Jefferson, Kennedy advance in tourney

By Bob Denney Gazette sportswriter

Tom Welsh said he normally stays away from letterhigh fastballs. But a guy can always change his mind. The Cedar Rapids Jefferson shortstop did, belting a two-run game-tying home run in the bottom of the third inning to spark the Class 4A 10th-ranked J-Hawks to a 7-3 district tournament victory Monday night over host Prairie.

Jefferson, 23-12, used its hard-fought win to earn a championship berth opposite cross-town Mississippi Valley Conference rival Kennedy Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Prairie.

Kennedy (21-13) rolled into the title game with a 14l, six-inning romp past Washington (8-28) in the evening's opener. Prairie retired 10-18.

Jefferson took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Welsh singled and scored after winning pitcher Denny Schreckengast's liner flew past the glove of left-fielder Dan Marahk.

Though Schreckengast (11-2) struck out 10 and walked one, he had his share of trouble. Prairie rallied to take a 2-1 lead in the top of the second on an RBI single by Mark Nierling and Rich Jeffrey.

Prairie's Tim Evans, who is a member of the Cedar Rapids Legion Red team along with seven J-Hawks, socked a towering double to the right field fence in the third to make it 3-1.

Welsh, who is hitting at a .427 pace, gave Jefferson the boost it needed after teammate Jamey Hathaway reached on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the third. Welsh took the first pitch from Prairie's Lonnie Tjelmeland (4-4) over the 320-foot barrier in left field.

"Denny Schreckengast has been on me for swinging at high pitches," said Welsh. "Normally I wouldn't, but I was anxious and I got hold of it."

The J-Hawks scored the go-ahead run on three successive Prairie errors. Schreckengast followed Welsh by reaching base on the second of three bobbles by Hawk shortstop Jeff Osborn. He advanced to second on Osborn's third error on a grounder by Lanny Downing, and scored when second baseman Jeffrey's relay for a potential double play flew over first base. Schreckengast faced Evans again, this time in the top

fanned the Hawk senior Evans on five pitches. "That's the kind of confrontation I like to see in baseball," said J-Hawk Coach Joe Kenney. "Evans had owned the ball park up to that point. Every game we played Prairie this year was a tough one, and I knew we

of the fifth with two out and two runners on base. He

would get another from them." Jefferson added three more insurance runs, getting a sacrifice fly by Schreckengast in the fifth and RBI singles by Mike Mims and Hathaway in the bottom of the sixth.

KENNEDY TURNED a 2-1 struggle with Washington into a rout, taking advantage of 11 total walks and scoring seven runs on just three hits in the top of the sixth inning. Cougar senior right-hander Steve Bair (6-0) struck out seven, walked three and allowed four hits. He also belted his first homer of the season, a solo shot with two out in the top of the fifth.

Washington's Andy Ford took the loss. "It was a lot easier than I'd thought," said Kennedy Coach Bill Herkelman. "Steve threw the ball well, and he got to hit one (homer)."

Welter pitches Lions to victory

Linn Mar's Ted Welter fired a no-hitter and struck out a school record 19 batters to lead the Lions to a first-round Class 4A district baseball win over Waterloo Columbus in Marion, 3-0.

Welter allowed only two base runners in helping Linn Mar improve to 22-12 on the year. Tom Busch led off the first inning for the Lions with a solo homerun.

Linn Mar will now face West Delaware on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., also in Marion.

ARCHER

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Archer's agent, Steve Feldman of Irvine, Calif., will be in Atlanta Thursday to try to hammer out a deal with Falcons chief financial officer Jim Hay.

Archer drew a \$137,000 salary last season. His backup, Turk Schonert, was salaried at \$350,000 in 1986 and will have his salary upped this year to \$385,000 by playing out his option.

The Falcons dangled \$275,000 on a one-year, no option contract before Archer, but Feldman was not biting. He is seeking a salary in the \$400,000 range for

his client. "I'm going to come in Thursday and see if we can get it done," Feldman said. "If I can't, I'm leaving. We're not going to settle for less than what David deserves." All quarterbacks are scheduled to join rookies and

free agents at the Falcons' opening practice next Monday at their training facility in Suwanee. Veterans report Aug. 1.



AP photo

THAT RUNDOWN FEELING: Minnesota's Steve Lombardozzi goes down after being tagged by New York Yankees first baseman Don Mattingly in the third inning of Monday's game. New York won 7-1 as Mattingly matched an American League record for putouts by a first baseman with 22.

John stops Twins for 273rd win

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The "slow low fastball" that carried Tommy John to most of his 272 career victories wasn't there in the bullpen, so the 44-year-old left-hander went to his "do-fer" pitch. "It was a do-fer, a pitch that'll do 'til you get something else working," said John, who tossed a seven-hitter Monday night in his 700th major-league game for career triumph No. 273 — a 7-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins. He is tied with Red Ruffing for

24th on the all-time victory list. John walked one and struck out one in his first complete game of the year, and his first complete-game victory since July 8, 1984. The AL East-leading Yankees are 15-3 in John's 18 starts this

Catcher Mark Salas, who along with Mike Pagliarulo homered in support of John, 9-3, said the do-fer "was a forkball or something, it was just dropping right off the plate."

John's do-fer pitch helped force a plethora of grounders, enabling Don Mattingly to tie a major-league record with 22 putouts by a first baseman. It has been accomplished by three players, the last time by Ernie Banks in 1963.

The news wasn't all good for Mattingly, however. Mattingly, who on Sunday was foiled in his bid for a homer in a major-league record ninth straight game, went 0-for-4 - stopping his string of games with at least one extra-base hit at 10, an AL record but four shy of Paul Waner's 60-year-old major-league mark.

He also aggravated an injury to his right wrist and "may have to miss a few games," Yankees Manager Lou Piniella said.

Twins starter Les Straker, 5-6, had pitched to the minimum 13 batters through 41/3 innings when Dan Pasqua doubled to rightcenter field. Pagliarulo sent the next pitch over the right-field wall for his 18th homer of the year.

Indians 9, Royals 5

■ KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Brook Jacoby went 4-for-4 in support of Phil Niekro's pitching Monday night and carried the Cleveland Indians to a 9-5 victory over Bret Saberhagen and the skidding Kansas City Royals.

Saberhagen, 15-4, was shelled for six runs on 10 hits in 31/3 innings. He made his earliest exit of the season as Kansas City lost its sixth straight game. The Royals have lost 11 of their last

Niekro, 7-9, won his 318th career game despite giving up five runs in five innings. It was his first victory since June 20. Doug Jones pitched one-hit relief over the final four innings for his first

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Blue Jays 5, Rangers 3

■ ARLINGTON, Texas — Garth lorg hit rwo solo home runs and a double, leading the Toronto Blue Jays over the Texas Rangers.

lorg's first homers of the season helped Toronto beat Texas for the ninth time in 10 games this year.

Tigers 5, Athletics 4

■ DETROIT — Pinch-runner Jim Walewander scored from first base when Oakland right fielder Mike Davis and center fielder Luis Polonia collided on Darrell Evans' routine fly ball in the eighth inning, giving the Detroit Tigers a victory over the Athletics.

Angels 3, Red Sox 2

BOSTON — Devon White singled home the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning and the California Angels beat the Boston Red Sox.

Brian Downing opened the eighth with an infield hit, his third single. Ruppert Jones sacrificed Downing to second and White followed with a low line drive that second baseman Ed Romero could not hold with a back-handed attempt.

Mets 9, Braves 2

■ NEW YORK — Don Schulze, whose last win in the major leagues was June 21, 1986, allowed three hits in 61/3 innings and Len Dykstra had the first four-RBI game of his career as the New York Mets defeated the Atlanta Braves.

Schulze, 11-21 in his major-league career, was making his first appearannce for the Mets since he was purchased from Tidewater of the International League on July 14. He allowed only one run, on Ken Oberkfell's first-inning homer.

Dykstra drove in two runs in the seventh inning with his eighth homer after driving in a pair with a bases-loaded double in the second.

Reds 10, Phillies 6

PHILADELPHIA — Kurt Stillwell's double and a throwing

error by right fielder Glenn Wilson allowed Nick Esasky to score from first base in the 11th inning, and the Cincinnati Reds went on to a victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Warrior swimmers rated 3rd

Cedar Rapids Washington's boys' swimming team has been ranked No. 3 in its class according to power ratings compiled by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association.

Washington, which won the state championship last season, was rated in Class III (enrollment 1,401 to 1,900). Last year, the Warriors were tied for second in Class II (900 to 1,400).

East Kentwood (Mich.) was first in Class III with 3,731 points, followed by St. Joseph Metuchen (N.J.) at 3,628 and Washington with 3,602. Des Moines Hoover's boys were 11th and its girls were 12th in Class II.

Cy-Fair of Houston, under former Cedar Rapids Kennedy Coach Mark Onstott, finished 10th in Class

Jefferson joins 4A baseball list

Associated Press

Sioux City Heelan remained the top-ranked Class 4A team and Humboldt stayed atop the 3A list Monday in the final Associated Press poll of the Iowa high school summer baseball season.

Heelan, 39-2, boasts a 35-0 record against Iowa competition, a team batting average of .372 and a team earned run average of 1.90 going into district tournament play this

West Des Moines Dowling was ranked second in 4A, followed by Ames, Ottumwa and Cedar Falls.

Cedar Rapids Jefferson was the only newcomer on the 4A list this week, earning the 10th spot after clinching the Mississippi Valley Conference title. In Class 3A, Humboldt takes a 21-

2 record into today's district semifinal game against unranked lowa Falls. Dyersville Beckman moved up a spot to second with a 22-8 record.

NEWS NOTES/

AREA SPORTS

ISC state fast-pitch

Defending champion Collins of Cedar Rapids, the C.R. Blue Jays and Dubuque Rings have been tabbed favorites at this weekend's International Softball Congress Iowa Area Tournament at Walcott.

The 24-team tourney begins Friday and runs through Aug. 1. The winner advances to the ISC World Championships, Aug. 7-16 at Saskatoon, Sasketchewan.

Collins won last year's ISC state crown as the lowans. Rings was third and Fleck's-Miller of C.R., another entry this year, was fourth.

The Blue Jays are coming off Amateur Softball Association district and sub-state titles. They've won both tourneys without the services of ace Dave Fenemor, who is ineligable for ASA play but can compete in the ISC tourneys.

Sprint races tonight

■ The \$25,000 Coors Light Silver Bullet Classic for winged sprint cars will be held tonight at 7 at Hawkeye Downs Speedway, featuring some of the top winged sprint cars drivers in the nation.

Expected in the field are Steve Kinser, a seven-time World of Outlaws champion; Brad Doty, the World of Outlaws Rookie of the Year; and Bobby Davis Jr., a multiple race winner this year.

Carter seeks spot in NFL's supplemental draft

Associated Press

The attorney for All-America wide receiver Cris Carter, banned from playing his senior season at Ohio State University, says he will ask the National Football League to allow Carter a spot in the league's supplemental draft. The NFL, backed by the National

with college eligibility remaining unless they have graduated. It is the only sport with such rules. Carter was declared ineligible by Ohio State last week, after admitting he signed a contract and

accepted money from agents Norby

Collegiate Athletic Association,

does not allow the draft of players

Walters and Lloyd Bloom. Carter ters and Bloom dated to begin Jan. and more; just put a little more into America wide receiver from Middletown, Ohio, has set most of the receiving records at Ohio State.

Boston, would like to convince the NFL that Carter is a special case because he apparently was lured into signing a contract by his brother, George Carter, the Dayton Daily News and Journal Herald

reported Monday. Berry said he has had contact with agents wanting to represent Carter and that NFL teams already have tried to contact the player.

Carter has a contract with Wal-

would be a senior this fall. The All- 2. The newspaper reported that it. Berry believes it is unenforceable because George Carter signed it as his brother's legal guardian, which Carter's lawyer, Bob Berry of he is not. In an interview with The Colum-

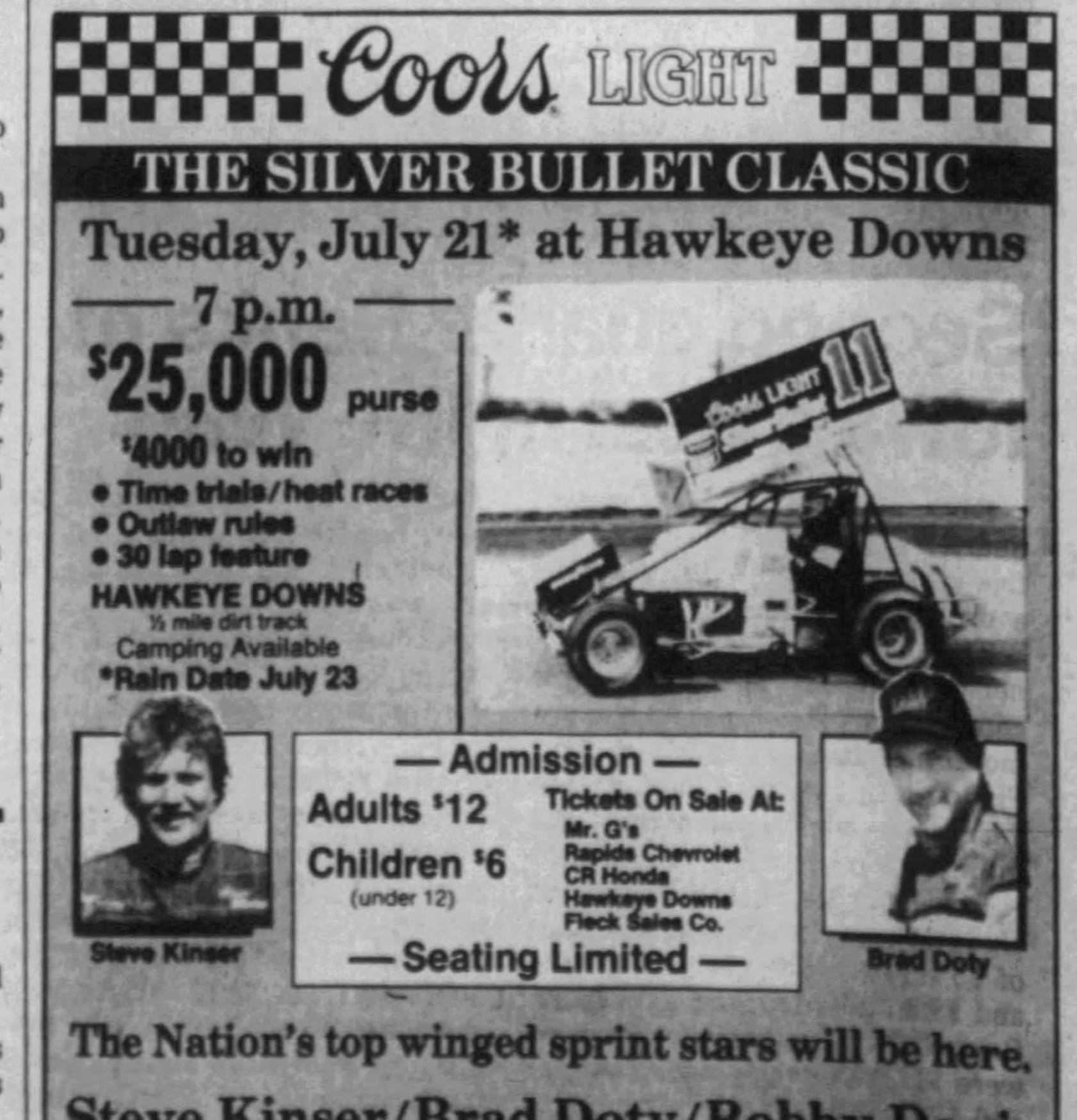
bus Dispatch published Monday, Ohio State football coach Earle Bruce said he did not believe the loss of Carter would remove the Buckeyes from the Big Ten title picture.

"Ohio State football will survive without Cris Carter," Bruce said. "What we need to do, though, is get everyone to try just that much harder, to the best of their ability

"We can still win the Big Ten championship . . . I just want to show Cris Carter what he missed. "I'm going to bring the players in,

the ones who are around, one by one and talk to them," Bruce said. "We were really on a roll, with our new (indoor practice) facility and our win over Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl and our good recruiting class. "I'm sure the spirit will be down a

little bit, and now I've got to get to work to start rebuilding it. In a way, you're thankful this happened now instead of three weeks into the season."



AZINGER: Moves on to pro golf's biggest stages

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From off-Broadway, he is suddenly playing lead roles on the biggest stages in the golf world. And enjoying it.

Other players come to the press tent and discuss golf strokes and technical aspects of their game. Azinger stops by to level his sincere gaze at the press and talk about the way he feels.

He would have loved the BBC telecast of Sunday's round. The BBC chaps were so fervently yet discreetly pulling for Faldo, the Britisher.

They continually described his shots as "lovely" and "courageous."

With Azinger, the announcers repeatedly

speculated on how the poor lad might finally choke this one away. When Azinger teed off on No. 18, one announcer said, in a voice devoid of all sincerity, "I wish him luck."

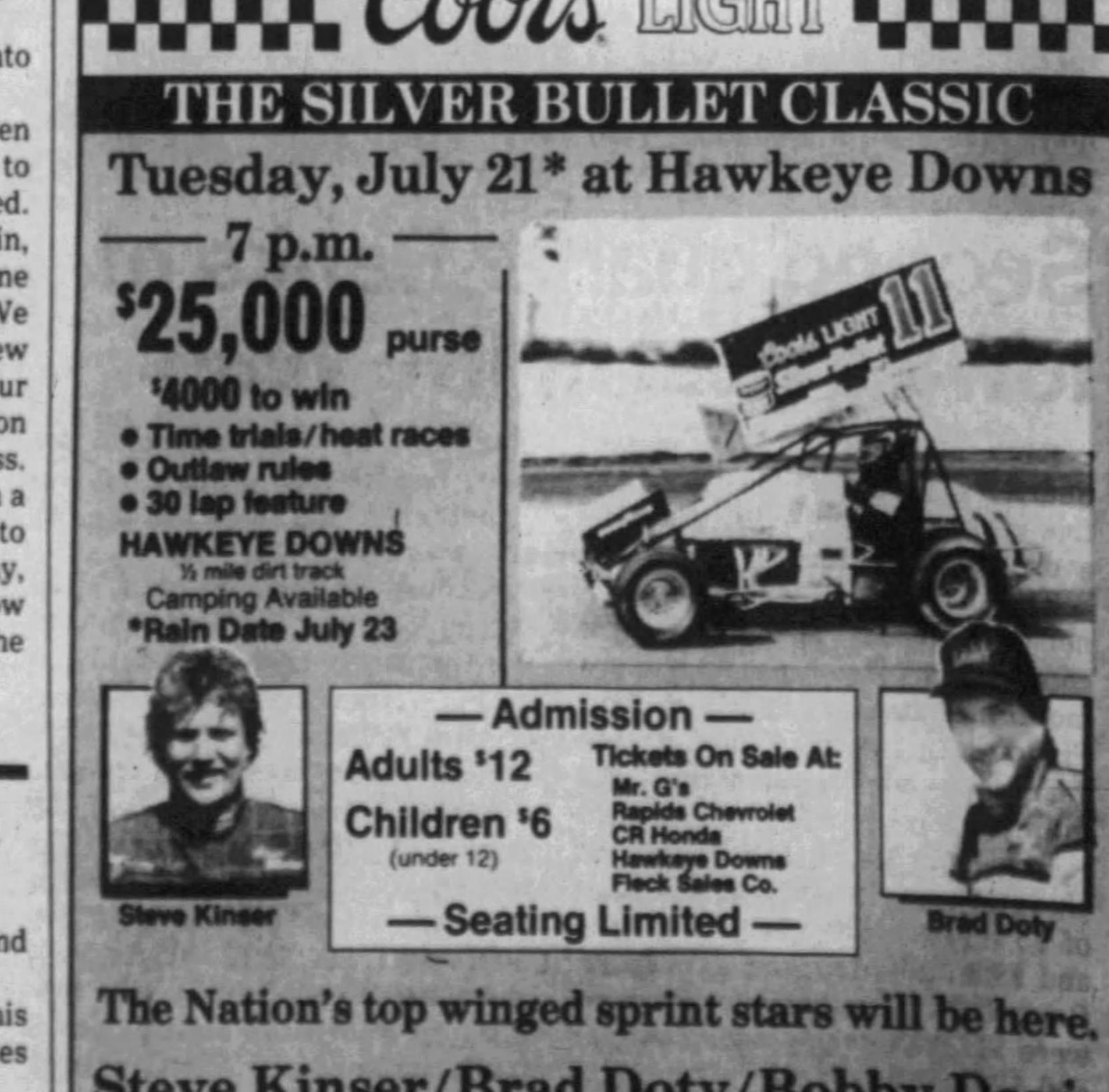
And surely Azinger appreciated the last theatrical touch of the afternoon. As his caddie, Kevin Woodward, was walking off the course at

the end of Sunday's round, a man approached and

"Tell Paul that the first time I played this course, 27 years ago, I bogeyed the last two holes to lose the tournament."

The man was Jack Nicklaus, who overcame that shaky finish in that long-ago amateur

tournament to go on to a decent career. Exit, stage right, Nicklaus, caddie and Azinger. Fade the spotlight. Drop the curtain.



Steve Kinser/Brad Doty/Bobby Davis

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