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against Lori McNeil but is left frustrated by day of the Virginia Slims tennis tournament.

Etsuko Inoue of Japan uses her backhand McNeil 6-2, 1-6, 6-1 in the second round Thurs-

Slims

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which she dominated. Mandlikova double-faulted once in the tiebreaker, was passed once at the net and made several unforced er-

"Being up 5-2 in the second set, I just should have closed it out," said Mandlikova, ranked fifth in the world. Gompert is 25th. "But I missed some crucial volleys and smashes.

"Knowing she's not going to miss many shots, I felt a lot of pressure all the time. Usually I win tiebreakers. It's pretty unusual to lose 7-0, and very upsetting."

There was no love lost on the court. Gompert plays slowly, using most of her 30 seconds before she serves. The waiting seemed to be hard on Mandlikova, who at one point complained to the chair that Gompert was taking too much

"I asked if she [the official] was keeping an eye on it and she said she was, so that's all I could do." year.

Results, schedule

Virginia Slims of Chicago Thursday's results

Lori McNeil, Houston, d. Etsuko Inoue, Japan 6-2, 1-6, 6-1; Helena Sukova, Czechoslovakia, d. Jana Novotna, Czechoslovakia 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; Leila Meskhi, USSR, d. Bettina Bunge, Monaco 6-4, 6-2; Kate Gompert, Rancho Mirage, Calif., d. Hana Mandlikova, Czechoslovakia, 6-2, 7-6 (7-0); Zina Garrison, Houston, d. Mary Lou Piatek Daniels, Munster, Ind., 6-1, 6-0.

Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Helena Sukova d. Larissa Savchenko and Natalia Zvereva 6-2, 6-4;

Bettina Bunge and Eva Pfaff d. Betsy Nagelsen and Wendy Turnbull 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Hana Mandlikova and Jana Novotna d. Elise Burgin and Rosalyn Fairbanks 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-3. Friday's schedule

Helena Sukova, Czechoslovakia (3), vs. Leila Meskhi, USSR; Barbara Potter, Woodbury, Conn., vs. Zina Garrison, Houston; Natalia Zvereva, USSR, vs. Kate Gompert, Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Martina Navratilova (1), Ft. Worth, Tex. vs. Lori McNeil (6), Houston; Kohde-Kilsch-Sukova vs. Mandlikova-Novotna; Bunge-Pfaff vs. Garrison-

said Mandlikova, who threw her racket after one missed shot and nearly hit an alert ballboy who jumped out of the way in time. Mandlikova didn't look where she was throwing her racket and wasn't penalized.

Gompert, who was a two-time All-America at Stanford, has had another big win this year. She upset Chris Evert at the Virginia Slims of Florida, where she made it to the quarterfinals. She's also made it to the quarterfinals in Houston, San Diego and New Orleans Virginia Slims events this

"I don't think about that," said Gompert of her not winning a major tournament yet. "I just think about playing the best I can. 've only been out [on the circuit] two years."

Mandlikova wasn't the only seed to fall Thursday. Leila Meskhi of the Soviet Union beat seventh seed Bettina Bunge 6-4, 6-2. Meskhi will play Helena Sukova in the quarterfinals.

No. 4 seed Zina Garrison had better luck Thursday. She made fast work of Mary Lou Piatek-Daniels with a 6-1, 6-0 victory.

OLYMPICS

Top U.S. skier suffers broken leg

From Chicago Tribune wires

COPPER MOUNTAIN, Colo.— Tamara McKinney, expected to be the United States' best hope for an Olympic medal in Alpine skiing, will be sidelined for at least six weeks because of a broken left leg.

McKinney fell during a slalom run Monday, fracturing the lower fibula, trainer Chris Tucker said Thursday. Ski Team officials said Mckinney was hurt when she hooked a tip on a gate and fell.

"It's not a serious fracture," said Chip Woods, coach of the women's team. "It's just a hairline fracture. She'll be racing again by Jan. 1."

With that time frame, McKinney would miss four World Cup races, returning for a giant slalom in Megeve, France, Jan. 5. The Olympics are Feb. 13-28 in Calgary.

"She is strong, she's in the best condition of her life," Tucker said. "She has overcome injuries before. But only time will tell. We had high hopes for her . . . and now this."

McKinney, 25, insisted she would come back, saying it would take about two months to get back into

"It's temporary," she said. "It could have been much worse than this. It was a yanker. It hurt right away when I did it, but I was hoping for the best.

"I'll get a little longer Christmas break than normal. This is my chance to go home and be a lady bodybuilder."

Part of McKinney's rehabilitation will involve working with weights.

"They first thought she had sprained her ankle," said David Hampshire, spokesman for the U.S. Ski Team. "She stayed off skis Tuesday, and when it didn't get any better Wednesday, she went in to have X-rays. It's a hairline fracture of the fibula just above the ankle."

Hampshire said McKinney was considering a trip to South Lake

Tahoe, Calif., to consult with team surgeon Dr. Richard Steadman. The leg is in a soft cast, and a pin could be inserted.

McKinney, the only American woman to win a World Cup overall title, has said this would be her last season of competitive racing.

McKinney won the 1983 World Cup overall title. She won giant slalom titles in 1981 and 1983, the latter after coming back from a broken hand. She won the slalom title in 1984.

McKinney won two World Cup races last season, bringing her total to 18—more than any other Ameri-

But she has never won an Olympic medal and has managed only a pair of bronze medals in the combined at the 1985 and 1987 World Championships.

Skip Myslenski contributed to this

Lions' Rogers in toughest battle

By Tommy George Knight-Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT—Detroit Lions rookie defensive end Reggie Rogers, who began a 21-day stay at an emotional counseling center near Pontiac, Mich., Monday morning, insisted that his treatment is not for drug

"That's a lie," Rogers said, referring to a Sunday report on CBS-TV. "Why would anybody just up and make that up? Yeah, I guess I don't have to ask the question. That's all part of the problems."

The problems have swept Rogers, the Lions' 23-year-old No. 1 draft choice, like a hurricane.

Maybe they began building two summers ago when his brother, Don, a UCLA and Cleveland Browns safety, died of a cocaine overdose. Maybe they began long before that, when fans and friends always compared him with Don, how he looks like Don, how he walks and talks and plays football like Don.

Never simply Reggie.

Maybe the problems built after his court tangles with agent Norby Walters and with a former girlfriend in Seattle, or after constant worry over his 2-year-old daughter, Brittany, in Seattle, or over his mother, often ill the past year with heart ailments. Maybe they steamrolled when he felt Lions coaches misunderstood and misused him, and increased when his sister Jackie disappeared for four days while visiting

Maybe now Reggie Rogers is so overwhelmed because he took Jackie to Detroit's Metro Airport Saturday and she was to fly to Sacramento, Calif., making one stop in Chicago.

Jackie never arrived in Sacramento and is missing again.

Rogers' mother, Loretha Rogers, of Sacramento, said Reggie reported to the counseling center at 8:30 Monday morning. She would not identify the center, but confirmed, as Reggie did, that it was in the Pontiac area.

"For the first time in my life, I'm helpless to do anything for him,' Loretha Rogers said. "But I'll be NFL notes

From Chicago Tribune wires

The cities of Tempe and Phoenix, along with Tempe-based Arizona State University, have offered St. Louis Cardinals owner William Bidwill a \$10 million package in an attempt to lure the team to Arizona, officials say.

Burton Barr, a former speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives, said the offer could be worth even more, depending on attendance and a formula for dividing the revenue from proposed luxury skyboxes.

Bidwill also has investigated Jacksonville, Fla., which reportedly is offering guaranteed sellouts in the 80,000-seat Gator Bowl for 10 years; Memphis; and

Dispatch. Stouffer's agent, Mike Blatt, responded by increasing his demand to \$3.2 million for five years. Stouffer is the lone holdout from the first-round picks. He was the sixth selection over-

Phil Simms practiced with the New York Giants for the first time since injuring a knee 11 days ago, but it doesn't appear the quarterback will start Sunday against the Philadelphia Eagles.

coming there as soon as I can, as soon as I can tell him some good news about Jackie. He's blaming himself, thinking maybe he should have taken her himself and sat her down on the plane.

"Because of Donald and the way Jackie has acted, there is all of this speculation about drugs and Reggie. It is so unfair. Can you imagine how he feels? It's like he's living in the twilight zone and I feel the same way. For the rest of his life he has to prove he's not on drugs. For the rest of his life he has to prove that to the world. He asked me if I would come. He said, 'I'm gonna need you."

Before Rogers entered the counseling center, he was mulling through old photographs of his All-America football days at Washington. All of his old teammates, his old friends, smiling with Reggie. There were pictures of him at an All-America dinner.

"Man, those were happier times," he said softly, peering at the photographs. One wondered if he wished he could only jump inside.

"I loved my brother," he said. "I loved Don very much. But he has made it so hard for me."

Rogers had not practiced with the Lions since Nov. 2. He told Lions coaches later in the week that he needed some time to straighten out his life. A meeting was scheduled on Friday with Lions team physician

Keith Burch.

"I just wanted to go in and get some time, thinking maybe I would just need to miss Sunday's game [against Dallas]," Rogers said. "But as soon as I left the session, the doctor said, 'No way.' He said I needed to get help right now."

That decision initially gave Rogers even more to worry about. "I wonder what my teammates are going to think when I come back,"

Lions management refused to confirm or deny that Rogers had checked into a treatment center Monday. "I'm not aware that he checked in, or if he needs to check in," said General Manager Russ Thomas, who indicated that Rogers already had been receiving help for $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 weeks.

Sunday, Lions general counsel Jerry Vainisi said: "He is basically getting emotional counseling as we've indicated. To our knowledge, there is nothing drug-related. He has never failed any test he's been given. He's been given three tests." Loretha Rogers said her son al-

ways felt he shouldn't show people his discomfort. And since she has been ill, she said she believes he has become more careful about how much he tells her and in what manner. But she knew trouble was lurking when Reggie told her of a dream in which he and Donald were laying side by side in a casket.

Bears

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riod. It's very unusual for them to have such a disparity. They've passed more in each of the three games than they have run, something that happened only once last year—at Houston, where the Bears struggled to win. Ditka has talked at times about

not being afraid to "change the nature of the team" if that's what it takes to win. He means throwing more than in the past. But he apparently has trouble convincing himself that such a change would work. "It's been proved in the league

that the team that wins runs the ball 40-plus times a game," Ditka said. "It's simply a fallacy to think anything else. The statistics bear it

"When you start not being successful with the running game, you start winning the way we are with heroics. The other statistic is a quarterback who passes 400 yards in a game, loses something like 70 percent of the time." Stanfel added: "When you have

a good running game, you run from 40 to 45 plays a game." The most rushing plays the

Bears have tried the last three weeks is 33. There were only three games all last year in which they ran fewer than 37 times. Even McMahon, whose first love will forever be throwing, admits the team would generally do best with an equal number of running and

passing plays. "If you get the half-and-half, it's

a healthy situation," Stanfel said "If you have to go one way, you're not healthy. Look at Miami. They'd gain 400 to 500 yards passing and lose. When Miami won the championship, they had both running and passing." Ditka said he probably would

scale down the variety of running plays in his game plan against the Denver Broncos Monday night. "Last week, we had 17 different running plays for Green Bay, and I don't think we ran seven different ones. This game we are proba bly better off with 10 running plays and hope we can run five." The Bronco defense has been

susceptible to the run on occasion this season, yielding 258 rushing yards to Buffalo last week. But, then, the Packers were having similar problem until last week. "As an offensive lineman, I have

to say we didn't block well against Green Bay," Thayer said. "But think once the defense is able to give us the chance to control possession more, we'll run it more. "We've led the league in rushing

the last four years. The Bears game plan is to run the ball. don't think that's changed." Thayer and Stanfel both talked

about the funereal mood that has hung over the Bears' last three victories. "Do you want me to apoligize because we won?" Thayer challenged. "I think the best thing about Green Bay was, we didn't play well at all and we still won." Stanfel said: "Okay, I know we

should be playing better. But

sometimes figure we're 1-7, not 7-1, hearing people talk. It shouldn't be that you say, 'Well, special teams won it for us.' Aren't special teams just a role, like offense and defense? The Chicago Bears have won. Everyone, not just a part of the team." Stanfel isn't asking to be left off

the hook. In fact, he has stung his "" linemen with a few barbs in practices this week. "There are some points during

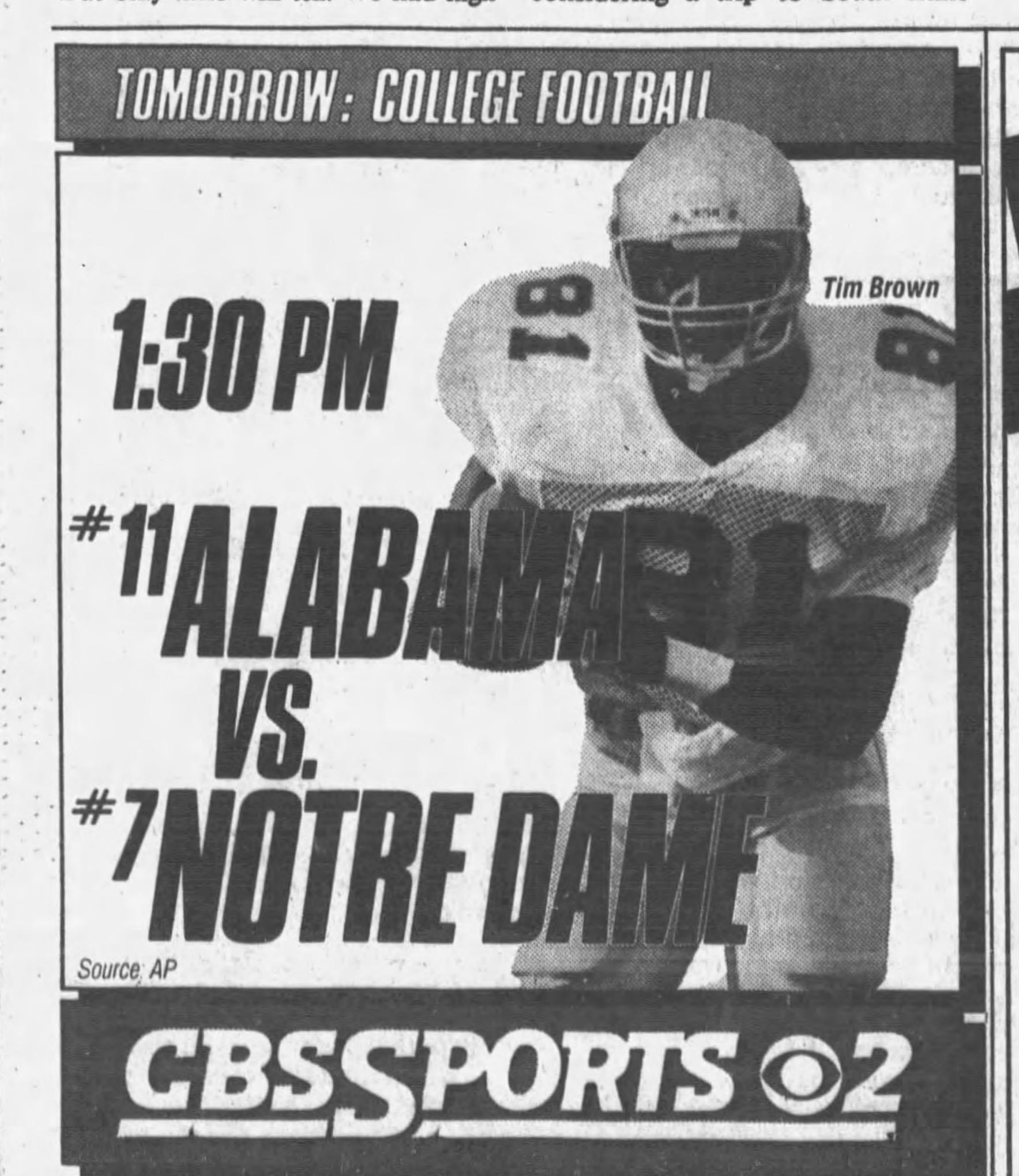
the week when we haven't had the concentration we need," Stanfel noted. "Thayer said technique was missing Sunday for him and others. All technique boils down to is concentration. Can't wait; in until game day to turn on the motor. Better get it started and leave it running all week. "Ditka has done a heck of a job

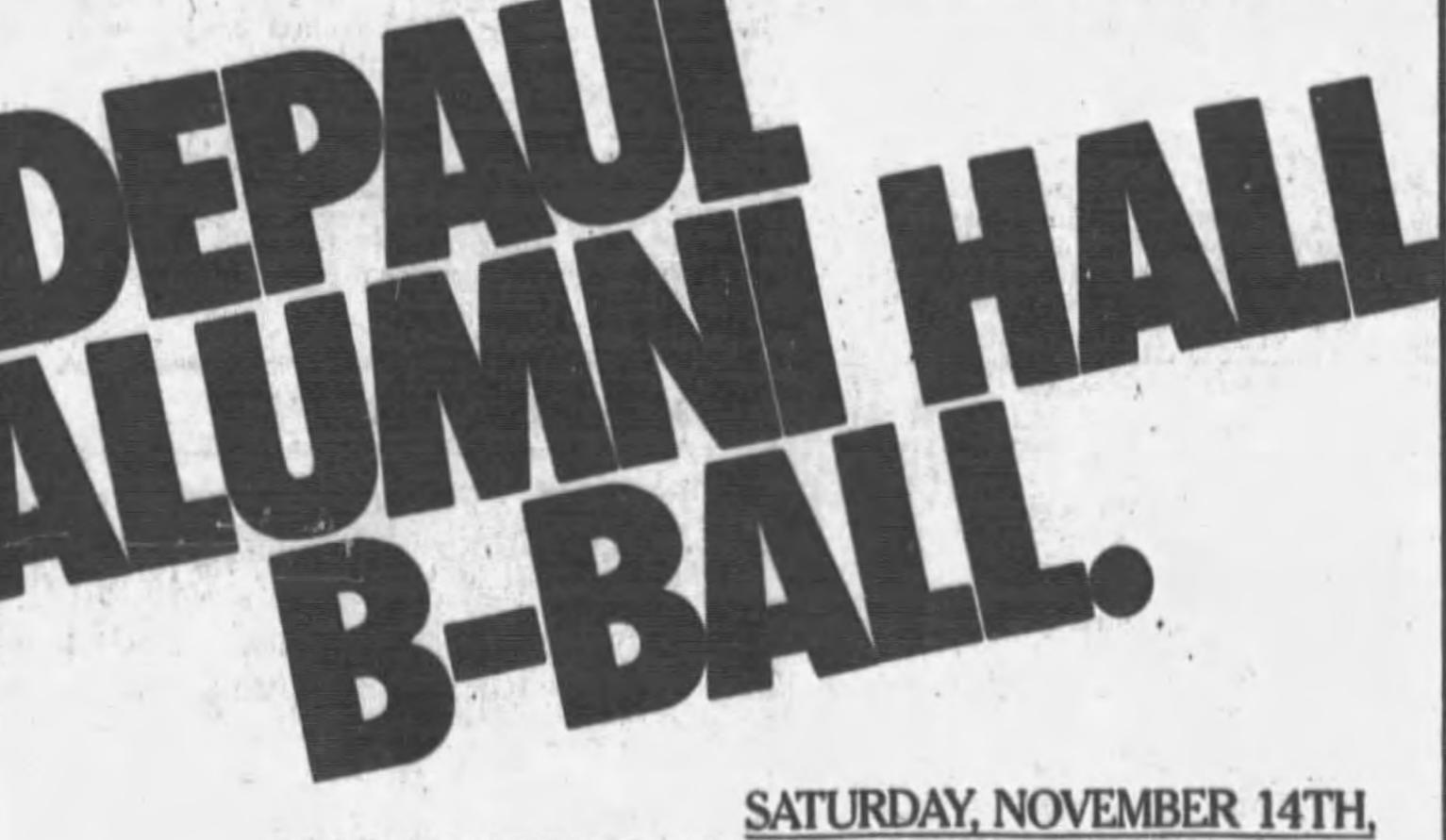
motivating people. But the time comes when people have to do it on their own. We have gotten to the point where you say, 'Okay, let's see what the heck you can

"I think the line is working as

hard as in the past. In Covert, we've got a potential Hall of Famer. In Hilgenberg, we have somebody who can be an All-Pro for years. In Kurt Becker, we have a guy we've been alternating at guard because he deserves to play as much as the other two guys. We have one of the league's best "But remember this: Football is

not just a physical game. It's wrong to think that. It's a mental game, too. We better be prepared to play both."

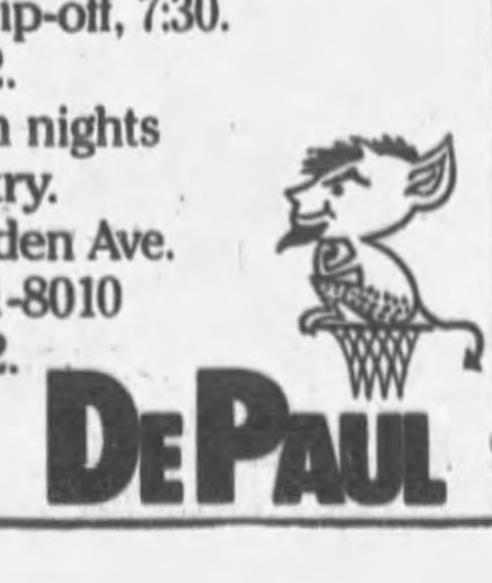




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