# New Tomczak has new goal: starting

By Don Pierson Chicago Tribune

MIAMI—The Bears open a new preseason in a new stadium with a new quarterback Sunday night.

Mike Tomczak's name is old,

but his game is newly bold. "I'm trying to take control,"

Tomczak said. "The big thing I see is his confi-

dence level has gone up tremendously," said coach Mike Ditka.

How this could happen after last season is a mystery. Tomczak started seven games last year and the Bears won all seven. Yet Ditka sat him down in favor of newcomer Doug Flutie in the most important game—the playoff loss to Washington.

The Bears might have been winning with Tomczak, but somehow he made Ditka uncomfortable with inconsistent mechanics and five times as many interceptions (10) as touchdown passes (2).

Tomczak called the demotion "disappointing," but he refused to be discouraged. The third-year free agent from Ohio State dedicated himself to new and more intense off-season training than ever before. He reported to camp 10 pounds heavier, throws the ball 10 yards farther and acts 10 feet tall.

'He seems so much more in control. He feels better about being in the huddle, and the club has responded to him better," Ditka said.

So when the Bears face the Miami Dolphins Sunday night on ESPN's first National Football League cable telecast in new Joe Robbie Stadium, Tomczak has new goal in mind.

"A starting job," he said. Making the team is no longer Tomczak's primary concern, even though he was written off the roster by many observers as soon as the club drafted Michigan's Jim Harbaugh No. 1. Tomczak wants to start, and not just because Jim McMahon's shoulder may take longer to heal than had been

"He knows he has a legitimate chance to start all year because of Jim's condition," said tight end Emery Moorehead. "He knows his stuff better than Doug or Jim right now, and the team knows he knows it."

"I know if I play my best that I'll be on this team," Tomczak

"But he will be no better than his protection," warned Ditka, who is worried about depth in his injury-weakened offensive line.

Ditka hopes to get both Flutie and Harbaugh into the game. He said one of them might start next week. He expects Tomczak to play a half, but he'll "have to hold onto his hat" if he is playing behind the second-team offensive line.

Tomczak will face other potential problems, including crowd noise and an experimental 40-second clock that Ditka fears and

Joe Robbie Stadium is the \$100 million miracle built from skybox and club seat revenue and Dolphin owner Robbie's intestinal fortitude. It is the prototype in the dreams of Bears owner Michael McCaskey.

It will be filled with 74,993 fans, some of whom will be screaming for the Dolphins and others who have been screaming that their seats aren't as good as the ones they had in the Orange Bowl. If not, Robbie can argue they are at least a couple of inches wider.

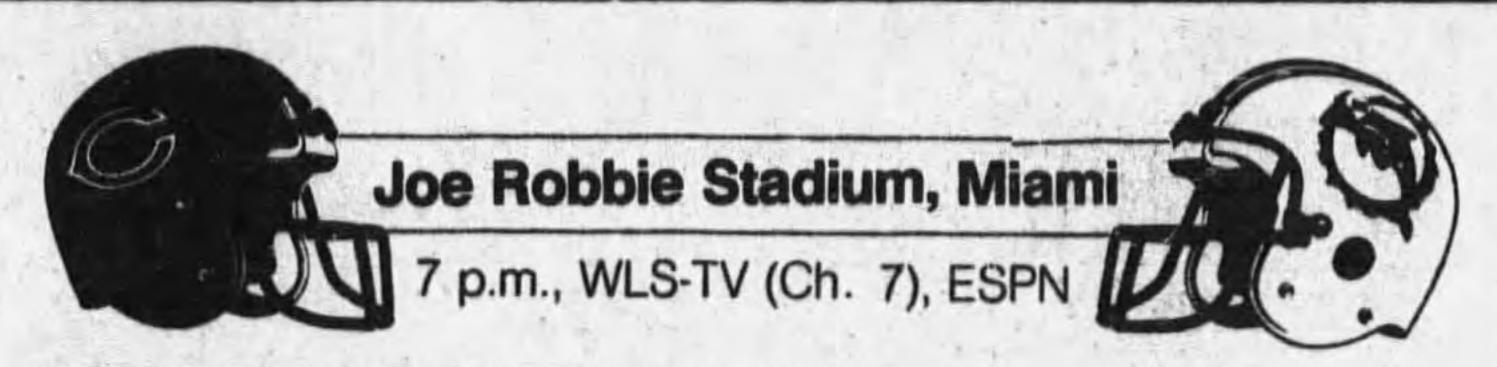
The 10,214 club seats cost from \$600 to \$1,400 a year and provide the innovative base for Robbie's financing plan. They are 2 inches wider than other seats in the stadium, apparently to satisfy the fat cats who pay for them. There are other advantages, such as a stadium club featuring "better food and beverage service" than skinnier patrons get.

"I don't know how many people build new stadiums, but I think this will be a big game for Miami, on national TV," Ditka said.

The game is the first to be televised by cable as part of ESPN's new contract with the National Football League, and will be shown live by both ESPN and WLS-TV (Channel 7).

The 40-second clock, another effort to speed up games, was passed by owners as an experiment for the first three exhibitions. It allows 40 seconds between plays regardless of how far

**Bears at Miami** 



Tickets: None available. Sellout of 74,993.

Radio-TV: WGN (720 AM) Wayne Larrivee, Jim Hart, Hub Arkush. ESPN (cable) Mike Patrick, Roy Firestone, Dick Butkus. WLS-TV (Channel 7).

Game: Bears' first preseason game.

Last meeting: Dec. 2, 1985. Dolphins ruin Bears' perfect season with 38-24 victory in Orange Bowl. Last preseason game was in 1975 when Dolphins won 21-10 in Orange Bowl.

Weterans to watch: Quarterbacks Mike Tomczak and Doug Flutie both will play. Only one is expected to make the team. WR Dennis McKinnon will make first appearance since Super Bowl.

Rookies to watch: Quarterback Jim Harbaugh will play. Receiver Ron Morris has looked good in camp. Miami's No. 1 rookie, defensive lineman John Bosa, remains unsigned.

**Key matchups:** Bear cornerbacks Vestee Jackson and Reggie Phillips vs. Dolphin receivers Mark Clayton and Mark Duper. Facing QB Dan Marino and Dolphin receivers is a big test for Bears' strength at cornerback. Bears' injury-weakened offensive line vs. Dolphins' defense that finished 27th in league against rush last year. -

Injuries: Dolphins: OT Jon Giesler (knee), OT Ronnie Lee (knee), TE Dan Johnson (foot). Bears: CB Reggie Phillips (hamstring) C Jay Hilgenberg (shoulder), G Kurt Becker (foot), OT Keith Van Horne (leg), QB Jim McMahon (shoulder), TE Tim Wrightman (knee), G Stefan Humphries (thigh).

downfield a receiver might run. The usual 30-second clock was started by officials after receivers returned to the line of scrimmage.

Already, coaches have complained after the first week of exhi-

"I bet we have big problems," Ditka said. "I hope they [owners] don't pass it. We have enough problems getting plays in right now. It's not something coaches voted on. We would have vetoed

Tomczak is only one of several players Ditka will be watching closely. Opening preseason games are notoriously sloppy and confusing because coaches want to see most of the players on their unwieldy rosters.

Ditka will look at Neal Anderson at fullback, and Dennis McKinnon and No. 2 draft choice Ron Morris at flanker. Walter Payton will play two series at the most, Ditka said.

Ditka hopes second-year tackle Paul Blair, No. 6 center John Adickes and No. 7 tackle Archie Harris can help protect the quarterbacks while tackle Keith Van Horne, center Jay Hilgenberg and backup guards Kurt Becker and Stefan Humphries nurse injuries.

Among Tomczak's improvements is a quicker release, which may benefit him in the absence of protection.

Strength and conditioning coach Clyde Emrich suggested rope jumping and a boxing speed bag to increase Tomczak's hand-eye coordination and quickness.

"I have noticed I get a quicker release and more velocity on the ball," Tomczak said.

The mechanics Ditka stressed involved mainly footwork. Tomczak was throwing too much off his front leg, relying too much on his arm and aiming balls. He said quarterback coach Greg Landry has been a big help.

The drafting of Harbaugh was no more of a blow to Tomczak than losing his job to Flutie. Tomczak reacted the way most Ohio State players do when confronted by Michigan.

"People asked if I was upset, but didn't have any control over that," Tomczak said. "Why should worry about it? Why should lose sleep over it?"

Both quarterbacks are sons of coaches and no strangers to hard

"I said to myself, 'I can go out and practice five hours a day, but if I only work hard one hour, it's not a good workout," Tomczak said. "I would throw 25 of 30 good passes and say, 'I want to throw 30 out of 30."

# Bears say Carter draft sets a bad precedent

MIAMI-When Ohio State's ineligible receiver, Cris Carter, goes into the National Football League's next supplemental draft,

expected soon, the Bears will ig-

nore him. "My recommendation is to not touch him," said Bill Tobin, the Bears' vice president of player per-

It's not that Tobin doesn't think Carter is a good prospect. He concedes that some clubs think he has first-round ability. Tobin's decision is based on principle. He is more worried about the future than the present.

Carter was kicked off Ohio State's team because he took money from an agent, Norby Walters. Currently under a grand jury investigation in Chicago, Walters has suggested that both NFL scouts and college coaches are involved in the premature recruiting of underclassmen by agents.

This makes the colleges so mad that they have started to ban scouts from their campuses. Already, Tobin has more than a halfdozen letters in his files from colleges restricting visits by pro

One, from Alabama coach Bill Curry, begins: "Due to recent developments . . . "

It makes Tobin mad, too.

"I want the Bo Schembechlers and Joe Paternos to know the Bears are not interested in their underclassmen," Tobin said. "I hope they distinguish between the Bears and teams that draft them."

The Carter case is different from this year's earlier supplemental draft of Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth. It also is different from the supplemental draft two years ago of Cleveland quarterback Bernie Kosar.

Both Bosworth and Kosar graduated from college before exhausting their eligibility, thus making themselves available to the pros according to rules the NFL has followed since George Halas wrote

Halas once said the league's decision to leave underclassmen alone was his most important accomplishment. It has served both the colleges and pros well, protecting the college programs and providing the pros with a ready-made minor league.

"Why fix something if it's not broken?" Tobin asked. "I am disappointed in our lawyers."

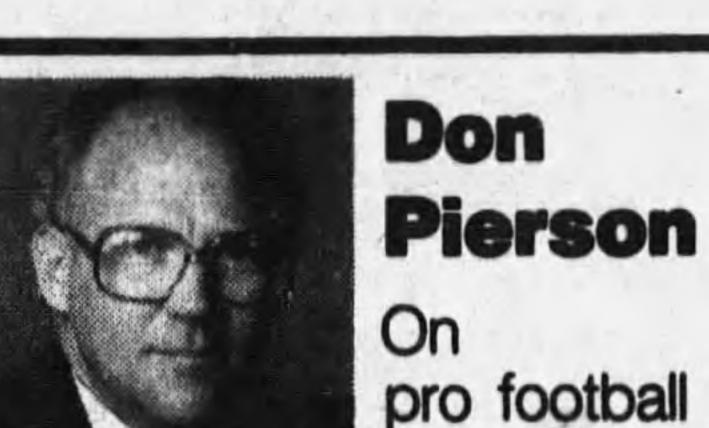
Because the NFL fears an antitrust lawsuit, Commissioner Pete Rozelle is expected to grant petitions for a supplemental draft by Carter and by Pitt running back Charles Gladman, who refused to cooperate in NCAA and school investigations into the Walters case and was ruled ineligible.

The league doesn't want to let Carter or Gladman in this year, but it believes the decision is the lesser of two evils.

In a year when NFL players are considering a strike over free agency, the league doesn't need a judge to once again strike down the draft as an illegal restraint on an employee's right to sell his servic-

But a supplemental draft for Carter and Gladman nevertheless worries Tobin and others in the league as setting a dangerous pre-

Dallas Cowboys President Tex Schramm said: "I don't feel the league should be put into a position of changing our structure to accommodate everybody who is creating a situation that can terminate their college eligibility. Any-



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body that wants to can take money. They can go rob a 7-Eleven store and get thrown out of school. I don't think we have any obligation to continue the supplemental draft to take care of everybody who manages to make himself ineligible."

New Orleans Saints General Manager Jim Finks also calls a draft for Carter "wrong."

"It could open a Pandora's box, but it's a very delicate situation. We have been fortunate to be able to maintain our ability to insist that all players complete their eligibility," Finks said. "But if everybody who is ineligible demands to be drafted, where does it

Tobin wants it stopped short of the Bears. Like other scouts, he and his staff have worked hard to develop good rapport with college coaches. It is imperative for Tobin, Jim Parmer, Don King and Rod Graves to have access to practices, film rooms, trainers and assistant coaches in evaluating tal-

No other NFL team has a better drafting record than the Bears over the last 10 years, and it is no accident. If colleges refuse to cooperate, Tobin said it will make it almost impossible to get a good handle on middle-round draft choices especially.

"We don't need the Cris Carters," Tobin said. "I have seen only one underclassman who was ready physically to play in the NFL right away, and that was Herschel Walker."

The Bears stayed away from Iowa State's Tracy Henderson of suburban Maywood when he was in a supplemental draft because of disciplinary action.

The Bears also ignored Arizona State's David Fulcher, who was ruled ineligible because of grades and now starts for the Cincinnati

If a kid can't conform to the rules in college, Tobin figures he won't conform to the rules as a pro. When he hears that Cris Carter took money from an agent, a red light flashes in his head.

"It indicates he has chinks in his armor, in his personality and character," Tobin said.

"I'm sure our lawyers are getting big bucks to make this decision, but that still doesn't make us have to draft them."

On the supplemental draft for Carter and Gladman, the order of teams will be determined by weighted lottery.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will get 28 chances to be first because they finished 28th among teams. The Bears will get three chances because they finished third.

Tobin said he won't have a hard time convincing club President Michael McCaskey and coach Mike Ditka to ignore Carter if the Bears get a shot at him.

Tobin also has a solution for the whole problem:

"Standardized contracts for rookies. Everybody gets the same and then you're paid according to how you play. Then we wouldn't need agents."

## 3 Testaverde TD passes almost bail out Bucs

From Chicago Tribune wires

His new team didn't win, but Vinny Testaverde had himself some kind of debut as an NFL quarterback, even if was only just an exhibition game.

Boomer Esiason passed for two touchdowns Saturday night and the visiting Cincinnati Bengals held on for a 31-30 victory over Tampa Bay.

But the night—the fourth quarter, anyway—belonged to Testaverde, the Buccaneers' rookie who passed for three touchdowns in the final period to almost pull out the game.

Testaverde, the 1986 Heisman Trophy winner and the first pick in this year's NFL draft, rallied the Bucs from a 31-10 deficit with three scoring passes in the final 6 minutes 18 seconds. He threw TD passes of 10 yards to Ron Hall, 28 yards to Phil Freeman with 1:01 left and 40 yards to Bobby Bankston with :07 to play.

But Brian Blados' block of Donald Igwebuike's extra-point kick after the TD pass to Freeman proved to be the difference.

"I saw the fans starting to leave the stadium, and in the back of my mind I said to myself, 'They're going to miss a lot of action," said Testaverde.

Testaverde played the second half and passed for 233 yards on 16 completions in 29 attempts. The former University of Miami star was intercepted twice, once by Emanuel King, who returned it 10 yards for the touchdown that put Cincinnati up 31-10 with just over 11 minutes left.

#### ROUNDUP

Colts 22, Lions 19-Jack Trudeau threw a 13-yard TD pass to Roy Banks with :02 remaining to give Indianapolis the victory at Pontiac, Mich. Banks caught the ball in the far right corner of the end zone to cap an eight-play, 75yard drive. Trudeau, who replaced starter Gary Hogeboom, completed 6 of 8 passes for all 75 yards on the winning drive. For Detroit, Chuck Long was 16 for 30 for 205 yards and 3 touchdowns as Detroit erased a 13-0 deficit. Long threw scoring strikes of 59 yards to Eric Truvillion and and 23 yards to Jeff Chadwick. Chadwick's second TD came with 5:53 left in the third quarter and gave Detroit its 19-15 lead.

Jets 13, Eagles 10-George Radachowsky intecepted a pass to set up Pat Leahy's 29-yard field goal with :29 left to give New York the victory at East Rutherford, N.J. Rookie Bobby Morse then returned the kickoff 65 yards to the Jets' 32, giving Philadelphia a chance to tie the score. However, Paul McFadden missed two attempts at a game-tying field goal. He was wide right on a 57yard attempt, but got another chance when he was roughed by Don Baldwin. His 47-yard attempt missed again, also to the right.

Falcons 19, Bills 14-Turk Schonert came off the bench in the fourth quarter at Atlanta and threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Stacey Bailey, and Mick Luckhurst kicked four field goals



Indianapolis cornerback Willie Tullis intercepts a Chuck Long pass during the Colts' 22-19 victory over the Detroit Lions Saturday.

to help the Falcons win their preseason opener. Schonert hit on four passes without a miss for 60 yards in the winning drive.

Saints 23, Vikings 17—Barry Word, who sat out last season because of his involvement with drug dealing at the University of Virginia, scored the go-ahead TD at New Orleans on an 11-yard run with 2:57 left. The Saints overcame a 17-3 deficit.

Browns 31, Cardinals 16-Gerald McNeil, nicknamed "Ice Cube" for his 5-foot-7-inch, 147pound frame, returned a punt 55

vards for one TD and caught a 7yard scoring pass from Mike Pagel for the go-ahead points in a 10minute span of the third quarter

Chargers 29, Cowboys 0-Kevin Scott ran 74 yards for the final touchdown at San Diego after quarterback Mark Herrmann-starting in place of the injured and disgruntled Dan Fouts—threw a 17-yard TD pass for the first one. Fouts, who has a bad back, and Chargers management are feuding over Fouts' contract status. Owner Alex Spanos has threatened to trade him.

### **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

### 1986 Illini MVP Keith Jones suffers stress fracture in foot

large part of its running attack Saturday when starting tailback Keith Jones suffered a stress fracture in his right foot.

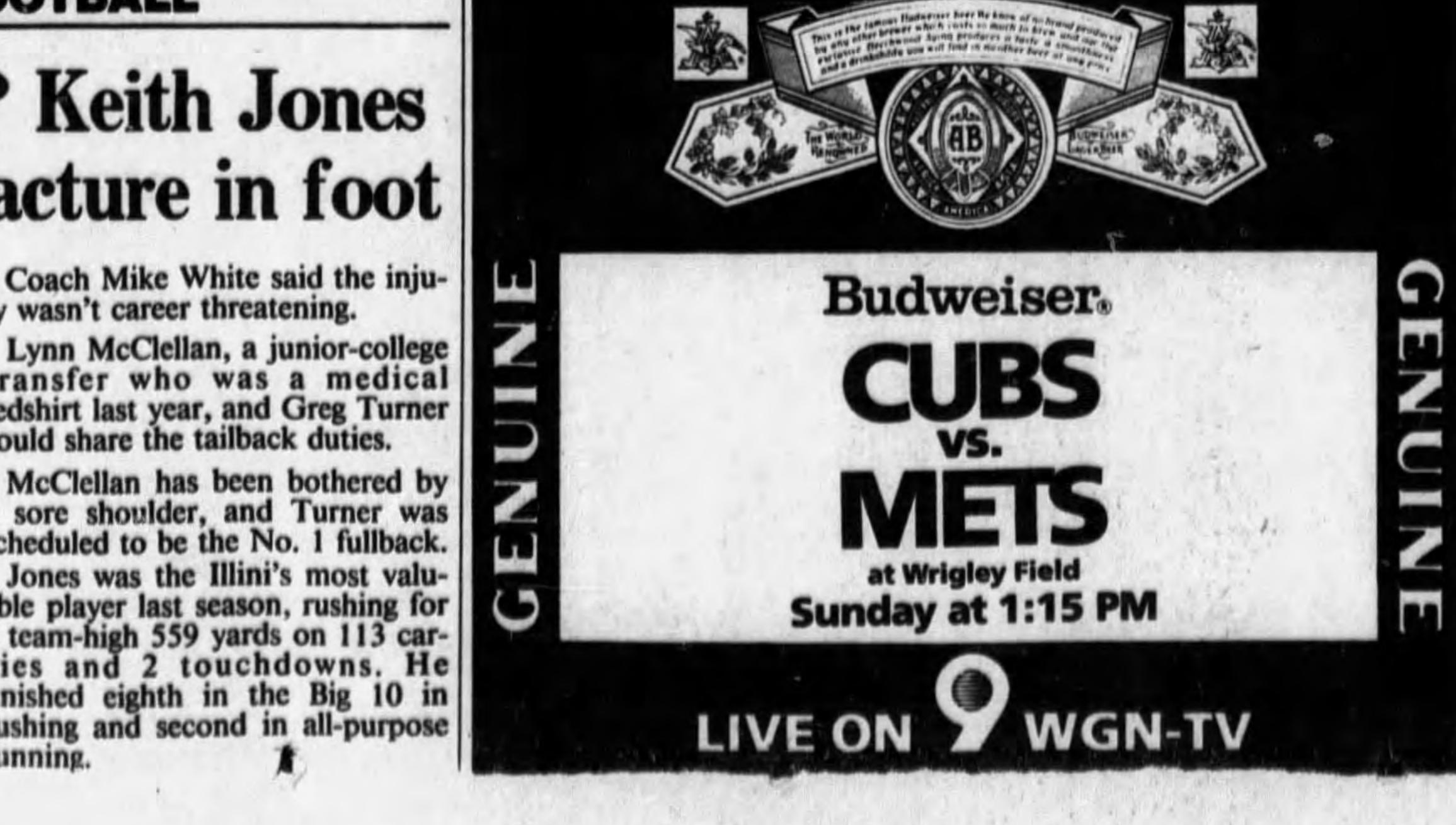
The injury occurred during some noncontact drills. Jones had surgery on the foot at Carle Hospital in Urbana, with doctors inserting a pin. The foot will be in a cast.

A school spokesman wasn't sure how long the junior will be out, but he is almost certain to miss the nonconference games againt North Carolina, Arizona State and Easts Carolina.

CHAMPAIGN—Illinois lost a Coach Mike White said the injury wasn't career threatening.

Lynn McClellan, a junior-college transfer who was a medical redshirt last year, and Greg Turner could share the tailback duties.

a sore shoulder, and Turner was scheduled to be the No. 1 fullback. Jones was the Illini's most valuable player last season, rushing for a team-high 559 yards on 113 carries and 2 touchdowns. He finished eighth in the Big 10 in rushing and second in all-purpose



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