

In the wake of the news

Michael's 1987 role a walk-on?

Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz.—When assessing the strengths and weaknesses of Gene Michael, one should remember that he is among the few mortals ever to have challenged George Steinbrenner, Attila of The Big Apple.

In 1981, a baseball season fractured by a has added up to an average of strike, Michael was managing George's New York Yankees, not necessarily to the boss' satisfaction. Steinbrenner went public with his opinions, which is his standard operating procedure. The upset was that Michael issued a

"I didn't like the fact that George was threatening me," Michael was saying Wednesday. "And I didn't like the fact that he was taking it to the media. He fired me a week or so later, but at least he knew how I felt."

Michael stayed in the Yankee organization, and even returned the next season for another stint as manager, which says something for his resilience and tolerance for pain—qualities that doubtless will come in handy for his current job, managing the Cubs. Many knowledgeable folk presume he will enjoy the lifespan of a paper plate.

Managing is perilous enough without extracurricular warnings, and Michael faces too many of those to ignore, much as he'd like to. The composition of the Cubs' 1987 coaching staff might be agreeable to him, but he did not exactly affix his signature to it. He handpicked none of them, notably the new pitching coach, Herm Starrette. Usually, a manager is allowed at least that luxury, but it's probably a little late in their history for the Cubs to consider normality.

Moreover, John Vukovich, who has been a loyal spearcarrier with the Cubs since 1981, will coach third base this season. This maneuver removes Vukovich from the dugout, where he provided vital assistance to Michael after Jim Frey was dismissed last June. Michael came in from the American League so cold that Vukovich did virtually everything but occupy the skipper's desk-he gave signs, imparted intelligence, was depended on for considerable input concerning strategy. Several Cub players, who had other things to worry about, wondered why Vukovich wasn't the appointed de facto manager instead of surrogate pilot.

Not so much because of what he did, but because of what he didn't do, Michael did not emerge from the confusion of '86 with a strong image. When Dallas Green, the Cubs' bellicose president and general manager, did a Steinbrenner at season's end by questioning Michael's performance, the manager's stature hardly was enhanced. If Michael needed yet another blow to his ego, what worse fate than to be utterly ignored by the Cub highlight film? A short-subject flick at best, the project might at least have recognized Michael's presence for 102 games. It didn't. Apparently there were too many other glad tidings to package, so Michael was left on the trim-

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De Paul defense gets hand from signals

By Bob Logan

When De Paul is on defense, bewildered opponents figure the Blue Demons must be coached by Perry Mason.

In reality, coach Joey Meyer is the mastermind behind a unit good enough to earn the title of "Schoolyard Dogs." Like a pack of hungry hounds, the Demons surround the ball, snarling, snapping and clawing until they force a turnover.

Then they flee the scene to celebrate with a dunk at the other end of the court. Such crowd-pleasing sleight of hand

8.5 steals. "Quickness is our trump card," Meyer said. "We try to

take as much advantage of it as we can." Harried ballhandlers never

know where the next assault is coming from. Building on De Paul's overall team speed, Meyer has devised a system of hand signals for changing defenses on the fly. The coach uses it to take advantage of situations, often shifting from man-to-man into a zone trap or full-court press while an unwary opposing team is bringing the ball up.

"I like to switch defenses because it gets our team active,"

Illinois' Tony Wysinger made the right choice. Page 3. Digger Phelps reminds the Irish about last year. Page 3. Unheralded Missouri hopes to have the last laugh. Page 3.

Meyer explained. "It's one way to change the tempo and quicken the pace. I don't think our consistency will ever be as high as we want it, but when we're really active on defense, rebounding well and going after every loose ball, we can beat anybody."

In his first two years at the

Demons' helm, Meyer was more conventional, sticking with defensive alignments longer and waiting until a timeout to order a different set-up. But as soon as this year's team began practicing, he noticed that the bustout style that makes the Demons entertaining to watch could be devastating on defense,

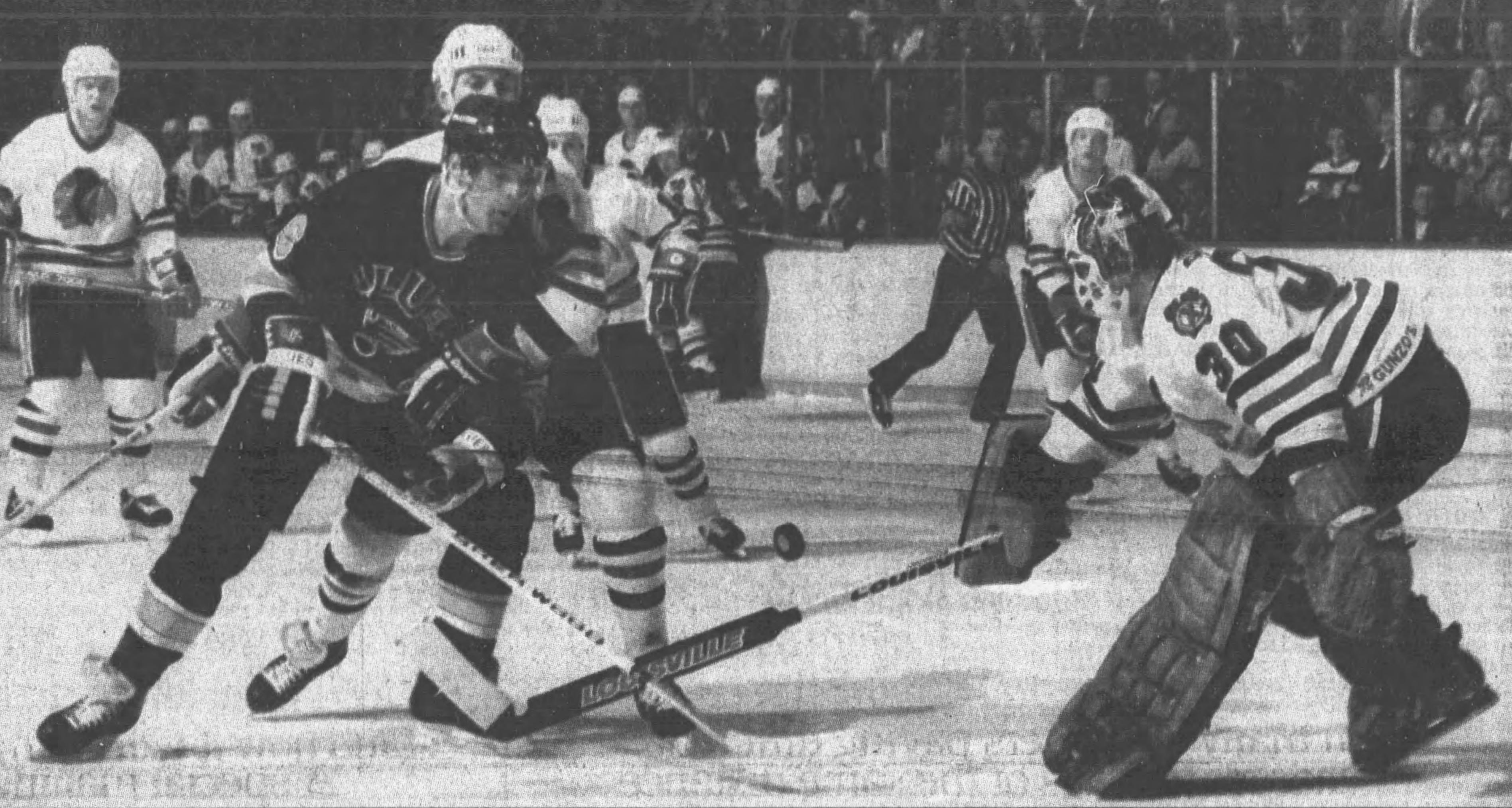
With point guard Rod Strickland and the addition of juniorcollege transfer Kevin Edwards, Meyer had a greyhound backcourt, combining quick hands and even quicker feet. Along with 6-foot-9-inch Dallas Comegys, who has a knack for

blocking shots, they became the catalysts in Meyer's new scheme: playing defense by attacking the

"It's a style that fits this team's personality," Meyer said. "They're not smarter than the guys we had last year, but they're a lot more active on the floor. They can extend the defense all over the court and do things you wouldn't with a front line full of 6-8 or 6-9 guys."

Defense is a major reason for the 26-2 Demons' emergence as college basketball's Cinderella team, compensating for deficien-

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Tribune photo by Ed Wagner Jr.

Black Hawks' goalie Murray Bannerman deflects a shot by St. Louis' Tim Bothwell in the first period Wednesday. Wrapping up Bothwell is Marc Bergevin.

Blues spoil Olczyk's shot at heroics

By Tim Tierney

There have been times this season when Black Hawk forward Ed Olczyk deserved the calls of "Eddie No-check" and "Eddie Paycheck" hurled his way by fans at the Stadium.

Wednesday night was not one of those times.

The 20-year-old Olczyk, who has probably aged 20 years this season, played one of his better games of the season. He scored

the first goal, assisted on the second one and played a sound twoway game against Norris Division rival St. Louis.

And if there were any justice in the world—or at least at 1800 W. Madison St.—the shot Olczyk sent wide of an open net late in the game would have gone past St. Louis goalie Greg Millen to tie the score 3-3.

Instead, the Blues held on for a 3-2 victory in front of 17,019, and Olczyk's almost season-long bout with the blues continues.

The Hawks [27-31-10] remain tied for third place with Minnesota, a 4-2 loser to Toronto. St. Louis [27-28-13] retained sole possession of second place.

"I had the chance to tie it up," Olczyk said. "I had a wide-open net, and I just screwed up."

Defenseman Jack O'Callahan sent a quick pass to Olczyk from the right side with less than two minutes left in the game. Olczyk came flying down the slot,

reaching for the puck and seeing it out." an open left side of the net, but he sent the disc to the boards.

"I tried to redirect it," a dejected Olczyk said afterward. "A couple of guys said it skipped once before it hit my stick."

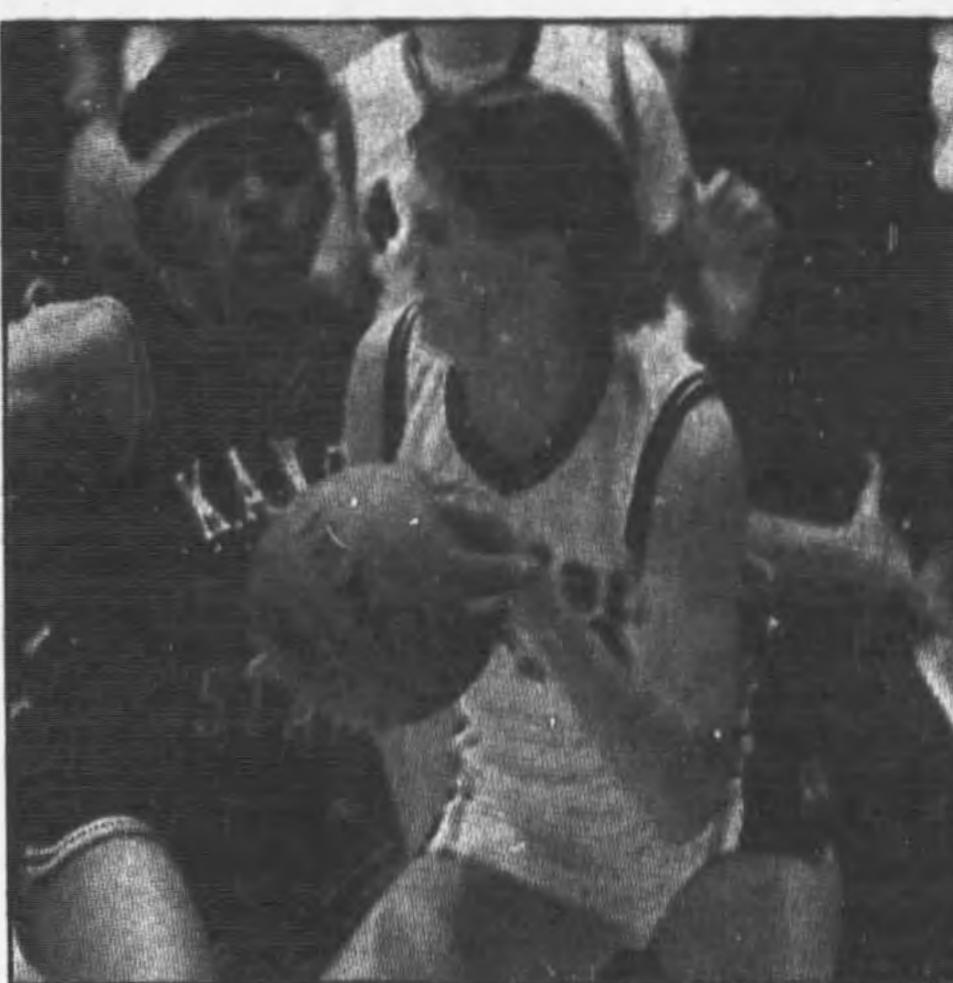
"The pass was a little too hard for him," O'Callahan said. "It was a little too hot to handle. It was fluttering a little. I just wanted to get it to him as quick as I could. "We had chances before that to tie the game. We just didn't pull

Olczyk had scored on a breakaway at 1:17 of the first period. Then he earned an assist on Denis Savard's 33d goal of the season that put the Hawks ahead 2-1 less than three minutes later. But it's the sight of the puck going past the open net that may have kept Olczyk's eyes open for a long time Wednesday night.

"I know he feels awful about

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Tribune photo by Bob Langer

NU women win NCAA opener Kansas State's Carlisa Thomas applies de-

fensive pressure to Stephanie Chambers during Northwestern's' 62-61 first-round overtime victory in Evanston. Page 11.

Jordan's 49 can't save Bulls

Defensive breakdowns by the Bulls more than offset a 49-point performance by Michael Jordan and enable the 76ers to post a 117-108 victory in Philadelphia. Page 12.

Blues 3, Hawks 2 Rangers 3, Bruins 2 Flames 6, Whalers 1 Flyers 6, Devils 4

Jets 2, Canadiens 1 Leafs 4, North Stars 2 Oilers 6, Red Wings 3 Sabres 3, Kings 2

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NBA

76ers 117, Bulls 108 Celtics 118, Suns 109 Bucks 115, Bullets 107 stons 107, Pacers 98

Mavs 130, Sonics 117 Nuggets 122, Jazz 116 W'riors 121, Cl'pers 111 Roundup, page 13×

Agent says he paid for collegians

From Chicago Tribune wires

ATLANTA-A New Yorkbased agent said he gave cash to college athletes in an effort to sign them as clients, a revelation that has caused the NCAA to begin an investigation, according to a report in the Atlanta Con-

If the allegations by the agent, Norby Walters, prove true, some athletes could lose their eligibility and some teams may have to forfeit games or championships.

Walters also has come under the scrutiny of the National Football League Players Association. It said two college seniors eligible for the April 28 draft called the union last week to report that Walters had threatened "to break their legs" for firing

s denied that charge, but he didn't deny making payments to football and basketball players before their eligibility had expired, a violation of NCAA rules.

The Constitution, quoting an unnamed source with the NFLPA, said the NCAA will investigate if Ohio State receiver Cris Carter and Michigan State running back Lorenzo White have jeopardized their senior seasons by entering into agreements with Walters.

Ohio State has begun an inwes-Continued on page 15 Alger in Oak Forest's 61-55 victory Wednesday night.



Tribune photo by Walter Neal Homewood-Flossmoor's Nate Grant [54] blocks a shot by Tony

Oak Forest topples H-F in semifinal

By Paul Sullivan

The "third-quarter blahs," a malady that coach Denny Denman claims has stung his Oak Forest team lately, turned into the blues for Homewood-Flossmoor Wednesday in a semifinal game of the Hinsdale Central Class AA sectional. Oak Forest [26-2] built a 15-point, third-period lead and held off the Vikings 61-55 to advance to Friday's title game against Bloom [14-14].

Denman, who began the year as the Bengals' assistant coach, is 6-0 since taking over the team in mid-February after the sudden dismissal of Ken Connor.

"We've gone through a lot of Bengals halted H-F's 15-game winning streak and ended its season at 24-4. "Our slogan is work hard and work together. We've felt all year that we don't get enough credit. We weren't even rated No. 1 in our own area. Now we feel like we're the new kid on the block."

After missing its first shot of the game, Oak Forest hit 9 of its next 10 from the field and outrebounded the Vikings 7-1 to take a 20-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

It wasn't until the Bengals finally missed two shots in a row for the first time with 3:38 left in the second quarter that the Vikings snapped out of their collective doldrums and pulled to within five points at 30-25 at the Lockport 41, Kankakee 26

St. Joseph 72, Proviso East 69 [OT] Evanston 63, St. Viator 52

Argo 76, Thornton 70 Oak Forest 61, Home.-Flossmoor 55 Benet 59, Glenbard North 50

Elgin 60, Fremd 56 [OT] Glenbrook S. 63, Waukegan East 54 Coverage, page 6

Larry Gorman, Oak Forest's

6-foot-8-inch center, came out ready to dominate after the half. The senior, who will play for Northwestern next season, was 4-for-4 from the field in three minutes to lift the Bengals into a 45-32 lead, and two free throws turmoil," said Denman after the by Casey Brennan with :09 left in the third quarter gave Oak Forest a seemingly insurmountable 48-33 edge going into the final quarter.

> "It was just all intensity and hunger out there," said Gorman, who tied teammate Jeff Delaney for scoring honors with 17 points.

Delaney said the coaching changeover pulled the Bengals closer together.

"We feel we're on a missiona mission for ourselves," said the 6-3 guard, who made 6 of his 10 field-goal attempts. "A lot of people said we couldn't win. They got so much publicity all year, but we knew we could do

H-F made a second comeback Continued on page 15

HORSE RACING

aracise's Balmoral comments

For Thursday First Post—8 p.m. Best Bet-Shawn D.W. [7] [Legend: +-Class hike; !-Class drop; *-Favorite; L-Treated with Lask.]

Best-Bubble Bite [5]

L-Treated with Lasix.

FIRST-Mile, pace, conditioned, purse \$2,100: PP Horse, Driver Odds Last 3

FIRST-61/2 furlongs, 3-4-year-old fillies, claiming price \$5,000, purse \$5,500:

SECOND—6 furlongs, 3-4-year-old fillies, maidens, claiming price \$7,500, purse \$6,100:

SCRATCHED-Bold Mar, I Did Too, Visible Gal, Crimson

THIRD-6 furlongs, 3-4-year-olds, claiming price \$16,000, purse

Family Grey, Lore Of Laws and Fractious Martha.

Edisto Navy Brat, Miller, 113 Bitzi N., Torres, 108

Cherry Very, Sorrows, 121

Sandy's Celtic, Miller, 122 L-Dst Crppr, Spncr, 122

Raise You Again, Razo, 113 Gold Luster, Stover, 113 Sthwst Drftr, LGe, 113

Got The Spirit, Briggs, 122 Lead Foot, Stover, 113 Ca

Jack Clark, Clark, 113 Chee A Lpohn, Pdnksi, 113

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Big chance off last

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SECOND-Mile, pace, conditioned, illinois breds, purse \$2,800: FOURTH-Mile, pace, conditioned, Illinois breds, purse \$2,800: + Shrmn Tnk,Hmitn + Bp Bp RK,McEnry The Aefrigertr,Alms Redskin Rick, Letton R. Patrick, Finn !Gotcha Yates, Harry Heal B. Misty, Bntrgr Ernestine, Duncan Fox Vily Avngr,Prmtr L-Gpsy Babycke, Arnid L-Vrgna's Bty, Mrgn Battleshoe Rick, Mills

Dave Surico's Sportsman's ratings Gimme the class Beware the rusher .-Bubble Bite, Diaz, 117 L-Family Compact, Patin, 115 L-Villa Savoye, Meier, 117 L-Top Folly, Bullard, 117 L-Gentle Vixen, Silva, 115 For Thursday Post—1:30 p.m.

Best will take this Big shot off last Beaten chalk bore out Dan Swift, Silva, 113 Mr. Bonkers, Bullard, 113 Hal Jr., Diaz, 113 Tempt The Tiger, Clark, 122 Royal Kelian, Stover, 122 Guns outta the gate Stomped in Crete bow

SEVENTH-61/2 furlongs, 4-year-olds and up, claiming price \$12,500, purse \$10,500: L-Sand Digger, Stover, 119 L-Superb News, Diaz, 114 Gonna throw out last Best rush takes prize Rusher in thick of it Clmd speed brke bad EIGHTH-6 furlongs, 3-year-olds and up, Ill.-registered, allowances

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NINTH-6 furlongs, 3-year-old and up fillies and mares, III.-regis-tered, allowances, purse \$22,440: 10 Jazz Burger, King, 113 L-Bcky's Spr Pet, Clark, 121 simme the class Shot off nice Fla. run Lov A Bal U., Stover, 121 Rusher is hot now Hopeful Mother, Meza, 113 Iffr spot, eys 3d in rw

Run Miss Run, Razo, 121

Forget price shot's last Worked well, tab action

Fast enuff to share

Sportsman's selections

Best bet in CAPS					
	Dave Surico	John Brokopp	Nell : Milbert	Associated Press	Consensus
1	On The Park Woman Invader No No Janie	Daybreak Delight Miss Perf No No Janie	Spare Room No No Janie Peggety	Daybreak Delight	Daybrk Delight, tie Miss Perf, tie On The Park
2	Edisto Navy Brat Bitzi N. Cherry Very	Ray's Racer Performerette Satan And Lace	Hold Your Tan Cherry Very Ray's Racer	Bitzi N.	Ray's Racer Bitzi N. Edisto Navy Brat
3	Sandy's Celtic	Snady's Celtic	Sandy's Celtic	Gold Luster	SANDY'S CELTIC
	Dust Cropper	Gold Luster	Culverin	Sandy's Celtic	Gold Luster
	Culverin	Raise You Again	Haliburton Native	Raise You Again	Culverin
.4	Got The Spirit	JACK CLARK	JACK CLARK	Jack Clark	Jack Clark
	Lead Foot	Lead Foot	Quilla Bid	Lead Foot	Lead Foot
	Jack Clark	Amazing Zip	Royal Leader	Got The Spirit	Got The Spirit
5	BUBBLE BITE Family Compact Villa Savoye	Villa Savoye Bubble Bite Top Folly	Gentle Vixen Bubble Bite Family Compact	Bubble Bite Villa Savoye Inspiracion II	Bubble Bit Villa Savoye Gentle Vixen
6	Dan Swift	Tempt The Tiger	Bo Clarion	Dan Swift	Dan Swift
	Mr. Bonkers	Hal Jr.	Hal Jr.	Hal Jr.	Hal Jr.
	Hal Jr.	Dan Swift	Dan Swift	Mr. Bonkers	Tempt The Tiger
7	Sand Digger	Macho Devil	By Golicy	By Golicy	By Golicy
	Superb News	Expansive	Raising Seven	Expansive	Expansive
	Flash Above	Raising Seven	Little Vic Ta Ree	Superb News	Sand Digger
8	Wargeilah Town	Slow Lead	Wargeilah Town	Last Estate	Wargeilah Town
	L.M.'s Little Joe	L.M.'s Little Joe	Kilem	Wargeilah Town	LM's Little Joe, tie
	Slow Leak	Wargeilah Town	Peterbern 'N Mary	South Of Nashville	Slow Leak, tie
6	Jazz Burger	Jazz Burger	Becky's Super Pet	Jazz Burger	Jazz Burger
	Becky's Super Pet	Hopeful Mother	Lov A Bal U.	Something So Right	Becky's Super Pet
	Lov A Bal U.	Becky's Super Pet	Pure And Chaste	Hopeful Mother	Hopeful Mother

Sportsman's charts

Wednesday's results @1987, by Daily Racing Form, Inc.

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SIXTH—Mile, pace, conditioned, purse \$3,200: Sport'n Life, Longo !Prnce Of Pace,Lngo !Shadn's Shne,Mxwll Staples, Hamilton

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Has beaten better. CROSS SWORDS comes off nice 3-wide effort, so consider TENTH-Mile, pace, claiming \$4,000, purse

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For Wednesday

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THIRD-Mile, trot, clmg., purse \$3,500: 5 Ms Norene 2 Arbors Annie 1 Bttr B Victory Doc Murphy Card Player Elegant Essnoe 5 4 3 1 3 5 5 23 2 3 2 3344 1 1 1 4344 8 Card Player 8 7 7 5 183.1 6 Elegant Essnce 6 6 4 6 40.30 3 Carter B Magoo 4 2 6 7 15.50 7 Gangway 7 8 8 8 100.7 TIME—:30 4/5, 1:02, 1:33 2/5, 2:04 4/5. Ms Norene [Busse] 4
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Continued from page 1 cies in size and depth. Their defense ranks No. 12 in Division I, yielding 62 points a game.

Aware that defense wins national championships, De Paul fans are hoping for more of the same when their team faces Louisiana Tech [22-7] at 9:37 p.m. Friday in a first-round NCAA tournament game at the Horizon. If the game had been Wednesday, the Blue Demon defense wouldn't have been a full strength. Strickland and Edwards were battling a virus. Strickland missed practice with a 103-degree temperature, but trainer Mike McCormick was optimistic that he would be able to start Friday.

Meyer agreed that defense often spells the difference between survival and elimination in emotional tournament battles.

"You can't win without scoring,

but if I had to choose one area that should be better now, I'd go for defense," Meyer said. "The way we wear people out with our quickness has given us an edge.

"But we have to stay active for 40 minutes, not just in spurts. When we keep a hand in their face and contest every pass, it takes toll. The other teams know that constant pressure creates turnovers and transition baskets for us, but it's hard to convince our guys."

Meyer crouches in front of the De Paul bench, watching for spots where a fast defensive shuffle could help his team. He flashes the signal, and the Schoolyard Dogs spring into action. Growling at opponents is optional.

"Sometimes I call out changes when they come down the floor, but when the noise level is high, that won't work," Meyer said. "We devised a numbering system for defensive switches and a set of finger signals for them. I do it based on how the game is going.

"Sometimes our transition from

defense to offense happens too fast for me to do anything, but that usually means things are going well. Even in a half-court defense, our quick hands deflect a dribble, Edwards jumps in front of a pass or Dallas blocks a shot. That produces a lot of transition baskets, and it all adds up to instant of-

Still, Meyer knows that luck is involved for any team to emerge from the NCAA tournament with grip on the championship trophy. He's happy to be starting at home, but a few breaks would be welcome as well.

"There are 30 or 40 experienced tournament teams like Temple or Virginia in the NCAA field that could go all the way," Meyer said. "I hope we prove Friday night that we're in the same category.

"Tournament games put extra pressure on the kids, because they know one mistake could mean the end. We have to hit our free throws in the stretch, make some big plays and be a little lucky."

Agent

Continued from page 1 tigation of Carter's possible affiliation with Walters, according to athletic director Richard Bay.

The NCAA permits athletes to consult an agent but forbids them from entering an agreement, accepting cash or discussing monetary arrangements before their eligibility has expired. Players found to have violated rules can be declared ineligible by the NCAA, and their teams can be penalized at the discretion of the individual conference.

Walters said one of the players paid while still eligible was Auburn running back Brent Fullwood, who completed his eligibility last fall. Other players identified by their current agents and attorneys as having past or present dealings with Walters include Tommy Powell of Auburn, Kenny Flowers and Terrence Flagler of Clemson, John Clay of Missouri, Rod Woodson of Purdue, Tony Woods of Pitt, Garland Rivers of Michigan, Reggie Rogers of Washington, Mark

Ingram of Michigan State, Doug Dubose of Nebraska, Paul Palmer of Temple and Edwin Simmons of Texas. All of the players are seniors.

Of those players identified, all but Clay and Palmer have severed or have attempted to sever relations with Walters, their current agents or attorneys said. "Part of being a businessman is

making investments," Walters said in the copyrighted story. "If I were going to invest \$500,000 in a McDonald's franchise in downtown Atlanta, would anybody question my investment?"

Walters threatened to expose college coaches who he says have "looked the other way" in his dealings with players.

"If I ever blow the whistle on the coaches who have challenged some players who accepted money from me, then did not take it any further, it will be a blockbuster," he said. "I've got hand grenades in my pocket. You ain't seen nothin' yet. I'll drop these hand grenades like a little trail of cookies. This thing will blow high and hard."

A series of grievances and lawsuits—some filed or contem- viewed.

plated by Walters, others filed against him—apparently will bring his dealings further into the public

According to reports, Walters had dealings with Buffalo running back Ronnie Harmon, formerly of Iowa. Walters has filed a breach-of-contract grievance with the NFLPA. He alleges that Harmon received more than \$54,000 from Walters dating to Harmon's junior year at Iowa. Harmon's current agent, Martin Rausch, said he will file a counter-grievance that doesn't dispute the payments but asks that Walters not be allowed to represent NFL play-

Rausch said he will play for an NFLPA arbitrator a tape recording of a conversation that took place in March, 1984, Harmon's junior year, in which Walters urges Harmon to sign a contract.

"They could have tapes of me talking like that," Walters said. "I will not deny that in court. What's at issue is that the young man accepted cash and signed a legally binding contract." Harmon declined to be inter-

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late in the game, hitting five straight outside shots in less than two minutes to cut the Bengal lead to 56-50 with 1:52 remaining in the game. But 6-8 Oak Forest forward Troy Agler scored inside 14 seconds later to stop the Vikings' momentum.

Senior Scott Tierney led the Vikings with 14 points in his final

"I told my boys I was proud of them," said H-F coach Don Laketa. "They just had a good year, and you can't take it away because of just one game. We played in a tough conference and came out with 24 wins. Oak Forest has a good shot to go Downstate now."

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