# Patera sheds lab coat, looks for season-long starters

By GIL LYONS

After weeks of experimentation, Jack Patera will settle on a starting lineup this week.

"I think we'll go with the people who might have a good chance of starting for us," the Seattle Sea-hawk head coach said today as the team began preparations for Saturday night's preseason finale in Oak-land. "We'll go with our best peo-

Competition is keen at several positions, particularly at wide receiver with the addition of Steve Largent and Cornelius Green to a corps of pass catchers which already was regarded as sound.

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"Everyone caught the ball against San Diego." Patera said.
"They're good wide receivers. All of these people can play in this league."

Largent, rookie from Tulsa, made two impressive catches in Seattle's

two impressive catches in Seattle's 17-16 victory over the San Diego Chargers Sunday.
"He's kind of impressive, isn't

As long as Seattle is the host city

for the Pacific Northwest regional

softball tournment, why not pick the host team to win?

Why not, as long as the host team is Peterbilt Western?

The regional, with 17 teams en-

tered, will run four days at Sicks' and White Center Stadiums, open-ing with a tripleheader Friday at

Sicks' The regional champion will advance to the national tournament in Allentown, Pa.

Peterbilt's lineup is strong on hit-ting, speed and experience and its pitching, the vital part of the game in fast pitch, has proved itself un-

Most of the Peterbilt players have

been around the block in big-time

competition. Eight are former stars with Pay 'N Pak, the Seattle team

that usually wins the regional — Del Hammersmith, Dick Yohn and

Gale McGrath, pitchers, and Butch Batt, Roger Bledsoe, Tom Wagner, Tim Forbes and Larry Seabaugh.

Fitzsimons nips

Duden for N.W.

pro golf crown

RICHLAND - (AP) - Pat Fitzsi-

mons of Salem sank an 18-foot bird-ie putt on the final hole yesterday to edge Bob Duden of Portland by one stroke for the Pacific Northwest

Fitzsimons, 25, wound up with a three-under-par 69 on the 6,-848-yard, par-72 Meadow Springs Country Club course for a 36-hole total of 140. He had carded a 71 on

Duden, the first-round leader with a 67, lost his touch on the greens yesterday and soared to a 74. George Lanning of Tacoma, Elwin

Fanning of Seattle and Mike Davis of Portland were next, each with

The defending champion, Rick Acton of Seattle, shared the lead with eight holes to go but shot seven over par from that point and finished in a tie at 146 with Ted Naff of

Golfers Association

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der fire.

Peterbilt looms as

strong contender for

he?" Patera said. "Certainly he was in the few plays he played. He ran fine pass patterns, caught the ball and blocked well. On Sherman Smith's pass catch late in the game, Largent made a great block to allow Sherman to get down to the

The knock on him was that he didn't have outstanding speed. But I've determined that very few deep passes are completed in this league over a season. The long pass is low percentage. He's a high-percentage type of receiver."

Patera also was impressed with Green, the one-time Ohio State quarterback who returned three punts 34 yards against the Chargers. "He has very quick feet," Paters said tera said.

SEATTLE'S QUARTERBACK-ING once more likely will be han-dled by Jim Zorn, the team's lead-ing passer and rusher. Zorn seemed to operate more effectively Sunday with Sam Boghosian, offensive coordinator, and Jerry Rhome, coach of the quarterbacks and receivers, calling the plays from the sidelines.

Rhome was in the pressbox and Boghosian on the field. Together, they shared the burden of calling the plays, lessening Zorn's load on the field.

"I thought it turned out pretty good," Patera said. "Jim seemed to play pretty well. There wasn't the scrambling situation we had in previous games. I think we'll stick with

Somehow, Seattle must pep up its running attack. The Seahawks have averaged only 78 yards a game on the ground, less than half the aver-age of five opponents. Except for Andy Bolton's 58-yard run Sunday,

Seattle averaged little more than a yard a carry against the Chargers. "It is an area of concern," Patera said. "You can only throw the ball so much. We will continue to run, even if we aren't too successful at

"I don't think Andy Bolton or Sherman Smith lack speed, but they

even't used their speed well. It's hard for us to go wide, but very few teams in the N.F.L. are successful running to the outside."

PATERA HAS BEEN pleased with the kick-return teams. The punt-return squad set up Seattle's winning score against San Diego end the kick-return team produced a 96-yarder for a touchdown. "I always believe in pressuring the punter," Jack said. "We want

a return, but we want to be able to take advantage of any mistake by the punting team, a bad snap, for

"In the San Diego game, it was carelessness on the part of the punting team. Their guard took a step inside to help out on Ed Bradley, and nobody touched Randy Cof-field."

The Seahawks will close out the preseason in Oakland, then begin preparations for their regular-sea-son opener in the Kingdome against Metcalf and the St. Louis Cardinals September 12.

# N. F. L. players reject contract

regional softball title All eight have journeyed with the Pak to at least one national tournament, most to several. Led by the former Pakers, Peterbilt disrupted Pay 'N Pak's regal reign as No. 1. in Seattle by beating out the Pak for the championship in the Norwest Major League.

THE EX-PAKERS made the THE EX-PAKERS made the move to Peterbilt to play for their longtime teammate, Jerry Hammack, who hung up his glove to turn to managing after last season. And, as he was as a player, Hammack has proved to be a winner in his debut season as a manager. Peterbilt won 27 of 32 games in the top league, including three out of four against Pay 'N Pak, and has won 69, lost only 21 for the full season. "Hitting is our strong suit — and

"Hitting is our strong suit — and speed, running the bases," said Hammack. "We're definitely an offensive team. Our defense isn't what I would like it to be.

"As for the regional, there are four of five teams good enough to win it, and I think we are one of them. It's going to be tough. But I do think we could do it."

Hammersmith, who hurled 29 victories for the Pak a season ago, has been the top gun, and a workhorse, for Peterbilt, winning 35 games, out of 44 decisions. Behind him, McGrath has won 18, lost 8 and Yohn, long-time Pak ace, has won 14 of 17 decisions.

SWINGING THE BAT, the Peterbilts conjure up a picture of big men lugging war clubs. Leading the assault has been Bob Cole, standout assault has been both city, standards second baseman, who is chopping away at a .334 average and leads the club in homers, runs-batted-in and runs scored. Next come three of the pack from Pak — Bledsoe at .297, Batt .292 and Wagner .285.

Hammack has added two stars rammack has added two stars from Petschl's Meats for the regional — Robin Cutting, pitcher from New Zealand, and Jimmy Nokes, fleet outfielder who cracked 13 homers this season.

Peterbilt, as host team, will play in the regionals' legidiff game at 5

Peteroit, as nost team, will play in the regionals' leadoff game at 5 p.m. Friday, meeting Medford, No. 1 Oregon entry. Seattle's two other entries, Pay 'N Pak and Goldies, qualified by placing 1-2 in the Seattle Open championships last month.

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Seattle playoff champion, and B. & I. Sports, Tacoma champ, will meet in an exhibiton doubleheader at 7 tonight in White Center Stadium. Both teams have qualified for the Pacific Northwest regional here

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CHICAGO — (AP) — National Football League player representatives have rejected the contract of fer by team owners that sparked a fierce internal battle between their oft-controversial executive director and their union president. The action vesterday, after 11 hours of secret meetings, continues the rift between owners and players which in the last 2½ years has trig-

gered one preseason walk-out, one wildcat strike and harsh feeling on wildcat strike and harsh feeling on both sides.

"I honestly don't know where we go from here," said a disconsolate bick Anderson, the injured safety for the Miami Dolphins who as president of the N.F.L. Players Association had worked out the proposal with owners last week.
"Sometimes you win sometimes

"Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose, sometimes you get rained out. The game will go on," Anderson said

son said. He and three other members of He and three other members of the seven-man N.F.L.P.A. Execu-tive Committee supported accept-ance of the offer. They were op-posed by Ed Garvey, executive di-rector of the players' union.

"IT WAS A plan I felt was good and tried to sell," said Anderson. "Yeah, I'm disappointed. I feel at this point it's the best offer we're going to get."

Garvey has witheld public com-Garvey has withen public comment regarding his personal feeling on the offer, but a source close to him said he feared acceptance would negate players' rights already won in the courts.

Nevertheless, at a brief news con-ference following the marathon ses-sion, Garvey said no single point of the 70-page offer was the decisive factor in rejection. Rather, he said, it was the package as a whole. By a majority vote, the Executive

Committee summoned each of the 28 N.F.L. teams' representatives to grapple with the proposal and decide whether to submit it to a vote of all the N.F.L.P.A. players.

But the question never got that

far.

After procedural haggling and a point-by-point debate, the representatives instead approved a motion "to table discussion" of the offer "pending further negotiations and clarifications." In effect, Garvey said later, the

vote meant rejection A SPOKESMAN for the N.F.L. Management Council, bargaining

### Pro fights

ORLANDO, Fla. — Victor (Taco) Perez. 158, Miami, stapped George Madison, 158, Evansville, Ind., S.
MONTREAL — Gerald Bouchard, Montreal, stopped Dave Downey, Halifax, Nova Scotla, 5, middleweights.

arm of the N.F.L. owners, said his group would reserve comment on the development until further information could be obtained as to what transpired at the meeting.

Details of the offer were not made public. The Associated Press learned, however, that among the 30 provisions the owners proposed:

—A 43-man squad limit with a four-man taxi squad, each member of which would be paid \$500 a week.

—A raise in salaries for preseason and postseason play as well as minimum salary limits

minimum salary limits.

—An important article concerning the controversial reserve clause. That article would have permitted a player to move to another team after a specified number of years. The club obtaining a free agent would surrender two No. 1 draft choices for a top-notch player and a correspondingly lower compensation for a player of lesser abilipensation for a player of lesser abil-

ity.

The final determination would be made by a special board. In the past, Pete Rozelle, N.F.L. commissioner, determined the compensation a team had to pay after obtaining a plant who impact all the

ing a player who jumped clubs.
A source close to Garvey said he feared approval of the measure would, in effect, reinstate the Rozelle Rule though it already has been knocked down by the courts.

WHILE BOTH SIDES publically attempted to play down the degree of internal bickering, there was no outward show of unity.

Afterwards, Garvey, lawyers and his supporters gathered in his room for drinks. Anderson, Jack Youngblood of the Los Angeles Rams, and Fred Willis and Skip Butler of the Houston Oilers — members of the Executive Committee — socialized separately.

"If you ask if we're going to give

it up, that's a loaded question," said Youngblood in regard to their possible resignations as members of the Executive Committee.

of the Executive Committee.

"It's just that when you consider all the work — and that's the real price — that you put into this, and then lose, that's when you've got to wonder," said Butler.

When Willis was asked whether he expected the meeting to run as long as it did, he replied: "It ran as long as Garvey needed to win it along as Garvey needed to win it along as Garvey needed to win it along as Garvey needed to win.

long as Garvey needed to win; it always does."

ways does."

Garvey said there was no talk of a possible strike at the meeting.

The Players Association has been without a basic agreement since Jānuary 1974. A preseason strike later that year collapsed. The dispute also sparked a wildcat strike last year by the New England Patriots.

# Joe Toro discussed past tragedies, future hopes

# Toro's troubles

# Tragedies take fighters from manager's stable

By VINCE O'KEEFE

Until last October, Joe Toro was one of the happier members of the fight mob.— a chunky, prematurely gray truck driver who doubled as director of the Eagles Gym and regarded each of his proteges as a future champion.

The gray has been turning to

The gray has been turning to white lately, and every hair of it

has been earned.

First, on that fateful October day, his prize light heavyweight, Bob Jarvis, was racked up in a road-construction accident. He lost both legs and one arm and only his re-

Final Rainiers

game tonight

The Seattle Rainiers will become

a part of the past tonight when they close out their final season of Northwest Class A League baseball

against the Portland Mavericks at

:47 p.m. in Sicks' Stadium. Seattle's final minor-league game

with the new Seattle American

— with the new Seattle American League team to take over next season — will have no effect on the final standings in the Northwest's Northern Division as Portland clinched the divisional flag with a split of last night's doubleheader with the Rainiers here, leaving Seattle a game and a half behind with only tonight's game left to play. The Rainiers kept hopes alive by winning last night's first game, 5-2, but the Mavericks wrapped it

5-2, but the Mavericks wrapped it up with a 1-0 triumph on a three-hit-

ter by Dennis Deck in the nightcap.

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(First game)

End of era:

markable physical condition and mental grit saved his life. Six weeks ago, Doug Troyer, a lanky 21-year-old who showed

promise as a heavyweight under Joe's tutelage, went to Nebraska to visit his grandparents. He was driv-ing his granddad's tractor when it overturned on him; his injuries were fatal.

Some months ago Ed Bytheway asked Toro to handle his boxing affairs. Ed was an ex-convict who, after half a lifetime in prison, hoped to make it on the straight as a boxer and youth counselor.

The day before his most recent fight, with Pat Duncan, Ed was nervous, tense; several pounds under his usual fighting weight. He introduced me to his father, Ben, of whom Ed said, "He's the greatest dad a guy ever had."

The fight ended in a draw, It was The fight ended in a draw. It was

so heated a battle that fans got into the act and police had to restore or-der. The promoter rubbed his hands and scheduled a rematch.

Monday night Ed Bytheway's body was found in an apartment on body was found in an apartment on the east side of town. After an ex-amination, Donald Reay, King County medical examiner, said to-day, "Tentatively, it appears to be a drug-related death. All other causes (of death) have been pretty well eliminated."

The obvious question was put to

The obvious question was put to Toro yesterday. No, he maintained stoutly, Ed was always "clean" in the gym, there was no way he could have brought in or taken anything

without Joe's knowledge.
Toro looked a little older, a little wearier, but he tried to put the incident behind him. "Ibar Arrington (Joe's present heavyweight and the best one he's had so far) is going to fight in Everett September 14 on a card being put together by my boy, Joe, Jr. It's the kid's first promo-tional venture. How about a little

Sure, Joe, and here's a little prayer that things will turn out a little better in the next ten months.



