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# George decides to cast his lot with Illini

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Jeff George, considered the nation's best high school quarterback in 1985, announced Tuesday he will transfer from Purdue to Illinois this fall, though he can't play for the Illini before 1988.

"We are extremely excited that Jeff George has decided to apply for admission to the University of Illinois this fall," said Coach Mike White. "During our recruiting process of Jeff in high school, we identified his qualities as a fine football player."

George, on campus Tuesday with White, announced he had changed earlier plans to transfer to the University of Miami.

"When Purdue played in Champaign this past year, I was very impressed with the football organization and the spirit of the fans," said George.

"That, coupled with the pro-style offense . . made me pursue the possibilities of enrolling at the university."

UNDER NCAA RULES, he won't be eligible to play for the Illini for another year. Transfer,[] students cannot play during their first year atias new school.

George said he had planned to move to the

Florida school but found he had "many second thoughts about leaving the Big 10."

Miami Coach Jimmy Johnson said George "called this morning from Mike White's office and informed me that he'd changed his mind about coming to Miami.

"I told Jeff the same thing I told his father last December, and that was that in my opinion the best thing for him to do was to stay at Purdue, but if he was set on his decision to go to Illinois, then the best of luck to him," Johnson said.

George said he was "looking forward to staying in the Midwest and playing in Champaign. I'm hoping that I will be able to add some pleasure and enjoyment for fans of the Fighting Illini."

George, who had played in a passing offense for Purdue Coach Leon Burtnett in 1986, announced at the end of his freshman season he would leave the Boilermakers. Fred Akers, whose offense is run-oriented, had been named to replace Burtnett.

"My decision to enter Miami seemed correct at the time but I realize I was a bit hasty," said George.

GEORGE, 6-FOOT-4, 205-POUNDS, com-

pleted 543 of 965 passes for Indianapolis Warren Central — both national high school records. He threw for 8,125 yards and 94 touchdowns in his prep career, leading his team to 36 victories in 38 games, and two state championships.

During his freshman year at Purdue, however, George missed three games with a back injury and was intercepted 15 times as he completed 122 of 226 passes for the Boilermak-

"I know this past year has not been easy for Jeff and his family, but we feel confident his intention to enroll at Illinois will be both satisfying and enjoyable," said White.

White developed top-quality quarterbacks for Illinois after coming to the university in 1980. His first three starters - Dave Wilson, Tony Eason and Jack Trudeau — are playing in the National Football League.

But White's projected 1986 starter, Jim Bennett, dropped out of school, and Shane Lamb and Brian Menkhausen shared the quarterback job during a disappointing 4-7 season.

Menkhausen, a sophomore, returns this fall to compete for the starting position.

Laura Davies gets a hug after winning the U.S. Women's Open from her brother Tony, who also serves as her caddy.

## Paper says Texas will declare player ineligible

## **OPEN:** Davies wins playoff

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then rammed her putt into the back lip of the cup, but it bounced away.

With the pressure off, Davies claimed to Open title by knocking in her 4-footer, and seconds later walked over and kissed her brother. Davies had three birdies and two

bogeys in the playoff that Carner could have prevented a day earlier.

Carner had rallied from a threeshot deficit in Monday's rain-suspended fourth round and went to the 18th green with a one-shot edge. However, she three-putted from 25 feet and that deadlocked her, Davies and Okamoto at 3-under-par 285, forcing the extra 18 holes.

"I never got the driver going today," said Carner, who was the obvious crowd favorite. "It got steadily worse the last three days. I had some opportunities, but didn't make any putts."

That was an understatement. Carner missed birdie putts of 5 feet on the third hole, 6 feet on the 15th hole and 2 feet at No. 17, any of which might have gotten "Big Momma" in the hunt.

It wasn't to be, although Carner had no regrets at seeing her chance for a 43rd career victory slip by. "I had it won yesterday and just

**CHIPOKAS:** Eyes PGA tour

didn't capitalize," said Carner. "However, this performance pulled me out of a little bit of a slump. I can't be disappointed I tried hard and fought hard. I would have loved to have won, but I'll be back in here in the future."

OKAMOTO, 36, NEVER got her game into gear as she saw a second women's major slip through her hands in the last three weeks. She lost the du Maurier Classic in Canada three weeks ago squandering a six-shot lead in the final round.

"I didn't feel nervous today and maybe that's why I didn't win," said Okamoto through an interpreter. "I might have been too relaxed."

The one thing missing from Okamoto's game was her usually marvelous short iron play. In earlier rounds, she constantly used those irons to surround the pin. On Tuesday, she was hitting the greens, but generally between 20 and 40 feet from the cup.

"I didn't get enough birdie chances," said Okamoto, a threetime winner on the LPGA tour this year and its No. 3 money winner.

### **DB Lott also took** money from agent

ATLANTA (AP) — University of Texas officials have decided to declare defensive back James Lott ineligible for his senior season for accepting money from New York sports agents Lloyd Bloom and Norby Walters, The Atlanta Journal reported Tuesday.

Bloom, who had said last week that all underclassmen who accepted money from the agents had been exposed, confirmed that Lott also accepted money, the newspaper said.

"I guess I forgot one," he was quoted as saying. "But that's it."

Texas President William H. Cunningham confirmed only to the newspaper that the school was investigating the matter, but the Journal quoted unidentified sources at the school as saying Lott will be ruled ineligible for the upcoming season.

He will be notified when he returns from a track meet in Yugoslavia next week, the newspaper said. It said Lott, one of the nation's top high jumpers, also will lose his eligibility to compete in

track and field because he took \$1,500 from the agents after his sophomore football season.

It is a violation of NCAA rules for an athlete to sign with an agent while he has eligibility remaining. Cunningham told the Journal the NCAA has been notified about the matter.

"This school is in the process of investigating right now," he told the Journal. "If that is the case (Lott taking money), then the appropriate action will be taken. That is all I can say at this time."

In Austin, Texas, Cunningham was at a meeting and not immediately available for comment. Athlet-

ic Director DeLoss Dodds is on vacation and head coach David McWilliams and his staff were attending a high school coaches meeting in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Journal said Walters and dropped Lott when the defensive back decided to bypass his junior football season to concentrate on track and field.

Lott decided to rejoin the football team this fall.

The Journal said Texas officials became aware of Lott's involvement with Walters and Bloom when his scholarship documents were subpoenaed by a federal grand jury in Chicago.

### Hawkeye, Cyclone fans can make tracks for Sept. 19 clash in Ames

Fans planning to attend the Iowa-Iowa State football game in September now have a different transportation option.

A train trip from Cedar Rapids to Ames is being offered by WHO and KRNA radio stations and the Iowa **Association of Railroad Passengers.** The Iowa-ISU game is Sept. 19 at noon.

An Amtrak train equipped with long-distance Superliner equipment will be used. It will run on the **Chicago and North Western Railway** 

tracks, which Amtrak recently considered for regular passenger service.

The train will originate in Chicago the morning of Sept. 19. About half of the 675 passengers boarding there will continue to a tour of the Amana Colonies or a ride on the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad line.

The other half will remain on board to go to Ames for the game. Organizers of the trip said about 325 seats for the Cedar Rapids-to-Ames

trip will be available to the public. The trip may originate at Beverly Yard, near Edgewood Road southwest.

A round-trip ticket from Cedar Rapids to Ames is \$49.50. The price includes the cost of transportation, food, refreshments and bus transfer from the Ames train station to Cyclone Stadium.

Game tickets are not included in the cost, although a limited number are available at \$14 each. Members of the rail passengers

association said they wanted to organize the trip to focus on the need for train service and demonstrate its economic development potential.

To order tickets, send check or money order to Football Train, KRNA, 2105 ACT Circle, Iowa City, 52240. For more information, call Rob Norton (351-9300) or Scott Rogers (277-1271).

Passengers may select seating in the Iowa or Iowa State sections of the train.

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University — will try to qualify for U.S. Amateur. Both failed to make the match play round last year.

IN LAST WEEKEND'S Iowa Amateur, Chipokas suffered a rash of frustrations. He broke his putter in a fit of disgust on the 17th hole during the third round, and finished the round using his driver to putt on the 18th green. The putter was repaired overnight in Des Moines, and Chipokas came back strong going out with a course record 31 on the front nine and completing the day with just 26 putts.

Dunakey, who defeated Chipokas in the 1985 State Match Play semifinals, was there again. He captured the Amateur by three strokes when Chipokas - needing a birdie to tie — hit his tee shot on the 18th hole out of bounds.

Dunakey, a graduate of Cal State-Stanislaus, will attempt to pass through the PGA Tour school this year.

"Maybe I can try that some day, but for now I'd have to say no," said

Chipokas. "I'm happy that I went to their second straight berths in the Michigan where I had time to devote to academics. Players in the southern schools tend to let their books slide because they can play year round. I'm thinking about going back to graduate school after next year."

> Chipokas won the prestigious Kepler Intercollegiate Tournament last spring at Columbus, Ohio -considered the spring's top Midwest collegiate meet. He finished in the top 15 in the Big Ten individual medalist race, and still had time to carry a 3.20 grade point average (on a 4-point scale) in economics.

> Chipokas not only has taken a nononsense approach to his golfing future, but also to his driving - an automobile, that is. He's traded cars in the past two years, and disposed of his personalized license plate with the Michigan influence --- "Go Blu.

"I've" gone back to the generic plate," he said.

Keeping things simple may be Chipokas best golfing formula now.

### BIG 8: Skeletons in closet?

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an opportunity to get some attention and he did.

"Just to give you an example of the things he said I offered him, the gold chains, fancy clothes and all that, that is not even my style. I don't even own a gold chain. I never bought one in my life. "Flamboyance is not my style. I'm as country as they come. That the Big 8t Conference by signing charge is kind of funny because I guys like Hart Lee, Thurman and have never really gotten into that kind of apparel."

that respect, there was no need in me hanging around right?" Anderson said he never accused Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer of being behind the players' charges. "I said 'a coach in the Big 8.' I



WHEN ASKED IF he resigned or was fired from Oklahoma State, Anderson said "it was a combination of both."

"The situation was such that the university felt I had lost my effectiveness as a coach because of the negative press, the accusations and what have you. I didn't necessarily approve of that. But if I was seen in good at."

won't put a name to it," Anderson said. "Obviously, I made it very unpleasant for a particular coach in Ricky. Oklahoma State wasn't supposed to be able to do that."

Anderson, who is black, said "what everyone keeps forgetting is that all these kids everybody is talking about and these schools I recruited against had white coaches recruiting the kids. No one has ever said that Willie Anderson is a damn good recruiter and they couldn't compete. I'm not being conceited, but that's something I know I'm

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