

# Sports fans will get exciting treats in '90s

At the end of every era, someone wants to make predictions about the next.

USA Today, for example, is running the nifty ideas of major sports figures about what will happen in the 1990s.

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Rather than approach it realistically, being honest, and admitting sports probably only will be more plagued with troubles while trying to appear honest and safe, let's approach it by looking through a rose-colored -- if not blood red -- crystal ball.

Drugs will be legalized to make sports more fun and allow Dexter

Manley to become head of the National Football League's player's union. If an offensive lineman could drive-block a Volkswagon 75 yards through the end zone and into the stands, it would make Monday Night Football a joy to behold.

If we want things corrupt, how 'bout legalizing bounties -- maybe even publicizing them? If Buddy Ryan, the coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, wants a kicker from the Dallas Cowboys dead -- how much is it worth? Can we make bets on it, too? If we did, would Pete Rose be put in charge . . . ?

To take things a step further, will the average fan collect a bounty if, say a fan from the infamous 'dog pound' in Cleveland dropped a car battery on a fullback's head? That would have to be clarified.

The instant replay rule will be incorporated into all sports -- including table tennis. Don't ask why. Baseball will be improved dra-

matically with the addition of the aluminum bat because of its ability to liven up games with as many home runs as basketball has slam dunks. Besides that, aluminum makes a louder, more resounding noise when thumped on the opposition's pitcher in a bench-clearing brawl.

All obnoxious, vomiting fans at Nebraska games will be given an all-expense-paid trip to merry old England to die at a soccer game.

The football season would become like baseball with games nearly every day. This would eliminate all the time boosters have for paying players in college, force teams to play real games instead of cream puffs and eliminate the talk of play-offs versus bowl games because no team will go undefeated.

Also, Nebraska finally will win the national title it deserves because of depth -- with 500-some players, or however many it has -- the Cornhuskers certainly will handle a 162-

game schedule.

Fans will revolt causing the following changes in major athletics:

Merit pay. Players like Jon Koncak of the National Basketball Association's Atlanta Hawks will have to score to get paid -- as opposed to what's going on right now. Koncak is being paid 2.5 million per year for 4.9 points a game. That's ridiculous. That's less than five points more than what I average for the Hawks and I don't play.

Teams also will not be allowed to dedicate their season to dead players as most sports in the '90s will begin to see death on a regular basis. Sadly, this will cause Colorado to sink to the bottom of the Big Eight in football.

The lights at Wrigley Field will be torn down by mobs of ecstatic, drunk Cubbie fans after Chicago wins the World Series . . . someday.

Other changes: Roller derby and bowling will have to share TV time, thereby creating a new, violent full-

contact sport with helmets, 15 pound balls and skates.

Quicksand traps will make professional golf worth the money at stake, cross country running could do with the addition of land mines and rhythmic gymnastics will be eliminated all together.

Athletes in the Olympic biathlon will chase each other on cross country skis with rifles -- creating a brand-new spectator sport on snow.

Boxing will make a "Sugar Ray No-Dancing" rule to keep things more like the all-out street brawl everyone wants to see, and Mike Tyson will be forced to fight more than one person per outing to keep the heavyweight title.

And hockey? Hockey's fine. The only way you could think to improve hockey is, well . . . you could do away with the puck . . .

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Hayes and Scales are all talented players.

As van Poelgeest said, Nebraska's main problem is its attitude. The Huskers are fighting among themselves, and things aren't getting any better.

An example of Nebraska's bickering occurred immediately after Farmer's rampage, when van Poelgeest contradicted the forward's statements by supporting the DN.

"You know those articles that came out in the Daily Nebraskan . . . when was it, three days ago?" van Poelgeest said. "There was a lot of truth to them."

That statement represents the hard reality about this year's team. Nebraska is young, and it hasn't even begun to come together yet.

That lack of parity already is hurting, and things are going to get worse if something isn't done. At the risk of sounding like I'm confusing Nebraska with the Knicks (God forbid, the only pro team the Huskers resemble is the New Jersey Nets, who just happen to be the National Basketball Association's worst) something needs to be done.

Van Poelgeest said Nebraska is going to meet with its team psychologist before its game Thursday against Creighton, and that's a good start. A psychologist can listen to all the bickering, and can analyze why it started.

What the doc likely will find is a team that considers itself its own worst enemy. Nebraska lacks leader-

ship, good coaching and, most of all, continuity.

So what needs to be done to correct this situation? It would be easy to say start the "Nee Must Flee" campaign or encourage fans to quit attending games.

Unfortunately, Nee just was awarded with a roll-over contract which means Nebraska fans must suffer with him for at least another couple years, and encouraging fans to stay away from the Bob Devaney Sports Center only would push the already-dismal crowds to pitifulness.

What needs to be done is Nebraska needs to have its roles more clearly defined. Van Poelgeest, King and Scales need to be told that they are the team leaders, and younger players like Owens, Geter and Hayes have to accept their support roles.

And most of all, Nebraska has to quit trying to lash back -- even when it comes to being criticized.

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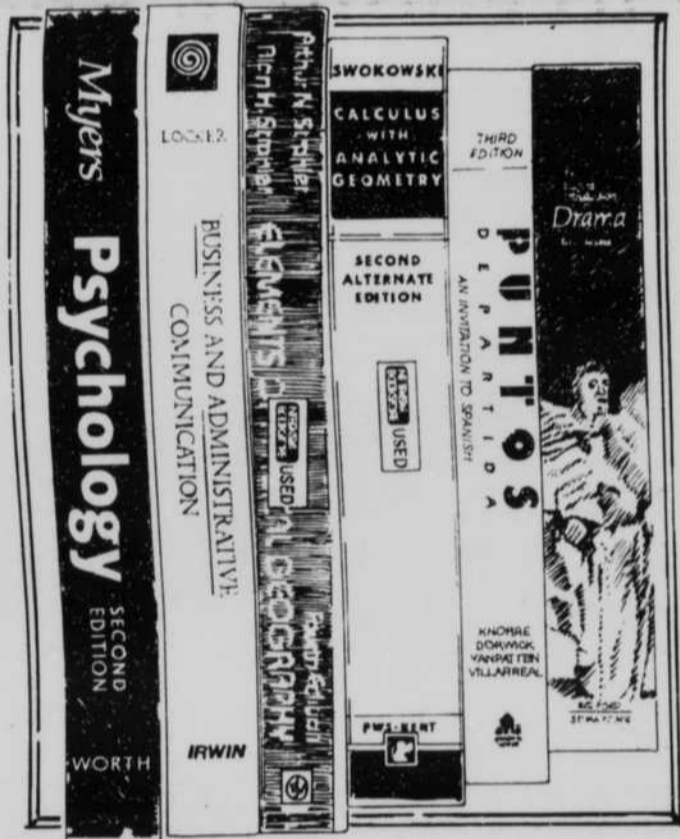
"I think it'd be neat. It'd be like, 'One of us is going!' Our goal is to keep the Dimas name alive."

Ted said he would continue to

encourage Trent. He said his brother has the best shot at making the team.

"We would push each other the same way, if one of us made it and the other didn't," Ted said.

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