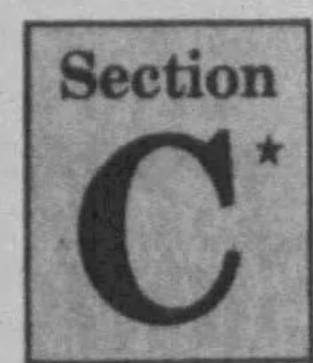
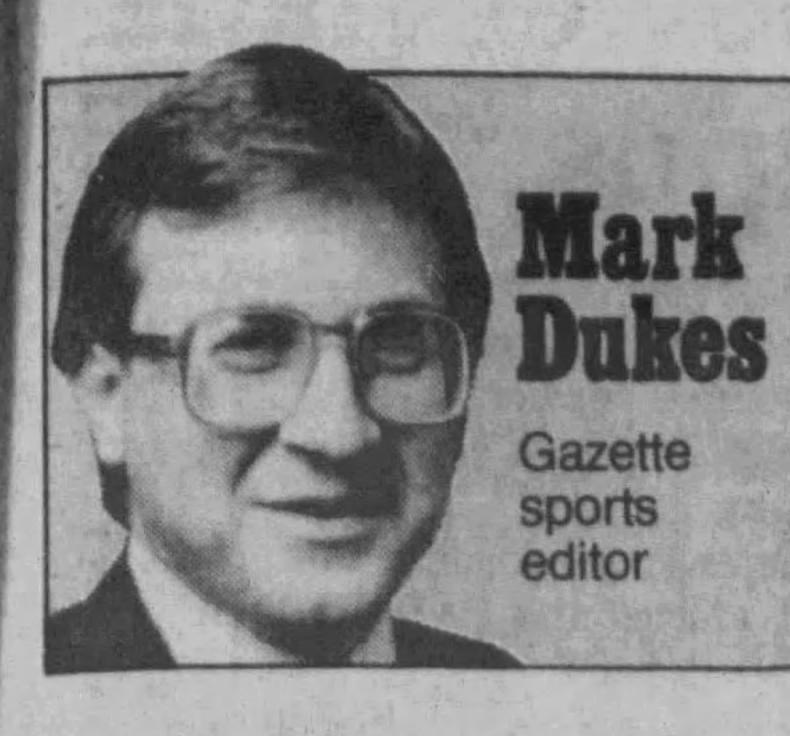
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Agent got tired of the 'fiasco'

im Hayes has soured considerably on what was one of the sweetest parts of his job. Hayes is an Iowa City attorney for 17 years represented athletes in negotiations with professional baseball and football teams.

He went to bat for former lowa catcher Jim Sundberg and has been on the side of several former Hawkeye football players, including Joe Devlin, Jay and Joel Hilgenberg, John Harty, Craig Clemons and Paul Laaveg.

But last year, he decided he'd had enough. He had grown weary of reports of illegal payments to college players, impractical promises to athletes and the like. He didn't like what had developed in relationship between agents and the people they represent.

"For 17 years, I relied on my reputation to get business," Hayes said. "It was becoming increasingly difficult with so many people fighting for the attention of players.

"Some of the agents will do whatever it takes to get a kid to sign on the line. It's become such a fiasco. It was the fun area of my practice and I'd probably still be doing it if it wasn't for the present environment."

The environment, Hayes believes, is polluted by some of the nation's 1,200 agents who seem willing to go to great lengths to represent a player. He spoke of New York agent Norby Walters, who gave at least \$54,000 to Ronnie Harmon while Harmon was carrying footballs at Iowa.

"It surprised me," Hayes said. "I know Ronnie and I never heard a word of anything like that. I saw Ronnie last December when I was in Buffalo to see Joe Devlin. It was totally surprising to me he got that kind of money, if it's true.

"It's a pretty sad commentary. On Walters' part, I consider it very inappropriate."

HAYES SAID when he lost a client, he sometimes grew suspicious.

"There were a couple kids over the years where agents oversold what they could do, I believe," he said. "I've seen a big-name guy come into Iowa City and whip out a computer printeut of all the people he represents and sweet talk a kid. That's a terrible violation of professionalism, I think. They come into town and make all kinds of promises.

"I never saw any money change hands. I think if I lost people, it was mostly because of other people's promises. It was like they said, 'I'll get you 300 thousand' when instead the player got only 75 thousand."

The frequency of agents' appearances on campus seems directly related to the success of a team.

"The better we've gotten at Iowa, the more you see those guys on campus," Hayes said. "When Notre Dame was winning the national championship and I was working with some of those players, you'd hear the same talk of T'll promise you this' and 'I'll get you that.' "Since we've gotten real good,

they're swarming all over." So what can and should be done?

Hayes said during the 17 years he represented players, he was reguired to file a form with the NCAA each year on his clients and his background. He also belonged to the Association of Representatives of Professional Athletes.

"That's a good question. What are we going to do?" Hayes said. "I would think the NCAA could do something, certainly. ARPA was one of the first to initiate some control of agents, and maybe they can do more.

"I think the players' associations could certainly look into this and see about drafting some rules. At the major universities, maybe there's some further things that can be done.

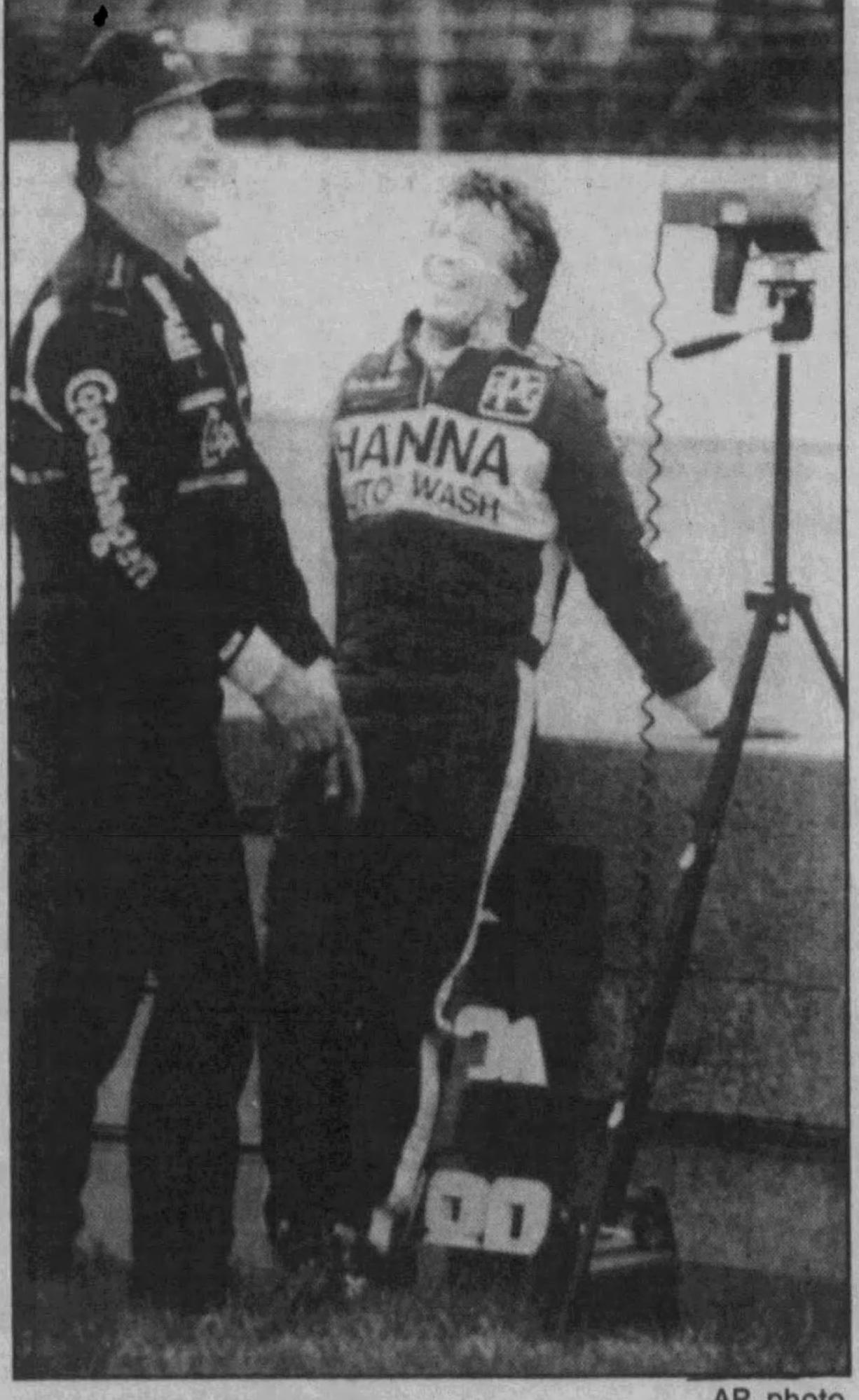
"Actually, I would think the agents could watch themselves."

Cincinnati and C.R.

· Cedar Rapids' long association with the Cincinnati Reds is expected to be extended this afternoon.

Sheldon "Chief" Bender, Cincinnati vice president for player personnel, is in town to attend a 3 p.m. news conference at Memorial Stadium, at which he reportedly will announce a two-year extension of Cincinnati's working agreement

with the Midwest League Reds. A two-year contract would extend the affiliation through 1989. Cedar Rapids has been a Cincinnati farm club since 1980.



AP photo

LAUGH TRACK: Race drivers A.J. Foyt (left) and Mario Andretti share a joke during practice at the Indianapolis Speedway. Foyt, a four-time winner, and 1969 champion Andretti are both qualified for the May 24 Indy 500.

Big Al finds himself a ride

Unser, Sr., will replace injured Danny Ongais in Indy 500 for Roger Penske's racing team

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Al Unser, Sr., will get a chance to win a fourth Indianapolis 500 after all.

Unser's patience in waiting for a solid ride to develop paid off Wednesday when he was hired to replace injured Danny Ongais as the third driver on the Penske Racing team for the May 24 Indy

The three-time champion had been without a ride since team owner Roger Penske cut him loose during the 1986 season. Unser, 47, the Indy-car series champion only two years ago, said he turned down several offers, waiting for the right combination of money and a car in which he could win.

That deal came along after medical officials at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway ruled Tuesday that Ongais, who had a one-race agreement with the Penske team, had not recovered sufficiently from a concussion to drive in the 500.

Ongais, 44, was injured last Thursday when he crashed a Chevrolet-powered Penske PC16 during practice on the Speedway's 21/2-mile oval. Unser stepped into a Cosworth-powered 1986 March that was being prepared for Ongais.

UNSER HAS A verbal agreement to drive for Cahill Bros. Racing of Cedar Rapids when that group secures the major sponsorship it needs to field a competitive car on the CART Indycar circuit. Unser had actively been looking for a ride at the Speedway since practice opened May 2 and will try to qualify for his 22nd Indy race during the final two time trials on Saturday and Sunday.

Eighteen cars qualified last weekend, leaving 15 spots still available.

"I feel very bad for Danny," Unser said Wednesday. "I've been there before. But I am very happy to get this ride. I'm happy to be working with my friends again, and I know that the Penske team

knows what it takes to win and will do everything that it can to win. That makes me feel very good."

Last year, driving for Penske, Unser started fifth and finished 22nd with a vibration problem after 149 laps. It was his first finish out of the top five at Indy in five years. He drove for the Penske team for four seasons, but was in only four other rates in 1986

Unser, whose son, Al Jr., also will attempt to qualify for the 33car starting field, rejoined Penske drivers Rick Mears and Danny Sullivan, also former winners. A team spokesman said the teal, at this point, is for only this race.

The ride with the Penske team was arranged for Ongais by his sponsor and patron Ted Field. But team owner Roger Penske said Field agreed to step aside after Ongais was injured.

AFTER DETERMINING that the new Penske PC16 chassis would not come up with enough speed, Mears, a two-time Indy winner, switched to a Chevrolet-powered 1986 March and qualified it last weekend on the outside of the front row at 211.467 mph.

Sullivan, the 1985 Indy winner, qualified a PC16-Chevrolet at 205.288, which was good for the 11th spot in the tentative lineup. The team was not completely satisfied with that speed and brought an '86 March-Chevrolet to the track for Sullivan to test this week.

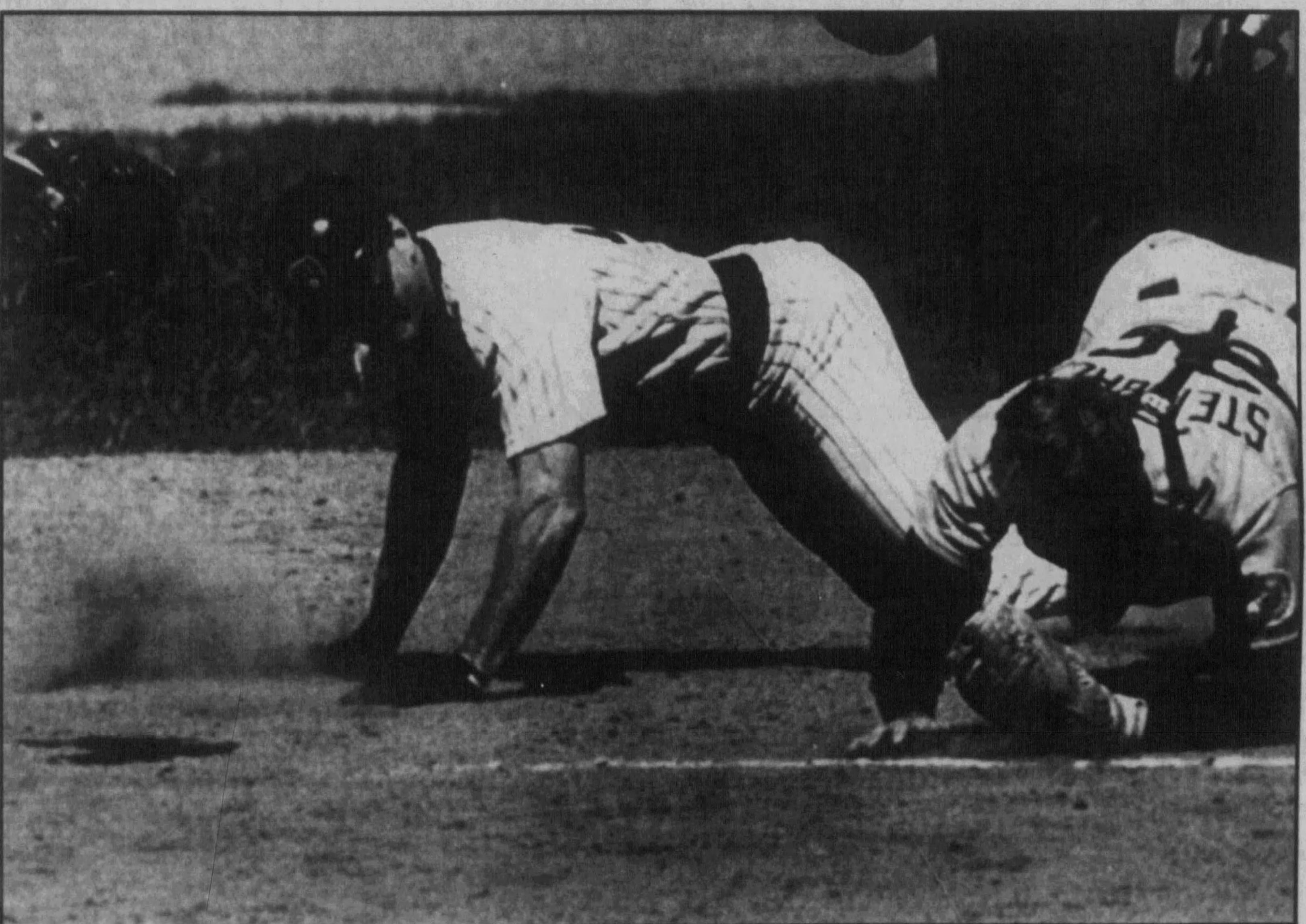
"It's my last year's car changed over from a Cosworth engine to a Chevrolet," Sullivan said. "We're gonna try to get it up to speed. But we're also going to change some things on the PC16 and take

it out to see if we can get more speed out of it. "We're going to see which one is the most consistent, with the

best setup and the most comfortable ride for the race," added

The Penske team would have to withdraw the car that Sullivan qualified last Saturday before he could try to put the March into the field.

Unser's car will be powered by the more traditional Cosworth engine because the team simply did not have enough parts to put together another March-Chevrolet combination at the last minute.



AP photo

Milwaukee's Jim Gantner looks at catcher Terry Steinbach of Oakland who held on to tag Gantner out after a third-inning collision at home

plate Wednesday. The Athletics won, 8-2, handing the Brewers their eighth straight loss.

Brewers other way

Athletics hand Milwaukee its 8th straight defeat

MILWAUKEE (AP) - First, Milwaukee Brewers left-hander Teddy Higuera lost his no-hitter in the seventh inning. Soon after that, his concentration was gone - and so was the game.

Ron Cey broke up Higuera's nohitter with a one-out single to right Wednesday and the Oakland Athletics went on to score five runs on homers by Mike Davis and Mike Gallego in an 8-2 victory over the staggering Brewers, who have lost eight straight.

"I've seen it happen before," said Cey. "A guy has a good game going and gives up one hit and then others follow."

Cey's single on a 1-2 pitch was followed by another from Terry Steinbach and then Davis hit his ninth homer of the season on another 1-2 pitch.

"He may have got frustrated from losing the no-hitter and lost some concentration," Davis said. "He was vulnerable at the time."

Please turn to 5C: Brewers

NBA PLAYOFFS

Lakers don't care who they play next

LA's opponent in Western final may be settled tonight

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) -Most of the Los Angeles Lakers say it makes no difference whether they play the Seattle SuperSonics or the Houston Rockets in the Western Conference finals.

Michael Cooper, though, has a

preference. "We'd love to get Houston back," Cooper said, remembering that the Rockets beat the Lakers in the conference finals a year ago.

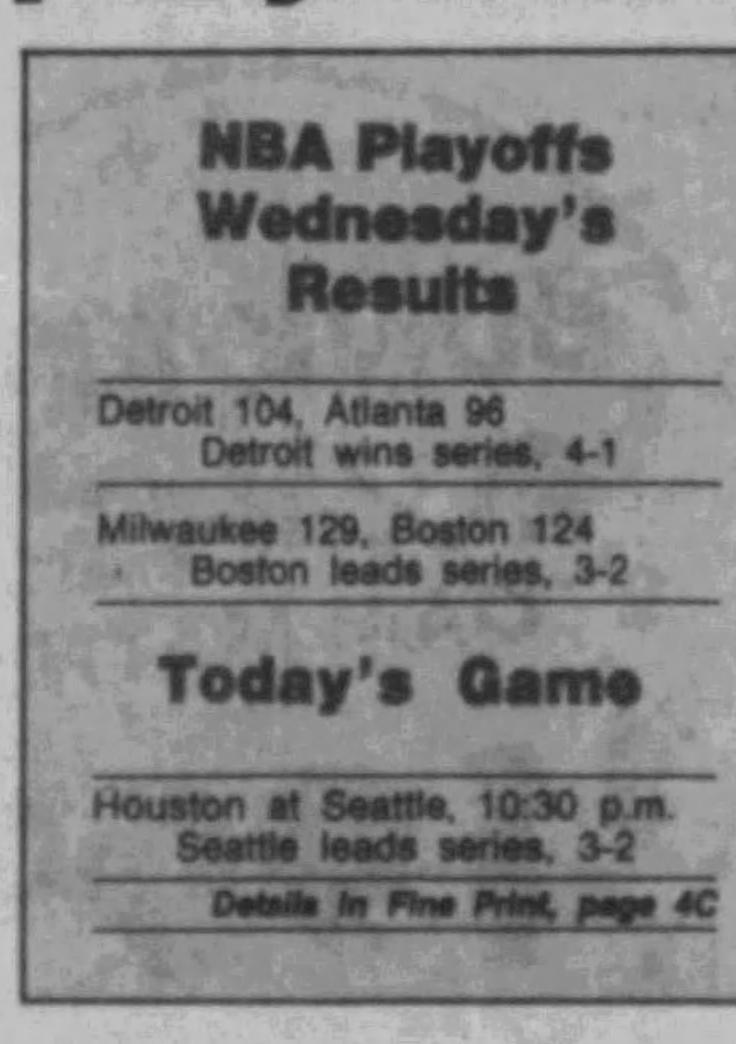
Still, the Lakers defensive ace was keeping an open mind. "All we really want is just the best team out of that bracket. We

match up with Seattle very well," he Cooper played a key role in

getting the Lakers into the conference finals again. He helped hold Eric "Sleepy" Floyd to 18 points on 7-of-17 shooting Tuesday night when the Lakers wrapped up their second-round series 4-1 with a 118-106 victory over the Golden State Warriors.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is one of the Lakers who says he has no preference between the SuperSonics and Rockets.

"It doesn't really matter. We have to stay sharp and play good ball or .



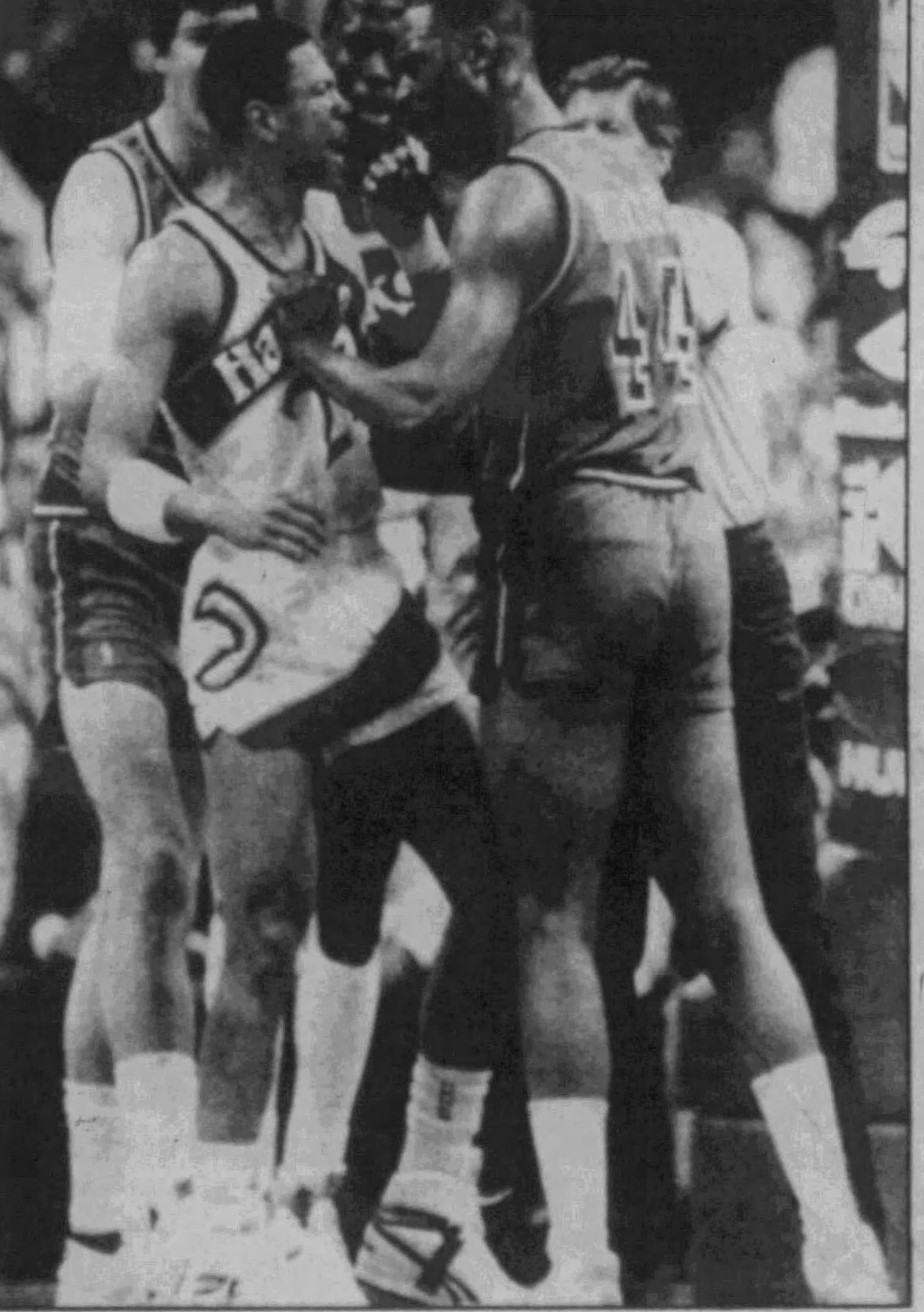
else we'll be on vacation ourselves," Adbul-Jabbar said.

The Sonics hold a 3-2 edge over the Rockets going into tonight's sixth game.

If the Sonics win, they will open the best-of-seven conference championship series — the final step to the NBA title round - against the Lakers at the Forum Saturday

Golden State Coach George Karl said he thinks the Lakers are the team to beat in the playoffs, adding that he believes they could handle Seattle more easily than they could Houston.

"I think they match up better with Seattle," Karl said. "The Sonics are a more finesse team and they'll try to run with the Lakers."



NOSE TO NOSE: Atlanta Hawks guard Glenn Rivers (left) and Detroit Pistons forward Rick Mahorn square off for some extracurricular pushing and shoving during Wednesday night's game at the Omni in Atlanta.

Bucks stay alive; Hawks eliminated

Associated Press

Terry Cummings scored 14 fourth-quarter points, including the go-ahead jumper with 51 seconds left, as the Milwaukee Bucks ended Boston's 33-game home winning streak and stayed alive in the NBA playoffs with a 129-124 victory over the Celtics Wednesday night.

In the other Eastern Conference semifinal, the Detroit Pistons overcame a late eight-point Atlanta lead to send the Hawks home for the season, 104-96. The Pistons will play the winner of the Boston-Milwaukee series.

The Bucks' first victory in Boston in 11 games cut the Celtics' lead to 3-2 in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal and set up a sixth game Friday night in Milwau-

The loss was just the second for the Celtics in their last 81 games at Boston Garden and stopped their home winning streak in the playoffs at 14, equal to the NBA record set by the Minneapolis Lakers from 1949 to 1951.

Milwaukee was led by Sidney Moncrief, with a career playoff high 33 points, Cummings with 23 and Jack Sikma with 21.

Dominique Wilkins led Atlanta with 26 points, but Detroit countered with 21 by Joe Dumars 17 by Adrian Dantley and 10 by Rick Mahorn.