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## Stargell only player to be voted into Baseball Hall in '88

#### **By Gerry Fraley**

Staff Writer Willie Stargell, who broke into professional baseball because of charm rather than ability, was elected to the Hall of Fame Tuesday night.

Stargell; the Atlanta Braves' third-base coach, became only the 17th player to be elected in his first year on the ballot. Stargell received 352 of 427 votes cast. A total of 320 votes were required for election.

No other player was voted into the Hall. Pitcher Jim Bunning missed by only four votes.

"Awesome," said Stargell, who broke into tears upon receiving the news. "I tried to hold it back, but I couldn't. It's more awesome than I thought it would be. "I don't know where I'm at. I've lost that big old happen again for me - Dale Murphy."

Mark

Bradley

composure. To be in the same room with Babe, Hank, Ernie ... what a feeling. All that hard work and sacrifice, I never thought I'd feel like this. I never thought I'd have a day like this. I'm overwhelmed."

Among those Stargell outpolled were Orlando Cepeda, Tony Oliva and Maury Wills. Roger Maris, who set the single-season record with 61 hemers in 1961. also railed to make it in his final year of eligibility. Maris can still be elected to the Hall through the Veterans Comittee.

"I'm so proud and happy for Willie," said Braves manager Chuck Tanner, who had Stargell with Pittsburgh from 1977-82. "He's very deserving of it. It's a tribute to him and what he's done. As we go along, it'll

Stargell spent his 21-year playing career with Pittsburgh. He retired after the 1982 season with a .281 career average and 475 homers, 16th-highest all-time total. Stargell led the National League in homers twice, drove in more than 100 runs five times and made the All-Star team seven times.

"I just went out to play," Stargell said. "I didn't go out to be considered great. I just wanted to be consistent. I wanted to be there every day."

His best individual season was 1971. At the All-Star break, Stargell had 30 homers and 87 RBI. He injured a knee in August and finished with 48 homers and 125 RBI.

er, Stargell hit .299 and led the league in homers (44) and RBI (119) but again finished second in the MVP voting, this time to Cincinnati's Pete Rose.

In those years, the essential Stargell character took shape. He became the soul of a Pittsburgh team that won the NL East six times in the '70s.

"If Willie told us to jump off the Fort Pitt Bridge," teammate Al Oliver said, "we just asked him what kind of dive he wanted."

"I've been around quite a few superstars," said Philadelphia reliever Kent Tekulve, Stargell's teammate from 1974-82. "None of them had the effect on a team that Willie did. His contributions could not be

Stargell finished second to St. Louis' Joe Torre in the Most Valuable Player voting in 1971. Two years lat-

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# Bill to penalize agents introduced in state assembly

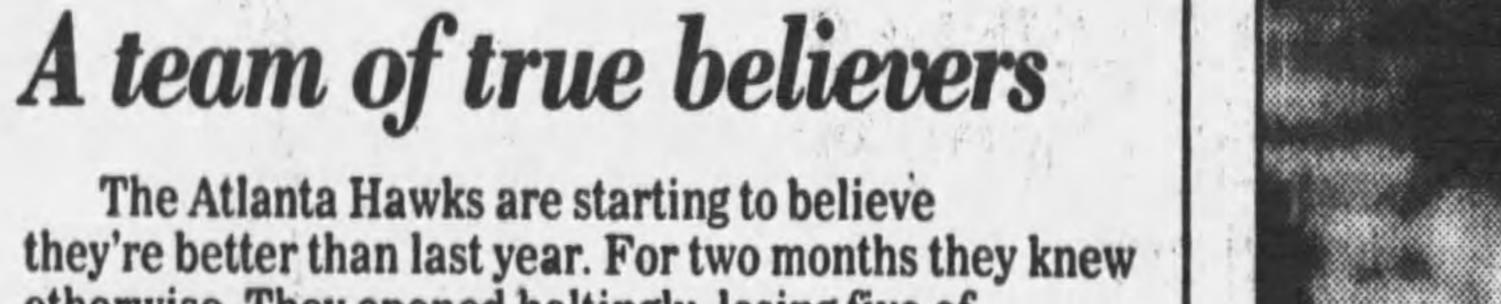
#### By Tom McCollister Staff Writer

A bill was introduced in the Georgia General Assembly Tuesday that would prohibit sports agents or attorneys from signing college athletes to contracts before the athletes complete their eligibility.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Culver Kidd, D-Milledgeville, would make it a misdemeanor for agents or attorneys to athletes in violation of NCAA maximum penalty would be a \$1,000 me and/or one year in jail.

Kidd said he introduced the bill because of reports the past year about agents' dealings with college athletes. Fourteen college athletes lost their eligibility in 1987 because they signed with agents a violation of NCAA rules.

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they're better than last year. For two months they knew otherwise. They opened haltingly, losing five of their first 11 games, then sailed through the shank of 1987 untested. But the first week of '88 told them much about themselves, told them they were even more resourceful than they'd suspected.

They played five games in seven days, winning four, losing the fifth by three points on a night Dominique Wilkins sat. They won every which way, with defense and with offense, with 'Nique and without, with Jon Koncak(!) scoring. They won easily, won hard, won after travel snaggles, won against good teams (Detroit, Denver), a mediocre one (Cleveland) and the lamentable Clippers.

Through it all, the Hawks played like buzzsaws. When they weren't scoring, they played as fine a defense as the league is likely to see this season. Against Detroit, they shoved Adrian Dantley out of the lane, his natural habitat, ultimately driving him from both games. Time and again, they made the right Pistons (from the Hawks' perspective) shoot. They lost in the Silverdome only because Dennis Rodman rebounded like a madman and because the Pistons

shot 16 more free throws. Also because Wilkins didn't

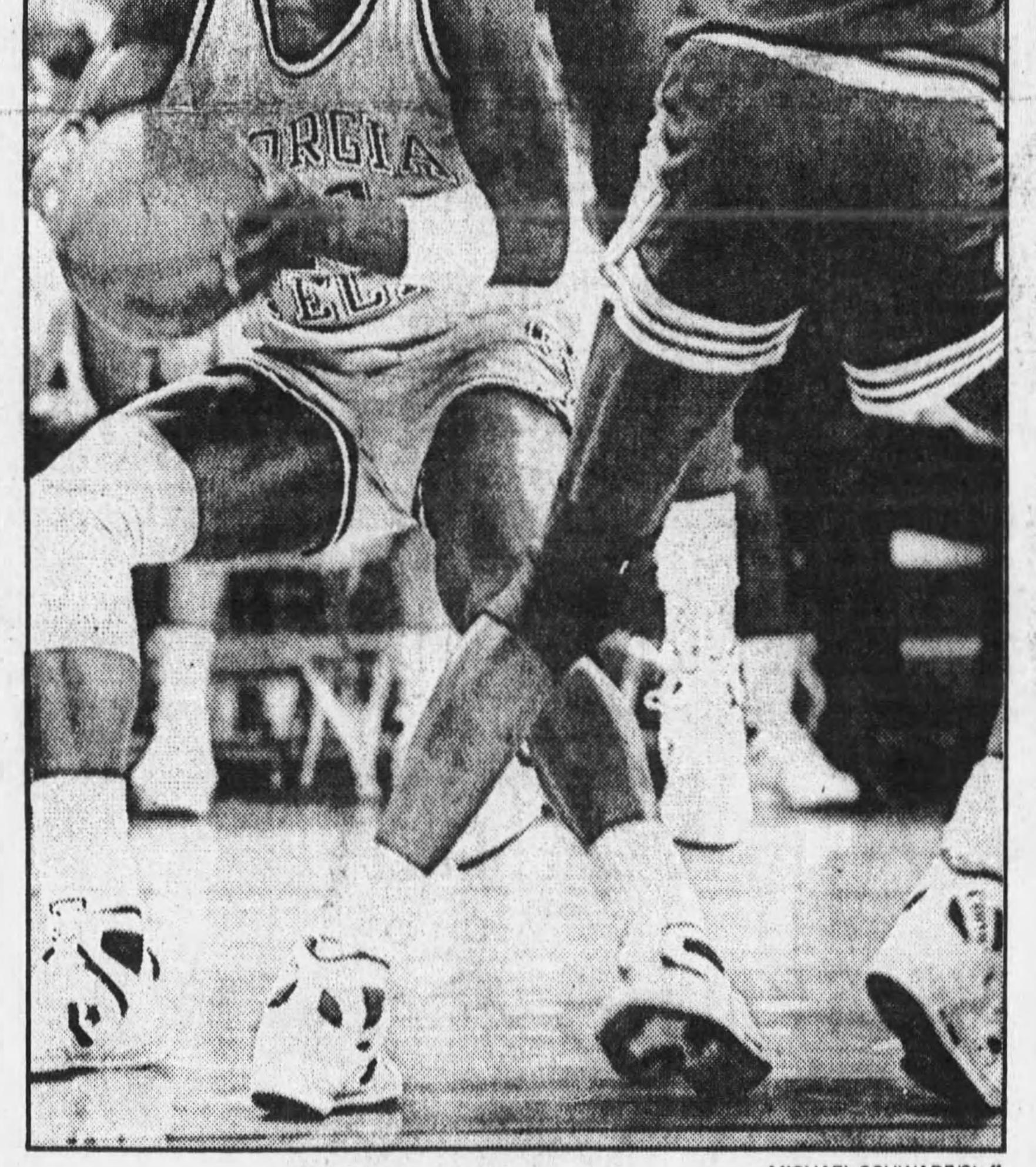
### Consistently wreaking havoc with defense

Those who'd wondered if the Hawks were better han Detroit have their answer. They are. Ten days ago, the Pistons scored 142 points against Denver. In two games against the Hawks, Detroit managed 161. The Pistons made 58 baskets against the Nuggets, an aggregate 62 against Atlanta. Those who regard offense as a constant need note that Detroit entered its set with the Hawks averaging 117 points and didn't come within 26 of that in two tries. The single constant in the two games was the havoc Atlanta's defense wrought. The Pistons made 31 of 86 shots in Game 1, 1 of 85 in Game 2 — 36 percent two nights running. After the second game, Glenn Rivers rose in the locker room to address his mates. "One of my rare speeches," he says now, sheepish. That night, Rivers said: "I just want you guys to realize we're better than this team. And Detroit knows it."

Things to know about the Hawks: They're 24-8, a game ahead of last season's pace. They won 57 then, They might win 60 now. They've won 17 of 20, eight of 11 on the road. They've the best record in the East, second-best in the league. They're three games ahead of Detroit, 11/2 behind the Lakers, who've won but 14 straight. And for the first time, the Hawks now seem capable of doing as the Lakers have, of winning games regardless of pace.

Before, the salient difference between L.A. and Atlanta was that the Lakers had Kareem to score in the. halfcourt offense. The Hawks are learning. They still lack the one sweet shooter - sorry; no column's complete without that line - but they've managed to survive in pedestrian games without a Darrell Griffith launching from the perimeter, without an Akeem working low, even without the man who has been their entire halfcourt game in seasons past. A club finding more and better ways to win

Whipping Detroit last week with Wilkins missing essentially the last 15 minutes was a line of departure: The Hawks couldn't have done that last season, maybe not last month. Before, they'd two alternatives - make the game a sprint relay, or lose." They've another choice now. They've just enough offense and a surfeit of defense to win a game 81-71. Fact is, they just did. Says Rivers: "That's the big change. We've got more ways to win. If it's not Dominique, we've got Antoine (Carr) and (John) Battle. Cliff (Levingston) has played great. Koncak's starting to score." There's also Randy Wittman and Kevin Willis, both having slightly down years but capable still, and the betterthan-ever Rivers. Whether the Hawks can win the NBA championship with this crew won't be known until spring, but in January we can say this with confidence: The Hawks have shown nothing to indicate they cannot. Many thought they'd at least reach the finals last season. They've improved since. Take it from there. "I don't know if we're capable of playing better physically than we did the last month of last season," Rivers says. "But we're much tougher mentally. When we'd have a bad game last year, when something would go wrong, we'd lose. This year we've won." And winning begats winning big begats winning bigger. Yes, nearly four months remain before the playoffs, the Hawks' true proving ground, and yes, they begin what could be a dicey three-game road swing tonight. But given the events of last week, the question isn't whether Atlanta can win in San Antonio or Denver or Dallas, but whether those teams can beat these Hawks anywhere.



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Tech's Brian Oliver is sandwiched by Panthers' Bo Brantley (rear) and Lanard Copeland during the Jackets' win Tuesday night.

would be necessary, that these agen would regulate themselves." Kidd said "But that hasn't happened. Other states have found it necessary to protect college athletes, and I agree with them that something has to be done."

Fourteen other states have passed or proposed legislation dealing with sports agents in the past year.

If Kidd's bill becomes law as written, agents doing business in Georgia would be required to register with the Secretary of State and pay a \$100 fee. Licensed Georgia attorneys acting as agents would not be required to register.

The bill also makes it a misdemeanor for an agent or attorney to "intentionally give any false information or make any false promises or representations" to any Georgia athlete. The bill prohibits an agent or attorney from offering "anything of value" to induce an athlete to sign a contract.

In many cases reported in the past year involving New York-based agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, athletes have allegedly been told that their signings would not violate NCAA rules and have been given cash and other benefits in return for signing.

Kidd's bill also requires sports agents or attorneys acting as agents to keep records of travel, entertainment and other expenses. The records, which would include the names of athletes on whom the agents spend money, would have to be retained for five years and would be subject to subpoena in case of a criminal investigation of the agent, according to the bill.

The bill also states that any contract negotiated by an agent or an attorney who has failed to comply with the regulations is void. Some states now require agents to post a bond that is forfeited if they improperly approach a player, "That has merit," Kidd said. "If the bond is high enough and the agent knows it will be forfeited if the law is violated, that and the misdemeanor charge may make them hesitate before contacting these young athletes. We've seen in the last several months that athletes see money in their eyes, not stars. They become misled by agents and their careers are ruined."



Willie Anderson

Scouting Auburn, Page 4-D Georgia notebook, Page 6-D By Thomas O'Toole Staff Writer

ATHENS - Senior guard Willie Anderson, Georgia's best player, was suspended by head coach Hugh Durham on Tuesday and will not dress for tonight's home game against Auburn.

His status for Saturday's home game with LSU also is in doubt. Durham said he will evaluate Anderson's position later in the week.

Durham would not comment specifically on the reason for the suspension, saying only that Anderson displayed "conduct detrimental to our team." Durham said the incident "is not alcohol or drug related."

Anderson, a 6-foot-7 All-America candidate from Atlanta, was not available for comment.

Freshman Jody Patton, who worked most of Tuesday's practice with the first team, or senior Milt Blakley will start in place of Anderson in the 7:30 p.m. game against Auburn at Georgia Coliseum. This is the second time this season Anderson has been in trouble with Durham. Prior to Georgia's game Dec. 12 against North Carolina-Asheville, Anderson became involved in an argument with an equipment manager and was held out of the starting lineup. He played as a reserve. Anderson leads the team in assists with an average of 4.5. He is the secondleading scorer at 15.5 points a game and leads the team in three SEC games with a 17.3 average. He was the leading votegetter on the preseason all-conference team.

### Scott shoots Tech past Georgia State 111-82

Defensive lapse costs GSU, Page 4-D Tech notebook, Page 6-D By I.J. Rosenberg Staff Writer

For the first time in his young career, Georgia Tech's Dennis Scott was caught in a horrid shooting slump, hitting just 15 of his last 49 shots prior to Tuesday's game.

"I sat down before the game and prayed that I would get my shot back," he said. "I guess you could say my prayers were answered."

Indeed. On a night when the threepoint shot grew mundane, Scott scored 28 points on 71 percent shooting as the Yellow Jackets trampled crosstown neighbor Georgia State 111-82 in front of 6,159 at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

Scott hit eight of 10 three-pointers, including six straight in the first half. He tied the school record for most three-point shots made in a game set by Mark Price during the ACC tournament in 1983.

"Dennis was really magnificent," Tech coach Bobby Cremins said.

Said center/forward Tom Hammonds, "He really got us going tonight. It really excited me."

Scott: "It was just a matter of being patient. Sometimes I want to do too much, too fast. I relaxed tonight and it just kept going in."

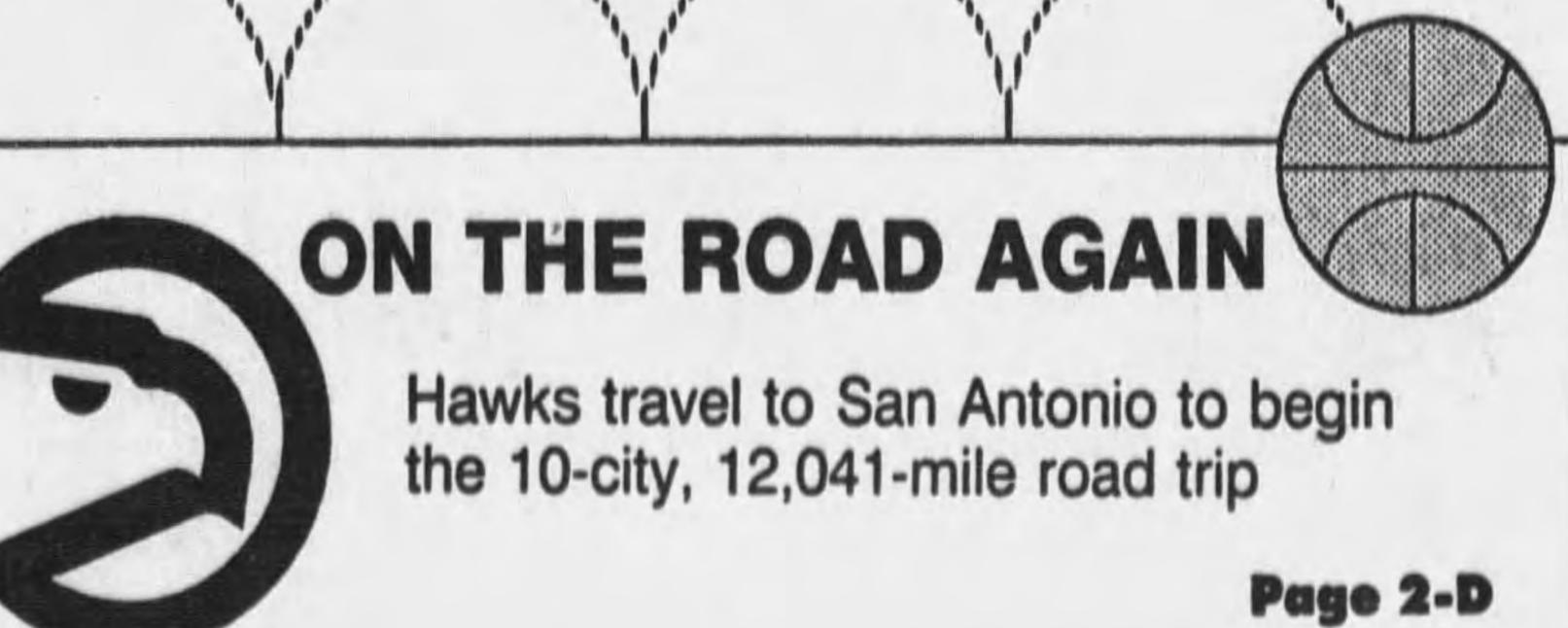
In all, 26 three-point shots were taken, 13 by each team. Georgia State made five and Scott collected all of Tech's.

"It really makes an incredible difference when you have a guy that hits those long bombs," Hammonds said. "It takes the pressure off you scoring every trip down the court."

Three-pointers aside, Tech (12-2) had little trouble handling the Crimson Panthers (3-8), who have not beaten a Division I team outside the Trans America Athletic Conference since ear-

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