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Chiefs sign top pick Palmer, a client of Walters agency

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Running back Paul Palmer of Temple, college football's leading rusher last year and the Kansas City Chiefs' firstround draft pick this year, signed a contract Friday to play for the NFL team. Palmer, the runner-up SPORTSWIRE in Heisman trophy balloting last

fall, signed a series of one-year agreements covering four years. Palmer was represented in his negotiations by controversial New Yorkbased agent Norby Walters. He is just the third first-round NFL pick to sign. The others are Tampa Bay's Vinny Testaverde and Minnesota's D.J. Dozier.

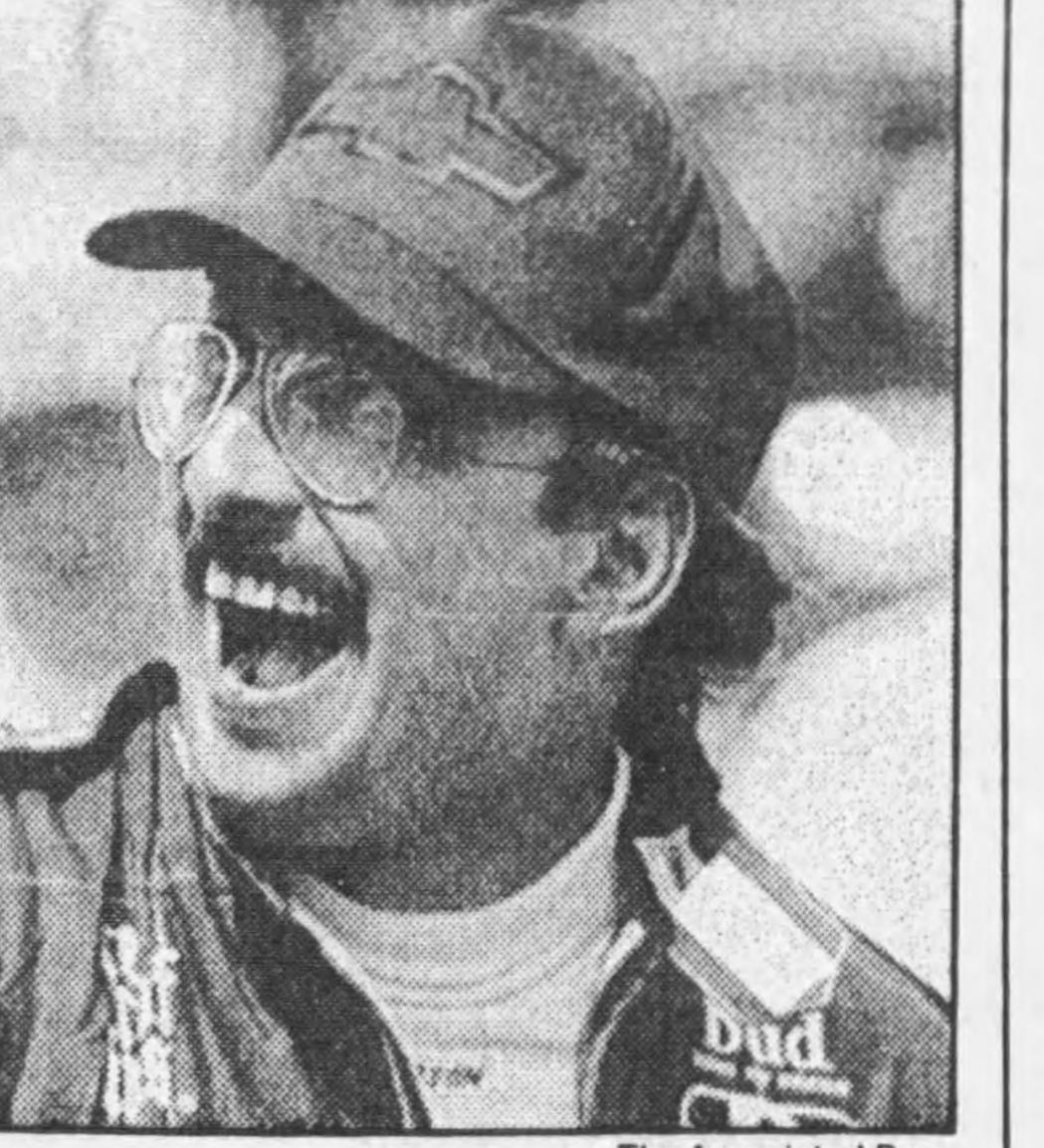
MORE PRO FOOTBALL: First-round draft pick Ricky Nattiel, a wide receiver from Florida, said the Denver Broncos' last contract offer of \$1 million over four years "wasn't even in the ballpark" and he probably will not be in training camp next week. ... The Cleveland Browns released 15-year outside linebacker Brad Van Pelt. Van Pelt, who spent the first 11 years of his NFL career with the New York Giants, was signed by the Browns late last season and played mostly on special teams. CYCLING: Dutchman Jean-Paul Van Poppel outsprinted the pack to win the 17th stage of the Tour de France cycling race ending in Avignon, but Charles Mottet of France retains the leader's yellow jersey. Van Poppel beat Italian Guido Bontempi by the width of an in-

ner tube at the end of this 148.5-mile route from Millau to Avignon. Officials needed a photo finish to separate the two riders. Andy Hampsten of Boulder, Colo., is seventh in the overall standings, 7 minutes, 39 seconds behind Mottet. Monique Knol of the Netherlands won the sprint in the eighth stage of the Women's Tour de France, while France's Jeannie Longo kept her overall lead.

LEGAL: Teofilo Stevenson, a three-time Olympic heavyweight champion, has been charged in connection with the death of a motorcycle driver in Cuba two months ago. A government spokesman, speaking Friday on the condition of anonymity, said Stevenson was released from custody and is awaiting trial. ...

The NCAA lost its first appeal of an order to pay \$1.16 million in damages to Paul Hornung for barring the pro football Hall of Famer as an announcer of college football telecasts. A three-judge panel of the Kentucky Court of Ap-

peals ruled unanimously that the NCAA had a duty to act in good faith, but failed to do so, in exercising a contractual right to refuse announcers chosen for the telecasts by Atlantabased WTBS in 1982.



The Associated Press

Indy 500 winner Bobby Rahal won the provisional pole Friday for Sunday's Indy-car race in Toronto.

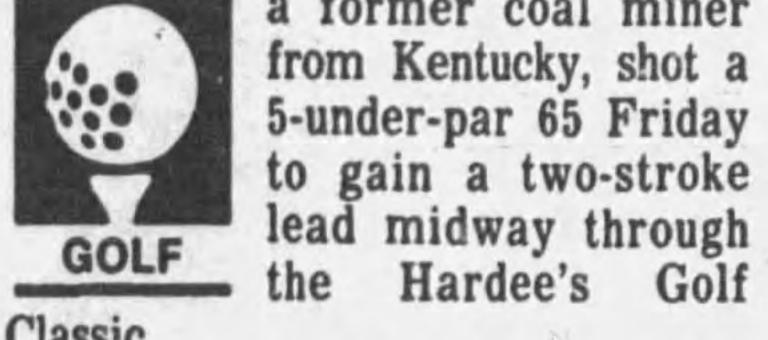
mph, while Roberto Guerrero, also in a March-Cosworth, was third after posting a 103.887. Further qualifying will be Saturday.

BOXING: The six-member California Athletic Commission split its vote 3-3 regarding Alberto Davila's appeal of his loss to Frankie Duarte last month in a fight for the North American Boxing Federation bantamweight championship. The tie vote means Duarte retains the title he won when the 12-round fight June 27 was stopped by referee Lou Filippo at 2:09 of the 10th round because Davila had a severe cut over his left eye. Duarte was awarded the victory despite the fact that Davila led on the scorecards of all three judges and claimed the cut was the result of an unintentional butt by Duarte.

Former coal miner takes two-stroke Hardee's lead

Scores, Page 8-D From Wire Reports

COAL VALLEY, Ill. - Brad Fabel, a former coal miner



year.

Hardee's Golf Classic. Fabel completed two tours of the par-70, 6,602-yard Oakwood Country Club in 129, the lowest midway score on the PGA Tour this

Mark McCumber, who was tied with Fabel one stroke off the lead after Thursday's opening round, had a 67 Friday to complete 36 holes at 131, nine strokes under par and two out of the lead. He was joined by Ray Barr Jr. and Tom Purtzer, each with 64s.

Mike Smith, in danger of missing the cut after an opening 71, stormed within three shots of the lead after the lowest round of the year, a 61 that featured nine birdies and no bogies. Smith's round broke the tournament scoring record of 62, set by Jon Chaffee in 1983 and tied two years later by Ron Streck.

ern Kentucky in order to work in the mines near his Madisonville home. But he returned to the links after a near cave-in.

"It made me think I'd like to try those four-footers again," said Fabel, who missed a four-footer for par on the 18th. "I said, 'That's enough,' and I never went back to the mines."

Rosenthal captures the lead at LPGA Boston Five Classic

DANVERS, Mass. - Jody Rosenthal shot a 6-under-par 66 to take a two-stroke lead at the midway point of the Boston Five Classic.

Rosenthal, who won last week's du Maurier Classic, has a 9-underpar 135 after two rounds over the Ferncroft Country Club course. Sally Quinlan, Betsy King and Becky Pearson are at 137.

AUTO RACING: Defending champion Bobby Rahal won the provisional pole for Sunday's \$600,000 Toronto Molson Indy race. Rahal guided his Lola-Cosworth T8700 around the 1.78 mile, 11-turn, temporary street course in 61.157 seconds, or an average speed of 104.780 mph. Al Unser Jr., driving a March-Cosworth, qualifed second with an average speed of 103.903

The 18-hole record for a PGA Tour event is 59 by Al Geiberger in the second round of the 1977 Memphis Classic.

Fabel, 31, said he gave up golf after his sophomore year at West-

Defending champ Crampton up by 1 in Syracuse Seniors

JAMESVILLE, N.Y. - Defending champion Bruce Crampton shot a 7-under-par 65 to take a one-shot lead over Orville Moody after one round of the Syracuse Seniors Pro Golf Classic.

Charles Sifford, James Barber, Quinton Gray and Miller Barber tied for third at 67.

Bunker drives Palmer bonkers on way to 10

From Wire Reports

MUIRFIELD, Scotland - Arnold Palmer's nostalgic return to the British Open was buried in a sandy grave Friday.

The two-time Open champion, 57 years old and playing the tournament for the first time since 1984, was sailing toward a spot in the final two rounds when he ran afoul of the deep bunkers that make the par-71 Muirfield links look like a moonscape.

At 1-under par for the round and 3-over for the tournament, Palmer over-clubbed with a 7iron on the 13th hole and landed in a bunker. He chipped out and

hole in there," he said. "I was going to stay there until it came out in the direction I wanted it

On the fifth shot, Palmer made it to the green. He twoputted for a 10 - six shots over. par and one of the worst hole scores of his career - and his latest journey to an event he first visited in his golfing prime 27 years ago was nearing an end.

Palmer birdied the 15th and 16th holes, but that was the end of his heroics. He bogeyed the 17th and took a double-bogey 6 on the 18th, finishing the round at 7-over 78 for a 36-hole total of 153.

Open

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He provided evidence he has halted his slump of recent years with a one-shot runner-up finish at this year's U.S. Open.

"It came," Watson said, paused, and snapped his fingers, "like that. In the second round of the U.S. Open. All of a sudden, it's 'yeah, that's it. That's the way to do it. That's the way to play golf.'

"I'm playing with confidence now. But I'm just a little concerned with the putter. If I putt well, I can win the tournament." Watson threeputted twice.

Faldo, a three-time British PGA champion, shot 69. Taylor holed three putts of 30 feet or more in a round of 68. Davis went up nine shots from an opening 64 to a 73.

"Not a great effort," he said. Langer and Stadler, both former Masters champions, each shot 69. Frost had a 68.



two-putted for a bogey-4.

That was just the beginning of Palmer's time on the beach.

Still angry about the previous hole, he hit his tee shot into a fairway bunker at No. 14. Palmer blasted out of that sand trap but sent his third shot into a green-side bunker, landing on the steep side toward the hole and in a very difficult position.

"I am not saying that God couldn't get the first attempt in the greenside bunker out," Palmer said. "But he'd have had to throw it."

Palmer swung and swung. All his first four attempts did was spray sand, move the ball slightly to the left and so fluster the gray-haired commander of "Arnie's Army" that he could be seen shaking his head and even smiling faintly.

"I felt I was just digging a

The cutoff for the last two rounds was 146.

Palmer was by far the biggest name to miss the cut, although several other top-class performers also went home early.

Christy O'Connor Jr. of Ireland and American Jim Thorpe were out at 147. The only other U.S. players to miss the cut were Davis Love III of St. Simons Island, Ga., at 149, and Corey Pavin, at 150.

The highest score for the two rounds over the 6,823-yard course was the 20-over par 162, on a pair of 81s, by Craig Parry of Australia.

American Peter Jacobsen withdrew just before Friday's round because of a bad back, after going 10-over 81 on Thursday.

Bracketed at 139 were PGA champion Bob Tway, Masters champion Larry Mize, Mark Calcavecchia, Carl Mason of Great Britain, Graham Marsh of Australia and Nick Price of South Africa.

Mason moved up with a 69. Calcavecchia and Marsh each had a 70. Mize and Price matched par 71 and Tway took a 72.

Lee Trevino and Ken Green, who shared second at the end of 18 holes, dropped back. Trevino had 74 for a 141 total. Green went to a 76 and was at 143.

Seve Ballesteros of Spain, twice a winner of this title and one of the pre-tournament favorites, birdied three of the last four holes, leaving him at 143.

Greg Norman, the defending champion, had another 71 in the worst of the weather and was at 142.

Agents

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last season, is a seventh-round draft pick of the Houston Oilers. He is not represented by Walters' agency.

Corrigan, concluding a 6½-year stint as the Irish athletic director prior to becoming the Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner, said the school is investigating ruly ridiculous. The kid's father is a There's no reason for him to sign (with an agent)."

significant to the football team's grand jury investigation in Chicago. performance. Though he was named Corrigan said he thought it was the nation's top high school player a "horrible thing" when Ohio State in 1982, he struggled with injuries declared all-time leading receiver at Notre Dame.

107 yards (17.8 average) last year early with the New York agents. when his season was cut short by an early knee injury that required sur- the school," said Corrigan. "Up here gery. He was given a clean bill of (in the Midwest), it's a very drahealth to play in 1987 as a fifth- matic thing. These guys (Walters year senior.

He is the fifth college athlete to major donor (to the university). lose his senior season as a result of violating NCAA regulations by signing with Walters and Bloom, both of Miller's loss is not considered whom are the targets of a federal

Cris Carter ineligible this week for Miller had caught six passes for the 1987 season because he signed

"I feel so sorry for the kid and





Actress Tyne Daly is best known for her role as detective Mary Beth Cagney. Daly talked with TVWEEK's Phil Kloer about the TV movie "Kids Like These" and how she spends her time away from "Cagney & Lacey." Also, Mimi Fuller Foster location of Atlanta's "secret" the reveals gardens-in Home & Garden. And in Arts & Entertainment, Paula Crouch previews "Satchmo: America's Musical Legend," a musical biography of Louis Armstrong starring Atlanta native Byron Stripling.

mors that other players with eligibility are involved.

"Right now, all it looks like is hearsay," said Corrigan. "On one kid we've heard about, it's absolute-

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