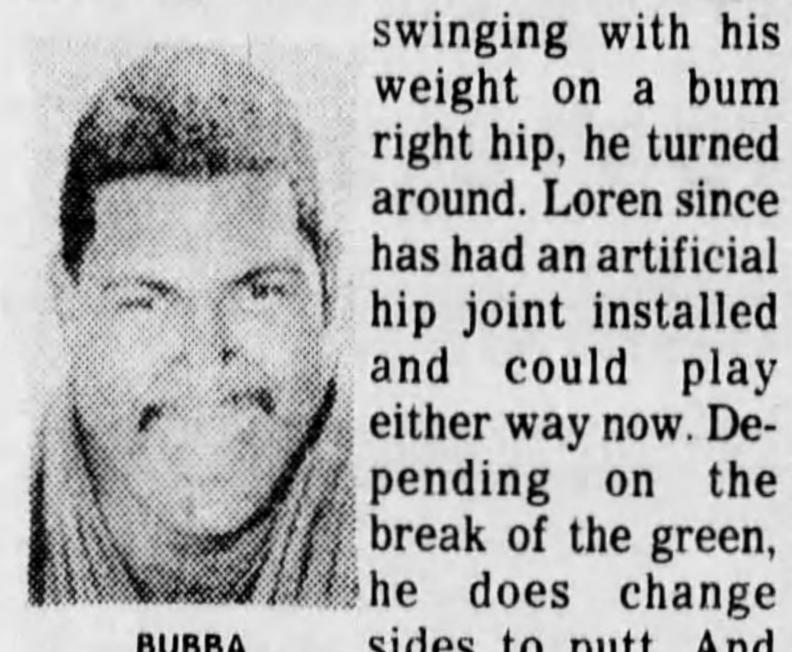


A Little Bit About a Lot of Things: Fifty-two years ago, playing left-handed, Loren King swung a 5iron and made a hole-in-one on the par-3, 147-yard sixth hole at the Atlantic Golf and Country Club. Only a few days ago, swinging a 5-iron right-handed, the 75-year-old King did it again on the same hole.

"It doesn't seem I've lost any distance over the years with a five. I think I can play golf as good as ever, which wasn't very good to start with," says King, a brother of the late Lynn King, the former Drake star who played with the St. Louis baseball Cardinals in the mid-1930s.

Fairly ambidextrous, King originally played as a lefty. About 30 years ago, because it hurt to finish swinging with his



has had an artificial hip joint installed and could play either way now. Depending on the break of the green, sides to putt. And

weight on a bum

right hip, he turned

should he care to alternate for whole rounds, it would cost him less than usual to purchase new southpaw equipment.

"As the owner of Kings' Sporting Goods, I get my clubs at cost," said the versatile swinger, who also had an ace in Arizona last February. King often scores in the low 80s. Gee, with dedication, two-way practice and continued good health, Loren might become history's first to "shoot his age" both ways.

Now hark to the sad tale of San Francisco 49ers offensive tackle Bubba Paris, an ambidextrous eater who reported overweight and promptly gained three more pounds to 326. Gracious teammates came up with such keen nicknames as: Maharaja of Meringue; Duke of Dough; Champion of Chow; Baron of Belly; Lord of Lard; Prince of Pounds, and Sir Swill.

JOE NAMATH'S cat, Poppet, is Mr. December on the 1988 Purina Cat Chow Celebrity Cat Calendar, to be released in September. Soo-purr! My Neighbor Walt says nothing takes

the starch out of man like a wife on a diet. . . . Keith Clearwater, a winner on the PGA Tour this season, is frequently asked about his Indian heritage. "I'm Dutch and the name used to be Kleinwasser," he patiently explains. ... Fourteen years ago last March, at Aqueduct in New York, Robyn Smith became the first female jockey ever to win a major stakes race. Whatever happened to this barrier breaker? Answer is later. . . . Tom Landry, a B-17 bomber pilot during World War II, has a new turbo-charged Cessna 210. He also has a resort house on a golf course in Austin, 75 minutes from Dallas by air, and plans to hit the links on the Saturday afternoons before Cowboy home games. My golly, should he get a hole-in-one some Saturday, ol Stoneface might even be caught smiling on the sidelines the next afternoon. ... Denver Bronco lineman John Ayers moonlights as the commissioner of the Universal Wrestling Federation. One of his duties is to book matches for such famed gruntand-groaners as Dr. Death and Dusty Rhodes. And who was the last male

JUMPING JACKS are taken seriously in Detroit. Police commander Gill Hill recently led calisthenics before a Lions' practice session. don't imagine he had to undergo drug testing first. ... Agro B. Arlo, an acquaintance, insists marriage was created so men and women wouldn't have to argue with strangers. . . . Pat Hodgson, a receiver at Georgia when colorful Fran Tarkenton was the star quarterback: "I felt like Raquel Welch's elbow. Everybody knew 1 was there, but nobody cared." ... ITQ answer — Ms. Smith fell in love with a two-legged hoofer and became Mrs. Fred Astaire. Now his widow, she gave up riding for pay after the marriage, but does radio commentary on horse racing in the Los Angeles area. ... Dept. of Good Planning - Pitcher

Rhodes completing a lifetime without

ever having once been called Dusty?

Phil Niekro takes his own oversized mitt to new teams for use by catchers who have never caught a knuckleball specialist. . . . Atlanta goldie throat Skip Caray, when a shower developed while Dave Martinez of the Cubs was batting: "Well, that's the end of the dry Martinez." ... Illinois lineman Jim Blondell and his roomie last summer bought an avocado-colored 1971 Cadillac, cut off the top to make it a convertible, then redecorated. It's now the only Cadillac in Champaign painted passionate pink that features a bulldog ornament [from an old Mack truck on the hood and a genuine bulldog [Blondell's] as a frequent passenger.... Parting Shot - Sometimes an inferiority complex is the result of accurate self-diagnosis.

for Gladman and Garter

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NEW YORK, N.Y. — The National Football League decided on Thursday to postpone until next week a supplemental draft involving Cris Carter and Charles Gladman after Commissioner Pete Rozelle and a group of college athletic directors agreed to give the National Collegiate Athletic Association a chance to restore the players' college eligibility.

The NFL said Rozelle cited the reinstatement Wednesday of Teryl Austin, a defensive back from Pitt, as the reason for the postponement. Austin, like Carter, had accepted payments from two agents, Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom.

Draft To Be Held

A supplemental draft will be held today, however, for four other players uninvolved with agents.

NCAA officials said Thursday that they took the highly unusual step of restoring Austin's eligibility in an effort to solve the larger problem of agents making improper payments to players. They said they hoped the decision would be an incentive for other athletes to come forward and reveal the scope of the problem.

At least 13 NFL teams have said they would not participate in a draft involving Carter, a wide receiver from Ohio State, and Gladman, a running back from Pitt.

13 NFL Teams Boycott

Some teams said they were not interested in any of the six players, or did not want to give up a draft choice next year. Some said they wanted to show their support for college athletic directors, who argued that to draft enter the pro ranks early.

Carter has admitted taking about \$7,000 from Walters, a New York agent. Gladman was suspended after refusing to cooperate with a Pitt inquiry into whether he had accepted money from Walters.

Walters and his partner, Bloom, are the focus of a federal investigation in Chicago about payments to players.

The league has said that it reluctantly approved petitions from Carter and Gladman to play in the NFL because it feared legal problems if it denied them the chance to be drafted. However, league officials have expressed sympathy with the NCAA and have said they were not happy with drafting players whose college eligibility had not expired.

By JEROME HOLTZMAN

MILWAUKEE, WIS. - Were the

pitchers laying the ball in for Paul

Molitor, dishing him lollipops so he

could continue his batting streak?

Some cynical fans had begun asking

this question. The answer, from a

So said the Indians' Brett Butler

"The hitters are rooting for him,"

More than that, according to

The feather Wednesday was worn

by Cleveland's John Farrell, who kept

Molitor at 0-for-4 to stop his hitting

"From a pitcher's standpoint, they

all want to be the one who stops him,"

Butler observed. "When Pete Rose

was stopped, all the pitchers talked

about was 'Who stopped him?' McWil-

liams and Garber were their heroes."

liams and Gene Garber of the Atlanta

Braves. Together, in 1978, they threw

an 0-4 collar around Rose, ending his

him do it," Butler said. "Every time

he gets a knock, I'll be clapping. Let

"Molitor's a hitter, so I want to see

The reference was to Larry McWil-

Butler, any pitcher who breaks a

streak such as Molitor's gets a

so-called feather in his cap.

streak at 39 games.

streak at 44 games.

Butler insisted. "But the pitchers are

before Wednesday night's game,

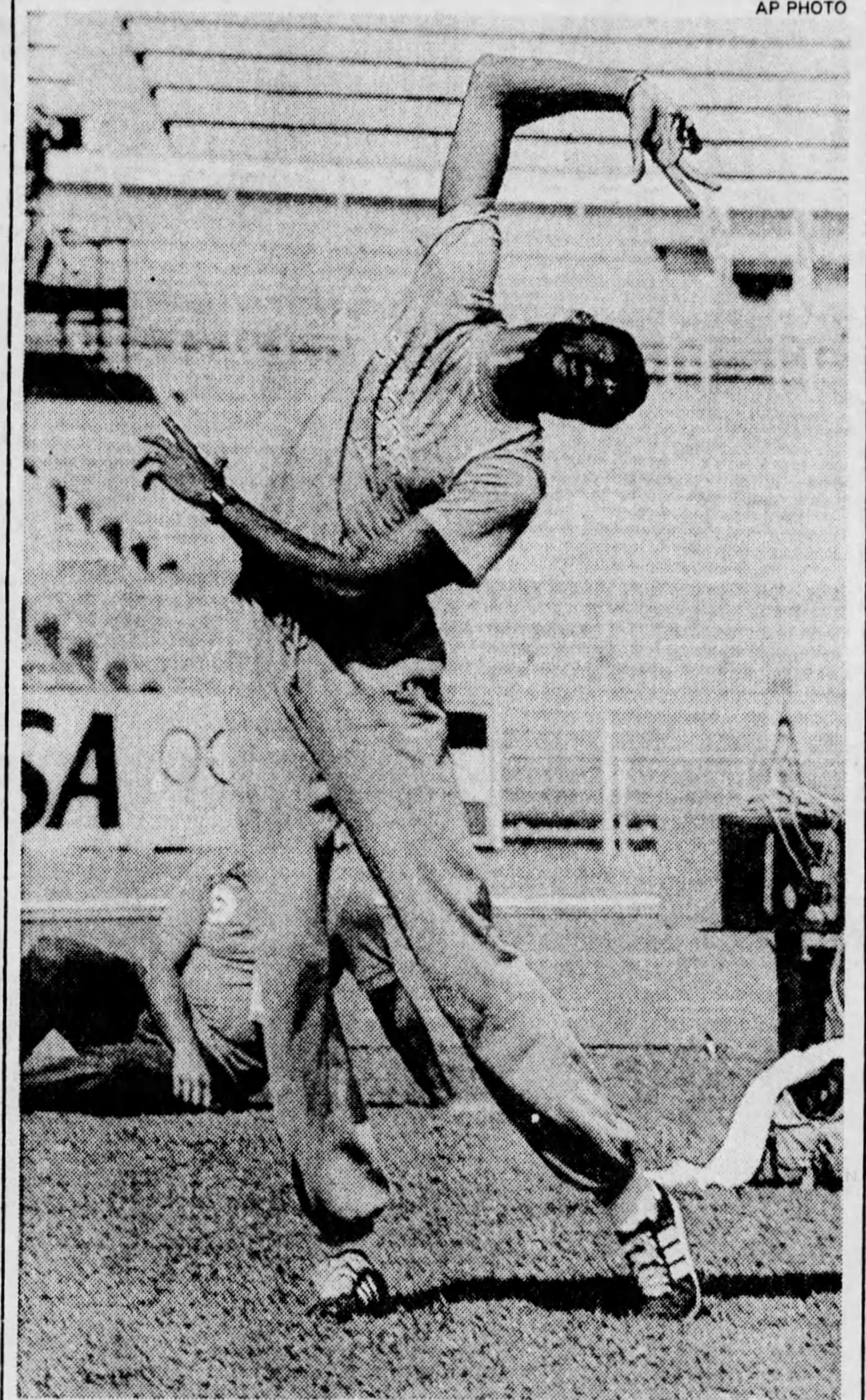
when he was still the possessor of a

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good authority, is no.

19-game hitting streak.

against him."



Graceful athlete

Edwin Moses, stretching before a workout, will be competing in the 400-meter hurdles at the World Track and Field Championships in Rome this week. Moses holds the world record in the 400 hurdles. STORY: 4S.

Royals fire Gardner, name Wathan manager after McRae declines

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP) - The Kansas City Royals fired Manager

Billy Gardner Thursday and replaced him with long-time Royals' player John Wathan, a native of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Wathan, who was in his first year as manager of the Royals' triple-A team at Omaha, was given the job

WATHAN after it was turned down by Hal McRae, the team's batting instructor and former designated hitter.

McRae has said previously that he wants to spend more time with his family. He said Thursday he wasn't sure if he could commit himself to managing.

General Manager John Schuerholz said Wathan would manage the team for the rest of the season and that a decision about who would manage the club in 1988 would be made later.

Wathan has been in the Royals organization for 17 years as a player, coach and manager. He was a catcher, first baseman and outfielder in 10 seasons with Kansas City.

"Even though I have limited experience as a manager, I think the way I played the game and the way I studied the game is in my favor," said Wathan, who has guided Omaha to a 62-70 record. "This is what I've always wanted. I've been in the Royals organization for 17 seasons and that is not something that not many ballplayers can say."

Wathan said he did not plan any major changes on the team.

"I think we'll get back to the old style of running, a little bit more hit-and-run instead of just waiting for something to happen," he said.

Wathan said he didn't think he would have a problem managing players that he had played with for many years. He said he planned to meet with key players and explain that he expected a "business-like atmosphere.'

Wathan played on each of the Royals' championship teams, including the 1985 World Series winner.

He was a coach for the Royals in 1986 before moving to Omaha.

"I regard this as a golden opportunity," Wathan said. "I have confidence in my ability that I will be back to manage next year."

Schuerholz declined to say specifically why Gardner was fired.

"We felt we needed to make a change at this time, being in the race as we are and still have a chance to win," he said. "We felt if we waited any longer it would have been too late for anyone to turn it around.

"Sometimes when teams don't play like you think they should, a leadership change is one way to remedy

Gardner took over the Royals when Dick Howser resigned Feb. 23 because of a brain tumor.

the players would reward those who broke the rules by allowing them to Kansas tries to change its image

LAWRENCE, KAN. - Secondyear Coach Bob Valesente is doing everything he possibly can this year to put a new look into the downtrodden football program at the University of Kansas.

There will be a change in uniforms, a new offensive philosophy, five new

Coaches predict the standings: 4S

assistant coaches, a new strength coach, and even the addition of a nutritionist, all of which are designed to erase the Jayhawks' losing image.

The way Valesente sees it, almost anything will be an improvement, because his team lost all seven Big Eight Conference games last season

him get three knocks, so long as we

broadcaster and before that an MVP

shortstop with Cleveland, agreed.

Lou Boudreau, the longtime Cubs

"The competition is always there,

and it increases as a streak contin-

ues," Boudreau said. "This makes it

tougher, much tougher for the hitter.

The pitcher wants to get the publici-

ty: 'I was the one who stopped him.'"

pitcher who snapped the streak, will

forever be linked with Molitor in

baseball lore. Evidence that this is so

has been provided daily by the ap-

An outstanding defensive third bas-

eman, Keltner is generally acknowl-

edged as the player who stopped Joe

DiMaggio's record streak at 56

games. Cleveland's Al Smith and Jim

Bagby were the pitchers, but they

couldn't have done it without Keltner.

Twice, Keltner went behind the bag,

backhanded a hard smash and threw

Keltner was delighted with Moli-

Still, Keltner didn't want to say

anything that would diminish the

"Joe's the best all-around player I

tor's success and was rooting for him

to break DiMaggio's record.

DiMaggio out.

great DiMaggio.

pearance of Ken Keltner, 71.

There is no doubt that Farrell, the

win the ball game."

Pitchers, hitters, streaks:

An age-old battle of wills

BUCK TURNBULL Tours the Big Eight

(Sixth of a series)

and went 3-8 in his rookie year as the head coach.

"The whole attitude must be changed here," Valesente said. Thus, while the Jayhawks may not

play like the Super Bowl champion New York Giants, they are going to look like them. New uniform colors will be almost identical to the navy blue jerseys worn by the Giants. "There is a lot of talk about the Gi-

ants' look," sophomore quarterback Kelly Donohoe said, "but the uniforms really don't mean that much. What it comes down to is how well we play football and whether we can win some games."

Donohoe's emergence as the team leader has led to a controversial situation between him and Mike Orth, the starter most of last season and a fifth-year quarterback who is not

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U.S. no shoo-in for hoop gold

By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer

During the final minute of Brazil's stunning, 120-115, basketball victory over the United States at the Pan

American Games Sunday in Indianapolis, a CBS-TV camera panned the Into focus came John Thompson,

the U.S. Olympic basketball coach in 1988, and George Raveling, who will be his assistant in Seoul, South Korea. Both had their faces buried in their

"I don't think anyone thought we were going to lose, including the team and the coaches," said Raveling, the former Iowa coach who was also an Olympic assistant to Indiana's Bob Knight in 1984.

Brazil's triumph ended a 16-year, 34-game U.S. winning streak in Pan stark perspective the job Thompson and Raveling face in bringing the United States the Olympic gold medal next year.

"As an Olympic staff, we must take a negative and turn it into a positive," Raveling said. "This is going to make us work to recapture the pride in U.S. basketball. I don't think one loss is anything to panic about, but I do think it signals to this country that maybe we're not as dominant as we thought

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Classic gets Hawkeyes' Mott close to home

By RON MALY Register Staff Writer

IOWA CITY, IA. - This isn't December or January, and East Rutherford, N.J., isn't exactly palm tree territory, but Iowa

defensive end Joe Mott is approaching Sunday's football game against Tennessee as somewhat of a bowl.

"Bowl games are different because you play in them as a reward for something you've done,"

Mott said, "but at Iowa, we've earned the chance to be

in the Kickoff Classic, so, in that way, it's a bowl." The 16th-ranked Hawkeyes face No. 17 Tennessee at 12:15 p.m. CDT Sunday at Giants Stadium in East

Rutherford in the season's first collegiate game. But Mott is excited about the game for more than just because Iowa and

Tennessee will be in the national spotlight on ABC-TV. He's enthused because, for him, it's like being home.

Mott is from Endicott, N.Y., a 31/2hour drive from Giants Stadium.

"Some of our players from New Jersey will be closer to home," he said, "but I look at this game the same way they do. To me, being in East Rutherford will be the same as being back in Endicott.

"When I was being recruited, Iowa was still playing Penn State. I thought maybe they'd put Syracuse, which is an hour from Endicott, or Am competition. It also brought into some other team from that area on the schedule when I was on the squad.

"But nothing worked out until this game was scheduled. Now, my family and friends plan to take advantage of it. Somewhere around 35 to 40 of them plan to attend the game.

"That includes cousins and even my old high school coaches. They're all looking forward to it and, hopefully, our team will put on a good show for them."

Mott is one of a number of Iowa

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MOTT

HALLSTROM ON BLOCK. The Packers style player who does not shy away from rough touring pros surveyed said the square grooves by Methodist Church bishops about the SMU might trade guard Ron Hallstrom for defensive play. line help. The former No. 1 draft choice from Iowa, 28, has started for three years and hasn't missed a game since 1982. However, his blocking has never satisfied the coaching staff. Line coach Jerry Wampfler rates Rich Moran even with Hallstrom, and is the powerful drive blocker the Packers seek to regenerate a dormant

mir Zubkov is the first Soviet hockey player

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BO'S WOES. Kansas City's Bo Jackson, who plans to play football for the Los Angeles Raiders when he is finished working for the Royals in October, has played in 22 of the Royals' 38 games since the All-Star break. In his 73 times at bat, he has collected 16 hits, hit two home runs and driven in four runs. He has struck out 35 times for an average of one strikeout every 2.1 times at bat.

SQUARE CLUBS ON HOLD. More tests will be made and studies conducted before the PGA Tour makes a decision on the use of the

give a player greater control of the ball in wet conditions or from the rough.

KANSAS JOKE-HAWKS? Sports Illustrated's college football preview issue calls the Kansas football program "a hopeless situation" and refers to Kansas as a state that can't play football. Responded Kansas Coach Bob Valesente on Thursday: "That article was uncalled for. It just happens to be one man's opinion. It's a sad thing people have to sit down and read that trash.

LOOK AT THE BOOKS. Agreement was reached Thursday giving Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox access to information gathered

football scandal, a probe court records indicate cost more than \$500,000. Mattox called it a "cordial agreement."

WILLIAMS' WORTH. Doug Williams is the backup quarterback to Washington's Jay Schroeder, but only after several turbulent years that included injury and frustration. He never really caught on as a starter, either in the NFL or the USFL. "People seem to make more out of my knees than other people's," said Williams, who is black. "It may be the color of my knees," the quarterback added with a smile. "I think what happens is coaches and owners don't want to get in the position of being blamed for losing with a black quarterback."



rushing attack.

"RED" LINE. If veteran defenseman Vladiallowed to play in the NHL, Vancouver will get him. Zubkov, 29, could be in Vancouver as early as November if an agreement can be reached. He is regarded as a North American-

controversial square-grooved golf clubs. Most

Paul Molitor heads back to the dug-

out after ending his streak at 39.