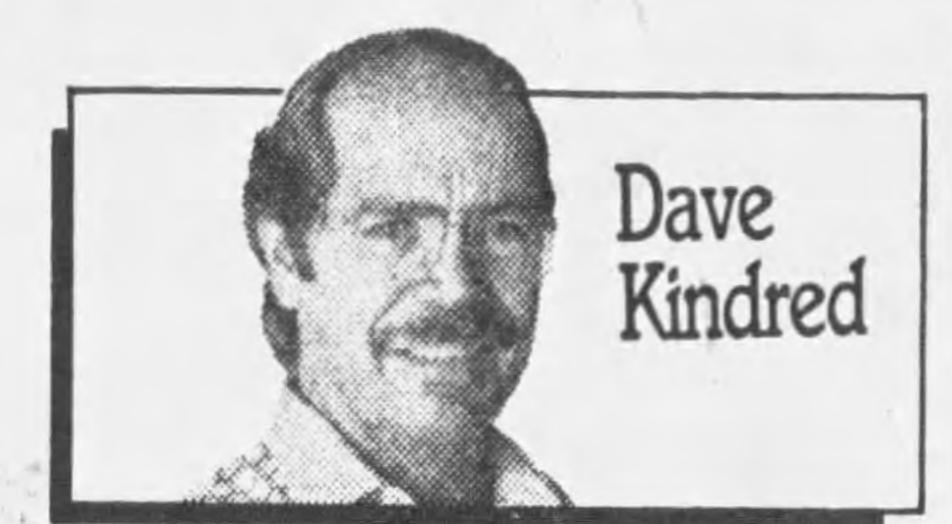
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Pan Am's the place for going bananas

INDIANAPOLIS - So the tourist unpacked all his shirts for the four days in the heart of America, only to discover that besides the normal quotient of wrinkles, creases and week-old catsup deposits, the total of all his shirts came to ... one

OK, let's go buy a T-shirt at the Pan American Games official souvenir shop. You can tell it's official because everywhere you look, there's a silly bird, the Pan Am mascot named Amigo. This bird is a sorry sight, his feathers a green gone bad. Perhaps a condor with jaundice is uglier than Amigo, but not so you'd notice.

Anyway, the tourist went to the souvenir counter, peeled off \$12 and walked away the happy owner of a Cuba T-shirt. (Alas, they had no Suriname shirts celebrating that country's motto, "A dirt wagon carries dirt, but it does not carry shame.")

More confident now that he would be a sartorial wonder the four days on these Midwest flats, the tourist turned his attention to the Pan Am Games, now two weeks old but only getting warmed up for the Hoosiers' game, basketball.

This day the US of A would go against Puerto Rico in the basketball semis. The Americans won their first five games by 29 points a night. Puerto Rico, good enough to be 4-1, yet figured to be more fodder for the Yanks.

Not so, as we shall see, but first the tourist walked toward Market Square Arena, the Hoosiers' playground somehow suspended above the streets of Indy-no-place. Pan Am banners festooned street-light poles. Little corner stands peddled bananas and apples. A man called out, "New Testament," and he held out the New Testament with the official Pan Am logo on the corner.

Curtain hides 10,000 empty seats

A festive atmosphere it wasn't. This was mid-afternoon on a workday. These were the Pan Am Games. Tickets have sold slowly. The tourist wondered why a curtain hung from Market Square's ceiling into the seats.

"So you can't see 10,000 empty seats," a man said. Only a terminally hoop-crazed Hoosier would shell out the required \$270 for four days' worth of medal-round games in which he might risk laying eyes on Belize, puh-leeze.

Just over 7,000 customers, twice the average crowd for U.S. games here, saw the Americans survive a Puerto Rico challenge. It was 80-75 and in doubt the last six minutes as Puerto Rico moved from 13 down to two down.

"We couldn't get our offense into the flow," said Willie Anderson, the Georgia guard who had 10 points, five rebounds and three assists in 19 minutes. "Coach (Denny) Crum told me he depends on me for the top spark off the bench. That's what I try to do, but today I got a little impatient."

Anderson's good work stabilized the U.S. offense, but late in the game he lost a dribble and put up an unwise three-point try. Then it was left to David Robinson, the world's tallest submariner, and Danny Manning to score the Yanks' last dozen points.

From the cliff's edge, the U.S. was saved the embarrassment of losing on Bobby Knight's turf to Puerto Rico, the commonwealth where Knight is everyone's favorite fugitive.

Taking a slap at Bobby Knight

During the 1979 Pan Am Games in Puerto Rico, Knight was arrested (and convicted in absentia, then sentenced to six months). A policeman said Knight slapped him.

Well, the world turns and darned if Puerto Rico doesn't come to Knight's backyard and almost beat the mighty US of A. Someone asked Puerto Rico coach Armandito Torres about the irony.

"I have forgotten about Bobby Knight," Torres said, smiling, "until you just brought him back to my memory." Knight is not so important, the coach suggested, that anyone in Puerto Rico thinks about him. Next question.

The tourist has a question: Where do all the bananas come from?

They're on street corners here, they're in restaurants, they're even for sale at newsstands. Bananas are such a Pan Am staple that a sportswriter sat down to dinner and discovered, next table over, the actress whose life's work is the portrayal of Miss Chiquita Banana, banana spokesperson extraordinaire.

The sportswriter said, "You're Miss

Chiquita Banana!" She said, in a voice that left severe freezer-burn on the sportswriter, "Miss

Chiquita only. No 'Banana."'

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Dye 'sick' about NFL's special draft

By David Davidson College Editor

The NFL's decision to admit two players ruled ineligible by the NCAA for their dealings with agents "could open the floodgates" and ruin what has been a mutually fulfilling relationship between college and pro football, Auburn football coach Pat Dye said Thursday.

"I get nauseated when I think about the repercussions from this thing," Dye said. "I'm sick to my stomach. I don't know where it will lead college football."

It looks to me like this could open the floodgates to college players going into the NFL

- Pat Dye

NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle ruled Wednesday that the league will conduct a supplemental draft Aug. 28 for Ohio State

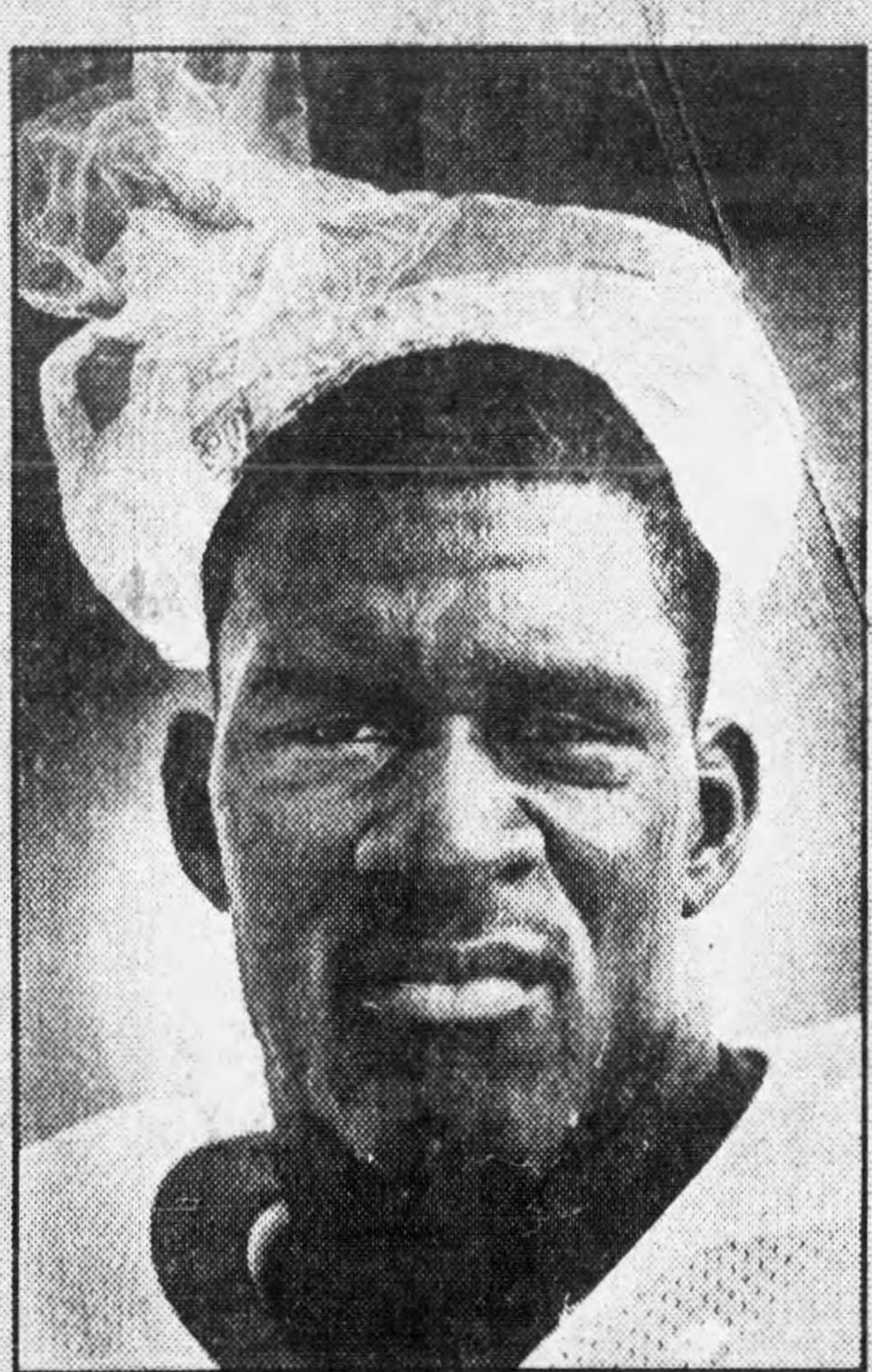
wide receiver Cris Carter and University of Pittsburgh running back Charles Gladman. Carter and Gladman were declared ineligible for their senior seasons this fall after it was reported they had signed contracts with agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom. Their signings violated NCAA rules.

"It looks to me like this could open the floodgates to college players going into the NFL early," Dye said. "We've got some guys who have all the aspirations of playing pro football who are vulnerable as the devil but who are never going to be good enough to play in the NFL."

Dye and other college coaches, plus some officials in the NFL, are concerned that the ruling will be interpreted as offering an easy way for players to gain early entry to the NFL. Underclassmen could become eligible for the NFL, the theory goes, by intentionally breaking an NCAA rule to lose their college eligibility. Dye also raised the possibility that players who are declared academically ineligible could flee to the NFL.

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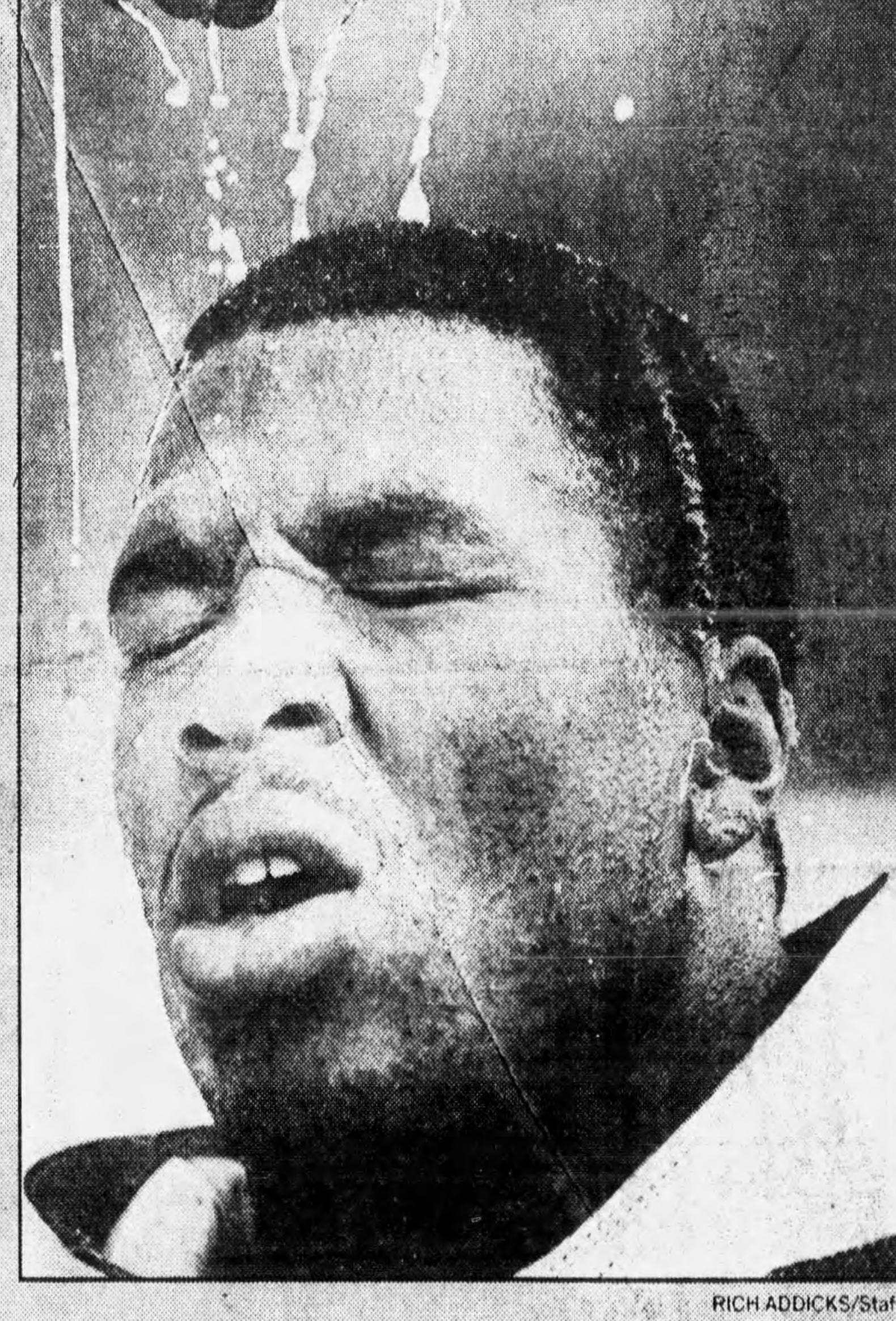
BEATING THE TWO-A-DAY HEAT



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ATHENS — These two-a-day football practices can require creative ways to cool off. Georgia defensive end Mike Guthrie (right) opts for a squeeze from a soaked tow- uses a spray from a pressurized water jug.

el, while linebacker Demetrius Douglas (top left) goes for an ice bag and running back Alphonso Ellis (bottom left)

U.S. men survive in basketball

Results, Page 8-E Pan Am Notes, Page 13-E Griffin shows power, Page 13-E By Bud Shaw Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS - Bobby Knight won't go to Puerto Rico so Puerto Rico came to Bobby Knight's home state, where government policy does not allow the extradition of any citizen if he happens to coach the Indiana Hoosiers.

Until Thursday, the last time the U.S. and Puerto Rico were so competitively entwined was the 1979 Pan Am Games in San Juan. That's where Knight was involved in a confrontation with Puerto Rican police and later convicted, in absentia, for assault and battery. Ever since, Puerto Rico has wanted Knight extradited to serve, as Dick Vitale might say, a little "j.t." — jail time.

When Puerto Rico's national team trotted out Thursday to play the U.S., Pan Am favorites in any language, Bobby Knight was fishing in Montana. The reverberations of what almost happened would have reached him there.

The Americans' lead was a mere basket with 36 seconds remaining and they managed to win by just five points, 80-75, after a handful of games in which their average margin of victory was 29 points. The near loss was watched by a small crowd (7,157) at Market Square Arena, where the noisiest fans were waving Puerto Rican flags. The U.S., now 6-0, plays the gold medal game Sunday against Brazil.

If Puerto Rico can't have Knight's body, it seemed intent on extracting a pound of humiliation Thursday.

"I don't know why Bobby Knight is so important to you," said head coach Armandito Torres, "because we don't care about Bobby Knight. I had forgotten about Bobby Knight until you just brought him back to my memory.

Torres did not look pleased at either the question or the memory. But there's little doubt the Puerto Rican basketball federation had been thinking of Knight. One reason it named Alabama-Birmingham's Gene

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Acker gets a rare win; Cubs howl in protest

Braves Beat, Page 8-E By Gerry Fraley Staff Writer

The year-long slump has ended for Jim Acker. He won Thursday night and is throwing well enough to be accused of cheating.

The scuffed-ball allegations of Chicago Cubs manager Gene Michael became the central moment of the Braves' 13-4 victory at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. Michael's claims against Acker brought a wild mood swing to the Braves and overshadowed:

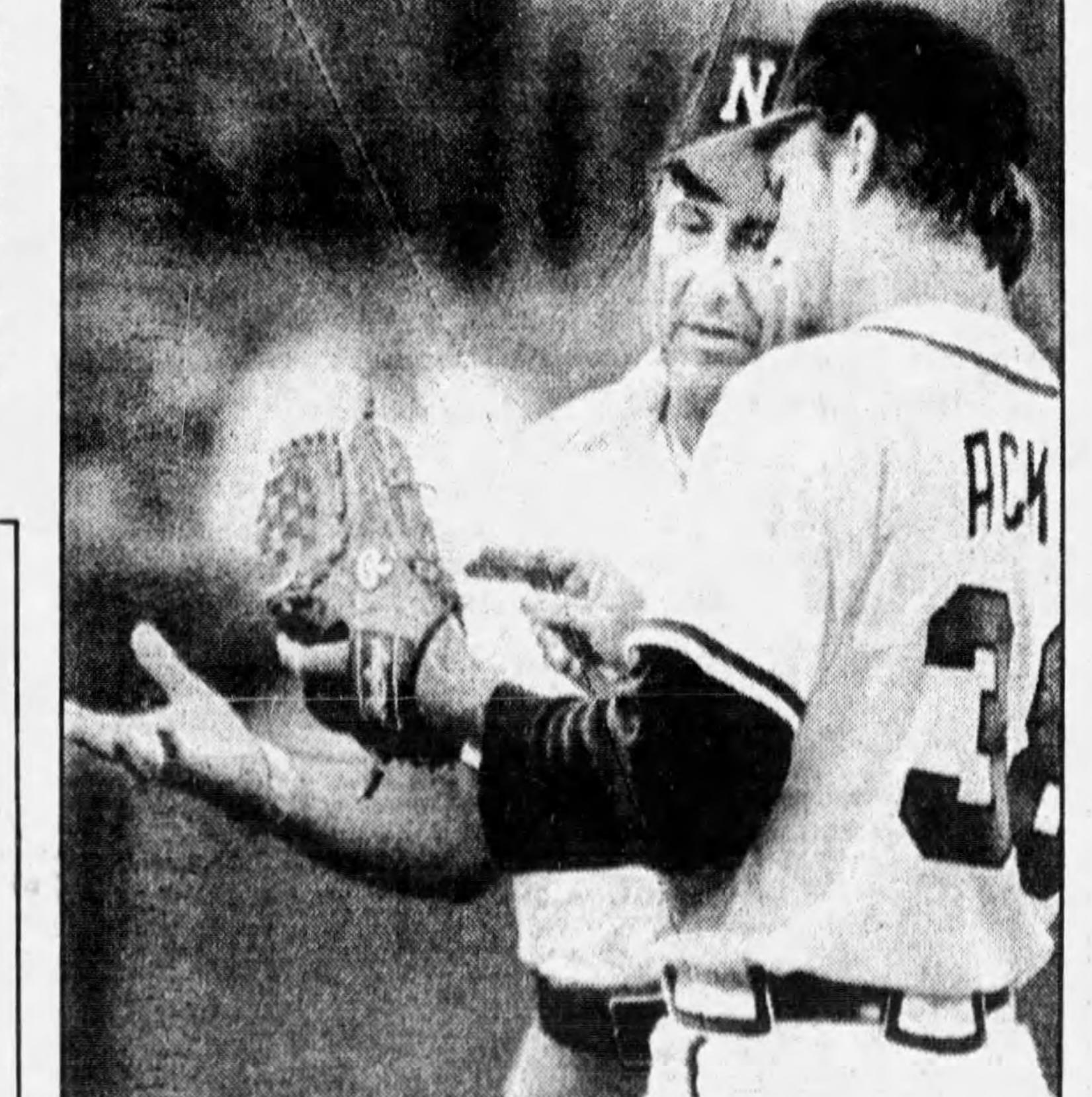
■ The Heroic. Gary Roenicke lifted the Braves with a two-homer, five-RBI performance. After a

moribund start, Roenicke has eight homers in his last 59 at-bats.

■ The Historic. Acker won for the first time since Aug. 21, 1986. He had 11 consecutive losses in 57 appearances since that faintly remembered victory, which came against the Cubs. Acker had to come clean through two friskings by the umpires and one showdown with Andre Dawson to get the win.

■ The Comic. The teams combined to walk 17. Acker won despite walking five in 23/3 innings. During the first Michael-caused delay of the sixth,

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JOHN SPINK/Staff

Umpire Dick Stello examines Jim Acker's glove in the sixth inning, when the Cubs twice accused Acker of scuffing the ball. Stello found no foul play, and Acker earned his first win in a year.

Dogs' Brantley pulls hamstring

Freshmen promoted, Page 7-E By Thomas O'Toole Staff Writer

ATHENS - On a day when he finally began to feel encouraged about his unit, Georgia defensive coordinator Bill Lewis watched star inside linebacker John Brantley being helped off the field with a hamstring injury.

Brantley, a three-year starter from Wildwood, Fla., stretched fibers in his left hamstring during Thursday afternoon's practice. According to trainer Warren Morris, Brantley could miss at least a week. The Bulldogs' first game is Sept. 5 at home against Virginia.

"Well he didn't tear it in two," said Morris. "But he stretched some fibers. How much, we aren't sure. It will be a week-to-week thing. He'll be wanting to go. We'll test him next

week, and then see how it is."

This is the fifth hamstring injury suffered by the Bulldogs this week. Head coach Vince Dooley said he wants a study done by his staff to determine if there are any common denomi-

Defensive guard Paul Giles, a part-time starter, could miss at least three weeks with a hamstring pull. The others, with less serious pulls, are No. 2 tight end Kirk Warner, fullback Hiawatha Berry and offensive guard Rob Wain-

A hamstring injury during spring practice to tight end Troy Sadowski sidelined him four weeks.

"Last year knee injuries were fashionable,"

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PRO BEAT

Campbell says club will not trade any unsigned veterans



Atlanta Falcons coach Marion Campbell said Thursday he is "not entertaining any thoughts of trades" for any unsigned players. Agent Robert Fraley, who represents unsigned defensive end Mike Pitts, said Wednesday the Denver Broncos had made an offer for his client. Although that contention was denied by Falcons director of player person-

hel Ken Herock, sources indicate another unnamed team has made an offer for Pitts, a fifth-year, former No. 1 pick from Alabama. Herock said the team is not Green Bay, which he admitted Thursday also previpusly expressed interest along with Denver. But Campbell said, "I'm just not entertaining any thoughts of trades (with unsigned players). I haven't been on the phone. I haven't called anyone." Also on the Falcons' unsigned list are veteran wide receiver Charlie Brown and rookie quarterback Chris Miller. Asked whether the situation had reached the critical stage with Pitts and Brown, Campbell said, "I think any time a player misses this much time, it hurts - definitely if you're challenging for a starting job." Campbell said any holdout returning to the team at this stage "has really got to make a big entrance." Falcons chief financial officer Jim Hay said he spoke Thursday with both Fraley and agent Roger Kirschenbaum, who represents Brown, but reported no progress. ... Training camp roommates Gerald Riggs and Cliff Austin were vic-

tims of a burglary at their Falcon Inn hotel room Aug. 12. Suwanee police are investigating the loss of a watch and gold chain owned by Riggs, valued at about \$1,500, and a gold chain owned by Austin, worth approximately \$800. ... Meanwhile, Riggs and Austin are having physical problems, too. With injuries to Riggs (shoulder), Austin (shoulder, groin) and Kenny Flowers (hamstring), Campbell's starting backfield is somewhat of a mystery for Saturday night's 8:30 p.m. EDT game at Kansas City. Riggs, who bruised his shoulder in the Miami scrimmage Aug. 8 and aggravated it against Buffalo, is wearing a special pad. Campbell said Thursday he would base the players' availability on a meeting with trainer Jerry Rhea. Campbell said that "if there's any possibility of a problem at all" with Riggs, he would not play. Flowers practiced fully Thursday and termed himself fit enough to play after missing workouts early in the week. ... Campbell said rookie linebacker Jessie Tuggle of Valdosta State will get "a big, heavy load" at right outside linebacker because of a toe injury bothering starter Joel Wil-

- Glenn Sheeley

Jays' interest in Palmer cools; Twins in picture?



News from the trade front: Toronto has tabled talks with the Atlanta Braves concerning pitcher David Palmer. The Blue Jays are now interested in Los Angeles righthander Alejandro Pena. The Braves are continuing talks with the New York Yankees, who had scout Bill Livesey at Thurs-

- day's game. Minnesota has re-entered the picture. Bob Gebhard, the Twins' director of minor-league personnel, has attended the last two games. Like everyone else, the Twins want pitching help.

... Derek Lilliquist, the Braves' first-round pick in the June draft, could quickly reach the majors. In his first Class A start, Lilliquist allowed three hits and one earned run while striking out 12 in eight innings Thursday night as Durham, N.C., defeated Lynchburg, Va., 8-2 in a Carolina League game. In three minor-league starts, Lilliquist has allowed one earned runs and six hits in 21 innings while striking out 28 and walking five. . . . The Braves signed two more high school pitchers taken in the June draft: David Nied of Duncanville, Texas, and Dennis Burlingame of Swedesboro, N.J. Nied, who had taken a baseball scholarship with Oklahoma State, was 12-1 with a 0.88 ERA in his last year of high school play.

- Gerry Fraley

Raiders agree to build stadium in suburbs

The Associated Press



OXNARD, Calif. - Los Angeles Raiders owner Al Davis signed an agreement Thursday to build a football stadium in Irwindale, Calif., where the Raiders will begin playing their NFL home games "as soon as possible," the club announced.

Davis was given a \$10 million non-refundable advance by representatives of Irwindale - an industrial city of 1,000 located about 25 miles east of Los Angeles - as part of a \$115 million loan to build a 65,000-seat stadium on a gravel

"It is difficult to establish a specific time frame with the number of variables involved in building a stadium," said John Herrera, the Raiders' director of special projects. "But we'd like to be in there as soon as possible."

The Raiders have been looking for an alter-

native to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum since plans fell through last April for a stadium renovation project involving luxury boxes. The Raiders, who moved to Los Angeles from Oakland in 1982, have a lease to play home games in the Coliseum through 1991.

Ditka to fine McMahon for absence

The Associated Press

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon skipped practice Thursday, and coach Mike Ditka said he would be fined for his absence.

"I didn't check his room, the bathroom or the closet," Ditka said. "I don't intend to. I checked the field and he wasn't there."

McMahon has been working to get back in shape after Dec. 12 shoulder surgery, but has been slowed by a sore muscle in his throwing

arm. Ditka said McMahon won't play against Pittsburgh in Saturday's exhibition.

Briefly . . .

The Associated Press

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Tommy Kramer pleaded innocent to a drunken driving charge in a case his lawyer called "the most publicized DWI case in the state of Minnesota." A pretrial hearing was set for Sept. 21. ... The Washington Redskins have waived placekicker Max Zendejas, who replaced veteran Mark Moseley last year but was ousted with one week remaining in the regular season after missing five field goals and five conversions in nine games. Jess Atkinson continues to hold the job. ... The New York Giants traded wide receiver Bobby Johnson to the San Diego Chargers for an undisclosed draft choice.

NFL

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Dye fears that agents will be "even more likely" to induce players to break NCAA rules.

"These agents think they're geniuses and can tell the ones who can make it and the ones who can't," Dye said. "But they don't know.

"Right now, all a kid has to do is take \$500 from an agent and he's free to go in the draft. Or if you discipline a kid for some reason, you may lose control of the situation. If the kid gets mad at the coach, all he has to do is sign with an agent, then he's eligible for the draft."

Pittsburgh coach Mike Gottfried and Ohio State coach Earle Bruce expressed similar concerns in unsuccessfully lobbying the NFL to deny an early draft to Gladman and Carter.

"I see it as a catch-22 situation," Georgia Tech coach Bobby Ross said Thursday. "Up until now, the NFL has shown a very strong cooperation with college football. They would not take players until fluence on them." their class had graduated.

a little concerned about what could happen with players deciding they want to do it that way. I don't think it is good for the young people. In a sense, it's saying if you do this (break a rule), you can be declared eligible for a supplemental draft. I think we have to turn to the NCAA for some leadership and direction in that area."

Said Dye, "Under the 25/95 rule sign a maximum of 25 players each year with an overall limit of 95 on scholarship at any time), if we start

Falcons alone in boycotting affiliate

By Susan Howard Staff Writer

The Atlanta Falcons are the only NFL team whose players currently are refusing interviews with their city's NBC affiliate because of the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians' strike against NBC.

The Washington Redskins had refused interviews to the NBC affiliate in Washington, D.C., but some players have abandoned that decision, according to Redskins spokesman Donny Tuck. Pittsburgh Steelers players have refused interviews to their NBC affiliate, but over a local labor dispute.

Falcons players voted Wednesday to refuse to grant interviews to WXIA-TV (Channel 11), the NBC affiliate in Atlanta.

Steve Smith, the news director at WXIA, said the station will not consider legal action against the Falcons. Instead, he is optimistic the Falcons might reverse their decision. "Since the Redskins reversed

their decision and said they will talk (to their NBC affiliate) maybe the Falcons will change their minds, too. In the meantime, we will continue to encourage them to talk to us despite their decision.

"We have a symbiotic relationship with the Falcons," Smith said. "Frankly, the Falcons have not been all that entertaining the past couple of seasons, and unless they're winning, nobody is going to care that much (if players refuse to give interviews)."

According to Mick Luckhurst, the Falcons' kicker and player representative, the team could reverse its decision if a player brings the issue up for another vote. "You just hope that this kind of thing doesn't last too long," he said. "We have no argument with the people at Channel 11 and this is not a personal vendetta against them."

Gene Upshaw, the president of the NFL Players Association, said his organization will continue to encourage other teams to vote for or practice similar restrictions against NBC affiliates until the network resolves its contractual dispute with NABET.

losing eight or 10 a year before their junior and senior seasons, we're going to be in trouble.

"It puts us constantly at war with agents to keep them from harassing our kids and having an in-

Dye used two Georgia players "Down the road you have to be who flunked out last year - running backs Tim Worley and Keith Henderson — as examples of a possible extension of the NFL ruling.

> "Probably neither one of them is ready mentally or physically to play in the NFL," Dye said, "but under this new NFL policy it looks like they could go in the draft."

Because of the NFL's decision to draft Carter and Gladman, Dye said, "I've got some serious prob-(Division I schools are allowed to lems with (NFL) scouts coming on

our campus and evaluating our players right now."

Pittsburgh's Gottfried, after learning of the NFL's decision, said he probably will bar NFL scouts from attending practices and contacting the school's athletes. The teams that draft Gladman and Carter definitely will be barred, Gottfried said.

Rozelle said he followed the advice of the league's legal counsel in deciding to allow Carter and Gladman to be drafted.

"Legal decision, my foot," Dye said. "Why has anybody got to hire somebody? What about the legal aspects of NCAA rules and regulations?

"Even if we went to a binding four-year scholarship (NCAA schol- said.

arships are for one-year periods), all a kid would have to do to get out of it would be to flunk out," Dye said. "I guess this is typical of the way things are being run in this country today as far as the legal system is concerned. It doesn't make any difference if something is right or wrong, ethical or unethical, best for the country or system or circumstances, all that matters is whether it will stand up in court.

"That really puts us in a sad state of affairs."

While the NFL has rarely accepted underclassmen, the NBA routinely accepts underclassmen who declare themselves available for the draft. "From what I understand, it's an ugly deal with basketball," Dye

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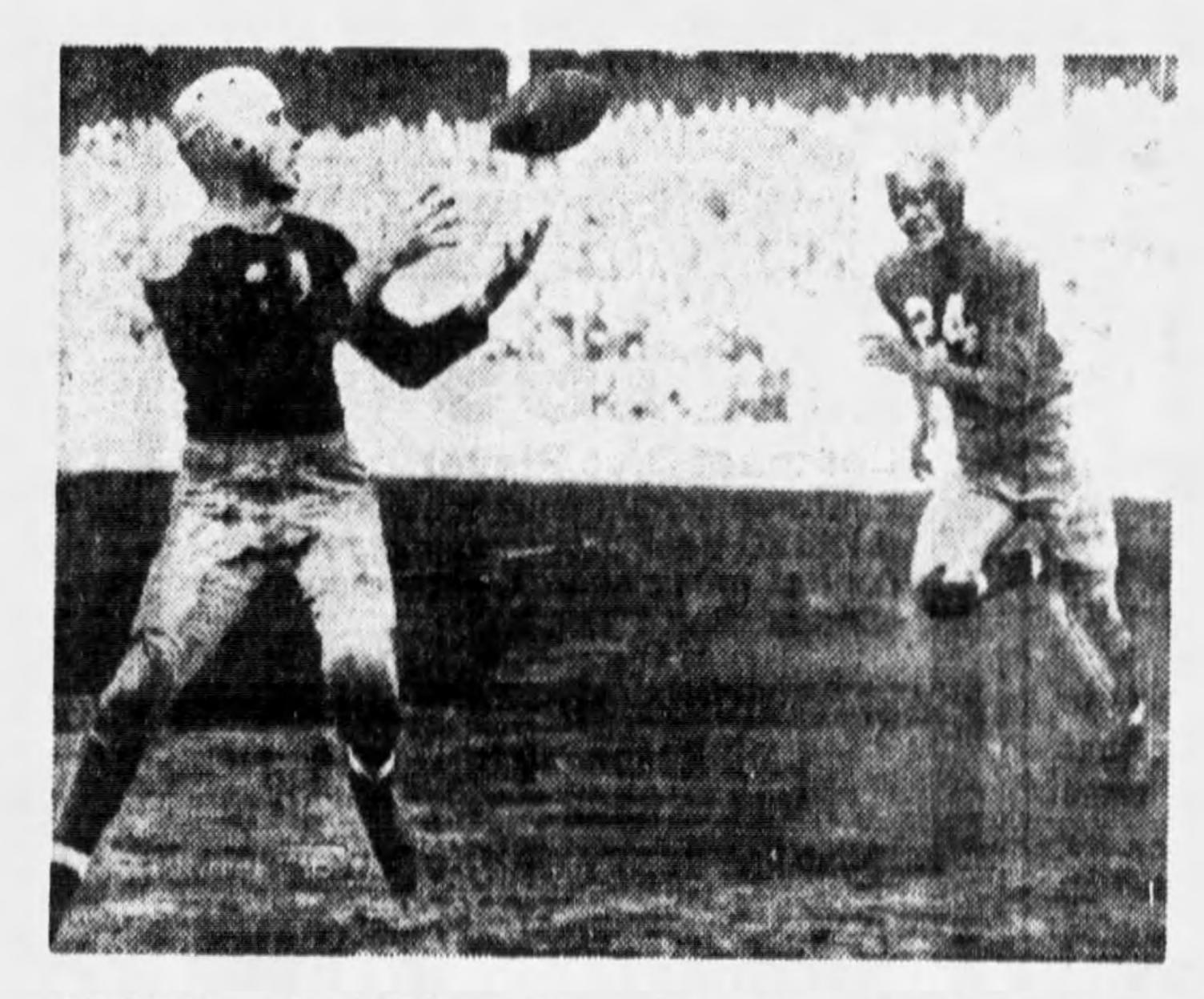
Professional Football: The Way It Was

He was warned by his friends that the game was full of "alcoholics and bums." But that didn't stop charter Hall of Famer Mel Hein from signing with the New York Giants in 1930—for \$150 a game. Forty-five years later, pro football is a multibillion dollar industry whose pioneers have largely been forgotten and neglected.

This Sunday, the Atlanta Journal and Constitution begins a four-part series on the early years of professional football. Staff writer Tony Barnhart interviewed 130 old-timers about the beginnings of the country's fall passion.

From the early days when college players often played under assumed names on pro teams and most of the teams were located in the Midwest, follow the progress of a sport that can now generate \$40 million in revenues for a single game.

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