

Irwindale's big move from pits to the pros

Strange, isn't it, that people don't believe Al Davis? Strange, because he does what he says he'll do. He may promise to take Pete Rozelle to the cleaners. Or he may threaten to move the Raiders down Rt. 1 from Oakland to Los Angeles. As events have proven, Al Davis is no idle conversationalist.

The latest buffoons to learn about Davis are the folks who run the Los Angeles Coliseum. They made a deal to get the Raiders six seasons ago. Davis, the Raiders' managing general partner, was unhappy because the L.A. folks didn't build promised luxury boxes. He announced that if the Coliseum didn't make good, he would move the Raiders.

Maybe you missed it during the Pan Am mania, but Davis has made a new deal for his heroes in silver and black. Perhaps as early as 1989, the Raiders will play in a new stadium in the city of ...

Irwindale. Irwindale, Calif., pop. 1,161. It's in the smog of the San Bernardino

It's the little big man of hamlets. It's home to a Miller Brewing plant, and it's the corporate headquarters of the Home Federal Savings & Loan company. By day, 30,000 people work in Irwindale.

And it's famous for gravel pits. The Raiders still will be the Los Angeles Raiders because Irwindale is only 19 miles northeast of downtown L.A. "The freeways will get them there," Davis said of his customers. (All but one of 50 customers committed to Coliseum luxury boxes have repledged their troth to the new Raiders Stadium.)

Starting with a hole in the ground

Today's question is, how can a city of 1,161 people build a 62,000-seat stadium when places such as Atlanta, to pick a name, wail and moan about even sharing the cost of a stadium? The Irwindale project is estimated at \$150 million, including \$10 million handed to Davis the day of the deal. (If no stadium gets built, Davis keeps the \$10 mil.)

The way it's explained by Frederick Lyte, director of the Irwindale Community Redevelopment Agency, the city's taxpayers are liable for only the \$10 million. Everything else will be financed by Davis ("He'll own the stadium," Lyte said) through the sale of private bonds. The Raiders will lease the stadium land and parking sites on 180 acres near Irwindale's finest gravel pits.

"We are, you know, the sand and gravel capital of Southern California," Lyte said. "The stadium will be built in a pit that's 160 feet deep. Most places, the first thing you do to build a stadium is dig a hole in the ground. The hole we've already got."

Lyte said Irwindale's improbable courtship of Davis began in May. City councilman Joe Breceda believed Davis would leave the Coliseum. As Lyte recounted the beginning . . .

"Joe said, 'Why don't we bring Davis to Irwindale?' And I said, 'Yeah, why not?' But Davis wasn't interested in us at first. He had four or five alternatives, including going back to Oakland."

Irwindale is aggressive. Eleven years ago, Lyte said, the city had \$25,000. After the \$10 million withdrawal for Davis, Irwindale yet has \$36 million burning a hole in its vault. "We've gone from poverty to affluence," Lyte said, all because of Irwindale's industrial recruiting.

Streets paved with gold? Even better!

"Eleven years ago, this was a little, dusty town with sand and gravel pits, and no one wanted to live here because it was, really, the pits," the redevelopment director said. "Now we've gone from a \$100 million tax base to a \$1 billion base. Now we're going to be on the Johnny Carson show (Friday night). They're going to stand a Johnny Carson cutout on the edge of the pit where the stadium will go.

"The real secret of our success is an incredibly supportive local government and populace. We're 95 percent Mexican, law-abiding, religious, decent people. What our tax base means in such a small city is that we have \$700,000 to \$800,000 to spend every year on every taxpayer."

A man was astounded. He said, "Are the streets paved with gold or what?" To which Fred Lyte said, "A little better than that."

Any Irwindale resident can apply for a \$10,000 city grant to fix up his home. There's a \$3 million senior citizens home and a \$1 million community pool. Any Irwindale high school senior can get a college scholarship funded by the city.

This aggressive, wealthy little city with a hole in the ground pursued Al Davis until he agreed to visit the place.

"We sent a helicopter for him," Lyte said. "And we had the helicopter land in the bottom of the gravel pit where the stadium is going. We had two cars waiting there, one silver and one black. Then we took him to lunch at our restaurant."

Our restaurant? "The city built its own restaurant," Lyte said. He added, unnecessarily, "Irwindale does things differently from most cities."

NCAA amnesty plan apparently won't affect them

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

Ohio State athletic director Rick Bay said Friday the school will not appeal for reinstatement of wide receiver Cris Carter's eligibility, and sports agent Lloyd Bloom said University of Pittsburgh running back Charles Gladman does not want to return to school for his senior season, even if his eligibility could be restored.

The developments came one day after the National Football League (NFL) delayed for one week a supplemental draft for Carter and Gladman, who were declared ineligible by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) earlier this summer for dealings with agents Norby Walters and Bloom.

There's no turning back for Carter, Gladman

The NFL delayed the draft so the NCAA could consider granting amnesty to the players and allowing them to play this fall. That apparently will not happen.

Carter, who had said Thursday he'd prefer to play at Ohio State than in the NFL this fall, met Friday with Bay, Ohio State president Dr. Edward Jennings and football coach Earle Bruce. Afterward Bay said the school will not attempt to get Carter's eligibility back.

"We think it's so serious we're not even going to appeal because, even if we won the appeal on some technical basis, we'd have a tough time looking our colleagues in the face," Bay said. "It's pretty easy to be brave when you think your options are closed anyway. Now the door's open again, or appears to be, and our principles are being tested.

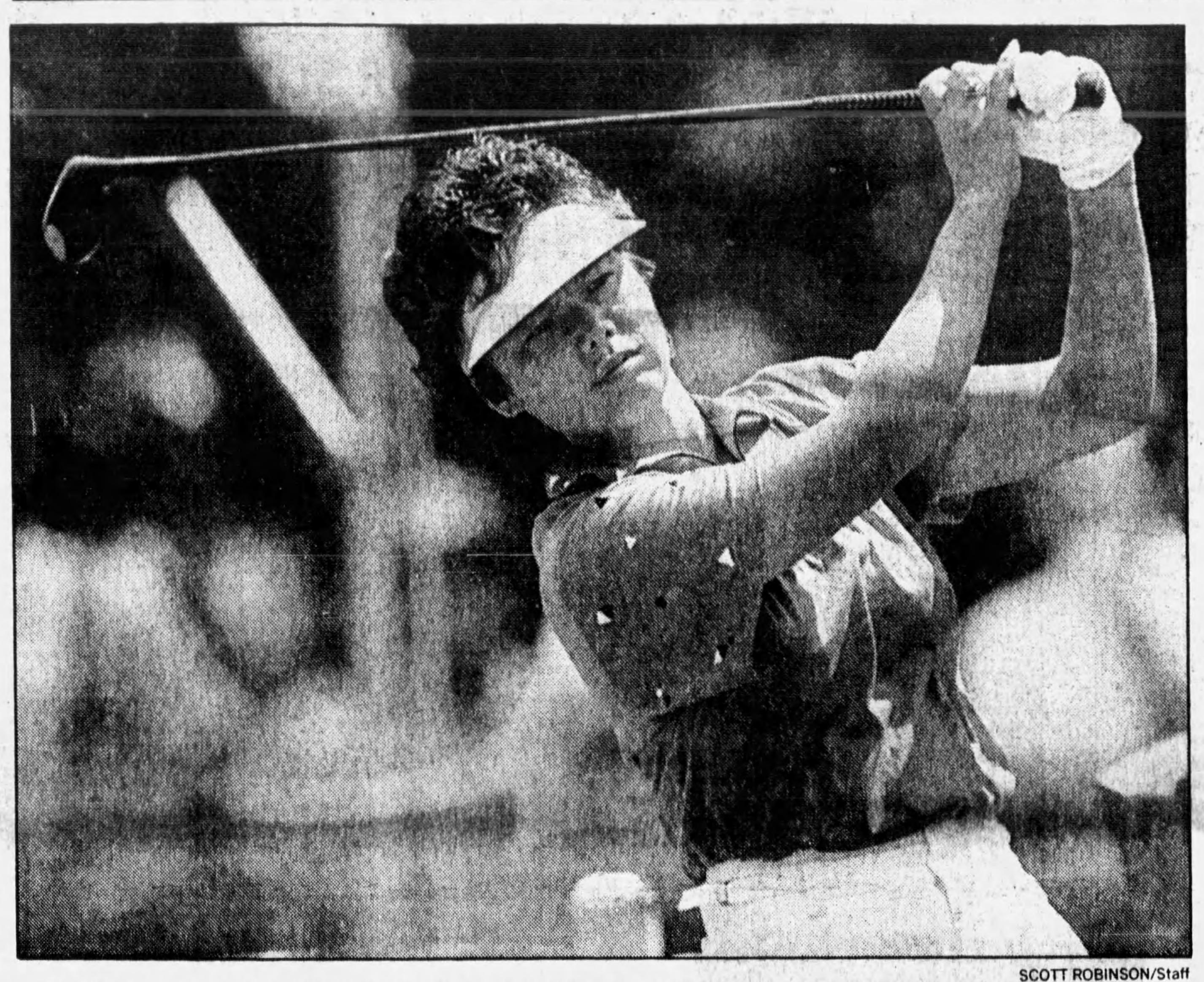
"It's not a vindictive thing. I'm not out

to ruin Cris Carter's life. But his position today is no different than it was six weeks

Even if Ohio State wanted Carter back, Bloom said it is unlikely he and Walters would release Carter from the contract he signed with the agents 15 months ago. Without a release from the agents, the NCAA would not reinstate an athlete, NCAA assistant director Steve Morgan said.

"Release him? Are you kidding?"

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Ayako Okamoto tees off on first hole, starting round of 4- under 68 that gave her Nestle World Championship lead.

Okamoto grabs lead at PineIsle

King not really shy, Page 10-D Rosenthal's troubles continue, Page 10-D By Tom McCollister Staff Writer

LAKE LANIER ISLANDS — With a dozen or more members of Japan's media shadowing her every step and chronicling her every shot, Ayako Okamoto moved a bit closer Friday to finally giving them what they've long sought, a major Ameri-

can championship. The 36-year-old, Japan's No. 1 female golfer, added a 4-under-par 68 to her opening 70 to take the second-round lead in the Nestle World Championship at Stouffer's PineIsle Resort with a 36-hole total

Her nearest competitor, Betsy King, is three strokes behind at 141 after a rounds of 70, while Colleen Walker, after a 69, is at 142. Five back at 143 are Laurie Rinker, who shot 72, and amateur Kay Cockerill, the first-round leader, who shot

Defending champion Pat Bradley, U.S. Women's Open champion Laura Davies and LPGA Championship winner Jane Geddes are at even-par 144.

This championship, while significant in

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this country, is considered a major championship by the Japanese. And they feel Okamoto owes them one.

She lost in a playoff to Davies in the U.S. Open, was third in the LPGA, fifth in

the Dinah Shore and second in the du Maurier. Nobody has a better record in this year's LPGA major championships, though she hasn't a victory to show for it.

Her record in regular Tour events is an enviable one. She's won three times, has six top-10 finishes and ranks third in money won with \$330,495, just \$50,000 behind King's leading \$381,775.

"She's really a good player," King said, "but in every one of the majors, the Japanese press has presented it as though she lost and not that someone else won. She's constantly hounded by the media in her country. But she's been up there a lot and maybe this is her turn."

Still fighting a nagging cold and cough, but feeling better, Okamoto did her part in giving her countrymen a reason to hope that this may be it. She grabbed the lead from Cockerill on the sixth hole with a bogey to the amateur's double bogey - and turned in 1-under 35.

She streaked to a four-stroke lead with birdies at Nos. 10, 12, 14 and 16 before bogeying No. 18 after driving into the fairway bunker.

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Talks fail: Miller asks for trade

'Nothing happened' in 8-hour meeting

Jobs on line in Browns game, Page 3-D By Glenn Sheeley Staff Writer

Agent Mike Blatt, frustrated after an eight-hour meeting with Atlanta Falcons negotiators Friday in which "nothing happened" regarding a contract for No. 1 draft pick Chris Miller, requested that the team trade the Oregon quarterback's signing rights.

"We asked them to do that," Blatt said before returning to San Francisco Friday night. "There are plenty of teams who want quarterbacks. I said (to the Falcons), 'So you're going to take this asset you have and run it into the ground, because the longer the time goes, the less availability the player has to a team, especially after the third or fourth game."

Falcons chief financial officer Jim Hay said the team is not interested in trading Miller's signing rights, but he described himself as "very disappointed" following the meeting also attended by executive vice president Taylor Smith and held in the Buckhead office of owner Rankin Smith Sr.

"I'm sure there's not (trade consideration)," Hay said. "I haven't heard anybody in our organization discuss a trade."

"They said they had no interest in trading him," Blatt said. "I think that's a bad business decision."

The meeting began Friday afternoon with the Falcons offering \$1.6 million for a four-year contract and Blatt asking \$2.25 million. Although a two-year proposal worth about \$750,000 was made by the Falcons (rejected by Blatt) and Blatt countered with a six-year deal worth \$3.38 million (rejected by Hay), the session brought no results.

"It's our gut feeling that it's over with," Blatt said.

Miller, who said he will remain in Atlanta "a couple more days to see if anything else is going to happen," was distressed by the meeting after holding out strong hopes for an agreement. "They must not want me very bad

because they didn't even budge on their figure," Miller said, indicating he would probably return to Eugene, Ore., soon. "I can get things accomplished in Or-

egon," Miller said. "I can work out and get ready to play football, wherever and whenever that may be.

"As far as I'm concerned, I want to play here and I'm ready to play, but they're not ready to have me."

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Braves left with a 4-3 loss as Tanner's moves backfire

Braves Notebook, Page 5-D By Gerry Fraley Staff Writer

ST. LOUIS - Chuck Tanner delights in telling how he beats the odds with unconventional thinking. Tanner enjoys talking about the 1979 game when he used a left-handed pinch-hitter against a left-handed pitcher and got a game-winning ho-

Tanner will keep the events of Friday night deep in the memory bank. He put his unorthodox managerial style against that of St. Louis manager Whitey Herzog, and the Atlanta Braves lost 4-3 at

Busch Stadium. They lost without using their best gun on the bench, Ted Simmons, in the eighth inning. They lost after using three consecutive left-handed hitters against a left-handed pitcher in the eighth and getting only one run from an inning that promised much more.

"I do what I think is right for the team," Tanner said. "That's the way I've managed my whole career. I've never heard of that book. Nobody's ever showed it to me."

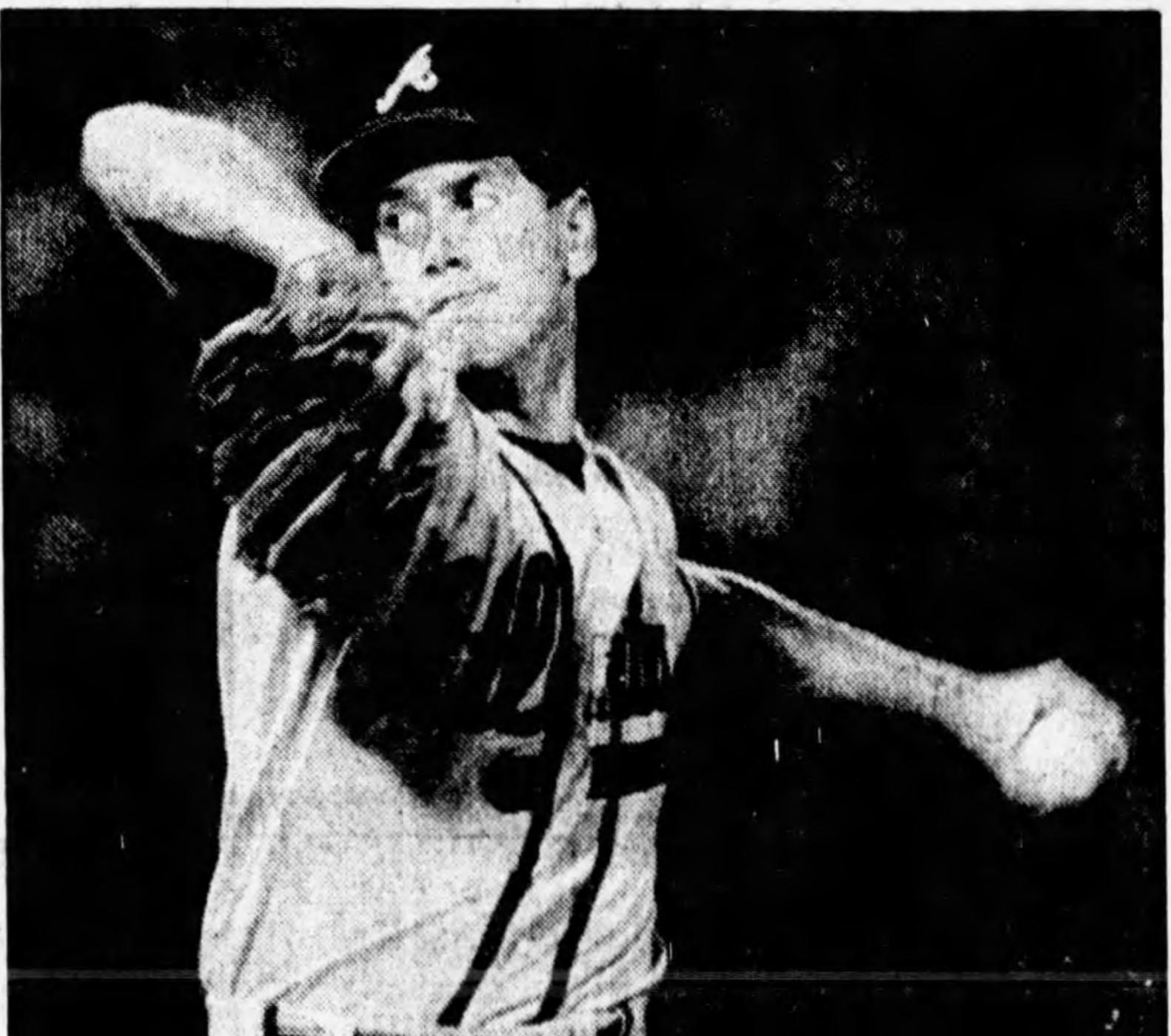
First, the ending, or how Gene Garber lost for the seventh straight time.

The Braves tied the game in the ninth inning with Ken Griffey's leadoff homer against Todd Worrell. The Cardinals scored the winning run against Garber on a walk, a stolen base and Tom Herr's pinch-hit single to left.

Catcher Ozzie Virgil blocked Ozzie Smith from the plate on the final play but could not reach the throw. Smith, who reached on the walk, bounced off Virgil and touched the plate.

"It was the only shot I had," Virgil said. "I couldn't get to the ball. Ozzie Smith couldn't catch that ball getting hit like that."

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The Associated Press

Braves starter Tom Glavine had a shaky outing against the Cardinals, allowing five hits, five walks and three runs in four innings.

Maryland basketball coach shelves two eligible players for academics

From Staff and Wire Reports



Maryland senior guard Keith Gatlin and sophomore forward Tony Massenburg, although eligible, will not play during the fall semester so they can concen-SPORTSWIRE Bob Wade announced Friday. In addi-

tion, Gatlin and junior forward Rodney Walker, a transfer from Syracuse, will not practice with the team this fall. Instead, they will work with the athletic department's academic support unit, Wade said. "I just think that academics should be the most important thing a youngster focuses on in college," Wade said. "It's not necessarily a (higher) standard I intend to continue to impose as long as I am here. I just think it's appropriate in these individual cases." Gatlin and Massenburg will miss a minimum of seven games, through the Terrapins' Dec. 12 game at LSU. The ACC season does not begin until January.

Duffy Daugherty improves at hospital

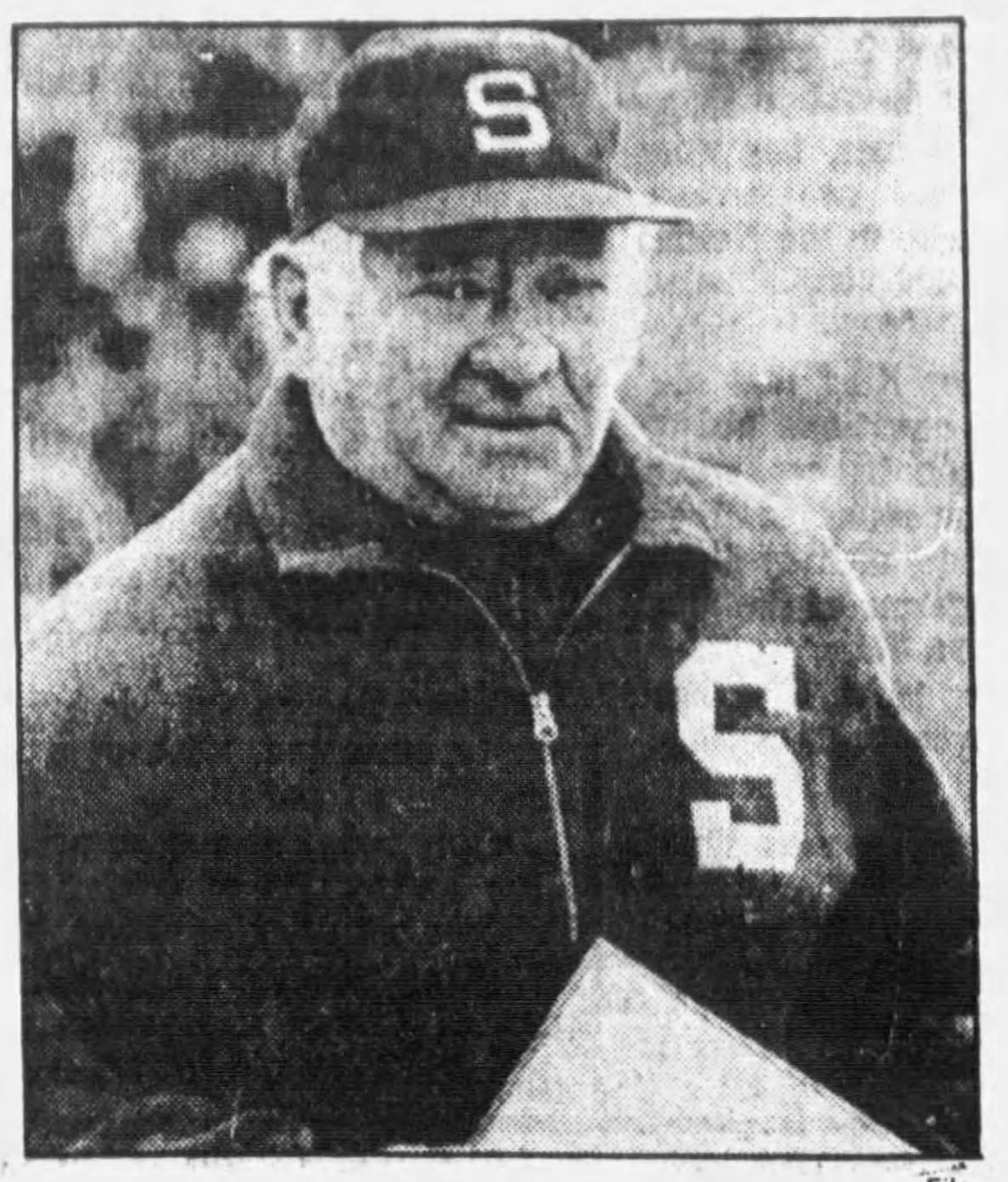
Hugh "Duffy" Daugherty, 71, head football coach at Michigan State from 1954-72, was in stable condition Friday after being hospitalized Sunday and receiving kidney dialysis treatments. "He was getting mad at people today, and that's a good sign," his wife, Francie, said. "It's going to take time to clear up the bladder infection, but the dialysis results are encouraging. He'll be back up and around for football season."

Lendl, Cash beaten; Connors withdraws

Top-seeded Ivan Lendl and third-seeded Pat Cash of Australia, the Wimbledon champion, were upset in the quarterfinals of the \$150,000 Hamlet Challenge Cup Friday in Jericho, N.Y. Lendi, the world's top-ranked player, was beaten by eighthseeded David Pate of Las Vegas, Nev., 6-3, 6-7 (7-9), 7-6 (7-3). It was only his sixth loss of the year. Cash, who has struggled after beating Lendl in the Wimbledon final, was eliminated by unseeded Jonas B. Svensson of Sweden 6-7 (7-9), 6-2, 7-5. Seventhseeded Henri Leconte of France advanced to the semifinals when third-seeded Jimmy Connors had to retire from their match due to a blister on his foot.

Martin wins poles for pair of races

In Jefferson, Ga., Mark Martin of Batesville, Ark., took the first steps toward winning a \$15,000 bonus Sunday when he won pole positions Friday night for both 200-lap races in Sunday's World Crown 500 NASCAR tripleheader at Georgia International Speedway. The tripleheader will include 200-lap races for the NASCAR Busch Grand National and All-American Challenge series as well as a 100-lap race for late model stock cars. Part of the posted awards of \$102,000 is a \$15,000 bonus for any driver who can win both 200-lap races. Winston



Former Michigan State coach Duffy Daugherty e is undergoing kidney dialysis treatments.

Cup series star Darrell Waltrip of Franklin, Tenn., was seventh in Grand National qualifying at 100.987.

Krieg leads Seahawks over Lions 38-10

Dave Krieg passed for two touchdowns late in the opening half and backup quarterback Jeff Kemp threw for a touchdown in the third quarter as the Seattle Seahawks beat the visiting Detroit Lions 38-10 Friday for their first victory of the exhibition season before a Kingdome crowd of 59,695. Krieg completed 15 of 19 passes for 177 yards, helping the Seahawks take a 17-10 halftime lead. Detroit went almost three quarters with quarterback Chuck Long, who threw a 90-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Chadwick late in the first half.

Pitcher Roberts transfers from Tech



Georgia Tech pitcher Mark Roberts, who was ruled academically ineligible last season after playing in only one game, will transfer to Brewton-Parker Junior College in Barnesville, Ga. As a senior at Dalton (Ga.) High School in 1986, Roberts was considered the best pitching prospect in

The Atlanta Yankees beat Southern Cal 9-4 in the second round of the National Stan Musial World Series in Battle Creek, Michigan. Abby Woyce piched a complete game for Atlanta while teammate Craig Watson had three hits, a homer and six RBI.

Carter

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Bloom said. "We're going to sue him. He never should have droppped

If Carter and Gladman are still ineligible next Friday, the NFL will conduct a special draft for them.

NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle postponed the draft for a week on Thursday after the NCAA's unexpected decision to conditionally restore the eligibility of Pittsburgh defensive back Teryl Austin, who like Carter and Gladman had been declared ineligible for dealings with Walters and Bloom. The NFL said the week would give Carter and Gladman a chance to appeal for their eligibility back.

The NFL originally scheduled the draft because it did not think it could win a legal challenge if it denied jobs to players whose college eligibility had been stripped. NCAA leaders objected on the grounds that a special draft would reward college athletes who broke the rules and possibly start an irreversible trend of players moving into the NFL early.

The NCAA's "amnesty" program, which surfaced in the Austin case, was seen as a way to solve both concerns, although it put the NCAA in the position of abruptly softening a longstanding policy of banning players who sign with agents or accept money.

Six college athletes have been ruled ineligible this summer because of dealings with Walters and Bloom: football players Carter, Gladman, Austin and Alvin Miller of Notre Dame, football player-track star James Lott of Texas and basketball player Derrick McKey of Alabama. Miller has given up football;

Lott is expected to appeal for reinstatement; McKey was a first-round NBA draft choice and plans to sign with the Seattle SuperSonics.

Austin's reinstatement Wednesday is conditional on his repaying approximately \$3,000 Walters and Bloom paid him last season. He also must show documentation from the agents that he is no longer under contract, Morgan said.

"We're going to cooperate completely with the kid (Austin)," dropped him (as a client during last season). He's a super kid. Because we dropped him, we told him he wouldn't have to pay us back the money. I hope the best for the kid. Anything we can do for him, we'll

Bloom also said the agents would assist Lott, a defensive back and three-time NCAA high jump champion at Texas who lost his senior season because he accepted an \$800 loan from Bloom last year.

"Lott's the same deal as Austin," said Bloom. "We would help him if he wanted back (at Texas)." Bloom said he and Walters still represent Gladman, who was ruled ineligible this summer for failing to cooperate with Pitt's investigation

into his association with the agents. "The kid wants to play pro ball now," said Bloom. "That's what he's going to do."

Pitt will not attempt to dissuade Gladman, the school announced Friday.

Bloom expressed bitterness toward Carter, who retained another agent. Carter signed a contract with Walters and Bloom in May 1986 and received \$7,800, according to Carter. The contract was postdated to Jan. 2, 1988. Bloom said Carter received more than \$7,800.

"It's more than \$7,800, I can tell you that," said Bloom. "We sent money through his brother (George) that went to Cris Carter. He got that money. We know that."

When Carter was declared ineligible in July, he retained two other agents: Robert Berry and Mitch Frankel. That strategy backfired, Bloom said.

"You think we'd forget something like that?" said Bloom. "He falls in line with all the other firstround type guys that dropped us. He made a big mistake."

Walters and Bloom have filed lawsuits against six football players Bloom said. "Like I said before, we who the agents allege broke contracts with them.

Carter and Gladman held separate workouts Thursday for NFL teams. Only the St. Louis Cardinals showed up to test Carter; only the Seattle Seahawks tested Gladman.

"The Seahawks are very inter-" ested," said Bloom.

Pitt coach Mike Gottfried said he will refuse to cooperate in any way with the NFL team that drafts Gladman. He prefers that the NFL not hold its supplemental draft until" October or November.

But Gottfried did write all 28 NFL teams Friday to apologize for some of his terse remarks made in the past week. Gottfried also said in the letter that the NCAA should change its rules and allow more grant-in-aid money for athletes.

Bloom said his attorneys believe the NCAA's reinstatement of Austin weakens the fraud charge being considered against the agents by a federal grand jury in Chicago. The grand jury has been investigating Walters' and Bloom's dealings with college athletes since May.

"All of a sudden, the NCAA is growing up," Bloom said. "It shows that they see the rules as oldfashioned."

Walters remained unavailable for comment Friday. Gary Walters, his son and a member of the agents' legal team, said there would be no comment until the grand jury completes its work.

Miller

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Miller's holdout has now reached 35 days.

Blatt said he attacked the Falcons during Friday's negotiations for their unwillingess to meet his price after making Miller the 13th pick in the draft.

"My comment to them was,

'How can you, in a division competing with the 49ers and the Rams, pessimistic picture. when the 49ers and the Rams are "I would say it's going to be 19.00" mitment to the fans and not a com- get much better." mitment to the system, and it's no wonder you're not selling any more season tickets."

Blatt said, "They didn't like

for signing Miller, Hay painted and hoose

doing everything they can to im- very difficult," he said. "It seems " prove themselves and are already like we're fairly entrenched, and phase better than you, do nothing to im- they are, too. With the passing of prove your team? That's not a com- time, I don't know that it's going to Describing himself and Miller, and

Blatt said, "Both of us are a little" irritated. Chris feels a lot of anxiety. He doesn't realize why the Falcons are doing this to him. They a tuit seem not to be able to pull the trigger."

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