## Gooden talks about problems

NEW YORK (AP) - Dwight Gooden said Thursday "it felt good to get it out," referring to his first public remarks of his cocaine use and rehabilitation.

The 22-year-old right-hander talked about his earlier newspaper comments after he pitched seven innings of three-hit ball as the New York Mets beat the Chicago Cubs, 8-2, Thursday.

Gooden's frank interview appeared in Thursday's New York Post and New York Newsday. He said in those interviews he would not comment again about his drug problems but he did comment generally after the game.

"I'm glad to have it off my shoulder," Gooden said. "Maybe down the road if I feel comfortable enough I'll talk about it again.

"It felt good to get it out. A lot of things had been building up inside me and it made me feel a lot better. I regret doing what I did and now I'm trying to put something good into baseball."

In the interview, Gooden said he was grateful when he tested positively for drugs during spring train-

"In a way, I'm glad I got caught," he said. "I might have ended up like Len Bias."

Bias, the Maryland basketball All American, died a year ago of cocaine intoxication, two days after being selection by the Boston Celtics in the first round of the NBA draft.

GOODEN SAID HE began using cocaine in 1984 but that he had never used it during the baseball season.

"I was never hooked," he said. "I was never a junkie. I always used it in the off-season . . . never during the season." He admitted, however, that his use of the drug had increased from once a month to once a week last winter.

"I know some people think I was a junkie, but I never had a problem with it. I did coke the way someone might have a drink with dinner. Go to a party or a club and it'd be there. But once it was gone, I never craved more. I let it go."

Gooden was National League rookie of the year in 1984 when he won 17 games, and won the Cy Young award when he went 24-4 in 1985. His production fell to 17-6 last year as the Mets won the world championship.

Gooden said he was not concerned about submitting to tests because he thought the cocaine in his system would not show up. He said he had used cocaine two days before being arrested by Tampa police in a traffic dispute last December and drug tests at that time were negative.

"I thought I'd be OK in spring training, too," he said. "I never thought I would get caught."

Gooden said he used cocaine two days before the Mets tested him and he was shocked when the results came back positive. As a result of test, Gooden was ordered to enter a drug rehabilition program, and he spent 28 days in a New York drug and alcohol treatment center.

"The hardest part was telling my parents. I went home that day and said, 'Pull up a chair, I have some bad news.' My mom was good about it. She said, 'Maybe this is for the best.' But my dad . . . he couldn't Metal Products, Rockwell, Steel & believe it.

"Why did I do it? Because I was stupid. My friends said, 'Here, try it,' and I didn't have the strength to say no. No one made me do it. I did it because I wanted to. Stupid."

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New York Mets' Mookie Wilson is tagged out in a rundown on the way to home by Chicago Cubs shortstop Mike Brumley in the fifth inning Thursday at Shea Stadium. The Mets won, 8-2.

## Gooden wins again as Mets climb

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Davey Johnson, manager of the New York Mets, feels there is a direct relationship between the return of Dwight Gooden and the team's climb over the .500 mark in the last month.

The 22-year-old Gooden, 5-1, in his fifth start since returning from drug rehabilitation, allowed three hits, struck out five, walked five and gave up an unearned run in seven innings Thursday in the Mets' 8-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

"Dwight's 95 percent if you're talking about quality performances," said Johnson. "You don't lose your number one man and not feel it.

'He's close to being the Gooden of last year and the year before. Dwight's had some trouble in day games in the past, but he's already beaten Chicago twice now and that's a good sign."

Johnson decided to lift Gooden after the right-hander had thrown 115 pitches.

Doug Sisk pitched the eighth inning for the Mets and yielded a run, while Randy Myers pitched the ninth. Leon Durham had three of the four Chicago hits. Mookie Wilson had a single and triple to drive in two runs, and Kevin McReynolds and Rafael Santana each

Expos 7, Pirates 2

■ PITTSBURGH — Tim Raines hit a two-run homer and Mitch Webster went 4-for-5 with a triple, double and three RBI as Montreal beat Pittsburgh.

Dennis Martinez, 2-0, earned the victory by limiting the Pirates to two runs and six hits over 51/3 innings.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The right-hander left the game with a torn fingernail on his pitching hand one batter after allowing Johnny Ray's two-run single in the Pirates' sixth.

Andy McGaffigan pitched hitless ball over the final 32/3 innings for his seventh save.

Padres 4, Astros 1

SAN DIEGO - A bloop single by Carmelo Martinez that Houston second baseman Bill Doran lost in the sun led to two runs in a four-run sixth inning for San Diego.

Martinez's popup would have been the third out in the inning and would have sent the game into the seventh with the score 1-1. All four runs were scored after Houston starter Mike Scott, 9-4, retired the first two batters.

Cardinals 3, Phillies 0

ST. LOUIS - Greg Mathews pitched a three-hitter for his first major-league shutout in 36 starts and Jack Clark singled in the go-ahead run to lead St. Louis.

Vince Coleman singled, stole second and scored from third base following a sacrifice on Clark's single in the Cardinals' third.

By winning, the Cardinals increased their lead in the National League East to 51/2 games over the New York Mets, Montreal Expos and Chicago Cubs, who are in a virtual tie for second place.

#### NEWS NOTES/AREA SPORTS

#### District fast-pitch

The Amateur Softball Association District 8 men's fast-pitch tournament will be held tonight through Sunday at the Kirkwood Softball Complex.

had two RBI on two singles apiece.

The 14-team tournament begins tonight with three games at 6:30 and three more at 8. Saturday's slate begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 8 p.m. The final day starts at 10 a.m. with the championship slated for 4 p.m.

The tourney includes two Cedar Rapids Major Open teams and several Minor Open clubs. The field consists of C.R. Blue Jays, Midwest Wire of Mount Vernon, General Mills, Superior Motor Winding, Blairstown, Coors-Fleck's, Eby's, Marketing Systems, Frank's, Urbana, Weddings Etc. and Pearle Vision of Iowa City.

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6:30 p.m.: Diamond 1 - C.R. Blue Jays vs. Midwest Metal Products: Diamond 2 - Rockwell vs. Steel & Wire (Mount Vernon); Diamond 3 - General Mills vs. Superior Motor 8 p.m.: Diamond 1 - Blairstown vs. Coors-Fleck's

Frank's vs. Urbana. City High tabs Brown

IOWA CITY - Don Brown, former boys' basketball coach at Iowa City High School, has been named the head girls' basketball coach at the school.

Brown replaces Kevin Klein, who is leaving education to enter private business in Kansas City.

Brown was the boys' basketball coach through 1984-85. He was

freshman girls' basketball coach this past season.

#### Finkbine schedule

IOWA CITY — Finkbine Golf Course at the University of Iowa will be closed to the public starting at noon today in preparation for the Amana VIP tournament on Monday.

The course will reopen for public play Tuesday morning.

#### Knight speaks Sunday

IOWA CITY — Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight will speak Sunday at 9:10 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena as part of the opening ceremonies for the National AAU 19-under basketball tournament.

Thursday's Gazette incorrectly listed Knight appearing Saturday.

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## Report: Walters paid Pitt defensive back

ATLANTA (AP) - University of Pittsburgh defensive back Teryl Austin has told school officials that sports agent Norby Walters paid him \$250 a month, but stopped the payments when Austin's value as a professional dropped, The Atlanta Constitution reported. Austin has told school officials he received \$1,500 for signing a contract with Walters and his associate, Lloyd Bloom, and had a

verbal agreement for the \$250-a-month payments. Pitt has suspended Austin and running back Charles Gladman for their dealings with Walters and Bloom, both of whom are being investigated by a federal grand jury in Chicago.

It is a violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules for an athlete to sign with an agent before exhausting his eligibilty. Gladman has denied any violation of NCAA rules.

The Constititon, in Friday's editions, said NCAA sources have said the players will be declared ineligible for their senior seasons this fall.

Pitt Athletic Director Ed Bozik said Thursday the school will appeal to the NCAA to reinstate Austin.

THE PAYMENTS from Walters stopped at the end of the football season and Austin met with Walters about the money, The Constitution quoted its sources as saying. Austin said Walters told him his rating as a National Football League prospect had dropped. Walters then encouraged him to tear up their contract, the sources quoted Austin as saying.

Walters declined comment on the report Thursday.

Walters has filed breach-of-contract suits against six former clients, including former Iowa player Ronnie Harmon, claiming they had signed to be represented by him, then picked other agents.

## Washington, Marion split

Washington's Sonja Perry tossed four-hitter and Marion's Tish Bowden a five-hitter as the Warriors and Indians split a Metro prep softball double-header Thursday night at Marion.

In the first game, Perry fanned four as Wash (15-10) blanked Marion, 2-0. In the nightcap, Bowden allowed just four hits over the final six frames and whiffed seven as Marion (9-10) won, 4-2.

The Warriors scored their first run in the opener on a pair of Marion errors and got the second on three straight singles by Carrie Perry, Sonja Perry and Melinda

In the nightcap, Marion's Kim Hutchins went 3-for-3 at the plate with two doubles, a solo home run and two RBI.

· Lynne Winther singled in the winning run in the first inning as LaPorte City recorded a 4-3 win

over Cedar Rapids Jefferson in the Jenny Crow Classic. The Rams got nine hits in the game.

PREP SOFTBALL

Kari Stieger, Jenny Crow and Robin Threatt scored runs for the J-Hawks, who won their other three games. The J-Hawks are 29-4. Jodi Ream collected three hits,

including two triples, in four at-bats, scored two runs and drove in another as Kennedy topped Clear Creek, 6-2, in the Lady Bobcat Invitational at Van Horne. • At Strawberry Point, Shon

hitter and added two hits as Starmont beat Alburnett, 9-2, in Tri-Rivers Conference play. Alburnett's Brenda Porter had a

Cook tossed a 12-strikeout two-

### lowans lead fishing contest

By Jim Mayer

Gazette outdoor editor Iowa climbed from third to first place in the 1987 BASS Federation Northern Division Bass Fishing Tournament on Pools 9 and 10 of the Mississippi River Thursday.

The 12-man Iowa team, anchored by Marion's Bill Grove, caught more than 88 pounds of bass Thursday to bring the team total to 163.62 pounds.

The tournament, headquartered in Prairie du Chien, Wis., concludes today. The winning team earns \$4,900 and the top angler on the winning team advances to the BASS Masters Classic - the world championship of bass fishing - in Louisville, Ky., in August.

Wisconsin lead the 8-team fishing derby after the first day of action Tuesday, but dropped to second place Wednesday with 154.87 pounds. Illinois is in third with 152.78 pounds, Ohio, fourth, 133.78 pounds.

Grove led the Iowa team with 18.80 pounds of bass after the second day, and was sixth high overall among the 96 anglers. Joe Nichols of Rowley was second on the Iowa team, with 18.47 pounds, and ninth overall.

Top overall individual after two days was Gary Myers from Eau Claire, Wis., with 22.09 pounds.

Wednesday anglers caught 331 legal-size bass totaling 554.77 pounds, bringing the two-day total to 657 fish and 1,079.73 pounds. The fish are released back into the river after they are weighed.

Anglers will start casting at 6 a.m. today, and must be in by 3 p.m. for final weigh-in at Lawler Park in Prairie du Chein. The weigh-in and awards ceremony are open to the



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