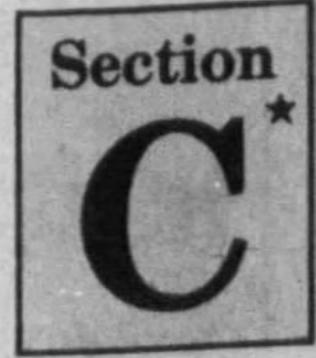
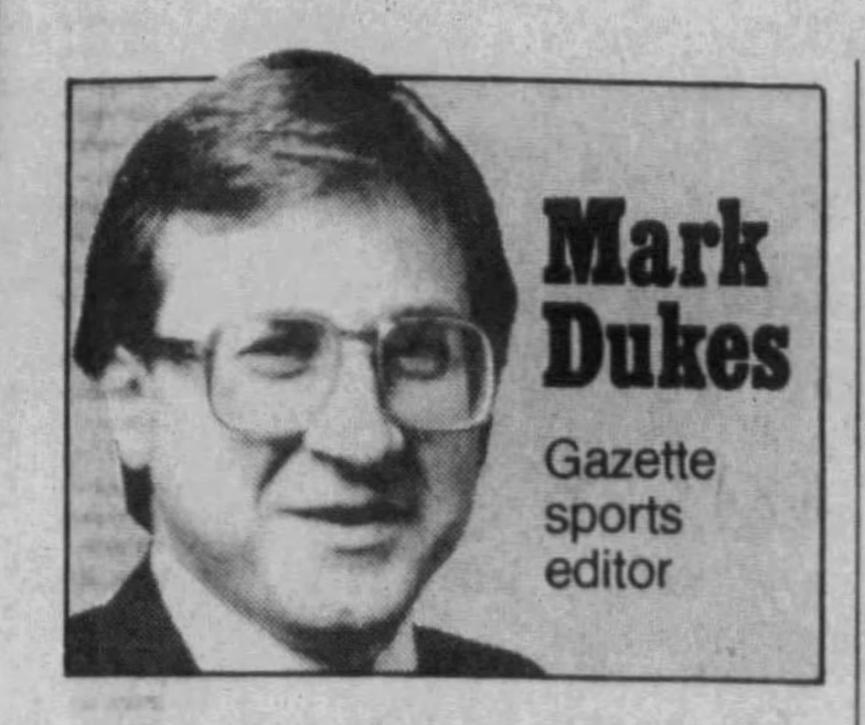
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Move to lift bowl rules OK

he National Collegiate Athletic Association if nothing else is an organization which produces a lot of controversial

rulings and legislation. In the latest issue of NCAA News, it was announced the NCAA Council will sponsor legislation in January to eliminate restrictions on offering and accepting invitations to football bowl games.

Hallelujah! The rules on assembling bowl lineups have been abused for a long time. Bowl people wheel and deal "unofficially" well before the "official" work can be done, and they really must to remain competitive. In fact, this legislation has been recommended for quite some time by the NCAA's committee on infractions.

Bowl people presently are not allowed to extend bowl invitations and teams may not accept them between Aug. 1 and the third Tuesday in November. If adopted, the legislation would place no restrictions on timing of invitations.

In other words, if the ABC Bowl wanted to invite XYZ University and XYZ wanted to accept in mid-September, that'd be fine.

That probably wouldn't happen too often, but it's a better set-up than we have now. At least media wouldn't have to speculate for weeks on end about matchups and bowl people and coaches could talk on the record — "officially" about the pairings.

Racing scene

• Little news has come out of the Cahill Brothers Racing camp for some time, but that may change real soon.

Cedar Rapids businessmen Larry and Ken Cahill announced last October their intention to put a team on the Indy car circuit. A few weeks later, the group announced it had reached an oral agreement to have Al Unser Sr. drive the Cahill

Unser got a ride with Roger Penske's team for the Indianapolis 500 and pulled off a dramatic victory. Penske later offered Unser a deal to drive the rest of the season.

The Cahill team has lined up some sponsorship but has yet to land a major company to back it. Word is that a major development for the Cahill team will be announced this week in Indianapolis, and that the news would include involvement of a well-known actor with the Cahills.

Paying players

• The National Football League's decision to hold a supplementary draft for Ohio State's Cris Carter and Pitt's Charles Gladman is an awfully sticky one.

Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler and others have publicly criticized the NFL, and they are right about a lot of things.

Carter and Gladman are among the college players who were found to have accepted money from New York sports agent Norby Walters before their eligibility expired. The respective schools ruled they would not be allowed to compete.

What message does this send to preps and collegians everywhere? Of course, go ahead and break NCAA rules because the NFL doesn't pay much attention to them.

college athletes ought to be given "spending money." A college scholarship seems to be enough compensation for an athlete's time.

But since athletes aren't allowed to hold a job during the season (they don't have the time, either), perhaps a stipend would help the Carters and Gladmans stay in school and help some of the agents stay in their office.

Maybe not. But at any rate, colleges have a difficult problem that is not getting any easier to

Haight hurt

· Mike Haight, the New York Jets' surprising No. 1 draft pick in 1986, is having injury problems for the second straight season.

Haight, former lowa offensive lineman from Dyersville, suffered a hyperextended knee in preseason last year and missed two months.

Haight has missed the Jets' first two exhibition games this summer and a lot of practice time. He pulled a hamstring muscle in camp and his status is questionable for Saturday's game against the Giants.

Big Ten asks court order against agents

Conference wants names of clients who signed while eligible

CHICAGO (AP) — The Big Ten Conference on Monday asked a court to order Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom to identify any conference players who signed on with the two sports agents while they were still eligible to play college ball.

Signing college athletes to professional sports contracts is a violation of NCAA rules, and a grand jury in Chicago probing the activities of the two New York-based agents is said to be considering whether such practices constitute fraud against the universities involved.

But the Big Ten lawsuit, assigned to U.S. District Court William Hart, says simply that the league certifies its athletes' eligibility, and asks that Walters and Bloom be ordered to disclose the identities of any athletes they have signed "because they are undercutting our ability to do this accurately," said attorney Byron Gregory.

"Our sole concern in this matter is concealment. That is a violation of Big Ten rules," said Gregory. "If student-athletes want to sign these contracts, that is an issue that reasonable people can resolve.

"But we certify our athletes to bowls, other teams, conferences and the NCAA. That is

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based on the best information we have," he

"If there is concealment of actions that render a player ineligible and we nonetheless continue to certify, we are in an untenable position."

Walters and Bloom, who have acknowledged signing players with college eligibility remaining but contend they have broken no laws, are the only defendants named in the lawsuit.

The league's 10 universities are listed as plaintiffs.

Walters and Bloom contend all the Big Ten athletes they signed already are known to the

public. The league has identified 10 former athletes who had dealings with Walters and Bloom, among them Ohio State wide receiver Cris Carter, who lost his senior year of eligibility when it became known he had signed with the two agents to represent him in contract talks with National Football League teams.

"I wouldn't be surprised if this is just the first action seeking to force them to disclose the names of athletes," said Gregory.

"And I'd guess any that follow may be more innovative . . . and benefit from whatever experience we gain here."

About a half dozen athletes from universities around the nation have lost their senior year of eligibility as a result of reported dealings with Walters and Bloom.

Oh, the one that got away!

Americans have record Games; miss cage gold

NDIANAPOLIS (AP) — In the end, the one gold medal the United States counted on was not theirs.

The Pan American Games, which shut down Sunday, were punctuated throughout the 16-day run by American winners in practically everything from archery to yachting. But on the last day, the U.S. men's basketball team ended things on an exclamation point. They lost!

Right there in Market Square Arena, 12,000 people - mostly startled Hoosiers - watched Brazil chew away at a 14-point halftime deficit and beat the Americans 120-115.

Oscar Schmidt took the biggest bites, scoring 46 points, 21 of them from long range.

When it was over, the camera panned to a sobbing Schmidt, lying flat on the court under the basket. There were more weeping Brazilians hugging each other and a few doing a victory lap around the arena, their flag raised high. Then there was Danny Manning

straight ahead. It was hard to believe this was the same team that beat five others by an average of nearly 30 points. It had its hands full with Puerto Rico, but still won by five

The U.S. women fared better, beating Brazil 111-87 Sunday for the gold.

But for the U.S. men, the loss was not only devastating, it was historic. The Americans haven't lost at the games since 1971, when Brazil won. They owned eight of nine Pan Am golds and a 34-game winning streak.

If U.S. Coach Denny Crum didn't exactly put the loss into perspective in terms of international basketball, Latin Americans didn't waste time doing so.

"In all the history of world basketball, no one has done anything like this to beat the Americans in their own house," said Jose Medalha, a Brazilian assistant coach. "Americans will never for-

A trainer with the Peruvian team, Fernando Paz, took it a step



Gymnast Kelly Garrison-Steves of Altus, Okla., holds the American flag during closing ceremonies • Please turn to page 4C: Games of the Pan American Games at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis Sunday.

Bears' quarterback saga continues

I've disagreed with lowa Coach Hayden Fry and others who feel If McMahon is ready, something must give in 4-man race

New York Times

LATTEVILLE, Wis. - The after-dinner meetings had been brief. A benevolent coaching staff had imposed a l a.m. curfew, giving the Chicago Bears a generous amount of time to celebrate near-completion of three weeks of basic training in this quiet university town set among Wisconsin dairy

His playbook stowed, Jim McMahon - easy to identify with his familiar punk-style hairdo emerged from the players' dormitory, climbed aboard a jet-black motor scooter, raced the engine, then disappeared around a corner into the night.

"A bad night," Mike Ditka, the Bears' coach, guessed the next morning, last Thursday, after McMahon had missed the team's final training camp practice without authorization. The quarterback said he was in the trainer's room for two hours, getting treatment for his tender right arm and shoulder.

BUT DITKA'S IMPLICATION was clear: McMahon was suffering the effects of trying to imitate Spuds McKenzie, another well-known party animal. A fine would be in order.

And so reporters covering the Bears sighed and dutifully recounted the continuing saga of the Marine-tough coach and the non-conformist



Jim McMahon is he healthy?

Doug Flutie Odd man out?

quarterback, who led the Bears to victory in Super Bowl XX. An ambivalent relationship, if one ever existed.

Last Wednesday, Doug Flutie, the boy next door and author of "The Pass" - one of the most memorable college football plays - lifted the lid of the cafeteria freezer during lunch and pulled out an ice cream cone. As he peeled back the wrapper, the cone cracked in two.

"I got the short end," said Flutie, smiling at his joke, holding up part of the cone. He said he is 5 feet 10, small by today's

standards for a quarterback, but he is exasperated at critics' suggestions that he is really only 5-8 or 5-7. "I've been getting shorter the last year and a half," he said.

Given his size, choirboy looks and pleasant demeanor, Flutie appears miscast as one of the big, bad Bears, like a Walt Disney Mouseketeer who has wandered into a saloon by mistake. But that has not discouraged him.

"I THINK THEY HAVE their minds made up, certain ideas about what they want to do," Flutie said of the Bears' management. "But that is subject to change."

With resolve, and ice cream cone in hand, Flutie walked down a hallway and disappeared behind a set of doors. He would not be late for the afternoon practice.

McMahon and Flutie are two parts of a fourpart equation called "Chicago's quarterback situation," brought on by McMahon's brittle nature, which has required the Bears to stockpile quarterbacks. Jim Harbaugh of Michigan, the No. draft choice, and Mike Tomczak, in his third season from Ohio State, are the other two.

(A fifth piece of the puzzle, Steve Fuller, recently underwent shoulder surgery and will be lost for most of the season.)

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Hrbek lets Minnesota stop skid

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — After six straight losses on the road, the Minnesota Twins took cover in the Metrodome.

"It's nice coming home," said Steve Lombardozzi, who scored the winning run on Kent Hrbek's basesloaded single with one out in the ninth inning to give the first-place Twins a 5-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers Monday night. "You just anticipate the condi-

tions here," Lombardozzi said. Those conditions include a 43-18 home record, best in the majors this

year. The Twins are 24-42 on the

"It's a big night just to put an end to the skid," Lombardozzi said. "We had a talk before the game and nobody was going to try to be Superman. We are all in this both

together." It appeared not even being home would help, as starting pitcher Bert Blyleven had to continually pitch out of jams. Winning pitcher Jeff Reardon, 6-6, also snuffed out a Tiger rally in the ninth, leaving Detroit with 11 runners left on base.

"We certainly had our chances to blow them out," said Darrell Evans, who hit his 25th home run. "But they are the ones that came up with the big hits. We had a chance to go up by three or four runs."

Tiger Manager Sparky Anderson doesn't think the homefield makes that much difference. "I don't play any different in any

ballparks anywhere," he said. "I'm just not smart enough to do that." Eric King, 6-9, gave up a leadoff single to Lombardozzi in the ninth. King was relieved by Willie Hernandez and Randy Bush sacrified Lombardozzi to second. Al Newman followed with a single to left with Lombardozzi stopping at third. Kirby Puckett was intentionally walked and Hrbek lined Hernandez's first pitch to center to score the winning

The Twins tied the score 4-4 in the seventh inning on Lombardozzi's run-scoring single.

Astros stay hot with win over Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Bob Knepper pitched a seven-hitter for his first complete game of the season as the Houston Astros won for the 10th time in 11 games with a 5-2 defeat of the St. Louis Cardinals Monday

Knepper, 7-13, beat the Cardinals for the second time in five days. He pitched three-hit ball for seven innings in a 2-1 Houston triumph last Wednesday.

Knepper walked two and struck out four as he continued to rebound from a rocky start. He was 3-12 with a 6.35 earned run average before the turnaround and is 4-1 with a 3.29 ERA in his last six starts.

The veteran left-hander's last previous complete game was a 3-0 victory over Atlanta on Aug. 15,

Rookie Joe Magrane, 6-6, suffered his second straight loss to Knepper and the Astros, allowing two runs on five hits in seven innings.

The Astros took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Billy Hatcher was hit by a pitch and stole his first of three bases before Bill Doran's RBI single. Doran, named Monday as the National League Player of the Week, has hit in eight straight

Houston made it 2-0 lead in the fifth as Dale Berra hit the first of his two doubles and Gerald Young delivered a two-out RBI single.

Knepper lost his shutout bid in the sixth when Ozzie Smith led off with a double and later scored on a grounder by Willie McGee.