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Meese says Iran inquiry was not a cover-up

Press leak led to senator's quitting

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), former vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, resigned from the panel in January after acknowledging he had shown a reporter a draft report on the Irancontra investigation that the committee had voted not to release to the public.

Responding to queries from reporters, the committee issued a statement saying "the member of the committee responsible for the disclosure" offered his resignation and it was accepted by committee Chairman David Boren (D-Okla.) and Vice Chairman William Cohen (R-Maine).

The committee did not identify Leahy as the member in question, but Leahy later said he "carelessly" had let a reporter examine

the report to verify his contention that it was withheld because of "major gaps," not as an effort to embarrass President Reagan.

He had not intended to disclose details of the report, Leahy said.

"NBC was given the unclassified report without any restrictions on its use by a reliable confidential source," said Robert McFarland, vice president and Washington bureau chief for the network.

Leahy said he learned the report's contents had been broadcast while traveling in the Midwest and immediately went to an airport telephone to call Boren and express concern that "the report was probably a copy which had been sent to [him]."

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Edwin Meese

No hint of criminal activity' found

By Bob Dart and Scott Shepard Journal-Constitution Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - Denying the initial Iran-contra inquiry he led last fall was part of a White House cover-up, Attorney General Edwin Meese testified Tuesday that he did not call in criminal investigators because "there was no hint of criminal activity" in the secret dealings.

Meese said his three-day investigation "turned up the essential facts that are still the essential facts today" in the diversion of funds from secret Iran arms sales to the Nicaraguan rebels.

When told of the diversion, Meese said, President Reagan was "quite surprised" and "indicated that he had not known anything about this."

Soon after being told, Meese said, Reagan "requested that I disclose all that we had learned ... so that there would be no claim of withholding of information or charge of 'cover-up.' "

Meese's testimony to congressional committees came eight months after he disclosed the Iran-contra connection. Meese has been under attack since by members of Congress who say his early inquiry was either incompetent or an effort to protect the president.

On Tuesday, committee member Rep. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) questioned whether the inquiry was thorough enough. Meese countered that it uncovered "a rather astounding piece of information," Lt. Col. Oliver North's : memo outlining the diversion plan.

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700 U.S. hospitals could close

Rising costs to threaten 10% of facilities by '95

> By Charles Seabrook and Ann Wead Kimbrough

Staff Writers At least 700 U.S. hospitals, caught in a vise between stringent budgets and the demand for better care, could be forced to close by 1995, health-care experts predicted Tuesday.

They also predicted that increasing numbers of physicians will leave medical practice by 1995 because of less job satisfaction and more competition, and physicians will advertise their services - and

fees — extensively. Authorities said the predicted hospital closings - 10 percent of the nation's hospitals — reflect an ongoing trend. More than 100 hospitals have closed since a stringent government Medicare reimbursement policy went into effect in 1984 and private insurance companies initiated cost-containment measures of their own. The rate of closings will accelerate as hospitals continue to encounter even stiffer competition from alternative sources, such as health-maintenance organizations and free-standing surgical clinics, according to a major new study.

"Our predictions about the number of hospital closings seem to be right on track," said Dr. Stuart A. Wesbury, executive director of the American College of Healthcare

Executives. Wesbury said the study is intended to serve as "an early-warning system, and not as a self-fulfilling prophecy," to make hospital officials aware of the problems they face, and how to avoid them.

Wesbury said most of the closings between now and 1995 will be small hospitals or facilities located in rural areas. But he and other experts said any hospital that hopes to stay in business will have to im-

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Tobacco auctioneer Earlish Lightsey of Baxley, Ga., gives buyers a tour of the warehouse in Douglas, Ga. Clouded by suspicions that illegal herbicides have been

LOUIE FAVORITE/Staff used on Georgia tobacco, the first leaves of this year's crop went to market Tuesday. The result has been lower prices and fewer bids.

Tobacco markets open under a chemical cloud

By Tom Hallman Staff Writer

DOUGLAS, Ga. - Wrapped in a cloud of suspicion over the use of illegal chemicals, the first brittle leaves of Georgia's 1987 tobacco crop were auctioned Tuesday in a handful of barns across the coastal

Buyers from major cigarette companies were cautious; farmers were disappointed.

The discovery earlier this year of the herbicide dicamba in samples of leaf from the 1986 Georgia crop still is being felt in the communities that depend on the tobacco harvest to stimulate their economies. The Japanese tobacco monopoly is boycotting Georgia's tobacco markets because of the chemical discovery,

and West German buyers and some domestic companies have said that if the chemical is discovered this year, they too will pull out of affected markets.

The result has been lower prices and fewer bids.

In the official opening of Georgia tobacco markets at the mammoth Wilkins and Veazey Tobacco Warehouse in downtown Douglas, farmers sold more than 150,000 pounds of the leaf, wrapped in burlap bundles averaging 180 pounds

But when tobacco buyers shunned sheet after sheet of tobacco, a large chunk of the harvest fell into the hands of the warehouse

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LOUIE FAVORITE/Staff

U.S. Agriculture Department tobacco grader Robert Thompson does his job in a Douglas warehouse. Farmers sold more than 150,000 pounds of the leaf Tuesday.

Air industry unites under safety plan

New FAA chief vows he'll get violators out of sky

From Wire Reports

NEW YORK - In a rare show of agreement, the airlines and other users of the aviation system have produced a plan to combat what they say are threats to the efficiency and safety of the nation's air opera-

Representing civil aviation users, the groups, often at odds with one another, have united at a time when their industry faces increasing pressure from passengers, stockholders and the government.

Their top two goals are more money to modernize the air-traffic control system and a national program to increase airport capacity.

The leaders of industry groups and a former head of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) who helped bring them together are to present their plan Wednesday and Thursday to congressional and administration leaders.

In a related development, T. Allan McArtor, new FAA director, pledged Tuesday to put out of business any airline found to be in serious violation of safety regulations.

"Regardless who flies in the national air system, I want all to be on notice ... that there are absolute obligations that they have to maintain their aircraft and follow proper procedures," McArtor said.

Asked if the government would hesitate to pull the operating license of airlines found to be engaging in serious safety violations, McArtor replied, "None whatsoever."

The industry leaders made clear in interviews that they hoped the force of their expertise and their unanimity would reshape the debate on aviation issues, giving them influence over projects to accommodate growing demand while maintaining safety.

The said the administration and Congress, as well as industry officials, must exert strong leadership, which they said has been lacking.

Henry Duffy, president of the Air Line Pilots Association, said, "The most important action to be taken at this point rests with the Department of Transportation and the administration. If they don't stand up, address the issues, and move forward with these recommendations, we could have a serious problem in the future."

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Agent: Bum report on UGA player cost us

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

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LOS ANGELES — Sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom were misled by an error in a confidential National Football League (NFL) scouting report when they gave \$5,000 to University of Georgia football player Keith Johnson and signed him to a representation contract after last season, Bloom

Now, Bloom said, "We can probably kiss that money goodbye."

Bloom, who earlier said he and Walters purchased information on college players from NFL scouts, said Johnson's name came to the agents' attention when a scout he would not name provided the National Scouting Service ratings at the end of last college football season. Johnson was the highest-ranked college center on the scouting sheet, with a 7.53 rating.

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Judge, 2 others die in shoot-out at Fla. hearing

By Ron Taylor

Staff Writer

PORT ST. JOE, Fla. - On the door of the Gulf County Courthouse here Tuesday night hung a sign declaring, "County Commission meeting canceled due to tragedy."

The tragedy came Tuesday about 10 a.m. when Clyde Melvin, a local paper company security guard,

walked into the chambers of Circuit in the head. Judge W.L. Bailey for an alimony hearing and pulled out a .357-caliber Magnum and a .22-caliber Derringer and began firing, leaving three people dead and his ex-wife

wounded, authorities said. The shooting spree ended when Gulf County Sheriff Al Harrison shot and wounded Melvin after Melvin reportedly shot his ex-wife. Inez.

Mrs. Melvin was in stable condition Tuesday night at Gulf Pines Hospital in Port St. Joe. Melvin was under armed guard at the same hospital, where he was being treated for a neck wound. His condition was not announced.

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Wednesday in Atlanta will be partly cloudy. High near 94. Details, 28-D.

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Mixed reviews

Critics have received James Dickey's novel "Alnilam" with mixed emotions. Reviews have ranged from unabashed adulation to admitted confusion. Dickey says that's just fine. 1-B.

asking 5,400 workers to quit

By Chris Burritt Staff Writer

Norfolk Southern Corp. said Tuesday that it is asking virtually all of its 5,400 non-union employees, or 16 percent of the company's work force, to consider retiring early or leaving the company.

Nationwide, 1,100 employees of Norfolk Southern and its two railroad subsidiaries, Southern Railway Co. and Norfolk and Western Railway Co., are eligible for the voluntary early retirement.

Arnold McKinnon, Norfolk Southern's chief executive officer, said if all 1,100 eligible employees applied for early retirement, they would be accepted. But he added that only about 600 are expected to apply.

The nation's fourth-largest railroad company also is offering the

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Judge

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Tom Ingles and Peggy Paulk, Mrs. Melvin's sister, were killed by the gunfire.

attorney, Robert Moore, ran from the room when Melvin pulled out his guns, as did a pregnant court reporter who attended the hearing, officials said. Both escaped injury.

According to Port St. Joe police Sgt. James McGee, Melvin first shot Ingles in the face when Ingles tried to disarm him. Bailey ran to a bathroom near the chambers and closed the door, but Melvin fired three shots through the door, fatally wounding him, McGee said.

As Melvin left the chambers, holding his ex-wife hostage, Mrs. Paulk came up a flight of stairs toward them, officials said. Melvin reportedly shot and fatally wounded her as she approached.

Melvin then pulled his ex-wife out onto a catwalk linking the courthouse building and the sheriff's office, officials said.

Harrison heard the commotion, ran out of his office and confronted Melvin, according to McGee.

"When he came up, he had the gun in his hand," said Harrison. "He yelled my name. He yelled, 'Al.' I yelled, 'Drop the gun,' and then the gun swung toward me and I fired. He went down immediately."

As Harrison climbed to the roof, Inez Melvin threw one of Melvin's two guns off the roof, according to

Harrison said that when he reached the roof, he heard Melvin say to his ex-wife, "This is your punishment for running around on me.' She said, 'I never ran around on you."



Judge Bailey

The couple was divorced in November, and Melvin had been ordered to pay his ex-wife \$350 a month. Officials said Tuesday night that there was no apparent motive for the shooting, though Melvin reportedly had requested the hearing to have the alimony reduced because Inez Melvin, 58, was about to become eligible for Social Security.

Bailey, 64, recently announced he was going to retire next year. He is survived by a wife, two children and two grandchildren. He had been a judge for 14 years.

"Lord knows why he did it," said Bo Bray, a local car dealer who said he had known Melvin about 20 years.

Bray described Melvin as a loner and "something of a radical." He said Melvin regularly wrote angry letters to the local newspaper and to the newspaper in Panama City, 40 miles northwest of here.

"It's a terrible tragedy for our community," said Bray. "The first time we get on national TV, and it's something like this."

Agent

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But unknown to the agents, the rating was an error, one of two mistakes to appear on the scouting sheet, according to two NFL genernamed. Because of a history of weight and back problems, Johnson's rating had dropped to 5.3.

Walters and Bloom, whose activities are under scrutiny by a federal grand jury in Chicago, have characterized their practice of giving money to college athletes as a business investment. Normally they recover the money and more when their clients are drafted by the NFL or the National Basketball Association (NBA) and pro contracts are negotiated. But Johnson was not drafted by any NFL team.

"On most teams, maybe all teams, he came off the [draft list] board," said one NFL executive.

Told that Johnson's rating was an error, Bloom laughed and said, "Now you're telling me. I mean, the guy had a higher rating than John Clay." Bloom and Walters represent Clay, an All-America offensive tackle from the University of Missouri and the No. 1 draft pick of the Los Angeles Raiders.

"It's one of those mistakes we made," Bloom said of the deal with Johnson. Bloom said the agents have tried unsuccessfully to contact Johnson in recent months:

Bloom said Johnson did not sign until shortly after the 1986 football season, meaning he did not violate National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules by signing with Walters and Bloom. But Bloom said Johnson asked the agents to lend him \$8,000 to repay another agent with whom he said he had signed in

his junior year. That alleged signing would be a violation of NCAA rules.

"I remember it distinctly: We called the kid [Johnson] up and set up a meeting," said Bloom. "We asked him if we could represent him in the draft and he said yes, but he wanted to know if we could help him pay back \$8,000 he got al managers who asked not to be from a local agent in Athens he signed with back when he was a junior. We told him that we'd help

Bloom said he could not remember the name of the agent with whom Johnson allegedly said he had signed. Johnson earlier refused to comment on his association with alters and Bloom, and he could not be reached Tuesday.

Bloom said Johnson signed a promissory note for the \$5,000 he received from Walters and Bloom. Bloom said he is not certain whether the note carried a handwritten clause the agents often include when they sign an athlete. The clause says the advance money will be forgiven if the player is not drafted by the NFL.

Johnson is the only athlete from UGA or Georgia Tech who has been subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury in Chicago, which is investigating the dealings of Walters and Bloom with college athletes.

Bloom said he and Walters tried unsuccessfully to sign Georgia lineman Wilbur Strozier. The agents also visited former Georgia Tech running back Robert Lavette, but could not sign him, Bloom said.

"I'm really not sure if we visited Lavette while he was still in school or not, but even if we did, that's not against NCAA rules," Bloom said. "I went out to his home in Cartersville. Man, there was a dirt road ... he had a neat family, a real neat family. Nice kid."



Terry Deaton (right) relaxes and smokes a cig- teen had been unloading 180-pound bundles of arette Tuesday. He and fellow laborer Jake Os- tobacco for sale at the Douglas, Ga., auction.

Tobacco

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owner, who acts as the farmer's sales agent.

"They're looking, not bidding," James Moore, a tobacco farmer and state legislator from Coffee County, said of the half-dozen tobacco company buyers as the auction began. "The first two rows have gone to the warehouse, not the companies.

"There's a lot of disappointment [among farmers]," Moore said. "I'd say this isn't an endorsement of our future, but an indictment of our opening."

The scene was repeated in nearby Alma, where dozens of farmers watched as buyers silently passed by their crop. When buyers do not make an offer for the tobacco, or bid a very low price, warehouse owners frequently make a bid for the leaf in an attempt to placate the farmers who do business with

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them. Tobacco that is not sold finds its way into a stockpile supported by a federal loan and farmer assessments.

"It's not one of our happier days," said Walker Stone, owner of Alma Bright Leaf Tobacco Warehouse Inc.

Privately, buyers admit that the scare over the illegal use of weed killers to "ripen" tobacco prematurely has made cigarette companies leery of Georgia tobacco.

"All I hear now is the word 'dicamba," said one tobacco company official, who asked that his name not be used. Several buyers arranged to fly samples of Georgia leaf to their companies' labs for testing, augmenting government spot checks of the crop.

In the past, many farmers routinely used the chemical to turn tobacco leaves yellow so they could bring the crop to market earlier and take advantage of the higher prices that normally prevail in the middle of the market season.

Although dicamba has not been shown to be harmful to humans, the

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practice is illegal. And after a storm of protest by the Japanese, who detected the chemical on a shipment of U.S. tobacco earlier this year, the government has announced plans to conduct widespread tests of Georgia tobacco and to prosecute farmers who use dicamba.

Sam Brewer, state director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the agency that oversees federal farm programs, said Tuesday as many as 2,000 samples could be collected in Georgia over the next month. Initial test results will be completed by the end of this week.

"We're not on a witch hunt," he said, propping one foot on a bundle of tobacco at the Douglas warehouse. "We're just trying to make farmers aware that this could kill the whole tobacco industry in the state of Georgia."

Brewer said he is convinced that despite widespread publicity, "there are still some farmers using it. We're going to find it. And they're not going to like it when we do. This is serious."

Farmers proven to be using illegal chemicals face the loss of government price supports and penalties, including a fine of as much as \$10,000, five years in prison, or

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tommy Irvin added that the state can take away a farmer's license to use pesticides. "That's going to affect all his crops, not just tobacco," Irvin said.

In the meantime, the dicamba discussion continues to dampen the tobacco markets.

"It seems like everyone is still feeling each other out," said Lyman Wilkins, co-owner of the Douglas warehouse. "I had to buy a right good amount of tobacco ... But the loss of the Japanese [buyers] probably didn't hurt as much today as it will later in the season."

Statistics on the average price on Georgia markets will not be released until Wednesday. Last year's market opening drew an average price of \$1.22 per pound, a decline of 22 cents over the two previous years. Farmers at several markets Tuesday felt prices were even lower this year.

"I don't understand. I just don't understand," said Appling County farmer Herbert Rentz, who grows 55 acres of tobacco. "If anything, the quality of the crop is even better than last year's. But the price isn't showing it."

Irvin said the state continues to urge the Japanese to rescind their boycott of Georgia leaf.

"Through our strong enforcement program, we're going to prove to the world we're keeping [dicamba] off the market," he said. "If the Japanese are consistent in boycotting our markets, it will be a mistake. They need tobacco, and they'll want to buy the best. We have the best."

"If the Japanese don't change their minds, we're going to be hurting," said K.D. Veazey, Wilkins' partner in the Douglas warehouse. "But I feel pretty sure the penalties are so stiff, farmers won't be doing any spraying."

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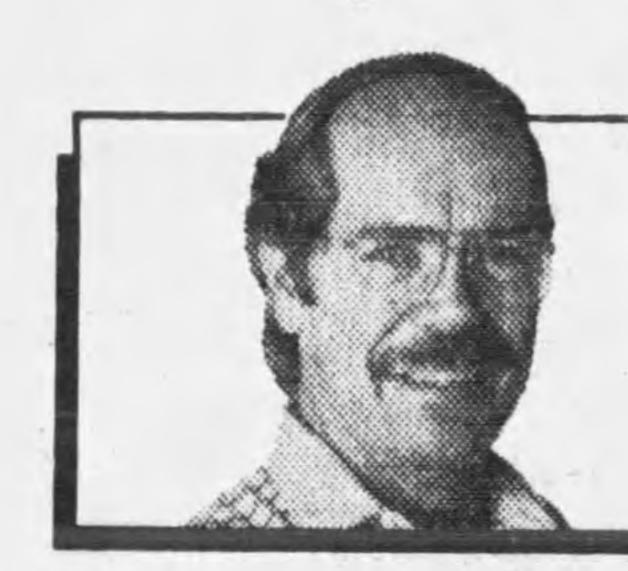
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Pay by agents to make Texas' Lott ineligible



Dave Kindred

Walters, unlike schools, admits flesh-peddling

"Scandal" is old hat in college sports, as old as human nature; for the minute you lay down the law, someone looks for an edge whether in tactics (every football formation began as an attempt to bend the rules) or in personnel (cries of "Hessian" arose at the turn of the century when colleges disguised mercenaries as students).

The current "scandal" is the Norby Walters mess. Walters is a New York show biz agent branching into sports. He spent \$1 million in the last four years to sign 60 college football players. The deal was, he'd then represent the players in signing with NFL teams and get his

That this broke NCAA rules bothered Walters not a whit. Ohio State declared its Heisman Trophy candidate ineligible. Notre Dame, Texas and Pittsburgh also lost players. All Walters says of his method is, "It's not against the law," and there's no arguing that.

Short of creating a police state, we cannot stop an agent from signing up a college player. It is foolish to think that Norby Walters is the only agent who has paid college players before they were done with school. There's too much money to be made by too many people for all of them to love, honor and obey the NCAA, even if the NCAA were a respectable institution.

We should remember about "scandals" that the NCAA, like Norby Walters, is in the business of signing up kids to make big money. So why should we respect the NCAA any more than we do Walters? They're all in for what they can get out of it. The difference is, Walters admits it; the NCAA spouts holier-thanthou mumbo jumbo about education and amateurism while one of its most holy schools, North Carolina, admits a tailback named Derrick Fenner who scores a dunce's 450 on the SAT and is arrested for murder.

It's time to overhaul the rule book

How can we get worked up over a show-biz sleaze violating NCAA rules when the Atlantic Coast Conference, an alleged bastion of honor, has a dozen cases of corruption among its members? Chris Washburn and Olden Polynice stole things. Barry Word sold cocaine. Len Bias fell dead. Murder charges were filed against Fenner even as he tooled around campus in a cherry-red \$24,000 BMW. At Clemson, there was institutionalized drug abuse. Count the North Carolina athletes who needed drug detox: Phil Ford, Walter Davis, Lawrence Taylor.

The ACC is not alone in its malignancy. Auburn's football coach says it didn't matter if his star running back went to class during the season. The coach's chilling patronization is that just being on campus is education enough for many athletes. Suddenly, the University of Georgia is a paragon of virtue, the only university in the land so determined to be honorable that it is enforcing in advance and at competitive risk the NCAA's new academic standards.

Moves one, almost, to say the NCAA and Norby Walters deserve each other. Almost, but not quite; for as dispiriting as it is to contemplate the NCAA's hypocrisy, it is worse to imagine big-time colleges giving up the ideal of education that Georgia, for one, has decided is important. What needs to be done is an overhaul of the rule book governing college athletics. The NCAA's rules are complex, contradictory and destructive of the very ideals they are expected to enhance.

A skeleton in Rozelle's closet

These rules try to convince us that a professional enterprise (a top football program is professional) is an amateur sport for which players should receive no payment.

Pay the players. It's only right. They produce millions of dollars in direct revenue and millions more in goodwill. In exchange, they get room, board and tuition. Even throwing in a degree, it's not a square deal. The players are not stupid. They know someone is making money off their work; they deserve their share.

Paying them won't change the laws of human nature. There'll still be players wanting more than the rules allow. OK. Can't fight that. But let's give the honest players a real education. And let's give them pocket money: \$300 a month, say. While any other student can earn that much in a night job, such jobs are against NCAA rules for athletes. Small wonder that athletes are so eager to sign up with a Norby Walters — just as they were eager to sign up almost 30 years ago when the new American Football League challenged the NFL.

In 1959 the All-American halfback Billy Cannon signed up with the pros even though he had a game, the Sugar Bowl, left in his LSU season. Cannon's secret contract with the Los Angeles Rams was not the work of Norby Walters. But maybe the Norby Walterses of today learned their lessons from the work of men such as the Rams' general manager who violated NCAA rules to sign up Cannon early.

The GM's name was Pete Rozelle.

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By Chris Mortensen
Staff Writer

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LOS ANGELES — The University of Texas will declare James Lott, a defensive back on the football team and a three-time NCAA high jump champion on the track team, ineligible for his senior season in both sports because he accepted money from agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, sources said Tuesday.

Sources close to the Texas athletic department said Lott, who would be a senior this fall, will be told next week that his college athletic career is over. Lott is competing in a track meet in Europe this week.

Bloom had said last week that all underclassmen who accepted money from him and Walters had been exposed and that no more players would lose eligibility because of dealings with the agents. But Bloom confirmed Tuesday that Lott did accept money from, and sign a contract with, the agents.

Said Bloom: "I guess I forgot one. But that's it." He declined further comment on the Lott case.

Lott accepted \$1,500 from the agents and signed a postdated contract to be represented by them after his sophomore football season, sources said. The agents



Auburn coach Pat Dye says 'there's no place in our society' for agents like Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom.

Auburn's Dye: 'I'd put them away for good'

By David Davidson
College Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Auburn University football coach Pat Dye blasted agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom on Tuesday, saying "those two guys should be put in jail" for their dealings with college athletes around the nation.

"If it were up to me," Dye said, "I'd prosecute them and put them in jail. I don't know if that's the law or not, but that's what I'd do.

"I'd put them away for good," Dye added.

Walters and Bloom have admitted giving money to numerous college

football and basketball players and signing them to postdated contracts of representation — violations of NCAA rules. While admitting a disregard for NCAA rules, Walters and Bloom have denied breaking any laws.

Former Auburn running back Brent Fullwood is among approximately 60 athletes who have been subpoenaed by a federal grand jury in Chicago that is investigating Walters and Bloom. Fullwood has said that he told the grand jury he accepted money from the agents. He also has said he testified that Bloom threatened to

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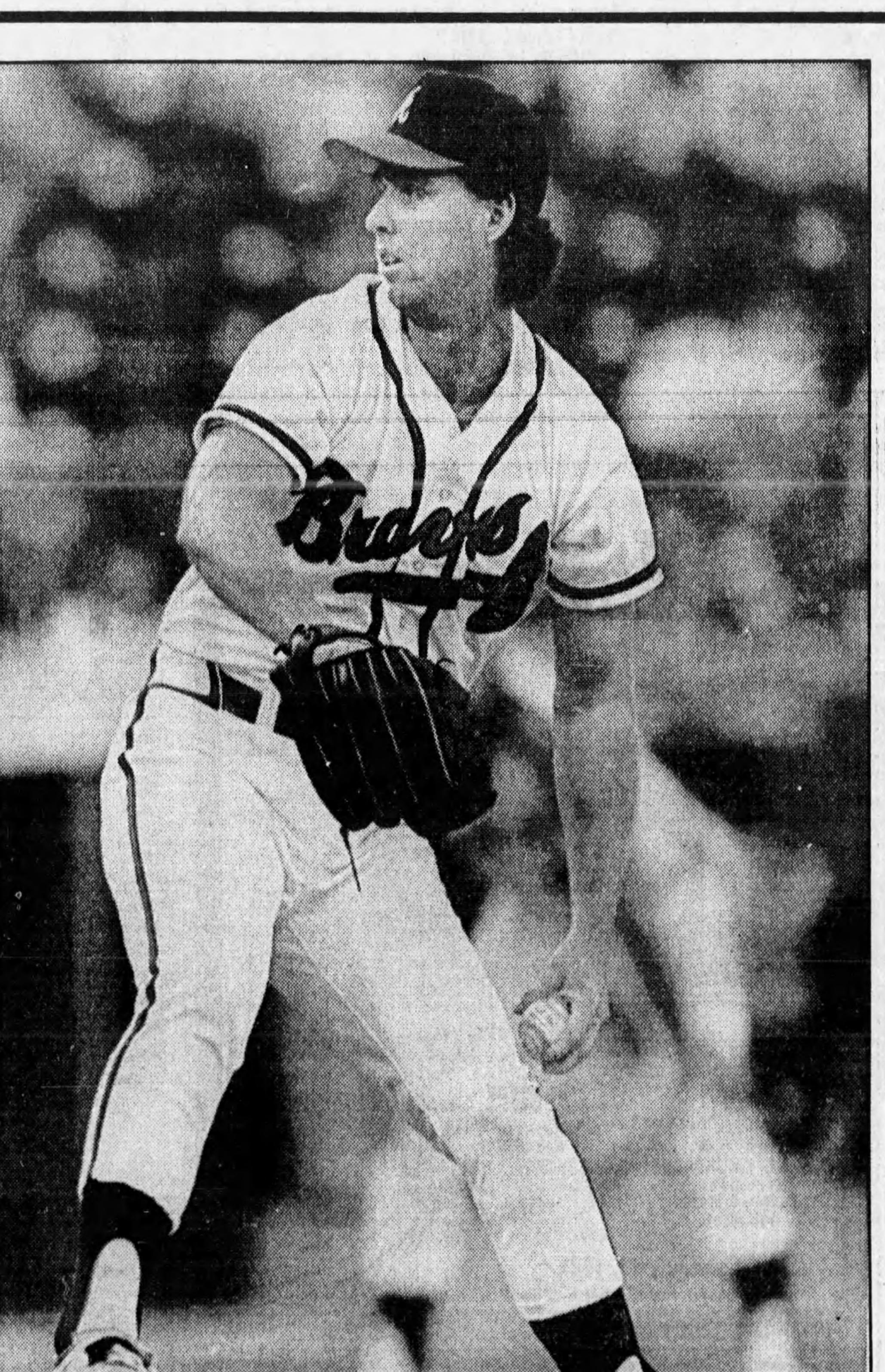
dropped him as a client and stopped monthly payments when Lott decided to skip his junior football season to concentrate on track and field, the sources said.

Lott, 22, a 6-0, 184-pound native of Refugio, Texas, won the NCAA indoor and outdoor high jump championships in 1986

and the indoor championship this year. He played 11 football games for the Longhorns in '84 and 10 in '85 and was redshirted last season. He decided to return to the football team this past spring and had been expected to play cornerback this

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said the school became aware of Lott's involvement with the agents after Lott's scholarship documents were subpoenaed by a federal grand jury in Chicago. The

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NICK ARROYO/Staff

Zane Smith earned his ninth win, going past the sixth inning for the first time this month.

Smith changes up, goes all the way to beat Astros 6-1

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Astros' Smith top stopper, Page 5-E
By Gerry Fraley
Staff Writer

Zane Smith, floundering on his own, found the way to go beyond the sixth inning. Use Ted Simmons as a guide.

Simmons and a changeup took
Smith to the finish of the Atlanta
Braves' 6-1 win against Houston
Tuesday night at Atlanta-Fulton
County Stadium. The important
item was not their nine hits and
five runs in four innings against
Mike Scott, the Cy Young winner
but the Braves favorite punching

The key was Smith made it past the sixth inning for the first time in July. He needed that as much as the Braves to shore up cracking confidence.

"I'm only human," said Smith, who had failed to finish the sixth inning in four straight starts. "You start thinking about stuff like that and wondering if it'll happen again. This was a big win for me. To pitch these innings was a big boost. I needed the reassurance I could do it again."

Manager Chuck Tanner subtly used lineup psychology to help Smith. Tanner started Simmons at catcher for the first time since June 2, 1986, ostensibly to give the slumping Ozzie Virgil another day of rest.

The real purpose was to give Smith the benefit of Simmons' 20 seasons of accumulated game-handling knowledge. Smith, one ahead of last year's total with nine wins, needs help with pitch selection and the gamesmanship of pitching. In Simmons' two starts at catcher with Smith pitching, he has pitched a complete game each time.

"Teddy called an outstanding

game," Tanner said. "We know Zane can pitch. Teddy got him to do it."

Smith, who threw only 106 pitches and gave up just one walk, turned into a multi-dimensional pitcher. Instead of relying on just a hard sinking fastball, Smith also used a four-seam fastball that rode up and in, a slider that got the dangerous Glenn Davis to end the eighth with two runners on and the straight change.

That pitch, about 10 mph slower than Smith's fastball, made the difference. Smith's middle-inning problems have been brought on by a lack of variety that allowed hitters to lock in on pitches all traveling at the same speed.

In his last start, during which he lost a 3-0 lead to the New York Mets, Smith threw only one change-up. He used it regularly this time, and that fooled the free-swinging Astros, who are 2-11 against left-handers since June 25. Looking for the fastball, they lunged for the changeup and had eight pop-up outs.

"The difference with that pitch is like night and day," Smith said. "I have the stuff to get by for five innings, but what's been killing me is they keep looking for the hard stuff. I've got to get it in my head to use that pitch.

"I've got to go with it, especially if I get results like this. Teddy knows what to do. He called a great game. The whole problem is I have to get it in my head."

The pitch also brought Smith two additional outs on a pop-up that fell and became an 8-3-5 double play. The bizarre moment got Smith through the fifth.

The Astros had runners at first and second with none out when Craig Reynolds' flare fell in center

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The Russians are coming to play ball with Hawks

By Earnest Reese Staff Writer

Six members of the Soviet Union's national basketball team will arrive in Atlanta on Friday and team with Hawks players for a series of four exhibition

This will mark the first time Soviet and American basketball players have played together rather than against each other. Turner Broadcasting System executive vice president Robert Wussler, who arranged the exhibitions, predicted the next step will be Soviet players in the

The four exhibition games will match a team consisting of the six Russians and The Soviets recognize that they have right there in Moscow and other major cities, if not a bonanza, certainly a large number of players who probably would be worth a fair amount of money within the NBA.

Robert Wussler TBS executive vice president

five or six Hawks against teams consisting of assorted pro and college players. The Soviets/Hawks team, which will hold its first practice on Saturday at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, will be

Almost all of the Hawks players have agreed to participate in one or more of the games, team president Stan Kasten said.

The first game will be played on Mon-

coached by Hawks coach Mike Fratello.

The first game will be played on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Cobb Civic Center.

The opposition will be furnished by a team consisting of players from the Atlanta NBA Pro-Am Summer League, none currently in the NBA. The second and third games will be played Aug. 5-6 in Los Angeles, and the fourth game will be played Aug. 8 in Seattle. Admission to the games is free.

The six Soviet players due in Atlanta Friday include two chosen by the Hawks in the 1986 draft: forwards Aleksandr Volkov (sixth round) and Valeri Tikhonenko (seventh round). Both players are 23 years old and 6-foot-9, and the Hawks hold their NBA rights for eight more years.

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Taliaferro still AWOL; Falcons fill the vacancy by bringing in Laughlin

By Thomas Stinson Staff Writer

While the Bureau of Missing Linebackers still has no word on wayward rookie Curtis Taliaferro, the Atlanta Falcons moved to fill his vacancy Tuesday by signing seven-year veteran Jim Laughlin.

An original property of the Falcons from 1980-82, Laughlin played linebacker with Green Bay and the Los Angeles Rams over the past four years. But the Rams released him Feb. 2 and he was considering sending out his own highlight tapes around the league until he was contacted by Bill Jobko, Falcons director of player personnel, at his home in Norcross Monday night. He was offered a contract after a brief try-

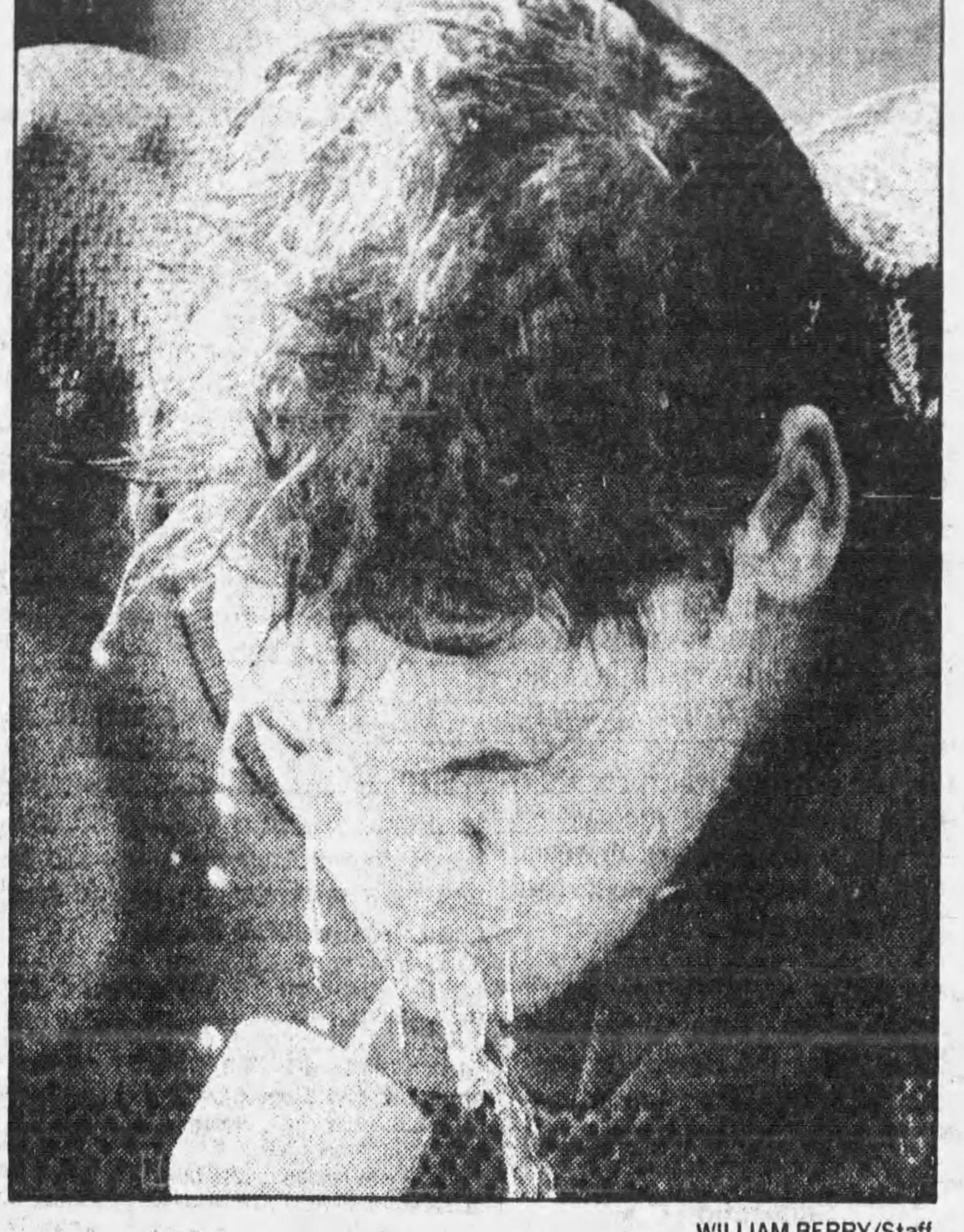
Taliaferro, the Falcons' No. 8 draft pick from Virginia Tech, mysteriously left camp Monday without informing the team. The Falcons only became aware of his departure when the front desk of the Falcon Inn called the coaching office to say he had checked out. He had not contacted the team as of Tuesday evening.

"We have not found that young guy," said Falcons coach Marion Campbell. "We tried call him again this morning. It looks like he's serious about this thing."

Laughlin started two games for the Rams last year and made nine tackles against Tampa Bay when he substituted for injured linebacker Carl Ekern. He was originally drafted by the Falcons out of Ohio State in the fourth round of the 1980

There was limited movement in the team's negotiations with quarterback Chris Miller and running back Kenny Flowers, the team's only remaining unsigned draft picks. Falcons vice president Jim Hay did say, however, there had been some progress in talks with Gene Burrough, Flowers' agent, and that Burrough would travel from Los Angeles to Suwanee Wednesday for further discussions.

"We've talked twice today and we'll talk again tomorrow," Hay said. "We've agreed on somethings but we have not agreed on some other things."



WILLIAM BERRY/Staff

Pause that refreshes

With temperatures in the high 90s this week, Joe Caravello, a free agent nose tackle from Tulane, tries to cool off at the Falcons' practice Tuesday in Suwanee. After four practices there has only been one reported case of dehydration.

Agent Bloom says Carter 'definitely not coerced'

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES - Sports agent Lloyd Bloom contradicted Ohio State wide receiver Cris Carter's account of how Carter became involved with Bloom and his associate, Norby Walters.

At a press conference in Columbus, Ohio on July 15, when it was announced that Carter would be ineligible for his senior season, Carter's lawyer Robert Berry said Carter told him he became involved with the agents after prodding from his older brother, George.

Bloom said Cris Carter "definitely was not coerced" by his brother into signing a contract and accepting \$5,000 from the agents on May 1, 1986. Cris Carter eventually received about \$7,000 from the agents, and George Carter received another \$6,000, Berry has said.

"If anything, he (Cris Carter) was enthusiastic about meeting us,' Bloom said. "He was an easy signing for us."

Cris Carter, a two-time All-American, was ruled ineligible after Ohio State learned of his dealings with the agents. He is one of six college athletes to lose their senior season of eligibility because of dealings with the agents, who are under investigation by a federal grand jury in Chicago.

Berry had said that Cris Carter received a letter from the agents in April 1986 and was not interested. Berry said George Carter saw the letter and asked if he could respond.

According to Berry, George Carter traveled to New York to talk to the agents about his brother.

"George came back and told Cris that the agency would loan him some money," Berry said at the July 15 press conference. "Cris had been a little low on funds, and George knew this." According to Berry, Bloom subsequently went to Columbus, where the agent and George Carter convinced Cris to accept the money and sign a contract.

"That's not how it went because we didn't mail him anything," Bloom said. "We got Cris Carter's phone number from an Ohio State basketball player I'm not going to name. We called him. We told him who we were, and we invited him and his family to New York. Cris

was real enthusiastic, but he just asked if he could bring his brother George along, and we said yes."

Bloom said Cris and George Carter flew to New York and were picked up at the airport in a limousine. The two were driven to a Manhattan office where Walters primarily conducts business as one of the nation's top music booking agents.

"We showed them around, and they were impressed," said Bloom. "They went back to Columbus, and I went out there real soon after that and signed the kid. It was easy. There was no pressure because the kid wanted the money, and he wanted to sign."

Bloom confirmed that George Carter was wired money - \$6,000, according to Berry - after Cris Carter received the first \$7,000.

"They got a little nervous and told us they thought it would be a better idea if we wired the money to George because we were sending it right to Columbus," said Bloom. "But all that money was intended for Cris. If his brother kept it, well, what can we do?"

Bloom said George Carter was not employed by the agents. Berry indicated at the press conference that he believes George Carter works for the agents.

"If he worked for us, it's news to me," said Bloom.

Cris Carter recently filed a petition with the NFL, asking that a special draft be held so that he can join the league this fall. The NFL has not yet made a decision on his

The petition was filed by Berry, who said Carter does not wish to be represented by Bloom and Walters. Carter and his brother George have been unavailable for comment.

Carter's contract with Walters and Bloom was postdated to Jan. 2, 1988, after his senior season, so he may not be obligated to them.

"He may have us on that," said Bloom. "Whatever happens happens. I'm not going to worry about it."

Carter was declared ineligible for his senior season at Ohio State after he testified before a federal grand jury in Chicago that he accepted money from, and signed a contract with, Walters and Bloom violations of NCAA rules.

Vikings GM: Alcohol is NFL's No. 1 drug problem

From Wire Reports



MINNEAPOLIS - Minnesota Vikings general manager Mike Lynn, whose team has been beset by four alcohol-related incidents in recent months, said Tuesday he knows of a fifth player on his team who has a chemicalabuse problem.

Four players, quarterback Tommy Kramer, tight end Steve Jordan, nose tackle Tim Newton and cornerback Issiac Holt have been charged with drunken-driving violations in the past eight months.

Lynn, who would not identify the fifth player, said alcohol has replaced other drugs as the No. 1 drug problem in the NFL.

"Our problems mirror society," Lynn said. "There is an alcohol problem in this country. We are aware of the players on this football team who have problems. I can count them on one

hand, and unfortunately I have to use all five

Lynn said 10 percent of any industry's work force probably has such problems and the Vikings fall into the average range.

Payton signs one-year deal with Bears

CHICAGO - Walter Payton, embarking on his 13th season in professional football, has signed a new one-year contract with the Chicago

The Bears and Payton, the NFL's all-time leading rusher, had agreed to terms in December but had to clarify details of the contract.

Although terms of the agreement announced Monday were not disclosed, published reports said it was for more than Payton's base salary last season of \$687,000.

Saints' Mayes ready to return

NFL franchise some day.

HAMMOND, La. - Rueben Mayes tested his surgically repaired Achilles tendon at the New Orleans Saints preseason camp and worked on adding receiving skills to the ball carrying ability that made him NFL Rookie of the Year last

Many observers expect this season will be

the last as a player for the 33-year-old Payton,

who has discussed the possibility of owning a

Mayes gained 1,353 rushing yards last year, best by a rookie and fourth best in the NFL. He was named to the Pro Bowl but had to skip it to have an operation on the frayed Achilles tendon that bothered him all year.

"I'm all the way back, now," he said.

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grand jury is looking into Walters' and Bloom's dealings with college athletes.

"There was the subpoena," Dodds said, "and then the FBI called me early in summer and told me that we had a problem with James Lott. I asked them what

problem, but they said they would rather James Lott come in and see me about it.

"James has been involved in track and field all summer. He said he'd come in to see me but hasn't yet. Two weeks ago I finally called the FBI again and told them I need to know about this problem, and they told me he took money and signed something, but that we still needed to hear it from him. We've got to get together with him next

Until then, Dodds said he will not comment on Lott's eligibility.

Lott could not be reached for comment Tuesday. He will become the sixth college athlete to lose his senior season of eligibility because of dealings with Walters and Bloom.

The others: football players Cris Carter of Ohio State, Alvin Miller of Notre Dame, Charles Gladman and Teryl Austin of Pittsburgh and basketball player Derrick McKey of Alabama.

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From Page 1-E bump off" his current agent, George Kickliter, after Fullwood severed ties with Walters and Bloom. Bloom has denied making any threats.

"If they (Walters and Bloom) were good, legitimate, honorable people who were involved in a quality operation," Dye said, "they

wouldn't be involved in all these lawsuits against players, and people wouldn't be lodging suits against

Walters has filed lawsuits against at least six athletes whom he says accepted money from him and then reneged on contracts. At least two athletes have filed suits or grievances against the agents.

"Based on what I've heard, there ought to be some national concern," said Dye, who is here for a preseason gathering of Southeast- nerable."

ern Conference football coaches. "Some of their comments I've read are totally against the system and NCAA rules. Not that the system or NCAA rules are 100 percent right. but I don't think what they're doing is in the best interest of the players.

"They have attacked the guy that money would have an influence on or guys whose families would be influenced by money. Any time you've got a kid in that kind of situation, the youngster is certainly vul-

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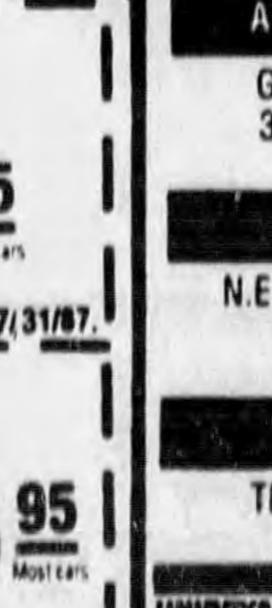




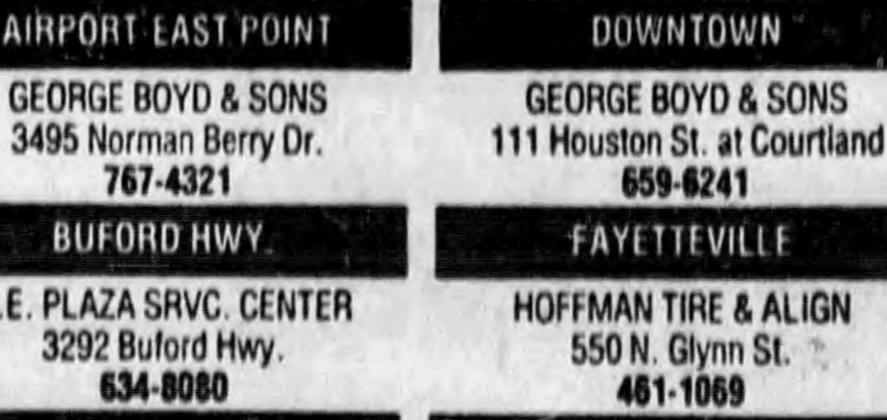












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Schiller: Athletes signed one-sided agent deals

Johnson 'told' to ignore subpoena, Page 7-E By David Davidson College Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Southeastern Conference commissioner Harvey Schiller said he and his staff were "shocked" when they studied contracts signed by SEC athletes with agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom.

The shock, Schiller said, came because the athletes received relatively little money and committed themselves to the agents for a long period of time.

"We've taken time to interview all (SEC athletes) who have been involved (in the Walters-Bloom case)," Schiller said at the SEC's

We've looked at their contracts. All involved a small amount of money. That was a shock to us, as was the length of the contracts, which call for a percentage of future earnings.

- Harvey Schiller SEC commissioner

preseason football meeting Wednesday. "We've looked at their contracts. All involved a small amount of money. That was a shock to us, as

player will be paying these agents for 10 or 15

Only one SEC athlete, basketball player was the length of the contracts, which call for Derrick McKey of Alabama, has lost his senior a percentage of future earnings. That means a season of eligibility because of dealings with

Walters and Bloom, who are under investigation by a federal grand jury in Chicago. But numerous other SEC athletes who have completed their eligibility signed with the agents during or following their college careers, sources have said.

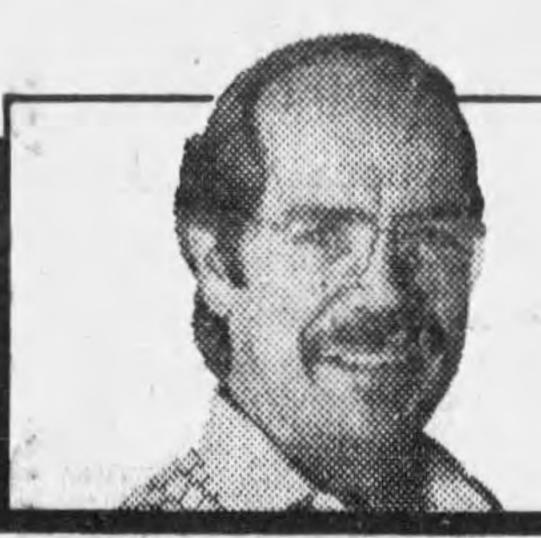
These include basketball player Terry Coner of Alabama and football players Tommy Powell and Brent Fullwood of Auburn, Keith Johnson of Georgia, Tim McGee of Tennessee, Adrian White of Florida and Mark Logan of Kentucky.

Johnson received \$5,000 to sign with the

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Harvey Schiller



Kindred

The elegance of Hubbard

A paean this morning to the double play as turned by Glenn Hubbard. Come now, for the beauty of it, to second base where Hubbard's work is done so simply and so well it shines with elegance.

Have you ever been the middle man on a double play? The shortstop comes to the bag with everything in front of him. He takes the throw even as he drags his right foot across the base. Momentum helps his throw to first.

Ozzie Smith is the master shortstop, so quick, such an acrobat, that all rules of movement are suspended for him. The double play is prettier than anything done in ballet, and Ozzie Smith leaves you thinking Nureyev has two left feet. Smith may touch the bag with the "wrong" foot, may throw off balance, may spin toward third — yet it all works.

"How many times," says Hubbard, "have I thought I'm really going to get Ozzie this time and I slide into him and poof, like smoke, he's gone, outta there."

On the double play, the second baseman's job is more difficult. He is a stationary exchange point anchored on the bag because momentum would take him away from first base. The Reds' locomotive Dave Parker tells Hubbard, "I'm going to get you, you little ratzenfratzer."

Hubbard is 5-foot-7 and 170 pounds, a tough little ratzenfratzer, once a wrestler and middle linebacker, Butkus writ small.

No curlicues, just solid marble

"He ... is ... fearless," said Chuck Tanner, the Braves' manager, and he said it slowly with crisp edges so you'd know he meant it absolutely.

"Nobody does it better than Mr. Hubbard," Tanner said. "Mr. Hubbard stays in there no matter who's coming down the line, whether it's a 220-pounder looking him in the eye or what. The only other one as good as Mr. Hubbard was Bill Mazeroski."

Mazeroski, the god of twin killings, played second for the Pirates a generation ago. No sooner did the ball touch Mazeroski's glove, it was on its way to first base, not so much caught and thrown as deflected.

Ozzie Smith is smoke rising in curlicues beyond explanation. Glenn Hubbard's elegance is that of marble sculpted in simple lines. To make the pivot, Hubbard gets to the base, catches the ball, throws it. End of story. No curlicues. Maybe Hubbard will leave his feet, but not for effect; if you're off the ground when the locomotive arrives, all you do is a mid-air tumble. No knees get ripped up.

In 1975 Hubbard came out of Utah to the Braves' farm system as a shortstop, 17 years old. Coaches Bobby Dews and Gene Hassel moved Hubbard to second and worked a half-hour each day on the pivot.

"They'd feed me balls underhand," Hubbard said. Some high, some low, right, left. "The Lord gave me quick hands, but the footwork was another story. The key thing is to get to the bag quick. That way you can react to the throw. Then you stand in there and make the throw to first. Usually I don't even look. You gotta get rid of it. After the throw, you come off the ground."

Refracting the ball to first base

The good ones make it look easy. No one has ever made it look easier than Hubbard. Never has Hubbard done anything of such extravagance that you cheered the artistry. He just does it. He gets to the bag and refracts the ball to first base.

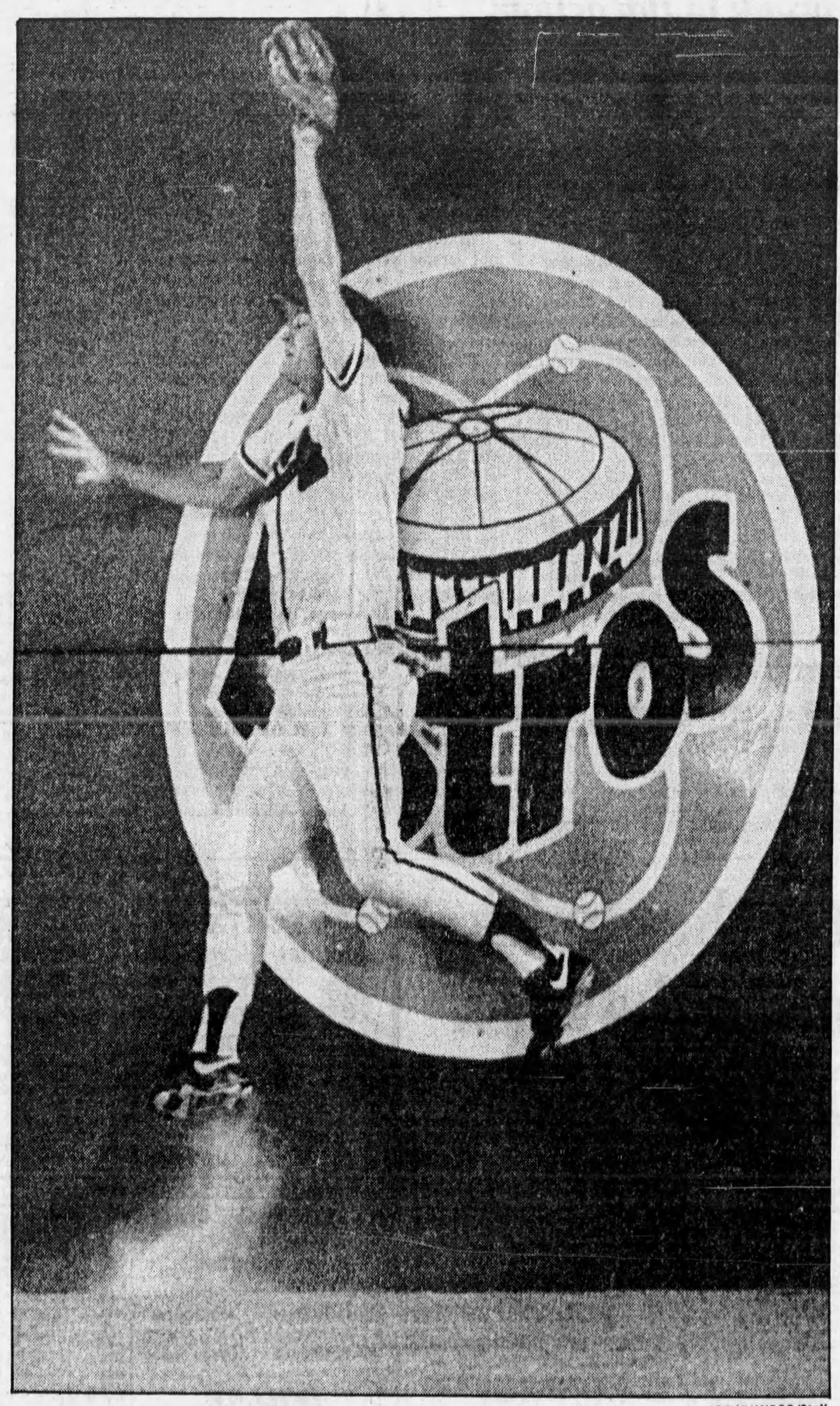
"If you have time, you may make eye contact with the runner to force him down," Hubbard says, his eyelids a purposeful slit. "Generally you throw without

Recent numbers show Hubbard first among the League's second basemen in chances and double plays. We're talking about Ryne Sandberg and Billy Doran, Johnny Ray and Juan Samuel. Not even close to Hubbard's numbers.

He does it with a little glove, a Wilson A2000, model 1372, a slightly larger glove than the model 1168 he used last year. The 1372 is eight inches wide. It fits into the yawning mouth of an outfielder's glove. The glove is barely larger than Hubbard's hand. He uses the small glove to reduce the chance of getting a ball hung up in there; also, to force himself to catch the ball with his ----band and not with unfeeling leather.

"If I rub right here," Hubbard said, touching the pad of flesh at the base of his left forefinger, "my whole finger will go numb." That's from a decade's worth of baseballs thumping against the bone. Hubbard now wears a padded glove, like a handball glove, inside his 1372.

The 1372 is small, yet it's larger than the 1168, the model once used by Mark Belanger. Hubbard has a good reason for trying the tiny-bit-bigger glove. "Twenty years," he said, laughing now that he's within two months of antiquity at age 30.



JOEY IVANSCO/Staff

With Astros on first and second and two out in the eighth inning, Braves right fielder Dale Murphy

leaps to catch Ken Caminiti's drive against the wall during Atlanta's 5-3 victory Wednesday night.

Perry runs Braves into a 5-3 win

Braves notebook, Page 2-E By Gerry Fraley Staff Writer

The low quality of the National League West allows the Atlanta Braves this dream. They win two straight games and think again about contending.

Creating something from the small collection of four hits and four Houston errors, the Braves defeated the Astros 5-3 Wednesday night at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. For the first time since the weekend before the All-Star break, the Braves have won two in

They have not won three in a row since the second week of June. They have not won four in a row this season. If they are to stay close in baseball's worst division, the Braves must win often during this 20-game stretch against their brothers in the West.

"We need to turn this thing around and start a good thing," said reliever Gene Garber, who retired Glenn Davis with two on in the ninth to get his 10th save. "We can't just tread water. We have to get a string going and go completely the other way."

This could have easily been a loss. The Braves trailed 2-0 against Nolan Ryan and had only two hits in the first six innings.

They scored because of clumsy Houston defense, Ryan's wildness and Gerald Perry's dynamic game. Perry's performance was the most vital aspect of the win. With his speed and daredevil baserunning, Perry found ways to score when none seemed apparent.

In the first six innings, Perry had two hits, three stolen bases and two runs without the ball ever leaving the infield. He turned this game to the Braves. "That's the type of guy I want," manager Chuck

Tanner said. "His instincts and quickness make him great. He takes advantage of every little opening. "Nobody's coming on in this league like he's com-

ing on. He's coming on in leaps and bounds now."

With the Braves trailing 2-0 and Ryan hitting 97 miles per hour on the radar gun with his fastball, Perry reached third with two out in the fourth. Aware Ryan had thrown some pitches in the dirt, Perry reminded himself to take a long lead and be alert for a wild pitch.

It came on a changeup. The ball carried only about six feet from catcher Alan Ashby, but Perry scored easily.

"He was reckless," Ashby said. "He was running on everything."

Perry took over the game for the Braves in the sixth. He enabled the Braves to turn one hit - his leadoff double — into three runs and a 4-2 lead.

After the double, Perry acted on his own and stole third with Dale Murphy batting. It is the kind of highrisk play Perry has made often this year to pump life

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Flowers no longer feels 'mistreated' by Falcons



BILLY DOWNS/Staff

Falcons chief financial officer Jim Hay looks on as agent Gene Burrough (right) discusses No. 2 draft choice Kenny Flowers' contract situation.

Falcons notebook, Page 2-E By Glenn Sheeley Staff Writer

Running back Kenny Flowers, whose rejection of an Atlanta Falcons contract proposal on Wednesday left his agent frustrated, has agreed to return to the team's Suwanee training complex Thursday morning to examine a newly sweetened offer.

Sources indicate that the offer now on the table calls for a base salary totaling \$1.04 million over four years and contains incentive clauses that could earn Flowers, the Falcons' No. 2 draft choice from Clemson, an extra \$45,000 per year.

Agent Gene Burrough, who discussed details of the new package with Flowers by phone, called it a "tentative agreement," though Falcons chief finan- at the time quoted Flowers as saying he cial officer Jim Hay refused to say an was "prepared to stay out as long as he agreement has been reached until Flow- has to stay." ers accepts it in person.

The incentives were expanded Wednesday after Flowers, according to Burrough, said "he can't come to work if he's mistreated."

be \$10,000 less than he wanted, but is that worth missing two weeks of practice?

> - Gene Burrough Kenny Flowers' agent

"He doesn't feel like he's being mistreated now," Burrough said after the Falcons sweetened the offer. Burrough said Flowers was in South Carolina and unavailable for comment.

Burrough left a morning me ing with the Falcons visibly frustrated that Flowers refused an offer that included only some of the incentives. Burrough

"I hope he softens his position some," Burrough said then. "As many times as I've been doing contracts. I've

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Theismann lost \$35,000 by gambling

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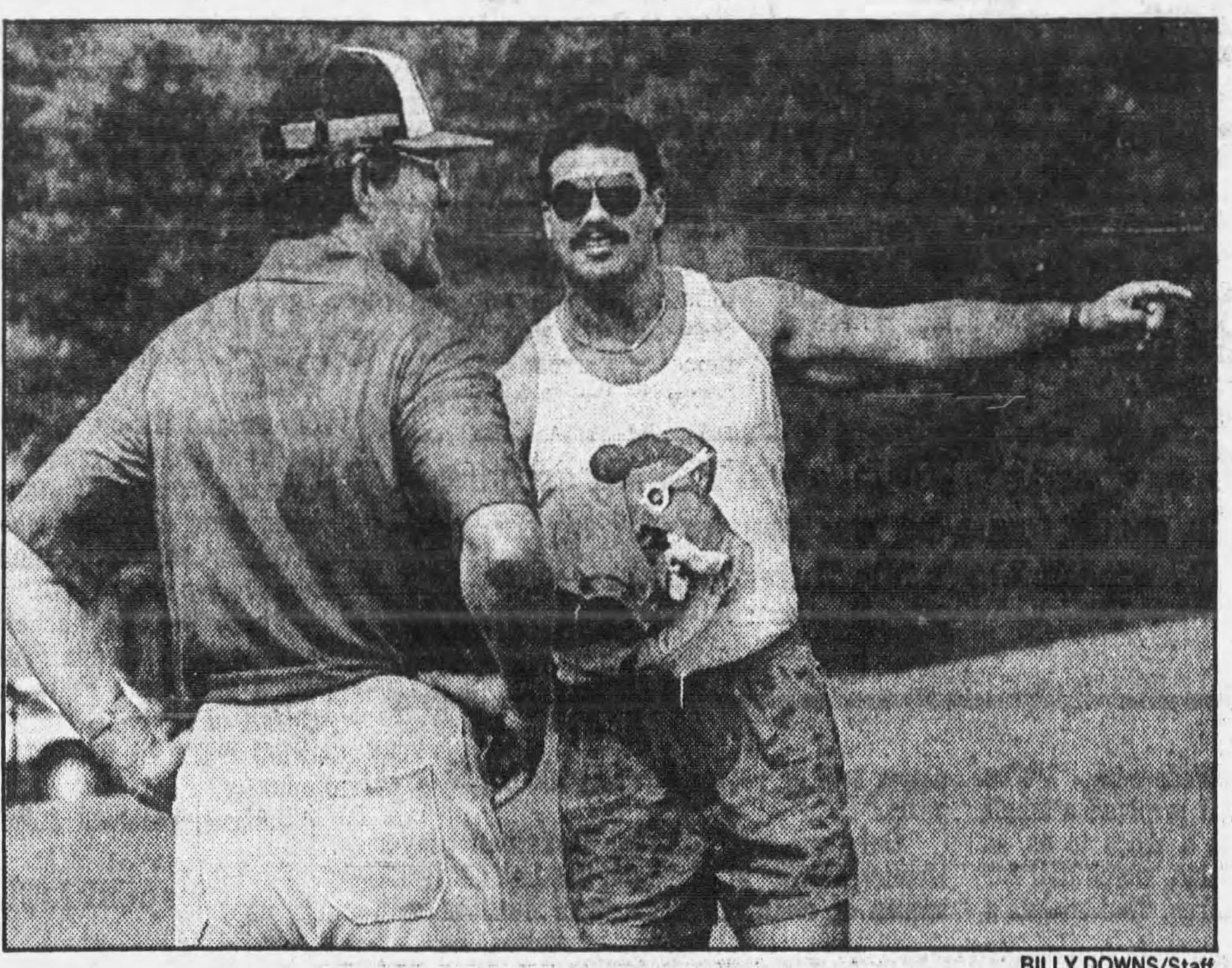
Former Washington Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann, in his soon-to-be-released book, says he often went to practices hung over and lost as much as \$35,000 one season by gambling, a published report said Thursday. Excerpts of Theismann's

book, "Theismann," written with Atlanta Constitution sports columnist Dave Kindred, are published in the August issue of The Washingtonian magazine. Thiesmann also revealed he lost as much as \$10,000 during one training camp in card games, and described the airplane trips taken by the team for away football games as a "Casino in the Sky." He said he lost \$35,000 one season.

boys have become the first NFL team to give A break in the action voluntary AIDS tests. Club president Tex Schramm said Wednesday that all the players who took the tests have passed. ... John Clay, the Los Angeles Raiders' first-round draft choice, came to terms with the team. It is believed Clay signed a four-year package worth \$1.5 million. Clay's agents, Lloyd Bloom and Norby Walters, reached agreement with the Raiders on Wednesday morning.

BASEBALL: Jim Abbott of Michigan, Cris Carpenter of Georgia and Jim Poole of Georgia Tech combined on a six-hitter Wednesday night to lead the U.S. Pan Am baseball team to a 6-2 victory over the Miller Americans of Youngstown in Youngstown, Ohio. The victory improved the U.S. team's record to 24-5 on its exhibition tour leading to the Pan Am Games in Indianapolis next month. Ed Sprague, Scott Livingstone, Rick Hirtensteiner and Mike Fiore each homered for the U.S. team. ... The North Atlanta Mustangs are one of 14 teams invited to participate in next week's semi-professional World Series. It will be their eighth straight appearance in the tournament. The Mustangs (36-15), whose selection was based on their record and success in other tournaments this season, will meet Long Island (N.Y.) on Wednesday in their first game at Cleveland State College in Tennessee.

SWIMMING AND DIVING: David Wharton, an 18-year-old from Warminster, Pa., and a freshman at Southern California, twice broke his American record in the 400-meter individual medley at the U.S. Swimming Long Course National Championships in Clovis, Calif. Wharton's winning time in the finals, 4:17.81, was the second-fastest ever in the event and just short of Canadian Alex Baumann's world mark of 4:17.41, set in 1984. Wharton had broken the American record he set last year by qualifying



BILLY DOWNS/Staff

Falcons nose tackle Tony Casillas (right) talks with coach Marion Campbell after

the morning session of the club's two-aday practices in Suwanee.

Vols officials 'eyeing' tests to shed light on drug use

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - The University of Tennessee is considering eye tests as an alternative way to check athletes for drug use because of the cost and controversy of random urinalysis testing.

The pupilometer test uses a small flashlight to chart the response of athletes' eyes to light. It can indicate whether drugs such as cocaine, marijuana, PCP and heroin have been used in the past three to four days.

"We want to see if it's realistic." assistant trainer Mike Rollo said. "Pupilometers won't replace drug testing, but we want to see if it has a role." The eye tests, currently being used by the California Highway Patrol, could indicate whether a follow-up test is warranted.

The eye tests require about 30 seconds to administer.

in 4:18.45. ... Megan Never edged defending champion Kim Fugett to take the gold medal in the women's 1-meter springboard competition Wednesday, the first title of the 1987 U.S. Diving Outdoor Championships at Bartlesville, Okla. Earlier, Greg Louganis held off Bruce Kimball's closing flurry to post the top qualify-

ing score in the men's 10-meter platform competition.

MISCELLANY: Bill Furbish, 25, of Atlanta took second in the Men's Class 1-B 100 meters in the World Wheelchair Games in Alyesbury, England.

BASKETBALL: The Portland Trail Blazers and Jerome Kersey have agreed to a contract extension that will bring the 6-foot-7 forward a guaranteed salary of about \$2 million over four years, plus incentives. ... Former NBA and UCLA basketball player Henry Bibby was named Wednesday as coach of the Savannah Spirit of the Continental Basketball Association.

GOLF: Brian Craig of Gastonia, N.C., shot a 71 Wednesday to take a three-stroke lead in the boys 16-17 age group after the second round of the North and South Junior Invitational Golf Championship at Pinehurst N.C. Preston Lilly of Greensboro, N.C., the opening-round leader in the boys 10-11 age group, extended his lead to nine strokes over Will Garner of Augusta, Ga., after the second round. Seth Marshall of Apex, N.C., leads Brad Garner of Augusta by five in the 9-and-under group.

TRACK: East German Petra Felke set a world record of 258 feet, 10 inches for the women's javelin Wednesday at the East German sports festival in Leipzig, East Germany. Felke's throw bettered the previous record of 254-1 set by Britain's Fatima Whitbread.

HORSE RACING: Alysheba, the Kentucky Derby-Preakness Stakes winner, is itching from a skin rash that threatens his scheduled rematch against Belmont Stakes winner Bet Twice in Monmouth Park's \$500,000 Haskell Invitational.

Sports notebooks

Tanner to continue pairing battery of Simmons, Smith



The Ted Simmons-Zane Smith pairing will continue indefinitely, Atlanta Braves manager Chuck Tanner said Wednesday. Simmons, making his first start at catcher in more than a year, coaxed Smith through a complete BRAVES game in the Braves' 6-1 win against Houston Tuesday. Simmons has caught Smith twice, and Smith has a com-

plete-game win in each game. "Teddy called an outstanding game," Tanner said. "He brought the best out in Zane." ... Tanner plans on starting Albert Hall Thursday against Houston lefthander Jim Deshaies. Hall has not played since Friday, when he strained a left hamstring muscle. Neither Hall nor his partner in center field, Dion James, have distinguished themselves against lefthanders. Hall is batting .250 (17-for-68) against lefthanders; James is batting .245 (13for-53). Catcher Ozzie Virgil, benched for the past four games because of his 8-for-74 slump, will also start Thursday. ... General manager Bobby Cox will go to Columbus on Thursday to watch Greenville righthander Peter Smith pitch in a Class AA game. Smith, a 21-year-old righthander acquired from Philadelphia in the Virgil trade, is 5-7 with a 3.57 ERA and has gone past the more heralded Tommy Greene in the Braves' rankings. - Gerry Fraley

Taliaferro welcome — if he wants to come back



The Atlanta Falcons have made contact with AWOL. rookie linebacker Curtis Taliaferro near his hometown of Salem, Va., and coach Marion Campbell said it's possible for the eighth-round draft choice from Virginia Tech to return to the squad under certain circumstances. "If it can be solved, he's welcome back," Campbell said. Taliaferro, who left camp without notice Sunday night before signing

a contract, was tracked down Thursday by linebacker coach Chuck Clausen. Clausen, who expected a return call from Taliaferro, said, "I don't know if he wants to come back" ... Campbell is hoping that the hottest weather is behind his squad as it labors through two-a-day workouts. "Somebody told me the other day that it was 99 at the airport," he said. "I told 'em, 'We don't work out on runways.' " ... Retired Falcons center Jeff Van Note, who showed up Monday to shake hands with his old teammates and declared how pleased he was not to be joining them, also came to see his son, Ben, 15, who's working as a ballboy. Van Note, who has lost about 20 pounds, said, "I feel the best I've ever felt." ... No. 4 draft choice Ralph Van Dyke hasn't brought along his pet, a 6-foot boa constrictor, to training camp, but it's staying at a nearby apartment. Joining it is a new playmate, a 9-foot boa named "S.O.B." Van Dyke has enough to worry about without them. Campbell expects him to miss "three or four days" with a knee strain suffered Tuesday. ... The Falcons signed two more veteran free agents - kicker Ali Haji-Sheikh and cornerback Jimmy Turner. Still unsigned are receivers Anthony Allen and Charlie Brown, cornerback Wendell Cason, defensive end Mike Pitts, running back Sylvester Stamps and tight end Ken Whisenhunt. . . . Tight end Dan Sharp, who fractured the ring finger on his left hand at practice Tuesday, will miss at least two weeks. . . . Also missing Wednesday were veteran tight end Ron Middleton (ankle) and rookie guard Phil Pettey (ankle). . . . Campbell praised play thus far from linebacker Michael Reid (seventh round, Wisconsin), linebacker Kenneth Jordan (free agent, Tuskegee), linebacker Jessie Tuggle (free agent, Valdosta State), cornerback Tim Gordon (free agent, Tulsa), tight end Jerry Reese (10th round, Illinois) and former Los Angeles Rams tight end James McDonald.

- Glenn Sheeley

SEC's football coaches quick to pat each other on the back

By Thomas O'Toole Staff Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The last thing any college coach wants during preseason is to be told how good his team is.

So after Auburn coach Pat Dye called Ole Miss and Tennessee the teams to beat in the SEC this season, Ole Miss coach Billy Brewer struck back quickly.

"I appreciate what he said," Brewer said Wednesday at the SEC coaches' annual preseason gathering here. "But Auburn will win it going away. It won't even be a close horse race. He (Dye) has got more talent than anybody else."

About his team, Brewer said: "The top five or six in the SEC are the elite group, and that's where we want to be. That's where we wound up last year (with an 8-3-1) record. We have more quality players than we have

Agents are the hottest topic here. Brewer said he is amazed by the way agents operate.

"I think President Reagan ought to have them for the Contras," Brewer said. "They're pretty good undercover people."

Asked how his star wide receiver, J.R. Ambrose, is dealing with contact from agents, Brewer replied, "He hangs up."

The SEC and the Sugar Bowl formally announced a new three-year agreement, which includes a provision for a fourth year. The projected annual payoff was not announced "for competitive reasons," according to bowl officials.

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Last year, the Sugar Bowl paid LSU and Nebraska \$2.55 million each. The new agreement includes a \$50,000 grant to the conference from USF&G, the game's sponsor. That money will be used on postgraduate scholarships for SEC athletes.

The new contract stipulates that all games which could affect a tie for the league championship must be completed before the Sugar Bowl chooses its team. Last year, a controversy developed when LSU fans wanted the Sugar Bowl to make its decision before the Alabama-Auburn game, even though a tie for the title was

Last year, Mississippi State's Rockey Felker was the youngest Division I head coach. This year, the title remains in the SEC but moves to LSU and new head coach Mike Archer, who turned 34 Sunday. He doesn't see his age as a problem. "Being young, I think I can relate to the players," Archer said. "I don't think they are afraid to come in and talk to me." ... Archer grew up in State College, Pa., and as a youngster earned extra money by cutting the lawn of Penn State head coach Joe Paterno.

Head coach Watson Brown said he is tired of hearing the excuse that Vanderbilt can't compete because of its high academic requirements: "I'm sick of that. I think Vanderbilt should be able to compete."

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Walker's Baskin beats doubles partner in Junior Clay Courts

Results, Page 6-E By Bill Robinson Staff Writer

Mark Brown was on a roll, but he couldn't believe the bad luck of the draw in the boys 16 quarterfinals of the Georgia State Junior Clay Court Championships. The rising sophomore from Lovett School drew Craig Baskin, his best friend, his doubles partner and the son of his coach.

"He's not my best friend any more," Brown said Wednesday. He wasn't smiling. "I've never seen him play better. I don't

think he had three bad shots — he was that good. And most of my shots seemed to stand right up in the clay and wait for him. But I couldn't have beaten him at my best — not today."

Baskin, a junior-to-be at Cobb County's Walker School, waxed his best friend in the heat at Bitsy Grant Tennis Center. Brown had beaten Ronnie Haas, a good player, 7-5, 6-1, in the opening round, and appeared ready to perhaps finally handle Baskin. But Baskin was at the top of his game, and the "battle of forehands" (both

boys' forte is the strong-arm blast) and the score, 6-0, 6-1, wasn't close.

Brown's bid for the semifinals thus came to an end, but half the friendship is still alive, and Baskin is now the darkhorse in the boys 16 division singles play.

And the Brown-Baskin tandem remains a force in doubles. After their singles match, the two teamed to down Eric Riles and Randy Johnson 6-1, 6-2 and move to Thursday's semifinals against the No. 2 doubles team of Steve McQuillan and Alexander Stork. "We want to win doubles to sort of make up for last year," Brown said.

A year ago, the Brown-Baskin team rolled all the way to the final.

"But the night before the finals," Baskin said, "I was climbing over a fence, trying to retrieve some tennis balls, and I fell and broke my left arm. I played with a cast on, but it weighed five or six pounds and sort of limited my mobility, and we lost."

"Mark has the quickest hands in Georgia," said Jerry Baskin, Craig's father and

Mark's coach, a man who watched the match with mixed emotions. "He's got a lot of strength and is going to be an outstanding player."

Mark Ottinger of Dalton, the No. 1 seed in the boys 16 singles, was pushed to the limit by Mark Smith, winning the marathon match 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Ottinger learned after the 21/2-hour match that his opponent in the semifinals will be Atlanta's Joe D'Leo, who defeated Brian Decker of Marietta 6-2, 6-1.



JO ELLEN BLACK/Staff

San Diego's Christy Erb holes out a wedge shot for an eagle on No. 9. She has a 5-shot lead in the girls division of the Rolex Tournament of Champions.



Adele Moore of Dallas, Texas, contemplates her putt on the ninth hole.

San Diego classmates hold lead over Georgians in junior golf

Scores, Page 6-E By Tom McCollister Staff Writer

If what's happened before the halfway point is an indication of what's to come, the Rolex Tournament of Champions for juniors is headed for a California-Georgia showdown at Horseshoe Bend.

First-round leaders and San Diego high school classmates Phil Mickelson and Christy Erb continue at the top, but Lawrenceville's Rob McKelvey and Savannah's Terri Thompson aren't far behind.

Mickelson added a 2-under-par 69 to his opening 66 and leads McKelvey, who had the day's best round, a 71, by three shots in the boys competition. Five behind is Scott DeSerrano of Farmer's Branch, Texas.

Erb, who was brilliant in her opening round of 69, staggered a bit to 73, and leads Thompson (72-75) by five. Hull's Vicki Goetze (76-73) and Adele Moore of Dallas, Texas, are next, seven behind.

The field of 156 junior golfers, age 18 and under, was cut to 49 boys and 18 girls after Wednesday's round at Horseshoe Bend.

"These first two days were just like practice rounds," said Thompson, 16. "The tournament is just beginning."

Mickelson, the defending boys champion, actually found himself trailing McKelvey by a stroke after 13 holes, but eagled No. 5, his 14th hole, with a 40-yard

wedge shot. "I had just bogeyed three of the last four holes and needed a lift like that," said Mickelson, 16. "My round wasn't going anywhere before that. I just wasn't with it mentally before I got that break."

Just as that shot perked up Mickelson, it slowed McKelvey. Playing with Mickelson, the Central Gwinnett golfer was 5-under after 13 holes and looking to go 6-under with a birdie chance from six feet. But after Mickelson holed out, McKelvey missed.

"That was a big hole for both of us," McKelvey said. "He made an eagle, I missed my birdie and I didn't make another one coming in. The momentum changed, but, heck, I felt like I played well. I only missed two greens."

One of those greens he missed was the final one, and it cost him his only bogey of the day.

Last year McKelvey didn't make the cut in this event, shooting 77-77, but in 1987 he has won two American Junior Golf Association tournaments, Oyster Reef on Hilton Head and the Southern Junior at East Lake, and finished in the top 10 in two others.

Erb, 5-4 and 105 pounds, seemed to be wilting in the hot Georgia sun as her round began. She played the first four in 5-over. And, like Mickelson, it was an eagle that got her going. She holed out a wedge from 60 yards at No. 9.

"Normally when I start off like that, I just give up," Erb said. "But today, I told myself not to let it happen because I knew I could play better. I just kept plugging and something good finally happened."

After her eagle, she birdied No. 11 and No. 15.

Pernfors ousted in Swedish

Results, Page 6-E From Wire Reports



BASTAD, Sweden - Pavel Vojtisek used his powerful forehand Wednesday to upset seventh-seeded Mikael Pernfors 6-4, 6-2 and reach the Swedish Open quarterfinals.

TENNIS Defending champion Emilio Sanchez used perfectly placed groundstrokes to beat Swedish wild-card player Lars-Anders Wahlgren 6-1, 6-4 in the first round. Three seeded Swedes - Stefan Edberg, Joakim Nystrom and Anders Jarryd - advanced to the quarterfinals with straight-set victories.

"This was one of my best victories," said Vojtisek, a West German born in Czechoslovakia, after beating Pernfors, a former University of Georgia player and native of Sweden who is ranked No. 21 in

Edberg, seeded second, beat Swedish qualifier Thomas Haldin 6-2, 6-0, and Nystrom, seeded fifth, defeated Jaro Navratil of Czechoslovakia 6-0, 6-1. In another second-round match, Jan Gunnarsson topped* fellow Swede Peter Lindgren 6-1, 6-0.

U.S. makes Federation quarterfinals

VANCOUVER, British Columbia -Chris Evert and Pam Shriver each won straight-set victories over unseeded French players to lift the defending champion United States into the quarterfinals of the Federation Cup women's team championship.

The victory also assured the United States of a spot in the main draw of the 1988 Olympics.

The triumph moved the United States, which has won the Cup 12 times, to the quarterfinals for the 25th consecutive year.

In other second-round play, second-seeded Czechoslovakia knocked out Yugoslavia; third-seeded West Germany, led by Steffi Graf, eliminated South Korea; and fourthseeded Bulgaria ousted Indonesia.

Lendl, Becker advance in D.C.

WASHINGTON — Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker advanced to the third round of the-D.C. Tennis Classic by struggling to

straight-set victories over unseeded foes. Lendl overcame a shaky start to recorda 7-6, 6-3 victory over Brad Pearce, and Becker, the tournament's second seed, had a surprisingly tough time eliminating Richard Matuszewski, 6-4, 7-5.

Johnson: FBI said to ignore his subpoena

By Thomas O'Toole Staff Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Former University of Georgia football player Keith Johnson said Wednesday an FBI agent told him to "tear up" a subpoena to testify before the federal grand jury in Chicago investigating the dealings of agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom with college athletes.

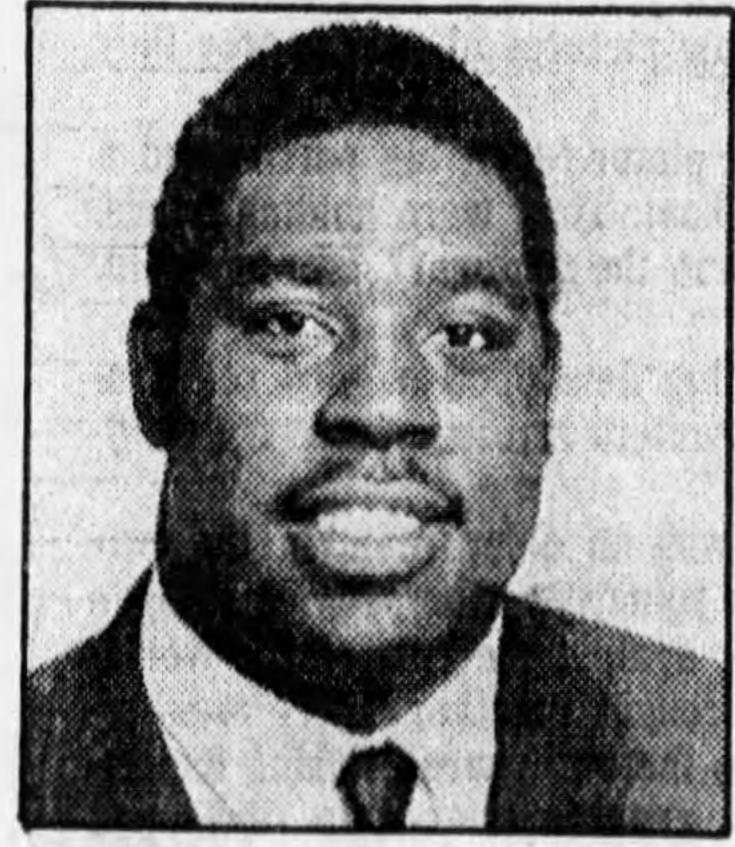
Johnson said an FBI agent interviewed him in his Athens apartment and subsequently told him to disregard the subpoena and not worry about testifying. He said he could not recall the agent's name.

"The FBI told me they saw that I was clear," Johnson said in a telephone interview. "They told me to tear up the subpoena, and that's what I did. They told me I was clear and had nothing else to

Johnson, whose eligibility with the Bulldogs ended last season, confirmed Bloom's earlier statements that Johnson signed with Walters and Bloom after last season and accepted \$5,000 from

But Johnson disputed Bloom's statement that Johnson had said he'd signed with an Athens agent during his junior year at Georgia. "I never signed with anyone be-

fore 1987," Johnson said. Johnson said he did sign with



JO ELLEN BLACK/Staff

Keith Johnson

an Athens agent before Bloom, but he said that signing also occurred in January of this year. The signing would not be against NCAA rules if it occurred after Johnson's senior season. The two signings occurred close together, Johnson indicated.

Johnson also disputed Bloom's statement that Johnson asked for \$8,000 to buy his way out of a contract with the other agent.

"I did not ask (Bloom) for any money to get rid of an agent," said Johnson, who refused to name the Athens agent with whom he dealt. "I don't know why he (Bloom) would say that. I never signed with anyone before 1987. Everything I did was legal. Coach (Vince) Dooley emphasized to us that it was illegal (to sign with an agent before eligibility had expired)."

Johnson said he has not talked to Walters or Bloom since March. He declined further comment on his association with them.

"I just wish it would all end,"

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agents after last college football season — a signing Bloom has agreement," Schiller said. called a mistake. Johnson was this week, "We can probably kiss that money goodbye."

McKey and Coner received \$2,500 each to sign with Walters and Bloom during Alabama's 1986-87 basketball season. McKey, the SEC's player of the year, applied for the NBA draft after losing his senior season of eligibility and was drafted in the second round by the Atlanta Hawks.

Both McKey and Coner have retained other agents. Walters and Bloom, who in the past have filed breach-of-contract lawsuits against at least six athletes who signed with them and then switched to other agents, have indicated they do not plan to pursue legal action against McKey and Coner.

Of the SEC players signed by Walters and Bloom, all except Logan — a fifth-round draft pick by the Cincinnati Bengals this year have switched to other agents. Most of the SEC players have

been subpoenaed by the federal

grand jury that is investigating Walters' and Bloom's dealings with college athletes. Schiller noted that NCAA rules do not prohibit athletes from "consulting with people or getting legal

advice." NCAA rules do prohibit

athletes from signing a contract we talk to people in the professional list is that the names of those with or accepting money from an leagues because their guidelines agents who operate outside the rules

"We're just trying to tell these kids to think about what they're doing before they sign any kind of signed his contract and is in the

Five nationally prominent athsigned on the basis of erroneous in- letes - McKey and football players formation in a National Football. Cris Carter of Ohio State, Alvin League scouting report, Bloom said. Miller of Notre Dame, Charles Johnson was not drafted by the Gladman and Teryl Austin of Pitts-NFL, and his football career appar- burgh - have been ruled ineligible ently is over. Bloom said earlier for their senior seasons because they accepted money from Walters and Bloom. Another athlete, University of Texas defensive back and high jump champion James Lott, will be declared ineligible next

week, sources have said. Walters and Bloom have admitted giving money to these and numerous other college athletes and selected in the first round by the signing them to postdated represen-Seattle SuperSonics. Coner was tation contracts. While admitting a disregard for NCAA rules, they have denied breaking any laws.

Schiller on Wednesday equated unscrupulous agents with boosters who violate NCAA rules.

"We don't tolerate 12 men on the field in football, and we shouldn't tolerate the illegal recruiting of the other 11, or the few athletes who accept money from or sign contracts with agents before their eligibility has expired."

Schiller said the agent problem "creates a sense of frustration for all of us, but we have learned some

Schiller said conversations with officials from the various professional leagues have been of little help in policing agents on the college level. He also said the NCAA's list of registered agents has helped little in the fight against the unscrupulous agent.

"It's somewhat frustrating when

don't apply to draft picks," Schiller said. "Those guidelines come into play only after the player has league. It's almost a free-market situation during an athlete's first

year. The problem with the NCAA

never appear on the list.

"The one thing we can do is state our strong feelings of displeasure, that we don't accept that kindof behavior."

Staff writer Chris Mortensen contributed to this report.

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never had \$10,000 (per year) stop me from doing a contract. ... It's Kenny who's having the problem. I'm having some problems with it, but Kenny's a bigger problem. I have to try and sell him on Atlanta's best offer.'

The current proposal calls for Flowers, the 31st selection in the draft, to receive a \$225,000 signing bonus, salaries of \$160,000 in 1987 (plus a \$15,000 bonus for making the roster), \$180,000 in 1988, \$210,000 in 1989 and \$250,000 in 1990.

Among the incentives are a \$10,000 bonus if he plays 75 percent of the time during the season and additional payments based on rushing yardage. A 500yard season rewards Flowers with another \$5,000. A 1,000-yard year earns him \$10,000 and 1,500 yards, though unlikely with Gerald Riggs the Falcons' dominant running back, would allow Flowers to make an extra \$35,000. rookie-of-the-year distinction

would be worth \$20,000. Flowers had rejected the Falcons' earlier package because it was smaller than deals signed by Buffalo defensive back Nate

Odomes (29th selection, \$1.136 million); Washington defensive back Brian Davis (30th, \$1.06 million) and Buffalo defensive back Roland Mitchell (33rd, \$1.009 million).

"It may be \$10,000 less (per year in base money) than he wanted, but is that worth missing two weeks of practice?" Burrough said of Flowers, who willhave missed five practices by Thursday morning. "Atlanta pretty much convinced us that they were not going to pay what Washington did. But the added incentives, I think, justify the

Hay appeared unfazed by Flowers' contention that the earlier offer was an indication he was being "mistreated." But the team's negotiator said, "Our preference is not to mistreat

Cautious about assuming anything, Hay said, "I couldn't say we have a tentative agreement. Those are his words — not —

Falcons coach Marion Campbell, informed that Hay would meet with Burrough again Thursday, said, "I hope Kenny's with

"It's pretty obvious that by now it shouldn't be that difficult," Campbell said.