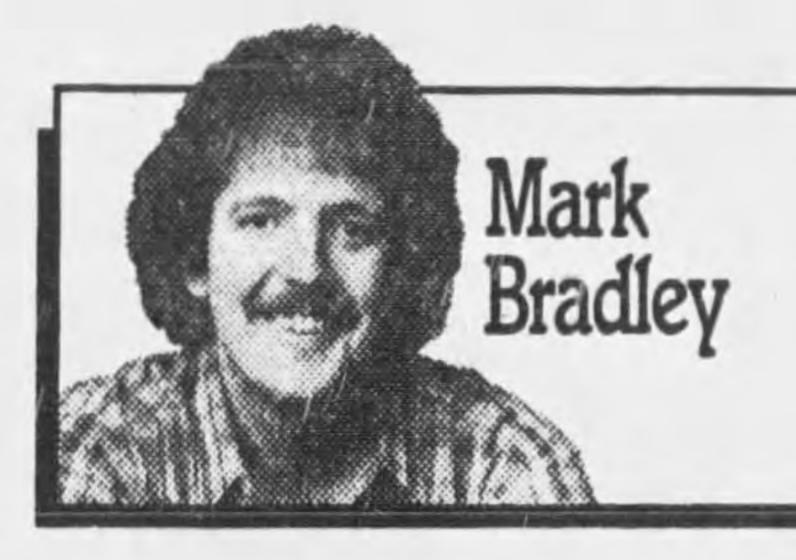
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Out of the shadows comes Willie Whozis

The receptionist, fielding calls for an insulation company, is stumped. "We've got no Willie Anderson here," she says. "I'm sorry." "But Georgia's basketball coach told me

Willie was working there this summer." "Ohhhhh, basketball," she says. "So

that's who that tall dude is." Someday folks will know Willie Anderson by name. Check back around 2001. Here in the 1980s, recognition comes grudgingly, if at all. At this moment, he's one of the most accomplished amateurs in the land, first team all-conference last season, a member of the U.S. Pan Am Games team this summer, the finest all-around talent returning to any SEC team come the fall. This and 75 cents gets him a nice quiet ride on MARTA, with nary an autograph request.

Not that Willie Anderson minds. He's used to it. Upon arrival at Georgia, even his teammates hadn't the foggiest who he was. "They'd go, 'Who are you?'" he says. "They'd say, 'You sure you play basketball

He left East Atlanta High to the sound of one hand clapping. He'd gone to no summer camps, had gotten lost in Cedric Henderson's recruiting wake. Anderson was the last man on Georgia's bench as a freshman, the first off it as a sophomore. Entering last season, he hadn't started a college game, hadn't played guard in his life. Look now.

Quickly got Crum's attention

Five guards made the U.S. Pan Am team. Four hail from schools that have won a collective 22 NCAA titles: Indiana's Keith Smart hit the shot that won the latest; Kentucky's Rex Chapman, UCLA's Pooh Richardson and North Carolina's Jeff Lebo were high school legends. The fifth, a stranger in his own city, may be the most gifted of the

Says Louisville's Denny Crum, who'll coach the U.S. team: "I didn't know anything about Willie before we started putting together the invitation list." Sound familiar? But now, after a week of observation at the trials in Colorado Springs, Crum says: "He's got an excellent chance of playing a lot for us. He can do a lot of things."

It's impossible to overstate how far Anderson has come, and how fast. Last October, as Georgia set to its preseason work, coach Hugh Durham told Anderson, "You get 1." In other words, play the point. Anderson couldn't believe it. He said: "You mean 3 (small forward), don't you?" Durham meant 1. Dennis Williams, ensconced at 2, kept looking at Anderson and giggling. "You're playing point?" Williams said. "Why

By season's end, Anderson was the most complete player in the nation's most athletic conference, a 6-foot-71/2 point guard growing more assured with every game. The giddy year ended with him scoring 35 points, a career best, against Kansas State in the NCAA. Still, making All-SEC and torching K-State didn't prevent USA Today from calling Anderson a surprise guest on the Pan Am squad. Rony Seikaly didn't make the team. Nor did Duane Ferrell, or the famous J.R. Reid. Willie Whozis did.

First one named to Pan Am team

Not that trials week was stress-free. Anderson knew he was playing well, figured he stood a chance. He kept calling home to tell his mom that, getting no answer. Finally, someone called him in Colorado. There was no answer, Anderson was told, because there was no house. His mother's place in Decatur had burned down. She was OK. All their stuff was gone.

With that heavy on his mind, a frazzled Anderson rose at 5:30 a.m. to hear Bobby Knight, the head of the selection committee, read the names of the chosen 12. Knight said he'd go alphabetically. Anderson's stomach did backflips. He'd be first or not at all. He was first.

"I didn't hear the rest of the names," he says. "I just kept thinking, 'I made the Pan Am team.' But it really didn't hit me until about a week later. I was back in Athens, alone in my room, and I just started thinking about all that's happened to me this year. Making All-SEC, the Pan Am team ... I said to myself, 'This can't be true.' "

Willie Anderson shakes his head. He'll be a senior this fall, a pro the next, maybe an Olympian in between. Last year he was nobody. This week he leaves for Louisville and Pan Am practice. By any measure, he's becoming a big deal. But here at the Clark College gym, where Anderson had woven his silken way through a summer-league game, he's just a skinny kid in red sweats.

"Hey, man," says a guy in a white tank top, a player himself. "You play for Georgia?'

Anderson says yes. The guy stares at him. "What's your name?"

"Willie."

Willie? Rings no bells. The guy walks away.

Braves' bats silent again

Braves Notebook, Page 5-C Thompson: My time has come, Page 6-C By Glenn Sheeley Staff Writer

So much for the Atlanta Braves' run orgy. After an 11-run eruption the night before, Friday they resumed their previous pattern. After winning at home-run derby, they lost a scoring scavenger hunt.

Philadelphia's Shane Rawley foiled the Braves' efforts, limiting them to four hits during seven innings of work in the Phillies' 5-2 victory at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. What Rawley, who ran his record to 10-5, couldn't accomplish himself was provided by two former Braves who went to Philadelphia in the 1985 trade for catcher Ozzie Virgil.

Thompson HR leads Phils 5-2

Phillies outfielder Milt Thompson had three hits and drove in a pair of runs with a third-inning home run off starter Doyle Alexander (4-5). Reliever Steve Bedrosian, another former Brave, pitched two shutout innings for his league-leading 24th save. Before 12,068 witnesses who attended the game despite an awkward 4:50 starting time, the Braves managed only a fourth-inning home run by Gary Roenicke and a

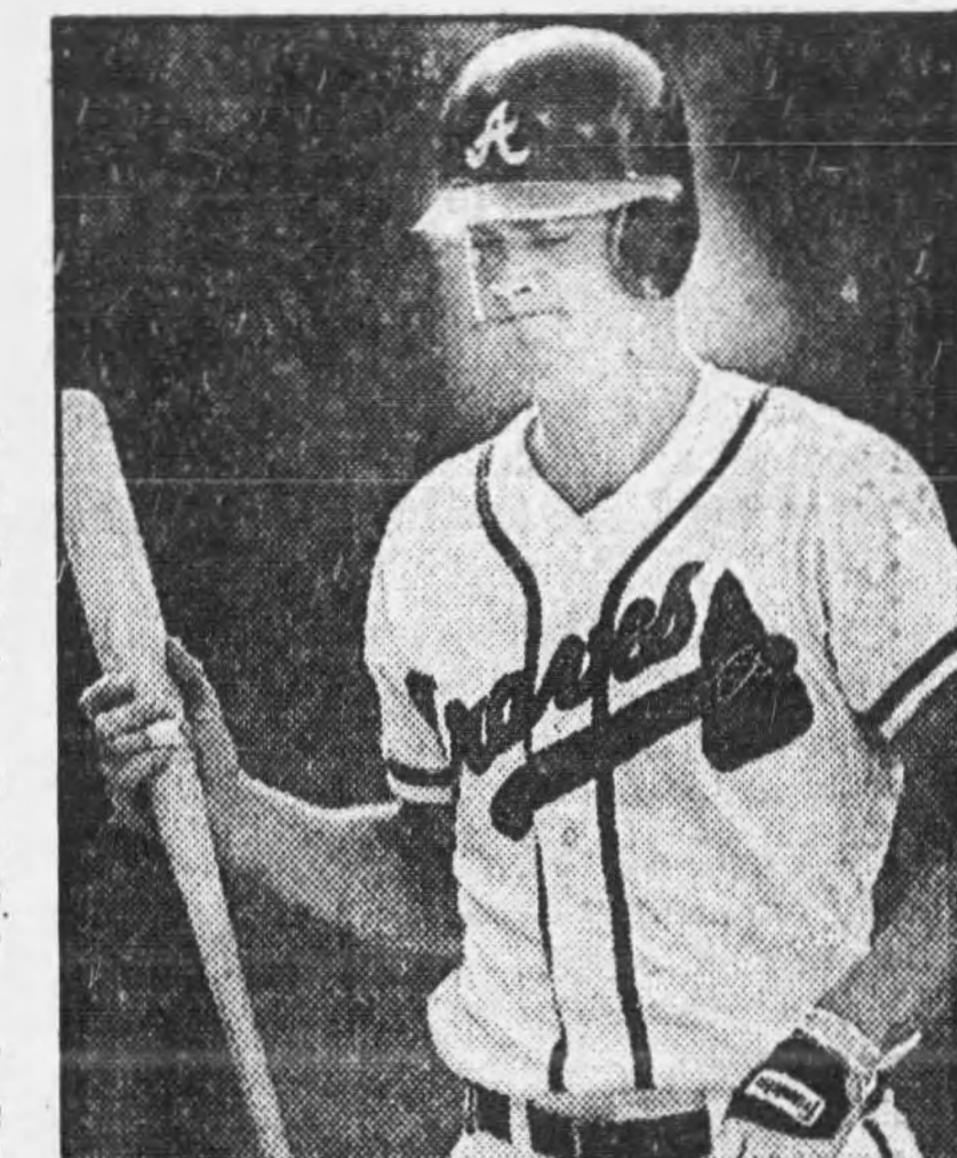
run on Ken Griffey's sacrifice fly.

"We weren't able to manufacture any runs today," said Braves manager Chuck Tanner, whose club had won two straight after beginning a crucial 10-game homestand 0-5, "but I'll take it every other

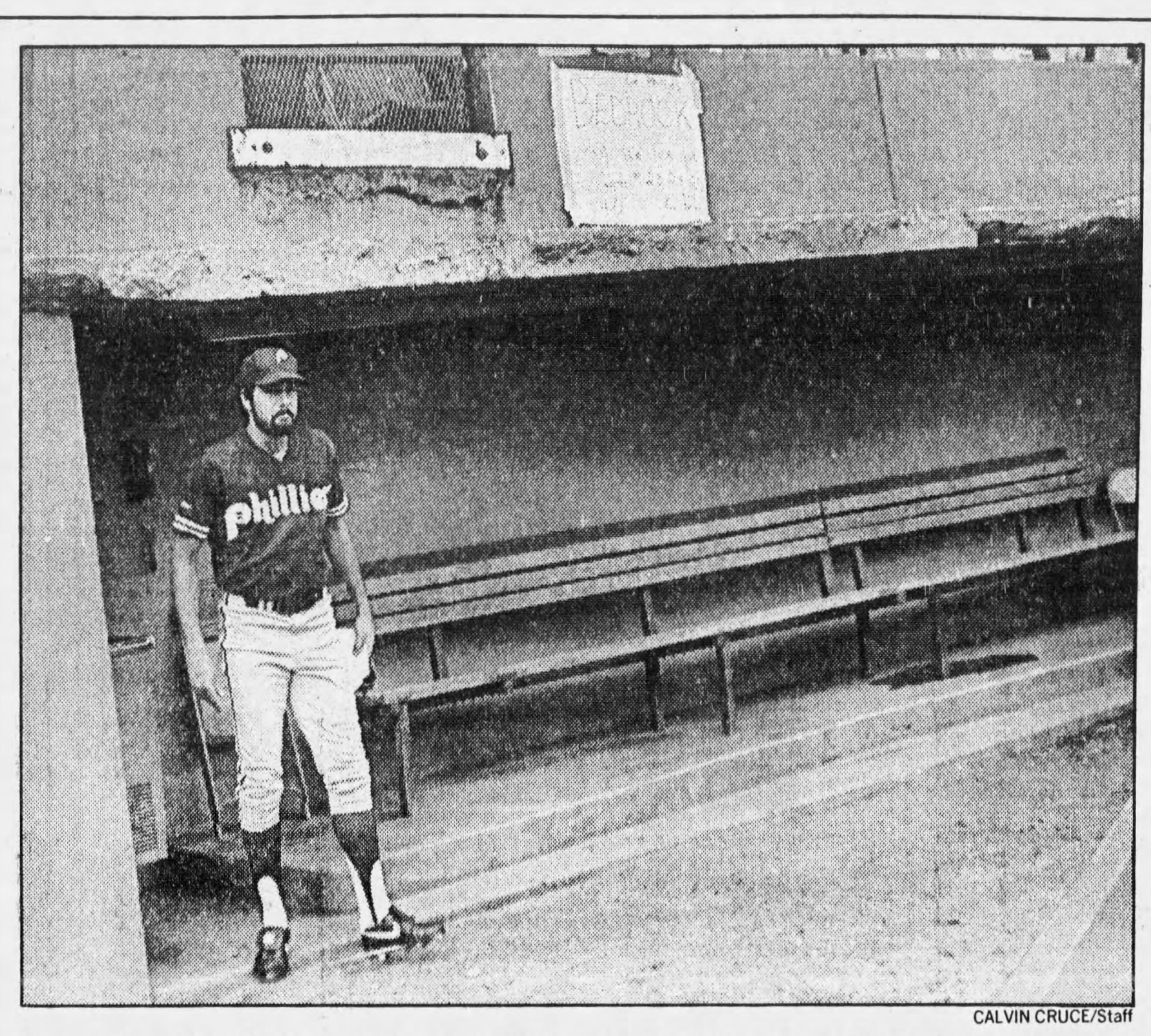
The pressure is squarely on the Braves (39-46) to salvage the rest of the series. Tanner made it known that nothing less than two more wins before the All-Star break will be satisfactory.

"It's very important for us," Tanner said. "We've got to win. We need to close out with two more wins for the mental part of it. I want three out of four in this

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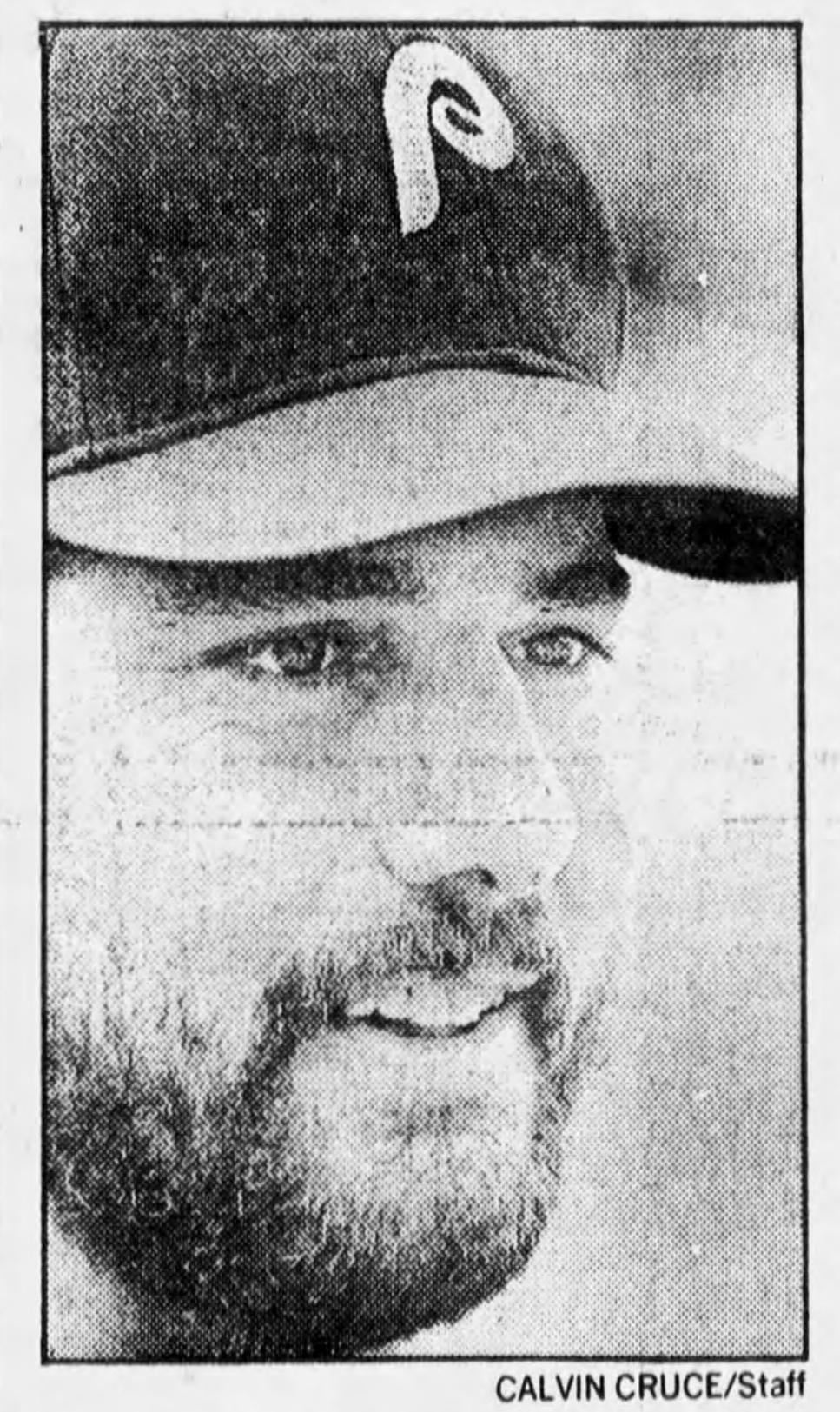
Dale Murphy shows dejection after striking out.



Former Brave Steve Bedrosian has been a dominating figure in the Phillies' bullpen this season. His 24 13 in a row.

saves lead the majors and include a record streak of

Maturity, work make Bedrosian bedrock-solid in Phillies bullpen



Steve Bedrosian was named Thursday to the National League All-Star team for the first time in his career.

By Rachel Blount Staff Writer

Ah, 1982. Steve Bedrosian used to dream of that year, used to keep it tucked in a corner of his mind and hope that someday, somehow, it might happen all over again.

That year, Bedrosian was named the National League's top rookie pitcher for his contribution to the Braves' bullpen, considered the best in baseball. He pitched in a league playoff series. The media compared him to the paragon of relievers, Goose Gossage, and wondered in hushed tones: How great can he be? It was, for such a young player, almost too wonderful to

Had it been anything less, though, that memory might never have sustained Bedrosian for the three long years to come. When the joy ride finally crashed to a halt after the 1983 All-Star break, he endured three seasons of injuries, self-doubt, failed experiments in the starting rotation and the fear that his best season may have been far behind him. Then came a trade to Philadelphia and the hope that

things might turn for the better.

Now, five years removed from that rookie season, Bedrosian is once again the hottest relief pitcher in baseball. And the single ingredient he lacked in his most successful year - maturity - seems to be the key to his comeback. Thanks to some small refinements in his mechanics and timing and a marked improvement in his concentration and confidence, Bedrosian is 3-2 with 24 saves — including a majorleague-record 13 in a row at one point. He has pitched 48% innings, allowing 39 hits, walking 20 and striking out 44. He was named Thursday to the NL All-Star team for the first time.

"I guess this is the kind of thing you dream of," said Bedrosian, 29. "I'm elated about making the All-Star team, and I feel good about getting the record. But I never emptied my mind about it; I tried not to get too excited.

"The thing is, I've matured a lot the last few years. I haven't really done anything different this year; I've worked hard, concentrat-

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Agents feel Miller a key

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES - Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, Brian Bosworth and Atlanta Falcons No. 1 draft choice Chris Miller were called critical parties when sports agents were assembled Friday by the NFL Players Association (NFLPA).

What NFL Management Council members now annually label as "agent collusion" resulted in a talk about strategy in contract negotiations for players from the April 29 NFL draft.

Only two of 28 first-round players — No. 1 pick Vinny Testaverde with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and No. 14 pick D.J. Dozier with the Minnesota Vikings - have signed a contract. Only 23 of 335 players drafted have signed.

An agent, who asked not to be named, said that Miller is one of eight players the group specified as "critical" signings. In order, those players were Bosworth (taken by Seattle in the NFL's supplemental draft in June), Cornelius Bennett (the No. 2 pick April 29, by Indianapolis), linebacker Shane Conlan (No. 8 by the Buffalo Bills), linebacker Mike Junkin (No. 5 by the Cleveland Browns), Miller (No. 13), offensive tackle John Clay (No. 15 by the Los Angeles Raiders), running back Paul Palmer (No. 17 by the Kansas City Chiefs) and defensive end John Bosa (No. 16 by the Miami Dolphins).

Mike Blatt, who represents Miller, said he is likely to meet with the Falcons in the next 10 days and try to seal a contract.

"I think Chris has a chance to be an early signing because it's obvious that they want him in training camp (July 26) competing for the job," said Blatt. "They have their incumbent (quarterback Dave Archer) unsigned. I don't think they want to open camp with two unsigned quarterbacks, and with a new offensive coordinator I'm sure the No. 1 draft pick has some clout. Because he is not going in unsigned."

Walters and Bloom, who at one point had seven first-rounders under contract only to end up with two, drew some criticism for their absence.

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Corrigan agrees to serve as ACC commissioner

By David Davidson

College Editor

Notre Dame athletic director Gene Corrigan has accepted the job as commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), The Atlanta Journal-Constitution learned Friday.

He will succeed Bob James, who died of cancer in May after 16 years as ACC commissioner. An official announcement of Corrigan's appointment is expected next week.

The delay will result from conference bylaws stipulating that the full eight-member search committee must meet and formally approve Corrigan's appointment. That action is a formality, since the committee previously met and decided to offer the job to Corrigan.

Corrigan received the offer on June 29, and he accepted Friday in a telephone conversation with search committee chairman Alan Williams, faculty athletics chairman at Virginia.

A source close to Corrigan who asked that he not be identified said Notre Dame has begun a search for a new athletic director. Corrigan declined comment in

South Bend, Ind., saying only, "I'm going fishing, and I'll be gone indefinitely." Williams and other committee members said they would not comment until the official announcement is made.

Corrigan's acceptance means the committee will have succeeded in its goal of having a new commissioner on the job by Sept. 1. Until then, Jack Fuzak, who was named interim commissioner in May, will continue to run the conference office

Corrigan, 59, never had a formal interview before the committee or even applied for the job. But according to search com-

mittee sources, he was the No. 1 candidate from the start.

A source close to Corrigan indicated that even when he became athletic director at Notre Dame on Jan. 5, 1981, he had long-range plans to return to the ACC area to be close to his children and grandchildren, who live in Virginia, about 21/2 hours by car from the conference office in Greensboro, N.C.

Corrigan's qualifications include extensive television negotiation experience both

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Friedland, Carter win in singles

Dogs score sweep at Crackerland

Scores, Page 10-C By Bill Robinson Staff Writer

ATHENS - University of Georgia players Trey Carter and Laurie Friedland had opponents singing the baseline blues Friday as they won singles titles in the 41st annual Crackerland tennis tournament.

"My game is being strong on the baseline," said Friedland, 20, from Miami, who defeated Kim Tatum 6-1, 6-1 in the women's singles final.

Tatum, 18, from Columbus, will be a freshman this fall at Georgia Tech. She was heavily recruited by Georgia; in fact, Friedland, a rising junior, was among the Bulldogs players trying to lure Tatum to Athens.

"She's a fine person, and she's going to be a neat college player," said Friedland. "It's just that she has to learn to move around a little more, use more of the court."

Friedland exploited that weakness in the younger player. "I'm not all that fast on these short legs," said the 5-foot-4 Friedland. "But I have good anticipation, and it seemed like I could 'feel' where she was going to be."

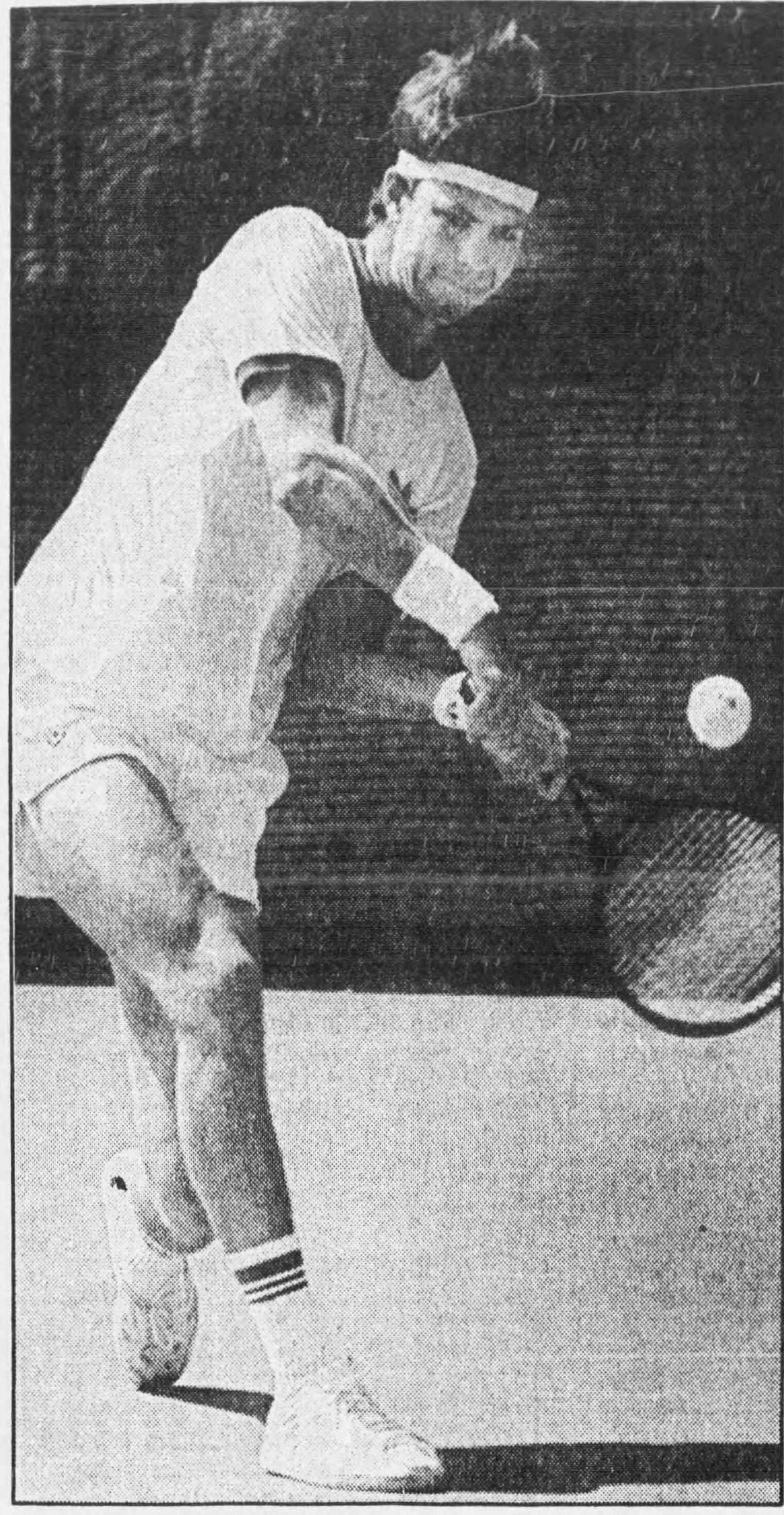
She added: "My game is hitting corner-to-corner. And I was able to hit good, deep balls to the baseline."

Carter defeated Brad Jeffries 6-2, 6-2 to take his first Crackerland men's singles championship. Jeffries, a former DeKalb Community College star, is now the pro at Hilton Head, S.C. Like Friedland, Carter won with a baseline strategy.

"I just played from the baseline," Carter said. "When I can control the points in the backcourt - and I'm hitting my forehand well - then I know my game's getting there."

"He's got a heckuva forehand," said Georgia coach Dan Magill, tournament director of the Crackerland.

Carter teamed with new part-



KIM SIMONS/Special

Trey Carter backhands a return to Brad Jeffries en route to a 6-2, 6-2 win in the Crackerland men's singles final.

ner Terrence O'Brien as the tour- yet another set of Werterbenger nament's top doubles seed, but the sisters Saturday in the championtandem that had turned back Rod-ship doubles match. This time it ney Pass and Mike Beck on will be Jody and Kimberly. The Thursday could not repeat on Friday. Charles Orange and Lino Miguel, both of Atlanta, defeated land. Carter and O'Brien 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 in an upset to win the doubles cham-

In women's doubles, Friedland teamed with fellow Georgia player Alice Reen to turn back the Wertenberger twins from Augusta - Kristen and Jill - 6-1, 6-1 in the semifinals.

However, Friedland-Reen face

Wertenbergers "divided" into separate tandems for the Cracker-

In the women's 35-and-over doubles, Donna Horesh and Carla Lord, both from Atlanta, defeated the Athens pair of Mollye Sheffield and Jo Cochran 6-4, 6-0, in a match lasting more than 11/2

"They just have a good solid game," said Cochran of the winners. "Good volleys, good overhands and they both serve well."

Baseball Selections

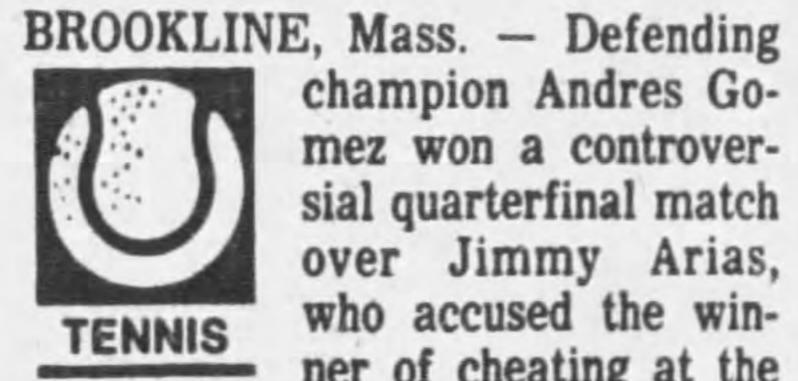
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Arias complains Gomez 'just cheated' following loss in U.S. Pro tournament

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champion Andres Gomez won a controversial quarterfinal match over Jimmy Arias, who accused the winner of cheating at the U.S. Pro Tennis Championships

Friday. Gomez, the second seed from Ecuador, beat the seventh-seeded Arias 2-6, 7-5, 7-6.

The dispute erupted over the first point of the third-set tiebreaker.

A lineswoman called Arias' deep shot to the left corner out, then reversed herself. After a 15-minute dispute in which Gomez argued that he stopped going for the ball when he heard the out call, the point was ordered replayed.

It was won by Gomez, who also won the next three points and took the tiebreaker 7-3.

"I was on a roll," said Arias, who had won the previous three points to force the tiebreaker. "Then we waited for 20 minutes and I lost all the momentum. . . . He just cheated, basically."

Pernfors beaten by Sanchez in Swiss Open quarterfinals

GSTAAD, Switzerland - Thirdseeded Emilio Sanchez of Spain ousted fifth-seeded Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 6-3, 6-1 to move into the semifinals of the \$231,000 Swiss Open.

than Pernfors on the sun-baked clay court, which other players said was not in perfect condition after rain marred the opening rounds.

On Saturday, Sanchez, the tour-

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Andres Gomez concentrates on backhand return during victory over Jimmy Arias in U.S. Pro Tennis quarterfinals.

nament's last remaining seed, will play countryman Alberto Tous, who struggled to a 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 victory over Eduardo Bengoechea of Argentina.

Sanchez seemed more at ease Van Rensburg, Giammalva in Hall of Fame semifinals

NEWPORT, R.I. - Fourth-seeded Christo van Rensburg of South Africa rallied past qualifier Joey

Rive of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 to advance to the semifinals of the Volvo Tennis Hall of Fame Championships.

Van Rensburg will face Sammy Giammalva of Houston on Saturday. Giammalva defeated Brad Drewett of Australia 6-7 (2-7), 6-1, 6-4.

No. 3 seed Wally Masur of Australia will play Dan Goldie, the 1986 NCAA singles champion, in Saturday's other semifinal.

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McEnroe's back on the job in Davis Cup

From Wire Reports

NEW YORK - John McEnroe, who missed Wimbledon with a bad back, will play with the U.S. Davis Cup team for the first time since 1984 when the Americans meet West Germany next month.

McEnroe was one of five players named by captain Tom Gorman to the team that will play the Germans on July 24-26 in Hartford, Conn. The match will determine if the United States will get to play for the Davis Cup next year.

The United States already has been eliminated

from this year's competition because it lost to Paraguay. Another loss would drop the Americans into a second-string bracket next year and make them ineligible for the Cup they have won 28 times since

Joining McEnroe on the squad will be Paul Annacone, Tim Mayotte and the doubles team of Ken Flach and Robert Seguso.

In his career, McEnroe is 35-6 in Davis Cup singles matches and is 15-1 in doubles, giving him a total of 50 wins in Davis Cup play, most ever by an American.

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with the NCAA and College Football Association (CFA) packages. He is a member of the powerful NCAA Council and the NCAA men's basketball committee, and he is second vice president of the National Association of College Directors of Athletics.

Corrigan has strong ACC connections. He is a graduate of Duke, a former coach and athletic director at Virginia and a former assistant ACC commissioner.

After graduating from Duke in 1952, Corrigan taught and coached

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could not be reached for comment.

two first-round players: Clay and

Palmer. Because they were chosen

near the middle of the first round,

their negotiations are considered vi-

union, but he faces de-certification

for a number of alleged violations,

union sources said. Walters never

tified is not important right now,"

said a union official of Walters and

Bloom. "They need us, and we need

them to do a good job in negotia-

tions. There is genuine concern

about what's happening with them."

take advantage of the agents' inex-

perience in the sports field. Walters

and Bloom are in their third year

well be here, particularly when he,

or anybody like him, does not have

the experience or the background in

the sports field," said Pittsburgh-

based agent Ralph Cindrich. "There

is concern because those are impor-

Friday's meeting near the Los An-

geles airport, but none of them ex-

pressed alarm at the slow signings.

More than 30 agents attended

"I think if he (Bloom) is partici-

as sports agents.

tant picks they have."

has been certified by the NFLPA.

Bloom remains certified by the

"Whether or not they get de-cer-

tal to other first-rounders.

Walters and Bloom represent

on the high school level for three years, then coached basketball, soccer and lacrosse at Washington & Lee University from 1955-58.

He returned to Virginia and * 976-BALL coached basketball, soccer and lacrosse at Virginia from 1959-67. He was assistant ACC commissioner under the late Jim Weaver from 1967-

In 1969, Corrigan returned to Washington & Lee as athletic director. In 1971, he became athletic director at Virginia. He served in that position until Jan. 5, 1981, leaving to become athletic director at Notre

Notre Dame has won academic achievement citations from the CFA four of the last five years for having superior graduation rates for

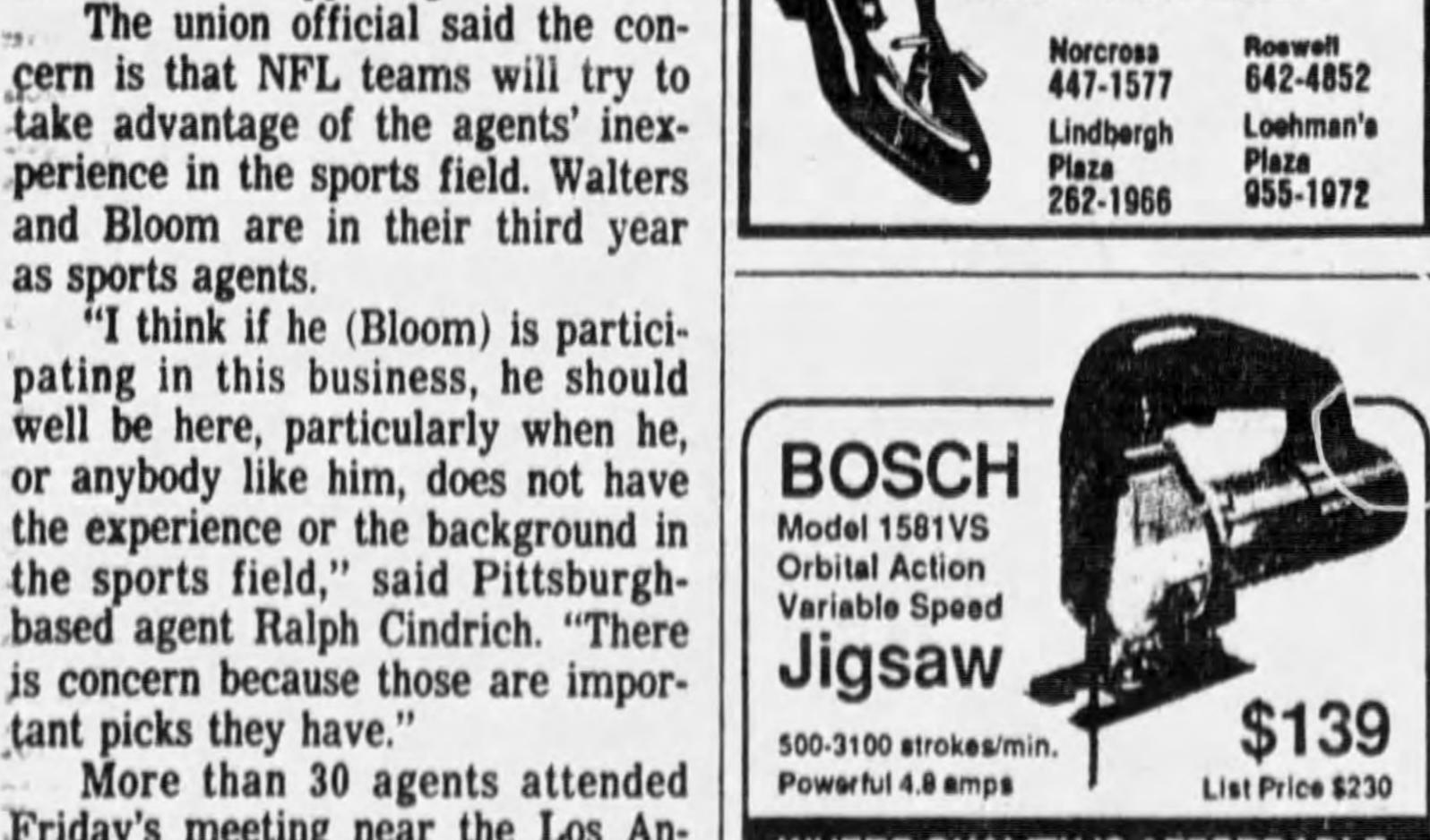
"The fact that camps are generally opening a week later than usual is one obvious reason," said John Maloney, an agent who last year represented Falcons No. 1 pick Tony Casillas. "Personally, I think management and sports reps Bloom was scheduled to appear (agents) are both slow, especially but inexplicably backed out. He

because of Bosworth." Bosworth, the notorious linebacker from Oklahoma, reportedly is seeking a \$9 million, seven-year contract.

Testaverde's selection by the Bucs. Testaverde has signed a six-year, \$8.2 million contract. Bennett was offered a five-year \$3 million deal by the Colts, which has since been withdrawn.

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