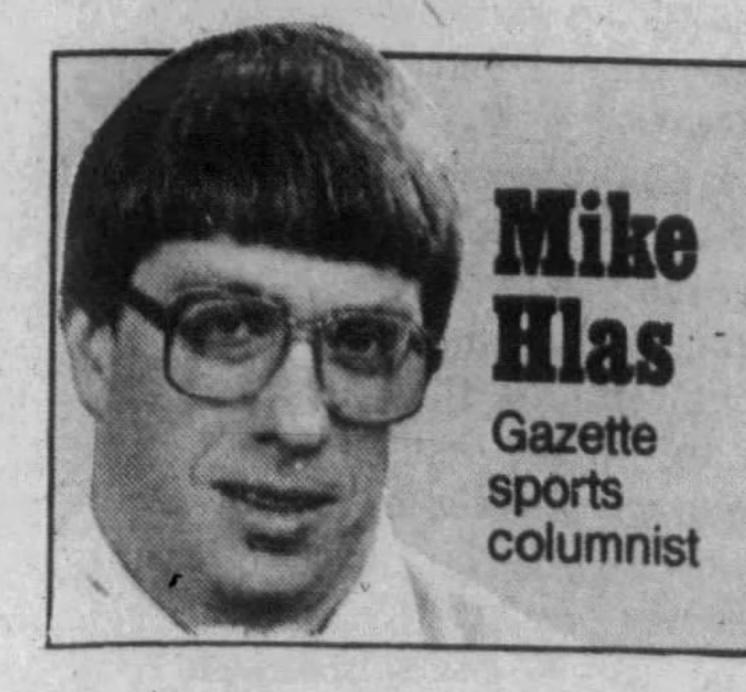
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### Hockey not Elvis' game

t's so obvious what you were thinking when you woke up this morning.

"Gosh," you said, "tomorrow's the 10th anniversary of Elvis Presley's death, and there hasn't been a word written about it."

Elvis, of course, is remembered well for his music, his movies, his live performances, his sneer, and the fact that he ended up a pathetic shell of a human who was a prisoner of drugs.

However, I'll always remember Elvis the Sportsman. In his films, Elvis often portrayed a race car driver. You have to admit it made sense. Whenever Elvis' car needed oil, all his crew had to do was squeegee his head.

But racing was just one aspect of Elvis' athletic career. It really began in a Mississippi town called Tupelo, where a 7-year-old boy had a dream. And he was gonna follow that dream wherever it led him.

"Lemaire feeds to Elvis. Elvis gives the puck over to Beliveau behind the net. Beliveau slips it back out front to Elvis. He shoots. He scores!"

Yes, Elvis dreamed of helping the Montreal Canadiens add to their collection of National Hockey League titles.

His school chums used to mercilessly taunt Elvis about this dream. "Elvis, you need ahs (ice) skates to play that game," they'd say, "and you ain't got none."

Elvis turned his sights elsewhere.

AND THE LEGEND of rock 'n roll's greatest performer (prior to the arrival of Meat Loaf) was born. But all the time Elvis was snarling and swiveling and shaking (oh yes, and singing), he still had sports in the back of his mind.

Elvis briefly considered side careers in pro golf and bowling. He felt those were naturals, since pro golfers and bowlers wore clothes as loud and bizarre as those of the King himself.

Actually, Elvis became a sports pioneer in the late 1950s. As our history books tell us, he was drafted into the Army while he was at the prime of his show business career. This was very, very big news at the time.

The San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association made Elvis the No. 1 pick of that season's amateur player draft even though they knew the King still had

to fulfill his military commitment. Alas, Elvis didn't sign with San Antonio. The Spurs never again drafted anyone from the armed forces until they selected David Robinson of Navy this year.

"We changed our philosophy a little bit," said a Spurs spokesman. "We decided if we were going to gamble on a serviceman, we'd at least make sure he was seven feet tall, could get up and down the court, and most importantly, could carry a tune."

AS ELVIS GOT older, his participation in sports declined. He put more emphasis on his work as an entertainer once Colonel Tom Parker became his manager.

Selecting a manager was not easy for the King. Norby Walters came to Elvis' home and slapped several hundred-dollar bills on the Presleys' kitchen table. Colonel Tom, however, promised that if he were Elvis' manager, Elvis would someday get to make a movie with Ann-Margret.

Elvis was no Rhodes Scholar, but he knew a good thing when he saw

Later in life, Elvis grew bored with records, films and concerts. He yearned to return to the sporting life. He didn't merely want to be a weekend jock or hobbyist. He

wanted to be an Olympian. The King amazingly landed a spot on the 1976 U.S. Olympic team as a decathlete. It so happened that a fellow named Bruce Jenner also represented the U.S. in the decathlon that year. Jenner was from a small college in Lamoni, Iowa called Graceland.

Elvis' protruding stomach prevented him from being a factor in the Games. Jenner, on the other hand, won the gold medal.

Of course, Jenner has never

earned a gold record. Still, Elvis named his Memphis 'Graceland' in honor of

Jenner. Then, the King died. Ironically, Priscilla Beaulieu Presley, Elvis' wife, portrays a woman named Jenna on "Dallas." I swear it's true.

# nas golden afternoon

Hawk swimmer blazes to Pan Am 50 free record, anchors winning relay

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Tom Williams of the University of Iowa swam to a Pan American Games record in the 50-meter freestyle Friday despite a "horrible finish," and Silvia Poll of Costa Rica won her sixth medal with a third-place finish in the women's 400-medley relay.

The United States won the relay and finished 1-2 in each of five individual events, including the record performance by Williams.

"I took an extra stroke (approaching the finish)," said Williams, 22, of St. Charles, Ill., a three-time Big Ten Conference champion at Iowa.

His record time was 22.55 seconds. He also anchored the team which set a U.S. record in the 200

freestyle relay, an exhibition event, at 1:29.16. "I'm happy, but I know I can still go faster," he said. "I made some mistakes, but nobody ever has a perfect race.

"This was my final race of the season, and I'm well set up for the Olympic year."

Poll, 16, remained the meet's top individual medal winner with Costa Rica's third-place finish behind the record-setting United States and runner-up Canada. Poll swam the first leg, the backstroke, and broke her 100-meter Pan Am record, set Tuesday, with a time of 1:01.86. Her former mark was 1:02.18.

Poll, who will swim the women's 50 freestyle and 200 backstroke on Saturday, has won three golds, one silver and two bronze medals so far.

THE MEMBERS OF the winning U.S. relay team were Holly Green of Gainesville, Fla., Lori Heisick of Edina, Minn., Janel Jorgensen of Ridgefield, Conn., and Sara Linke of Walnut Creek, Calif., who set a Pan Am record at 4:12.92, breaking the former mark of 4:12.99 by the United States in 1983.

Linke is the top medal winner for the United States with golds in three relays, a silver in the 100-freestyle and a bronze in the 200-freestyle.

Williams first set the Pan Am record in the 50meter trials with a time of 22.58 seconds. He lowered that to 22.55 in the finals, winning the gold medal and scoring his first victory in a major international meet.

"This was just a great step in the ultimate goal of any amateur athlete - to be an Olympian," Williams

The world record is 22.32 by America's Tom Jager, set Thursday at the Pan Pacific meet in Australia. Mike Neuhofel, Little Rock, Ark., finished second

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to Williams at 22.84. Third place was a tie at 23.39 Tom Williams, who swims for the University of Iowa, celebrates his record-setting win in the 50-meter freestyle at the Pan Am Games.

## U.S., Cuba head for baseball collision

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The powerful Cuban and U.S. baseball teams kept rolling through the Pan American Games and into a head-on confrontation, while the United States surged past the 200-medal mark Friday, winning all six

swimming events. The Cubans hit seven home runs, giving them 14 in four victories, and Omar Ajete pitched a one-hitter in a 13-1 rout of Venezuela. Next up for the Cubans on Saturday is the U.S.

team, which ripped Netherlands Antilles 14-1. "The game tomorrow against the U.S. is the most important for us in the tournament," Cuban Manager Higinio Velez said. "Not because of any rivalry but because the U.S. team is the best team we have to face. In order to win the gold, we will

have to beat the U.S." Cuba didn't win any gold and took just one bronze in the first 11 events Friday. But the United States got nine gold

medals, 11 silver and a bronze. That pushed the U.S. total to 219 medals, 90 of them gold. Canada moved ahead of Cuba in total medals. The Canadians won two gold, one silver and five bronze Friday, giving them

98 medals. The Cubans have 95, but their 46 gold are 28 more

than Canada has gotten. AJETE HAD A perfect game for 63/3 innings in a game shortened to seven innings because of the 10-run rule. He then walked Jose Garcia and shortstop Luis Ulacia was given an error on a groundball when he went for a force play at second base but made a bad throw.

Miguel Castaneda then blooped a single to right field, ending the no-hitter and shutout. But right fielder Jorge Garcia threw out Luis Borjas at third base to end the game. "It was a very difficult play," Velez said. "The right fielder

was too far back and the second baseman was too close to second base. "The most important thing for our pitchers is to win the

game. Of course, a perfect game is a feat and we would love to have had it." Tino Martinez has had a hot bat here. The first baseman

from Tampa hit a two-run homer and a triple, knocking in three runs. Martinez is hitting .647, with 11 hits in 17 at-bats and 17 RBI.

# AWKS choice

By Mark Dukes Gazette sports editor

Matt Bullard reached a decision Friday to finish his college basketball career at the University of Iowa.

Bullard, a 6-foot-10, 210-pound forward from West Des Moines, decided to transfer after playing two seasons at Colorado. He visited Iowa, Arizona and Kentucky over the past week.

"I was real interested in Iowa after my visit there," Bullard said in a telephone interview with The Gazette. "I visited Kentucky and Arizona after that, and I had a chance to think about things last night.

"I talked to the coaches at Iowa (Friday) and told them I'd be going there."

Iowa Coach Tom Davis was unavailable for comment. Bullard, who must sit out next year as a transfer, averaged 12.7 points per game as a freshman at Colorado and 16.6 points and 9.3 rebounds as a sophomore.

Bullard will not be on scholarship during the 1987-88 season, as Iowa already has allotted the maximum 15 scholarships. He will receive aid his remaining two seasons.

"THERE'S A WHOLE bunch of reasons," Bullard said when asked why he chose Iowa. "It's a lot of abstract

"I have a lot of feeling for Iowa and I'm looking forward to the great fan support. It'll be fun to play in front of Iowa's fans."

Bullard said he talked to Davis twice on Friday. "All through the whole thing, Coach Davis tried to stay off my back and let me make my own decision," Bullard said. "That helped a lot. He said he was interested in me but he didn't want to put pressure on

Bullard probably will be at the strong forward spot in Iowa's lineup, a position 7-foot Brad Lohaus played last season.

"Coach talked about the four spot, the big forward," Bullard said. "For this year, I'm looking forward to learning the new system and getting my body prepared to go all out. For my last two years, I hope to complement the other players on the team and for them to complement me."

### Seattle makes Boz a rich man

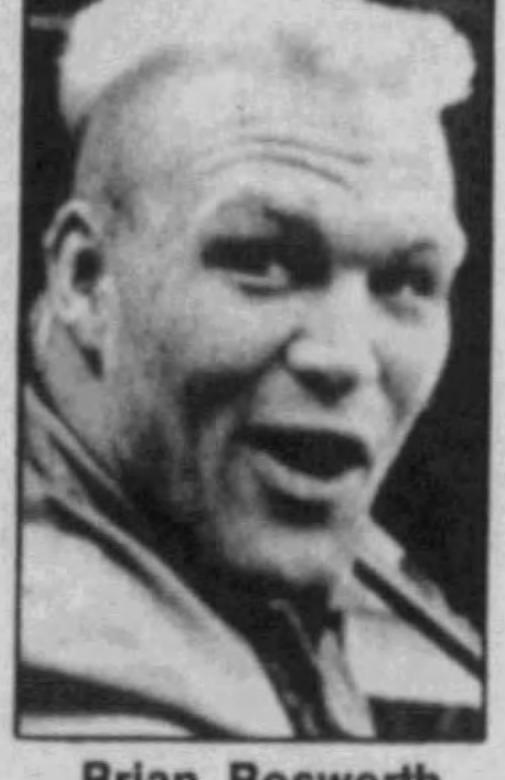
Ex-Oklahoma linebacker signs a 10-year contract worth a cool \$11 million

SEATTLE (AP) - Brian Bosworth signed an \$11 million, 10-year contract package with the Seattle Seahawks Friday, joining a team he once said he wouldn't play for and giving them an added boost into the upper rank of NFL con-

"I'm ecstatic about being in Seattle," Bosworth told a packed news conference after the signing Friday. "I'm excited about this opportunity. A childhood dream has come true today. Now it's time to get down to work."

tenders.

The signing, announced by Seahawks spokesman Gary Wright, capped negotiations that began June 12, when the Seahawks won the rights to draft the All-America linebacker from Oklahoma in the NFL's supplemental draft.



Brian Bosworth

He brings to the Seahawks, who missed the playoffs last season despite finishing with five straight wins and

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#### 6th-inning HR puts McGwire in record book

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - Oakland's Mark McGwire set the majorleague record for home runs by a rookie Friday night with his 39th homer of the season in the sixth inning against the California Angels. McGwire, who leads the majors in

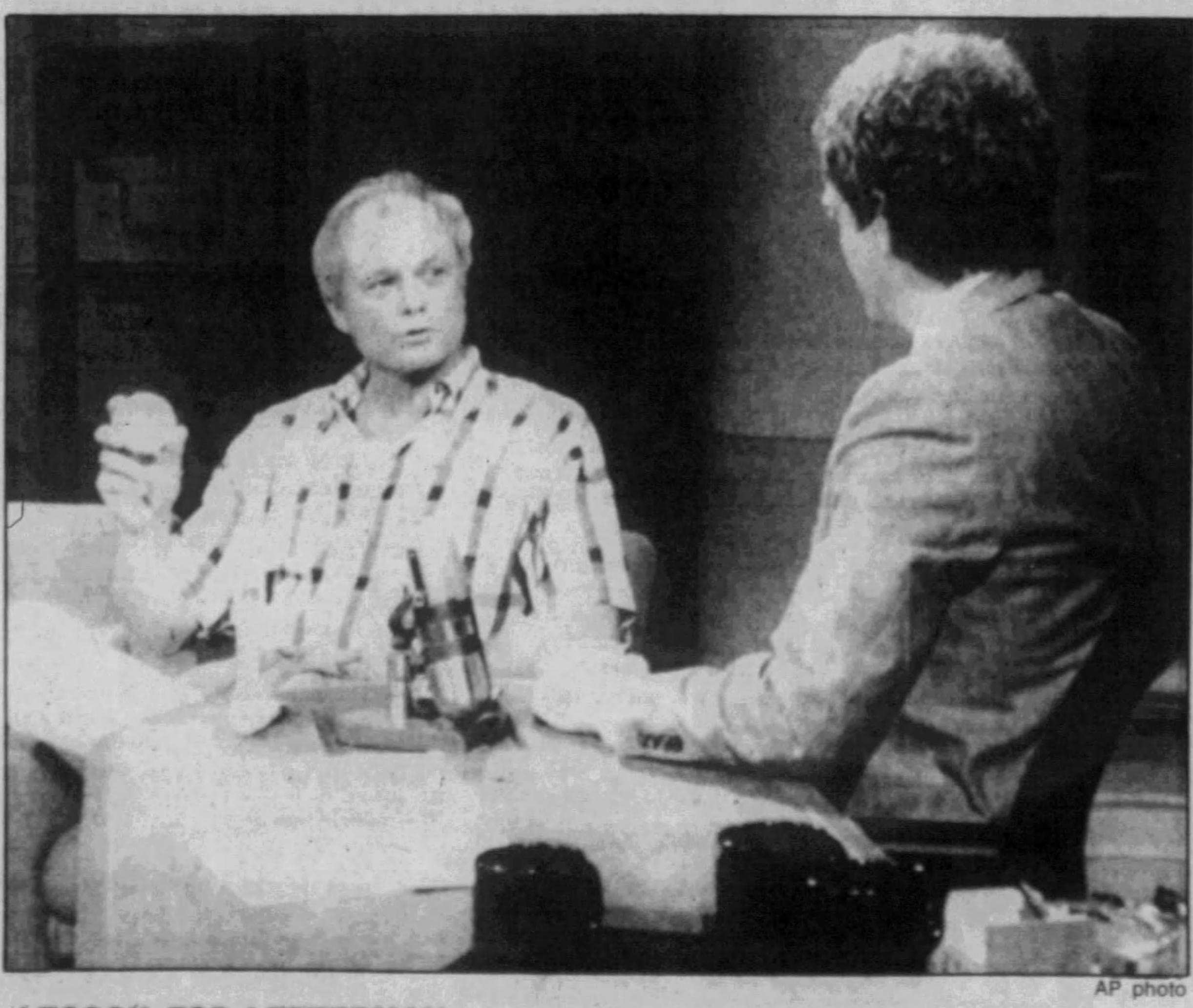
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home runs, hit the first pitch from

Don Sutton for a two-run homer to left field with two outs. That moved McGwire past Wally Berger of the 1930 Boston Braves and Hall of Famer Frank Robinson of the Cincinnati Reds in 1956.

McGwire, the Athletics' firstround pick in the June 1984 free agent draft, broke Al Rosen's American League rookie home run record with his 38th last Tuesday night in Seattle. He now has 25 this season against right-handers and 14 against lefties. It was his 22nd homer on the road and only his second home run this month.

McGwire, whose homer gave him 89 runs batted in, already has established an Oakland record for most homers by a right-handed hitter and still needs eight more to tie teammate Reggie Jackson for the club's all-time single-séason mark. Jacksen hit 47 in 1969.



LESSON FOR LETTERMAN: Minnesota Twins knuckleballer Joe Niekro gives TV talk-show host David Letterman some tips on pitching during an appearance Friday night on Letterman's "Late Night" show. Niekro is currently serving a 10-day suspension for tampering with the ball during a game against the California Angeles in Anaheim, Calif., last week.

### **Bad** weather delays Tele's ISC semifinal

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan -Cedar Rapids Teleconnect's International Softball Congress World Tournament championship-bracket semifinal game against the Coors Silver Bullets of Aurora, Ill., was postponed due to heavy rains Friday in Saskatoon.

The game had been rescheduled for this morning at 11 a.m., Iowa

Teleconnect (51-12) will put Michael White in the pitching circle against the Siver Bullets. White is 26-6 on the season and 3-0 at the

Coors (52-26) will counter with Chris Nicholas, 24-7 for the year and 3-0 at the tournament. Neither pitcher has allowed a run in 21 innings at the ISC meet.

White has mixed in seven hits with 38 strike outs and only two walks. Nicholas has allowed just five hits with 43 strike outs and five

Should Teleconnect win, it will play the winner of The Farm Tavern (Madison, Wisc.)-Pride (Decatur, Ill.) game in the winner's bracket final at 6:15 tonight. Should it lose to Coors, it will play Strohs-Gatsby of St. Paul, Minn. in a 3:45 p.m.