



By Linda Kay & Mike Conklin

If you think Pope John Paul II has a big following in Chicago, consider the case of Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. When his Blue Devils play Northwestern Saturday, a horde will track his every move. Krzyzewski's Chicago-based family has purchased a whopping 110 tickets for the contest in Welsh-Ryan Arena.

Why so many?

"In Polish families," Krzyzewski explained, "you have aunts and uncles and cousins and second cousins, and you have people coming over from Poland and saying they're your cousins." His 75-year-old mother, Emily, is heading Saturday's entourage, but the coach says his mom would probably prefer to watch the game on TV. Cracks Krzyzewski: "I think she feels if we lose a game, I'll get fired. I told her that may have been the case at one time, but we've done pretty well."

Open dialogue

A prominent Bear fan of long standing telephoned us Thursday to take exception to an item that ran the previous day. The fan's name? Gov. Jim Thompson. We had quoted a local sports mogul as saying Thompson was upset at what it would cost the state should Mike McCaskey move the team to the West Side. Thompson called to deny it. "I have always known it would cost \$75 million for transportation improvements on a West Side site," he told us, "whereas if [the Bears] moved to Arlington Heights, it would cost about \$2 million to build an underpass. To say I'm not looking too kindly on a city stadium is plain wrong. The figures are not extravagant. Those are realistic costs of improving a landlocked site. If we spent the money, the city would have to forgo a big chunk of other transportation improvements. Maybe it's worth it in what it would do for the West Side. Anytime you can spend \$2 million instead of \$75 million, it's wonderful, but there are other considerations, too. I don't think you can give it a dollar-for-dollar value.

"Personally, I prefer the Bears stay in Chicago. I'm a Bears fan and a city resident. I prefer a West Side site, but that would get me in the business of steering. I no more steer stadiums than I steer factories. It's up to the Bears to decide where they want to be."

More stadium stuff

Some City Hall insiders felt the final piece of evidence indicating a West Side site fell in place with the late Mayor Harold Washington's appointment of Leroy Martin as police chief. How so? Well, we're told Martin's appointment pleased powerful West Side activist Nancy Jefferson, and that nothing happens smoothly in that area without her cooperation.

Reunion

It'll be easy to single out Donna Hartenstine in the crowd at the Metrodome Sunday night. "I'll be the one sitting on my hands," she says. "It's hard to turn off all those Bear feelings after 12 years." Mike Hartenstine's wife and three kids have yet to grow accustomed to his new uniform, but they'll be in Minnesota cheering for him Sunday. "He's definitely looking forward to it," says Donna. "This team reminds him of the Bears right before the Super Bowl. They're a bunch of kids just on the verge of being really good." Mike is living in a hotel, just as he did when Donna met him his rookie year with the Bears, and that circumstance is one factor in his decision to retire after this season. Says Donna: "It's funny that the end is a repeat of the beginning."

Real steel on ice

The Blackhawks may be falling like flies with injuries, but Steve Larmer definitely is holding up his wing. Larmer's consecutive-game streak is at 425—longest in the National Hockey League—going into Friday's date in Detroit. The franchise record is a very reachable 509, set by John Marks from 1973 to 1980. . . . When it comes to consecutive-game streaks for Chicago, don't forget Glenn Hall's mark for goalies. It's 503—and that's 503 games in the nets without a mask, folks.

Military ball

For you traditionalists, this is the weekend of the Army-Navy game. Never mind that the teams' combined record is 6-14. You can't beat the pomp and circumstance. But for you local fans wanting to get closer to the game's spirit, how about Saturday morning's North Shore Military Classic at Ft. Sheridan? This is the annual warmup to the Army-Navy game, when officers and enlisted men from Great Lakes Naval Training Base play their Army counterparts from the fort. Don't be fooled that it's flag football. In last year's bloody-nose special, Ft. Sheridan broke its long losing streak after one player got carted to the hospital with a concussion.

News, notes and nonsense

Did former Bear Harlon Hill make the greatest catch in team history? You'll be able to judge Sunday morning on Channel 2 when Hill is featured on "This Is The NFL." By the way, Hill's quarterback at Florence (Ala.) State was George "Goober" Lindsey of "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Hee Haw" fame. . . . Bowler Carmen Salvino and broadcaster Duane Dow call the action at the finals of the Illinois Junior Amateurs Bowling Tour on Sports Vision Saturday at 3 p.m. The winner of the event, which began with 460 boys and girls, earns a \$2,500 scholarship.

And finally: The Sting's pregame ceremony Friday might bring a tear or two. Players Ernie Buriano of Argentina and Ben Collins of Liberia will be presented with certificates of U.S. citizenship by Judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz.

Gate-crasher really gets carried away

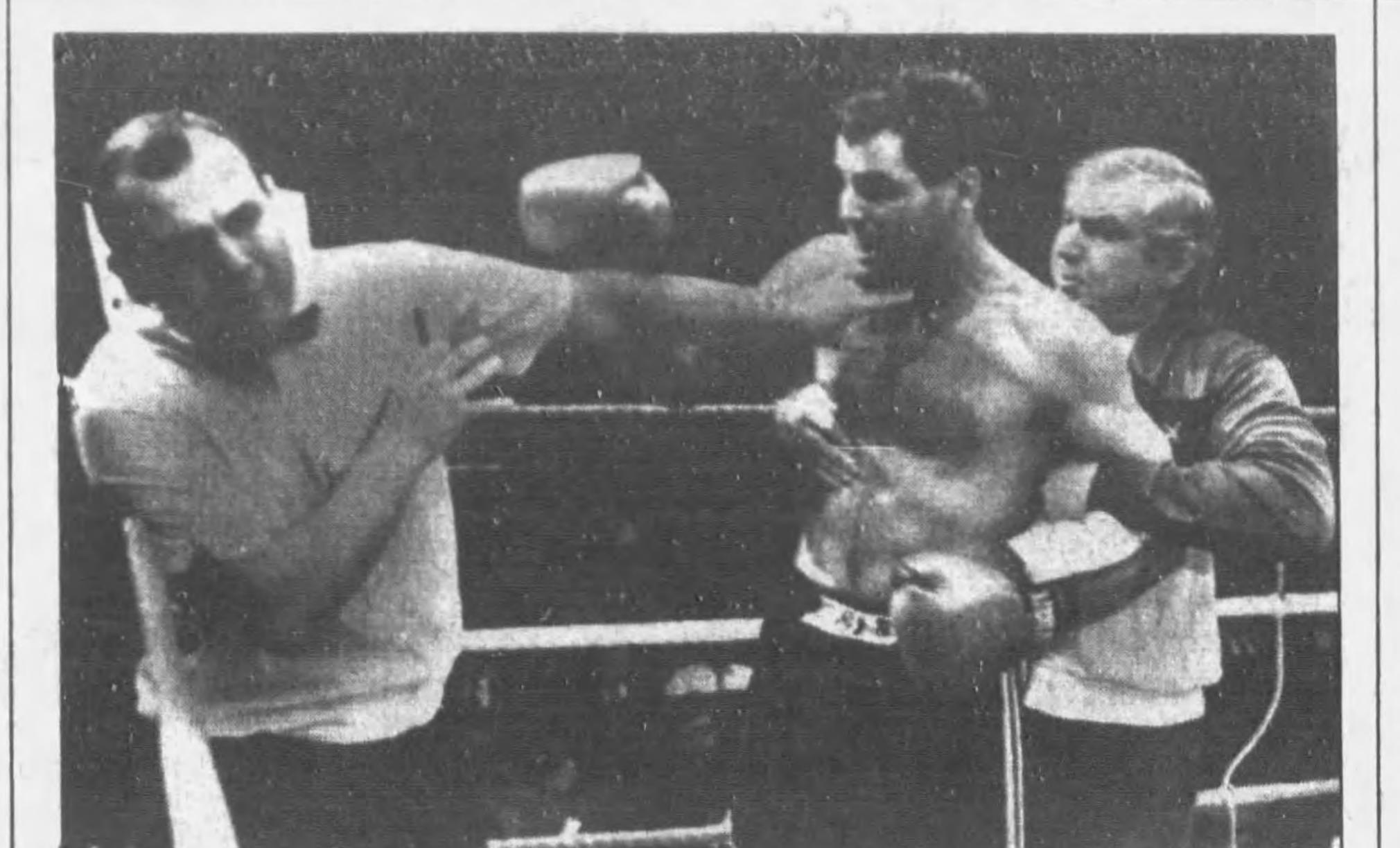
A man drove a car into Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh Thursday, speeding through walkways, knocking down a wall and crashing into some trucks before wrecking the vehicle.

When police came to arrest the driver, identified as Tony E. Morelli, 30, of Wintersville, Ohio, he was kicking imaginary field

"He just rode in here in a white station wagon and took half the wall off my office, a concrete brick wall," said commissary manager Ted Winters. "Then he ran into a couple of our four-wheel-drive trucks with 70 to 80 gallons of nacho cheese."

Witnesses said the car was covered with cheese as it left the stadium at Gate B and re-entered, racing along walkways and up ramps at speeds up to 50 m.p.h. The ride ended when the car crashed into a wire gate on the third level of the stadium. There were no injuries and a damage estimate was not immediately available.

Morelli underwent a psychiatric examination, and doctors released him to police. Charges of reckless endangerment, criminal mischief and criminal trespass were pending.



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Referee Richie Davies shows the crowd some nice moves against Bobby Frankham Thursday in London. After Frankham went down twice in the first round, Davies stopped the fight. But he didn't stop Frankham, who punched him.

Ex-Austin players relive their part in history

Former Austin High School football players gathered Thursday night at Riverside Country Club to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Austin's 26-0 victory over Leo in the 1937 Prep Bowl, a game viewed by an estimated 120,000 Soldier Field fans.

It was a night for laughs and memories. John Dawson was a blocking back for star Bill DeCorrevont when DeCorrevont was a junior in 1936.

"I couldn't run six inches, but the reason I made the team was I could block," said Dawson, a retired vice president of LaSalle National Bank. "And I told Bill that he'd never be the same

when I left school."

The next year DeCorrevont scored 33 touchdowns.

Also in the crowd were Sonny Skor, who was the quarterback on the 1937 team; and Ozzie Lange, the blocking back on the '37 team who now works for Stroh's Brewery on the West Coast; and Bill Fogel, a guard in the early '30s.

"The reason we're here is, this is 50 years," Dawson said. "And 50 years is really something. I haven't seen Bud Cerven [an end on the '36 team] since the 1950s. I haven't seen Ozzie Lange since high school. Sure, this is very important to me."

Vikings ready to throw in the towels

The Minnesota Vikings have unveiled their secret weapon for Sunday night's game against the Bears: It's the Touchdown Towel.

"We're giving away 63,000 of them before the game," Vikings General Manager Mike Lynn says.

"A takeoff on the Homer Hanky."

It's a 15- by 16-inch white piece of cloth that has the team emblem on it with purple lettering that says "Vikings" above the logo, and "Touchdown Towel" below it.

Club officials would like it to whip up a Metrodome crowd in the way the Homer Hanky helped inspire the fans during the World Series.

"We'll just have to put a bounty on them and see how many we can collect," says Bears coach Mike Ditka. "Hundred bucks apiece."

"I don't think the game needs any outside hype," Vikings coach Jerry Burns says. "The game itself has enough importance. The emotion is going to be there. Obviously, anything of this [Touchdown Towel] consequence will further it."

Lynn says the Vikings have planned a promotion for the Bears game since the start of the season. A year ago, the Vikings gave out headbands before the Bears game.

"It will be the critical game of the year for us," Lynn says. "We want to do something to get the crowd involved. This is show biz. This is not Afghanistan. This is not war. We want people to come out and have a good time."

Ratliff hopes to throw King a curve

Chicago cruiserweight Alfonzo Ratliff figures he can settle some debts with his former promoter, Don King, and do himself a favor when he travels to France Dec. 18 to fight European champion Francesco Damiani.

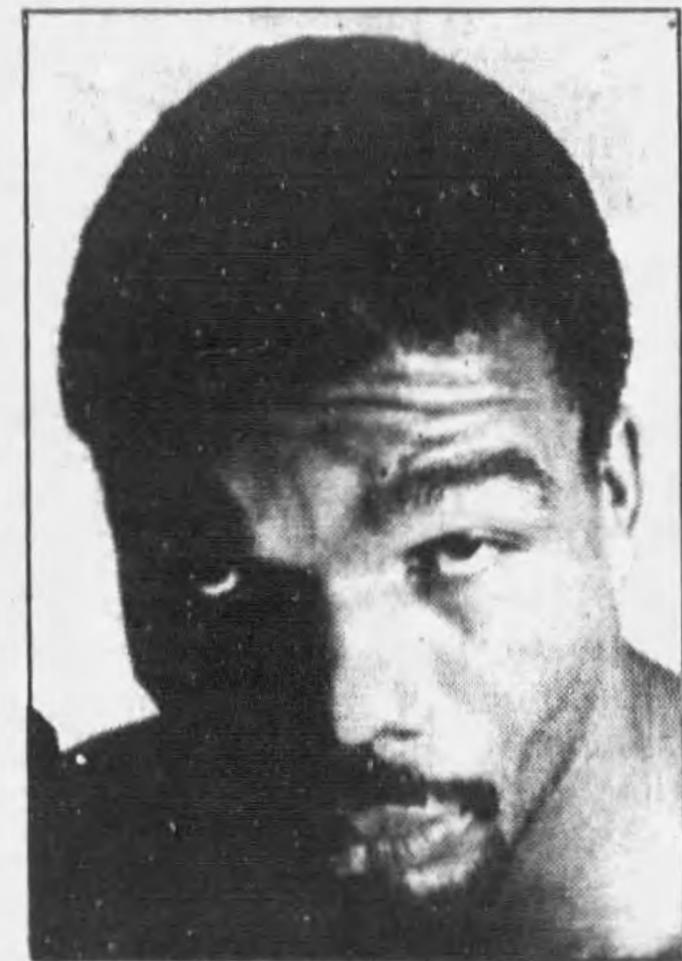
After a year of almost ignoring Ratliff (23-5), the former World Boxing Council cruiserweight champion, King recently severed his contract with Ratliff to spend more time on a bigger project: finding suitable opponents for heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, for whom King acts as promoter.

Former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes was dredged up for a Jan. 22 fight with Tyson in Atlantic City. Then Tyson is expected to meet England's Frank Bruno and perhaps Tim Witherspoon or Carl Williams in Japan before next July. But after that,

the cupboard is bare. Tyson's managers still refuse to meet Michael Spinks because he withdrew from the HBO unification tournament to fight Gerry Cooney earlier this

Enter Damiani, a loser in the 1984 Olympics to Tyrell Biggs, who was crushed by the Tyson train in October. But as a pro, Damiani, ranked 10th by the WBC, is undefeated and looking for credibility. A win over Ratliff could help that effort and might make him a legitimate challenger. But Ratliff would like to pay back King and bring back his career.

"I'd like another shot at Tyson," says Ratliff, who was knocked out by Tyson last year. "This win could put me back in the picture. But any way I look at it, it's a good fight for me. I've got a family to support and I'm making



Alfonzo Ratliff

more in this fight [about \$20,000] than I did in the whole last year with King."

And Ratliff will even have some company from home: Undefeated Melrose Park lightweight Louie Lomeli is scheduled to fight on the undercard.

French rugby players face trial in death of opponent

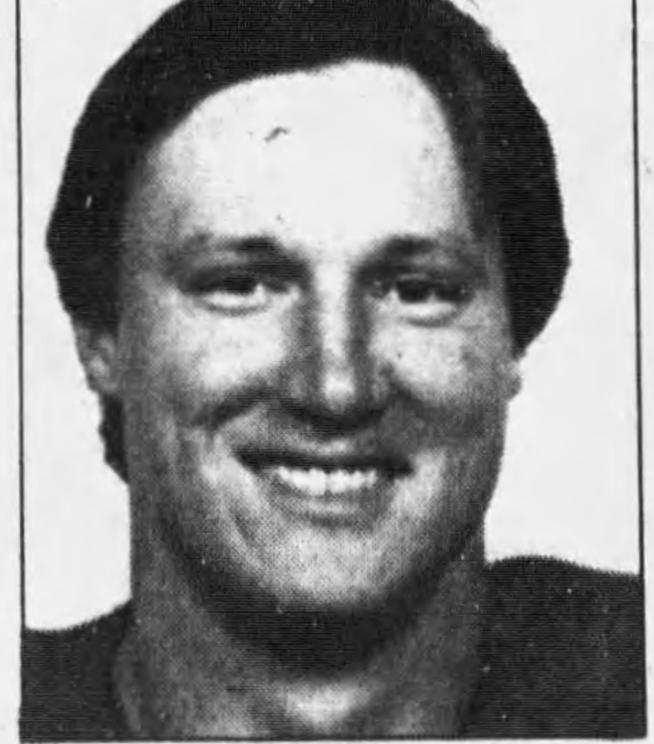
Two members of a rugby team in Marseille, France, have been charged with involuntary homicide in the death of a player from an opposing team resulting from a fight that started during a match, the sports newspaper L'Equipe reported Thursday.

Philippe Roth, the playing coach of the

team, and Louis Gil were charged Wednesday in the death of Dominique Leydier, the newspaper said.

Near the end of the Marseille-Monteux match on Nov. 15, the teams were involved in a fight. Leydier died as a result of blows to the head which led to a heart attack.

With friends like Larry Brown...



David Huffman

I grew up in Dallas and I had to hear that Cowboy stuff all my life. I'm just so glad to beat those SOB's I can hardly stand it. And we did it in their own stadium. I'm going to get all the Cowboys souvenirs I can and make a big bonfire.'

-Minnesota offensive lineman David Huffman, after the Vikings beat the Cowboys on Thanksgiving The college basketball question of the week: How in the world did Pomona-Pitzer get on Kansas' schedule?

The path to Tuesday's 94-38 wipeout started back in "they were on the plane coming home, and Larry said, "Why don't you bring your kids back here next year?"

Popovich said, "What, are you crazy?" But we did it."

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"Our coach, Gregg Popovich, tried out for the Denver Nuggets, when Larry Brown [now Kansas' coach] coached them," says Pomona-Pitzer sports information director

Despite Tuesday's score, the trip to Lawrence was worth while for the Sagehens—who it e for the Sagehens—who start four sophomores and one junior.

"The kids had a super

"The kids had a super time," Malan says. "They were treated royally and made to feel welcome. Larry came in before the game and told them to relax, to play their game and have a good time.

Last year Popovich was on sabbatical, and spent most of the season with Brown at Kansas.

"After they played Oklahoma last season," Malan says,

"The kids hustled, they played hard. We forced them into more turnovers than we had. The problem was that they're all six inches taller than our players."

See, indoor football is for the birds

A seagull, released by a Seattle Seahawks' football fan inside the Kingdome Monday, seems unwilling to be evicted. Workers have left the dome vents and other areas open to give the bird every opportunity to leave, but it won't. "He's got all the leftover peanuts and popcorn he can eat," says Carol Keaton, a Kingdome spokeswoman. "He's in seagull heaven."

BRIEFS

Despite a 2-9 season, Darryl Rogers will return as the Detroit Lions coach, according to owner William Clay Ford. Rogers is in the third year of a five-year contract. The Lions were 5-11 last year and 7-9 in 1985.

Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz has revealed that wide receiver Tim Brown played the last five games with a slightly dislocated shoulder.

Sandy Schultz had 17 kills as Illinois beat Pitt 5-15, 15-4, 15-3, 15-2 in the first round of the Mideast Regional volleyball tournament in Champaign. The Illini will play either Oklahoma or Western Michigan in the second round.

South Korea will halt talks with North Korea on sharing the 1988 Olympics if North Korea was involved in the crash of a South Korean airliner, said Kim Chong-ha, president of the South Korean National Olympic Committee. The KAL Boeing 707 disappeared Sunday en route to Bangkok, Thailand, from Baghdad, Iraq. It is believed the jetliner crashed in Thailand or Burma.

U.S. Olympic champion Debbie Armstrong has temporarily given up downhill racing on the World Cup circuit so her injured left knee can heal in time for the Calgary Games. Armstrong, who turns 24 Sunday, began practicing in Italy in preparation for the defense of the giant slalom title she won at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in 1984. She injured the knee during dry-land training in Argentina in August. Armstrong's outside left calf remains numb.

Former Iowa State football player Lester Williams says he expects to testify soon before a federal grand jury in Chicago investigating sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom. Williams, who has acknowledged taking about \$10,000 from the agents while he was at Iowa State, said he received a subpoena two months ago. Williams said he believes former Iowa players Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell and former Iowa State player Tracy Henderson will be asked to testify.

The team of Kenny Perry and Sally Little had 10 birdies on its way to a 10-under-par 62 and a three-shot lead after the first round of the Mixed Team Classic in Largo, Fla. "Our games blended so well that we're thinking about getting married," Little said. Mike Hulbert and Val Skinner, Steve Jones and Jane Crafter, Paul Azinger and Jan Stephenson and Morris Hatalsky and Donna White were tied for second. ... Fulton Allem of South Africa, the least known of the eight players in the Million Dollar Challenge, shot a 6-under 66 for a one-shot lead over Ian Woosnam in Sun City, South Africa. ... Bob Charles birdied the last two holes for a 4-under 68 and a one-stroke lead over Orville Moody in the first round of the Mauna Lani Seniors Challenge in Kawaihae, Hawaii. . . . The purse for the Rail Charity Classic in Springfield will be increased by \$50,000 to \$250,000. NCAA Executive Director Dick Schultz says he believes

the organization's drug-testing policy will be upheld. Athletes at Stanford, Washington and Northeastern have won cases to stop drug-testing at their schools. The NCAA is fighting to reverse those rulings. "Those decisions have been handed down in lower courts," Schultz said. "Whenever they've gone to the federal courts, they rule differently." A hearing will be held Friday in San Jose, Calif., and Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Conrad Rushing will decide whether to maintain a restraining order forbidding postseason tests of Stanford football and men's basketball players.

Randy Lanier and power boat racing champion Benjamin Kramer could result in automatic life sentences, according to a federal prosecutor in Benton, Ill. Assistant U.S. Atty. Michael Carr said that the two Florida men, suspected of leading a nationwide drug ring, entered innocent pleas before U.S. Magistrate Philip Frazier in U.S. District Court. The new indictment, which supercedes others filed earlier this year, contends Lanier and Kramer were involved in a continuing criminal enterprise that involved the distribution of more than \$10 million each in a 12-month period from their involvement. Some of the shipments allegedly passed through southern Illinois.

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EVERY TEAM IN THE LEAGUE HAS LOST MORE GAMES THAN THEY'VE WON?









