cut pattern trumpet. Now Randy Logan's lucky to get in one hit of note.

"A defensive back," said Logan at yesterday's Eagle workout at Widener College, "is used to having his hands at his chest to jam the receiver in the five-yard area (down-field). For years, he's been used to hitting him on the shoulder pads. Now, he can't do that any more. He has to concentrate on keeping his hands down and it takes away his aggressiveness and slows down his reaction time."

That's a result of the latest NFL rule-making, which permits a defender to jolt a receiver once within five yards of the line of scrimmage and then back further contact. With the Eagles' exhibition opener set this weekend in the Hall of Fame Game

against Miami, Logan says that's a rule too much to a spot a three-downer like Bob Griese.

"When someone like a tight end comes off the line," said the sixth-year Eagle safety, "he's at the five-yard line in three steps. He's three from Jump Street."

"Besides, he has the advantage anyway. He knows from Jump Street where he's going. He can run a three-and-a-half pattern. The defender doesn't know which one. You give a Griese or any average quarterback that kind of advantage and he's going to have a field day."

"It changes the whole defensive thinking, the whole aspect. You go out there with anything but a positive attitude. You can step into the pattern you think the receiver is going to run and he has to avoid you. He runs into you, it's offensive interference."

That, if you're settling into that pattern and he evades you, it's a three-and-a-half. Before, you could at least stick out a hand and bump him. You can't jam the tight end like you've been comfortable in doing."

Logan says he's interested in seeing how strictly the new five-yard rule is enforced. And Eagle Coach

Dick Vermeil says the whole purpose of trying the offense could have been accomplished more simply, anyway.

"I enjoy watching good defensive play," said Vermeil. "But, if you want to improve scoring, my idea would be to put in six defensive backs off the field on third down."

The nickel defense — which floods the field with five or more defenders on obvious passing situations — pushes the possibility of attaining a drive-averaging third down to the cold fringes of probability.

"You have to go 11 or 14 yards on third down," Vermeil said, describing a typical situation in which the nickel defense is used. "That's like you would allow a team to play six against five in baseball. The efficiency rate against the nickel defense was 21 percent in the league last year. That's not very exciting. And, against a team like Dallas with the run they get, it's almost impossible. (The Eagles, of course, tied a team record 47 sacks themselves last year.)"

An extra official, the side judge, has even been added to help decide pass-interference violations under the new rule.

NOTES — Eagles waived center

Richard LaFarge. Look-see kickoff candidate Rick Logan, along with former Penn star Tim Mazzoni, was landed after morning workout by Vermeil, who said Temple's Nick Mike-Mayer didn't kick well.

Strained shoulder will sideline linebacker Terry Trahan for at least a week. LaFarge's departure reduces Eagles center contingent to three — Guy Morrison, Dennis Franks and rookie Mark Slater, whose balance and strength, as witnessed by an impressive collegiate wrestling record at Minnesota, has impressed Vermeil.

The afternoon practice, said Vermeil, "was the best of the year." Vermeil said safety Eric Johnson "is the most improved player on the field. He's now competing for a starting spot at strong safety," but it was another hopeful Scott Hilton, a former cornerer and semi-pro scuffer who left camp last preseason, who drew the biggest rave. "He'll be on the starting kickoff team Saturday," said Vermeil. "He may not make the team, but he'll take somebody with him if he doesn't. He might be able to burn his (cornerer's) union card if he keeps going."

Vermeil's mother, Dottie, a seven-time winner since 1946, and Helen Sigel Wilson, an 11-time champion since 1941, were not in the field. Philmont's Mrs. Allen Weintraub qualified second for the matchless rounds today through Friday with a 79 and Philadelphia Junior champion Jill Noebels was third with an 8.



Randy Logan: "Can't jam tight ends anymore"

Amateur Sigel again tops pros to win Philadelphia Open golf crown

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Amateur Jay Sigel, a member of the U. S. Walker Cup Team, once again surpassed professional contenders in winning the Philadelphia's Open Golf Championship for the second straight year and the third since 1975.

But the 34-year-old Annapolis star, a 1977 U.S. Amateur semifinalist, and the 59 other pros and amateurs in the field could not overcome the challenge of the par 70 of one of the great courses of the world, Merion

East.

Sigel finished ahead by two strokes with a five-over-par 8-hole score of 78:71:145. The eight-time Pennsylvania Amateur champion, who will try next week near Pittsburgh to take that crown again, three-putted once, hit into three traps and "was in the rough three or four times."

"I didn't make a putt," Sigel retold of his birdie-making morning round. He began the afternoon attack with a birdie 3 from 10 feet on the first green and followed with back-

to-back birdies from eight feet on the fourth and three feet on the fifth. Then Merion closed in on Sigel and held him to 10 pars, two bogeys and a double-bogey on the ninth, where he hit his approach over the green.

Pro John Cusack of Collingswood finished second with 75:74:147. He missed a chance for a tie by taking three strokes from the edge of the finishing green.

Only one player, Gordon Brewer, equaled Merion's par for either round. The 1976 Philadelphia Amateur champion from Hatterfield Val-

ley shot a 76 in the morning with three birdies. His sharpness, however, declined in the afternoon and he slipped to a 78.

So Brewer finished at 148 in a third-place tie with Paul Edwards 14, Chester Valley amateur. "I was consistent but not flashy," Edwards said of his 78 and 70.

The bubble-burst 11th hole, where Bobby Jones completed his famous Grand Slam in 1930, was the undoing of former Penn Captain Don DeAngelis, amateur pro to his father at Plymouth CC. He hit over the

green in the morning for a bogey 5 and landed in the water in the afternoon for a triple-bogey 7. "I thought I was being out (in) again," but the ball came back into the creek," DeAngelis said of his 136.

Amateur Jimmy Robertson of Lancaster played the first 20 holes in par, then tapered off to 151. One-time Philadelphia PGA champion Dick Hendrickson scored 153 and 1977 Philadelphia Amateur champion Chip Lutz had 155.

Merion's Nancy Porter, a partici-

nant in last week's U. S. Open, shot a one-under par 36:37:73 to win the medal prize by six strokes in the qualifying round of the Philadelphia Women's Amateur Golf Championship at Gulph Mills CC.

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Sports in Brief

Rams vow move to Anaheim

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Los Angeles Rams, who have played in Los Angeles Coliseum since 1946, conceded yesterday that they will announce formally today "the intention to move to Anaheim Stadium" for the 1980 season.

The National Football League team's owner, Carroll Rosenbloom, is expected to present details of the move at a 2 p.m. EDT news conference at Anaheim Stadium.

To get the Rams, Anaheim Stadium reportedly will undertake an \$80 million to \$100 million remodeling by 1980, increasing capacity from 41,000 to about 72,000, Anaheim officials said.

Boxing

BOLOGNA, Italy — A three-hour autopsy on the body of middleweight boxer Angelo Jacopacci showed that his heart, lungs and liver were in perfect condition during his fatal bout with Britain's Alan Minter, officials said. They reported slight damage to the right lobe of the brain and rupture of two veins in the same area, but said they may have been caused by the emergency brain surgery Jacopacci underwent shortly after being knocked out in the 12th round.

Skiing

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Swiss ski star Lise-Marlene Merend has a fracture of the spinal column and will probably be hospitalized for several months, doctors said yesterday. A medical bulletin said Merend also suffered a fractured pelvis and right shoulder, concussion and a broken right index finger in a car accident Sunday in Martigny.

The bulletin said the nerve system in her spine had not been damaged and doctors did not plan to operate at this time.

Miscellany

Cairo, Egypt — Egypt will boycott all sports competitions that may be held in Libya, Algeria, Syria, Iraq or South Yemen and will not invite teams from these countries to enter on Egyptian soil. The decision came in retaliation for a violent brawl between Egyptian and Libyan soccer players Saturday during the African Games held in Algeria. The statement, made by Egyptian Minister of Youth, Mohamed Hassan Mohamed, was an indication that the Egyptians believe their players were attacked for political reasons.

Tennis

Langdon Beckwith of Charleston, S.C., upset sixth-seeded Tim Barran of Fort Worth, Tex., 1-6, 6-1, 6-2, in the first round of the United States Tennis Association's 21-and-under championship at Merion Cricket Club. Top-seeded Dan Valenzuela of Fort Worth triumphed by 6-2, 6-4 over Anthony Treat of Merion Del Ray, Calif.

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