

# Cancer Cases Prompt Calls for Tests

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the cancer rate in the East Rutherford area.

Giants player representative George Martin said he thought the players were taking the cases of cancer as coincidental. While there is not a panic among players or the staff to leave the Meadowlands, the team is concerned. Linebacker Harry Carson said after Saturday night's game that the **Lloyd** and Kotar cases contributed to his asking to be traded from the Giants in 1983.

"I think about it," Carson said of the cancer link. "It alters what I do in life."

Nelson was diagnosed late Friday as having lymphoma related to Hodgkin's disease. The tumor in his chest will be X-rayed and tested this week to determine a course of treatment. Warren said if the

tumor has been diagnosed early, there's a 90-95 percent chance that, with radiation treatment, the cancer can be eliminated.

"We're very upbeat," Warren said. "If you have to have a tumor in this area, this is probably a better one to have than many others . . . And there are no other palpable nodes [cancer cells]."

Nelson has no family history of cancer, Warren said. The doctor also said that this form of Hodgkin's disease commonly occurs in the third decade of men's lives.

Nelson probably won't play this year, Warren said. His future in football depends on whether the cancer has been detected early, which doctors won't know for about a week. If treatment is successful, Warren said "there's no real reason he couldn't go

back, depending on how he feels about it."

"Football, being all-pro, winning — they're nice," said Carson. "But what is that anyway? It's real temporary. We're talking about human life here."

"This," said guard Brad Benson, "gives everyone a sense of mortality."

Especially with the recent history being what it is. Warren tried to play down what could be more than a coincidence.

"I'm sure there's a lot of speculation about the environment and the area and that type of thing," Warren said. "In reality, we really don't know what causes malignancy of the lymph-node system . . . While there have been a couple of cases here in the past, I don't look at them as an environmental type of thing."

## Giants Beat Up

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games in the past two weeks, evaluating defensive backs and offensive linemen. Among those getting a hard look is Rod McSwain, the Patriots' third cornerback.

Hill, who hobbled off in the second quarter and spent the second half on crutches, yesterday was walking under his own power with only a slight limp. Williams, also injured in the second quarter, lay on the field for about five minutes before being taken off in a cart. "I'll be back some way, even if I have to crawl," Williams said after the game.

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Elvis Patterson, who has struggled during camp at cornerback, got a favorable review for his special-teams work. "I thought he did a real good job," Parcels said. "I was pleased with his play, but that's about all the special-teams play I was pleased with. We had a lot of new guys out there and it showed." The Browns had 132 yards in kick returns. The Giants had 22.



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U.S. basketball coach Denny Crum seems concerned as David Robinson fouls out with 6:04 to play.

## Brazil Shocks U.S. For Pan Am Gold

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we used experience and excitement." And the three-point shot.

After its 20-point lead late in the first half, the United States found itself the victim of an 11-0 Brazilian run in the first three minutes of the second half. Schmidt, who is 6-8½ and used to be a center but was shooting from binocular range, made three consecutive three-pointers and four in five tries during a rollicking 2½ minutes that put Brazil ahead for the first time at 83-81, again at 86-83 and at 89-85. "Any shot is a good shot," Schmidt proclaimed. "Any time."

And when it wasn't Schmidt hitting the United States over the head with those sledgehammer jumpers, it was Souza. The two of them scored all of Brazil's 23 points during the vital six minutes in which Brazil went from an 81-80 deficit to a 104-98 lead and took full command of the game with 5:04 to play. Robinson fouled out during the run but wasn't playing effectively in the second half, anyway.

"The reason we use this technique, this strategy," said Vidal, "is because our team is not as strong as the American team. We have only two players."

"There is a saying in Brazil about us," Souza said. "We [he and Schmidt] are the piano players. And the others are the piano carriers."

And the U.S. players were out of tune. "We started rushing things," said University of Kansas forward Danny Manning, "and couldn't get anybody under the boards for missed shots."

"One of us shoots and the other four go for the rebound," Schmidt said. "If my friend makes 40 or I make 40, that's good if we win. Sometimes the shots don't go in, the way they went in this game."

But they were worth a try, given the odds. And shooting is what Schmidt does best.

When it was over, Manning said he and his teammates were left with "an empty feeling. We're just kind of sitting around and saying, 'Wow, this really happened.'"

## ARENA

### Swimmer Sets Second Record

Tamas Darnyi of Hungary yesterday finished the 18th European Championships in Strasbourg, France, the way he started them, by setting a world record.

Darnyi won the 200-meter individual medley in 2 minutes, 0.56 seconds, shaving 0.86 seconds off the mark of 2:01.42 set by Canadian Alex Baumann in the 1984 Olympics. Wednesday the 20-year-old from Budapest won the 400 medley in 4:15.42, lowering the mark set by American Dave Wharton four days earlier in the Pan-Pacific Games in Australia.

East Germany collected 41 medals in the 41 events, winning 18 golds, 13 silvers and 10 bronzes. The Soviet Union had six golds, nine silvers and six bronzes.

### Boat Mishap Kills 3

Didier Pironi, a former Formula One race driver, was one of three Frenchmen killed in an offshore powerboat race. Pironi, 35, was at the wheel when his 40-foot boat overturned during a 175-mile race around the Isle of Wight off southern England. Police said the boat had hit the wash of a passing oil

tanker. The boat, one of 58 in the race, crashed at a speed approaching 115 mph. The other victims were Bernard Giroux, a well-known motor-racing commentator for French TV, and Jean-Claude Guenard, the boat's No. 2 driver.

### Team Canada Wins

Mark Messier scored twice and set up two other goals as Team Canada downed Czechoslovakia, 4-2, in a pre-Canada Cup game in Hamilton, Ontario.

Before the game, Team Canada released six players: Wendel Clark of the Maple Leafs, Cam Neely of the Bruins, Derrick Smith of the Flyers, Rob Ramage of the Blues, Brad McCrimmon of the Flyers, and Patrick Roy of the Canadiens.

### Earnhardt Pads Lead

Dale Earnhardt's victory in the Busch 500 at Bristol (Tenn.) International Raceway Saturday night ran his total of Winston Cup points this season to 3,336, making it nearly impossible for anyone to catch him. His nearest competitor, Bill Elliott, was ninth Saturday to move to 2,791 points.

With a maximum of only 185 points available to the winner of any race, Earnhardt would almost have to drop out of the competition

— with only nine races left this season — to lose the Winston Cup championship.

### Big Ten to Act

The Big Ten Conference reportedly will ask a federal judge in Chicago this week to order sports agents **Norby Walters** and **Lloyd Bloom** to reveal the names of any Big Ten athletes they sign to contracts. While the signing of college athletes before their eligibility expires violates NCAA rules, the Big Ten will not question the right of agents to sign those players, the Atlanta Constitution reported, but will question the right of the agents to keep the signings secret.

### Furthermore . . .

Second-second **Gabriella Dinu** of West Germany edged **Maryanne Van Der Torre** of The Netherlands, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, in the final of the \$25,000 pro satellite tournament at the Shelter Rock Tennis Club in Manhasset, L.I. . . . Running back **Tony Stewart**, Iowa's top recruit two years ago, has met the NCAA's Scholastic Aptitude Test requirement on the fourth try, school officials said. Stewart sat out last season.

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## Young Jets Will Start

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ton said. "One of the things you have to guard against is everybody trying too hard. We're nowhere near where we want to be, but in three weeks, I think we will be."

How far the Jets are from where they want to be should become clear when they play the Giants. "I know we're playing the best team in football," Walton said. "We're a banged-up team early. A lot of young guys will be playing. It should be a good test for us."

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The players who received gold stars from Walton for their play against the Bucs included strong safety Rich Miano, linebackers Jay Brophy, Crable and Benson, defensive end Barry Bennett, wide receiver Jojo Townsell, running back Eddie Hunter and fullback Roger Vick . . . Walton plans to cut a few more players before the Giants game, including one of the three punters. Eighth-round draft pick Mike Rice may be the one to go, inferring from Walton. Asked about the punters' efforts against the Bucs, the coach said, "Dave [Jennings] kicked well, and [Tom] O'Connor hit a good one." Note he made no mention of Rice . . . Rookie quarterback Bill Ransdell suffered a chest and shoulder injury affecting his throwing arm and will be out four to six weeks.