

Ellsworth's status still in doubt

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SYRACUSE — It was a suggestion made in jest, but Syracuse coach Paul Pasqualoni gave a few seconds of serious thought Monday to the idea of an eight-man football game against West Virginia.



Cy Ellsworth

The Big East front-runners head into Saturday's pivotal conference game with some key players recovering from injuries. The Orangemen (5-1, 2-0 Big East) still did not know on Monday if they would have starting tailback Malcolm Thomas and three-year starting left guard Cy Ellsworth back in time for the game with West Virginia (3-3, 2-0).

"I would say in my mind there's a chance for them both," Pasqualoni said, adding that it would be Wednesday, at the earliest, before a decision was made.

Both players sat out last week's 52-24 victory over Eastern Michigan after being injured a week earlier against Temple. Ellsworth suffered a dislocated collarbone and Thomas a sprained ankle.

While Ellsworth injury was more serious, Thomas said he has undergone treatment three times daily and intends to play against the Mountaineers.

"I have to play this week," said Thomas, Syracuse's leading rusher, despite missing nearly two whole games. "I think I'm a great asset to the team. I feel in order to help us win in the fashion we want, I have to play."

West Virginia comes into the Carrier Dome fresh off a 31-19 victory at Boston College. Pasqualoni was not sure how much the Mountaineers were really ailing.

"They are a good solid team. To go up to Boston College and dominate the game," he said.

But West Virginia coach Don Nehlen said his team's injury situation just keeps getting worse. Senior defensive end John Browning, a key player, probably will miss the Syracuse game with a sprained knee he suffered against Boston College, Nehlen said.

"We have had more injuries on this football team than on any I've ever coached. I can't keep anybody on the field," Nehlen said Monday.

"I would rather play eight-man football than 11."

Other casualties this season for West Virginia have been quarterback Chad Johnston (sprained knee), leading rusher Robert Walker (sprained ankle) and leading tackler (hamstring). All will be in the Mountaineer starting lineup on Saturday.

Pasqualoni said injuries were a factor in last year's game, which was won by West Virginia, 13-0. A number of Orangemen played hurt and wide receiver Marvin Harrison, the Orangemen's most explosive offensive player, missed the game.

NOTES: Harrison needs just 7 yards to become Syracuse's all-time leader in reception yardage ... Syracuse and Virginia Tech (4-2) are the only Big East teams with winning records this season ... the Big East is 1-7 against Big 10 teams this season, Syracuse's win over Minnesota was the only conference victory.



Merritt Spear



Marianne Jeffreys

PSUC inducts Spear, Jeffreys in Hall of Fame

PLATTSBURGH — A record-setting swimmer and the long-time director of sports medicine at SUNY Plattsburgh were inducted into the SUNY Plattsburgh Sports Hall of Fame Sunday.

The newest members of the Hall of Fame are Dr. Marianne Jeffreys of Jersey City, N.J., a 1982 graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh, a highly-respected nurse educator and former outstanding Cardinal swimmer, and Dr. Merritt Spear, of Peru, a former director of College Health Services and long-time team physician.

Jeffreys and Spear were unanimous choices of a selection committee composed of representatives of the college's Department of Physical Education, Athletic and Recreational Sports, the Student Association, the Alumni Association and the Cardinal Booster Club, which created and subsidizes the Hall of Fame program.

Jeffreys, a member of the Cardinal swim team during her undergraduate years, broke the team and college pool record for the 100-yard breaststroke during the 1978-79 season. A dean's list student who received her undergraduate degree in nursing at SUNY Plattsburgh, she went on to receive M.A., M.Ed and Ed.D degrees from the Teachers College at Columbia University.

Currently an assistant professor of nursing at the City University of New York College of Staten Island, Jeffreys previously worked as a nurse at several hospitals, including the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the CVPH Medical Center.

She has received several grants to support her research on non-traditional and trans-cultural students and has maintained an active interest in research on academic and environmental variables on academic achievement and retention. Her work has been published in *Nurse Educator*, *Nursing Diagnosis*, *the Journal of Nursing Education* and other scholarly journals. She

has presented her research at Teachers College as a distinguished alumnus.

Jeffreys serves as a mentor for disadvantaged students and is an active member of her college's committees on curriculum, admissions and scholarships. Nominating materials referred to Jeffreys as "an outstanding nurse, faculty member and mentor to college students" and that "she commits her ability, energy and talent to many endeavors that improve the quality of life and quality of education for nursing students."

Spear, director of the College's health service from 1976 to 1991, continues to serve as half-time college physician. A graduate of Albany Medical College, he is a clinical instructor in medicine at that institution.

Spear's interest in sports medicine has kept him active on the local level and the international level, serving as director of sports medicine for the Empire State Games since their inception in 1980, and as a member of the NYS Governor's Council on Lifetime Health, Fitness and Sports since 1993.

Spear was a member of the medical services for the 1980 Olympic Games in Lake Placid and has chaired the medical services for World Cup and World Championships in luge and bobsled. He is also a charter member of the Lake Placid Sports Medicine Society.

A colonel in the Medical Corps of the Vermont Army National Guard, Spear is an active member of the boards of directors of several health-related agencies. Letters supporting Spear's candidacy for the Hall of Fame cited him for "undying support and commitment" to SUNY Plattsburgh's athletes, as a "man of integrity, honesty, sensitivity and loyalty." One nominator wrote, "he (Spear) is devoted to giving the highest quality medical care to the athletes and I believe he is an enormous factor in the success of the athletic programs at Plattsburgh State."

Bills' Levy to undergo cancer surgery

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ORCHARD PARK — The Buffalo Bills knew something was wrong the second they saw Marv Levy walk into the locker room and start talking about their victory over the Seattle Seahawks.



Marv Levy

And they knew it was serious.

First, in Levy's nine-plus years as coach, he has never called a meeting four hours ahead of their usual 1 p.m. schedule. Never has he brought general manager John Butler and owner Ralph Wilson along to chat about strategy from the previous game.

Levy told the team he has prostate cancer. "It was a very somber group once the news came out," center Kent Hull said. "I can't think of a finer person than Marv Levy, and I just hate that he has to go through this."

Levy knew for two months that he had cancer and never told anyone beside Butler and Wilson. Word filtered through the coaching staff last week but did not reach his players until Monday.

Levy will undergo surgery Tuesday at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. The Bills, riding a five-game winning streak, are expected to be without Levy for a three-game road stretch.

"I've been coaching 45 years, and I never missed a practice and never missed a game," Levy said. "It looks as though I'm going to have to. I wanted to wait until the end of the season, but I've been advised that while

there is low risk, there is no risk."

About 1 in 10 men develop prostate cancer, according to the American Foundation for Urologic Disease. Roughly 40,000 men will die of the disease this year, the Journal of the National Cancer Institute has estimated.

Levy, who has coached Buffalo since 1986, said the cancer was found during a routine physical before training camp. The diagnosis was confirmed in August after an examination at Northwestern Medical Center in Chicago.

"I have a deep admiration and love for him," Butler said. "When you have it like that, you don't want somebody ill. I worry all the time. He's always telling me, 'Enjoy this game, love it and quit worrying.' He's been a great mentor."

Doctors told Levy the cancer was found early, increasing his chances for a full recovery.

Nets' Coleman out with heart irregularity

The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Derrick Coleman has a "minor heartbeat irregularity," and the New Jersey Nets star will miss at least the first five games of the season.

The team said Monday the 28-year-old forward will be on medication for several weeks and

will be permitted to run and ride a stationary bike.

The ailment was never previously detected in Coleman, who is entering his sixth year in the NBA.

Team spokesman John Mertz said the exact diagnosis was not available, and league policy bars release of the medication Coleman will be taking.

The problem was detected by the Nets' medical staff when training camp began earlier this month, but Coleman was cleared to practice. After a week, he was retested and sent to specialists, who agreed with the diagnosis.

The team said Coleman will be tested again after two weeks and could resume full workouts two weeks after that. The season

begins Nov. 3.

"We're just going to make sure everything is working," Mertz said.

Over the summer, Coleman said he did not like the direction in which the Nets were heading and asked to be traded. However, the team said it would not comply.

Whalers outgun Rangers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — From a shutout to a shootout, the Hartford Whalers once again were too much for the New York Rangers.

The Whalers, who blanked the Rangers 2-0 on opening day, got into a scorefest with them Monday night.

Result: Hartford 7, New York 5.

"We skated well, we pushed the puck and we never let up," said Paul Ranheim, who had two goals and two assists for the Whalers. "That's the sign of a team playing with confidence."

The teams traded goal for goal until the Whalers took over in the last two minutes when Ranheim scored with 2:07 left and Andrew Cassels wrapped things up with an empty-net goal.

"He played very well," Rangers goaltender Mike Richter said of Ranheim. "He's a role player known for forechecking and speed. Tonight, he seemed to be everywhere."

"I think people forget his offensive skills. But he didn't beat us. We beat ourselves."

The Whalers, whose 4-0 start is the best in the 17-year history of the franchise, got an unexpected offensive explosion this time to beat the Rangers for the second time in 10 days. The Whalers had scored only eight goals in their first three games.

Ranheim broke a 5-5 tie when he skated across the slot and beat Richter with a backhand. Cassels made it 7-5 with 41 seconds left.

In their first meeting, Sean Burke made 37 stops for the shutout. This time, Burke faced a bigger barrage as the Rangers outshot the Whalers 49-35.

"We're not playing to lose or (playing) to stay in the game," Burke said. "We're playing to win, and this team is playing with confidence."

Also scoring for the Whalers were Jocelyn Lemieux, Geoff Sanderson and Nelson Emerson. Sergei Nemchinov, Mark Messier, Adam Graves and Nick Kypros scored for New York.

SPORTS SHORTS

Brault, Bebo capture Adirondack golf tourney

PERU — Scott Brault and Jess Bebo teamed to win the Members' Closing Tournament at Adirondack Golf & Country Club Friday. They combined for a net 66 and a one-stroke victory over Bob Wieworka and John Mousseau in the two-member scramble, which used an Olds handicapping system.

Fourteen teams participated with five sharing in the skins. Bob Wilson was closest-to-the-pin on the third hole and Mickey Serra, closest on the 17th.

Martin second in Binghamton bike race

BINGHAMTON — William Martin, of Viking Ski & Cycle and Lake City Velo, finished second in the Expert Pro Class of the Chenango Valley Challenge Mountain Bike Race Sunday in Binghamton. Martin covered the 25-mile test over a very rocky, fast course in 2 hours, 5 minutes and 53 seconds.

Czechoslovakian Florian Sukup finished first in 2:02:51. Beartown racer Nicki Bogardus placed fourth out of 12 racers in the Women's Beginner Class with a time of 52:00 for 5 miles. In Men's Beginner, Andy LaPlante, Beartown series champ, was fifth out of 45 racers with a 40:37 time.

Ed Smith, Beartown series champ, came in ninth out of 32 in the Men Sport Class with a time of 1:31:38 for 15 miles.

Kimbler, football, gymnastics on cable access

PLATTSBURGH — Chicago Cubs farmhand Doug Kimbler, of Beekmantown, will be featured, along with high-school football and gymnastics on cable-access television this week. The local videotape programming can be seen on Falcon Cable channel 9.

The 45-minute Kimbler interview will lead off tonight's presentation at 7 with the Plattsburgh High School Homecoming game with Seton Catholic to air at 8 p.m.

The 1994 Section VII Gymnastics Championships will be shown 9 p.m. Thursday.

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