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Up in the air: The Black Hawks drafted Jimmy Waite last weekend and are expected to sign two more goalies, free agent Bob Mason from the Washington Capitals and hotshot Ed Belfour of the University of North Dakota. That makes for a crowded situation in the nets and Murray Bannerman's future here is cloudy at best. The goaltender is 30, he has played for the Hawks seven seasons, he owns a comfortable spread in Naperville and—just three weeks ago—he and wife Liz had their third child. Bannerman, of course, has thought about the possibility he'll be traded, and these thoughts, in turn, have him considering retirement. "It has crossed my mind," he says. On the other hand, he is also convinced he can play another five years and says he wants to do it in Chicago. "I think it really just boils down to me, and whether I rise to the challenge," says Bannerman. "I'll just put it this way. I don't really want a trade. I like the area, and we have friends here. But if the situation were such that they didn't have any plans for me, I'd want to be traded. And if the trade was not enticing, I'd have to think about getting another job. I think you have to look at all the options."

### Food for thought

Baseball all know, is the Great American Pastime, and that would make it awful funny if the United States weren't represented in that sport at the Seoul Olympics. But consider this: In the last three Pan American Games, the U.S. baseball team has finished fourth, fifth and sixth. And, getting right to the point, if it doesn't finish first or second at this summer's Pan Am Games in Indianapolis, it will not be able to participate in next year's Olympics.

### To pro or not to pro ...

... that is the question at hand. And it is difficult to imagine anyone grappling harder for the right answer than Bob Johnson, the new executive director of the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States (AHAUS). The former Calgary Flames coach, who resigned that position last month, is already at work on His new job, but he is not ready to say whether NHL stars will be representing the U.S. at future Olympics. It's a good question. We have to see who will be available and then analyze which way to go," he says when asked whether the AHAUS will take advantage of the new rules that have opened up hockey at the Games. But when it comes to Canada, the host country of the next Winter Olympics, he is much more opinionated. Says Johnson: "Since they're in Calgary, you know it would be a source of great pride if Canada won a medal. So I think pressure will be put on the six Canadian [NHL] teams to support the Olympics."

#### Movin' on

He prowled behind benches for 31 seasons and, during his career, coached a U.S. Olympic team (1976), three enational champions (at Wisconsin, where he was known as "Badger Bob") and a Stanley Cup finalist a year ago in Calgary. Johnson was, in the minds of many, wedded to coaching, and his departure from that job surprised the legion that thought he would remain behind benches forever. And, admits Johnson, "There has never been a guy who enjoyed coaching more than I did." So why leave? "This job was available, it's a great job and it wouldn't be available in two years. I had two years left on my contract, and it was a complete shock to Calgary. But, hey, I coached a long time, I left on top and I got a place here [in Colorado Springs] on the golf course. Put it all together, it was just time to leave. Besides, I'm not leaving the game. I'm just leaving coaching and going into administration."

### Here, there, everywhere

Dick Enberg is in London working on NBC's Wimbledon preview show, and that duty is nice enough. But, come Friday, he must hop a Concorde for a flight to New York, where he must hop another plane for a flight to Kansas City and this weekend's U.S. Gymnastics Championships. He covers those on Saturday and Sunday for a delayed telecast July 5, and then rushes to New York on Monday to add whatever commentary is necessary. Then it is back onto a Concorde for a return to London, a deep breath and final preparations for his network's coverage of Wimbledon itself. And why is he going to all this trouble to be in Kansas City? Because Enberg will be the gymnastics announcer during NBC's coverage of next summer's Seoul Olympics.

### News, notes and nonsense

Darryl Dawkins is a free agent, and the New Jersey Nets don't intend to offer the player more than a makegood contract because of the back problems that kept him on the bench most of last season. That has led Dawkins to express some interest in the Bulls. He was coach Doug Collins' teammate on the Sixers and figures that if the Bulls offer more than a make-good deal, he'll take it. . . . Walter Payton guests on the next "Monday Sportsnite," ABC's late night sport show that airs locally at 11 p.m. on Channel 7. Also scheduled for that show: International Olympic Committee v.p. Richard Pound and NBC Sports Executive Producer Michael Weisman, who will be on hand to discuss the tumultuous situation in Seoul and its possible effects on the summer Games.

... Yankee owner George Steinbrenner sent a magnum of champagne to pitcher Joe Niekro after he and brother Phil broke the record for most victories by brothers. When he was traded to the Twins days later, Joe left the unopened champagne behind with a note that read: "No Thanks."

And finally, New York Met broadcaster Tim McCarver on John McSherry's effect when that 300-poundplus umpire works second base: "He makes a good background for the hitters."



John McEnroe, whose family is the cover story for the July issue of Esquire magazine, poses with his wife, Tatum O'Neal, and son, Kevin.

# Mac opens fire against U.S. Open

John McEnroe won't be at Wimbledon, but it'll be interesting if he plays in the U.S. Open later this summer.

According to the July issue of Esquire magazine, which made McEnroe and his family the cover story, the tennis star remains infuriated at the treatment he received at the Open during his comeback. As you may recall, after getting bumped in the first round of singles, McEnroe and Peter Fleming were defaulted in doubles when McEnroe was 10 minutes late due to a traffic jam.

"If I do get back to No. 1, it'll be because of what happened at the Open," he told Esquire. "I mean, I sat in the house for a week after that. I was steaming. "I just kept saying, 'Can you believe

"If I ever get to be No. 1 again, it will be because of the moment when they told me to get lost from the Open." Other items from the article:

Actress Tatum O'Neal, his wife, said one of the first things that impressed her about McEnroe was his Central Park apartment. "I was overwhelmed. I'd seen nice places before in my life. But this was the nicest place I'd ever seen."

John on his wife: "Tatum took me to a whole new plane. Until I met her, I'd never been in the National Enquirer."

What was actor Ryan O'Neal's reaction to his daughter dating McEnroe? "One morning, my father shoved the newspaper in my face with the stories about John [and his on-court misbehavior] and said, 'Look at this! How can you like this guy?' Uh, thanks, Dad."

McEnroe on No. 1-ranked Ivan Lendl: "The guy hasn't been good for tennis. He's been so selfish. And he's certainly not the kind of guy who brings out the best in others. He's hurt the popularity of the game so much."

# Remember the '81 Sting? Only Simanton's a survivor

How long does it take for a championship team to be dismantled? Not very long if the sport is soccer.

The Sting's Mark Simanton, at the tender age of 28, finds himself as the lone player or coach who has been continuously employed by the club since the 1981 Soccer Bowl championship touched off a citywide celebration.

Everyone else has been traded or quit since that outdoor title. One player, Frantz Mathieu, was reacquired. During this past season, coach Willy Roy and Karl-Heinz Granitza departed.

Simanton's days as the senior citizen in uniform may be numbered, too. "I've got a month left on my contract, and right now my future with the team depends on a lot of things," he said, not the least of which is the club's new ownership alignment.

Simanton, a New Trier West grad who played at Indiana, was one of a half-dozen bright, young American players in the old North American Soccer League. When the outdoor league folded, he continued to play with many teammates when the Sting shifted to an indoor-only operation.

"I hear from the guys on that '81 team," he said. "Scotty Spalding calls me once a week or so, trying to sell me a car. He's with a Mer-

cedes dealership." Others from the '81 team in-

cluded: Dieter Ferner, owner of a Chicago service station; Arno Steffenhagen, owner of a Lincoln Avenue bar; Paul Hahn, who operates a tennis center in West Germany; Ingo Peter, coaching in West Germany; Charlie Fajkus, with Kansas City in the Major Indoor Soccer League; Pato Margetic, a free agent; Tasso Koutsoukos, with



Mark Simanton

Kansas City; Greg Ryan, coaching women's soccer at Wisconsin; Paul Coffee, working for a truck leasing firm in California; Rudy Glenn, with the Chicago Shoccers; Bret Hall, coaching in Wheaton; and Granitza, who owns a boutique and is expected to open a French restaurant.

Others from the 1981 team no longer with the organization are: General Manager Charlie Evranian, assistant coach Mike Grbic, trainer Jerry Carter, publicist Jim DiMaria, community relations director Connie Kowal, and equipment manager Willie Steinmiller.

"I miss outdoor soccer a lot," said Simanton. "I was watching the English Cup final the other day on TV and I realized how much I

"In the long term, I see another full NASL-type format. In the next couple years, maybe a regional, semipro type of league."



to salute the world champion Los Angeles basketball team in the history of this land."

James Worthy waves to some of the esti- Lakers. At a City Hall ceremony, Mayor mated 15,000 fans who turned out Tuesday Tom Bradley called the Lakers "the best

## Summer sailing update

With the first eight races of the summer sailing season now history, the Tartan 10 racing fleet has been dominated by Mark and Susan Wurtzebach's boat Susan.

This fleet of identical, 33-foot boats race boat-for-boat with no handicapping needed, and participation has been high this season, with 17 to 30 boats starting each race.

Susan (the boat) has finished first in five races and second in another of the eight events. She also placed fourth in the Olympic Cup on May 31, when only 52 seconds separated No. 1 Goblin from the fourth-place finisher.

Glider, winner in last Sunday's 8-Mile Buoy Race, sports three second-place finishes and a

For all you cowpokes ...

From the News-You-Probably-Didn't-Get-

Anywhere-Else Dept., here are the current

standings from the College National Finals

Blue Mountain (Ore.) 315, New Mexico

130, New Mexico State 90, McNeese State

90, Montana State 60, Cal Poly-San Luis

Obispo 30, Southwest Oklahoma State 30,

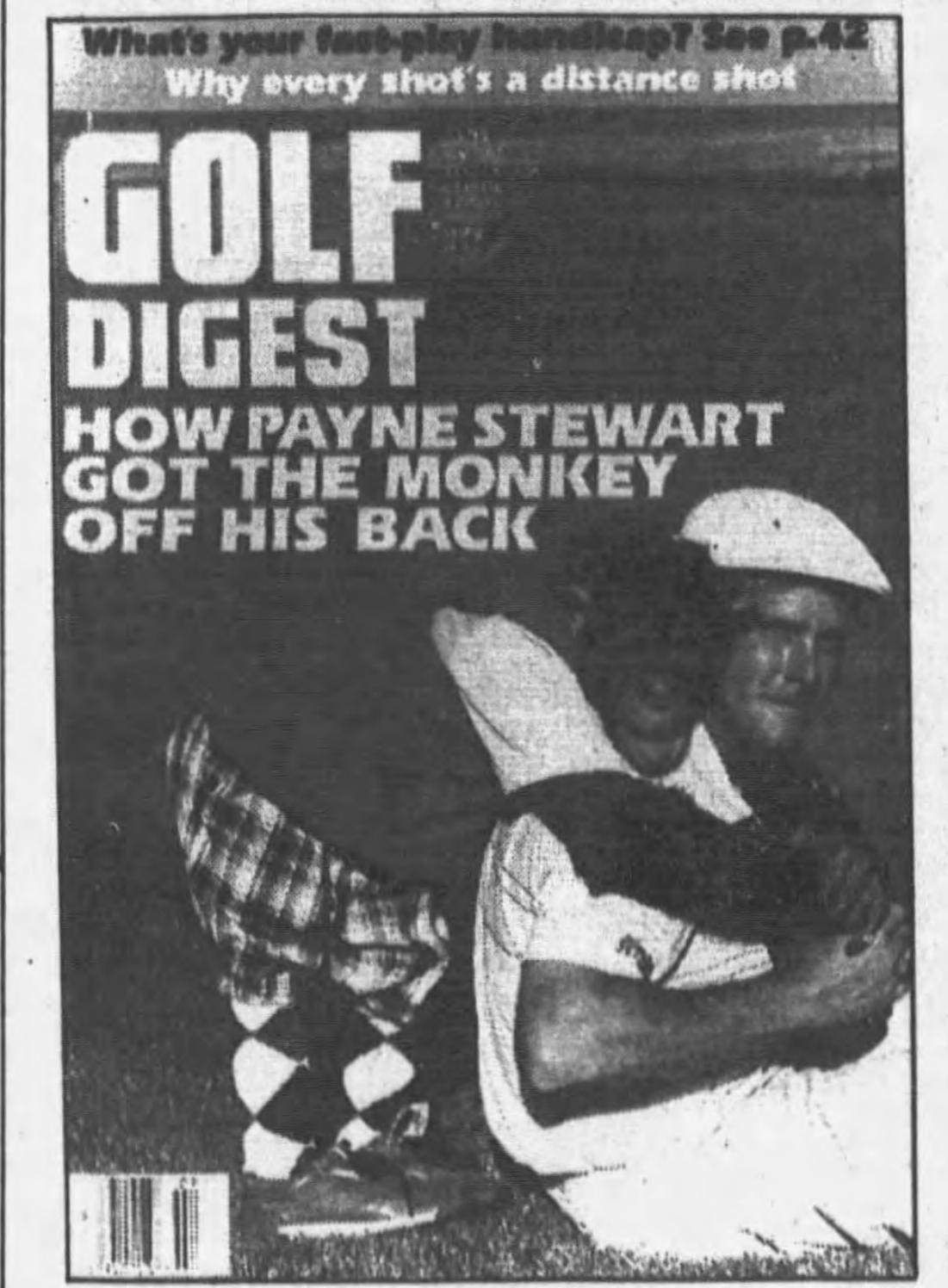
West Hills College 120, Southwest Oklaho-ma State 105, Southwest Texas State 105,

McNeese State 90, Walla Walla CC 75, Texas

Tech 60, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo 15.

Rodeo competition in Bozeman, Mont.:

Central Arizona 5, Tarleton State 5.



Payne Stewart is Golf Digest's pick to win this week's U.S. Open. The July issue, in its cover story, tells how he got the monkey off his back when he won this year's Bay Hill Classic to end a dry spell in the winner's circle. Last year, he led the Open with six holes to play before finishing sixth.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who at 40 played a key role in the Los Angeles Lakers' NBA championship season, has signed a contract that will keep him playing another two seasons and will reportedly be worth \$5 million. Abdul-Jabbar originally had planned to retire after next season.

Wayne Gretzky, who had hinted he might retire after helping Edmonton win a third Stanley Cup championship, has signed a five-year contract extention with the Oilers.

Two University of Pittsburgh football players—running back Charles Gladman, No. 4 on Pitt's all-time rushing list, and defensive back Teryl Austin-will be declared ineligible because they signed contracts with agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, The Atlanta Constitution reported.

The judge in the Phoenix Suns drug case dismissed one count of conspiracy each against nightclub manager James Jordan, waiter Terry Kelly and former Suns player Mike Bratz because Johnny High, the only witness against them, was killed in a traffic accident Saturday.

Richard Evans, president of the New York Knicks, said the team will not have a new general manager and head coach in time for Monday's NBA draft. Evans said Dick McGuire, a chief scout with the Knicks for 20 years, will direct the team's draft activities.

Former Bears offensive tackle Kline Gilbert, a captain on the 1956 Western Division champs who lost to the New York Giants in the NFL title game, died Sunday at University Medical Center in Jackson, Miss., at age 56. He was a starter for the Bears in 1953-57. ... George Smith, an infielder with Detroit and Boston in the 1960s, died of cancer at age 49.

Ken Trickey, whose Oral Roberts basketball teams were among national scoring leaders in the early 1970s, became head coach of the Titans again Tuesday. Trickey, 53, succeeds Ted Owens, who resigned under pressure last week.

In the second round of the Eastbourne women's tennis championship, defending champ Martina Navratilova triumphed 6-1, 6-0 over Gretchen Magers, and Chris Evert whipped Lisa Bonder 6-1, 6-1. ... Navratilova was quoted in Tuesday's Daily Express of London as saying she was "afraid to play my best" in recent losses to teenagers Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini. "I was scared to find out if they could beat me when I'm playing my best because, if they can, then I am finished." She says her attitude will change. "In the five years or so I have left, I've got to go flat-out, risk everything, or I might as well give up right now. I'd rather face up to, and live with, the fact that Steffi Graf is better than I am than never know."

Former major-league pitching star Sal Maglie, 70, is reported "doing well" in the nursing facility of the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center. He was admitted to the center April 12 and was transferred to the adjacent skillednursing facility a month later. Maglie underwent surgery to drain a brain hemorrhage in 1982.

Over opposition from the Rockford Park District board president and area residents, the board approved a lease with Hoosier Professional Baseball Inc., which will field a Class A team in the city beginning next season.

Thomas Hearns will lose his No. 1 middleweight contender ranking by the International Boxing Federation, an IBF spokesman said after a U.S. District Court judge in Detroit dismissed Hearns' request for a restraining order.

Lockport High School principal James Clark will file a report with the IHSA Wednesday concerning allegations of undue influence against former basketball coach Bob Basarich. "No documented violations have been supported or can be supported [against Basarich] by our findings," said Lockport superintendent Donald Weber.

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