Fight with fan bars Astro star

ATLANTA (UPI) — Houston Astros' first baseman Cesar Cedeno, incensed at something shouted from the stands, scuffled with a fan behind the visiting dugout Tuesday night and was ejected from the game.

Cedeno, who was going out to take his position to start the Atlanta half of the first inning, jumped into the stands and wrestled with the fan. The Astros left their dugout and several players rushed into the stands to separate Cedeno from the fan.

Home plate umpire Paul Pryor immediately ejected Cedeno.

"I have my family along on the trip," said Cedeno. "I do not enjoy anybody calling me anything that I'm not. Just for the fact that somebody paid six dollars I don't have to be insulted up to the point

Cesar Cedeno reacts to taunts

and they're gonna point at me and curse me out. I would not go for that."

Joe Shirley, director of stadium operations at Atlanta Stadium, said two fans were involved and neither was charged.

"They were simply verbal and abusive toward Cedeno," said where they called my name and I turn around Shirley, "using the word 'killer,' and this provoked Cedeno to the point where he went over and allegedly grabbed one of the subjects in the stands. According to the witnesses, he grabbed one around the neck or the shirt or whatever."

Cedeno pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death in 1973 of a young Dominican girl. The girl was shot as she and Cedeno apparently wrestled for a gun in a motel in Santo Domingo.

Umpire Billy Williams said he ordered the two fans ejected from the park.

ALMOST, NOT QUITE — Calvin Peete made a run for the top cash in last week's BC Open, leading the first round with a sizzling 7 - under par 64. He was caught in the next three days, yet managed to finish tied for 6th behind winner Jay Haas. The South Bay, Fla., player picked up $9,200, winding up his personal effort just as he started - 7 under par.

Skins favored, Colts aren't

Area teams go separate ways this weekend as odds are posted for National Football League games.

The Washington Redskins are held 6 - point favorites over the New York Giants in their clash at RFK.

But the Baltimore Colts, meeting the Buffalo Bills in their home opener, are given the short end of a 2½ point spread.

Boxing's showdown

WJLA-TV 7 will present "Boxing's Biggest Showdown," a preview of the upcoming welterweight boxing championship, on Monday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. This hour long special is produced by Main Event, the promoters of the Sept. 16 fight between WBC welterweight champ Sugar Ray Leonard and WBA welterweight champ Tommy Hearns. The winner of this match will be considered the welterweight champion of the world. This fight carries the biggest purse in sports history.

Bullets sign Joe Pace

Former Coppin State Eagle Joe Pace has been signed by the Washington Bullets, a team decimated at the center position by the retirement of Wes-Unseld, the departure of Mitch Kupchek and the trading of Elvin Hayes.

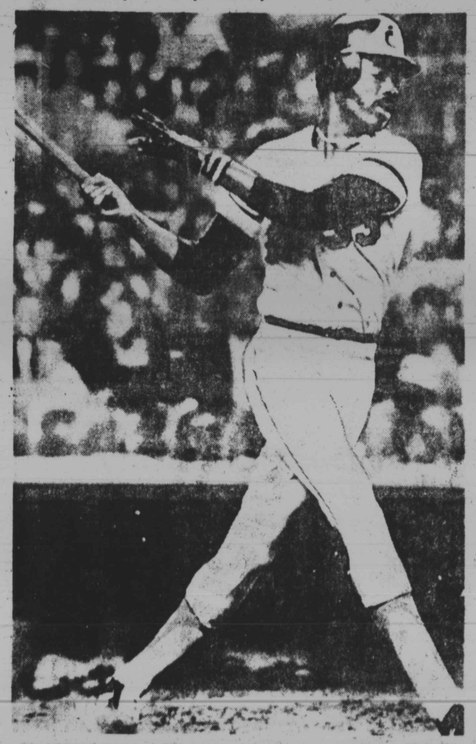
Pace, a star of the small-college basketball champion Coppin State, previously played for Maryland, Eastern Shore.

He was the Bullets' second - round draft choice in 1976, and played two seasons with the club though seeing little service in his backup role to Unseld and Kupchek.

He was a member of the 1978 team that won the NBA title.

The 6 - foot - 10, 220 pound Pace spent the last two years in Europe, playing one year in Italy and the other in England. He spent the 1978 - 79 season with the Baltimore Metros in the Eastern League.

"We were impressed with Joe's play in the Urban Coalition League this summer," Bullets' general manager Bob Ferry said, "and asked him to work out with our rookies. He continued to play well in practice and because of his showing, we thought he deserved an opportunity."



PLAYER OF WEEK — The Orioles' Eddie Murray appears to be a cinch to receive the nod Sunday as the American League player of the week. The Bird first baseman blasted a grand slam homer Monday night and 24 hours later rammed a 3 - run homer and RBI double against the Cleveland Indians.

Bits o' briefs

Ford catches Ford

Outfielder Dan Ford of the California Angels was suspended by the American League Tuesday for three days and fined for allegedly using a cork filled bat.

The suspension, announced by Bob Fishel, assistant to AL president Lee MacPhail, was to take affect immediately, starting with the Angels game at Kansas City Tuesday night.

According to Fishel, the illegal bat was discovered during last Friday's game at Cleveland by umpire Robert Ford when the top of the bat flew off.

NFL record

NEW YORK (UPI) — The National Football League announced Tuesday an attendance record for an opening weekend was set this season.

The NFL said last weekend's total attendance of 866,788 eclipsed the previous weekend mark of 837,755 set in 1979. The top crowd of the weekend, 79,754, was turned in at Buffalo's Rich Stadium.

The NFL's all - time attendance record for a weekend is 875,466, set Oct. 12 - 13, 1980.

Standing

Mid - Atlantic Soccer Standings

1. Old Dominion 2. Howard 3. William & Mary 4. American 5. West Virginia 6. Navy 7. Virginia 8. George Mason 9. George Washington 10. U. of Baltimore 11. Towson State 12. Loyola 13. James Madison.

DIVISION II

1. West Virginia Wesleyan 2. UDC 3. Randolph Macon 4. Radford 5. Maryland - Baltimore County 6. Mount St. Mary's.

INTERSTATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Northern Division

	W	L
Chambersburg	3	0
Frederick	2	1
CArroll County	2	1
Eagles	1	1

Southern Division

	W	L
Metro Buccaners	2	1
Virginia	1	2
Montgomery	0	2
Baltimore Rams	0	3

FOOTBALL

COLLEGE GAMES

Saturday

Cheyney St. at Howard
Bowie St. at Hampton
N.C. Central at Va. Union
St. Paul's at Fayetteville
Delaware St. at S. C. State
W. Salem at A and T
J.C. Smith at Lenoir Rhyne (N)
Knoxville at Livingstone
Jas. Mason at Appalachian
Murray St. at Fla. A - M (N)
Bethune at T. Southern (N)
Ky. State at Austin Peay (N)
Tenn. St. at Jackson St. (N)
Grambling at Alcorn

Sunday

Mo. Lincoln at Central St.

NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday Nite

Pittsburgh at Miami

Sunday

Atlanta at Green Bay
Buffalo at Baltimore
Chicago at s. Francisco
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets
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Detroit at San Diego
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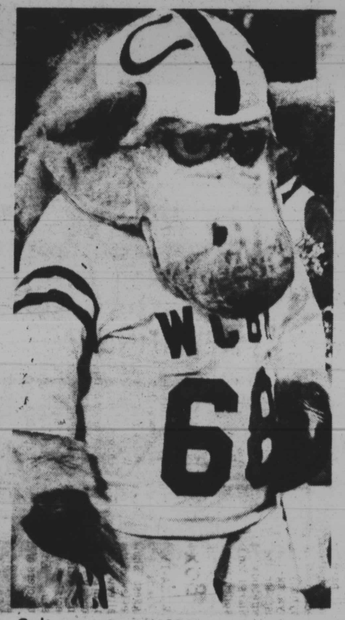
owner

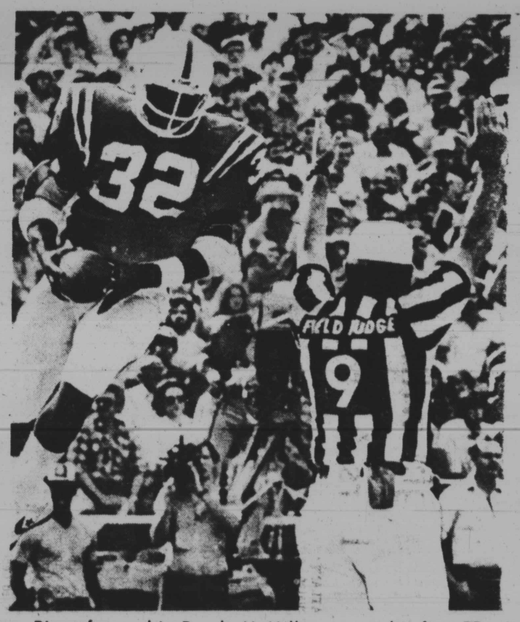
Lydelle Green 10-year-old fan is ready (Roman Hankewycz photo)

Mike McCormack
head coach

Dick Szymanski
general manager



Colt mascot a WCBM rooting horse



Rise of a rookie Randy McMillan scores his first TD