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# Odds & INNS

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Secret service agents will be mingling with the waiters when presidential candidate Jesse Jackson turns up at the NCAA honors luncheon in Nashville next month to claim the organization's Silver Anniversary award, which singles out former student-athletes who are leading distinguished lives 25 years after ending their collegiate athlete careers. Jackson, who attended Illinois on a football scholarship but transferred to North Carolina A&T to play linebacker and quarterback, will be honored by the NCAA along with five others... but here's the kicker: While Jackson is a highly touted orator, he won't be permitted to say a word at the awards ceremony. The NCAA, which is a stickler for rules and regulations, has designated former Alabama defensive standout and ex-Dallas Cowboy Lee Roy Jordan to speak on behalf of all the honorees... But stay tuned. NCAA officials do expect Jackson to chat with journalists either before or after the main event.

## Top cat

Northwestern's Jeff Grose has been named the Big 10's Player of the Week. Last year at this time, Grose—who triggered his team's big upset of De Paul Monday night—qualified simply as a "Weak Player" because he was still recovering from a bizarre health problem that almost cost him his life. The Indiana native was hospitalized in serious condition during the summer when a blood clot passed from a leg to a lung, traveling through his heart. "The feeling at the time was that, if he hadn't been physically fit with a strong heart, it would've killed him," said Northwestern spokeswoman Sharon Miller. "He was on special medication with a blood thinner. We'd take trips and Jeff would have to walk up and down the bus aisles to help his circulation. Not many people knew about it, because his problems developed at the same time [Notre Dame's] David Rivers was in a car crash."

## A Christmas Story, Part I

Donna Anspach volunteers her time at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and Saturday, she and 10 nurses went to Houston's Restaurant for a little Christmas cheer. The ladies were about to be seated at the only table large enough to accommodate them for lunch when the maitre d' stopped dead in his tracks. Coming through the door were Brian Bosworth and a flock of Seahawks and—as quick as a wink—the ladies found themselves without a table while the maitre d' seated the gentlemen instead. The nurses immediately protested the uncourtly move and were heartened when patrons at the bar urged them on. But the maitre d' was not swayed, the football players did not budge and the nurses finally took their business elsewhere.

## A Christmas Story, Part II

Payback time for the players came the next day. A pipe burst early Sunday morning at Seattle's headquarters in the Marriott Hotel, and all the Seahawks were without water for showers and other such intimate functions. Coach Chuck Knox urged his troops to stay calm and play the hand they'd been dealt, and public relations director Gary Wright took his advice. During the pre-game meal, Wright grabbed a glass of water and took it back to the room so he could brush his teeth.

## Pardon us...

... for assuming that Englishman Ray Rutherford had traveled further than any fan to witness Sunday's Bear game, having come all the way from Newcastle-upon-Tyne in Great Britain for the showdown. This week we received a note setting us straight. Steve Johnson informed us that he'd flown in from Saudi Arabia, a distance of about 9,000 miles and 17 hours by air. He enclosed his ticket stubs to verify his presence in Soldier Field and told us he'd taken his son, Russell, who lives in Chicago, with him. Johnson works for Arabian American Oil Co. and said each time he's back in Chicago, he makes certain to pick up Bear T-shirts for his coworkers. "The Bears," he wrote, "are an international team."

## News, notes and nonsense

Clemson's Michael Dean Perry obviously filled the shoes of his big brother, William Perry. Michael has been selected the Atlantic Coast Conference's Player Of The Year—an honor the Fridge won in 1984. Now, we wonder if it would be another "wasted pick" if the Bears took Michael in next spring's college draft? ... At age 29, Milwaukee's John Stroeder is the oldest rookie in the NBA. When the Bucks played at Seattle earlier this season, 50 members of the Elks Club that he belongs to in his nearby home of Port Townsend, Wash., attended the game. Said Stroeder: "I guess a lot of my fishing buddies wanted to see if I really was on the team." ... The first defection: Corrine Zartler, who joined the Sting as director of media relations after four years as assistant director of media relations with the Bulls, resigned after five months on the job. ... More Sting stuff: Sting players drop by a Christmas party for 100 mentally ill children Wednesday afternoon at the Henry Horner Children's Center. ... And even more Sting stuff: Those fun-loving nuns from the play "Nunsense" at the Forum Theatre sing the National Anthem before next Tuesday's Sting game at the Horizon. ... The National Sporting Goods Association's final tally from its World Sports Expo and Fall Market shows in Chicago had more than 90,000 people from over a dozen countries taking in the events, breaking past attendance records by more than 15,000.

And finally: Northwestern coach Bill Foster was plenty pleased following the big upset of De Paul, but he didn't exactly let the Wildcats rest on their laurels. This is what Foster said to them in the locker room moments after the win: "You guys pulled out enough big plays tonight to last... well, to last tonight."



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Romanian tennis player Madalina Voinea enters the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service offices in Miami. Voinea, 17, in Miami for the Junior Orange Bowl tourney, asked for and was granted asylum.

## Receiver the best catch of all for Syracuse

Tommy Kane is one of the best receivers in major college football, having helped Syracuse to an 11-0 record and a New Year's Day appointment at the Sugar Bowl. But he just as easily could have been a professional hockey player. Or on Syracuse's basketball team. Or in jail.

Kane played minor league hockey in Canada in the late 1970s, and he was pretty good. But he quit because of racial harassment.

"I loved the game," says Kane, who grew up in Montreal. "But it got to the point where I couldn't stand it any more."

He was good enough to play the game; good enough as a midget to work on a line with Mario Lemieux; good enough to be named most valuable player at a tournament at the Montreal Forum. Good enough, but not white enough.

"I didn't stop playing because I was tired of the game. I stopped because I was the only black in the league and I couldn't tolerate the prejudice. I didn't like all the name-calling."

Kane quit hockey, got into trouble stealing cars and began drifting between baseball, football and basketball. His buddy, Alonzo Highsmith, a No. 1 draft choice in the NFL, wanted Kane to clean up his act and play at the University of Miami.

Kane improved himself academically then chose Syracuse, which had been after him to be a

point guard on its basketball team. "I was at a summer basketball camp and [Syracuse assistant coach] Bernie Fine said I might be good enough to get a scholarship. The next thing I know the football coach wanted me. I took one look at the Carrier Dome and I said: 'I'm coming here.'"



Tommy Kane

Kane was a freshman in 1984 and a sometime starter in 1985 until a broken leg put him out for 18 months. Now, with a coach and quarterback who love to put him in the spotlight, Kane is able to forget about the insults and look forward to the future, which could include the National Football League.

Although he has a year's eligibility remaining at Syracuse, he could find himself tagged for a National Football League supplemental draft because he graduates in May.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do yet," Kane says. "Maybe it would help me if I stayed here for another year. I'd like to try the NFL but I'm also a Canadian and I'd play in the CFL. I'd like to come back to my country and play football."

## She had fun, fun, fun 'til the NCAA took her Cutlass away

Dorothy Pavelka still doesn't have her wheels.

She won a 1988 Cutlass Ciera when her name was pulled from among 27,000 entries at an "M" club drawing held at halftime during the Minnesota-Wisconsin football game.

But the NCAA has decided that if she keeps the car, her son Mike will lose his remaining

year of eligibility on the Minnesota baseball team.

The NCAA considers the car an extra benefit, which is prohibited under NCAA rules.

University attorney Bill Donahue said, "The NCAA told us that the legislation and interpretation committee couldn't overrule a previous precedent."

That involved the decision

made in the case of an athlete who won a car in a Northeastern University contest associated with a volleyball meet.

But there is still hope.

The legislation and interpretation committee referred the matter to the NCAA Council, which will meet during the NCAA convention next month.

## At least (huff) none of them (puff) got hurt (wheeze)

It's tough enough to play a college basketball game away from home. But three road games in 48 hours? And with just five players on the team?

Dominican College of San Rafael, Calif., did it last weekend. The players may still be trying to catch their breath.

The Penguins, a Division III team, were missing three players, two of them foreign students who went home for Christmas and the other a Marine Corps reserve who was called into duty for the weekend.

Predictably, Dominican, now 0-9, lost all three games—89-39 to Humboldt State Thursday, 93-46 to Oregon Tech Friday and 77-37 to Western Baptist Saturday. But the Penguins survived, and that was a victory in itself.

"We had five players, and they made it," coach Dave Weber said. "It was valuable for the people who went. We weren't very competitive, but they can look back and say, 'I did it.'"

The Fab Five were 5-10 guard Mark Terry, 6-5 forward Alejandro Bodipo-Memba, 6-5 forward Jeff Colley, 6-3 forward Skip Gibbs and 6-5 Terry Jefferson. Gibbs, it should be noted, is also the Dominican College student body president.

With no Penguin available to leap off the bench yelling "Sub! Sub!" at the scorer's table, Weber's iron men played a deliberately deliberate game.

"We walked it up," he said. "The point guard [Bodipo-Memba], who is really a small forward playing out of position, looked at the 45-second clock the whole way and stepped across half court when it got to 36. To their credit, the other coaches didn't press. They didn't try to make it worse than it already was."

Dominican is off until Jan. 2, when help will arrive. Two players will become eligible then, the Marine will come to the rescue, and the two foreign players will return to school.

## Somewhere, 10 baggage handlers are all wearing numbered jerseys

The Engineers of Rose-Hulman Institute of Terre Haute left for a playing tour of Europe and the Soviet Union earlier this month, but their luggage didn't.

Against Bauman Institute of Moscow on Sunday, the Soviets gave Rose-Hulman players T-shirts with numbers chalked on the back. Only five players had basketball shoes.

"I substituted by shoe size," Rose-Hulman coach John Mutchner said.

Mutchner said a rubber ball, not a leather one, was used, and that the court resembled "barn wood."

Oh yes. Rose-Hulman lost 96-79.

## 'Unless you're an alumnus of either school, it's two bad guys. It's kind of like Germany and the Russians fighting each other.'

TV analyst Beano Cook, on the Miami-Oklahoma matchup in the Orange Bowl

## McDougal visits his old haunts

John McDougal, who was fired as Northern Illinois University's basketball coach in March, 1986, returns to De Kalb Wednesday night.

McDougal is now an assistant coach at Western Michigan, which visits NIU. He's trying to keep his return low-key.

"I guess I'm looking forward like I would anywhere else," he says. "It's no different than any other community."

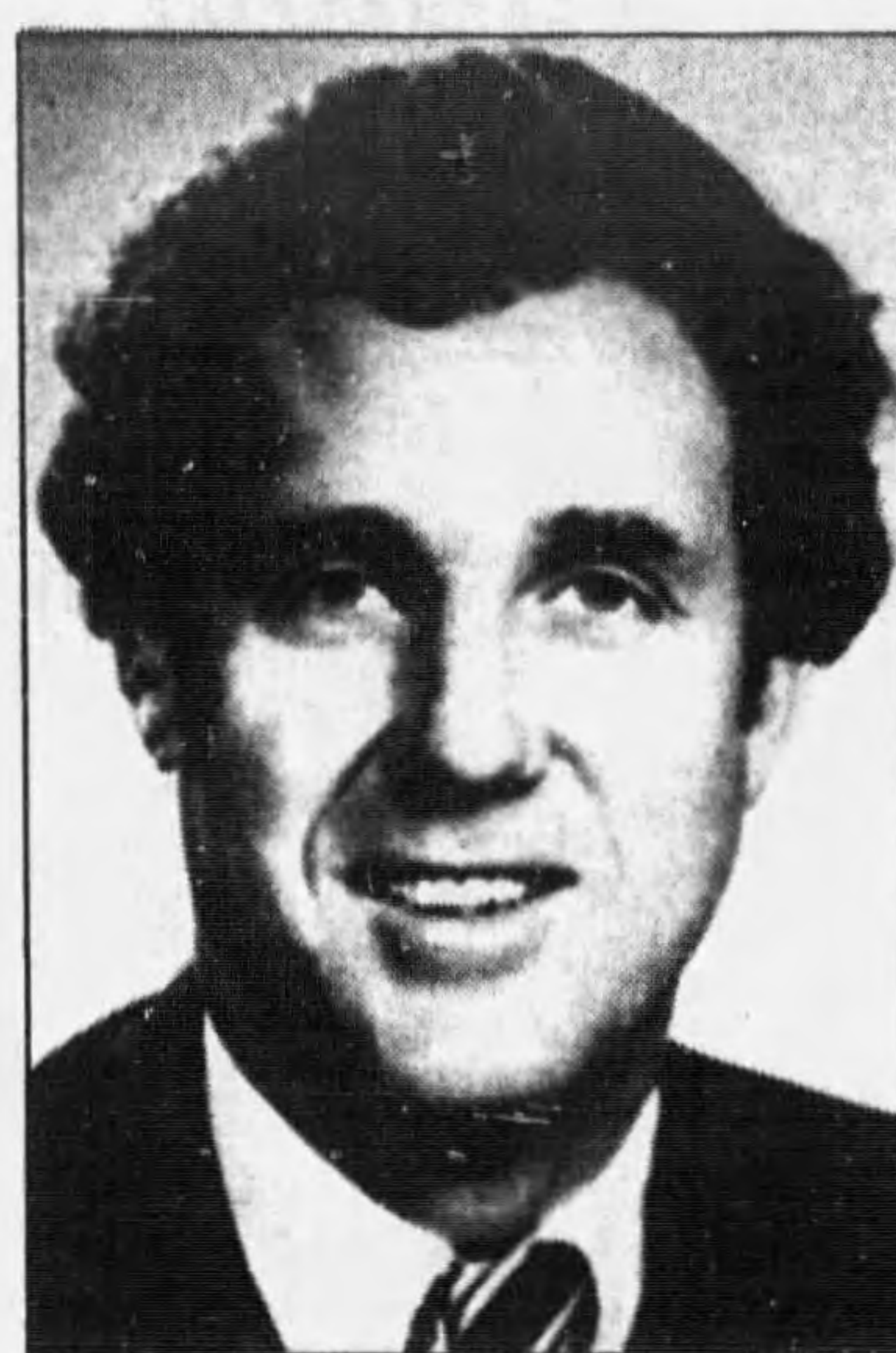
But, McDougal admits, because he coached the Huskies for 10 years and has ties to De Kalb, Wednesday won't be just like any other night.

"As far as the game goes, it'll be a different situation. A great many of the players I recruited, and who played for me for two years, will be there.

"On a personal level, yes, I'm looking forward to it with great anticipation."



John McDougal



Bill Foster

## Miami coach Foster gets carried away

That'll teach Miami basketball coach Bill Foster to show his enthusiasm.

Foster's wild arm-waving during his team's 110-107 victory over Alabama State Monday night put his arm in a sling.

Foster dislocated his left shoulder while waving his arms wildly after Hurricane Dennis Burns was knocked down late in the second half. Foster had to be helped from the court.

Team physician John Uribe popped the shoulder in place and Foster spent the remainder of the game with his arm fastened to his side in a brace. Foster said he will wear the brace the rest of the season and then undergo surgery.

"It pops out every once in a while," said Foster, 51.

The last time he dislocated it was in 1980, when his Clemson team was beating North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"I had to get it taken care of and missed all the fun," he said.

## BRIEFS

■ Anthony DeSilva, 23, the leading jockey at Balmoral Park, was listed in stable condition Tuesday night at Olympia Fields Osteopathic Center after being injured in an automobile accident early Tuesday morning on the way to the track. Also injured in the accident was DeSilva's wife, Tammy, 21, a secretary at the track. She was listed in critical condition. The Center refused to divulge the nature of the DeSilvas' injuries.

■ Sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom have agreed not to contact athletes in the Big 10 under a deal in which the conference dropped a lawsuit against them. Bloom said the agreement was "meaningless" because he now is concentrating on representing Hollywood entertainers instead of athletes.

■ One man has been arrested and another is being sought in connection with the robbery last Friday night of New Orleans Saints coach Jim Mora and his wife, Connie, authorities said. The Moras were robbed at their suburban New Orleans home, and robbers made off with jewelry and a wallet. Police said the value of the stolen items was about \$15,000 but didn't say whether any of it was recovered. Police said two gunmen entered the Moras' garage some time Friday night, and when the Moras pulled their car into the garage and got out, they found themselves facing the two men. With each robber holding a handgun inches from their heads, the Moras began handing over jewelry and other valuables. Mora then told the gunmen they were robbing the head coach of the Saints, police said. "The robbers became alarmed at who they had picked to rob," a police spokesman said. "They got scared and left without harming either Mora or his wife." ... Doctors have removed the braces that held together the broken jaw of Denver Broncos running back Steve Sewell, and he should be ready for the playoffs, coach Dan Reeves said. ... Tight end Russ Francis, waived last week by the San Francisco 49ers, may be close to rejoining his original team, the New England Patriots, said 49ers coach Bill Walsh. ... San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts is suffering from a slightly torn rotator cuff in his throwing arm and will sit out the Chargers' regular-season finale Sunday.

■ Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler was released from an Ann Arbor, Mich., hospital, seven days after undergoing emergency quadruple bypass surgery. Doctors expect him to make a full recovery within two to three months. ... Don Nehlen of West Virginia and John Cooper of Arizona State are the finalists for the vacant Ohio State job, according to the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch. ... Former Southern Cal coach Ted Tollner, now an assistant with the Buffalo Bills, is being interviewed for the Kansas job, the Kansas City Times reported. ... Steve Fiacable, a 6-foot-4-inch, 240-pound all-state center and linebacker at Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Bishop Dwenger High School, has decided to attend Indiana. He chose the Hoosiers over Alabama.

■ The Canadian Olympic hockey team defeated Finland 4-1 to win the Izvestia tournament in Moscow, Canada's first gold medal in the 21-year history of the competition. The Canadians, who had upset the Soviet Union 3-2 Saturday, became the first team other than the Soviets or Czechoslovakians to win the tournament. ... Mikhail Vasiljev scored with 2 minutes 32 seconds left in the third period to give the Soviet Selects a 3-3 tie with the U.S. Olympic team at Lake Placid, N.Y., in the finale of the teams' eight-game series. The U.S. finished 6-1-1.

■ Pirmin Zurbriggen and Brigitte Oertli led a Swiss sweep of the top three places in both the men's and women's competition at a parallel slalom at Bormio, Italy.

■ Former world heavyweight boxing champion Trevor Berbick will be arraigned Jan. 5 on a charge of sexually assaulting a teenage girl in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1985.

■ Australian Alan Bond for all practical purposes dropped out of the campaign to join the 1988 America's Cup race between New Zealand and the U.S., saying a legal battle would last too long to allow preparation. The San Diego Yacht Club had been concerned that Bond would launch legal action to force his way into the two-boat regatta.

■ The Sporting News, citing a period that featured at least as much bad news as good, said it is forgoing its "Man of the Year" award for the first time since 1968.

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