

Baseball commissioner Bart Giamatti dead at 51

Heart attack claims former Yale president at vacation retreat

EDDARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — Baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti, who declared no one is above the game and proved it by kicking out Pete Rose, died eight days later Friday after a heart attack at his Martha's Vineyard retreat.

The 51-year-old Giamatti, former president of Yale University, was pronounced dead at 4:32 p.m. after all efforts to resuscitate him failed, said Dr. Stackpole, director of development at Martha's Vineyard Hospital.

Giamatti's wife and a son were with him when he died. Stackpole said.

Giamatti was found unconscious and in full cardiac arrest when an ambulance arrived at his home at 3 p.m., the hospital statement said. CPR was administered en route to the hospital, where doctors struggled more than an hour to revive the commissioner.

Giamatti, a chain-smoker who once said cigarettes were his "primary vice," left New York on Friday morning to spend the weekend at his home on the popular New England island retreat.

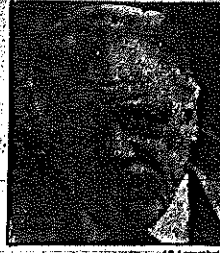
His death shocked baseball even as it was still recovering from his suspension of Rose, the Cincinnati Reds manager and all-time hit leader, following a six-month battle over charges he bet on his own team.

"He wrestled with all of baseball's problems," said New York Yankee owner George Steinbrenner, who talked to Giamatti by telephone about 45 minutes before he was stricken. "It may have all come in on him."

In an interview with The Associated Press two weeks ago, however, Giamatti dismissed the notion that he had been overly stressed by the Rose case.

"While it's a serious matter, it doesn't take most of the time," he said. "Most of the time is spent on other things. The way it's been played, and there's no reason it shouldn't have been played, would make you think that I was being stilling here all day worrying about that. But that hasn't been the case for months."

American League President Bobby Brown, a cardiologist, said the effect



A. Bartlett Giamatti of stress in heart disease is difficult to measure, but "I thought he tolerated it well" in the Rose case.

Giamatti said he declared Rose permanently ineligible to protect the integrity of the game and added: "Let no one think that I did not hurt baseball. Let it also be clear that no individual is superior to the game."

Rose can appeal for reinstatement after a year, and it will be up to Giamatti's successor to rule on it.

In Cincinnati, a statement issued by Rose's attorney, Robert A. Pitcairn Jr., said:

"Pete is deeply saddened by the news. In spite of their dispute, Pete had great personal respect for the commissioner. He extends his deepest sympathy to Commissioner Giamatti's family."

President Bush expressed his regrets from his home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

"Bart was a close friend of mine for many, many years. I just want to pay my respects. He was a great person," Bush said. "He loved the game of baseball and in a short time made a real contribution to the game, standing for the highest possible ethical standards."

"Giamatti became baseball's seventh commissioner on April 1, succeeding Peter Ueberroth after serving as National League president since December 1980. Giamatti was president of Yale from 1979-85.

"Baseball has been deprived today of the services of its finest commissioner in history," Ueberroth, vacationing in Paris, said in a statement released through his Newport, Calif., office. "Bart Giamatti encompassed everything that is good and enduring about America's favorite pastime. For this man of words, courage and deeds ... no words can express the loss."

Bostick, Bulldogs maim Packers, 26-7

By MIKE GRUBB
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The best goes on! For the 17th consecutive try, the Class AAA Colquitt County Packers have come away winless in a gridiron clash with the Thomasville Bulldogs. This time Mike Hodges' aquad led former Thomasville coach Jim Hughes and his Packer team 20-7 on a muggy Friday night at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Thomasville, who extended their regular season consecutive game winning streak to 25, wasted little time in taking command of this clash. With Colquitt County driving and facing a second down and six at the TIS 28-yard line, senior linebacker Leonard Christian stepped in front of an errant Buckley Ooff pass to the Bulldog 10 and rumbled 30 yards to the Colquitt 40.

Led by quarterback Charles Bostick, who finished with 104 yards on 13 carries and two touchdowns, the Thomasville widebore picked up right where it left off in '88, marching 46 yards in 7 plays on their initial drive of 1989. The senior field general capped off the scoring march with a one-yard plunge at the 4:45 mark of the first period. Bostick looked unattainable as he scampered for 33 yards on the drive.

"I was pleased with the play of Bostick," stated Hodges. "He made some key plays for us, and he is a great player who knows how to run the option."

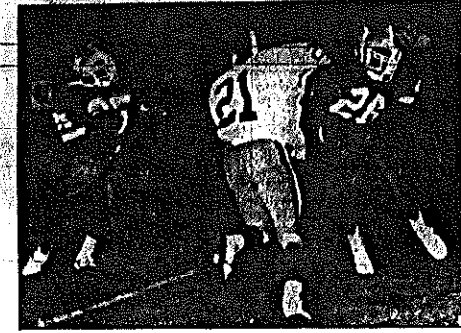
The Bulldog defense stymied the Packers at almost every turn. This swarming unit only surrendered 145 yards total offense on the evening — 74 rushing and 71 passing. The reduction in the first quarter. With the Colquitt County facing fourth and inches at the Thomasville 40, Hughes elected to go for it. It turned out to be the wrong decision as the Bulldogs stopped Ooff in his tracks for no gain.

Bostick and company seized this opportunity by driving 51 yards in six plays to up the lead to 12-0 with fullback Allen Williams maintaining his way up the middle of the Packer defense for a nine-yard touchdown jump. Bostick again was involved with the key plays of the drive. He hooked up with Jerome Williams for a 17-yard pass and followed that up with a 15-yard run.

One of the few mistakes the Thomasville offense made in the first half resulted in Colquitt County's lone touchdown, as Daniel Dalton recovered a Bulldog fumble at the TIS 21. Four plays later, fullback Nathan Williams capped off a 21-yard drive with an 11-yard touchdown run to cut the TIS lead to 12-7 at the half.

After a scoreless third quarter, Thomasville mounted the longest drive of the game by marching 70 yards in five plays after a 55-yard punt by the Packers pinned the Bulldogs at their own 30. Bostick once again supplied the big play of the drive, rolling around the right end, picking up excellent downhill blocking, as the field was scattered with white jerseys on the ground as he romped 48 yards for a score. Bostick ran in for the two-point conversion to up the score to 20-7.

The Bulldog defense again put the Thomasville offense in excellent field position as Jerome Williams picked off a Packer pass at the Colquitt 42. This was the third turnover the Bulldog defense caused on the evening. Behind the running of sophomore halfbacks Brian Barnes and Mathis Curry, Thomasville marched 42 yards in eight plays for their final score of the evening. Curry capped off



Bulldog halfback Mathis Curry (No. 25) runs behind the block of fullback Allen Williams (No. 26).

the drive with a two-yard plunge, and I think I'll have a little help next week in picking it up."

Offensively, Thomasville churned out 109 yards on the ground and 35 through the air. On the defensive side of things, Alex Mash and Richard Williams both picked up big quarterback sacks.

The Bulldogs hit the road next Friday for a clash with the Class AAAA Lowndes Vikings at Martin Stadium in Valdosta.

Yardstick	
Colquitt Co.	0 7 0 0-7
Thomasville	0 0 0 0-0
SCORING PLAYS	
TD—Charles Bostick 1 run (kick)	7-0
TD—Allen Williams 8 run (kick)	14-7
Colquitt—Nathan Williams 1 run (Pete Hughes kick)	14-14
TD—Bostick 48 run (Bostick run)	20-7
TD—Mathis Curry 7 run (kick)	26-7
Final down	
Downs	13
Yards	145
Passing yards	71
Passes	24-1
Punts	2-1
Fumbles-lost	2-1
Penalties-yards	5-20
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	
Rushing—Colquitt Co. Williams 15-82, Hawkins 1-12, Herling 2-4, Merritt 3-43, Ooff 1-10, Thomasville Bostick 15-104, A. Williams 1-24, Turner 1-10, Hayes 1-8, Williams 1-12, Simon 1-7	
Passing—Colquitt Co. Ooff 13-171, Lewis 1-10, Thomasville Bostick 14-103	
Receiving—Colquitt Co. Lewis 4-68, Merritt 2-15, Hawkins 1-4, McCrindle 1-4, Thomasville Williams 2-55	

Late bomb propels Rebels past Pelham

PELHAM — The Class AA Berrien Rebels hooked up on a 52-yard scoring pass with 4:37 remaining in the fourth quarter to erase a 14-12 Pelham Hornet lead and go on to win the game by a 18-14 score on a hot Friday night in Pelham. The loss spoiled the return of Pelham head man Gene Cooksey.

The Hornets lit up the scoreboard first as tailback Bernard Burroughs plunged in from two yards out with 8:09 remaining in the first period to give the Hornets a brief 7-0 lead.

Berrien narrowed the gap to 7-6 on a Stephen Banks one-yard run in the second quarter. The Rebels took a 12-7 advantage as Banks scored his second touchdown of the night on a one-yard run.

The Hornets refused to die as quarterback Jason Tew connected with wide receiver Cornelius Seymour on a 65-yard scoring strike to give Pelham a short-lived 14-12 cushion in the final stanza. However, it was just not to be, as Berrien quarterback Chris Walker answered right back with a 52-yard bomb to Travis Boone to make the final score, 18-14.

Norris Cumbley paced Pelham on the ground with 27 yards on just seven carries. With the loss, the Hornets fall to 0-1. While Berrien goes to 1-0.

Pelham will hit the road next Friday for a clash with Class AA Southeast County in Donalsonville.

Yardstick	
Berrien	0 7 0 0-7
Pelham	0 0 0 0-0
SCORING PLAYS	
Pelham—Bernard Burroughs 2 run (Tyronne Adams kick)	7-0
Berrien—Stephen Banks 2 run (kick)	7-6
Berrien—Banks 1 run (pass failed)	12-7
Pelham—Cornelius Seymour 65 pass from Jason Tew (Adrian kick)	14-12
Berrien—Travis Boone 52 pass from Chris Walker (run failed)	18-14
Final down	
Downs	13
Rushing yards	107
Passing yards	115
Passes	8-20-0
Punts	3-27
Fumbles-lost	1-0
Penalties-yards	7-45
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	
Rushing—Berrien, Banks 37-52, Pelham, Cumbley 2-27, Alexander 2-12	
Passing—Berrien, Walker 8-20-0-115, Pelham, Wambly 2-5-123, Tew 1-5-65	
Receiving—Berrien, Daley 2-55, Boone 1-52, Pelham, Seymour 2-75, K. Jones 1-20	

Balanced Bainbridge offense too much for Central, 29-6

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Purported to have a prolific passing game, the Central Yellow Jackets switched as Bainbridge put on an aerial show of its own at Thomas County Stadium Friday night to take home a 29-6 victory in the 1989 season opener for both teams.

Pat Gaines, a 170-pound sophomore who played on the Bearcats' B-team in 1988, completed nine passes in 23 attempts for 144 yards and one touchdown. He also scored a touchdown himself on a 2-yard run in the second quarter.

The Bearcats also piled up 237 rushing yards to outgain the home team 381 total yards to 148.

Bainbridge effectively controlled the line of scrimmage on offense and defense. Central quarterback Brett Manning was constantly under pressure from a strong Bearcat pass rush which got to him for three sacks. Yellow Jacket ballcarriers could find little running room as running backs Antwan Blount and Oacer Fields rushed 12 times between them for 31 yards.

Central began the game in the hole. Bainbridge took the opening kickoff and marched relentlessly down the field until Tyrone Jones intercepted a Gaines pass in the end zone. He ran it out, but a clipping penalty backed the Jackets up to their own 1-yard line.

Their next drive began at their own 7-yard line. The Jacket defense ultimately stayed on the field for most of the first quarter, as it would for most of the game. It finally got a break when Gaines tried a flub pass out in the right half during the first quarter. Actually a lateral, the ball sailed through Rodney Cloes' hands and bounced down the sideline.

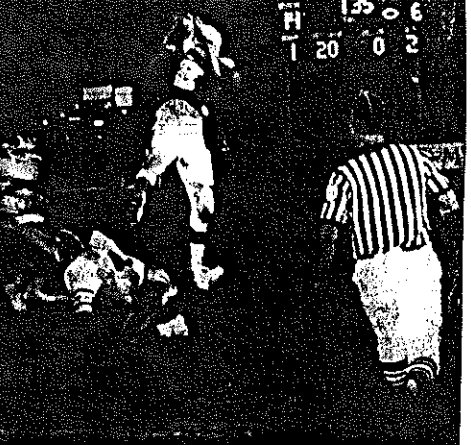
Close and Central's Tyrone Samuels wailed for the loose pigskin before Central's Santana Bryant finally fell on it at the Bainbridge 32-yard line. Manning quickly found

option player. Three plays later he found Tommy Rainge in the left corner of the end zone for a 7-yard touchdown pass. The extra point attempt was wide left, leaving the home team with a 6-0 lead.

Bainbridge came back to mount a 60-yard, 8-play drive to tie the score. In one 3rd-and-7 situation, Gaines threw to receiver Michael Olsson for 17 yards and a first down. And in a 3rd-and-6 situation, he passed to Cloes for 29 yards and a first down at the seven-yard line. Gaines himself later scored on a quarterback sneak, and Bainbridge missed its extra point.

Heartbreak Hotel occurred for Central with 2:12 left in the second quarter. Bainbridge had started a drive at its own 31 and driven to the Central 28-yard line where the thrust had apparently stalled in a 4th-and-10 situation. But Gaines found running back Vidal Lively in the left flat with a little fair pass. Lively headed left, cut back toward the middle, and turned on the afterburners for a 28-yard touchdown run.

The ensuing extra point was equally as frustrating for Central. After a delay of game penalty had moved the ball back to the eight, Gaines found himself under heavy pressure from the Central pass rush. Attempting to throw into the right corner of the end zone, he was hit and the football fluttered into the air. Slotback Scott Piland



A leaping Ken Connor (2) hauled in this Brett Manning pass for 27 yards in the second quarter.

Bearcats a 14-6 lead.

Neither team scored again until the fourth quarter when Bainbridge put together a 55-yard drive in eight plays. Once again it was a clutch fourth down play which made the difference. Facing a 4th-and-0 challenge at the Central 25, Gaines passed to Stanley Flanders for 10 yards and the first down. Cloes entered secured from the four.

After Central fumbled the ensuing goal. In that drive, they again converted a crucial fourth down play. With 4th-and-3 at the Central 22, Cloes took a pitchout around the right side for 12 yards and a first down.

Central still would not give up. The Jackets drove back down to the Bainbridge 22-yard line, mainly on the strength of Donald McNeil's 20-yard run on a draw play. But as Manning threw deep into the end zone, Bearcat

Secondarily, with the Veterans trying to run out the clock, a Bainbridge player not even fazed on the roster took a handoff up the middle, broke free, and completed a 73-yard touchdown run.

Lively, just a sophomore, was the leading ground gainer in the game with 88 yards on 18 carries. McNeil led Central with his one run of 20 yards.

Central travels to Moultrie next