

GARY CARTWRIGHT



And Then They Wrote

YOUR ARTICLE in Tuesday's News concerning "Packers Moan over Tony's Loss" is another example of irresponsible sports reporting and writing we have in the Dallas papers.

Did it ever occur to the sports writers that other people take "The Sporting News"? The quote from an article written by Joe King of New York did not say that they were moaning over the transfer of Tony Liscio. In fact, Mr. Lombardi, the Green Bay coach, admitted to the writer that he had made mistakes and said, "For instance you might say we made one in trading Liscio, but we did not have a place for him at the time."

In no instance did Mr. Lombardi moan over the trade, but merely said perhaps it could have been a mistake.

EDWIN A. NESBITT
Dallas

● Your letter is another example of irresponsible reading. Edwin, I did not write that Lombardi was moaning; that was the headline writer's choice of words. I didn't see Joe King's story in Sporting News, but King told me what Lombardi said—that "he had made a mistake on Liscio, including not looking at him on offense. This was apparent in the draft the following December when Lombardi used his No. 1 choice on tackle Lloyd Voss, since traded to Pittsburgh.

IN YOUR article Saturday, you mentioned that "Without Wilson the Red Birds could be turkey." You also mentioned that "he is the one reason that St. Louis is pestering Dallas in the Eastern Conference race."

I have played eight years of football and have never seen a "one man team." Is Larry Wilson the only reason the Cardinals are one of the top three defensive teams in the league?

I think Larry Wilson is the best "free safety" in football. I also feel the Cardinals have a tremendous defense. It's strange but most players and coaches agree. I would tend to take the word of experience to that of the pen somewhat poisoned.

I didn't realize a man had to be nice looking to be a good football player. I always thought that ability, determination, and aggressiveness were the qualifications of a man excelling in football.

In the past I have been the victim of newspaper articles written by people whose entire experience in the game of football came from a paid admission seat on the 50-yard line. Tell me please about your football career aside from reading books.

L. B. S.
Richardson

● Sure, LBS, and you tell me about yours.

More Voices From Space

AS 100 PER CENT Cowboy fans we feel obligated to write this. We need a punter and place kicker of major league caliber.

Why not trade Taco and three or four bench warmers for Sam Baker? There is a pro kicker, and it's a shame Dallas gave him away.

If you use this letter, please don't use our names.

Dallas

● Danny Villanueva's latest punting average is 40.9, his field goal record 15 of 23, and his total points 95, a club record. In recent weeks King Hill has replaced Baker as the Eagle punter. Sam still place kicks but he is not among the field goal leaders.

IN A YEAR when everyone, it seems, is getting in his licks against the poor ole abused Giants, I hate to take a bum rap. There are enough legitimate ones.

Re the line from your column.

AFL scores are not shown on the Yankee Stadium scoreboard for the very logical reason that there is just about enough room for the NFL games. The board wasn't geared for two-league rundowns.

As for not announcing the AFL (and Jets') scores, we do. They are announced by the PA guy as soon as we get them over the wire. What more can you ask of a guy when he's down?

Incidentally, Homer Jones has a new pass pattern. It's called the 40-yard lookout, and here's how it works: Homer runs downfield and cuts either left or right (sometimes both) at 40 yards. Our quarterback closes his eyes, throws the ball, and yells, "Look out!"

DON SMITH
Publicity Director
New York Giants

● It has been suggested, Don, that the Giants start announcing NBA scores.