

Andretti takes mov pole

215.390 mph leads first-day qualifiers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mario Andretti won the pole for the 71st Indianapolis 500, beating chief rival Bobby Rahal but falling short of the track record Saturday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The qualifying session was marred by another crash in which Jim Crawford of Scotland broke both ankles and his right shin. It was the 11th and most serious crash since practice for the May 24 race began last Saturday.

Crawford, 29, a resident of Dallas, was reported in good condition at Methodist Hospital, where he was to undergo surgery Saturday night to repair the fractures.

Andretti, fighting heat and wind that slowed everyone in the first of four sessions of time trials, came up with a fast lap of 216.320 mph and a four-lap, 10-mile average of 215.390, the second fastest ever at this track.

His effort, worth \$67,500 and a \$30,000 van, was short of the records set a year ago by two-time Indy winner Rick Mears, who had a fast lap of 217.581 and a four-lap average of 216.828.

Rahal, the defending champion, also came up short at 213.316 on the 21/2-mile oval. His fast lap was 214.133 on his first trip around the historic circuit.

Most observers were forecasting that Mears' records would be broken Saturday after a week of high-speed practice, including two unofficial laps over 218 by Andretti. However, despite a sunny, warm day that helped draw a crowd estimated at more than 250,000 people to the speedway, the weather was not conducive to fast qualifying.

"I think everyone would have gone faster if the conditions had just been a little different," said the 47-year-old driver. "We're looking for just a puff of clouds. A cloud could mean half a second. It looks like we're not going to get it, not too soon anyway, so we decided to go. The wind situation wasn't going to get any better.

"We knew it was going to be a gamble. We just felt that we should take it. Usually, conditions do improve after 5 (o'clock), but there's no guarantees you would get to run because there's so many cars out there at that point. We'll have to live with what we got. It's all we could do."

Andretti, who won Indy in 1969 and started from the pole here in 1966 and Al Unser Sr. waiting for ride. Page 4C

1967, also had laps of 215.874, 215.002 and

"In the heat, the new tires lost efficiency after the first two laps," said Andretti. "After that, it was skate city."

Andretti's hiatus of 20 years between Indy poles breaks the record of nine years, 1972 and 1981, by Bobby Unser. It is also the third pole in as many tries for his Chevrolet-powered Lola this season on the Indy-car circuit.

Only five drivers, including two-time Indy winner Mears at 211.467 and threetime winner Johnny Rutherford at 208.296, completed qualifying attempts in the first half of the seven-hour session. A late rush as the day began to cool brought the number of qualifiers for the day to 11, including six former winners.

Crawford, trying to make the field for his fourth Indy 500, was warming up for his second qualifying attempt of the day when he got too low going into the first turn, spun and struck the outside wall.

He had made an earlier qualifying try, but waved off after three laps above 205.

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Mario Andretti gets a hug from engine designer Mario Illien after winning the pole for the Indianapolis 500.

Rod Woodson will pay back Boilermakers

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) - Rod Woodson will repay Purdue University his \$5,000 senior-year scholarship because of his dealings with a professional agent, and Purdue might also be penalized, according to a published report.

The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, in a copyright story published in today's editions, reported that Purdue might have to forfeit its three 1986 football victories.

Bob King, assistant athletic director at Purdue, said he received a letter two weeks ago from Woodson's Fort Wayne attorney, Eugene Parker, and expects a check from Woodson after he signs a professional contract.

Woodson, a former Fort Wayne Snider football and track star, was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers as the 10th pick in the first round of the NFL draft last month.

Norby Walters, a New Yorkbased agent, is suing Woodson for \$500,000 for an alleged breach of a contract. He said he lent Woodson \$21,606,



's Randy Frakes (15) tags Minnesota's J.T. Bruett as Bruett tries to steal second base Saturday in lowa City.

Hawks drop 2, need help from Wildcats now

By Mike Hias Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — The fate of Iowa's baseball team rests with Northwestern.

If that doesn't sound too good, it's because it isn't. The Hawkeyes damaged their chances of reaching the Big Ten Conference's postseason tournament after a miserable afternoon Saturday at home against Minneso-

The Gophers clinched the league's West Division title in the first game of Saturday's double-header with a 3-0 win. The Hawks still could have salvaged the day by posting a victory in the nightcap and assuring themselves a berth in the May 15-17 conference tourney, but they lost, 15-8.

Illinois swept a pair of games from Northwestern Saturday, so the scenario is this:

The Illini are 8-6 in the Big Ten with the two games left against Northwestern in Champaign today. Iowa closed its league season at 9-7. Illinois needs to sweep the Wildcats to make the conference tourney. If the Illini lose once, Iowa would do no worse than tie for second in the West and advance to the tournament because of winning its season series against Illinois.

Despite getting blanked on one hit by Minnesota's Steve Fregin in the opener, Iowa Coach Duane Banks was far more satisfied with the first game than the second.

"We didn't compete very well in the second game," Banks said. "The first game was a good college baseball game. Fregin just beat us. We hit about six balls hard, but right at somebody."

Fregin (6-1) allowed only a fifth-inning bouncer up the middle by Jason Jones.

"This one's sweet," Fregin said. Freshman hurler Cal Eldred of Urbana couldn't get untracked in the first inning of the opener, and it hurt.

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Nominations open for Gazette's prep Athlete of the Year awards

The process to select this year's Gazette and out of the athletic arena. Male and Female Athletes of the Year is under way.

The selection process starts with recommendations from coaches and administrators in The Gazette area. Only boys and girls who are high school seniors are

accept nominations until May 25. Members of the sports department then will review the nominations and select winners of the fifth annual awards.

The Athlete of the Year awards, named in honor of former Gazette sportswriter Jack Ogden, are given to recognize achievements of boys and girls both in _ Kim Sheda (North Tama).

Winners receive a plaque and a traveling trophy goes to the winner's

To nominate an athlete, send resume and comments to Athlete of the Year, Sports Department, The Gazette, 500 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, 52406. The Gazette sports department will For more information, call 398-8258.

Athletes of the Year

FEMALE

(Vinton); 1985 — Katie Abrahamson (Cedar Rapids Washington); 1986

Mustangs catch district softball title

By Bob Hilton Gazette sportswriter

Several times this season, Mount Mercy softball coach Bob Timmons has remarked that "somebody different comes through every game."

It was so again Saturday as the Mustangs edged Grand View, 3-2, with a two-out run in an eight-inning battle for the NAIA District 16 (Iowa) championship at Ellis Park.

Thus, a 40-5 campaign has Mount Mercy back where it was a year ago, two wins away from a berth in the national title

This time, the 14th-ranked Mustangs will host the best-of-three bi-district playoff, against 11th-rated District 16 (Illinois) champion St. Francis of Joliet next Friday and - if necessary -Saturday.

In last year's bi-district, Mount Mercy lost two 1-0 decisions at Chicago St. Xavier.

The bottom of the batting order supplied most of the offense in the Mustangs' two tourney wins on Friday. Saturday, it was the 1-2 hitters, sisters Jenny and Sherry Zieser, who delivered, while pitcher Lu-Ann Campbell and Ann Lammers continued their senior leadership.

Coming off two one-hitters, Campbell, 32-6, began shakily, yielding two runs on four hits and a walk in two innings. After that, she allowed just a single and

a walk, both in the sixth. "There were no good balls left (in the

tourney supply)," she explained. "The ones we used were heavy. I just had to get a different mental set.

"It wasn't my best game, but I started

hitting the outside corners and I was okay after that."

Timmons also noted that an unpredictable wind "didn't help either pitcher. LuAnn gutted it out, and began getting rotation on the ball."

Lammers, who has struck out only eight times in three years as a Mount Mercy regular - only once each of the last two seasons - tripled home a first-inning run Saturday, then singled and scored the game-winner on Grand View's third error. With a 5-for-10 tourney, she's just under

.400 for the season. The Zieser sisters broke a combined 0for-13 tourney drought to give Mount Mercy a 2-2 fifth-inning tie. With one

away, sophomore second baseman Jenny

lashed a closeline triple to right-center. Please turn to page 6C: Mustangs

\$200,000 investment can bring CBA team to town

By Jim Ecker Gazette assistant sports editor

landing a team in the Continental season. Swore said CBA tickets sell Basketball Association have proba- for \$5 or \$6 per game, meaning a bly improved in recent days, the season ticket might cost about \$120. chairman of the Five Seasons Cen- He speculated that local businesses

Chuck Swore, one of the leaders season-ticket plans. in trying to bring a CBA team here, Games would be played at the said a franchise is available for a Five Seasons Center, which seats \$200,000 investment, and that po-approximately 7,000 for basketball. tential local buyers have expressed Swore said he thinks an average interest.

Swore would not name the CBA team. He said current owners are looking to sell one-third of the club, and they'd be interested in bringing

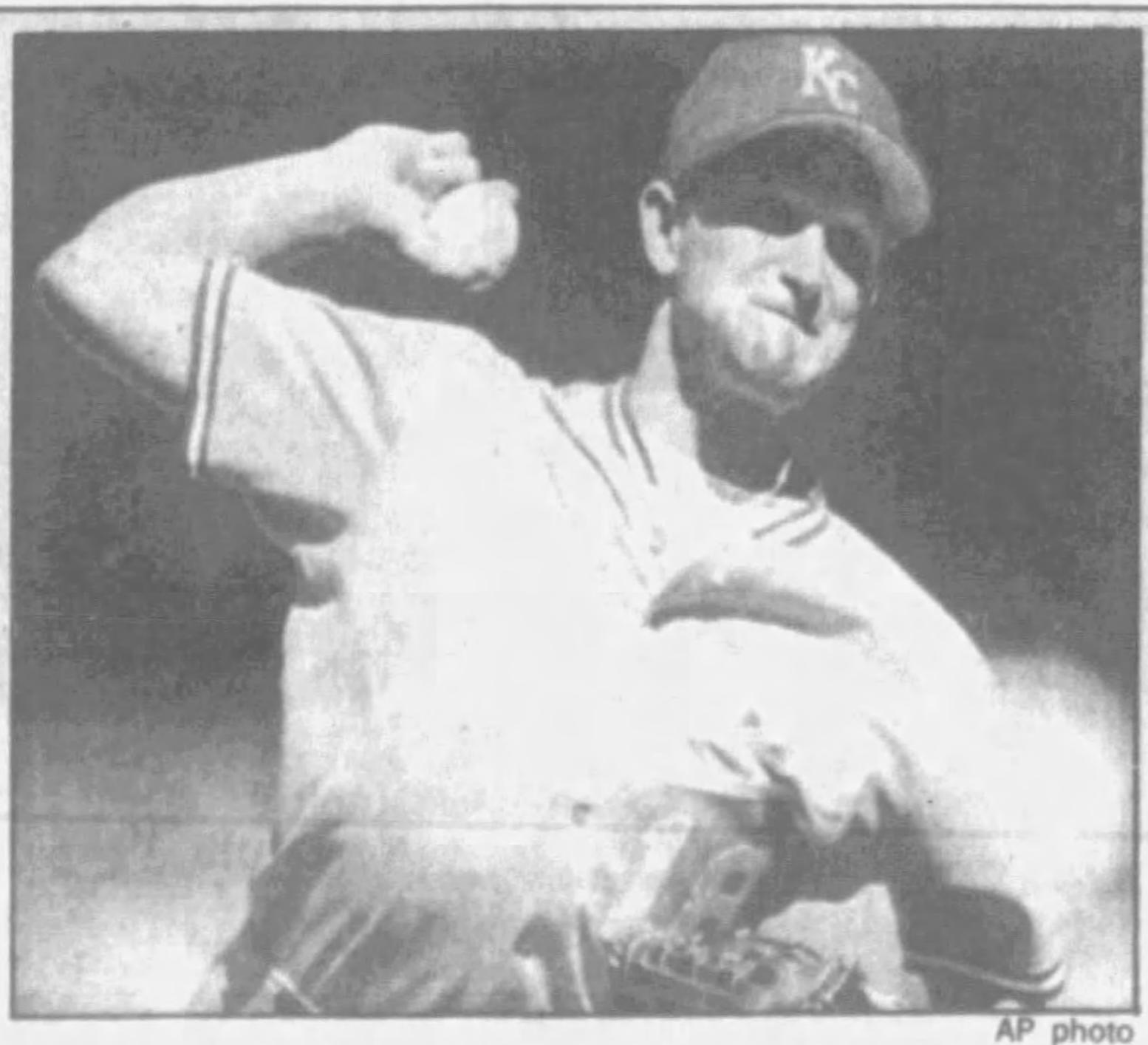
the team to Cedar Rapids. "They'd be looking for \$200,000 worth of investments, and they'd be looking for a commitment from the community," he said.

Swore said the current owners would want 1,500 to 2,000 season The chances of Cedar Rapids tickets sold for a 24-game home ter Commission told The Gazette. and industry might participate in

crowd of 2,000 is needed to break even financially.

"Under those circumstances I'd say things look better," said Swore. "I think it's important we pursue it."

Last month, The Gazette reported the Wyoming Wildcatters of the CBA are for sale for \$750,000. The Wildcatters are still on the auction · Please turn to page 7C: CBA



Kansas City pitcher Bret Saberhagen unloads against Cleveland during his two-hitter Saturday.

Saberhagen (6-0) looks like star of 1985 again

better pitcher than in his Cy Pinch hitter Andre Thornton Young Award-winning season of

He supported his contention Saturday by two-hitting the Cleveland Indians in a 4-0 Kansas City Royals victory.

"I think I'm better because of my three pitches, the fastball, hitter, today was the day, when I curveball, and change-up. I don't had all three pitches working. I throw the slider anymore. Now the curveball is my only breaking pitch, and I throw it better," Saberhagen said after retiring the first 18 Cleveland batters in the Royals' sixth consecutive triumph.

Brett Butler broke up Saberhagen's bid for perfection with a by a sore pitching shoulder.

CLEVELAND (AP) - Bret hard ground single to right field Saberhagen believes he may be a leading off the seventh inning.

> singled with two out in the ninth for Cleveland's other hit. Saberhagen struck out nine and walked none in raising his record to 6-0 and lowering his earning run average to 1.59.

> "If you are going to throw a nojust like to scare people. I get them on the edge of their seats," Saberhagen said after pitching the fourth two-hitter of his career and his second of the season.

After a spectacular 20-6 record in 1985, Saberhagen fell to 7-12 last season when he was bothered