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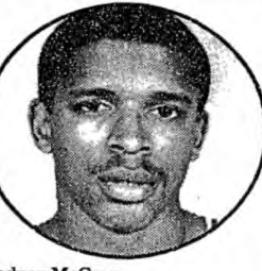
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ceps tendon above the left knee while playing in a softball game in Central Park in July 1986.

McCray Reaches Terms

Rodney McCray, the 6-foot-8-inch small member of the Houston Rockets' starting front line, reached agreement with the team yesterday on a six-year contract for an undisclosed amount of money. McCray, who led the Rockets in assists, fieldgoal percentage and free-throw percentage last season while complementing the Twin Towers - Ralph Sampson and Akeem Olajuwon said that contract negotiations picked up speed after he changed agents, replacing Howard Slusher with David Falk. "The attorney I had before had a different strategy," said McCray.

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Rodney McCray

"I decided it was time to change for the benefit of Rodney McCray."

Williams Rejects Job

Miffed after learning that he was not under consideration to become the new manager of the Chicago Cubs. Billy Williams, the Hall of

Fame outfielder, has told the Cubs he will not manage in the club's minorleague system as planned. Williams, who played for the Cubs nearly all of his 18-year major-league career and served as a coach with the team for six years, has talked with John Madigan, the club's new chairman. "I told him I played with the Cubs and I am a Cub and I am concerned about what has happened to the team," said Williams, who was upset that the team's former general manager, Dallas Green, resigned last week after executives of the Tribune Company, which owns the Cubs, had vetoed Greeen's choice for manager - John Vukovich.

Rams Suspend Irvin

The Los Angeles Rams have suspended the All-Pro cornerback LeRoy Irvin for conduct detrimental to the team. He will not play Sunday when the Rams meet the New Orleans Saints, but Coach John Robinson said Irvin's status would be re-

evaluated after he meets with the eight-year veteran next Monday. Irvin, who has been complaining about his contract since early in training camp, called in sick with the flu last Thursday and the Rams responded by placing him on the inactive list and cleaning out his locker.

Decision on Harmon

Based on a ruling by an arbitrator. John Culver, a former Senator from Iowa, Ronnie Harmon does not have to repay Norby Walters most of the money he received from the agent with whom he had a contract from March 1985 until August 1986. According to a report yesterday in The Atlanta Constitution, Culver voided the contract that Harmon signed on the ground that Walters and Lloyd Bloom, an associate, had violated regulations of the National Football League Players Association regarding agents. Since Harmon was a junior at the University of Iowa, signing a contract and accepting money from

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giate Athletic Association rules. Culver's 30-page decision held that Harmon must repay only \$5,869.47 of the \$54,924.42 that Walter gave him in cash, airline tickets and an automobile. Culver, however, said that he did not consider Harmon to be an innocent party in the dealings with the agents and reprimanded the running back, who was the top draft pick of the Buffalo Bills in 1986. ... The arbitrator's ruling also said that Ron's brother, Kevin Harmon, a senior running back who leads lowa in rushing yardage this season, had also received gifts from the agents. Officials of the Big Ten Conference and Iowa said they would investigate the situation.

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Marathon Completed

Bob Wieland of Arcadia, Calif., who lost his legs in Vietnam, completed the New York City Marathon yesterday and lowered his 1986 time for the event from 98 hours 48 minutes 17 seconds to just over 81 hours.