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# Arbitrator gives Perry \$425,000

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Atlanta Braves first baseman Gerald Perry was awarded a \$425,000 contract Tuesday by an arbitrator. The Braves had offered Perry \$375,000. Perry, 27, was paid \$225,000 last year when he hit 12 home runs, and had 74 RBI with a .270 average.

Perry's was the first arbitration case to be settled this year. Texas Rangers outfielder Pete Incaviglia says the team won't budge in contract talks and threatened to stay away from spring training next month.

Incaviglia, who made \$197,000 last year when he hit .271 with 27 home runs and 80 RBI, said the Rangers have offered a \$250,000 salary for 1988 and have refused to negotiate from that figure.

Pitcher Don Carman agreed to a one-year, \$450,000 contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Carman, a left-hander who had a 13-11 record with a 4.22 earned run average last season as a starter, sought \$485,000 and the club had offered \$385,000. He made \$245,000 last year.

Phillies second baseman Juan Samuel, reserve catcher Darren Daulton and shortstop Steve Jeltz still are scheduled for arbitration hearings.

The Cincinnati Reds have reached a contract agreement with pitcher Tom Browning. The Reds announced Browning has agreed to a one-year contract for \$442,500, a compromise at a halfway point in his salary disagreement.

Three Reds remain on track for arbitration hearings this month. Outfielder Eric Davis has a Feb. 18 hearing date. Reliever John Franco has a Feb. 8 hearing. Reliever Frank Williams has a Feb. 11 hearing scheduled.

The Cleveland Indians signed shortstop Julio Franco to a two-year, \$2.2 million contract. Franco batted .319 last season in 128 games while committing 18 errors.

Three Indians players, Joe Carter, Mell Hall and Brook Jacoby, are still scheduled for salary arbitration hearings.

The NCAA has approved the use of Worth Sports Co.'s graphite composite baseball bat on an experimental basis, company officials announced at Tullahoma, Tenn.

FOOTBALL: Los Angeles Raiders owner Al Davis has received permission to talk to Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Mike Shanahan, an Oak Park native, about the vacant Raiders head coaching post.

Davis is expected to interview Shanahan this week. Along the same route used for presidential inaugurations, some 500,000 fans are expected to brave rain and wind today to honor the Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins.

Former Ohio State and Cincinnati Bengals fullback Pete Johnson was found innocent in Columbus, Ohio, of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, distribution of cocaine and traveling between states to promote a cocaine transaction.

COLLEGE: A grand jury indicted sports agent **Norby Walters** on three misdemeanor counts connected with payments he made to former Alabama basketball star Derrick McKey, Attorney General Don Siegelman said in Tuscaloosa.

BOBSLEDDING: Jens Raenger, East German bobsled driver, died of a heart attack while his team was traveling to a competition in West Germany, police said in Kassel, West Germany. He was 22.

TRACK: Champion sprinter Ben Johnson won the 60-meter dash in 6.49 seconds at the Community of Madrid (Spain) meet, falling short of a record by eight-hundredths of a second.

**BASKETBALL:** This year's Aloha Classic college all-star tournament has been canceled, its promoter, Ralph Yempuku, announced in Honolulu.

**BOXING:** U.S. Boxing Association cruiser weight champion Sherman Griffin, already on probation for a burglary, will get a four-year prison term for pleading no contest to robbing a video store in Houston.

State District Judge A.D. Azios will delay sentencing Griffin until May 2 to give him time to undergo surgery to remove a bullet from his back. Griffin, 24, was shot during a burglary for which he was given probation last month.

**GOLF:** The U.S. Golf Association has decided to continue to permit the use of clubs with U-shaped grooves under its Rules of Golf because there is no evidence they make the game easier to play.

**OLYMPIC:** Three men were charged with theft for stealing Winter Olympics banners and another man was arrested in connection with the destruction of a security camera near the Olympic media center in Calgary, Alberta, police said.

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