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Mr. George McClelland, Sports Editor
The Virginian Pilot

Dear George:

As you know...during my speech at the Norfolk Sports Club...I described to the members there how I had PK'd 13 pro football teams, to take effect this season...the Jets among the 13...and I stated to all assembled that Namath would be removed from the field of action before even half the season had progressed.

Last night the Jets played the Lions...and I picked it up on my powerful shortwave radio...and threw my strange mental force at Namath. Before the first half had even ended, he was injured in a freak accident...and will not be able to play for a year. Thus, the heading of your article "If Owens Speaks, Listen) was only too true. Namath should have paid attention to it, for I sent a copy of it to theJets...and in the article you even printed that "the seer that makes things happen...stated Namath wouldn't last half the season. Perhaps now...he is more of a believer...and next time, will listen when Owens speaks.

It is a strange coincidence that I knocked Namath out of action in the first exhibition game of the season...exactly as I knocked Norm Sneak of the Eagles out XX with a broken leg several years ago...in the first play of the first exhibition game of the season in Philadelphia. In both cases I used my mental attack in the same way. And with Snead...there was no doubt about the mysteriousness of it. Not one soul, no one, was near him when he went down as if poleaxed...and with a broken leg. Stan Hochman, Phila. Daily News reporter, told me he was there on the sidelines...taking pictures of Snead when it happened...and he, Stan, couldn't believe his eyes at the time because no one approached or hit Snead. (I was in the stands at the time, using my mind on Snead.)

So, anyway...the first prediction has come true...of the list you printed in your article in your newspaper on July 20, 1971.

Best regards to you...

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8/9/71 Youngstown Vindicator

Namath Given Hope After Operation

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Namath, the New York Jets' star quarterback, underwent surgery on his left knee Sunday morning to remove cartilage and repair ligaments torn during the second quarter of Saturday night's exhibition game against the Detroit Lions at Tampa, Fla.

A spokesman at Lenox Hill Hospital, where the 51-minute operation was performed, speculated that Namath, 28, might be able to play by the middle of November.

"He'll be in the hospital for two weeks, in a cast for six weeks, walking after 10 or 12," said a doctor. "I think he'll be able to play again," the doctor added. "I don't think he's jeopardized his career, though it was a serious injury." It was Namath's fourth knee injury, the second to his left knee. His right knee required surgery for ligament and cartilage injuries on Jan. 25, 1965 and Dec. 29, 1966. His left knee was operated on to repair tendon damage on

March 20, 1968.

Namath injured his knee late in the second quarter of the Jets exhibition opener. New York was leading 14-0 at the time, but Detroit came back to win, 28-24. Namath had completed seven of 13 passes for 116 yards and one touchdown prior to the injury.

On the play, Namath handed off to Lee White, a reserve fullback, who tried to circle right end. White fumbled, and Detroit middle linebacker Mike Lucci scooped up the loose ball and raced up the sidelines.

Namath tried to tackle him but missed, and Detroit linebacker Paul Naumoff fell on top of him. Lucci scored the Lions' first touchdown on the play.

The Jet quarterback walked off the field under his own power, but did not re-enter the game. Al Woodall, who took over when Namath was injured last year, and Bob Davis, a journeyman who has seen action with the Houston Oilers and New York Giants, shared the quarterbacking the rest of the way.

(Why did Namath expose himself to injury by trying to tackle the 230-pound Lucci?) "No way I could let him go," answered Namath, again revealing his enthusiasm for the 1971 season. "I guess crazier things have happened," he said about the incident. (Jury:) "I guess it shows I'm not a defensive back."

"It was a shame," said Naumoff, the five-year veteran from Tennessee. "I didn't mean to hurt him. I saw him coming. He was trying to back into the play."

"And he was throwing the ball so great," Lucci added. "I didn't know he'd been hurt until we came out for the second half and somebody said something."

NFL Exhibitions

Results Sunday
Minnesota 17, New England 10
San Francisco 38, Cleveland 24

Results Saturday
Cincinnati 27, New York Jets 24
Detroit 28, Miami 10
Kansas City 10, Baltimore 7
Chicago 2, Green Bay 0
San Diego 19, Washington 10

Games Tonight
New York Giants at Houston
Philadelphia at Oakland



Just Notes:

8/12/71

Teddy Martinez states the case for the baseball player shuffled between minor and major league levels . . . "You never know where you stand," Teddy points out, "so you wind up paying for places to live in two cities. They want you to bear down and concentrate, but it's hard when you aren't settled." . . . A player in this situation never knows whether the organization gets down on him or whether he's a convenient pawn for roster shuffling . . . In Martinez' case he was batting a very respectable .279 and had fielded well at second, short and third for the Mets when he was told to return to Tidewater for two weeks.

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Don DeVoe, the Virginia Tech basketball coach, says he looks forward to playing in Tidewater, particularly in the Kiwanis-Old Dominion Classic next year . . . "That's a fine tournament and its field this year (Brigham Young, Indiana, Rice and ODU) is one of the best in the country," DeVoe said . . . Fortunately the new man in Blacksburg comes in without the old small college prejudice. Old Dominion, an NCAA College Division finalist, stands on its own feet as a team of quality.

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In professional football, 1971 may be remembered as the Year Without the Quarterback . . . Bart Starr and John Unitas, elder statesmen in that fraternity, are recovering from operations. Joe Namath is out for at least half the season and Fran Tarkenton and Joe Kapp are just out . . . And remember what Ted Owens, the PK man, said about Namath — that he wouldn't play half the season. If Namath plays at all for the Jets it will be the second half . . . The empty seats at Memorial Stadium Saturday night for the Colt-Kansas City Chief exhibition suggest the knowledgeable Baltimore fan decided to wait for the real thing. Early exhibition games are little more than scrimmages to test rookies and players with doubtful arms and legs.

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