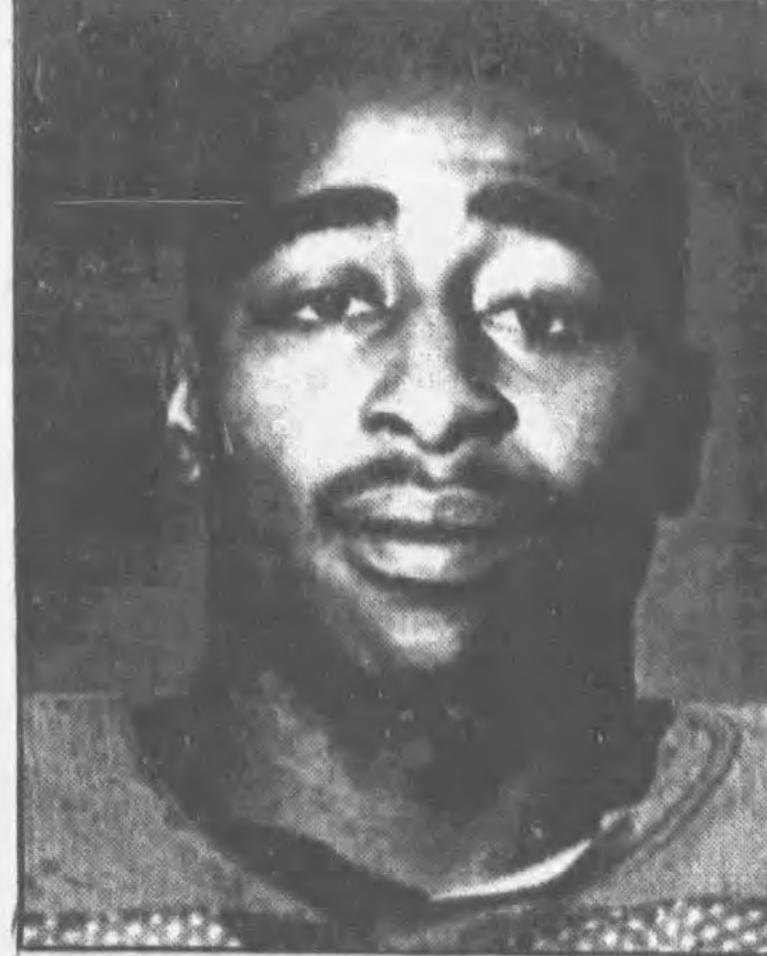
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PRO FOOTBALL



New lottery could drop Bears' chance to catch Carter

By Don Pierson

The Bears' chances of getting a shot at former Ohio State receiver Cris Carter will again be determined by a Brian Bosworth-type lottery. In other words, their chances aren't as good as they thought.

After finishing fifth in the sweepstakes for former Oklahoma linebacker Bosworth last month, the Bears thought the order stood for any subsequent supplemental drafts this year.

However, the National Football

League office said Monday that a new lottery will take place if and when Carter applies for entry and is accepted.

According to Carter's attorney, Bob Berry of Boston, the banned receiver will apply to the NFL for supplemental draft status. The NFL then will review Carter's case, notify the clubs to give them time to scout Carter, then announce a supplemental draft date.

NFL spokesman Joe Browne said Monday that the league has not heard from Carter. He said August

would be the earliest a draft could be conducted. Berry said NFL teams already are contacting Carter individually even though the league would prefer teams not to talk about the Carter case for public relations reasons.

Carter was declared ineligible by Ohio State last week for accepting money from agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom. Carter would have entered his senior year this

While the NFL would prefer to keep Carter unemployed for a year

so as not to encourage either agents too. or eager prospects, the league would prefer an antitrust suit even less. Thus, Carter is expected to be playing in the NFL this fall.

When the Bosworth lottery was announced June 12, the Bears were happy with their high position because they thought it would hold up for subsequent supplemental drafts in an unusual year. Besides Carter, the eligibility of Michigan State running back Lorenzo White has been a subject for speculation since Walters accused him of taking money,

Carter was one of Ohio State's all-time great receivers. Whether he is a sure first-round draft is uncertain because scouts say he is not as fast as most first-round picks.

The supplemental draft works this way: The team with the worst record, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, gets 28 chances to be the first team picked out of a drum to determine the draft order. The team with the best record, the New York Giants, gets one chance. The Bears get three chances.

Bears

Cris Carter

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Super Bowl last year."

Perry is one Bear who will be pushed by Ditka until it hurts.

"I've played around with him enough," he said. "Now it's up to him. If his weight is not under 325, he'll not be at Platteville. We will go on without him. He can go back to South Carolina and do whatever the heck he wants. "If his weight is under 325, he'll be the best defensive tackle in football. That will irritate some other people, too, but it's the way I feel. I think Perry can go down to 305 and play effectively if he'll work at it and discipline himself. "I want him to be the best he can be. Right now I don't know if he wants to be the best he can be. He has to make up his mind about it. If he ever maximizes his talent, no one will touch him. "But you know what the old saying is: To be No. 1, you have to reach deep down in the gutsack and make it hurt. His rear should drag off the field daily. And anyone who gets in his way at training camp, he ought to knock them down. "He needs a little of [former Bear] Doug Atkins' temperament. A little of Steve McMichael's temperament." Ditka would gladly lend him his inspirational video if that could put a little more iron in his system. The coach is determined to instill discipline in his players. He wishes he could erase the 46-10

score from the Super Bowl XX, which remains painted brightly on the roof of a house adjacent to the Bears' practice field, and replace it with the 27-13 score from last season's playoff loss to the Redskins.

"We need the discipline to put the team first," he said. "When any team wins, be it the Bears, the Giants or the Lakers, there comes point some individuals think they become more important than the team. And in part, that's true, because everyone is the reason for success. It is the team that makes it happen, though, and the problem comes when someone says,

team, has to overcome an offseason illness that weakened him. Ditka said Barnes, who is also a punt returner, lost 20 pounds when he suffered an intestinal infection. Barnes has regained most of that weight back, he added.

Ditka, who is in the last year of his contract, expressed confidence that he'd sign a new one with the Bears. Told that many people are speculating that he'll leave after this season, he said there is no reason to think that way. "If I want to coach, which I do, want to coach the Bears," he said. "It's got to come down to all sides agreeing on something, and I think we will. So far there have been remote discussions. After we're into the season, though, I won't negotiate until the season is finished.



Checkup may clear McMahon

'You can't win without me.' " Ditka is encouraged by what he sees from his rookies, who are now practicing at Lake Forest. He said several, including Jim Harbaugh at quarterback, have impressed him, but decided to create some competition by especially naming one rookie.

"Help me out with the name," Ditka said. "Yeah, Lakei Heimuli. The fullback we drafted from Brigham Young. I'd be quite surprised if he doesn't make the team. That ought to perk up a few guys."

Ditka called the upcoming season "a year of big decisions. We have to suck it up in a couple areas and say, 'Hey, this is what we got to do.' The wide receiver spot will be interesting. Talk about a position on the bubble. The tight ends and backups for the defensive line also look real interesting. I like some things I see out there [from the rookies]."

Lew Barnes, who will be one of receivers fighting to remain on the

"So if I don't have a contract agreement by the first game of the regular season, I definitely won't have one until the season has ended. I don't use an agent, and once football starts, I'll think of nothing but football. Period."

Ditka also talked about his friend and former boss, Tom Landry, signing to coach the Dallas Cowboys for three more years. "I think if he made a decision to coach 10 more years, it'd be a good decision. As much as some dummies in Dallas don't know it, he's good for the city and Texas, as well as for football. He's a class act all the way."

There are a lot of people in Chicago who would say the same thing about Ditka's presence in this city.

By Mike Kiley

Outwardly, Jim McMahon looks real good to Mike Ditka. "I saw him a week ago, and there's no question he's in better shape," the Bears' coach said of the quarterback's latest attempt to come back from injury and pursue his life as an artful dodger.

But questions remain about how he is healing under the surface. Dr. Frank Jobe will chart that progress Tuesday in Los Angeles when he re-examines McMahon's throwing shoulder to give him the go-ahead to start training camp Aug. 1 in Platteville, Wis.

"We'll know more when Jim comes back from California and he can throw the football a little bit," Ditka said. "I haven't seen him throw since he was doing it indoors at the mini-camp in May.

"But my gut feeling is he'll play, and he will be healthy. He's stronger to a degree from all the. exercises he's done. I feel that the biggest thing that hurt him last year-and he doesn't agree, of course, with this-was being overweight. He didn't move as well, and that's where a muscle pull came from, I believe, early in training camp last year.

"The last letter I got from his physical therapist explains it all. In progressive range of motion and football throwing range, he is up to 50 yards-plus and 200 repetitions three times a week. And he's doing 150 repetitions at 12 yards

NFL notes

From Chicago Tribune wires

someplace else." the business aspect behind me and get down to playing football," said Woods,

Woodson failed to attend Pittsburgh's mini-camp and said he will not report Sunday when training camp opens for rookies in Latrobe, Pa.

The Seattle Seahawks signed their first-round draft pick, Pitt defensive end and linebacker Tony Woods. The deal is "in the three-to-four-year range," a Seahawks spokesman said, but no finanical details were given. Woods will play right outside linebacker.

. Seattle still has 20 unsigned players-including eight veterans. Among the unsigned is All-America linebacker Brian Bosworth, the top pick in the NFL's supplemental draft. Bosworth's agent, Gary Wichard, said Monday the Seahawks had made an offer, but he said the proposal was "not what we are looking for."

Woods is the fourth first-round draft pick to sign, and the first defensive player. He joins Vinny Testaverde of Tampa Bay, D.J. Dozier of Minnesota and Paul Palmer of Kansas City.

"It's a relief, because I can put all of

the 18th pick overall. "I'm definitely satis-fied. All I wanted was a fair deal, and I feel I got a fair deal."

Pittsburgh's first-round draft choice, former Purdue defensive back Rod Woodson, must decide whether he wants to play football or concentrate on a track career, said Steelers coach Chuck Noll. "The thing we haven't discovered yet on our first draft choice is whether he really wants to play football," Noll said. "That is, in my mind, very much a key. To play this game and to play it well, you have to want to play it."

Woodson has been competing in European track meets in the 110-meter hurdles. His agent has said his client may stay in track unless the Steelers raise their contract offer. "I don't know if he wants to play football," said Noll. "I don't know if he wants to run track or go

"There's a lot of learning involved with defensive backs," said Noll, "because you're talking about the ultimate team sport. Now he's involved in an individual sport, and the individual sport may be what's foremost in his mind."

New England starting strong safety Roland James had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Monday and probably will miss the start of training camp.

The San Francisco 49ers signed second-round choice Jeff Bregel, a guard from Southern Cal, to a two-year contract. The 49ers also signed Mississippi cornerback Jonathon Shelley, a ninthround pick, and Stanford guarterback John Paye, a 10th-rounder.



Tribune photo by Bob Langer William Perry displays a relatively svelte physique at 317 pounds at the mini-camp in May. He recently told Mike Ditka he's up to 325.

three times a week with the progressive velocity and throwing technique.

"He's done isolated shoulder exercises and a lot of tumbling exercises to learn how to fall. He has done a lot of things to get other parts of his body in shape. I don't think the physical thing will be nearly as great as the psychological, though.

"We won't really know if he's all right until game pressure and someone misses a block and the linebacker catches him flush with a tackle and you say 'uh, oh' and see how fast he gets up. Any of us could pretty much go out there and throw it good in practice."

Ditka said he will be looking in preseason games for McMahon to be steady at 55 or 60 yards. "That's his distance pretty much, and you won't see 70, 75 yards from him," he said.

He also has an eye on the Bears who let down after McMahon was sidelined by injury. "We had a couple of guys who sat back and felt sorry for themselves because Jim wasn't out there. You'll find that people who sit and cry and mope about not having as good a chance to win the game without certain people on the field don't fit in our organization."

Ditka suspects that some of his players, as well as many fans, are guilty of presuming that quarterbacks Mike Tomczak and Steve Fuller are guaranteed to be oddmen-out of a five-man quarterback competition that includes McMahon, No. 1 draftee Jim Harbaugh and Doug Flutie. "It's foolish to assume Tomczak and Fuller will be gone," he said. "There's a lot of scenarios. If Jim can't play and we're down to four quarterbacks, who do you keep? I'm keeping the three best. I won't play favorites. "Tomczak has improved in the offseason. He's worked his tail off at shifting his weight when he throws the ball. Sometimes he stayed back on the back foot instead of coming to the front, and the balls he threw that way flew up on him. "With Steve, it wasn't so much his technique last year. He had a poor choice of decisions in a couple instances. But in 1985 in tight game conditions, Steve was outstanding. So you weigh that, too.

AMATEUR SPORTS

17-year-old left-hander makes her pitch for softball fame

By Jody Homer Chicago Tribune

DURHAM, N.C.-As one of the best fast-pitch softball pitchers in the country, Kathy Arendsen knows talent when she sees it.

And she saw it in 1986 when a youngster joined her Hi-Ho Brakettes team for a tournament in New Zealand. Arendsen was the first player to take batting practice against the new kid. She hasn't forgotten the experience.

"I thought, 'Holy smokes.' She really blew the ball past me. She has tremendous talent," Arendsen said.

Results in Scoreboard

ship in New Zealand, Granger pitched no-hitters against Indonesia and defending champion New Zealand. She holds a variety of California high school records. And in last year's U.S. Olympic Festival, she had 56 strikeouts and didn't allow an earned run in 29 innings.

Granger returns to this year's Festival as a pitcher for the Orange County Majestics, the South team. Arendsen, 28, also is here, pitching for the Brakettes. She has a nineyear record of 218-20 with a career ERA of 0.14. Granger showed she isn't perfect Sunday at the Festival. She was roughed up by the West team and had to exit early in a 6-2 West victory over the South.

Oklahoma City. She won eight of nine games there, struck out 97 batters in 56 innings and had two no-hitters and four one-hitters.

Since finishing her junior year at Valencia High School in Placentia, Calif., and hitting the road for tournaments, exhibitions and other sorted softball duties, Granger has been home only one day this summer. From here, she'll head for practices with the Pan American team and then on to the Pan Am Games in Indianapolis.

"It's getting to me a little bit, but hopefully it won't kill me and I'll still be standing by the end of the summer," said the 5-foot-10-inch lefty.

in his younger days. "My dad taught me the basics, adjusting what he knew from baseball to softball,' said Granger, who now has a pitching coach in California to finetune what she learned from her dad.

"I also learned about being competitor from my dad. He's real competitor. He put that in me."

While knowing that she had talent, Granger has been taken by surprise by her sudden rise to the top of her sport. She likes to think of herself as an average California teen and wants her schoolmates to treat

Northwestern University until last month-she said there was a mutually agreed upon parting with the school-knows how much universities want Granger.

"She's going to be inundated," said Arendsen, whose most famous moment in softball might have been in 1981 when she struck out Reggie Jackson three times in a made-for-TV moment created by ABC. "She'll probably be the first softball pitcher to get that big-time college recruiting attention."

Both Arendsen and Granger are looking ahead to 1992, when softball is expected to become a medal sport in the Olympics. It's not official yet, but the inside word is that it's going to be voted in.

That's what people have been saying about 17-year-old Michele Granger ever since 1986, when her reputation started to spread beyond her home in California. And now they're saying she could develop into the best women's softball pitcher since the legendary Joan Joyce, who was considered the best this country has ever seen.

Why such high praise?

At that 1986 World Champion-

There was a good excuse, however, for her performance. Granger had flown to North Carolina Sunday morning after hurling the USA Team to the title in the Junior Girls World Fast-Pitch Championship in

With her windmill delivery, she throws a fastball, a pitch that drops, one that rises, a changeup and a curve that breaks in or out. Her skills are so developed that in one seven-inning high school game last year she struck out all 21 batters.

Granger learned to pitch from her father, Michael, who was a pitcher

her as such.

"It always surprised me," she said of the attention she keeps receiving. "I never expected anything like this, but whatever comes, I'll just enjoy it. At school, I'm just another high school person. Most of my friends don't even play softball."

When she returns for her senior year in high school, the recruiting crunch will begin. Arendsen, who was an assistant softball coach

Although Arendsen will be 33 by then, she hasn't lost much over the years-she was 22-0 with the Brakettes in 1986. Granger, too, could be out there looking for a spot on the Olympic team.

"She's certainly the future for softball," said Arendsen.

scored 22 points and Karl James added

17 as the West won a run-and-gun duel

Carla Green's 14 points led the South

to an 85-66 victory over the East and into

"Flutie has to work on not overthrowing the ball. And we have to be sure and not put him on the field in compromising positions.

"The biggest change our fans will see in our offense is that we don't fumble as much or throw the ball away or trip over ourselves or not score from inside the 40-yard line. That will be the biggest change."

Or'else.

U.S. Olympic Festival notes

Chicago Tribune

DURHAM, N.C.-U.S. Olympic hockey coach Dave Peterson quickly noticed difference between the players at this year's U.S. Olympic Festival and those at the last few Festivals. He could see it in their eyes and in their tense expressions.

This time, there's more at stake than medals.

"Their tone, their temperament, their actions are a lot different." Peterson said "It's a very serious time for them."

When the hockey games begin Tuesday in Greensboro, Peterson and other members of the Amateur Hockey Association will begin evaluating talent for the 1988 Olympic team.

In early June, the association picked 80 players to compete in the Festival. There are 8 goalkeepers, 24 defensemen, 16 centers and 32 forwards.

By Sunday night, the group will be

trimmed to about 30, who will be invited to a camp in Lake Placid Aug. 7. At some point in the fall, the group will be cut one last time, to 22 players plus a third goalie as an alternate.

Peterson, a former high school hockey and football coach from Minnesota, has young but experienced group from which to choose.

"I'd say this talent pool is as strong as it was in 1984," he said. "The 1984 team was a great team that just didn't perform particularly well in the Olympics. I think we have more players with international experience than we've ever had."

Peterson sees the 80 players falling into three categories. There are those who can have a weak Festival and still be asked to camp based on past performances, there are those who need a great Festival to be asked to camp, and there are about a half-dozen players who are relatively unknown to the coach. "So what

they do here is vitally important," he said. Steve Alschuler of Skokie conquered a hilly course and hot weather Monday to win the men's 10-kilometer cycling time trials through the streets of Raleigh.

The 18-year-old covered the 6.2 miles in 14 minutes 3 seconds to nose out Colorado Springs' Brian Stalnaker (14:07).

"I was really surprised when I got back and saw my time," said Alschuler, a fourtime Illinois state cycling champion. "It's not really a good time on the national level. I thought the times were slow, but everyone was slow."

North Carolina is supporting this Festival in record numbers. And it's not just the high profile sports that are drawing crowds.

Just three days after the opening ceremonies, and with another full week of competition still to come, ticket sales are only \$50,000 short of the record \$2.4 mil-

lion set in Houston last year.

Three sessions of swimming and diving were sellouts, and the 41,231 total attendance in figure skating is a record.

Tracy Compton pitched a no-hitter, allowing just one walk in facing the minimum 21 batters, as the East beat the West 1-0 in women's softball. Compton. 24, of Santa Maria, Calif., struck out 11. She walked Elise King leading off the third inning. King was forced at second on a sacrifice bunt attempt by Barb Jordan, who was then thrown out stealing.

J.R. Reid hit the second of two free throws with 22 seconds left, leading the South into Wednesday night's gold meda game in men's basketball with a 77-76 victory over the East. The South will meet the North in the gold medal game, despite the North's 109-103 loss to the West earlier Monday. The North gained the berth through a tiebreaker system. Tom Lewis

a spot in the gold medal game in women's basketball. The South will play the West, which beat the North 64-49. A record crowd for speedskating (1,821) saw Andy Gabel of Northbrook set a Festival record for the 1,500 meters. Gabel won his fifth Festival gold and 10th

with the North.

medal overall with a time of 2 minutes 36.51 seconds. He beat Steve Merrifield's mark of 2:40.19 set in 1981. Mark Greenwald of Park Ridge finished third in the 1,500. . . . In the women's 500, Kristen Talbot was the winner, and Shana Sundstrom of Glen Ellyn was second.

Jody Homer