Glavine sharp as Braves top Reds 3-2

By Gerry Fraley Staff Writer

Close the competition for one of the openings in the Atlanta Braves' rotation behind Zane Smith next season. Tom Glavine won a spot Monday night.

Glavine, in the best of his six major-league appearances, held Cincinnati to four hits in seven innings during the Braves' 3-2 win against the lifeless Reds at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. Glavine's performance meant more to the Braves than two RBI by Dale Murphy and another save by the suddenly unhittable Jim Acker.

"If (Glavine) keeps pitching like that, he'll pitch his way onto the club next year in September," manager Chuck Tanner said. "He's in the rotation? I think I'd agree with that statement."

Two facets of Glavine's showing convinced the Braves, who have searched for lefthanders for a generation and suddenly have two.

His left shoulder is sound. A stream of lively fastballs testified to that. Glavine threw 91 pitches and came out only because Tanner wanted him to have a win or noth-

The move worked. Ken Griffey, hinting at next year's role, reached on a pinch-hit double and scored on Albert Hall's double in the Braves' two-run seventh.

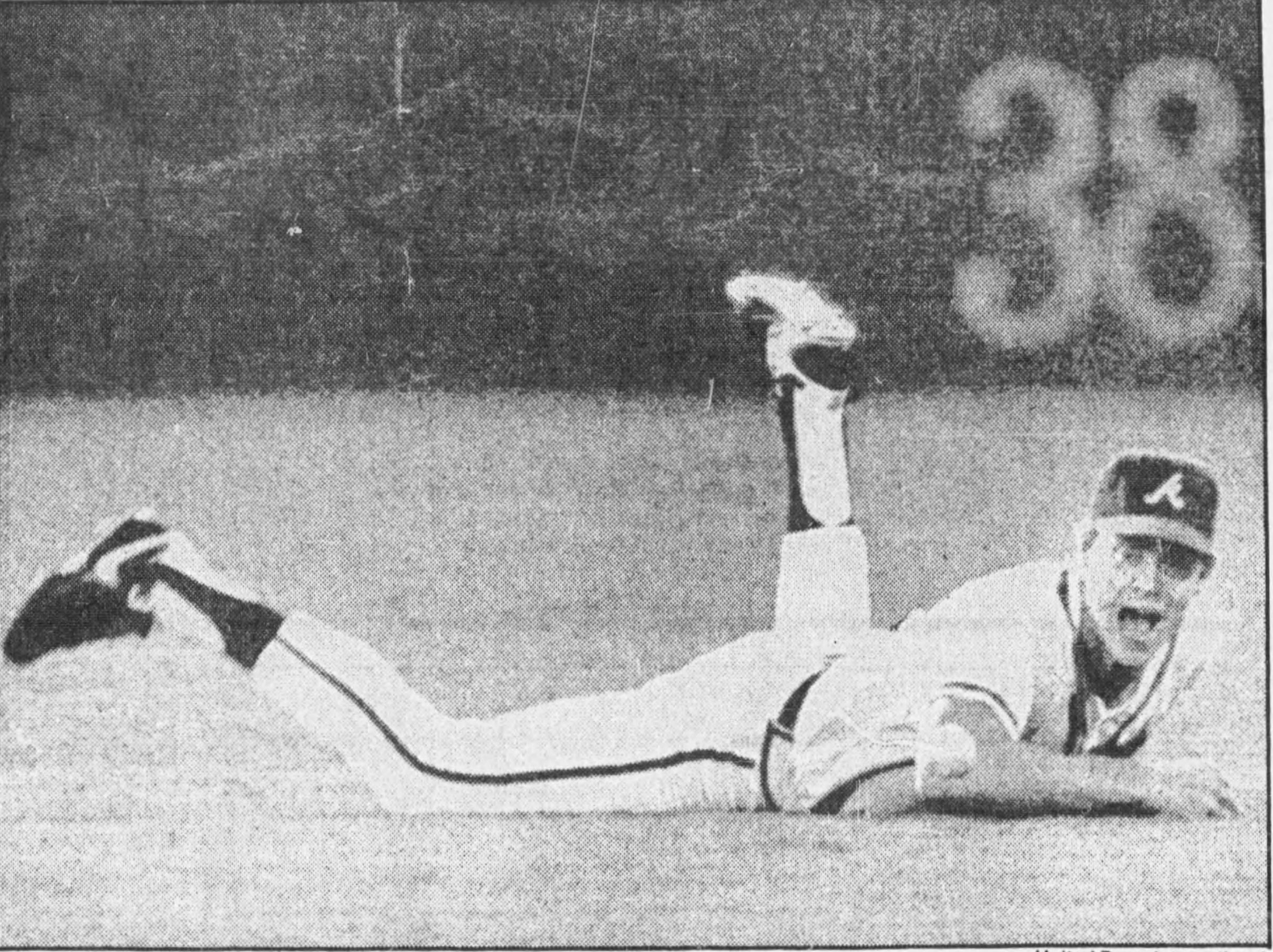
Glavine can pitch inside effectively with that moving fastball. The stagnation of the Reds, who have lost 16 of their last 25 games and given the division to San Francisco, spoke of Glavine's work.

"He has a lively arm," Cincinnati shortstop Barry Larkin said. "He moved the ball in and out and pitched a good game. When you hold us to four hits, you've pitched a good game."

Glavine's shoulder alarmed the Braves. He experienced tightness during his last appearance, and the Braves delayed this start a day as a precaution. They remembered Glavine's spring-training shoulder prob-

A first-inning pitch eased the worries. Glavine (2-3) ended the inning by running a fastball in on Eric Davis, who froze and took a third strike. It was the first of four strikeouts by Glavine, who had only six punchouts in 27 previous innings, and the most telling.

"I was a little concerned about how it would feel," said Glavine,



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Braves right fielder Dale Murphy slides after making a diving attempt to catch a double hit by the Reds' Nick Esasky in the fourth inning of Atlanta's 3-2 victory Monday night.

who has lasted seven innings in three of his last five starts. "I was wondering about it. When I was able to throw and have a good fastball, psychologically that was good for me."

Because of the good fastball, which makes up for average speed with good movement, Glavine oitched much differently. He broke the pattern of pitching away. That is the worst of the phobias about pitching in the majors.

"You have to pitch inside to keep them honest," Tanner said. "We just didn't want him to forget that. He did it a lot more this time because he's more relaxed out

Glavine made one mistake, and t cost him a 1-0 lead in the fourth. He left a 2-0 fastball to Buddy Bell over the plate, and he launched it to left field for a homer. It was the Reds' first hit.

Pitching inside made up for that by bringing Glavine his most important out. After Bell's homer, the Reds put runners at second and

third with two out. Lloyd McClendon, looking for a pitch away, could not react to a breaking ball inside and took it for a called third strike.

"I've always felt to be successful, I have to be able to pitch inside, too," Glavine said. "I learned I can go in there and get people out. That's another thing I found out."

The Braves rewarded Glavine with two runs in the seventh. Hall had the run-scoring single, and Murphy scored him with a sacrifice fly. When the Reds pitched to Mur-

Braves ahead with a two-out, runscoring single in the third. When the Reds avoided Murphy, the Braves stalled. Twice in the first five innings the Reds intention-

ally walked Murphy to load the

phy, he produced, putting the

bases with one out. The Braves failed to score each time. Murphy has been intentionally walked 23 times. The entire Seattle team has received 19 intentional walks. The suggestion is the Braves need more than one new pitcher to

right themselves.

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Agents drop lawsuit against Washington's Rogers

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

Bloom made a major concession Monday when they dropped a \$500,000 breach-of-contract suit against former University of Washington defensive end Reggie Rogers.

The dismissal is considered significant because Walters has steadfastly maintained that several postdated contracts he had given to athletes were enforceable by law.

Rogers, the NFL first round draft pick of the Detroit Lions this

year, was one of six players Walters and Bloom had filed breach-of-con-Agents Norby Walters and Lloyd tract suits against in the New York Supreme Court.

Walters also dropped a \$1 million suit against Rogers' agent, Steve Zucker of Chicago, as a party to the alleged breach of contract.

Rogers agreed to drop his \$1.4 million suit filed against Walters in California. Rogers' attorney, Edward King of San Francisco, said California state legislation that requires agents registration influenced Walters' dismissal.

hold up in this case," said King. "The biggest thing is this should give fair warning to people who are making unlawful payments to college athletes, that there's not a lot of future in it. The California statute, and other legislation being passed by states, will work against the unscrupulous agent."

Walters and Bloom were unavailable for comment. A source close to Walters said that the New

"I think it became clear to his York-based agent has decided to attorneys that California labor code concentrate most of his legal exon the agent matter was going to penses on the Chicago-based federal grand jury investigation into his and Bloom's business practices.

> There is no indication yet that Walters is dropping his five other breach-of-contract suits against Brent Fullwood, formerly of Auburn, Terrence Flager, formerly of Clemson, Tony Woods, formerly of the University of Pittsburgh, Ronnie Harmon, formerly of Iowa, and Rod Woodson, formerly of Purdue.

Atlanta's bid for '96 Olympics goes in today

PRO BEAT

Roenicke injury forces Tanner to use 63rd lineup of season



Because Gary Roenicke was unavailable, Chuck Tanner used his 63rd lineup of the season in Monday night's game. Roenicke's right hand is still bruised and BRAVES swollen after being hit by a pitch Saturday. ... A potential trade with St. Louis

apparently has been tabled by the Cardinals. The Braves had discussed sending pitcher Rick Mahler to St. Louis for a catching prospect and left the decision up to the Cardinals. As of Monday, there had been no contact between the teams for two days. . . . Reliever Paul Assenmacher was unavailable for this game. He was with his wife, who gave birth to a daughter. - Gerry Fraley

Campbell: Falcons unprepared for DeBerg



In the aftermath of his Atlanta Falcons' stunning 48-10 loss at Tampa Bay in Sunday's regular-season opener, coach Marion Campbell theorized that his defense "wasn't prepared for that hot tem-

po he (quarterback Steve DeBerg) set. We reeled backward, rather than forward," Campbell said. DeBerg helped the Bucs set seven team records Sunday with a 24-of-34, 333-yard, five-touchdown performance. Campbell cited the Falcons' inability to stop the Bucs on third down as crucial. Tampa Bay was successful on 14-of-16 attempts. "That killed us," Campbell said. "In between, we were as good as we've played. I know that sounds stupid, but it's a fact." On his defense's attitude: "I think that the defense will react the way they always have. I know they're very upset with themselves, and that's the reaction I wanted to see". . . . Campbell has not decided on a player to be added to take the roster spot available with the placement of safety Bret Clark (broken leg) on injured reserve. He said he is considering all positions, including quarterback.

- Glenn Sheeley

By Karen Rosen cisco, Nashville and Minneapolis-St. Paul Staff Writer

The videotaped bid to bring the 1996 Summer Olympics to Atlanta begins with Scarlett O'Hara and the burning of Atlanta from "Gone With the Wind."

The U.S. Olympic Committee will receive the hand-delivered nine-minute videotape and a 150-page written bid in Colorado Springs, Colo., today from four members of the Georgia Amateur Athletic Foundation (GAAF).

seriousness of our effort," said Atlanta at- bid presentation titled, "Live the dream." torney Billy Payne, GAAF chairman. bid is a longshot, we're taking it very seriously."

— are expected to send presentations. The USOC will decide which city — if any — it will recommend to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as host in 1996.

"We've got what we feel to be a very exciting proposition," said mayor Andrew Young in a press conference Monday at City Hall. "I guarantee you'll never find a more hospitable city."

In the videotape, which was screened publicly at the press conference, Young, Gov. Joe Frank Harris and Martin Luther "We wanted to proclaim personally the King III all pitch the city in the Olympics

The campuses at the University of "While some people would say this current Georgia, Georgia Tech, Emory and the Atlanta University Complex would be used, as well as facilities at Stone Mountain At least three other cities - San Fran- Park, Callaway Gardens and Jekyll Island.

Lewis shoots 68, leads State PGA by 1 shot

Scores, Page 7-D By Tom McCollister Staff Writer

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. - The showdown for Georgia Section PGA Player of the Year honors took on a familiar look Monday with Jack Lewis Jr. and Gregg Wolff a stroke apart after the first round of the Ping Georgia PGA championship.

Lewis, head professional at the Atlanta Athletic Club and second to Wolff in the points race, shot a 4-under-par 68 to the Metter pro's 69. Also at 69, but well out of the Player of the Year Lanning, are Berkley Hill's Jon Stricker and Sky Valley's James Mason and Jim Buchanon.

AAC assistant Tommy Brannen, who is third in points, received a two-stroke penalty on the first hole and never recovered on the way to a 77. Defending PGA cham-

pion Craig Hartle of Augusta shot 73.

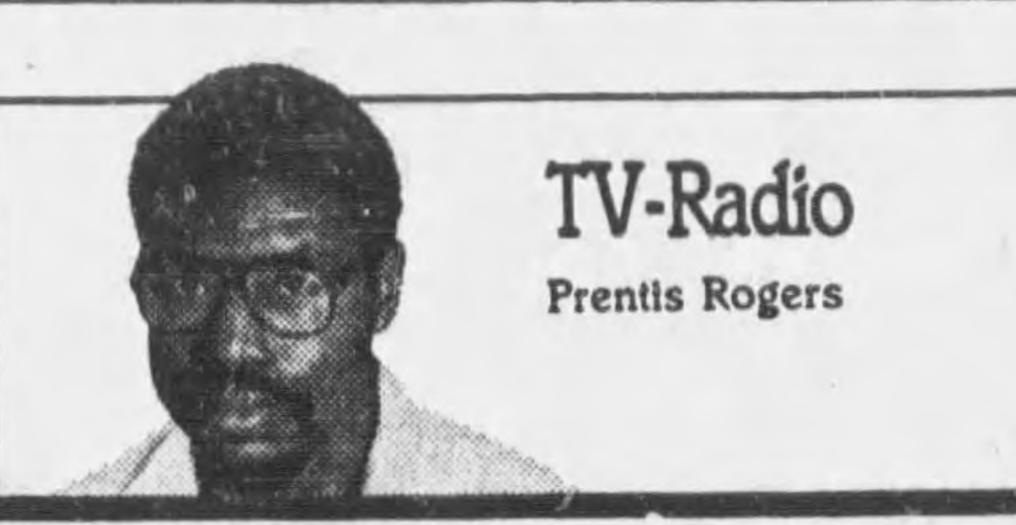
Lewis, a Carolinas Section Player of the Year before coming to Atlanta three years ago, was kicking himself after his round. As good as it was, it could have been better, much better.

"You hate to complain after shooting 68, but I threw away a good one," Lewis said. "I drove the ball, hit my irons close all day, but I did not putt well.

"I missed a three birdie putts inside five feet and a bunch from 10-15 feet. It was kind of frustrating to hit it that close and not get any more out of it."

Ironically, it was his putter that saved Wolff's round. More familiar with Bermuda greens than Lewis, who is accustomed to bent surfaces, Wolff needed only 28 putts.

"It would mean a lot to be Player of the Year again," said Wolff, who has won the honor three consecutive years.



Buoniconti, Dawson doing some sharp 'Inside' work

It will probably never be watched in as many homes as CBS's "The NFL Today," NBC's "NFL Live!" or even "NFL PrimeTime" on ESPN.

But minute-for-minute, "Inside the NFL" on HBO, the pay cable channel, is No. 1 when it comes to covering pro football.

The show, hosted by Nick Buoniconti and Len Dawson, kicks off its 11th year Thursday at 11 p.m. (with repeat showings at 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday). During that span, it has developed a strong and loyal cult following, including the players themselves.

"Since most of the games are played about the same time, and the players don't get to see anyone else play, they have come to watch the show religiously," says Ross Greenburg, executive producer for HBO Sports.

The show is billed as "the most comprehensive one hour of television on the NFL." Due in no small part to the lack of commercial interruptions, "Inside the

NFL" lives up to that billing. Included in its one-hour format, besides game highlights, are feature stories by former Dallas Cowboys receiver Drew Pearson and investigative pieces by Larry Merchant. In the season premiere, Merchant will focus on the agents scandal, and Lloyd Bloom, at the center of the controversy, will appear.

There is also a "Where Are They Now?" series, a segment that made its debut last year with stories about the occupations former players have taken up in the afterlife of the NFL. But the strengths of the show are Buoniconti and Dawson, who have been together for nine years.

"They've really established their roles," says Greenburg. "Nick is feisty and pigheaded, while Len is more laid back and diplomatic, although he'll take Nick to issue when he just gets too carried away. But the key is they're not afraid to take a stand, whether it's team-related, player-related or managementrelated."

Buoniconti is especially adept at ripping teams for poor performance. The local chapter of the "Inside the NFL" cult can hardly wait to see what he has to say about the Falcons.

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TAKING NOTE: Former Atlanta Falcons center Jeff Van Note is out of sight on the field but not out of mind. After his four-game stint with Channel 5 as the color commentator for the Falcons' exhibition games, he has been given a commentary spot at

the end of the station's "Falcons Today" program, calling it "The Final Note."

WGST Radio (920 AM) decided last week to give him a 45minute call-in show at 8 p.m. prior to the ABC's "Monday Night Football" telecast. It will run all season.

NO MORE LIVE ACTION: The "NFL Live!" program on NBC is no longer before a live audience, and good riddance, says Bob Costas, who still gets a little rankled at charges the network's studio team played to the audience last year.

"That was an incorrect perception," says Costas. "I'm very critical of my own performance, and I checked back to compare what I did last year to the year before without the studio audience. My performance was con-

"But the audience reaction goes on longer, and eventually it overwhelmed the show."

Last Sunday's show was better than anything that happened last year, including a decent piece called "The Land of Boz" by Ahmad Rashad on Seattle rookie Brian Bosworth. To Paul Maguire's wild prediction that Kansas City would make it to the Super Bowl, Costas cracked, "Kansas City will win it if Dawson and Buck Buchanan have big years." Also, analysts Bob Trumpy and Jimmy Cefalo put on a spirited debate over the strike issue. Trumpy blamed Ed Garvey and the previous leadership of the players union, to which Cefalo replied, "Blaming Garvey for that is like blaming Jimmy Carter for the Iran-Contra affair."

ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES: The debut of the James Brown-Dan Jiggetts team on the Atlanta-Tampa Bay game was nothing to write home about, but it wasn't terrible, either. Brown's inexperience with play-by-play showed on several occasions, such as when he called players by the wrong names. On one glaring instance early in the game, he said fans were booing Bucs quarterback Steve DeBerg after an incomplete pass when actually they were booing what they thought should have been an interference call. Jiggetts, meanwhile, was fairly sharp, and his commentary was on the mark more times than not.

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Interestingly, the biggest gaffe didn't belong to the announcing team. It was a graphic that declared the Mets beat the Cardinals 2-1, when in fact, the game was delayed by rain.

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