Falcons' two-back offense might blossom with Flowers in the lineup $\begin{aligned} & \text { P Page 3-D }\end{aligned}$
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## sports

## SEC player of year McKey declared ineligible


#### Abstract

By I.J. Rosenhberg The University of Alabama declared Der rick McKey, the SEC's basketball player of the year inel rick McKey, the SEC's basketball player of the year, ineligibibe for his senior season Friday be- cause of dealings with New York agent Norby Walters cause of Walters. McKey, McKey, a 6 -foot-9 center who earlier in the week said he planned to play his senior season, applied week said he planned to play his senior season, applied for the NBA draft Friday afternoon. The deadline for underclassmen was midnight Friday Friday. Alabama athletic director Steve Sloan an- nounced McKey's ineligibility Friday mornin


Investigation showed Tide star signed with agent
after meeting with Crimson Tide coach Wimp
Sanderson and athletic faculty advisor Tom Jonderson and athletic faculty advisor To McKey "made an error in judgment in
dealing with an agent that affected his eligibility at the University of Alabama," said Sloan. NCAA rules allow athletes to consult an
agent, but restrictions include no discussion or acceptance
agreements.
"One of these days we are going to come
up with an answer in college athletics to elimiup with an answer in college athletics to come elimi-
nate the problem of unscrupulous agents. Alnough everything is a two-way street, it. cer-
tainly troubles me tremendously tainly troubles me tremendously that theople would take advanta,
with a bright future."
Jones, Alabama's faculty advisor, said in-
formation that Sanderson formation that Sanderson received about McKey came partly from FBI investigators
looking into the Walters case. "It is my underlooking into the Walters case. It is my under-
standing that an investigator told coach Sanderson that they had run across McKey's name in See McKEY, Page 12-D

Derrick McKey


Over before it's over PONTIAC, Mich. - On the back of the bus driving ahead in the traffic on 1.75 (the same) - it
looked like any old Friday afternoon in our town was this pious promise: "Those Who Pray Can Expect
a Miracle." Aboard the bus were Atlanta's latest idols, the
Hawks, on the way to work the night shift at the Silverdome. The Pistons, who play out here but insist on being addressed as "Detroit," were to be engaged in
the third game of the second round of National Basketball Association playoffs. It would turn out that (a) the Hawks had not
heeded the scriptural passage on the bus, or (b) the heeded the scriptural passage on the bus, or (b) the
message applied only to drivers following the bus. The cruelty of it was that nobody needed a miracle more than the nomads from the South, adrift in a sea
of hostility and physically equipped for only half an of hostility and physically equipped for only half an
evening of basketball. They will say that it's never over till it's over. On
this evening, it was over before it was over. Isiah
Thomas the sprite with Thomas, the sprite with invisible wings, took care of
the unofficial adjournment in the third quarter. The next to the littlest man on the court put his signature
on those 12 minutes. on those 12 minutes.
'Isiah Thomas' quarter'
"ISiah Thomas' quarter," it should read. It began
with a Thomas layup. It ended with a Thomas jumper from 20 feet by the same. In between came 21 points, including one three-point score, and the total of 25 points sets a record for a quarter in NBA
playoffs. What made this orgy so remarkable was the con-
trast between that quarter and the first half. Both teams had staggered out of the gate. They played as tied, 41-all. That's from two teams that averaged over 100 points against each other during the season.
It might have been a flashback to the days when the Pistons played in Ft. Wayne and George Yardley,
ripped the nets, and Bob Pettit and Slater Martin were in their prime when the Hawks belonged to St. ken against you, you don't have to blush if it's broken by an Isiah Thomas," Gus Williams, the wise but non-
performing Hawk, offered in the way of performing Hawk, offered in the way of balm.
"Dee-fense Dee-fense" they kept scrolling across the scorebooard here. If that's what they wanted, they got their money's worth in the first half. What offense the two teams produced came about like trying to squeeze toothpaste back in the tube. tawdry 3-for-12 from the floor. He had been kept in check in Atlanta, so the Hawks may have gene to to
their halftime rest feeling somewhat their halftime rest feeling somewhat secure with
their lot. Almost in a blink of the eye the score leaped from 41-41 to $68-59$, and no matter how much the Hawks turned up their volume, the Pistons
matched.

A game of assault and battery
It was one of those cases that befit the old say-
ing, "The faster I try, the behinder I get." ing, "The faster I try, the eehinder I get." forled by the sparse clothing the athhetes wear. It brings out
the animal in young, splendidly healthy men. It becomes a game of asssuult and battery, followed by individual acrobatics, then back to the grappling again.
Here are two teams that play with sincere dislike for each other. They hammer each other, and in the hammering, the Hawks got the worst of it. It will
show that the Hawks out-rebounded the Pistons. Don't show that the Pistons won the muscle war "Thomas put his own label on it, "gangstering." "They were trying more or less to gangster the
ketball game," he said, whatever that means. ketball game, he said, whatever that means, comeback out of the question, it was quen that the
Hawks suffered their most demeanig Hawks suffered their most demeaning moment of the
night. They were being done in by the Pistons bench night. They were being done in by the Pistons bench,
John Salley, Dennis Rodman and Vinnie Johnson. Salley reached his NBA pinnacle. Rodman was more active as a hotdogging cheerleader. The tough stuff was
over. The real war had been fought. Now the Hawks are in foreign territory, one game down and in dire need playing to a crowd that poured forth the vilification and obscenities on this occasion. A Pistons game is no place to take your
minister to. It promises to get worse Sunday, and hear Bill
Laimbeer, known as "the man Atlanta loves to hate:" "The next game is the most important game we
will ever play.". The gauntlet has been laid down, the challenge
struck in which only the stronger prevail.

## Pistons go up 2-1 on Hawks



Here they go again: Hawks' Kevin Willis, Pistons' Rick Mahorn (right) square of f during first-half altercation Friday night in the Silverdome.
Thomas' 25-point quarter key to 108-99 final
 PONTIAC, Mich. - Isiah Thomas wrecked the Atlanta Hawks here Friday night with the most dominant
quarter of playoff work in NBA histoqua, deciding game 3 long before the firy, deciding
nal buzzer.
Thomas Thomas took control of a game
that was almost devoid of scored 25 points in the third quarter to scored hat points in the thirrd quarter to struggle. The final toll was an after-
thought, 108-99, as the Pistons took a 2.- lead, moving within a Sunday af-
ternoon game of taking a stranglehold

Thomas struggled early, getting but 10 points from 12 shots, , but he he
broke up a brewing brawl between At broke up a brewing brawl between At-
lanta's Kevin Willis and Detroit's Rick lanta's Kevin Willis and Detroit's Rick
Mahorn by riding Willis' back out of Mahorn by riding Willis' back out of
the battle zone with 80 seconds left in
a 41-all halt a 41 -all half.
Then the magician did his tricks - stealing, passing, scoring, scoring, points in a quarter, 23 , with a jumper then made another from the same spot then made another from the same spot break the record held by Bernard King
of New York and Gus Williams, the
vetera' injured list. Thomas hit 8 of 11 shots from the field, 8 of 8 from the line, and also had four steals and two At the 4:57 mark of the period he had 14 of Detroit's 29 points after getting 10 of their first 12 . He scored
eight straight including a three-pointeight straight, including a three-point-
er from the corner, in a span of two er from the corner, in a span of two
minutes after that. Thomas chased Doc Rivers from the game in favor of John Battle, flip-
ping up a prayer shot and getting the ping up a prayer shot and getting the
continuation after the Hawks guard See HAWKS, Page 5-D

| Hawks vs. Pistons |  |  |
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| Winner | Score | Series |
| Pisions |  |  |
| Hawks | ${ }^{115.102}$ | Tied, 1-1 |
| Pistons | 108.99 | Pistons, 2-1 |
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| May 10 | Detroit |  |
| $\frac{\text { May } 13}{\text { May } 15^{\circ}}$ | Alataia |  |
|  |  | TBA |



Nettles takes Braves by Mets in 10th 4-3

Chuck Tanner doesn't have to wonder any more if Graig Nettles can hit against a left-handed pitcher
with the winning run on third tase. Tanner found out what he wanted to know Friday night when the
left-handed hitting Nettles delivered left-handed hitting Netties delivere
a sacrifice fly off Jesse OOrsco in the bottom of the 10 th. It It scored
Dale Murphy to give the Atlanta Dale Murphy to give the Atlanta
Braves a $4-3$ victory over New York Braves a 4.3 victory over New York
at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. Tanner's confidence in Nettles
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went against the book, at least the went against the book, at least the
chapter that says left-handed hitters chapter that says left-handed hitters
shall not bat against left-banded
pitchers with fewer then shal not bat against left-handed
pitchers with fewer than two outs
and the winning run on third base pilders tith fewer than two outs
and the winnig run on third base.
"I wanted to see what Graig "I wanted to see what Graig
would do in that situation". Tanner
said, "and I guess I would "o in that situation," Tanner
said, "and I guess I got what I was
looking for. He showed me he still has a quick bat."
It was a strange situation for Nettles, who in the last three years
with San Diego often would not with San Diego often would no
have been allowed to hit in that situation. "They didn't show much confi-
dence in me in that situation," said dence in me in that situation,"" said
the 42 -year-old Nettles. "I was happy Chuck let me hit in that kind of situation. It should give me more
confidence." Confidence."
Murphy set up the winning run He drew a one out walk from Orosco, stole second on his own and
advanced to third advanced to third when catcher
Gary Carter's throw bounced into Gary Carter's throw bounced into "I was trying to get something
started" said started," said Murphy, who hit his
sixth homer of the year in the See BRAVES, Page 7-D

Crenshaw barges into four-way tie in Nelson Classic
$\qquad$
Crenshaw, who had a a5 , was itied with
Donnie Hammond (63), Tom Byrum (65)

# Norman shot a 68 and is a stroke back at Hill 5 up in LPGA event 

Her round was one shot off the tournament
18-hole record set by Dot Germain in 1983
 at Las Colinas set by Robert Hoyt in the
1986 North Texas PGA Tournament.
"I was hitting my drives longer than I
know how to hit them, said Lohr, who is
157 th on
on
hath on the money list. "I'm exhausted. I
had a 40 -minute wait under a bridge when opering round of the United Virginia Bank Amy Alcott, the only two-time winner
Golf Classic. Hill, 39 , of Fort Lauderdale, Fla, bird- fin Spencer-Devling the tournament's de-
ed five of the lan, shot a 74 . Spencer-Devlin

Jefferson last stakes race of spring

By Darrell Simmons
: BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The Turf Club's last stakes race of the spring meeting goes as Saturday
afternoon's feature. The $\$ 25,000$-added Jefferson afternoon's feature. The $\$ 25,000$-added Jefferson
Stakes for 3 -year-olds is scheduled as the eighth race on an 11 -race card that also has a simulcast of the
$\$ 110,000$-added Fort Marcy Handicap from Belmont $\$ 1100,000$ Never Forgotten, who will be ridden by Jon
Court, is the early favorite at $9-5$ in the 6 -furlong Jefferson Stakes. The colt, trained by Glen Fild, was fourth in the Rainbow Stakes at Oaklawn Park April
10 in his last start. He finished furth 10 in his last start. He finished forth to Demons Be-
gone in the Rebel Stakes at Oaklawn and was sixth in the Southwest Stakes, also at Oaklawn, behind Demons Begone, the Kentucky Derby betting favorite
who was pulled who was pulled up because of bleeding.
Second early choice in the Jefferson is Master
Star at Star at 3 -1. Stewart Kaelin is the trainer, and Bubba
Wilson will ride the colt, who was second in Oaklawn's Bachelor Stakes Aprill 13 . The Turf Clu's top jockey, Gene St. Leen, will
 A darkhorse is Power Boat, trained by Elwood
McCann and riden by Scott Jones. They teamed for
a big win last time a big win last time out in an $\$ 11,000$ allowance,
beating favored 0 cala Wizard with a respectable 1:10 $4 / 5$ clocking for 6 furlongs. The Fort Marcy simulcast will be the seventh
race, with Turf Club betting on the $\$ 100,000$ added $1 / 16$-mile run on turf for 3 -year-olds and upward.
Among the entries are Broadway Tommy, Onyxly Explosive Dancer and Lieutenant's Lark. TURF CLUB NOTES: Jockey Rick Luhr put 8 -1
hot Subtle N SIy in front of favored Twice Regal in the turn and stretched out to win Friday's feature, an $\$ 11,500$ allowance. It was Luhr's third win of the with 19 wins. ... Apprentice Lori Coburn rode
Shoot Arrows to a $\$ 59.60$ win ticket in the fourth Shoot Arrows to a $\$ 59.60$ win ticket in the fourth
race Friday, setting up a $\$ 5,158.60$ exacta payoft race Friday, setting up a $\$ 5,158.60$ exacta payoff
with another longhot, Consong, second. ... Bewith The Hedges, a 4-year-old colt owned by Lauraeen The Hedges, a 4 -year-01d colt owned by Lau-
ra Leigh Stable of LaFayette, Ga., won a $\$ 14,500$ al-
lowance race this week at Gulfstream Park.

Alysheba arrives for Preakness

$\xrightarrow{\text { Superstition }}$ $\qquad$
McKey From Page 1-D the Walters investigation," Jones
said. "They told him that they had found something in his (Way had
files that was linked with files that was linked with money
and ${ }^{+}$Derrick. But I don't know exactly what it was. Apparently Der-
rick received a small sum of Aoney."
According to a source in the Alson also was contacted by Walters
The source related the fol The source relat
Walters told Sanderson Thurs Cay afternoon that he had signed
McKey and would represent him in cKey and would represent him in negotations with the NBA next sea-
son. Sanderson, confronted McKey
with Walters' statements with Walters'
McKey told Sanderson that he rad signed a contract with Walters
but didin't think it was binding. Sanderson informed Sloan of the situa-
tion. Sloan called a meeting early friday morning with Sanderson and riday morning with
aculty advisor Jones.
"Coach Sanderson felt that ther
was no way McKey would be elig was no way McKey would be elig
ble next season with all the infor mation he reasen wived," all thene infor said. "S he decision to rule him ineligible as cut-and-dried.
Alabama has


Just plane tired: Kentucky Derby winner Alysheba exits from his air ransportation at Baltimore/Washington International; he's training $t$ nearby Pimlico for the May 16 Preaknes.
winner of the Alabama Derby at the sive back Latayette Turner pleaded
Birmingham Turf Club a month no contest to charges that he asBirmingham Turf Club a month no contest to charges that he as
ago, romped to an 11-length victory
saulted two female students last Friday in the $\$ 80,200$ Thomas D. March, while testimony continued in
Nash Memorial Nash Memorial landicap at Sports- March, thile of testimomyante James
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ond in the $11-16$ mile race for 3 ond in the 1116 mile race for 3
year-olds. Lost Code paid $\$ 8.30$
3.80 and $\$ 3.20$ year-01ds. Lost Code paid $\$ 8.30$
$\$ 3.80$ and $\$ 3.20$ and was timed in
$1: 44$ and $1-5$. 1:44 and $1-5$.
LEGAL: quarterback Tony Robinson sen sen lenced on cocaine charges in Noember, has asked a judge for early professional football career. Robinn
son is serving nine months of a sev-en-year sentence on a p penal farm,
the remainder on probation. . Mi Mis the remainder on probation.... Mis-
demeanor battery charges were
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filed in Los Angeles against Southern Cal running back Aaron Emanuel, who allegedly punched a mem-
ber of the USC women's track team ber of the USC women's track team
in the face at a party last weekend
.. Texas A\&M sophomore defenDade County, Fla., State Attorney's
Office said, due to insufficient evi-
dence. Miami athletic director Sam dence. Miami athletic director Sam
Jankovich said Brown will be reinstated on the football team now that charges have been dropped.
COLEGE FOOTBALL: Ohio State wide receiver Cris Carter was reinstated to the team by coach him on April 22 for a violation of

MISCELLANY: Greg Louganis capured the 1 -meter springboard
event at the McDonald's International diving competition in Boca
Raton, Fla. Louganis led all 11

Ind the NCAA about McKey's ineli-
fibility and will file a complete re-
ort to both groups soon, according The Crimson Tide could be subThe Crimson Tide could be sub
ject to forfeiting victories and titles ject to forfiting victories and titles.
They won the SEC championship
this season. "It would be premature to say ship has a chance of being taken
away," said John Guthrie, the SEC' ssociate commissioner.

A celebrated case involved the Villanova basketball team in 1970 71, which was forced to return it
NCAA tournament runner-up rrophy and tournament revenue after it was discovered star player Howar
Porter had hired an agent. The NCAA was first made aware of MCAA was was first mossible deaings
with Walters as far back as March with Walters as far back as March according to an NCAA source. Sloan
said Sanderson asked McKey then if said Sanderson asked McKey then in
hed had discussions with the agent. McKey denied it then, according to Sloan.
McKey and Walters were unavailable for comment. They were
believed to have met Friday in New Walters heads World Sports \& Walters heads. World Sports \&
ntertainment Inc. in New York
City, a division of Norby Walters Entertainment Inc. in New York
Citys., $\begin{aligned} & \text { divion of Norby Walters } \\ & \text { Associates. He has been an agent in }\end{aligned}$ Associates. He has been an agent in the music business for 30 years an
has caused a furor since enterin

## the sports field two years ago. Walters has acknowledged that at least 10 athletes have brokien at least 10 athletes have broken

 agreements with him. Some of thoseathletes signed as underclassmen, in violation of NCAA rules. He has
filed suit against five athletes, all filed suit against five athletes, all
football players, for breach of football
contract.
The FBI is investigating allega-
tions that Walters threatened laytions that Walters threatened play-
ars who broke contracts with him. The NFL Players Association is partner, Lloyd Bloom, which in efIect would prevent Walters' agency
from representing pro football from $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { players. } \\ \text { The }\end{array}\right]$ The loss of McKey further damang slabama's chances of defend-
ing its SEC title. Three other starters completed their eligibility this
season. McKey, McKey, a native of Meridian,
Miss., averaged 18.6 points and 7 , rebounds per per game this season as 18.6 points and 7.5
Alabama reached the Alabama reached the round of of 16 in
the NCAA tournament the NCAA tournament. He is pro-
jected to play small forward in the
NBA McKey became the third college Mckey became the third college
underclassman to enter the NBA
draft. The others are Norris Cole. man of Kansas State and Vincent
Staff writer Chris Mortensen
contributed to this report
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