



By Skip Myslenski & Linda Kay

That'll teach him: Jim Harbaugh was a paltry 1 for 15 in last Monday's exhibition against the Cardinals, and maybe that is why a recent edition of the newsletter distributed at Ditka's restaurant referred to the rookie quarterback as "Harbrough."

#### Aw, shucks!

Paul Mellon, who is richer than chocolate chip cheesecake, will be represented in Sunday's Arlington Million by Dance of Life, which is trained by Hall of Famer Mack Miller. Miller, in fact, handles all of Mellon's horses, and two Saturdays ago a pair of them were running at Saratoga Springs in New York. One, Java Gold, was entered in the Travers Stakes, the day's feature. The other, Jack of Clubs, was entered in the fourth race, which ended just as Mellon arrived at the track. He had planned to be there to watch it, but bad weather had delayed his flight, and so neither he nor Miller-who had picked his boss up-knew how Jack of Clubs had run as they walked in. But Miller soon spotted the board, which showed the horse winning and paying \$23.40, and he relayed that result to Mellon. Then, deadpan, Miller declared: "If your plane hadn't been delayed, you'd be a rich man now."

#### Speaking of stormy weather

"What's the weather like?" Jim Jennett wondered. "Wonderful [pause] today," we told him. "But the forecast for Friday says 'Storm.' For Saturday, 'Late Storm.' And for Sunday, 'Early Storm.'"

"Early storm, huh?" mused Jennett. "I figured the storm would have been scheduled for 4 o'clock in the afternoon."

Oh, well. We must excuse Jennett his gentle sarcasm. After all, he was the much-beleaguered director of ABC's Western Open coverage, and he is returning this weekend to do the same job on the Million. And how does he feel coming back? "I feel," he says, "that I'm now eligible to vote in Chicago."

#### On the brighter side

Now just to prove that Jennett is not Joe Btfsplk in disguise and that a little black cloud does not follow him around on all his journeys, we take you back to the 1982 Kentucky Derby. He was the director of that telecast as well, and he was left to choose the two horses that would be followed by his two isolated cameras. He knew the favorites would be covered well enough by his race cam, and he eventually settled on a 21-1 shot named Gato Del Sol and an 18-1 shot named Laser Light. They were, respectively, 19th and 18th in a 19horse field a quarter mile into the race, but when it ended Gato Del Sol was the winner with Laser Light in second, two and a half lengths behind. "It was the first time we were really lucky with that," recalls Jennett, who won't pick his Million isolates until Sunday afternoon. "We knew he could win, but we never guessed he'd go to the end and then pass 19 horses to do it. Now, people expect us to do that [isolate on the victor] all the time. When we don't, they wonder what happened.'

#### Trick of the trade

Research, gut feelings and any number of other factors influence Jennett's decision, and he once decided to isolate on a horse after noticing that its owner was in attendance. That owner normally didn't show up at the track, and his presence, explains Jennett, "gave me the feeling the trainer had called and said come on down, it looks like we have a winner today. That pushed me to believe the horse had a better chance than the odds reflected."

#### Cries and whispers

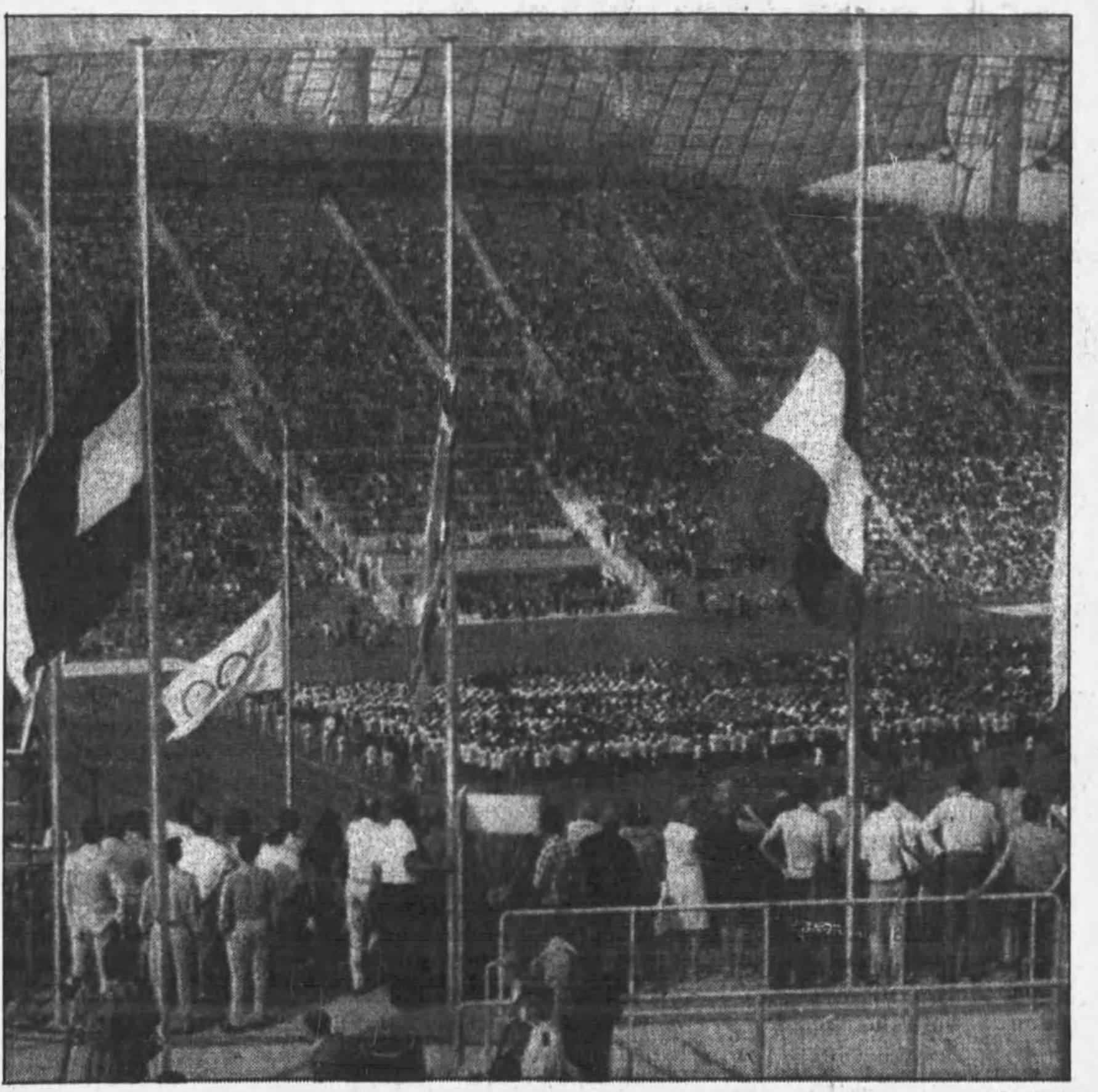
Ohio State's Butch Reynolds ran 400 meters in 44.8 at the world track championships on Thursday, and that is a long way from shabby. But his third-place finish in that race in Rome was two spots lower than was expected of him, and that inevitably led to some instant analysis. One whispered theory declared a swelled head contributed to his loss. Reynolds had initially checked into the athletes' hotel in Rome, but after listening to other competitors tell him he was too good for that, that he should be living in fancier quarters, he moved out and quickly contracted Mussolini's Revenge. . . . Reynolds' heavy race schedule was a much-discussed topic before the championships, and it was of course resurrected on Thursday. In fact, NBC analyst Dwight Stones privately told people he felt the 72 hard races Reynolds ran this season not only jeopardized his chances in the championships, but his racing future as well.

#### Not older—better!

They are already the best in Illinois, and this weekend the Coors Light Blue Sparks go after the national championship of women's softball at a tourney in St. Peters, Mo. The Sparks are ignited (you will excuse the pun) by starting pitcher Dori Buck, who is only 55 and the oldest player in the league. "I get a kick out of some of the 35-year-old players when I hear them say, 'I'm getting too old for this game," says Buck, who coaches girl's softball and works as a counselor in the Barrington school district. "I'm just proud of the fact that I can still compete. That's why I keep coming back to play year after year. I love the competition."

### And finally ...

... proving once again that politicians have too much time on their hands: Canadian Sports Minister Otto Jelinek is demanding the answer to this burning question: Why didn't Ben Johnson wear his team sweatsuit during the medal ceremonies that followed his record 100-meter run at the World Championships? Hey. Don't laugh. Inquiring minds want to know.



Flags fly at half-staff around Munich's Olympic Stadium on Sept. 6, 1972, one day after Israeli athletes were killed in a terrorist attack.

Now that school has started, the number of children looking on at the Bears' training base in Lake Forest has dwindled considerably.

It may interest the players and staff to know that last week genuine royalty was among all those bright, eager faces greeting them as they walked off the practice field.

Terry Star, 14, an Indian from the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming, was fulfilling a fantasy by attending a day of training while on a brief stay in the home of Geoff Shields, whose family has become friends with

"I have always like the Bears because they are the most famous team," Star said. "Most

Navy needs

a new rank:

Center (j.g.)

Naval Academy gradu-

ates Phil McConkey of the

New York Giants and

Eddie Meyers of the At-

lanta Falcons disagree

with a Navy directive that

has delayed the pro

careers of Napoleon

McCallum and David

McCallum of the Los

Angeles Raiders and Rob-

inson, who was drafted by

the NBA's San Antonio

Spurs, were sidetracked

when the Navy required

them to complete their

"There should be some

exceptions," said Meyers,

a rookie running back

who spent five years in the

Marine Corps after gradu-

ating from the U.S. Naval

"There were many times

got down during that

five-year stretch," he said.

"I think I should have

been allowed a chance to

play. I'm at a disadvantage

now because other

ballplayers are coming off

played in five years."

entering the NFL.

just can't buy.

country."

season, and I haven't

McConkey, a wide re-

ceiver and a 1979 Acade-

my graduate, was a Navy

officer for five years before

options that would meet

the approval of the tax-

payer," he said. "And by

doing that, you are getting

the kind of publicity you

"Maybe some kid grow-

ing up in Iowa has never

heard of the Naval Acade-

my. But along comes

someone like Napolean

McCallum or a world sci-

entist, and that kid will

hear of them. Maybe he'll

come to the Navy and

one day help protect this

"I think there are other

military obligations.

Robinson.

Academy.

of my friends like the Broncos because they are closer."

Sitting Bull's descendant hopes Bears rise to occasion

Star is the great-greatgrandson of Sitting Bull, the Oglala Sioux chief who played a prominent role in the history of the western plains. Star also is a football player for his junior high team and writes for the school news-

Star, who never had been in a large city like Chicago, wrote many dispatches for his paper while he visited.

It may interest Jim McMahon to know that when he walked by a group of youngsters and said, "What's up, kids?" it made headlines in Star's paper.

Star was particularly impressed by the size of the

players, saying in his paper: "They are so big that when they run it sounds like a herd of buffalo."

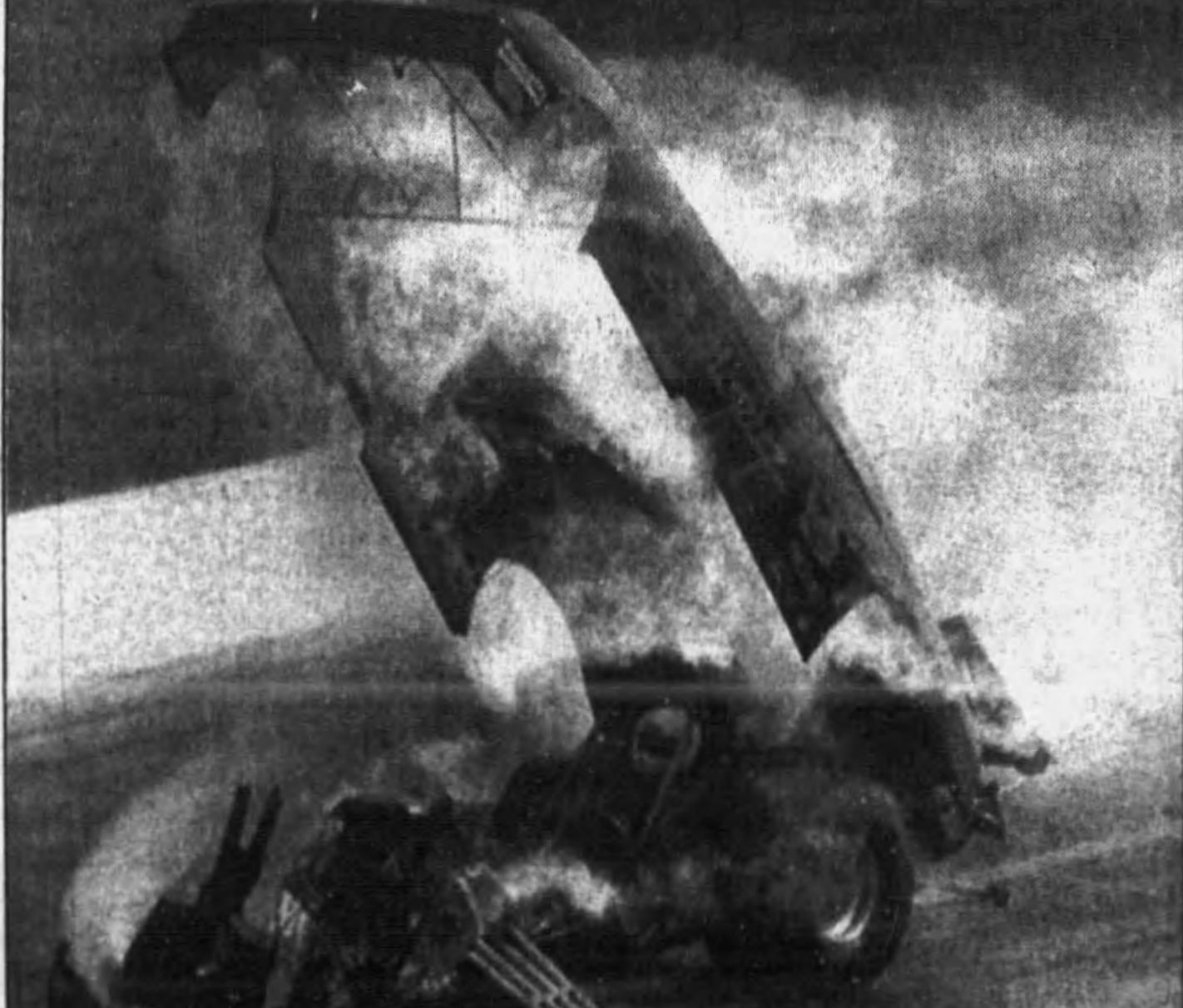
Star also had a field day grabbing autographs, but sorry to say, he missed his hero, William Perry.

He made the ultimate sacrifice by jumping out of a line for Walter Payton's signature to make a stab at the Fridge as he was walking to his car.

It was the Fridge's second rebuff of the young visitor. The first came when Perry was trudging wearily off the field after a lengthy workout.

"I guess he was too tired,"

Given Perry's recent weight problems, it is not difficult to understand why.



Ron Dudley of Tulsa hangs on while his drag racer goes up in flames in Indianapolis. He walked away with minor burns after his fuel tank exploded at 125 miles an hour.

## Tote that barge, tune that carburetor

Gentlemen, start your engines! It's almost time for the Budweiser Challenge Cup Mississippi River Race. The two-day, 1,039-mile race begins Saturday in New Orleans and ends Sunday in St. Louis under the shadow of the Gateway Arch.

This is a race with roots. The most famous race on the Mississippi River occurred in 1870, when the paddlewheeler Robert E. Lee beat the Natchez up from New Orleans to St. Louis. The Robert E. Lee's time was 90 hours 14 minutes, not bad for a steamboat. The Natchez lagged six hours behind.

People are talking about this race, too, partly because Don Johnson, star of television's "Miami Vice," is participating.

Johnson will pilot a 43-foot Wellcraft Scarab racer. More than 25 other boats in three divisions are scheduled to compete for \$50,000 in prize money. The American Power Boat Association and the Union of International Motorboating have sanctioned the race.

The Grace Cup, which goes to the winner, was established in 1982. That same year, Michael Reagan, son of President Ronald Reagan, set a record of 25 hours 11 minutes.

Football is great. You get to kick, bite, sweat, spit, fight and win. Afterward, you hug a blond.'

-Colorado nose guard Kyle Rappold

# Black September haunts survivors

A fading color print of Israel's 1972 Olympic team hangs like a memorial on a wall in Tovia Sokolsky's modest apartment in Israel. His weightlifting trophies dominate the living room.

"I named my daughter Orly-my light—because she was born exactly nine months after the Munich massacre," he said. "I felt there must be a light, a ray of hope, after the barbaric slaughter of our team by the terrorists, just as there was hope after the Holocaust."

Sokolsky, 45, survived as a baby in the World War II death camp at Lwow and emigrated to Israel from Poland in 1958.

Sokolsky and other survivors of the bloody Palestinian "Black September" attack on Israel's small team at the Munich Olympics retain bitter memories of the seige that began shortly after midnight on Sept. 5, 1972, 15 years ago Saturday.

He insists sports are still the best road to peace.

"I couldn't continue with sports after Munich," he confessed. "I felt as if the Olympic ideal died in 1972."

But the enthusiasm of a young Israeli athlete fired him to resume coaching six years after the massacre.

"The boy made me realize terrorists cannot kill the beauty of sport," he

said. "Sport can bring peace and hope to the world; it still remains the best

form of diplomacy." The short, robust, bearded weightlifting coach, who said he took up the sport to better defend himself in a Polish ghetto, was one of seven team members to escape death because of an early warning shouted by

wrestling trainer Moshe Weinberg. Weightlifter Yerocham Barak of Tel Aviv escaped the massacre because he stayed with an Israeli relative in Munich on the night of the raid.

"The memory is still strong in my mind," he said. "I lived with permanent shock. All my friends were

After Munich, Barak was Israeli weightlifting champion for nine years, then became president of his country's weightlifting federation. For the first time, he will attend this year's memorial service in Israel for his slain

"I will be there for the first time because I'm now representing all the weightlifters, and not just myself," he

Barak rejects any suggestion that Israel should boycott the Olympics.

"The show must go on," he said. "We must work very hard not to involve politics in the Olympic games."

#### BRIEFS

Atlanta Hawks President Stan Kasten said No. 1 draft pick Dallas Comegys of De Paul and forward Ken Barlow of Notre Dame may end up in a European basketball league or be traded to another team. Comegys and Barlow, a 1986 draft pick, are forwards. The Hawks need help in other positions. If they go overseas, they will remain Hawks property.

Seattle SuperSonics President Bob Whitsitt expects forward Derrick McKey to be with the team next season, even though there's a possibility McKey may play his senior season at Alabama. McKey registered at Alabama this week. School officials haven't decided whether to file an appeal with the NCAA to get McKey's final season of eligibility back. McKey was ruled ineligible by the NCAA last spring because he had accepted a loan from agent Norby Walters. George "Iceman" Gervin will join the San Antonio

Spurs' staff. His duties weren't announced. National League umpire Dave Pallone says he was nei-

ther "messing" with the Cincinnati's Dave Concepcion nor exercising a vendetta when he ejected the Reds shortstop from Wednesday's game in St. Louis. Pallone ousted Concepcion for arguing a called strike and a subsequent reference to his character with obscene language.

The controversy involves a San Francisco newspaper story in which Pallone was quoted as saying he intentionally did subtle things on the field to affect Concepcion's play. Among other things, Pallone was quoted as saying he would stand in Concepcion's line of vision in the field.

Concepcion and Pallone have not been on friendly terms since 1983. "He spit on me. He didn't miss. In the face. At Wrigley Field," Pallone said. "Would you respect me if I spit in your face right now? You would probably hit me. "Just because I have no respect for him as a man, I have

respect for my job and I have respect for my profession. This is a pennant race ... I consider myself a good umpire. am not going to lower my profession over someone's feelings that they think I have for them."

Concepcion told manager Pete Rose he would not pay the automatic \$100 fine that comes with an ejection or any additional fines. "The guy [Pallone] is messing with me," Concepcion said. "I shouldn't have to pay it after the things

he said." Northwestern's Larry Cochell has been named baseball coach at Fullerton State, replacing Augie Garrido, who left for the University of Illinois in mid-August. Cochell, 47, had been with the Wildcats just one year. He coached 10 years at Oral Roberts and also has served as coach for Cal

State Los Angeles, Creighton and Emporia State. Quincy (Ill.) used four-hit pitching by Tad Miller to hold off Norwood (Mass.) and win 4-2 in the American Legion World Series in Stevens Point, Wis. Quincy (62-16) opened the scoring in the first inning when Chris Jones singled, advanced to second and third on wild pitches and scored on Mike Kirkpatrick's sacrifice fly. In the second, Bret Flesner and Sam Kuhlman scored on a wild pitch and

error. Norwood got its runs when pitcher Robert Baxter hit

a two-run homer in the the third. Quincy finished the scoring on a sacrifice fly by Lyle Martin in the third. The Greater Milwaukee Open golf tournament has received a \$1.5 million donation from Jane and Lloyd Pettit that will guarantee TV coverage starting next year whether the advertising is sold or not. It also means earlier dates and a better field for the GMO, which will move from mid-September to mid- or late August, starting in 1989. The purse will increase \$100,000 a year starting next year until

it reaches \$1 million in 1991. Rookie Davey Allison captured his fourth pole of the NASCAR season, earning the top spot for Sunday's Southern 500 at Darlington (S.C.) International Raceway. He beat Bill Elliott for the pole with a speed of 157.232 miles an hour. Elliott went 156.487.

Petr Prajsler, a Czechoslovakian defenseman who was picked by the Los Angeles Kings in the 1985 draft, has defected and will play for the National Hockey League team. ... The Hartford Whalers have signed center Doug Jarvis and goalie Steve Weeks to multiyear contracts. Jarvis has a two-year deal, Weeks a three-year agreement. The Whalers also signed Gordie Howe to a five-year contract as special assistant to Howard Baldwin, team chairman and general managing partner.

Tennis hustler Bobby Riggs is at it again. He has become involved in another battle of the sexes. Riggs will play former Wimbledon champion Althea Gibson. The match between the 60-year-old Gibson and Riggs, 69, is scheduled for Sept. 26 at Union College in Cranford, N.J. Riggs defeated Margaret Court on Mother's Day in 1973 and lost to Billie Jean King in straight sets four months later.

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