# Chiefs' top pick Palmer stands by agent Walters

By Randy Covitz Kansas City Star and Times

KANSAS CITY, Mo.-Paul Palmer has heard the horror stories. He has read about the lawsuits and alleged threats to other athletes.

Palmer is also aware a federal grand jury in Chicago is investigating his agent, Norby Walters, on Walters' dealings with college athletes.

And Palmer, the Kansas City Chiefs' top draft choice, knows five other 1987 National Football League first-round picks have dropped the services of Walters and his associate, Lloyd Bloom.

Palmer, however, says he has no reason or intention to bolt from

"My reason for staying with them is I feel good about them and they haven't done anything to trate on working out and getting me that would not make me trust them," Palmer said.

Walters and Bloom freely admit they have given college players cash and signed them to postdated was completed, violations of NCAA rules.

Palmer, however, said he did not receive any money from Walters during his senior year at Temple.

"I talked to them at the start of my senior year, and I talked to

them at the end of my senior year," Palmer said. "I told them when I first talked to them that I'd appreciate it if they left me alone, because I really wanted to concenmyself ready and having a productive season," said Palmer, who led

the nation in rushing in 1986. "If I didn't do the things I had to do, they wouldn't want to repcontracts before their eligibility resent me anyway at the end of Woods and Terrence Flaglerthe season. They respected that fact and left me alone.

> "There were no inducements. A lot was written ... someone in Philadelphia wrote that 'Palmer received money from Walters.' It was never said by Walters, the

writer never said Walters said that. I never said I did. It turned out to be a case of poor journalism."

Walters agreed, saying, "Paul was not one [who received money]. He signed after his eligibility [expired]."

By the time of the NFL draft, five of Walters' key clients—No. 1 choices Brent Fullwood, Reggie Rogers, Rod Woodson, Tony bailed out from Walters' representation, and he is suing them for breach of contract.

Of the seven first-round picks from this year's draft that Walters began with, only Palmer and offensive tackle John Clay of Missouri have remained.

Court documents filed by Walters against Fullwood, Woodson, Woods and Flagler contain promissory notes for loans dated at various times before and during the 1986 college season and carry the signatures of the players. The Rogers suit does not allege Wal ters made any loans to him.

"I didn't break any rules," Walters said. "If a young man and family choose [to accept money], it's their choice."

College athletes appearing before a grand jury in Chicago probing the dealings of Walters and Bloom have been threatened with

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"They're going through a bad

time right now," Fregosi said.

"But I can't spend too much time

thinking about them. We've had a

One of Fregosi's biggest

problems this season, Walker,

doesn't appear to be a problem

anymore. With the Sox leading 2-0

in the sixth, Walker ripped

Higuera pitch into the bleachers in

The blast was Walker's third in

four games, all off lefties. He also

hit a mammoth homer in the

It's no coincidence that as Walk-

er started to swing the bat, the Sox

stopped a seven-game losing streak

and have gone on to win four of

gosi said. "He's hitting again. We

haven't scored a lot of runs this

year. Walker has made a big dif-

Walker is taking a quick trip

back to respectability. With two

hits Tuesday, he raised his average

"I hope I'm better than a .150

Fisk hopes he's hearing the same

noise. He got the Sox started with

a two-run homer in the second. It

was only his second of the year,

and I have been working on a few

things," Fisk said. "I broke it out

in the Cubs game. It was the first

day I took it out to the plate, and

it felt good. I was slipping away

from the plate, getting too tenta-

However, Fisk's main responsi-

bility was to keep DeLeon (4-3) in

line. The right-hander had control

problems again, walking four

"Jose gets a little floppy with his

mechanics," Fregosi said. "He's

got to keep his wrist on top. Carl-

ton spent most of the game re-

DeLeon pitched in trouble all

tive. I wanted to change that."

batters in the first five innings.

"Deron Johnson [batting coach]

and his first since April 19.

Things are starting to

hitter," Walker said. "It's a slow

to .190, up from .145 last week.

ference in our offense."

"The key to us is Walker," Fre-

their last five.

Tribune photo by Bob Fila

"Windy City Classic" Monday.

center for a two-run homer.

few problems of our own."

overly sympathetic.

up to one year in jail on fraud and tax evasion charges, the Atlanta Constitution reported.

The newspaper reported that Willie Anderson, agent for football player Edwin Simmons from the University of Texas, said his client phoned him in a panic after Tuesday's grand jury session, saying, "They're going to throw me in jail for a year.

"Edwin went up there to cooperate and they hit him with this," Anderson said. "It's caught us completely off-guard. Apparently, that's what they're hitting the athletes up with: one-year imprisonment for fraud and tax evasion."

night; he had only one perfect in-

ning. He also delivered too many

pitches, 109 in seven innings, to

think about a complete game. But

the bottom line was that he gave

up only one run, a seventh-inning

"I'm trying not to think negative

when I walk a hitter," DeLeon

said. "I try to block it out of my

mind. If I get in trouble, I think I

The Sox had to think that way

in the ninth. Searage anxiously

wanted to post a save against his

former teammates, but he allowed

a single and a walk. With two out

and Yount coming up, Fregosi

But James messed up the strate-

gy when he walked Yount to load

the bases. That sent left-handed

hitter B.J. Surhoff to the plate rep-

But James prevented any night-

mares by getting Surhoff to pop

"We tried to make it exciting,"

said Fregosi, grabbing a shank of

his dark hair. "You see this hair?

It's going to be white before the

The Brewers stranded 11 runners

for the evening. That's not exactly

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Game Winning RBI—Fisk (4).
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SOX SECOND—Walker singled. Fisk homered. Two

SOX SIXTH-With one out, Redus walked. With

two out, Walker homered. Two runs.
BREWERS SEVENTH—With two out, Yount homer-

ed. One run. SOX NINTH-With one out, Hulett homered. One

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homer by Robin Yount.

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resenting the tying run.

up to end the game.

season is over."

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How they scored

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Parker rf	4000	Dawson rf	5241
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Stillwell 3b	3210	Dayett If	2000
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Oester 2b	3000	<b>GMatthews ph</b>	1000
Browning p	2011	Walker If	0000
FWilliams p	0000	Moreland 3b	5022
Francona ph	1000	Dunston ss	4022
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Game Winning RBI-Dawson (6). E-Browning, Larkin, DP-Cincinnati 1, LOB-Cincinnati 6, CUBS 10. 2B-Stillwell, Browning, Dunston, Esasky. SB-TJones (9), Daniels (10). S-Larkin.

Browning L,4-5 Sutcliffe W.7-2 Lynch S,3

pitched to 3 batters in the 7th. Umpires-Home, Marsh; First, Engel; Second, Runge Third, West.

T-3:00. A-28,890. How they scored

Cubs

his third save.

afternoon.

was unearned.

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picked off first to end the threat.

Sutcliffe went six innings, allowing

two runs on five hits. He walked

five and struck out three while

throwing more than 100 pitches. Ed

Lynch took over in the seventh and

retired nine men in a row to earn

"I think it was pretty obvious that

struggled from the beginning,"

said Sutcliffe. "If it weren't for my

forkball today, I wouldn't have

lasted very long. I threw seven or

eight straight forkballs to Parker

and some of the other guys. I didn't

have a good fastball, and I didn't

have a consistent slider. I was fortu-

Sutcliffe lost his control and his

concentration in the seventh in-

ning after a six-minute delay in

the bottom of the sixth. Right-field

bleacher fans began tossing their

mugs onto the field in the direc-

tion of Reds outfielders. The um-

piring crew ordered both teams off

the field until the grounds crew

could clean up the fans' crass act;

meanwhile, Cubs security troops

rhythm," said Davis. "He had been

in the dugout for about 20 or 25

minutes. He came back out and

was throwing the ball real well, but

he lost his rhythm and didn't have

wildly to first for an error. Ryne

Sandberg, Dawson and Davis fol-

any idea of where it was going."

nate we scored a lot of runs."

CUBS FIRST-Dernier reached on an error by pitcher Browning. Sandberg singled, putting runners on first and third. Dawson singled, scoring Dernier. Davis singled, scoring Sandberg and loading the bases. Dayett popped out to short. Moreland singled over the head of second baseman Oester, scoring Dawson. CINCINNATI FIFTH-Stillwell doubled. Esasky

grounded out to third. Oester popped out to second. Browning doubled, scoring Stillwell. One run. CUBS FIFTH-Dawson singled. Davis singled Durham singled, scoring Dawson. Williams relieved Browning. Mumphrey pinch-hit for Dayett and singled to score Davis. Moreland flied out to deep left. Dunstor doubled to left, scoring Durham. Three runs.

CUBS SIXTH—Sandberg grounded out to third. Dawson flied out to left. Davis singled. Durham walked. Mumphrey singled, scoring Davis. Moreland singled, scoring Durham. Dunston singled, scoring Mumphrey.

CINCINNATI SEVENTH—Stillwell walked. Esasky doubled. Oester walked. Lynch relieved Sutcliffe. Pinch-hitter Francona popped out to short. Jones safe on fielder's choice that scored Stillwell. One run.

# Caray 'can't get over' call from Reagan

is one of many signs welcoming back Cub an- pronunciation among his talents.

By Skip Myslenski

Kuhn had two concerns. The first—the President unduly interrupting the telecast—was dismissed by Harris as no problem. But the other—finding the proper time for Reagan to do it-took some negoti-

soon as he finished giving a speech in Chattanooga, Tenn. That would be around 1:25 p.m. Sure enough, Reagan's call came through to the WGN

Harris immediately switched it to Caray, and there, on the air, came the familiar voice saying, "Harry, this is Ronald Reagan."

Caray. "What a pleasant surprise."

back on the air today. . . .

"You know, I'm a little familiar with Wrigley Field myself. I broadcast a lot of Cubs games."

"Yes," Caray replied, "and I remember you, Mr. President, coming through St. Louis when I was broadcasting there. You played the role of Grover Cleveland Alexander in "The Winning Team," and you were on the air with me then."

in during your recovery," Reagan said. "But there's no substitute for the real thing."

Caray, obviously moved by the call, thanked the President for taking the time from his schedule, adding, "I know you're busy and have a lot of things on your mind these days ... to take time and call me up. I just can't get over it."

Cubs" and passing on the best wishes of his wife, Nancy, "a Chicagoan."

Tuesday "Harry Caray Day."

"HARRY" spelled backward is "YRRAH"—and this nouncer Harry Caray, who counts backward

Arne Harris, the director of WGN's Cub telecasts, spent much of Tuesday morning on the phone with White House aide Jim Kuhn. Their goal: arranging a call from President Ronald Reagan to Harry Caray on the announcer's first day back in the booth.

Finally, Kuhn agreed to have the President call as

truck some 10 minutes later.

"Well, Mr. President," said an obviously shocked

"Well, listen," Reagan said. "I'm just joining all your other fans across the country in welcoming you

"Well, you've had a lot of big-name celebrities fill

The President signed off by saying that "it wasn't the same without the real voice of the Chicago

Before the game, Gov. Jim Thompson proclaimed

# Brewers

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minding him of that."

Father Peluse before the Brewers lost to the White Sox 5-1 Tuesday for No. 12.

"After eight straight, I was kind of worried. Now, after 10 and 11, I'm in a state of frenzy. I called the nearest Webb restaurant to us today and told them I was in a quandary. Actually, it was more like: 'Help.' "

That four-letter word is also an appropriate suggestion for the snakebit Brewers. What in the world happened?

"That's the \$10,000 question, said outfielder Robin Yount. "Basically, everything we did right in April, we're doing wrong now."

Brewers owner Bud Selig called the turnaround "startling" but was confident the team would recover.

Someday. "There are 26 weeks in the major-league season," said Selig. "There are times in those 26

weeks when you think you're never going to lose, and times when you think you're never going to win. I never thought I'd see both of those times so soon. This is not a human experience that I

like going through." Even Bob Uecker, the Milwaukee broadcaster, a man who knows a slump when he sees one, is per-

"I've never see a team that hot before, and now there's nothing that's happening right," he said. "The mental mistakes have become contagious."

Throughout the ordeal, manager Tom Trebelhorn has kept his cool. Facing reporters after Tuesday's game, Trebelhorn picked up a box of Lucky Charms cereal, which superstitious fans had sent to his office along with rabbits' feet, a

horseshoe and 42 four-leaf clovers. Leaning back in his chair, Trebelhorn nonchalantly threw the box of cereal out the door. "I never liked that stuff anyway," he

said, laughing.

#### shut off bleacher beer sales for the "Rick sat in the dugout so long, Dawson with the third run. and that's where he lost his

produce two runs.

After Leon Durham walked to load the bases, Brian Dayett popped out to short for the first out. Keith Moreland (2-for-5) sent a soft liner just over the head of second basman Ron Oester, bringing in

lowed with successive base hits to

"We knew that when it got warm here we were going to score some runs," said Davis. "We didn't swing the bats well here early in the year. But I think you're going to see a different ballclub here now."

The Cubs sent nine men to the The Cubs scored three more runs plate in the bottom of the first and in the fourth on five hits, including a double by Shawon Dunston. It scored three runs. One of the runs was their only extra-base hit of the day. Four singles and a walk off re-Bobby Dernier led off the inning liever Frank Williams in the sixth with a bunt that Browning fielded made it 9-1. in front of the plate and threw

Still, Sutcliffe said he did not feel comfortable on the mound all day.

"You can always expect Rick to go out there and try to get you out with his best pitch, which is his slider and curveball," said Parker, who was 0-for-4 with two strikeouts.

"He's a thinking pitcher. If he gets two strikes on you, you can expect him to waste one high in or high away to try to get you to go at it. Everytime we face him, it's a real tough game."

The Reds were swept by the Cardinals over the weekend.

"We just spent a tough three days in St. Louis. They've been playing extremely well," said Parker. "But I think we have a good club, and we should be the club to beat in the West this year.

"Pitching is the key for us and other clubs like San Francisco that have explosive offensive attacks. If our starters can do the job, we have

an excellent bullpen." Dawson raised his batting average to .307.

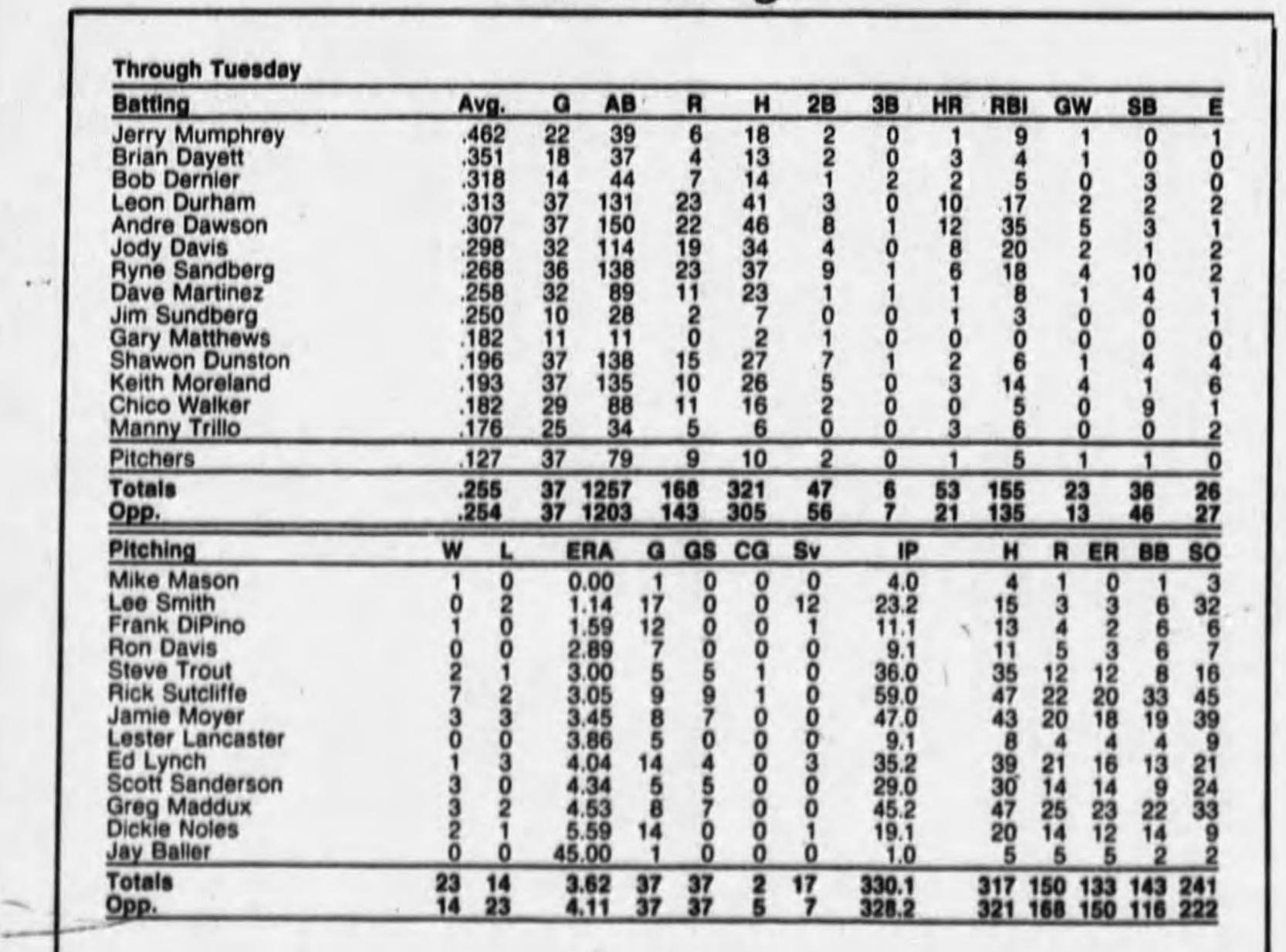
"It's nice to have a player like a

Dawson on your team who is an outstanding athlete," said Parker. "He's been playing in the National League for years, and he's going to

"With him around, it's usually a contagious thing. I can see where Dawson has been a benefit to the Cubs, not only to Leon [Durham] but also to a whole lot of the other

"The Cubs were always on the verge of having a real explosive ballclub, but they seemed to always fall short with their pitching. If they can keep getting good pitching, you can expect them to keep winning like they have. It's still early, but I'm not surprised, because they have some very capable athletes on that club."

# Cub averages



# Cub notes

The White Sox have approached the Cincinnati Reds with their trade offers involving pitchers Richard Dotson and Floyd Bannister.

'Yeah, can you believe the gall?" said Reds General Manager Bill Bergesch. "Do you know who they wanted in return? Barry Larkin, Kurt Stillwell and Kal Daniels. I said: 'For both of them [Dotson and Bannister]?' He [Sox GM Larry Himes] said, 'No, one of "I said: 'End of conversation.' "

WGN radio broadcaster Jim Frey said this about Harry Caray's reception at Wrigley Field: "I hope the fans and media will let him settle into a groove. The response he got in the seventh inning when he sang was better than any

medicine." Reds star center-fielder Eric Davis is still on a day-to-day basis with the injury to his right shoulder. The Reds are 0-4 sent he was sidelined.

Scott Sanderson, who left Sunday's game in Houston with a sore left upper hamstring, is not expected to miss his next start.

The report is not so encouraging for

left-hander Steve Trout, still on the disabled list with a bruised left thigh. "It's not a good report from the doctor," said manager Gene Michael. "He thinks it's going to be probably a couple of weeks or more [before Trout comes back]."

Andre Dawson, who improved his batting average to .307 with four singles, is not ready to take his first day off yet. "Everyone wants to know when I'm going to ask for a day off. But I feel that if I can go out there and play, expect to be in the lineup." Dawson has six game-winning hits.

The last time the Cubs were nine games over .500 was on June 17, 1985. Rookie center-fielder David Martinez has hit safely in seven of his last eight games [10-for-28, .357] and has raised his average 107 points, from .151 on April 23 to .258.

"I'm seeing the ball pretty good, and I'm being patient," said Martinez. "The biggest thing was not trying to do what I wasn't capable of doing-not trying to hit the ball out of the ballpark and not trying to hit the ball too hard."

Fred Mitchell

### Sox notes

Manager Jim Fregosi didn't waste any time getting Kenny Williams in the lineup. He started him in center field Tuesday night. "I don't believe it's fair to call up a young player and have him sit on the bench," Fregosi said. "Let's see what he can do."

Daryl Boston was moved to left field. Boston has been having his troubles recently in center. Fregosi also didn't want to throw a new position at Williams, who had been playing center field for Triple-A Hawaii. "When a young player is called up, I like to put him at the position he's used to playing at," Fregosi said. "Boston has played left field before. He could be a corner player. He's starting to show thump with the bat like I always thought he would."

Williams said Hawaii is a nice place to visit, but it's hardly ideal for playing baseball. Logistics are a big problem. The closest team is a five-hour plane ride away. "It's also expensive," he said. "It sounds better than it is."

Williams reported that Sox third base coach Doug Rader is a big item in Hawaii. Rader managed there in the San Diego organization. "Everyone came up to me and asked if I knew Doug Rader," Williams said.

Richard Dotson shrugged off his name coming up in trade rumors. Reportedly, the Sox are dangling him and

Floyd Bannister to see their value. "It's . part of the game," Dotson said. "I have no trouble with it. They're trying to better the team. That's what they should do, even if it involves me."

Ron Hassey's pulled rib cage muscle is improving. Fregosi hopes to have him available by the weekend.

When the Brewers were on their record binge in April, the national media came out in full force. Now that they're on another streak, Sports Illustrated and CNN were on hand to get the story. "They only show up when we win or lose a dozen in a row," said one Milwaukee writer.

Joel Davis (1-2) goes against Juan Nieves (2-1) in the series finale Wednesday at 1:35 p.m. Davis was the winning pitcher when the Sox stopped the Brewers' season-opening winning streak at 13.

Ed Sherman