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SPORTSPEOPLE

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Odds&

The Swedish Meat Bowl: The Bears vs. the Vikings. In each team's second exhibition game before the 1988 season. In Goteborg, Sweden. The contracts have not been signed, but all parties have agreed on financial terms. The reason behind the overseas journey: to help celebrate the 350th anniversary of the first Swedish settlers' arrival in the United States. Sweden's King Carl and Queen Silvia Gustaf are scheduled to visit the States in April as another part of that celebration, and the country plans yearlong festivities that will include many tastes of American life. The Bears and Vikings, we presume, will be tasty enough to satisfy even the heartiest Swedish appetite.

Educating Michael

Yes, that was Bears President Michael McCaskey at Soldier Field Thursday watching the roadies set up for Friday's Madonna concert. And, yes again, he will be in attendance when that flamboyant singer performs. But, no, this does not mean he is a recent convert to rock and roll. He is, instead, an astute businessman interested in learning the needs and wants of acts that play in stadiums. And why, pray tell, would he want that knowledge? Why, of course, to be sure that the new stadium he plans to build for the Bears is designed so it, too, can host outdoor concerts.



Pedal pushers have a 3-day date in Chicago

It has been decades since Chicago hosted six-day bicycle races. Thursday it was announced they'll be back-halfway.

This time it will be a three-day bicycling race, with American and foreign pro riders competing for \$75,000 in prize money.

"We'll have to see how it goes, but certainly everyone connected with the event wants to make it an annual affair," said co-director David Chauner, who noted bicycle racing has had a variety of formats over the years in Chicago.

To be called the Citi Circuit Bicycle Challenge, the three-day series will consist of a 50kilometer race Sept. 11 in Downers Grove, a 75-kilometer race in Evanston and a 100kilometer race in Chicago's Grant Park.

The series will feature grand prix criterium scoring with riders accumulating points in the event.

A huge rally for recreational cyclists is also planned for the last day, with proceeds benefiting the U.S. Olympic cycling effort.

Citicorp Savings of Illinois is the primary sponsor of the entire event.

Chauner, a two-time Olympic rider and founder of International Cycling Productions in New York, said competitors will be invited from 15 nations. "The in-

ternational flavor should go hand-in-hand with Chicago's diverse population," he said.

For several persons already expected to be on hand, it will take on more of a hometown flavor.

"I used to dream about this sort of event when I was growing up in Downers Grove," said Tom Schuler, 30, current U.S. pro champion and rider-manager of the 7-Eleven team that just competed in the Tour de France.

Danny Van Haute, a Chicagoan who is a member of Chicagobased Schwinn's Icy Hot Team, also will be among the entries.

"Our team is going to win every race they enter," he said.

Chicago still sweet to injured triathlete

Joanne Ernst, winner of 12 major triathlons as well as the 1985 Ironman World Championship, will make a frustrating visit to Chicago Friday on behalf of the National **Confectioners** Association.



Joanne Ernst

Coaches cleared in kid-dumping

Two high school basketball coaches who left six

Hot lips

Kicker Kevin Butler heads to training camp Friday with a companion his teammates might find objectionable: his saxophone. Butler's wife, Cathy, surprised him with a saxophone lesson on his 25th birthday last week, importing a high school music teacher from Buffalo Grove to the Butler home in Mundelein for an hour session. A jazz buff, Kevin bought a saxophone several years ago but had never learned to play. Now all that has changed. Ever since his lesson, Kevin has been studying diligently. "He was practicing last night, and the dog started barking at him," Cathy says with a laugh. "The dog was going crazy." Let's hope Butler's teammates don't do likewise-especially if he takes Cathy's advice and plays reveille for them each morning.

How it happened

Lee Stern's new minority partner was a silent partner on Thursday. Lou Weisbach did not say a word at the press conference touting the Sting's new concert series, and no doubt his silence was intentional. Although the Highland Park advertising tycoon has made his fortune in a high-profile medium, Weisbach apparently believes a low-key approach is more appropriate right now. He told us he wouldn't have gotten involved in sports at all had not former Bulls marketing director Dave Rosengard been fired by owner Jerry Reinsdorf. "I believe in Dave," said Weisbach, who promised to give Rosengard a job at his advertising agency or help him get back into pro sports. He did the latter, and Rosengard, of course, is now the Sting president.

Hollywood...

Tribune photo by Jose More Timothy Corrigan lights the ceremonial torch that will be carried to the opening of the Special Olympics Saturday in South Bend, Ind.

Ernst is recovering from hamstring surgery and is unable to participate in either last Sunday's triathlon or this Sunday's event.

"Chicago is one of my favorite places to visit because there's always so many events like that taking place there," said the 27-year-old Californian. "I hope to be ready to go around the first of next year, but right now swimming is the only one of the triathlon sports I can do."

And, as it turns out, her return to water may have its perils, too.

This weekend, she plans to compete in a swimming meet in the Pacific near Santa Cruz, Calif. She had to sign a waiver that released sponsors from responsibility if she gets attacked by "treacherous sharks."

"That's what it said-treacherous sharks," Ernst said. "I don't know what other kind there are."

'New' Charles Martin would like to forget last season's problems

So, now that Jim McMahon is on the mend, what about Charles Martin?

You remember him. He's the Packer

teenagers in a van beside a desert highway for two hours have been cleared of criminal wrongdoing.

Authorities in Riverside, Calif., said the July 18 incident was an attempt to discipline the six misbehaving youths.

"Apparently these kids were so rowdy and undisciplined that they were interfering with the safe travel of the vehicle," Sgt. Ron Dye said, adding that the students also made obscene gestures at passing motorists.

The coaches, R. Lyndon Boop and Mark Kremer, volunteers at Sunny Hills High in Fullerton, were bringing the teenagers back from a weekend basketball tournament. They left the van beside Int. Hwy. 10 for about two hours, then returned and continued the trip.

BRIEFS

A conflict with a professional boxing team may prevent Olympic gold medalist and former world welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard from helping the U.S. Olympic boxing team, according to the president of the U.S. Amateur Boxing Federation. "Leonard has said he wants to help and volunteer his services to the Olympic boxing team," Col. Don Hull said Thursday. But Hull said Leonard is working with Coors brewery in developing a professional boxing team. "It [Leonard's affiliation with Coors] could create a premature conflict," Hull said. Chicagoan Kelcie Banks has won a bye at the Pan Am Box-off in Colorado Springs, thereby becoming the first boxer to make the U.S. team. Banks' opponent, Vernon McGriff, withdrew for personal reasons. Sports agent Lloyd Bloom is disputing Ohio State wide receiver Cris Carter's contention that his older brother prodded him into signing a contract with Bloom and his associate, Norby Walters. "If anything, he [Carter] was enthusiastic about meeting us," Bloom told the Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Constitution. "He was an easy signing for us." He said Carter "definitely was not coerced" by his brother, George. For the 23d consecutive season, all Notre Dame home football games will be sellouts, according to Irish ticket manager Mike Bobinski. Tickets still are available for road games against Air Force (Oct. 17) and Miami (Nov. 28). Bugsy Engelberg, former general manager of the Orlando Renegades of the defunct United States Football League, apparently committed suicide through carbon monoxide poisoning, police said. Engelberg, 41, was found dead late Wednesday in his automobile in the garage of his friend, Central Florida football coach Gene McDowell. "Everything right now points toward suicide," said Oviedo, Fla., Police Chief Wade Hancock. Three or four suicide notes were found, Hancock said. Louisiana State's men's basketball program, cited for several infractions by the NCAA, will be limited to 13 scholarships instead of the regular 15 for the 1987-88 academic year. The NCAA's Committee on Infractions also ruled that no recruits would be allowed to sign letters of intent next spring. In addition to the sanctions, LSU has severed relations with a booster involved in the incidents. Ivan Lendl rallied to beat David Wheaton 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 and move into the quarterfinals of the D.C. Tennis Classic. Lendl was forced to default his doubles match because of heat exhaustion. Court temperature during his match with Wheaton reached 105 degrees. Jimmy Connors also advanced by easily defeating Jim Pugh 6-3, 6-1, and Boris Becker beat John Ross 6-4, 6-2. ... West Germany beat Argentina 2-1 to advance to the semifinals of the Federation Cup in Vancouver. Steffi Graf beat Gabriela Sabatini 6-4, 6-4 after Claudia Kohde-Kilsch defeated Bettina Fulco 6-2, 6-2. In doubles, Sabatini and Mercedes Paz beat Bettina Bunge and Silke Meier 6-7, 6-1, 6-2. Czechoslovakia beat Canada 2-1 as Hana Mandlikova and Helena Sukova beat Helen Kelesi and Jill Hetherington 7-6 (7-3), 6-2. In singles, Kelesi upset Sukova 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 and Mandlikova beat Carling Bassett 6-4, 6-1.

Before the Sting press conference, Susan Anton was queried about her sporting interests. She cited the Lakers and the Dodgers as special to her, but then noted: "The Bears are my favorite football team. I hope Jim McMahon comes back. That was a terrible hit he took last year."

... Hollywood

Both Anton and Marie Osmond, who also was at the press conference, admitted they knew little about soccer. Osmond may be inclined to learn a thing or two after checking out Paul Miceli of Barrington, the Sting's top draft choice and an absolute dead-ringer for her brother Donny. "I like your hair," Marie told Miceli, who blushed and then related that he had cut it himself last week. "My mother said I've got to look presentable," said the 18-year-old, who designed a cut that is very short on the sides, punky on the top and long in the

'It's Good To Be Alive'

That's the name of a book authored by former Brooklyn Dodger catcher Roy Campanella, who was in a car accident 29 years ago, that left him paralyzed from the waist down. He was hospitalized for 10 months, but even lying motionless on a bed he was unable to fully comprehend that he would never walk again. "It took over a year or so, where I adjusted and finally got it into my mind to accept it," he says. Nearly three decades later, Campanella coaches the Los Angeles Dodger catchers. He also makes appearances on behalf on the handicapped, and on Saturday he joins 300 Chicagoarea Special Olympians at Wrigley Field as a guest of Leaf bubble gum. "I feel," says the Hall-of-Famer, "that I can give a lot of people some inspiration in just seeing how I can get around and still keep a smile on my

News, notes and nonsense

Special Olympians in the homestretch

Politics took a back seat to the Special Olympics Thursday at Soldier Field, where U.S. Atty. Gen. Edwin Meese joined other dignitaries for the start of the last leg of the event's torch run to South Bend, Ind.

Mayor Harold Washington, with a big smile, did praise Meese for "looking good" in his "smashing display on TV the last two days," referring to the Iran-Contra hearings.

Then, for the 94 Illinois' Special Olympians, it was off to the races.

Former vice presidental candidate Sargent Shriver, whose wife, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, started the Special Olympics, stuck to the subject.

He called the event "a victory."

"A victory," Shriver said, "over our fear of mental retardation itself. Victory over our own blindness and inertia. Victory over racism, sexism, ageism."

While the Olympians cheered and snapped their cameras, 60 law enforcement officers from 50 states and 10 foreign nations jogged down Soldier Field aisles with unlit torches.

They started the final leg of a torch run to Notre Dame, where 4,700 mentally retarded athletes will compete starting Saturday in the International Special Olympics.

The police will carry the flame its final 198 miles through Indiana towns, completing a 26,000-mile run in which 30,000 police officers from around the world raised \$2.5 million for the Games.

Timothy Corrigan, who ran in the first Special Olympics in Soldier Field in 1968, dipped his unlit torch into the flame to get it started. He passed to Darrell Sanders of Frankfort, Ill. Later, the Olympians were guests at Wrigley Field for the Cubs' game against the Expos.

lineman who injured McMahon by body-slamming him to the turf with a late hit.

Martin is hard at work in Green Bay's summer heat, lifting weights and driving himself to what he hopes will be a 1987 season full of football and little else.

"My attitude is a lot better as far being a player on the field and off the field," said the 6-foot-4-inch, 280pound nose tackle. "My whole attitude is that the problems I had last year and stuff like that are behind me.

"I've worked on that and I feel like I've improved myself as a football player and a person off the field. That is my main change right now, being a better person, period."

Martin became a national villain in November when he drew a two-week suspension for his tackle of McMahon.

In another incident, he reportedly apologized to a woman who said he grabbed her indecently at a Green Bay tavern.

In December, Martin's wife checked him into an alcohol rehabilitation program in Birmingham, Ala., for a month. It was there, says Martin, that he realized he had a drinking problem.

"Coach [Forrest] Gregg knew I had a problem," Martin said earlier this year. "He told me that I had a problem because some of the things that were happening were related to alcohol. But I was still into denial."

Martin says he has been been drinkfree since January. Now he must confront the reputation he earned last season.

Former ABC announcer Jim Lampley is expected to sign on as sports anchor at KCBS, the CBS networks owned-and-operated station in Los Angeles. KCBS would like to use him for play-by-play work on some NFL games this season and pair him with its analyst, former Raider quarterback Ken Stabler. . . . Steve Stone has signed on with agent Steve Zucker, who'll book appearances and commercials for the Cub broadcaster.

... Alysheba and Bet Twice get together for the first time since the Belmont in Saturday's Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park (Ch. 7, 3:30 p.m.).

And finally: The charter plane carrying the Rams and the Broncos to London for the American Bowl on Aug. 9 makes a stop at O'Hare Sunday to pick up Nick Nickolas. Turns out the restaurateur and Broncos owner Pat Bowlen are old friends.

"People can say what they want to say. I feel like I've gotten my life together and I'm starting fresh just like it never even happened."

Ditka has a score to settle with Sports Illustrated writer

The Bears began packing for the Platteville, Wis., portion of their training camp Thursday. When they return to Lake Forest, coach Mike Ditka would like to see one major change in their facility.

Ditka would like Sports Illustrated writer Rick Telander, whose house is adjacent to the season's playoffs] up," Ditka says.

practice field, to get rid of the Super Bowl XX score (46-10) painted on his roof. Ditka, trying to rid his players of all complacency, has a suggestion.

"I tried to get that score off the roof and have him put the Washington score [from last

Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino and Fuzzy Zoeller will return as the participants in the Skins Game. The fifth Skins Game will be held Nov. 28-29 at the PGA West course in La Quinta, Calif. Zoeller has won the last two Skins Games, including a record \$370,000 last year.

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COLLEGES

NU cites rising costs in decision to cut track, cross country

By Jody Homer

Increasing expenses and decreasing revenues were cited by Northwestern University President Arnold R. Weber Thursday as the reasons for the decision to drop the school's track and cross country programs after the 1987-88 season.

In a statement released by the university, Weber said the action is part of an effort to stabilize the financial structure of the Department of Athletics and Recreation.

Dropping these men's and women's programs was preferable to across-the-board cutbacks in all sports, which would "seriously erode our ability to successfully compete" in the Big 10, Weber said.

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More specifically, when revenue shortfalls are mentioned the finger gets pointed at football.

"Basically we've had a drop in attendance at home football contests, and that's been a problem," said Ken Wildes, NU's director of university relations. "That's a major source of revenue, and it was a down year for us. There are other revenue factors that figure into it, but that's basically the problem."

Home football attendance had grown from 19,000 in 1980 to an average of 32,000 in 1985, but it slipped to 27,000 last fall. Basketball attendance averaged 5,500 last year.

Wildes said the athletic department was looking to cut its budget by about \$500,000. He did not

know the exact figure of the track and cross country programs' budgets, but said it is close to that figure.

Track and cross country also were chosen as the sports to be cut because the Wildcats have not had much success there.

"Northwestern has taken the approach of selective excellence," Wildes said. "Quite frankly, we were not competitive in the sprints and hurdles and things like that in track. We'd tried to be competitive and in some cases were, in distance and middle-distance events. But for us to infuse more money into the program. \$300,000 or \$400,000 to make us more competitive, simply wasn't in the cards.

"That was one factor. The key factor, though, was, do you take an across-the-board cut and impact every sport or do you selectively cut out a program, therefore

saving other programs. "It's sometimes better to cut off the arm than hemorrhage to

death. "I can conclusively say that other programs will not be affec-

Head track coach Mike Muska, who left to take a position with Brown University, will not be replaced, and assistant coaches will run the team in the 1987-88 season. Mike Shea will coach the women and John Nalley will coach the men.

Shea said he was notified of the cuts Monday and then had to begin the difficult task of telling his athletes. He didn't know the ax was about to fall, but added, "you always hear things. The rumor mills at a university center are very productive."

The reaction of the athletes, at least that of the women athletes he has spoken with, has been relative-

ly positive considering the situation. In particular, the women's cross country team members have been rallying around the program. That team was ranked in the Division I Top 20 poll last fall and finished second in the Big 10 meet.

"Almost every one of the kids I've talked to has said, 'When do you want me in for cross country. We've got another season to run here,' " Shea said. "I'd say they're upset, but they're also pretty fired up. They were looking forward to cross country this year anyway, because we've been very, very good for the last couple of years."

The same can't be said for track. Northwestern has competed in men's outdoor and indoor track in the Big 10 since 1911, and in women's track since 1976, and has never won a Big 10 championship. Because the decision to cut the

programs wasn't made until re-

cently, the Wildcats recruited several prep athletes who now have to re-evaluate their futures.

They have several options. Among them are being released from their letters of intent and trying to find another program immediately, or competing for the upcoming season as a Wildcat and then transfering next year.

In any case, all scholarships will be honored.

"We understand the responsibility we have toward these students and we will do everything possible to address their concerns and counsel them as to their options," said Weber, noting that each athlete will receive their full scholarship if they choose to remain at NU to complete their degrees.

Northwestern will offer track and cross country as club sports beginning with the 1988-89 sea-

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firming that Single will be released ex-Duke coach Bill Foster, got its Northwestern athletics since



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dy. Budget restrictions and other considerations clouded the future, despite his fundraising efforts.

"There's no one particular reason I'm leaving," Single said Thursday. "I just think I've reached the optimum level here, and it's time to move on.

"I'm proud of the progress in

came. This is simply a career decision for me."

Ken Kraft, 52, the associate athletic director and NU wrestling coach for 22 years, is expected to be a candidate to succeed Single. The departing athletic director will stay at work next month to run his department during the transition period.

"Doug's contributions in many areas are appreciated," said NU President Arnold R. Weber, con-

from his contract, which runs through August, 1990. "He expanded recreational opportunities for all students and had a leading role in the athletic facilities campaign."

Single was credited with raising \$30 million for NU facilities. A \$16 million sports pavilion and aquatic center will open this fall on the Evanston campus.

The Northwestern men's basketball team, now rebuilding under

first postseason bid during Single's tenure All seniors on the football and basketball teams in the last two seasons have been graduated. Under his emphasis on academics, the graduation rate for all NU athletes rose to 95 percent.

Single played on Stanford's 1972 Rose Bowl team, earned a master's degree in political science and became associate AD of that university. He and his wife, Marie, have a 5-year-old son, A.J.



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