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Talk about buildup: Rookie Scottie Pippen has yet to play a regular NBA game, and already he has been mentioned as Hall of Fame material by Rick Barry and placed on the All-Star ballot with two other Bulls. Despite the lofty compliments, the player from Central Arkansas seems unfazed. When introduced at the Bulls' tipoff luncheon on Thursday, he said: "I don't think in terms of expectations. All I want to do is a good enough job to help us win."

## Stuff the box

Balloting for the 1988 NBA All-Star Game, which will be here, starts next week. Nevertheless, Pippen already has his first vote from superstar Michael Jordan, who cast a ceremonial first ballot before the lunch. "We vote early and often in Chicago, so the Bulls should do all right," cracked Bulls announcer Jim Durham.

## Beginnings

With the season opening Saturday, we pass on a story that announcer Gary Bender tells about his former CBS partner, Doug Collins. It seems the two arrived in Bloomington to cover Indiana several years ago and were invited to practice by Bob Knight. When the session ended, Knight started talking basketball with Collins and during the conversation asked him to impart a few pointers on footwork to Knight's son, Pat. Collins agreed. So pleased was Knight with the result, he later told Collins: "Doug, you'd be a heck of a coach. I've been trying to tell him that for four or five years, and he wouldn't listen to me. But he respected you because you played the game."

Adds Bender: "Doug might not agree with this, but I think that incident put it in the back of his mind that coaching is where he might end up."

## Luncheon leftovers

Collins, introducing his squad after lunch Thursday, managed to work in several clever lines:

- On Artis Gilmore: "I had [Operations Chief] Jerry Krause go out and get him so I wouldn't be the youngest guy on the staff."
- On Charles Oakley: "We have a love-hate relationship. I love him, and he hates me."
- On Pippen: "I'm not going to let him get full of himself. I'm going to put him back in coach with me [on the plane trips]. He's going to carry my bags."
- On Mike Brown: "He's our Fridge. I'm going to be on him about his weight."
- On Dave Corzine: "Last year fans realized what he is, not what he isn't."

## Peas in a pod

Jack Trudeau says he and Mike Tomczak could form a club. Despite going 3-0 as a starter, Tomczak lost his job to Jim McMahon as soon as the punky QB was healthy. Trudeau told us he's facing the same situation Sunday, or the following week, whenever Gary Hogeboom returns from a rib injury. "When a coach gets in his mind that someone's a starter, it's hard to break their thinking no matter what you do," said the former Illini star. For the record, Trudeau led the Colts to a 19-14 victory last week against the Jets with 14-for-23 passing for 192 yards and his team's only TD. And he did this while explaining plays to newcomer Eric Dickerson in the huddle.

## Something's fishy

Things have settled down considerably in the NFL since the strike, but Bear Linebacker Wilber Marshall remains convinced there is a spy among the team's regular players. Said Marshall: "Every time we had a meeting that was supposed to be secret, it seemed like management knew exactly the right thing to do the next day. Someone at those meetings had to be telling them." ... Speaking of goblins lurking in shadows: On Halloween last week, Marshall had his Lake Forest home invaded by kids. "I was giving out candy, then ran out," he explained, "and so I started giving out autographed pictures. One of the kids who lives behind my place called all his buddies, and the next thing I knew, they were lined up. I think some might've come a second time."

## News, notes and nonsense

Forget any speculation about Notre Dame's bowl plans—unless it says the Irish are headed for the Cotton Bowl. Jim Brock, executive director of the New Year's Day game, will be in South Bend Saturday for the third straight weekend. "We could sign with them right now if there wasn't a signing date," says an ND source. "They want us in the worst way, and it's the Cotton Bowl for us, no matter what." ... Fans heading for South Bend a day early this football weekend may wish to check out an auction Friday evening in the Century Center, where sports memorabilia goes on sale to benefit Michiana's chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism. ... A scholarship honoring Arlington Heights teenager Jennifer Malloy, who died of cancer in May, will be established at the Illinois Shotokan Karate Clubs banquet Sunday at the Woodfield Hilton and Towers. ... Defenseman Keith Brown's injured knee may keep him from playing, but it looks as if the Hawks still plan to use him. He'll be the host Monday for "A Night with the Blackhawks" at the Snuggery in Mt. Prospect. Proceeds benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. ... And finally, after Jordan punched out his name and those of teammates Pippen and Oakley on his All-Star ballot, who were his other choices? Well, Michael rounded out his Eastern Conference team with Buck Williams and Karl Malone. His Western Conference squad was Sam Perkins, James Worthy, Walter Davis, Kenny Smith and Akeem Olajuwon. Let's see, that's only five players from Jordan's alma mater, North Carolina.

## Cricket overcomes the bears and bulls

The trading ring at the Bombay Stock Exchange is about as crowded as usual, but instead of watching share fluctuations the brokers gather at two large television sets they bought last month.

Their interest has shifted from India's listless stocks to the World Cup cricket tournament. Money is still changing hands at the exchange, but brokers appear to be channeling some of their speculative urges to betting on the matches, even though such gambling is illegal in India.

Live telecasts and the playing of the 27 World Cup matches for the first time in India and neighboring Pakistan have apparently fueled the interest.

"I have never seen such interest in one-day cricket when India is not playing," said Arun Shah of Jasantal Chhotalal and Co., a brokerage firm. "Because of bearish trends and a low trade volume [at the Bombay exchange], interest in cricket is phenomenal."

While most of the world's stock markets were hit with wild gyrations in prices the past two weeks, the Bombay exchange was insulated because it deals only in Indian companies.

The brokers said the shift in interest from bulls and bears to Kiwis and Kangaroos—as the New Zealand and Australian cricket teams are known—began in early October as the World Cup started.

Daily sales of shares during October slumped to an average of 112.1 million rupees, a 25 percent drop from the September average of 149.9 million rupees.

Brokers stoutly deny they are betting, which is an offense under the 100-year-old Prevention of Gambling Act. But many of them can be seen discussing odds just outside the exchange.



Bulls Michael Jordan (from left), Charles Oakley and Scottie Pippen fill out the first NBA All-Star ballots at a Thursday press conference. All three are on the ballot for this year's game, to be held Feb. 7 at the Stadium. Fan voting will begin Tuesday and run through Jan. 16.

## BYU can't overlook Santos this weekend

San Diego State quarterback Todd Santos can put his name in the record book Saturday—and tweak Brigham Young in the process.

Santos needs 211 yards to break Kevin Sweeney's NCAA Division I career passing record of 10,623 yards. He can do it against the same BYU team that wasn't interested in him when he was a high school senior.

Coming out of Selma High School near Fresno, Santos received two scholarship offers—from Fresno State and Northern Arizona. He did not particularly want to go to Arizona and he didn't want to go to Fresno State, where Sweeney had enrolled the year before. "My first choice was BYU, but

they didn't offer me a scholarship," says Santos, a Mormon. "I didn't want to go [to Fresno], because Kevin went there, so I decided to come to San Diego State."

Santos quarterbacked the Aztecs to their first Western Athletic Conference title last year. In the past three games, Santos has completed 95 of 140 passes for 1,343 yards with 9 TDs, and is the nation's total offense leader, averaging 311.1 yards a game.

"I was very much motivated to be successful. A lot of people doubted me," he says. "I wanted to work extra to prove everybody else wrong and prove to myself I could play at a Division I school."

## Best team in Indiana? The numbers say Rose-Hulman

The average freshman at Rose-Hulman Institute ranked in the top 6 percent of his high school class.

One in 10 students is a National Merit Scholar.

Rose-Hulman offers degrees in applied optics, computer science, and chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering, among other programs.

Now, remembering all that, you might not picture the Rose-Hulman football team as a powerhouse. But Rose-Hulman is the winningest college football team in Indiana, with a 9-0 record.

Before the Engineers close out their season Saturday against Rhodes College of Memphis, a little credit should be thrown their way. They have a 14-game winning streak and



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are ranked 15th in Division III. They have already won the College Athletic Conference title, and are looking to wrap up the most successful season in the Terre Haute school's 113-year history.

The head coach is Scott Duncan, a Northwestern grad who was a part-time assistant coach for the Wildcats in 1980. One of the Engineer assistant coaches—and the school's athletic director—is Gene Mitz, former head coach at Triton and North Park.

"Our goal this year was to go out and play hard each and every week," Duncan told the Indianapolis Star. "We wanted to be able to leave the field with a sense of pride and with a knowledge that we did our very best."

## Navratilova hires Gullikson

Randy Crawford, who replaced Mike Estep as Martina Navratilova's coach and hitting partner nearly a year ago, has been replaced by Tim Gullikson.

Gullikson will accompany Navratilova to the Virginia Slims of Chicago this weekend, though his contract begins Jan. 1.

Crawford, whose contract expires Dec. 31, will relinquish his duties after accompanying Navratilova to the Virginia Slims Championships, scheduled for Nov. 16-22 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Crawford began working with Navratilova in January. Since then, she has struggled, having won 3 of 10 tournaments she has entered. She also dropped to No. 2 in the rankings, losing her No. 1 spot to Steffi Graf.

Navratilova failed to win a title in six '87 tournaments before she won at Wim-



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bledon. She followed her Wimbledon victory by winning the U.S. Open and recently, at Filderstadt, West Germany.

On several occasions Navratilova stressed that her poor results were not a reflection on Crawford. Still, during the French Open in May, she enlisted the coaching services of Renee Richards.

Richards will continue to coach Navratilova during major tournaments, such as Grand Slam events.

## SMU has something to celebrate

Southern Methodist University's football program may be dead, but its soccer program is alive and kicking.

With no football at the school this year because of the NCAA-imposed "death penalty," the SMU soccer team has taken center stage. The Mustangs are 12-3-1, and are ranked fifth in the nation going into Saturday's homecoming match against Texas Christian.

The Mustangs have averaged 1,546 fans this season, and there have been three crowds of more than 3,000. But Saturday's match is expected to draw between 6,000 and 7,000 fans.

## Family vacation bad for this team

Forgive Gary Reineck, the football coach and principal at St. Croix (Wis.) Central High School, if some days he sees double. Maybe even triple.

Football players at the tiny school of 280 come in multiples.

In the St. Croix backfield, triplets Tim, Tom and Todd Myer take turns carrying the football.

They take their handoffs from quarterback Brent Sittlow, whose twin brother, Brian, is a linebacker for the Panthers.

"It probably detracts a little from the other kids. Sometimes it's a bigger deal that we have triplets and twins than the fact that we're good," says Reineck, whose team plays Darlington in the state semifinal playoffs Saturday.

"But it's a unique story in itself and quite a big deal has been made about it. But it doesn't bother the kids much. They just laugh."

The Myers and the Sittlows are juniors. Reineck says he has no problem telling all the brothers apart.

"The triplets don't look alike. The twins used to be really tough because they are identical twins, but Brian has gotten so much bigger because he been lifting weights."

"But it's really easy for me. They all wear different numbers."

And yes, you will need a program for Saturday's game. Darlington's backfield features—you guessed it—brothers Dean and Tony Wagner, two running backs.

## Nussbaum clan closes book on Wheaton College

An era comes to an end Saturday, when Wheaton College cocaptain Tom Nussbaum plays his last collegiate game.

It will be the 100th consecutive game in which at least one of the five Nussbaum brothers has suited up. And the last, because Tom is the youngest of the brothers.

"My brothers and I sat down the other day, and we started counting," says Andy Nussbaum, who started the streak in 1976. "If it's not an NCAA record—I don't think they keep records on things like that—it's at least pretty unusual."

Andy, now 29, was a defensive end for the Crusaders from 1976-79. These days he's a teacher and sophomore football coach at Naperville Central High School.

Next in line was Tim, who was a defensive back from 1979 through '82. Today, he's a doctor in Indianapolis.

Then came the twins, Matt and Phil, 25, who played from 1980-83. Matt, a guard, became a math teacher and baseball coach in Indiana, and now is a seminary student. Phil, a linebacker/defensive end, works for the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago.

And last but not least is Tom, a defensive end, whose Wheaton career started in 1984.

Saturday is Parents Day at Wheaton, and Barbara Nussbaum is making the trip from Columbus, Ind., to the game.

"We counted the other day, and it's a 500-mile roundtrip from Columbus to Wheaton," Andy says. "My father (Jack, who died in 1984) drove that 30 times. So that's 15,000 miles of driving right there. And I'd say my mother has seen at least 50 of the 100 games."

"I'm going to miss it," Barbara Nussbaum says of the long trip to Wheaton.

"But one of the boys [Tim] is going to have a baby soon, and he said next year I can come up and babysit for homecoming."

## BRIEFS

■ Iowa Athletic Director Bump Elliott said Thursday the school probably wouldn't be penalized if it were proven running back Kevin Harmon took money from an agent because no one at the school knew about the incident.

University officials began investigating Harmon after it was alleged that he accepted \$350 and airline tickets from agent Norby Walters. Acceptance of such benefits would be a violation of NCAA rules and could result in Harmon being declared ineligible. A team using an ineligible player could be punished by forfeiting games.

Coach Hayden Fry said Harmon will play Saturday against Northwestern unless the NCAA says he can't.

■ Former heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Wolcott, 73, was in stable condition after undergoing surgery. Officials at Howard University Hospital in Washington didn't say what kind of surgery Wolcott had.

■ Dennis DiVenuta, an attorney for Bobby Czyz, has asked the International Boxing Federation to invalidate last month's light-heavyweight title bout, contending referee Carlos Padilla erred in overseeing the fight. Czyz lost the title to Charles Williams.

■ Missouri football coach Woody Widenhofer has pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$500.

■ Kevin Curren upset No. 1 seed Miloslav Mecir 7-5, 6-4 in the second round of the Paris Open. No. 7 Brad Gilbert beat Tomas Smid 6-2, 6-2. Yannick Noah, seeded third, struggled to beat Mansour Bahrami 7-6, 6-4. Noah was hampered by a pulled abdominal muscle. ... Jim Grabb, who upset Mats Wilander Wednesday, continued his winning ways by outlasting Sergio Casal 7-6, 4-6, 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals of the Stockholm Open. Matt Anger surprised No. 5 Joakim Nystrom 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. Top-seeded Stefan Edberg beat Ulf Stenlund 7-6, 6-3. No. 8 Peter Lundgren beat Jimmy Arias 7-5, 3-6, 6-4. ... Fifth-seeded Lori McNeil defeated unseeded Anne Hobbs 6-2, 6-1 in the second round of the Virginia Slims of New England in Worcester, Mass.

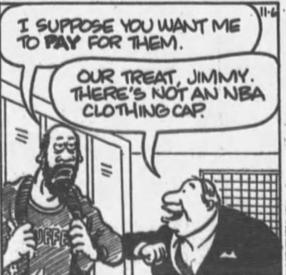
■ Player representatives from the eight Canadian Football League teams are meeting in Calgary to discuss the league's future. A Calgary TV station said one report had the league attempting to disband and then restarting with any players it could re-sign at lower salaries. The Calgary Herald quoted an unidentified source as saying the players will discuss a suggestion they take their salaries in deferred payments next season.

■ Sandy Lyle, Jose-Maria Olazabal and Nick Faldo led a European team to a 7-5 victory over U.S. in the first round of the World Championship of Golf in Inagi, Japan. Lyle defeated Lanny Wadkins 68-72, Olazabal edged Simpson 68-69 and Faldo beat Curtis Strange 70-73. Bernhard Langer and American Mark Calcavecchia tied at 67. American winners were Payne Stewart, who downed Ian Woosnam 68-71, and Tom Kite, who beat Ken Brown 68-71. Greg Norman beat Toru Nakamura by seven strokes, 67-74, as an Australia-New Zealand team tied Japan 6-6. The two best teams on the first three days compete Sunday for the \$360,000 first prize.

■ Lorrie Nichols of Algonquin led Linda Urbanek by 95 pins after the fourth round of the Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour Fair Lanes Classic in Englewood, Colo. Nichols had 6,082 pins. Urbanek was one pin ahead of Karen Ellingsworth of Des Plaines. ... Ron Palombi Jr. led Steve Cook by 161 pins after the fourth round of the True Value Professional Bowlers Association Open in Indianapolis. Palombi had 6,020 pins.

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