

# NFL Delays Draft

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The National Football League's supplemental draft of Cris Carter and Charles Gladman, originally scheduled for this morning, was postponed yesterday for a week so the NCAA could hear appeals to reinstate the players' eligibility.

Carter, a wide receiver at Ohio State, was declared ineligible for signing an agreement with and accepting about \$6,800 from agents **Norby Walters** and **Lloyd Bloom**. Gladman, a running back at Pittsburgh, was ruled ineligible for refusing to cooperate with the NCAA's investigation of the New York-based agents, who also are the target of a federal grand jury probe in Chicago.



Pete Rozelle

NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle met earlier yesterday with a group of college athletic directors to discuss the league's decision to allow Carter and Gladman to participate in the draft, which will be held for four other players not involved in the agent controversy. The postponement in the draft for Carter and Gladman, the NFL said, was prompted by an NCAA decision Wednesday to restore limited eligibility to Pitt safety Teryl Austin, another client of **Walters** and **Bloom**.

Austin's eligibility was restored, the NCAA said, because he cooperated with the association's investigation into his dealings with agents. Austin must repay \$2,500 in loans he received from the agents to become eligible and he will not be allowed to play in Pitt's first two games.

With the draft rescheduled for next Friday, the NFL said in a statement, "Carter and Gladman and their institutions, Ohio State and Pittsburgh, now have opportunities to pursue similar appeals [to Austin's] for reinstatement to the NCAA."

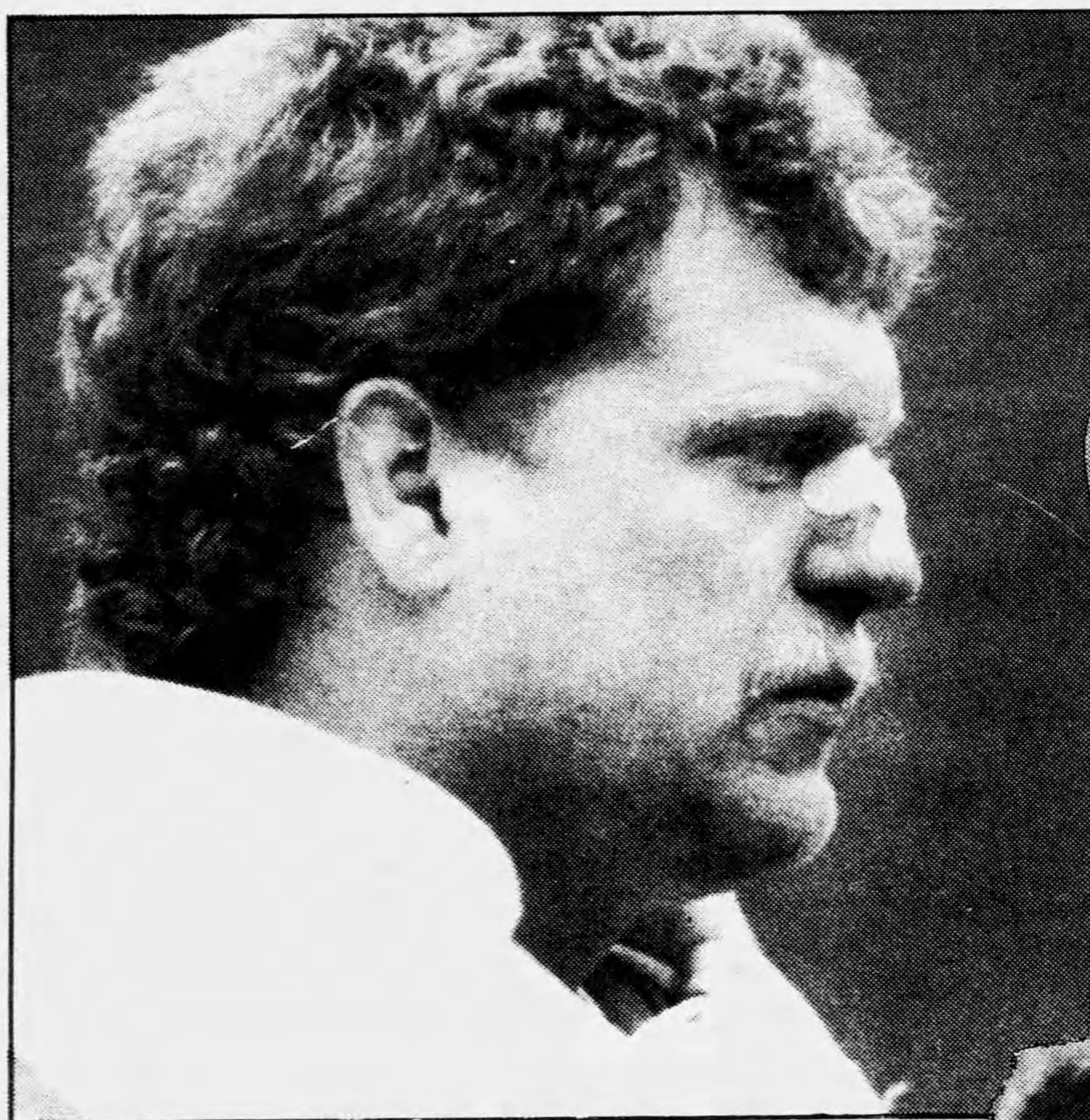
Gladman has steadfastly denied he is a client of **Walters** and **Bloom**, but **Bloom** said this week that he signed Gladman before his junior season and lent him "about \$2,500."

Carter, in Indianapolis, said last night he hopes Ohio State will appeal to the NCAA on his behalf. He said he will meet this morning with Buckeyes coach Earle Bruce, with whom he has not spoken since June, to discuss his possible return. "I think he [Bruce] deserves to get an apology, at least, for [my] breaking the rules and not being honest," Carter said.

## 49er 'D' Stymies Chargers

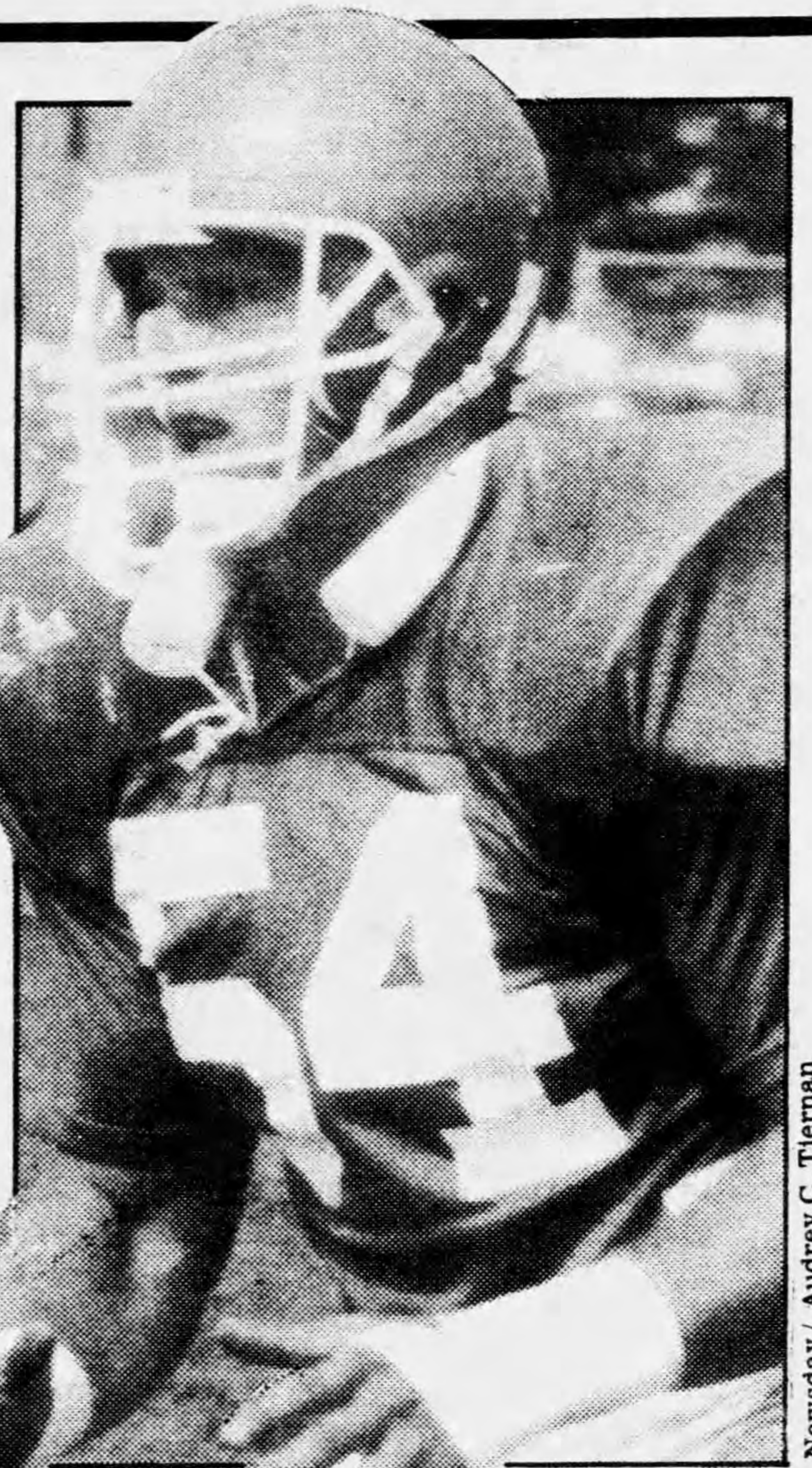
San Francisco — The 49ers' defense registered six quarterback sacks and limited the San Diego Chargers to 28 net yards on offense in the first half en route to a 17-3 win. Joe Montana threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Mike Wilson to snap a 3-3 tie just before half-time. Montana completed 6 of 9 attempts for 71 yards as the 49ers drove 81 yards for the touchdown.

San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts, who joined the team late last week, completed only 3 of 11 passes for 14 yards in his first preseason game.



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Brad Benson, left, faces his brother Troy tomorrow



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# It's All in the Family

## Game more than meeting for Benson brothers

By George Willis

Giants veteran Brad Benson thinks it's about time his brother Troy learned the family duties of being a professional football player, especially when the Giants and Jets meet at Giants Stadium.

"He's got to learn to assume half the ticket responsibility," Benson joked about his youngest brother, a linebacker with the Jets. "He hasn't learned that yet. His phone typically goes out of order this time of year."

Preseason or not, tomorrow's game (9 p.m. 4) is a big deal in the Benson family. Brad, in his 10th year, will start at left tackle for the Giants (2-0). Troy, in his second year after spending all of 1985 on injured reserve, will get a rare start at left inside linebacker for the Jets (1-1). In the sold-out crowd will be the Bensons' two other brothers, a sister-in-law and both parents. Thus, the squeeze for tickets.

During camp Troy has talked frequently with Brad, who lends his years of experience when asked. "[Troy's] always been a fighter, a real enthusiastic type of person and player," Brad said. "He's very excited about starting. His situation is a lot like mine. He's not a big name.

He's had to fight for everything."

Coming off a Pro Bowl season in 1986, Brad spent most of camp battling William Roberts for the job at left tackle. But with Karl Nelson out indefinitely with Hodgkin's disease, Roberts has moved to the right side. The lack of competition hasn't hurt Benson's work ethic or competitive spirit. "I play the best football I can play when I'm out there," Brad said. "If you have to be motivated by competition and you're not motivated by pride, you shouldn't be playing football anyway."

The chances of the Bensons clashing helmets tomorrow are slim because of the Giants' blocking scheme, Brad said. His main adversary will be Barry Bennett, who will start at right defensive end for the Jets. Mark Gastineau, the normal right end, has been moved to the left side in an effort to bolster the Jets' pass rush.

When the Giants began their workouts at Giants Stadium yesterday, Brad admitted to being more than a little eager to get to the film room. "You usually look at films in a mechanical way," Brad said. "This will be unique. To look across the line and see your younger brother there, well I'm very proud

of him to say the least."

## Nelson Keeping Tabs on Line

Nelson, released from the hospital Wednesday, was not at Giants Stadium yesterday. He has, however, been keeping abreast of the progress of the Giants' offensive line. "He likes to talk to the linemen, so we make sure we call every two or three days," Benson said. "He's in good spirits and everything's positive." . . . Bill Parcells said he'll keep a minimum of 20 offensive and 20 defensive players and two kickers on the 45-man roster. "After that I don't know," he said. He said the roster picture was like yesterday's weather: "cloudy."

Quarterback Jeff Hostetler (bruised kidney) is at home resting. He will be checked day-to-day and will not play against the Jets . . . Safety Kenny Hill (bruised knee) and cornerback Perry Williams (pinched nerve in neck) could play but won't. Linebacker Robbie Jones (bruised knee) is doubtful . . . Rookie safety Adrian White expects to start running next week. White, who underwent arthroscopic surgery for a bone chip on his right knee, is on injured reserve and will miss the season's first six weeks.

# Jet Puts His Foot Into It

## O'Connor makes strong bid for Jennings' punting job

By Greg Logan

Without a doubt, the annual Jets-Giants preseason game tomorrow night at Giants Stadium is the biggest game in the career of young Tom O'Connor of Patchogue. Once fourth on the depth chart, O'Connor now is the last remaining challenger to 13-year veteran punter Dave Jennings. Imagine the excitement in the O'Connor household about the idea of their son playing just down the road for the Jets. Ed O'Connor, whose love of football

inspired Tom to pursue an NFL career, recently offered the following words of encouragement to his son: "I hope you do well; I hope you average 50 yards on your punts."

Oh yeah, one other thing. "I hope you lose to the Giants," said Ed O'Connor. Well, fan loyalty is thicker than blood. Tom should be grateful that his father isn't pulling for Jennings, who punted for the Giants for 11 years before joining the Jets.

"My father is a stubborn man," the

first-year free agent said, laughing. "I grew up being a Giants fan all my life. My father got me started in football. He loves football, and he loves the Giants. I've been driving for this goal since I was 10 years old. I'm doing it for myself now, but when I started, I was doing it for him. It's a great feeling to get a chance to play in this game and do something I love."

O'Connor's dream will last at least one week longer because the Jets yes. —Continued on Page 135