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Bob Verdi
 In the wake
 of the news

A different year for Michael, too

Just the other day, a couple of Cub players violated Gene Michael's rules of order, departing Wrigley Field before the completion of a game. The manager was even less thrilled when he realized that news of the relatively minor violation had left the clubhouse, too.

"It's a private matter, not public," Michael said. "I want them here until the last out, and they'll hear about it. No names, but I'll handle it."

The caution and firmness were typical of Michael, who is nearing his first anniversary on the job. When he was hired last June 13 to replace Jim Frey, Michael was something of a mystery in these parts, having served George Steinbrenner and the New York Yankees obediently, in various capacities, for several seasons. Dallas Green, perhaps noting his new skipper's scar tissue, suggested that Michael stuck out like a "sore thumb"—a label that could have been interpreted two ways, and was.

Michael spoke in a deliberate manner, wisely opting not to try emulating Frey's pith and vinegar. But conventional wisdom was that if Boss Green wanted to light a fire in his sleepy dugout, "the Stick" was a puzzling selection at best. Green talked like a general manager nurturing visions of the Cubs' perhaps finishing with a flourish, good for second place behind the rampaging Mets. Meanwhile, here was Michael, who seemed to want to call a timeout, reserve judgment, seek some second opinions.

"I was too open at the time," Michael said. "I told everybody that I didn't know the league, and probably too much was made of that. I was too laid-back, and then when I had [coach] John Vukovich giving the signs instead of myself, that might have been taken by some people to mean that he was really doing the managing. Maybe some players even felt that way. I don't know. But I should have been more of myself than I was."

Green openly questioned what Michael stood for, and it was not so much the critique that annoyed the manager but the fact that it created headlines. When Michael politely challenged Green, as he once confronted Steinbrenner, Dallas might have gained some respect for Michael, and some insight. A couple of weeks ago, while the Cubs were cutting through a West Coast trip with glee, Green's praise of Michael also was duly recorded for posterity.

"I heard about that, but didn't read it," Michael said. "Dallas didn't have to say that, just like he didn't have to say the other thing. It doesn't really bother me. I guess there was some sort of a preseason poll about who would be the first manager fired. I won it. I was the favorite. That doesn't bother me, either."

That dishonor still could happen, but it's not likely. The Cubs are playing better than anticipated—in spring training, the word might have been "feared"—and Michael figures he's growing into this job, which is part of the battle. He's adjusting to the awkward trappings that still exist and making a go of it. When Green "recommended" Herm Starrette as the Cubs' new pitching coach during the off-season, it smelled of another dent in Michael's authority. He would have you believe that this business of bringing in his own men is overrated.

"It's a little unusual, that I didn't name any of my coaches," Michael said. "But these are good baseball people. Who would I replace them with if I wanted to? 'Vuke' has done a terrific job as third-base coach. He handles mostly the defense. Johnny Oates is in the dugout with me, and Herm has really helped the pitchers. We've worked with the pitchers a lot. Without giving you a scouting report, I think you're seeing that a guy like Rick Sutcliffe is less predictable than before, and he's got his confidence back. He's in charge out there."

Whether Michael will be in charge of the Cubs for a prolonged period is a game to be played out later. He says that during last autumn's misunderstanding he did not feel that he would be fired. He wasn't aggravated enough to quit, either. The winter afforded

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Dawson fans Cub fire

By Fred Mitchell

Have you got a few minutes? Sit back and put your feet up, and we'll try to make a long game short.

Two outs in the ninth. Two strikes. Two runs down.

Bam!

Andre Dawson revived the Cubs with a dramatic two-run homer to tie Saturday's game with the Atlanta Braves 6-6.

But Dawson's shot in the dark was actually the homer before the gloamin'.

Because in the bottom of the 16th inning of the 5-hour, 15-minute game, Jerry Mumphrey stroked an RBI double to send the weary Cubs home with a 7-6 triumph in front of the remains of a crowd of 33,225 in dark,

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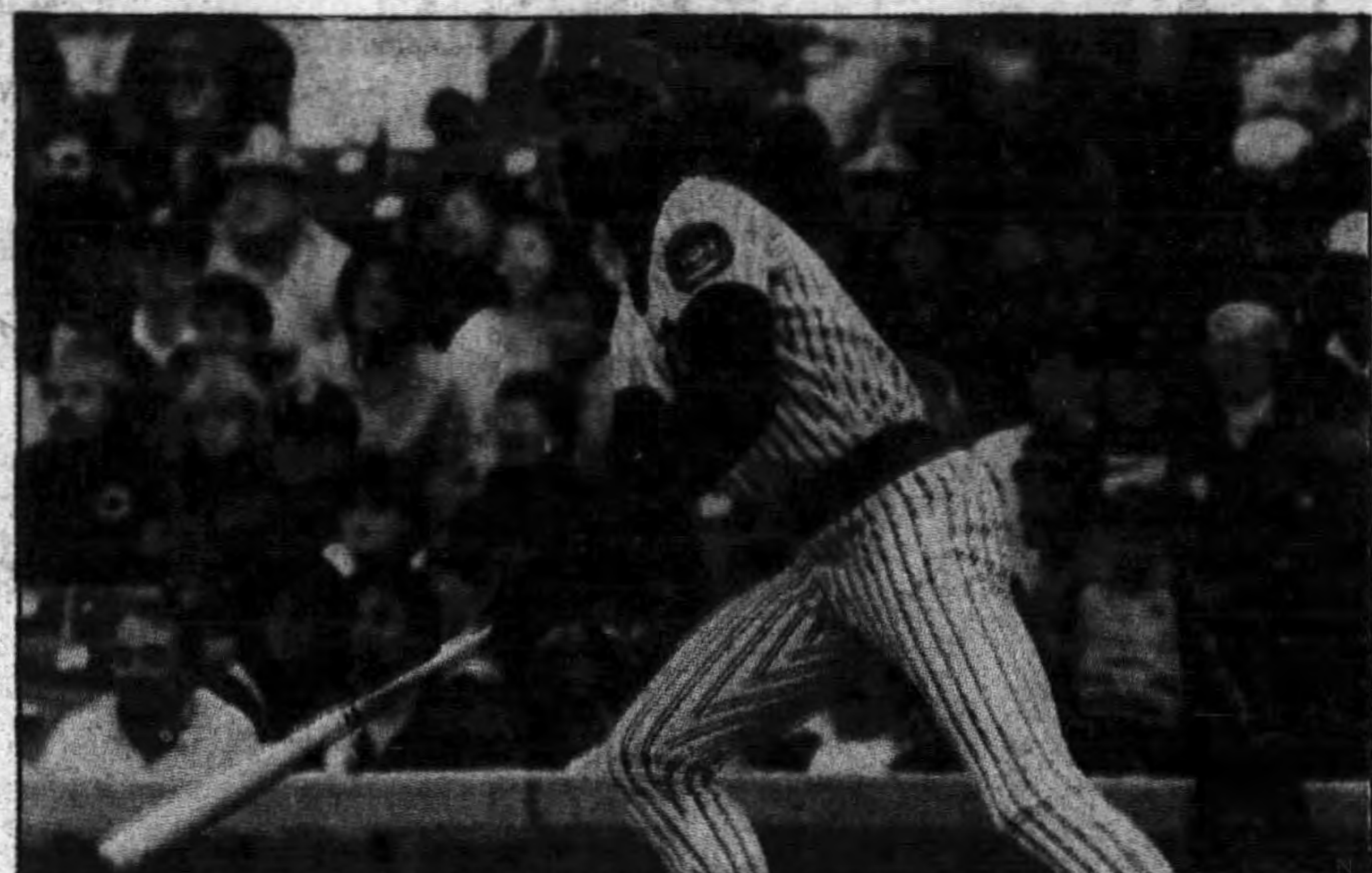
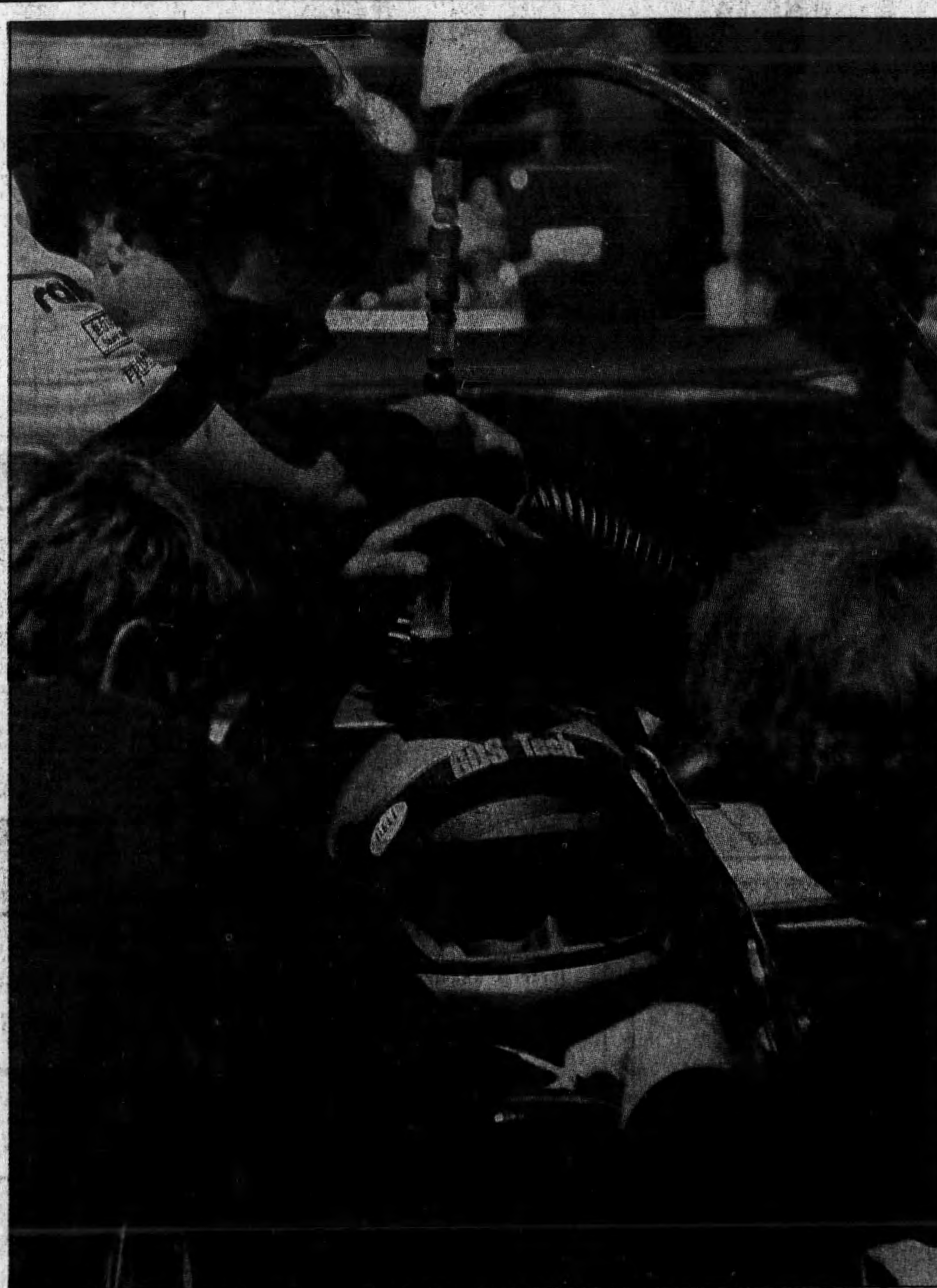
"If I were a fan, I'd go back to the ticket office and pay them again, said Cubs manager Gene Michael.

The mood was as gray as the day the Braves' locker room.

"Today is one game, tomorrow is the next game," said Braves manager Chuck Tanner, who has seen this horror movie before from his bullpen.

Ryne Sandberg opened the 16th with a single off losing reliever Jim Acker (0-3). Michael wisely bypassed the sacrifice bunt, and

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 Tribune photo by Ed Wagner Jr.
 Andre Dawson follows the flight of his game-tying homer Saturday.

 Tribune photo by Frank Hanes
 This is the year, Mario Andretti believes, that things will go his way at the Indianapolis 500.

Indy set to raise curtain And Andretti feels he can steal show

By Cooper Rollow
Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS—Thirty-two race-car drivers begin The Pursuit of Mario Sunday. And yes, Mario Andretti is worried.

Andretti, the pole sitter in this 71st Indianapolis 500-mile race, believes he is in the strongest position of his 29-year career. He has the car (a 1987 Chevrolet-powered Lola), the team (assembled with cunning finesse by owners Paul Newman and Carl Haas) and his own superior driving skills.

But he also has his own snake-bitten legend. Look at his record. Since the 47-year-old Andretti last won here in 1969, his finishing status in Indy 500 races reads as follows:

Running (6th); accident (30th); out of fuel (8th); burned piston (30th); valve (31st); accident (28th); running (8th); broken header (26th); running (12th); engine (20th); running (2d); accident (31st); accident (23d); broken nosecone (17th); running (2d); handling (32d).

Jinxed, would you say? Andretti admits it. But he declares he believes his luck at Indy is about to change.

"I have every reason to believe we have something going for us," he said after pushing his car to a speed of 211.515 miles an hour Thursday on Carburetion Day.

"I've always been the eternal optimist," Andretti said. "I know that the best way I can function is when I think positively in every respect. I'm fully aware of the negative possibilities. But it's not going to do me any good at this stage worrying about what happened to me a couple of years ago or last year.

"What's going to be dealt to me is going to be dealt to me. Everything I can control I'm going to keep on the positive side. The only thing I can control is myself.

"The worst thing in this business," Andretti continued, frowning, "the most dangerous thing that can happen to a race driver, is when the suspension breaks. That's the most frightening moment. You're totally out of control.

"The rest, I think, I can deal with. Of course,

Indy 500 facts

■ Event: 71st Indianapolis 500.

■ Distance: 500 miles; 200 laps around the 2½-mile, asphalt-on-brick Indianapolis Motor Speedway track.

■ Start: 11 a.m., Chicago time, from a flying start, following warm-up, parade and pace laps. Finish is unofficial until posted at 8 a.m. Monday.

■ Television: Live coverage, ABC (WLS-Ch. 7) starting at 10 a.m. (No live coverage on Indiana-based ABC affiliate stations.)

■ Radio: In Chicago, WBBM-AM (780). Speedway network broadcasts live to 1,200 stations in the United States and Canada, plus worldwide coverage on Armed Forces Radio and special Spanish language broadcast.

there's always the possibility of mistakes. I make mistakes. But I think I can recover from a mistake and fake my way through it. As long as there is a little time when something goes wrong and you are in control, you ride it right to the last millisecond."

Andretti, who qualified on the pole at 215.390 m.p.h., said he anticipates strong challenges from at least three other drivers.

"Bobby Rahal, Rick Mears and Michael [Mario's son]. Those are the adversaries I figure that if I can handle, I'll make some money on Sunday. Of course, there could be others. I could have the biggest surprise in the world after the first lap and say, 'Where did he come from?'"

Rahal, the defending champion, is starting alongside Mario on the front row. Many experts believe Bobby has an even better chance of winning than last year, because his equipment is both improved and proven.

Rahal, the only driver who posed a serious threat to Andretti for the pole, is driving a Lola powered by an "old-fashioned" Cosworth, the engine that is supposed to be on the decline. There are 21 of them in the field.

Andretti, on the other hand, also has a Lola. But his chassis is powered by one of Roger

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Bannister is nearly perfect Misplay mars Sox romp

By Ed Sherman
Chicago Tribune

BOSTON—Floyd Bannister and Gary Redus learned just how tough it is to throw a perfect game Saturday.

Redus had a great offensive day, collecting three hits and stealing two bases. His teammates followed suit as the White Sox backed Bannister's two-hitter with a season-high 16 hits in a 9-1 romp over the Boston Red Sox.

But it was the one play Redus didn't make in the field that kept

■ Sox-Boston, Ch. 32, 12:05

the day from being truly perfect for the White Sox and Bannister.

The left-hander retired 17 batters in a row before Rich Gedman sent a catchable line drive to right after two outs in the sixth. Redus broke in for the ball, then failed to make a leaping catch, allowing Gedman a double.

Bannister retired the next nine in row before the 28th batter he faced, rookie Ellis Burks, ruined his shutout with a two-out homer in the ninth. He then issued a walk to Ed Romero and got Wade Boggs to ground to Ozzie Guillen to end the game.

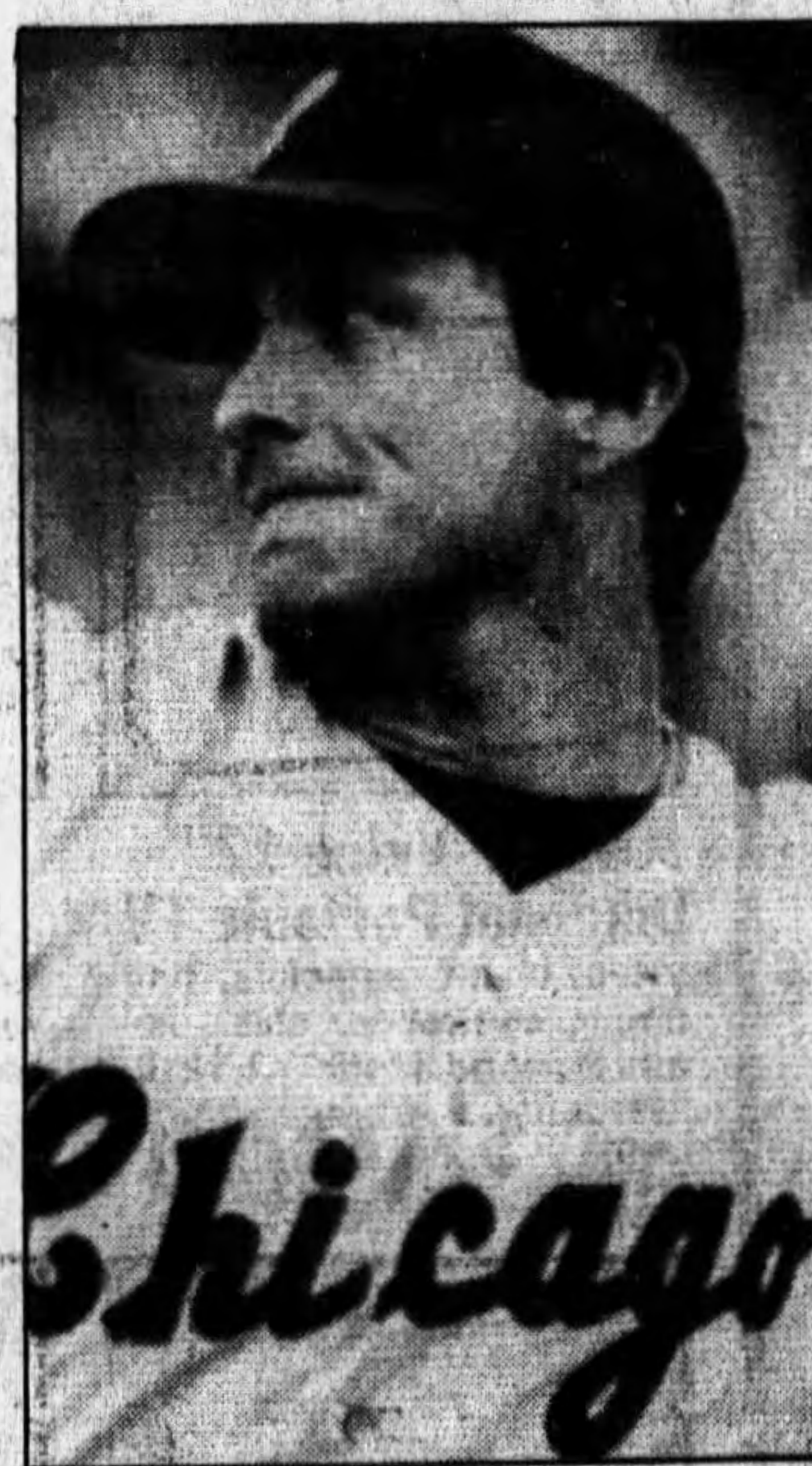
"But if Redus makes the catch," said manager Jim Fregosi, "Burks doesn't bat. It's a perfect game."

Bannister, though, has been around long enough to know that perfection requires some luck. When the ball sailed over Redus' head, his initial thought wasn't about losing the perfect game.

"All I thought about was backing up third," said Bannister. "I wasn't disappointed. No-hitters don't come around very often. You need a few breaks to make it happen."

"I was aware of the no-hitter. But I was trying to make good pitches and win the game. I know a lot of things can happen in this park."

Fregosi thought Redus should have been charged with an error. However, since Redus barely got


 AP Wirephoto
 White Sox left-hander Floyd Bannister was almost pitcher perfect Saturday in Boston.

a glove on the ball, the official scorer had no choice but to give Gedman a double.

"I gave it a good try," said Redus. "All day the wind had been knocking everything down. When the ball was hit, I didn't want to break back. I wanted to see what the ball would do. I got a glove on it."

"It would have been different if I hadn't tried to get the ball. Two batters before, I told Daryl [Boston] to try to dive for any ball to save the no-hitter. It's hard to dive back on a line drive."

When Burks homered, it let Redus off the hook to some extent. But he didn't breathe a sigh of relief.

"I felt bad," Redus said. "I wanted him to throw a no-hitter and a shutout."

Bannister was content just to get a win against the Red Sox. His last victory over them came in 1982, when he was with

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Probe tarnishes image of agents

By Jody Homer

Reputable sports agents could see the problems in their profession growing by the late 1970s, so they took a stab at a clean-up. The Association of Representatives of Professional Athletes (ARPA) was born to set standards of conduct for the industry.

What happened was all too predictable.

"You had all the good people joining the organization and all the bad people out there doing whatever they wanted," said Michael Childers, a sports agent in business with his father, Jack, at the Skokie-based Talent Services Inc.

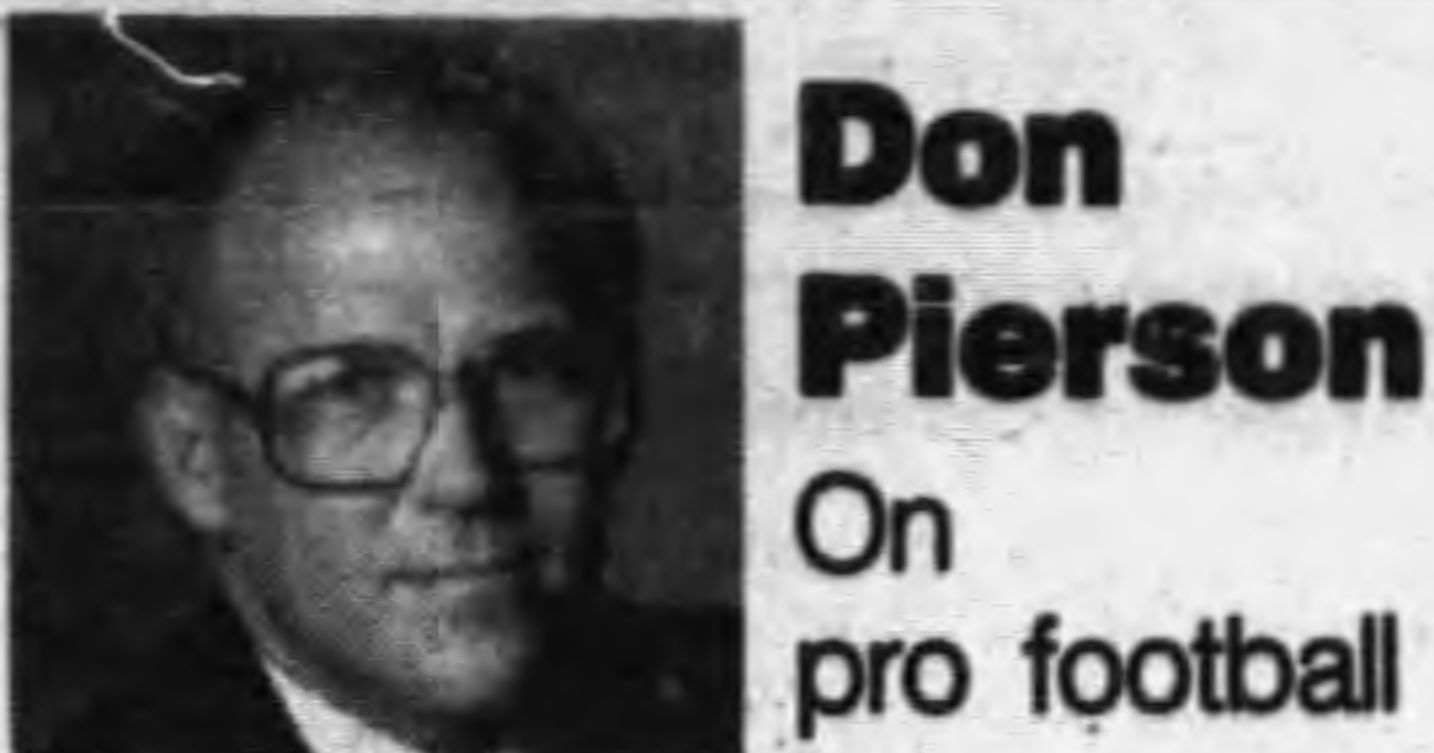
ARPA still exists as a group of about 100 sports agents who agree to abide by the association's stated code of ethics. But as ARPA Vice President Leigh Steinberg admits, "It obviously doesn't have the power and muscle to police the field, but at least it does the best it can to speak out for a more ethical way in sports representation."

Now, a federal grand jury in Chicago is muscling in on the unusual world of sports representation, with the authority to do much more than the agents could by themselves.

The grand jury, reported to be meeting for the next several months to investigate the dealings of New York-based agent Norby Walters, his associate Lloyd Bloom and possibly others, is believed to be looking into the paying and signing of college athletes before their collegiate eligibility has expired. In addition, the investigators are reportedly studying allegations that these agents threatened some players with physical violence when the players broke their contracts and switched to new agents.

Witnesses brought in front of the grand jury will be led through questioning, under oath, by the U.S. attorney's office. Howard Pearl, an assistant U.S. attorney, has been identified as spearheading the inquiry. After all of the witnesses have been

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Don Pierson
On pro football

Danielson case lesson for Bears

A year ago, Cleveland Browns quarterback Gary Danielson was going through the same physical and mental exercises that the Bears' Jim McMahon is experiencing now.

On Jan. 15, 1986, Danielson had surgery on his throwing shoulder to repair a torn rotator cuff and to tighten a joint that had a tendency to dislocate.

"A rotator cuff injury to a throwing athlete is like cancer," Danielson said. "It's a dreaded word. If a pitcher hears 'rotator' in baseball, he thinks right away, 'Oh, my God, my career is over.'"

Danielson knew the track record for quarterbacks also is not great. He remembered Cincinnati's young Greg Cook in the early 1970s, Buffalo's strong-armed Gary Marangi in the mid-'70s and Baltimore's Bert Jones in the early '80s. None made it back.

"I think I just benefited from having mine happen in 1985," Danielson said.

Danielson's surgeon, Dr. John Bergfeld of the Browns, consulted with McMahon's surgeon, Dr. Frank Jobe of Los Angeles, before working on Danielson. Dr. Jobe had previous success with pitchers.

By the Browns' third preseason game last summer, Danielson was ready to play. In the fourth preseason game, Danielson suffered a broken ankle and was out for the season.

In retrospect, Danielson sees the ankle injury as a blessing in disguise. It gave his shoulder extra time to heal.

"I felt pretty good. I wasn't throwing with the velocity I thought I had, but I was doing the job," said Danielson. "When I hurt the ankle, two months later my arm felt brand new. Now, I just pick up the ball and throw it and don't think about it. Before, I had to stretch to get ready."

Danielson's experience is instructive for the Bears. Although McMahon has a month head start on Danielson and everyone expects McMahon to be ready by training camp, it is going to be a close call, and it is probable that McMahon will not be 100 percent.

According to Dr. Bergfeld, once a quarterback does come back, he will continue to improve.

"It's a year to 18 months before he is really throwing well," Dr. Bergfeld said. "The first season, they might be all right, but the second season is even better."

Dr. Jobe talked with Dr. Bergfeld before operating on McMahon "to exchange notes." The common perception is that quarterbacks are easier to repair than pitchers because quarterbacks don't have to throw as hard as pitchers. But Dr. Bergfeld points out that each has his unique problems.

"A pitcher doesn't fall onto the shoulder," he said.

The next hard hit is what coach Mike Ditka fears about McMahon more than the next hard throw.

Also, a pitcher might throw harder than a quarterback, but a pitcher also is able to control his motion more consistently than a quarterback. A quarterback often has to throw quickly or unpredictably. He might be looking one way and suddenly have to throw another. He might be on the run and have to throw across his body, putting extra stress on the shoulder.

When a "loose" shoulder is surgically repaired on a nonathlete, surgeons have more leeway.

"We cheat," Dr. Bergfeld said. "If it's not a throwing athlete, we tighten the joint so they can't get it back as far. When the arm is all the way cocked, that's when the shoulder dislocates."

Danielson said he survived some pretty good hits in the two exhibitions he played last summer. Now he has had the benefit of a full year of rehabilitation. He is lifting heavier weights than ever and is playing some "rough" basketball. But this is now 16 months after his operation. It is a luxury of time that McMahon and the Bears don't have.

Maybe that is why Ditka now wants to take all five of his quarterbacks to training camp in Platteville, Wis., Aug. 1. Five isn't as big a crowd if one is shaky. Mike Tomczak, Doug Flutie, Steve Fuller and Jim Harbaugh are planning to work out in Lake Forest in June. McMahon's availability then will depend on his health and his crowded schedule of outside commitments.

When Harbaugh was drafted, the immediate assumption was that McMahon, Harbaugh and Flutie would make Ditka's final roster. Tomczak and Fuller didn't have much of a chance. But that depends. Other scenarios have surfaced.

Harbaugh is a lock, of course. So is McMahon, if healthy. Flutie is a Ditka favorite, and it is assumed that Ditka will get the final say in cutting his roster. But it also was assumed that Ditka would get his way in the draft until he was talked out of taking a defensive player. Ditka also has been known to change his own mind.

Why not Harbaugh, McMahon and Fuller? Fuller would give the team experience in case McMahon can't play, Fuller also could serve as a good teacher for Harbaugh, albeit an expensive one.

Why not Harbaugh, McMahon and Tomczak? At the mini-camp, Ditka said Tomczak had improved on "a lot of the mechanical things" that hurt him last season. After all, the Bears won all six games Tomczak started last season, and Ditka added, "Mike's hungry."

There is another possibility. If McMahon can't throw hard during the preseason, the Bears could open the season with him on injured reserve. That would give him the time that helped Danielson. It also would leave the Bears with a Harbaugh, Flutie, Tomczak trio, or a Harbaugh, Flutie, Fuller combination, or Harbaugh, Tomczak, Fuller. Funny how Harbaugh seems to be the only one with a guaranteed job.

"It should be a barn-burner," Ditka said.

Agents

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heard and the information presented (in some cases, this takes years), the panel will be asked to vote on whether to indict anyone. An indictment is only a charge, not a conviction.

Each day last week, new stories surfaced and the probe appeared to broaden. It was reported Thursday that FBI agents have asked several college athletes if they were offered drugs and prostitutes as an inducement to sign with Walters and Bloom's company, World Sports & Entertainment Inc.

And the Internal Revenue Service now is interested in the case because of money that might have passed unreported into athletes' pockets.

"I'm all for the grand jury," said Martin Rauch, a Buffalo attorney who represents Ronnie Harmon, a former Iowa athlete who is one of those alleged to have taken money from Walters. "I don't pay athletes. What happens to them that do, I don't care."

Others are more hesitant about the intrusion into their field. "I really question the use of a grand jury," said George Kickliter, an attorney and agent in Auburn, Ala. "But I suppose it has come to that."

One reason it has come to that is the absence of any rules governing this Wild West world of sports representation. Accountants are certified, and lawyers have licenses that can be taken away for improprieties. But sports agents must only follow their consciences, which in some cases lead them and their clients far astray.

"The problem is an interesting one, because agents don't have to be lawyers or follow any code," said University of Illinois law professor Stephen Ross, who teaches courses in sports law. "As a result, there are things that may or may not be ethical for nonlawyers, things that lawyers just can't do."

Peter Johnson, who heads the team sports division at the Cleveland-based International Management Group, explains: "All you have to do to be an agent is to have a client. No educational requirements. Nothing.

You can work out of a phone booth."

And you can have any sort of background. Childers, whose firm represents 45 to 50 pro athletes, recalls he had one client who had grown suspicious of his former agent and had asked Childers to take over. "I found that this individual claiming to be an attorney had had his license revoked for mismanagement of funds and later had been convicted of forgery. But he was an agent."

Walters was primarily an entertainment agent when he began pursuing college athletes, mostly football players, about two years ago. He is one of hundreds who have joined the burgeoning sports representation field in the last decade. Some have law degrees; others have nothing more than a desire to go where the money was going.

The California-based Steinberg said there are 10 times as many sports agents as when he began in 1975. In fact, there are more agents roaming around looking for clients than there are pro athletes. Some agents estimate there are twice as many people calling themselves agents—even though they have never negotiated a contract—as there are pro athletes.

He attributes the increase to the growth of baseball salaries after free agency, a similar growth in football because of the war between the United States Football League and the National Football League and "because of the glamorization of the profession."

"It's now the hot field of the '80s," said Steinberg, who is known for his stable of quarterbacks that includes the Bears' Jim Harbaugh, New England's Tony Eason and San Francisco's Steve Young. "When I go talk to business or law schools, it's the field everyone wants to know about and get into."

Chicago-based Todd Musburger represents both entertainers and athletes and has found a few bad apples in both areas of the agent industry. "There are people who don't know a thing about what they're doing but who are attracted by the lure of big dollars and think it's easy money," he said.

"I think because many athletes are unsophisticated when it comes to finance, that field does attract a real low-class character sometimes. Entertainers, when they're breaking into the business, they learn a few things on

FOOTBALL

Agent under investigation says he did nothing wrong

ATLANTA (AP)—Sports agent **Norby Walters** said Friday he doesn't play by NCAA rules in recruiting potential clients but he has done nothing wrong.

"I'm not playing by their rules, one way or the other," Walters said of NCAA rules which forbid college athletes to take money from or be represented by agents while eligible for college sports.

He called a Chicago grand jury probe of his activities "totally off base."

"The federal government has no business sticking its nose in my business," said Walters, reached by telephone at a California hotel. His comments were reported in Saturday's editions of The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution.

"I am not guilty of these so-called alleged possible

charges. I have broken no laws. I will be proven innocent, and it is ridiculous that I have to go through this," he said.

The grand jury is looking into possible charges that include extortion, wire fraud, mail fraud and violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the papers said.

Approximately 60 athletes from 28 colleges across the nation have been or will be subpoenaed by the grand jury, the newspapers said.

He called mail and wire fraud charges ridiculous.

"Since when is it against the law to send money as a loan through the wire or the mail?" he said. "I haven't pretended that I'm not giving money to kids [a violation of NCAA rules]. I have. I am. Again, what's the big deal?"

are abuses in any business.

"There aren't a lot of unscrupulous agents. It's just like the situation on Wall Street. There's a small segment of the industry doing unscrupulous things, but they're getting tremendous publicity. There's a certain segment of the business community that will do anything to make a buck."

The Chicago grand jury is using laws already on the books to get information from players. Part of the strategy has been to use the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, a federal law aimed at organized crime. Players appearing before the grand jury reportedly have been threatened with up to one year in jail on fraud and tax-evasion charges.

Athletes also could be judged to be part of a conspiracy, based on their hiding the existence of representation contracts from their universities. Athletes are required to sign documents each year stating they have not violated any NCAA rules, including rules against receiving money or signing representation contracts.

The athletes also are in the position of being victims because of the ways in which agents lure them into signing secret contracts.

some say it can be circumvented.

"There are more registered football agents than players right now," said Ralph Cindrich, a Pittsburgh attorney and former NFL player. "Even if you're not a certified agent, you can find someone who is and use them to negotiate a contract."

Another way to get at the problem is through state governments. California's labor commission, for example, regulates agents by bonding them and conducting character checks. The only penalty, however, against an agent who doesn't comply is that he can't sue a client for nonpayment of fees.

Michigan is considering legislation that would make it a felony for agents to woo collegiate clients before their eligibility has expired.

Sports agents would be far from unique in needing the help of outsiders to act as watchdogs.

"I don't think there are many industries that police themselves these days," said International Management Group's Johnson. "I'm not so sure the Fortune 500 have a place where they can go to police themselves. There

"One of the fundamental problems with these early signings is that it's also a consumer fraud problem," said U. of I.'s Ross. "Since it's being done clandestinely, these kids can't talk to coaches or others about it. You're bound to have fraud and abuse whenever you engage in a secretive contract that can't be publicly revealed."

If the grand jury does hand down indictments against agents and even a few players, there are mixed opinions about the effects of that on the industry. "The real question is, Once this flurry is over, will there be any structural solutions to the problem?" Steinberg said.

Some think the best way to eliminate the early signing and payment problem is to eliminate the temptation by giving student-athletes spending money.

"We can prevent the athlete from being bribed by giving him money over the table," Steinberg said. "They're engaged in activities that generate a lot of money for the institution, but some of them don't have laundry money or money for a social life."

Tribune reporter Andy Knott also contributed to this story.

BRIEFS

■ A jury in Green Bay found Packers defensive back Mossy Cade guilty of two charges that he sexually assaulted a 44-year-old woman. Cade, 25, was charged with three counts of second-degree sexual assault, but was acquitted of the other. The woman, from Houston, had accused Cade of assaulting her at his De Pere, Wis., home on Nov. 4, 1985. The verdict came hours after Cade testified he wasn't home at the time the woman said she had been assaulted. Sentencing was set for June 29. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

■ Reggie Rogers, the Detroit Lions' first-round draft pick, was found guilty of assaulting his girlfriend and ordered to attend anger-management school. Alicia Wright told police Rogers threw her against a wall during an April 22 argument at her apartment in Seattle.

■ Steve Freeman's three-run, two-out home run capped a five-run ninth and Georgia (40-19) held off a Michigan rally in the bottom of the inning to eliminate the Wolverines 10-8 in the NCAA Division I Northeast Regional in Atlanta. Michigan, which scored three times in the bottom of the ninth and had the tying runs in scoring position when the game ended, finished 52-12. . . . In the West Regional in Stanford, Calif., Tim Doherty drove in three runs as Oral Roberts (46-18) stayed alive by eliminating Minnesota 7-0. The Gophers finished 36-25. . . . John Matias drove in a pair of runs as Hawaii beat Arizona 6-3, eliminating the defending College World Series champions from the NCAA West Regional in Tempe, Ariz.

■ Craig Stefan's home run in the bottom of the eighth gave North Central a 5-4 victory over Aurora in the championship game of the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional in Wooster, Ohio. Steve Shepski got the win. Maurey Sage was the loser. Stefan was voted tournament MVP. The victory puts North Central (31-11) in the Division III World Series next week in Marietta, Ohio. The Cardinals will play North Carolina Wesleyan Thursday. Aurora (31-10) advanced to the final on Steve Moga's six-hitter in a 6-0 victory over defending national champion Marietta.

■ Will Garvin had a two-run homer and John Douglas added a two-run triple to lead Seminole (Okla.) to an 8-4 victory over Grand Rapids (Mich.) in the first round of the National Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. Jamie Aggy had a two-run homer for Grand Rapids. In other games, Florida Community College beat Scottsdale (Ariz.) 16-9, and Morris (N.J.) battered Onondaga (N.Y.) 14-3.

■ Phyllis DeBuhr threw a four-hitter as Kearney State downed Francis Marion of South Carolina 1-0 in Kearney, Neb., to win its first NAIA softball championship.

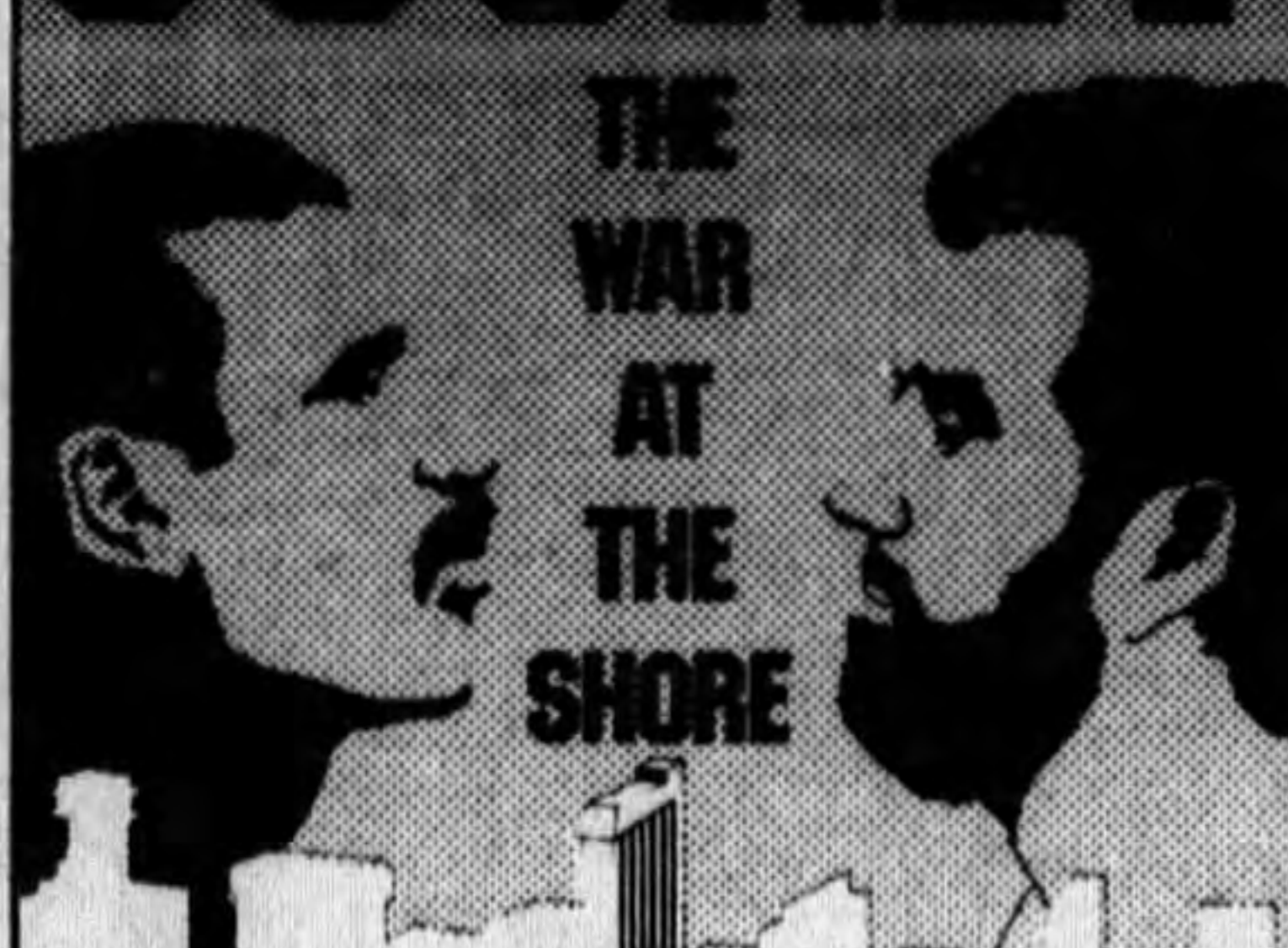
■ Grecian Flight rallied under jockey Craig Perret for a 1 1/4-length victory at Belmont Park in the \$189,300 Grade I Acorn Stakes, the first leg of New York's Triple Crown for 3-year-old fillies. The winner covered the mile in 1:35 1/2 and paid \$25.60, \$11.20 and \$9.20. Fiesta Gal, ridden by Angel Cordero Jr., was second and Bound third. Fiesta Gal paid \$6.60 and \$5; Bound \$5.20.

■ Paul Kuehner, Tim Goldstein and Steve Meyer scored in a 1:22 span late in the fourth quarter as Cornell (13-0) edged Syracuse 18-15 in Piscataway, N.J., to advance to Monday's NCAA lacrosse championship game against Johns Hopkins (9-3), which beat Maryland 13-8. Brian Wood scored five goals for Hopkins.

■ Harry Gant nursed his ailing Buick to a 1.1-second victory in NASCAR's Winn-Dixie 300 in Charlotte, N.C. "I think it started missing and we ran off five cylinders instead of six," Gant said. He collected \$18,613 for the victory, his first NASCAR win in any division since 1985. Darrell Waltrip finished second.

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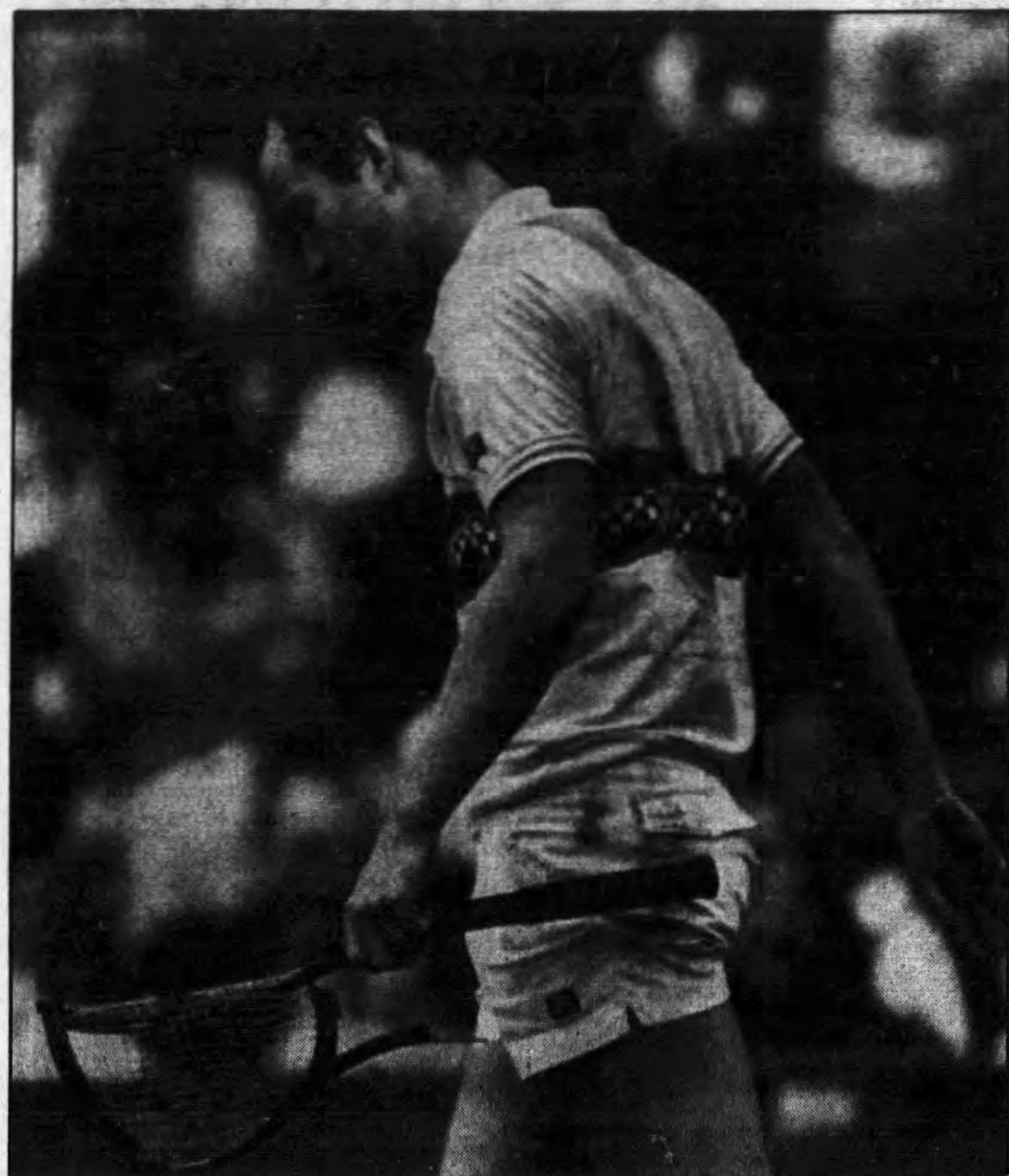
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Chalk up another wrecked racket for John McEnroe, who rallied from this setback to beat Henri Leconte in World Team Cup play.

Navratilova suffers 5th straight defeat

From Chicago Tribune wires
For Martina Navratilova, the slump goes on.

Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina defeated Navratilova Saturday to win the first Marbella International women's tournament in Spain. Sabatini won 2-6, 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (9-7) in a match that lasted more than 2½ hours. It was the second time in two weeks that Sabatini has beaten Navratilova on clay.

Navratilova is now 0-for-5 in outdoor tournaments this year. That's the most losses in a row for her since 1981, when she failed in six straight tournaments. She lost only three events all last year.

NCAA men's singles—Miami's Andrew Burrow recovered from the lob attack by unseeded Dan Goldberg of Michigan and went on to win the Division I title 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 in Athens, Ga.

"I started out okay, but in the second set I found myself with a lot of nervous energy," said Goldberg, who was trying to become the first unseeded player to win the title since Michigan's Mike Leach in 1982.

World Team Cup—John McEnroe downed France's Henri Leconte 2-6, 7-5, 6-1, helping the U.S. gain a berth in the final in Duesseldorf, West Germany. McEnroe's victory gave the U.S. a 1-0 lead over France. Later, Brad Gilbert, was overwhelmed by Thierry Tulasne 6-1, 6-0, but, in

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doubles, Gilbert and Robert Seguso beat Leconte and Guy Forget 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 for a 2-1 victory.

The U.S., which has won the World Team Cup three times in the last six years, will face Czechoslovakia Sunday for the title.

Geneva Open—Top-seeded Chris Evert posted a 6-0, 6-2 victory over fellow American Lori McNeil in their semifinal. Evert's opponent Sunday will be No. 3 seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, who defeated defending champion Raffaella Reggi of Italy 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

Florence Grand Prix—No. 2 seed Andrei Chesnokov moved within a victory of becoming the first Soviet to win a Grand Prix event since Alex Metreveli in 1974, outlasting No. 4 Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7-0). In the final, Chesnokov will face unseeded Alessandro De Minicis of Italy, a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 winner over No. 5 Eduardo Bengoechea of Argentina.

Strasbourg Grand Prix—Anna Maria Cecchini of Italy and Carling Bassett of Canada advanced to the final in France. Cecchini ousted Kathleen Horvath 6-0, 7-6 (7-2). Bassett, seeded No. 4, beat No. 7 Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-1, 6-1.

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Chi Chi makes 8 birdies in row for Senior lead

From Chicago Tribune wires
Chi Chi Rodriguez wasn't about to take all the credit after sinking a PGA Senior Tour record eight straight birdies Saturday.

"I'm very happy it happened, but there was a lot of luck in there," Rodriguez said after shooting a 7-under-par 65 to take a four-shot lead after the second round of the Silver Pages Classic in Oklahoma City.

"That seventh birdie [a twisting 35-footer] was the luckiest putt I ever saw in my life."

Rodriguez, who is seeking his third straight title, was at 13-under-par 131. Bruce Crampton (68) and Harold Henning (69) were next at 135.

The eight birdies broke the Senior Tour record set by Gene Littler in the 1983 Suntree Classic. Two members of the regular PGA Tour have put together eight straight birdies: Bob Goalby in the fourth round of the 1961 St. Petersburg Open and Fuzzy Zoeller in the first round of the 1976 Quad Cities Open.

LPGA Championship—Cathy Morse, who has won only one tournament in 10 years on the tour, fired a 5-under-par 67 to take a one-stroke lead after the third round in Kings Island, Ohio.

Morse was at 10-under-par 206, one stroke better than Laurie Rinker (71). Tied for third at 208 were Jane Geddes (68), Ayako Okamoto (70) and Lori Garback (70).

Morse has struggled most of this year because of a bad back. During a six-week span, she missed the cut four times and was unable to enter the other two tournaments.

"I hate to admit it, but I hurt my back doing housework," Morse said, laughing. "I moved a potted

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plant, and I pulled a ligament in my back."

Atlanta Classic—Bobby Wadkins, seeking his first victory in 13 years on the PGA Tour, shot a 7-under-par 65 to surge past an ill Davis Love III and take the third-round lead.

Wadkins was at 17-under-par 199 and held a one-shot lead over Dave Barr (66) and Steve Pate (67). Love (72) was at 202. "I really seriously considered withdrawing," said Love. "I guarantee you if I wasn't in contention I probably wouldn't have played."

Big 10—Ohio State's Robert Huxtable shot a 2-under-par 70 to boost his lead for the individual title to 10 strokes after 54 holes of the conference tournament in Columbus, Ohio. Huxtable was at 9-under-par 207. Indiana's John Andrews (71) was in second place.

British PGA—Bernhard Langer shot a 69 in the rain for a 9-under-par 135 and held a two-stroke lead after two rounds in Wentworth, England.

Severiano Ballesteros eagled the last hole for a 5-under-par 67 and moved into a second-place tie with Jose-Maria Canizares (69) and Rick Hartmann (69).

The Crosby—Former Los Angeles Dodgers first baseman Wes Parker and corporate executive Nevada Ingle took a four-stroke lead after the second round in Advance, N.C. In second were entertainer Pat Boone and real estate investor George Sands. First-round leaders Eddie Payton and Weldon Schenck were another shot back.

TRACK AND FIELD

From 'Who?' to 'Wow' in 44 seconds

By Phil Hersh
Chicago Tribune

IOWA CITY—His father, who wanted a namesake, called him Harry. His mother added the nickname Butch so the right man would come when called.

His coach, Frank Zubovich, doesn't mind the confusion. Zubovich calls him both, switching to Butch when excitement makes the coach just wild about Harry.

What Harry Lee Butch Reynolds Jr. answered to didn't matter much until three weeks ago, when he made a name for himself by running the fastest 400 meters in the past two decades.

Before then, all but a few track insiders would have called him "Who?" In just 44.09 seconds, Reynolds' time at the Jesse Owens Meet in Columbus, Ohio, he has raced into the Who's Who of track.

The Ohio State junior had done so little of note before this year—he was America's 17th fastest quarter-miler in 1986—that he has never merited a statistical biography among the extensive listings in the yearbook of American track and field.

That anonymity, largely due to injury, only added to the surprise of seeing such a stunning time, so early in the outdoor season.

To the purists who place a qualifying "A" next to sprint times run at altitude, Reynolds is now the "sea level" record-holder in the 400. The only men who have run the event faster, Americans Lee Evans (43.86) and Larry James (43.97), did it in the thin air of 7,400-foot-high Mexico City while finishing 1-2 in the 1968 Olympics.

Reynolds, whose time was .15 faster than the previous nonaltitude mark, set by Cuba's Alberto Juantorena in 1976, hopes to make such nit-picking unnecessary.

"I'm positive I can go under 43.86, even at sea level," he said.

He cruised to a 45.32 in Saturday's qualifying heat of the 400 meters at the Big 10 track and field championships at the University of Iowa. Reynolds was more impressive in qualifying for the 200 meters, where his 20.46 was the fourth fastest time in Big 10 history and also broke the school record of 20.7 set by Owens while



UPI photo

Harry Reynolds' 44.09 in the 400 meters three weeks ago has helped the Ohio State junior burst onto the national track scene.

winning the event in the 1936 Olympics.

"I was taking it a little easy because tomorrow will be kind of hard," said Reynolds, who had not run the 200 meters in three years.

Reynolds will also compete in the 1600-meter relay Sunday.

"I'm planning to be MVP of the meet," Reynolds said. "I'll just let the times take their course."

Such confidence didn't make Reynolds any less stunned than everyone else by his performance in

the wind and cold at the Jesse Owens Meet. Although he had run a 44.60 (then the best time in the world this year) at the Drake Relays the week before, all he expected in Columbus "was low 45s, maybe high 44s."

"I just couldn't believe it," Reynolds said. "My brother was there running for Kansas, and my family had come from Akron. It was an indescribable feeling."

The person who seems nonplused is Zubovich. He insisted that only

Big 10 move baffles Woodson

By Phil Hersh
Chicago Tribune

IOWA CITY—Purdue's Rod Woodson makes no claims to innocence, but he finds the Big 10 guilty of selective judgment in barring him from this weekend's conference track and field championships.

"If they're going to set an example with me, I hope they keep it up," Woodson said Saturday.

"Last year they let Scott Skiles go free. Now they punish me. They don't know where to start up in enforcing rules."

Woodson, a medal contender in both the 110-meter hurdles and the 100-meter dash, was not declared ineligible until Friday.

"They said my ethical conduct wasn't correct," Woodson said. The Big 10 based that decision on Woodson's failure to disclose signing a contract last year with agent Norby Walters, whose activities are being investigated by a Chicago grand jury.

Skiles, the former Michigan State basketball star, was allowed to continue playing in 1985-86 after a 1984 conviction for marijuana possession and a 1985 drunken driving arrest that violated his probation on the drug conviction.

viction.

Woodson, a first-round draft choice of the National Football League's Pittsburgh Steelers at cornerback, eventually admitted taking money from Walters to be his agent. Woodson has offered to repay his \$5,000 scholarship to Purdue.

"With all the legal terms, it boils down to they [the Big 10] saying I lied," Woodson said. "I don't think I'm the only dishonest athlete in the whole country."

Woodson also admits signing without qualification the Big 10 eligibility statement on which an athlete is asked to disclose if he has accepted money or signed with an agent.

Asked if he saw such a question, Woodson said: "You don't read all that. It's so long."

Big 10 commissioner Wayne Duke said Friday that Woodson is also barred from competing in the NCAA Championships June 3-6. Woodson said an appeal is "not up to me but my attorney."

The attorney, Eugene Parker of Ft. Wayne, Ind., said Saturday that "the NCAA will have to decide it all."

Parker learned of the Big 10's decision while he was asking a La-

fayette, Ind., court for a temporary restraining order to prohibit the conference from making an "arbitrary judgment with no grounds at the last minute."

Parker then withdrew the injunction request.

"I didn't say it was just, but it wasn't arbitrary with no grounds," Parker said.

Walters is suing Woodson and other athletes who the agent says broke contracts. Marvin Demoff now represents Woodson in contract dealings.

"I am very disappointed I can't run here," said Woodson, who had made an impressive collegiate debut in outdoor track this season.

Michigan State's Mary Shea capitalized on the absence of Wisconsin junior Stephanie Herbst to win the 10,000 meters at the Big 10 meet.

Herbst, who won the 3,000 and 10,000 a year ago, was scratched because of the Achilles tendinitis that has plagued her for two months.

"She's training well again, but we decided it wouldn't be worth the risk to run here," said coach Peter Tegen, whose team should still have no trouble winning its fifth straight women's title.

leg problems have kept Reynolds from doing this before.

"We thought we had a budding star when he came here," Zubovich said.

If he were, it would be as a late bloomer. Reynolds, 22, was an accomplished long jumper at Hoban High School in Akron who didn't begin running the quarter until late in his senior year.

From there, he went to Butler County Community College in Kansas, staying two years but competing in only the first so he would have three years of major-college eligibility.

Reynolds' promise showed in 1984, when he won the 400 at the junior college national championships and progressed through two heats to reach the semifinals of the U.S. Olympic trials.

For the next two years, Reynolds struggled to stay healthy. In last year's Big 10 meet, he strained a muscle in the 400-meter relay and wound up virtually walking through the 400, finishing seventh in 50.52 seconds.

Reynolds flashed his ability again early in the 1987 indoor season, opening with a time (1:00.86) that equaled the world best for 500 meters and following that with a world best (1:06.87) for 600 yards.

He went on from there to win the Big 10 indoor title at 440 yards and place third in the 500 at the NCAA indoors despite tendinitis in an Achilles tendon.

"My transition from indoor to outdoor was smoother than before," said Reynolds, explaining his fast times.

"I did a lot of 3-to-6-mile runs and kept my pace up so I was ready to come back on the bigger [outdoor] tracks."

Reynolds' history of injury has nevertheless made Zubovich cautious. When the runner complained of a sore groin after the Jesse Owens Meet, the coach lightened his training, scratched him from the 400 at last weekend's Pepsi Meet and decided not to use him in the 400-meter relay this weekend.

"The groin felt fine," said Harry Lee Butch Reynolds Jr., the man of the split-second in a sport where speed is the name of the game.



Rod Woodson

Other notable achievements on the first day of the two-day competition were:

■ Indiana senior Julie Marrazzo won her third outdoor Big 10 title in the shot with a put of 50 feet 9¼ inches.

■ Tia Hensley of Purdue won the high jump at 6-0, tying the meet record and missing the conference record by a quarter-inch.

■ Illinois sophomore Bannon Hayes of Rock Island won the long jump at 26-¾.

Freshman sprinter wins her 4th Division III title

By Jack Thompson

They were saving Lisa Dillard for the big one.

In the early portion of the track season, the Christopher Newport (Va.) sprinter had run only in one or two events per meet, and then not always against the best competition. But by this weekend's NCAA Division III men's and women's championships at North Central College in Naperville, she was ready.

Dillard added her fourth championship Saturday when she won the 100 meters in a time of 11.85, a stadium record. On Friday, she won the long jump in 19 feet 6½ inches, the 200 meters in 24.01 and anchored the 4x100 relay team to victory in 46.44. All three were Division III records. She had

a chance to win a fifth event, but her team finished second in the 4x400 relay, not really a sprinter's race.

But Dillard will have three years in which to add that title—and perhaps others. That's right, she's only a freshman.

"In 20 years of coaching, this is the best performance I've seen by an individual," said her coach, Vince Brown. "She really performed at a higher level today."

"We brought her along slowly this year for two reasons: to keep her confidence up and to guard against injury problems that she'd had in high school."

Although Dillard had a busy day on Friday, it didn't affect her Saturday performance at all. "I felt pretty good," she said. "It was a little harder to keep warm with the

cooler weather today, but it wasn't that bad."

She also wasn't bothered by Winsome Foderingham of State University of New York-Albany, who won the 100 hurdles earlier Saturday and who earlier had given Dillard a good race in the 200. "I just concentrated on what I had to do," said Dillard. "If I'm the first one out of the blocks, I think I can win."

Although they only have five team members, including four sprinters, Christopher Newport of Newport News, Va., easily took the women's team championship with 80 points, well ahead of second-place Massachusetts-Boston's 58.

"We all know what each other is capable of doing," said Dillard of her teammates. "If someone has a

bad event, we try to pick each other up. We have to stick together."

As for her own future, Dillard wasn't fazed by her smashing success. "There's always room for improvement," she said. "If you set one goal and reach it, set another."

The men's title was won by Frostburg St. (Md.), which edged Lincoln (Pa.) 66-56.

In the men's 1,500 meters, Cressey Stewart of Occidental won in 4:27.11 to set a Division III record. Genesis Eddins of Massachusetts-Boston bettered the record in the women's 400 by running 54.25. Julia Kirtland of Macalester (Minn.), who won the 10,000 Wednesday, added a victory in the 5,000 Saturday in 16:42.22.

Shot-putter sets her 2d record in 2 days at Gatorade meet

From Chicago Tribune wires

Coast Athletics' Connie Price set a meet record in the women's shot put Saturday at the Gatorade Track Classic in Knoxville, her second record in as many days.

Price's toss of 60 feet bettered her own Gatorade record of 56-2¼ set a year ago and surpassed second-place Pinkie Suggs of Kansas State (55-2¼) and Western Michi-

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gan's Annette Bohach (54-11¼).

Friday, Price broke both the meet and track records in the discus with a throw of 210-9. The previous record at the University of Tennessee's Tom Black Track

was 203-10.

NCAA Division II meet—Abilene Christian won both the men's and women's titles in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Shot-putter Ahmed Shata was the only winner in the men's events for Abilene Christian. Among the women, Ann Foster won the triple jump, Marlene Lewis the shot put and Tracy Mayfield the 100-meter

dash.

NAIA meet—Tim Lomheim and Ade Olokujo won as expected and Jack Nance picked up bonus points in the high jump in Russellville, Ark., as Azusa Pacific won its fifth straight title. Lomheim won the pole vault with a height of 16-3. Olokujo won the discus with a personal best of 185-5¼.