## Odds \& <br> INS 0

 By Skip Myslenski \& Linda KayHe would hear people say Walter Payton had lost a
teep, and Lowell Weil would shake his head and step, and Lowerne Weer wowid shake his head and
laugh. Weil is the team podiatrist for the Bears, and laug. wie of the ceam's final ceight games in the 1986
before
seaso, he injected a long-acting local anesthtetic into Payton's big toe. Walter fractured and dislococted it
against the Rams in the ninth game, but six days
 yards sushing and 69 yards receiving against Tampa
Bay. "When the comments started coming about him slowing down, it was at the time he was playing with
the entire bigitoe joint numbed up," says Weil.
had to chucke, because no one knew. Nold onny does as
running back nedd all 10 toos. he coll
12. And the big-to joint is very key for pushing off.s
For that feat
Sports Med Meet, the American Academy of Podiatric Payton the Golden Foot Award at it is annual convention in Chicago last month Pay-
ton said it was the first time he had been honored by to said tor of docors, but a dmeithed bis suconess story
a sould easily have been a huge flop. His distaste for injections is so oronounced, he sadid, that he had to to
psych himself up for a half-hour before he submitted pssch the needle. "He's terribly afraid of shots and always
to has been"," says Weil, who had to cajole Payton right
up to five minutes before game time. "He was like a


A blast from the (far) past
The Cooperstown Leatherstockings, led by Hall of
Fame librarian Tom Heitz, took on the Hudson River Fame librarian Tom Heitz, took on the Hudson River
Half Moons last Sunday on the lush fields of the Tarrytown, N. $\mathrm{Y}^{\text {es estate of of }}$ 19th century author Washing-
ton Irving. Their contest of Town Ball, the precursor
 Tered by John Thorn, who (as in days of old) was
enpowered to fine coaches, playess and spectators or any infraction. After a Leatherstocking outfielder
tripped over the cables of Major League Baseanl Pro tinpecions while eamking a spectacaular catch, Thorn
tuok
took tios that action and took just that action and imposed 10-cent fines on
cameraman Tim Roberts and soundman Dean Rosen. Affer collecting, Thorn admonished them to "keep the 20th Century to yourself."
A quiz
Guess where the largest athletic event in the world
will be staged in 1987? Answer: South Bend, Ind., where the International Summer Special Olympics Games seegin July 3 . Tho Tose Games will feature 6,000
athletes from 66 nations. In contrast, the more herald athietes irom ere nations.
ed Pan
Indianapolis will feature only
5,200
athen atheetes from ed Pan
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nations.

## Laughter now allowed

Levity was not a word linked with Walter Byers
during his 36 years as NCAA head, but the word is that his successor, Ditk Shultz, does indeed have a sense
headed the negotiating compittee that was pounding out a new TV contract for the NCAA's postseason basketball tournament last December. CBS won those
rights with a $\$ 166$ million bid, which it submitted in riehts with a 8166 million bid, which it submitted in a
sealed envelope that also contained 93 cents. That was all the change its representatives had in their pockets
at the time of bidding, and Schultz returned it to them when he proclaimed them the victors. "You can
"have this back." he said to Peter Lumd, then president
of CBS Sports. "We got enough from you as it is" have his back, 'he said to Peter Lunn, then presiden
of CBS Sports. "We got enough from you as it is." "He's certainly serious as opposed to beine a cutup,
and he certainy isn t friovolous by any strech of the imaginent. "But that sense of humor is there. There Were times in our negotitations when he'd make a series of proclamations, and, we'd bite hook, line and
sinker right to the end. That's when we realized it was a put-on. 1 think that sense of humor was important. ers that allowed us to move on to the next step."

## News, notes and nonsense

For what it's worth, here is what Eagle coach Buddy
Ryan had to say earlier this week on his radio show in Philadelphia: "The Bears talked to us before the last
draft. We thought they wanted draft. We thought they wanted a little too much, but
now we think [strong safety] Todd Bell may be an
 vited fans to a meeting on campus Wednesday night o map off-court strategy. Writes Hallberg in a lenge ahead of em is to ocems omething about small
crowds at the UIC Pavilion. I know I cannot tackle this task alone, and 1 woull ilike our help., .. Some
7,000 employecs of 33 local corporations compete in the Healthy American Games Saturday at Glenbrook
 ning back Neal Anderson receieses the Brian Piccolo
Award as the club's top rookie Award as the club's top rookie at a dinner Monday
night at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingale.
 And finally: Only in America. You may recall us
mentioning Wednesday that Butch Lewis, who is promoting Monday's War at the Shore between Mi-
chael Spinks and Gerry Coney, has offered Fawn
Hall Hall \$25,000 ot be ary round-card girl. Now comes
word that Lewis has made the same hartelt offer to word that Lewis has made
Donna Rice. Harty, har-har.

Sundberg's scouting report: NCAA hired good man for its top job

The NCAA's appointment
of Virginia athletic oirector
Dick Schult as its executive Dick schultz as its executive
director was felt all the way to director was
the Cubss dugou Catcher $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jim } \\ & \text { his } 14 \text { shand mers, in } \\ & \text { major-league season, }\end{aligned}$ his 1 tht major-league season,
was soutet and recruited out
of Galeshws was scouted and recruitec our
of Galesurg, III, by shutz
when hes was baseball coach at the University of lowa,

Next innovation: Clothes-optional Pray 'n' Putt

## And boring: Polif

 pected to finish their investiz gation this week into allegations that a male officer of 10 years on the force golfed in the nude at a departmen
sponsored Golf Play Day. "We want to separate "We want to separate fact the embellishments," said
Chief William Fitzpatrick, Chief William Fitzpatrick,
who wotlitidentity the sus-
pect wntil the trobe is compect until the probe is com-
pleted ". If he did it, how long
he did it that's he did it that's what
going to try to find out." Golfers in Brighton, who skip chirh to get an
early start now early start now can to pray
before they play. Nondebefore they play. Nonde-
nominational services are conducted by Rev. David W.
Swink, a Baptist minister Swink, a Baptist minister, each Sunday on the first
at Oak Pointe Golf Club. Ift's actually a rather beaufar wexperience, becaus sunrises at $6: 30$ 6:35, and it's a quiet, peacefuil time to be together," he said. vice where you can come and drink ocffee while the minis-
ter gives ter gives his talk."
 dberg after receiving a let- after the game, Schuliz offered


Walter Payton slaps his hands in a tray of wet cement, io
be placed when dry in the Morrie Mages Wall of Fame.

## 2,130

Sachio Kinugasa, Japan's "Iron Man," tied a record set by Lou Gentig of New York Yankees nearty 50 years ago by playing in his 2,130th consecutive Japanese professional baseball game
Thursday night in liroshima. In the fifth inning, when it became errtain the game would be an official one, time was called, and managers of his Hiroshima Toyo Carp. The Carp beat the managers of his Hiroshima Toyo Carp. The Cat
Yokonama Whales 4.3 and Kinugasa went 1 -for-4.

Cry of Gladiators: We who are about to fly salute you

As if O'Hare Airport did't home, pack their clothes and Haering said Friday's exhibihave enough confusion, the
new Arena Football League figures to to really cause some some
scrambling
Final rosters for the fourbe drawn up after Friday night's sexhibition game in
Rockord. Rockior Neither Executive Director
Mouse Davis nor Pittsburgh Gladiators coach Joe Haering
who it who is the league's personne director, want to tell
ers their destinations.
That will come Saturday morring. The ployers then
will have enough time to call board their filights to the three
franchise cities outside chica-
go: Denver, Pittsburgh or
Washington.
The season begins June 19 ,
when Pittsburgh plays the when Pittsburgh plays the
Washington Commandoes. Haering and Davis have divided the players into four
groups with assinned coaches groups with assigned coaches. changes, the 16 -man team rosters are all but selected. The training-camp roster
began at 120 and has been siceed to 77 , maning 13 players will be reteained as part of
a pool of reserves. tion game might force chang
in the roster. The leagu wants to bolancerce its talent. "That's our whole idea," Haering said "When we leave
camp we want each team to camp we want each team.
be as balanced as possible. One team might have the best quarterback, another
team might have the best wide team might have the best wide
receiver and so forth. Well
see if see if one team has an advan-
tage or disadvantage. tage or disadvantage "Right now, we just don't
want anyone to make plans. "We're just going to tell them at one time, so they
don't have to make changes."


Holding a World Cup is a dirty job, but U.S. would do it

If the U.S. Soccer Federation is successstul in its bid to
play host for the 1994 world pap, some games probably
Cuil be played in the Midwest. Cup, some games probably
will be played in the Mididest.
Phil Woosnam of the federPhil Woosnam of the edede-
ation has just concluded a the Cup, which will require 1 the Cup, which will require 12
stadiums. Soldier Field is on She e ist. He ealso inspected
Michign Stadem
dium and Spartan Stadium in e Biig 10, Busch Stadium, Notre Dame Stadium, So what will be done about
the need to play World Cup the need to play World Cup Geos on natural grass. George Toma, turf consul-
ant to the NFL, said that ant to the NFL, said that
would be no problem because of a process perfected thece lase
time the USSF made
cup bid. It takes about four weeks and costs approximate
$1 y$
$\$ 0,000$
to opt
8 inches of soil over the artificial turf
"II's like putting down dirt for motocross races," he said,
"and we do it all the time." In Chicago, a bigger consid-
eration is, Will Soldier Field still be viable if a new one has

Sundberg a full scholarship to
play ball for the Hawkeyes.
 Though Sundberg was soon to
be drafted by the Oakland $A^{\prime}$, be drated by the Oakland A's,
he aceepted the offer. Two weeks intier. the 1970
season, Schultz resigned as season, Schultz resigned as
baseball lowa's head basketball coach., "He was a great guy,"
Sundberg recalled. "Honest, excel at it. But to tell you the
truth, $I$ haven't even seen him since, my college days." What kind of coach was he What kind of coach was he?
"d dont' remember," the 36 year-ond catcheren said. "I just
know he had a lot of charac

Chicago rules the waves-at least that's the hope of 3 yachtsmen
Buddy Melges and his "Heart of America" may have
washed out in last winter's Americas's Cup, but by bolly, that washed out in last winter's America's Cup, but by golly, that
doesn't mean Chicago has been left without an international doesn't mean chi
sailing challenge.
Later this summer, Insatiable, a 4 -ffort boat based in Chi-
cago and owned by Fred Krehbie cago and owned by Hred Krehbiel, Deane Tank and Tom sear Cowles, England.
Skippered by Gary Weisman, Insatiable earned its place by
finishing No. 1 in the Breton Reef Regata last weekend at Newport, R.I., ahead of Sidewinder of san Francisco and in the races July 30 through Aug. 12.
Just as Dennis Connor wrested the America's Cup away
from foreign interlopers, Insatiable will be attempting to take the Admiral Cup from West Germany.

## BRIEFS

Federal authorities reportedly are investigating a possible link between a recruiter for sports agents and the cocaine-
induced death of Cleveland Browns defensive back Don Rogers. The investigation stems from inquiries by the FBL
and a federal grand jury in Chicago that is looking into the activities of New York sports agents Norby Waiters and Lloyd Bloom. Newsday reported that authorities are investi-
ating gating a possible link between Rogers ayd Terry Bolar, a
former Long Beach State footall player. wo works for
 June 27, a day before his wedding. Newsday said Bolar was
at the bachelor party and supplied a limo for Rogers and at the bachelor party and suppliied a limo for Rogers and
his friends. The newspaper said Bolar also rode in the am-
 Constitution reported that the emergency medical techni--
cian said nobody was in the ambulance, "I didn't have cian said nobody was in the ambulance," "I diad't have
anything to do with any drugs and Don," Bolar said ."'III anything ho do with any y rugs and Don, swar said."
put $m y$ hand on many stacks of Bibles and swear on it." Court documents filed in the Phoenix Suns drug case indicate that a witness has recanted statements that led to
the indictment of three defendants. Alvin Scott, a former player who works in the front office, has recanted Statements that led to the charges against, ex-S.Sun Garfied Heard, current player James Edwards and Kim Lesure of
Phoenix, according to papers filed by prosecutor James Phoenix, according to papers filed by prosecutor Jan
Keppel. Heard's case has been returned to a grand jury. Iowa football player Keaton Smiley has been charged
with willful injury in the assault of a women volleyball playwith wilfful iniury in the assault of a women volleyball play-
er. He was being held in tien of $\$ 10000$ bond Smiley is r. He was
accused of beating Chery
Zemaitas , from Downers Grove, with his fists and threatening her with a knife at his apartment. She suffered a ruptured eardrum and possible frachearing was set for June $19 \ldots$ Former Nevada-las Vegas baskertball recruit Lloyd Daniels has pleaded guilty to a charge of attempting to buy rock cocaine at a crack house.
Daniels must enter a three-month druy rehabilitation program and undergo twice-weekly urinalysis under terms of a plea bargain. If he successfully completes drug counseling, Daniels must appear again before Justice of the Peace
James Kelly to have his misdemeanor record sealed Hewer than half of the 673 male athletes on scholarship
at Florida in the last 10 years have aarned degrees within five years at the school, according to the Gainesville Sun. In
 Quen's Slub tennis tournament in London. Edberg won $6-$
$7(2-7), 7-6(7-1)$, , $6-4$. Becker beat John
Sadri $6-4,6-4$
 coach, Tony Roche, $7-6,7-5$ in the quarterfinals of the
Scottish grass court championships in Edinburgh. . . Elise Burgin upset sixh-seded Syvia

 slapal Tennis Council announced that no additional penal-
ties would be levied against John McEnroe for leavin the court during a World Team Cup match. Officials deter-
mined that a back injury prevented McEnroe from playing. The hiring of ex-Notre Dame footbalil coach Gerry Faust contributing to dissension and negativism in the Akron ath-
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letic departments says Arkansa Ahthetc Director Frank letic department, says Arkansas. Athletic Director Frank
Broyles, who was hired by the zipas as oconultan to con-
duct a two-month evaluation. Faust was hired last year. Arson investigators say a barn fire that killed 15 stan-
dardbreds at Hazel Park Harness Raceway was deliberately

The U.S. women's team rolled a record final game or
 two-day, six-game total of 6,011 .
Ron Kline of New Trier High School was one of six
coaches chosen to the American Baseball Coaches Associacoaches
tion Hall of Fame.
Cycling star Greg LeMond, recovering from ar gunshot
wound suffered in a family hunting accident Aprii 20 , says it will be at least next
Whe Pittsburgh Steelers have waived former lowa line-
backer Larry Station, who was drafted in the 1 1th round last year.

Complied by Mike Conkiin, Mike O'Donnell and Rich Lorenz from
staft, wire reports.

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