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## in D.M.; new track ready

By BUCK TURNBULL Register Staff Writer

The third season of pari-mutuel harness racing is certain to get under way at the State Fairgrounds tonight regardless of any rain clouds that might be hanging overhead.

Such was not the case a year ago when bad weather and a muddy track forced cancellation of opening night - followed by two other Saturday night rainouts.

That won't happen now, thanks to a new limestone surface installed at the State Fair track this spring. The crushed rock will permit 20 days of harness racing even in the wettest conditions.

"It's already been a lifesaver with the rain we've had this week," Roger Roland of Grinnell, controller of the sponsoring Iowa Fair Racing Association, said Wednesday.

"There is a depth of about six inches of limestone on the track. It's in very good shape. Even when it rains, horses have been jogging around the track with no problems."

The first of 10 races is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. There will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday night racing and Sunday matinees at 1:30 p.m. for the next five weekends.

Admission is \$3 for adults, with children admitted free. Tickets are half price for women on Thursday nights and senior citizens on Sundays.

A portable tote board has been placed in the infield, with betting and cashing in to be done on pari-mutuel machines under the grandstand.

Tonight's featured ninth race is a free-for-all pace with a five-horse field, including last season's 2-yearold standout, Attorney General, owned by Junie Manatt of Brooklyn,

The eighth race is restricted to Iowa-bred 3-year-old pacers.

Making his debut as a public-address announcer for harness races will be Mick Trier, the play-by-play voice of Drake basketball on radio station KRNT.



WBA middleweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard, 31, retired from boxing again Wednesday, after saying his vic-

tory over Marvelous Marvin Hagler has satisfied the burning desire to fight. This is Leonard's third retirement.

## Harmon seeks immunity in probe

ATLANTA, GA. (AP) - Running back Ronnie Harmon of the Buffalo Bills has formally requested immunity from prosecution in a Chicago federal grand jury's investigation of New York agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, the Atlanta Constitu-

tion reported. Harmon's attorney, Martin Rauch, has asked for immunity after the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago handling the case informed him that Harmon is subject to indictment for fraud and tax evasion because of his dealings with Walters and Bloom, the paper said in its Thursday editions.

Harmon, a former University of Iowa running back, is among 60 athletes who have been or will be subpoenaed to testify before the grand

Harmon owes Walters more than \$54,000 in money advanced to him dating back to his junior season at the University of Iowa, according to a suit Walters has filed against the player for breach of contract.

The dispute between them will be tried in a National Football League Players Association grievance hearing June 10 that could lead to the union's decertification of Walters'

"Basically, everybody who goes in asks for immunity because the D.A. is threatening everybody," said Rauch, who met last week with U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas and Assistant U.S. Attorney Howard M. Pearl.

"It's not just Ronnie. Other attorneys are doing the same thing. When they go in there, that's the first time these athletes are told, 'You may be subject to prosecution."

Attorneys who have spoken with Valukas or Pearl have reported athletes are being told they are subject to one year of imprisonment for fraud and tax evasion, the Constitution said.

"The FBI told him [Harmon] just the opposite of what the U.S. attorney told me," said Rauch. "Because of that, anything Ronnie told the FBI is out of reach as it relates to him. If he doesn't get immunity, he won't testify. He will have to appear, but he will tell them that he has been instructed to take the Fifth Amendment so he does not incriminate himself."

Rauch said he has no knowledge of how serious the U.S. attorney is about indicting athletes.

"I don't know what to expect from these guys; they're talking tough with the athletes," said Rauch. "I personally don't know how to prove criminal intent against the athletes when these two guys [Walters and Bloom] duped everybody."

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## Leonard retires again; cites lack of motivation, says he has satisfaction

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BOSTON, MASS. — As has been the case far more often than Marvelous Marvin Hagler would care to recall, Sugar was bad for the former middleweight champion's heart Wednesday.

Sugar Ray Leonard, who was too sweet for Hagler just over a month ago when Leonard won a disputed split decision that cost Hagler his middleweight championship, announced to no one's surprise that he was retiring from the ring for the third time in five years. That decision leaves Hagler without a title or a man to challenge for it, at least for the time being.

"I'm going to try to retire now," Leonard said at a news conference in Washington. "I'm going to give it a shot. Will I fight again? The way I

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feel now, there is no one out there to give me that motivation. For me to perform, it takes a stimulus. I have to be motivated. Fighting Hagler was something I had to do. That burning desire has been taken care of.

"I'm retiring now, but you guys know me. All along, it is motivation that has kept me going. Marvin Hagler was a motivation. Tommy Hearns was a motivation. Roberto Duran was a motivation. On and on. But it's just not there."

In a prepared statement issued through Hagler's attorney, Morris Goldings, Hagler's handlers said, "The Hagler camp is disappointed that Sugar Ray Leonard has apparently decided to retire rather than be available for a rematch. ..."

Along with his retirement announcement, Leonard said he had signed long-term contracts with Home Box Office, Franklin Sports (an equipment outfit) and the Coors Brewery. In addition, he said he would soon begin his own sports show for the Mutual Radio Network. The 31-year-old Leonard will make commercials, public appearances and work with the Coors boxing team.

#### Sugar Ray Leonard's Record

(Title Fight Results)

Aug. 12 - Pete Ranzany, Las Vegas, Nev., KO 4 (Won NABF Welterweight Title) Sept. 28 - Andy Price, Las Vegas, Nev., KO 1 (Retained NABF Welterweight Title)

Nov. 30 — Wilfred Benitez, Las Vegas, Nev., KO

15 (Won WBC Welterweight Title)

March 31 - Dave "Boy" Greene, Landover, Md., KO 4 (Retained WBC Welterweight June 20 - Roberto Duran, Montreal, Quebec, I 15 (Lost WBC Welterweight Title)

Nov. 25 - Roberto Duran, New Orleans, La., KO 8 (Won WBC Welterweight Title) March 28 — Larry Bonds, Syracuse, N.Y., KO 10 (Retained WBC Welterweight Title)

June 25 — Ayub Kalule, Houston, Texas, KO 9 (Won World Junior Middleweight Title) Sept. 16 — Tommy Hearns, Las Vegas, Nev., KO 14 (Won undisputed World Welterweight

Feb. 15 - Bruce Finch, Reno, Nev., KO 3 (Retained World Welterweight Title)

April 6 — Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Las Vegas, Nev., W 12 (Won WBC Middleweight Title)

"Marvin's in New Hampshire," said Pat Petronelli, Hagler's manager. "He doesn't want to be bothered, but he's not surprised. Marvin kept saying from the very beginning, 'He'd never fight me again. He didn't beat me and he told me he didn't beat

But Leonard addressed that very point Wednesday, denying for the third time that he ever told Hagler he had lost the fight.

"It was not true I told him he won the fight afterwards," Leonard said. "I said in my eyes I still saw him as a champion. I was irritated about the investigation into the judging. I think it was an attempt to demean what I had just accomplished. It was humorous to me, all the allegations, because I saw it as a way for the experts to attempt to explain the inexplicable. I wasn't supposed to win but I showed them that I was an exception to the

## Detroit's mistake is Celtics' win

By JOHNETTE HOWARD

© 1987 Knight-Ridder Newspapers BOSTON, MASS. - It was moments after what Detroit Coach Chuck Daly called the "most bizarre" loss in his 30 seasons. Now the Celtics' team trainer was playing the final 5 seconds over and over again on the

"I was looking for a miracle and we got one," Boston guard Danny Ainge said Tuesday moments after the Pistons gave away the game, 108-107, and a chance to return to Detroit needing just one win to reach the NBA final.

It evaporated just like this: Isiah Thomas lobbed an inbound pass to Bill Laimbeer, who was positioned

Marc Hansen is on vacation.

just 8 feet left of Boston's basket, with 4 seconds left. Celtics forward Larry Bird, cut in front of Laimbeer and pawed the ball hard against the parquet floor, then shoveled a pass to Dennis Johnson as he streaked to the basket.

Johnson, ducked underneath leaping Joe Dumars, banked the ball off the glass and into the basket with 1 second left to hand the Celtics a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference final. The sixth game is tonight at the Silverdome.

"I was going to foul Laimbeer, but the ball just kept staying in the air," Bird said. "They were all jumping around, celebrating at half-court. ... I saw I had a chance to steal it. No question they thought they had us, but you can't blame them. It was luck, no question about it."

Thomas could have called a timeout instead of tossing the inbound pass, but he said he didn't see Bird.

Despite Bird's 36 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists, the Celtics somehow seemed destined to lose. Now they'll have to play in Detroit without center Robert Parish and Coach K.C. Jones.

Parish will travel to Detroit but

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#### NBA PLAYOFFS

Eastern Conference BEST-OF-SEVEN FINALS TUESDAY'S GAME Boston 108, Detroit 107 (Boston leads, 3-2) TODAY'S GAME Central Daylight Time 8:00 — Boston at Detroit SATURDAY'S GAME 2:30 — Detroit at Boston (if necessary)

# golf course during an exhibition Wednesday. Casper will Dressed in his trademark knickers and argyle socks, Billy play in the upcoming Iowa Seniors Golf Classic.

Casper, 55, wowed the gallery at Des Moines' Waveland

## Even legendary golfers 'hack' it

By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer

As the owner of two U.S. Open and one Masters championships, Billy Casper has accomplished something that 99.9 percent of the world's golfers only dream of.

But during an exhibition Wednesday at Des Moines' Waveland golf course, Casper, 55, fell into line with a majority of those in attendance. He topped a wedge shot . . . then another ... and still another.

"I need help," he cried in mock desperation. "I'll help you," chirped a member

of the gallery. "I'll help you count your money."

That would take some doing. Casper won 51 titles while on the Professional Golfers Association Tour. Only five players - Sam Snead, Jack

Nicklaus, Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer and Byron Nelson — won more. An eight-time Ryder Cup member, Casper now owns a spot in the World Golf Hall of Fame. Winner of the Vardon Trophy for lowest stroke average five times, Casper been an integral part of the booming Senior PGA Tour in recent years.

His victory in the Arizona Classic this March was the sixth Senior PGA Tour title of his career. Included was the 1983 Senior U.S. Open championship. Casper's total earnings for both the regular and senior PGA tours stand at a whopping \$2,443,486. Only three golfers in the history of the game - Miller Barber, Palmer and Don January - have won more money with a golf club.

Casper's appearance in Des Moines was in conjunction with the upcoming lowa Seniors Golf Classic to be held Monday at the Wakonda Club. Casper will be joined by players like Gary Player, Gene Littler, Sam Snead, Peter Thomson, Dale Douglass, Jack Fleck and Lee Elder in the 18-hole pro-am event.

When he was winning with regularity on the PGA Tour, Casper earned a reputation as a talented putter. When he won the 1959 Open, for example, he needed just 112 putts in 72 holes of competition. Legend has it that Hogan, consid-

ered one of the finest shotmakers,

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### isn't impossible anymore By BERNARD FERNANDEZ 1987 Knight-Ridder Newspapers EDMONTON, ALBERTA - An

Philadelphia's mission

Edmonton newspaper had labeled the Flyers' chances of rallying from a 3-1 deficit in the Stanley Cup final as "Mission: Almost Impossible." And judging from the casual manner in which the Edmonton Oilers sought to protect a 3-1 lead in the fifth game Tuesday, it appeared as if they thought a title-clinching victory was indeed imminent.

But the Oilers, who have heard so much about their supposed superiority in this series that they might believe it, were unable to hammer the final nail in the Flyers' casket. The would-be corpses from Philadelphia refused to breathe their last breath and scored three unanswered goals for a 4-3 win that sent the series back to the Spectrum for the sixth game to-

That turn of events came as a considerable surprise to the local citizenry, which had planned to spend Thursday attending a parade and other festivities commemorating the Oilers' third Stanley Cup championship in four seasons.

Edmonton defenseman Kevin Lowe said announcement of a victory celebration for the Oilers before the fact might have supplied the Flyers with the emotional ammunition they needed to craft their second comefrom-behind triumph in this series.

"We had nothing to do with it," Lowe said of the premature parade plans. "We appreciate our fans being behind us, but we were trying to downplay it because all something like that does is motivate the opposi-

"We knew we were playing a team with a lot of character. Everybody was counting their chickens except us. We expected a tough game from NHL PLAYOFFS

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the Flyers, and that's what we got." Protestations to the contrary, the Oilers coasted through much of Tuesday night's action as if they couldn't wait to uncork the champagne. But it will taste just as sweet in the Spectrum, said several Edmonton players who viewed the loss as nothing more than a detour on the way to their ulti-

"It just makes it a little sweeter when we get to the end of the rainbow," said Edmonton winger Marty McSorley, whose first two-goal playoff game was wasted. "We're going to bounce back from this and win the Stanley Cup."

mate reward.

"[The Flyers'] backs are still against the wall," added Oilers center Craig MacTavish. "They have to win two games, we only have to win one. Losing this game is a disappointment, but maybe it was meant for us to win it on the road this year."

Maybe it is, and maybe it isn't. If the crazy-quilt pattern of this season's NHL playoffs proves anything, it is to expect the unexpected. Any semblance of historical perspective has long since been tossed in the ash can in this postseason. Two teams (the New York Islanders and Detroit)

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#### MORNING REPORT

Heiderscheit has been named to the CoSI-DA/GTE academic All-American baseball team. The junior from New Albin also was named second team all-Big Eight Conference and selected for the America Baseball Coaches Association NCAA All-District V second team. Heiderscheit led the Cyclones with a .344 average with four home runs and 36 RBIs. As a pitcher, he was 3-3 with four saves and a 6.44 ERA.

FINE PUNCH. Boston Celtics center Robert Parish was fined \$7,500 and suspended for one game Wednesday for punching Detroit center Bill Laimbeer during Tuesday night's NBA playoff game. Parish re-sprained his left ankle in the game and was not expected to play

SMART CATCHER. Iowa State catcher Pat in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals tonight in Detroit. But NBA executive Rod Thorn said the NBA suspended Parish anyway "so he is ineligible to play no matter what his physical condition." Laimbeer and Parish were battling for a rebound in the second quarter when Parish hit the Detroit center three times and knocked him down. Officials said they didn't see the blows, so no foul was called.

> TEAMMATE IMPLICATES BIAS. Terry Long, a former Maryland teammate of basketball star Len Bias, said Wednesday the all-American introduced him to cocaine in the fall of 1984. Long, who was with Bias when the star player collapsed from cocaine intoxication last June 19, testified that he, Bias, former team-

mate David Gregg and Brian Tribble had been snorting the drug for more than three hours before Bias suffered a fatal seizure. The testimony came in the third day of the Prince Georges County trial of Tribble, 24, who is charged with cocaine distribution and possession for allegedly supplying Bias with the cocaine that killed him.

ALL-CONFERENCE. Laurie Stephan, a former Iowa high school state tennis champion from Cedar Rapids, now a freshman at Clemson University, was named all-Atlantic Coast for 1987. Stephan won ACC titles at No. 5 singles and No. 2 doubles for the league champion Tigers.

ALL-COMPUTER. Michael Jordan, who led the NBA this season with a 37-point average, received the Seagram Sports Award as the league's best player. The award is based on a computer evaluation of a player's regularseason performance in seven categories: scoring, field-goal percentage, free-throw accuracy, rebounds, blocked shots, assists and steals. "I'd like to thank the computer," Jordan

LACY TO ISU. Davenport West's Willie Lacy, who anchored the Falcons to victories in two events at the Drake Relays, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Iowa State University. Lacy owns the state's fastest clocking in the 400 meters at 48.3 seconds.