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SECTION B

Mark Bradley

And what if there had been no Super Bowl?

What the world would be like if the networks hadn't gotten together and dreamed up the Super Bowl:

■ Nobody would've heard of the Three

Amigos. ■ The four-hour pregame show wouldn't

■ Neither would the four-hour game. With no Super pools to orchestrate, folks allegedly working in offices from Bangor to Honolulu might actually have to do some

Except, of course, for those ad-agency types who, with no million-bucks-a-minute TV spots to dream up, would get laid off in

■ The Minnesota Vikings would be much, much happier.

■ Nobody would've heard of the Fun Bunch.

■ NFL Films would make Frisbees of its film canisters. John Madden and the Goodrich

dirigible would have much in common - both would be unused blimps. ■ The NFL and the AFL would still be

separate. ■ The Colts, Steelers and Browns would

still be in the NFL. ■ The Falcons would still be lousy.

■ Nobody would've heard of the Killer One hundred million people wouldn't

have to pretend to pay attention to the season's most boring game. ■ Instead of walking up to fetching

women and saying, "So who's gonna win?," cool guys would have to return to the halcyon days of "What's your sign?" Or, "Live around here often?"

■ Furman Bisher wouldn't have had to go to the doctor Tuesday.

Rather than being a genius, Bill Walsh would be regarded as just another smart guy who squints a lot.

■ Nobody would've heard of Hollywood Henderson.

Without pro football to splash on its cover four weeks running, the magazine Sports Illustrated could take January off.

Or, better still, Sports Illustrated could run four consecutive bathing-suit issues, all linked by a cosmic theme. One could feature Elle Macpherson sitting on the beach, another Elle Macpherson walking on the beach, yet another Elle Macpherson sunbathing . . . you get the picture.

■ With no corporate Super-site parties to house, those companies who manufacture tents would have to hope Barnum & Bailey makes

volume buys. Nobody would've heard of the Smurfs.

■ Pig snouts would no longer be considered proper attire at state dinners.

Bud Grant would be Vince Lombardi. ■ When Dan Reeves hears himself

described as the next Bud Grant, he'd take it as a compliment. ■ Pete Rozelle would have to get a real

■ Nobody would've heard of Phil

Writers wouldn't have to endure the Super week rat race of getting up, getting on a bus, eating breakfast, interviewing players from one team, getting on another bus, eating another breakfast, interviewing players from the other team, day upon grueling day.

Upon returning home, writers wouldn't be shocked to find that they now weigh 650 pounds.

■ Dick Vermeil wouldn't have gotten burned out and would now be coaching the

■ The Falcons would still be lousy. Nobody would've heard of Dexter

With no Super action to handle, bookies could block out January as their month to serve in the Army Reserve.

■ Middle Americans would be doing what God intended them to do in the dead of winter — shoveling snow and watching basketball.

Consumers could think of sunglasses, Taco Bell and motor scooters, without thinking of Jim McMahon; of paper towels and McDonald's without thinking of William Perry; of Wheaties without thinking of Walter

Rather than simply run through the Chicago Bears' roster to peddle products, Madison Ave. would have to think of something slightly less stale.

■ Nobody would've heard of Jimmy the Greek, let alone taken him seriously.

■ No probing writer would've gotten to ask Jim Plunkett: "Is it your mom that's blind and your dad that's dead, or the other way around?"

■ No probing writer would've gotten to ask Otis Wilson: "Otis, your bark . . . is it more an arf or a woof?"

■ No probing writer would've gotten to ask Doug Williams: "Have you been a black quarterback all your life?"

Doug Williams wouldn't have gotten the chance to prove Al Campanis wrong, which would've been a shame.

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION

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Hawks seesaw to fourth straight loss

Portland wins 121-118 after trailing by 20

By Jeff Denberg Staff Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Once the bulwark of a successful team, the Atlanta Hawks' defense was shattered once more Tuesday

The Hawks blew a 20-point lead and then rallied furiously, but fell short and

lost their fourth straight game, 121-118 to the Portland Trail Blazers.

"Yeah, we came back, but we'd already put ourselves in such a big hole that it was disgraceful," Hawks center Tree Rollins said after recovering from a first-quarter knockout.

The Hawks led 41-21 in the second

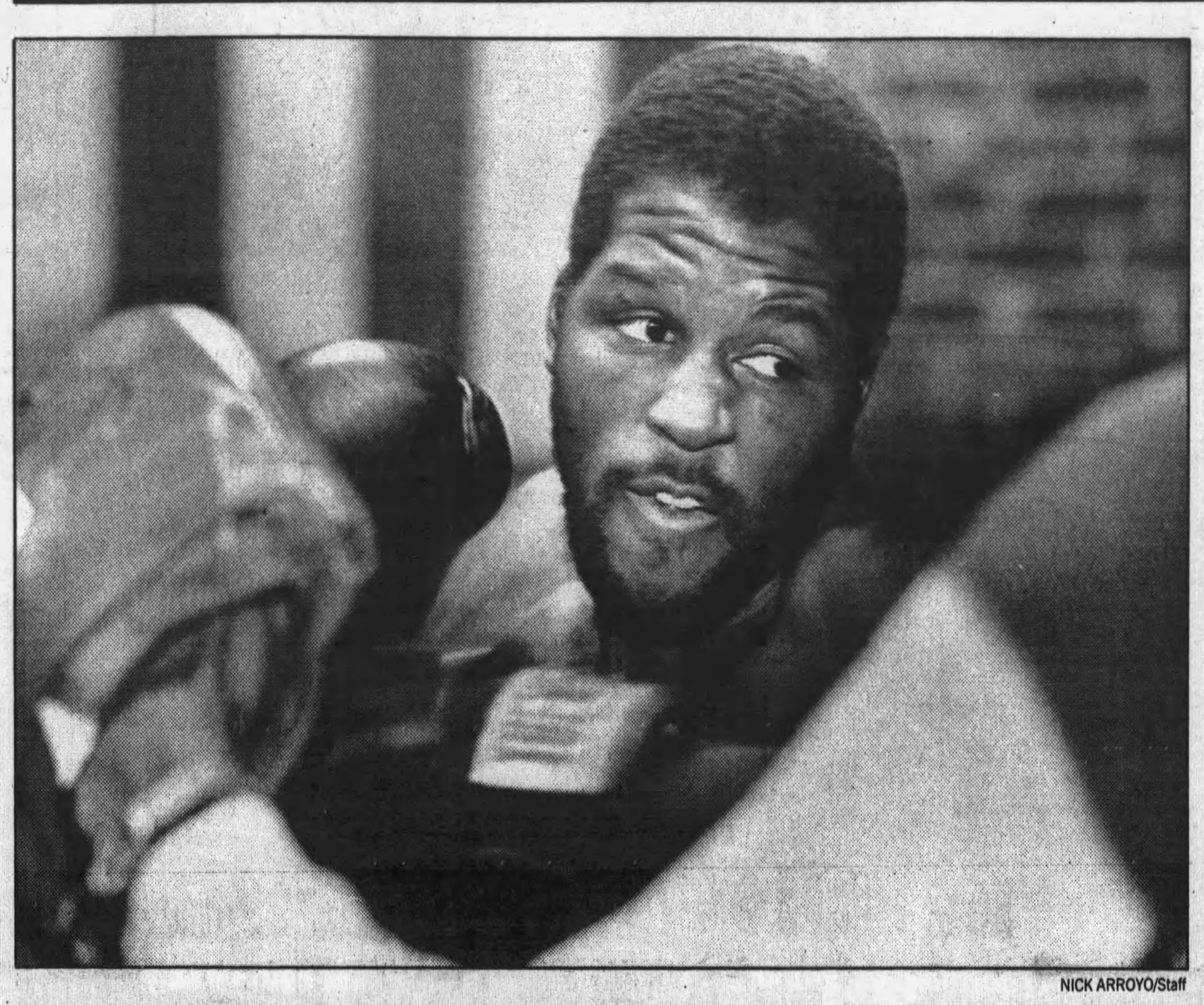
quarter, but trailed by 13 in the fourth. They rallied to trail 109-104 with 4:54 to go. Down by nine with 3:46 to play, they stormed back with their second 9-0 run of the fourth quarter, John Battle firing home the tying three-pointer with 1:37 left. But Cliff Levingston, falling in pursuit of a loose ball, was called for a walk. Portland's Clyde Drexler swept to the hoop for a layup at 1:10 and the Blazers were never

Atlanta fell to 29-15 and saw its lead over Detroit in the Central Division carved to two games.

Drexler scored 32 for Portland, Kevin Duckworth 22 with a career-high 17 rebounds. Kiki Vandeweghe came off the injured list to score 25, running for quick hoops most of his 30 minutes on the court.

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walters.



Middleweight Ricky Stackhouse prepares for the biggest challenge, as well as the biggest payday, of his career when he fights former champion Roberto Duran.

Little-known Atlanta middleweight moves into spotlight with match against Duran

> By Earnest Reese Staff Writer

Almost any weekday, about an hour after he punches the clock to end his eighthour work shift at 3 p.m., middleweight boxer Ricky Stackhouse can be found at Asa Gordon's Gym in northwest Atlanta, punching his way into the night.

Stackhouse, 29, mixes in some two-fisted work on a variety of punching bags with jumping rope, push-ups, shadow boxing and running.

Like Thomas Hearns, Frank Tate and Sambu Kalambay, each a reigning middleweight champion, Stackhouse subjects himself to the ordeal, month after month, year after year.

Unlike Hearns (WBA), Tate (WBC) and Kalambay (IBF), Stackhouse has not reaped any great monetary gains. Since turning pro in 1983, this Atlantan with the easy smile has been fighting for purses in the hundreds of dollars, winning 19 of 24

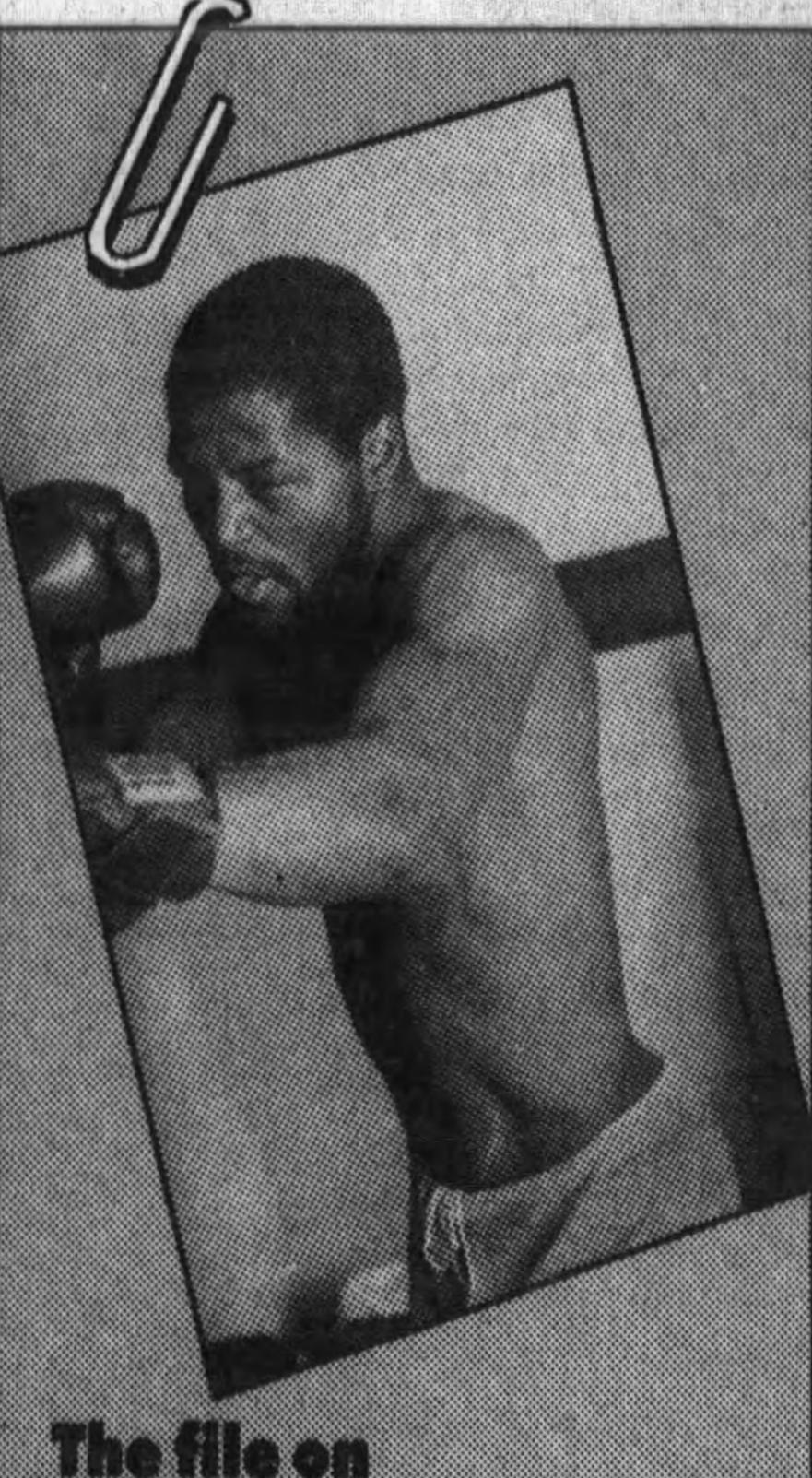
On Friday night at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, N.J., Stackhouse hopes to begin his climb into a higher tax bracket. In the biggest fight of his 41/2-year pro career, for which he will earn an estimated \$10,000, he will face Roberto Duran, the once-great Panamanian on the downside of his career.

The 36-year-old Duran, who has held world titles in three weight classes, has had five fights since Hearns knocked him out in the second round of a world junior middleweight championship bout in June 1984. Duran won four of those fights against opponents whose names don't even ring bells in boxing circles. The best of the five, Robbie Sims, a half-brother of Marvin Hagler, won a decision over Duran in June

Duran's biggest bout lately has been against the IRS, which is trying to collect millions of dollars in back taxes.

"This fight against Duran is supposed to lead to something bigger for me, if I do what I should do — take him out," said Stackhouse, who works full-time with a local carpet service. "We need a fight against a guy like him. He's just a step-

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Fitte: Continental Americas

middleweight champion

to Durantin Atlantic City, No. Coessive vice tory Friday will earn him a fight against either IBF champion or W8C

champion. He's given himself a oneyear deadline: Either win a major ti-

Bloom are indicted As Alabama grand jury acts,

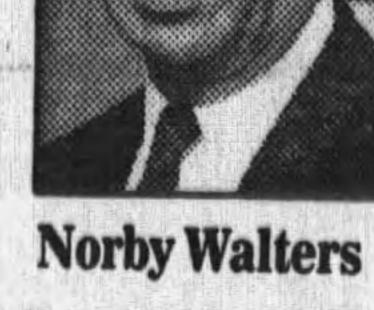
McKey testifies in Chicago

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

As an Alabama grand jury returned indictments Tuesday against sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, former University of Alabama basketball star Derrick McKey was in Chicago testifying before a federal grand jury about his dealings with the agents.

Walters and Bloom were indicted by a Tuscaloosa County, Ala., grand jury on three misdemeanors: Tampering with a

sports event, commercial bribery and deceptive trade practices. Former Atlanta sports agent Jim Abernethy was indicted on same charges last month for his dealings with Auburn football player Kevin Porter. Walters



Bloom were indicted

because of their dealings with McKey. McKey and former teammate Terry Coner signed contracts with Walters and Bloom last year while still playing for Alabama.

Coner played out his senior season before his signing was exposed, but McKey, then a junior, lost his senior season of eligibility and became a firstround NBA draft pick of the Seattle SuperSonics.

Walters and Bloom will surrender to Alabama authorities within the next two weeks, according to their attorneys, Bob Gold (for Walters) and Mike Trope (for Bloom). Abernethy has pleaded innocent to the charges against him, and a trial is set for Feb. 29. Each of the Alabama charges against

Walters and Bloom carries a maximum sentence of one year in jail and a \$1,000 "We take everything seriously, but

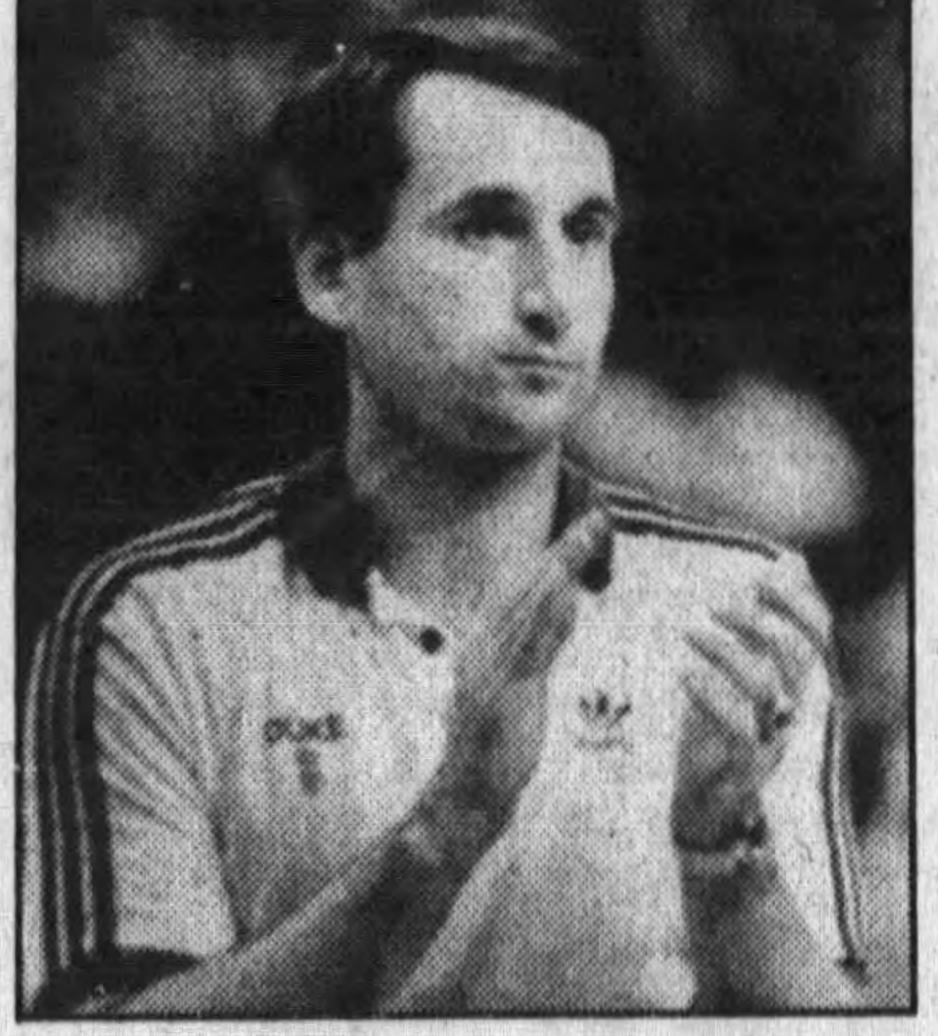
the casino is in Chicago, not Alabama," Trope said. "The magnitude of Chicago is far greater."

McKey is one of about 60 athletes subpoenaed to testify before the federal grand jury, which is in the 10th month of a broad investigation of Walters' and Bloom's dealings with college athletes. Following delays because of the ongoing NBA season, McKey finally testified Tuesday, sources close to the investigation said. Alabama was stripped of \$248,000 in

revenue from last year's NCAA basketball tournament after it was revealed that McKey and Coner played in the tournament despite having signed with the agents — a violation of NCAA rules. Alabama's dosses were the first signif-

icant monetary damage to a school in-

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The Associated Press Mike Krzyzewski's Duke team is 14-2.

Tech gets no rest against Blue Devils Tech notebook, Page 2-B Tech-Duke matchups, Page 5-B

By I.J. Rosenberg Staff Writer DURHAM, N.C. — After losing three of

its first five ACC games by a collective seven points, Georgia Tech would welcome a breather at home to regain its confidence. "No such luck," said coach Bobby Cre-

The Yellow Jackets must take another trip down Tobacco Road and face Duke, the conference's hottest and the nation's fourth-ranked team. Tonight's game starts at 7 on ESPN, and the standard sellout crowd of 8,564 is expected at Cameron In-



Ga. Tech vs. Duke

When: Tonight, 7 p.m. ■ Where: Durham, N.C.; Cameron Indoor Stadium.

■ Records: Duke 14-2 (ACC: 4-1); Georgia Tech 14-5 (ACC: 2-3). TV/radio: ESPN cable; 680 AM

door Stadium.

"I just can't place my finger on where we are at right now," said Cremins, whose team has lost to North Carolina State and

North Carolina by two points each and Virginia by three. "We have stayed close in all of our conference games, and now we have to go and play Duke. We have to find a way to somehow pull it out."

Although Tech won in Cameron last year, Duke is improved over the team that finished 24-9 and lost to NCAA champion Indiana in the semifinals of the Midwest

The Blue Devils are averaging 91.6 points a game and beat Florida by 23, Virginia by 18 and Clemson by 38. They also slipped by North Carolina 70-69 in Chapel

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THE NBA REPORT

Eastern Conference

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
Boston	31	12	.721	-	Won 1	18-3	13-9	22-9
Philadelphia	19	22	.463	11	Lost 1	14-6	5-16	11-14
Washington	17	24	.415	13	Lost 2	13-9	4-15	12-17
New York	15	28	.349	16	Won 1	14-8	1-20	11-19
New Jersey	10	33	.238	21	Lost 1	9-14	1-19	4-24
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
Atlanta	29	15	.659	_	Lost 4	17-2	12-13	18-10
Detroit	25	15	.625	2	Won 1	15-4	10-11	18-9
Chicago	26	18	.591	3	Lost 2	17-6	9-12	18-12
Milwaukee	21	20	.512	61/2	Lost 1	14-7	7-13	13-11
Cleveland	22	21	.512	61/2	Won 4	16-7	6-14	12-15
Indiana .	21	21	.500	7 *	Won 1	15-6	6-15	12-12

Western Conference

MIDWEST	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
Dallas	28	13	.638	-	Lost 2	16-4	12-9	20-8
Denver	24	17	.585	4	Won 2	16-3	8-14	15-11
Houston	24	17	.585	4	Won 2	15-4	9-13	17-11
Utah	20	22	.476	81/2	Won 2	16-5	4-17	13-12
San Antonio	18	22	.450	91/2	Won 3	15-5	3-17	14-14
Sacramento	13	28	.317	15	Won 2	11-13	2-15	9-20
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
LA Lakers	34	8	.810	-	Won 6	20-2	14-6	25-4
Portland	26	15	.634	71/2	Won 3	19-3	7-12	16-10
Seattle	25	19	.568	10	Lost 3	18-2	7-17	15-15
Phoenix	13	28	.317	201/2	Lost 9	9-10	4-18	8-22
LA Clippers	10	31	.244	231/2	Lost 5	9-12	2-18	8-20
Golden State	9	31	.225	24	Lost 1	8-11	1-20	6-19

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San Antonio 118, New Jersey 106 New York 110, Washington 106 Houston 109, Phoenix 99 Detroit 99, Milwaukee 97 L.A. Lakers 110, Chicago 101 Portland 121, Atlanta 118 **MONDAY'S RESULTS** Utah 105, Seattle 100 Cleveland 94, Detroit 83 Sacramento 97, Chicago 95 Indiana 90, Golden State 88

New Jersey 108, Dallas 103 TODAY'S GAMES

Indiana at Boston, 7:30 pm Cleveland at Washington, 7:30 pm

Golden State at Phila., 7:30 pm Dallas at Denver, 9:30 pm

Sacramento at Utah, 9:30 pm

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Hawks

The Hawks did little to stop him. "Sometimes, I was the only guy

back and there were three or four Portland shirts," guard Doc Rivers said. "We didn't stop them at all." Dominique Wilkins, who led the Hawks in their rally, consistently lost Vandeweghe or Drexler, who sped past him for easy scores. By the time Wilkins dug in, it was too

late, his 29 points delivered in another losing cause. And Rivers, who scored 25, actually failed on 11 of his 15 attempts, most of them layups. He was 17-for-17 from the line. "In the fourth quarter, I cramped and I couldn't

get up," he said. "The layups were there, but I couldn't get up." Portland needed 13½ minutes to tie the game after trailing by 20 early in the second quarter. They got even at 64 with 8:04 left in the third

quarter and charged ahead by six, forcing the Hawks to dig in just to stay in touch. At 85-82 with the third quarter dying, Spud Webb launched a desperate three-pointer on the run that

hit front rim and appeared to have

caught full in Drexler's palm, rais-

ing the question of goaltending. Ref-swept through the paint, and Wileree Jess Kersey stood coolly under the hoop and shook his head, no.

The Blazers then whirled down the floor like a circus act, opening a 12-point lead with 8:13 to play. At 106-93 with 7:29 left, the Hawks made their stand and Wilkins brought them back by scoring seven in a 9-0 run, two on a fast-break finger roll that finished with his back to the hoop.

But Duckworth scored twice inside and the Hawks, down by nine, had to come back with the second 9-0 run to tie, Battle delivering from the top of the key as the shot clock ran down. Then Levingston traveled after

running down the loose defensive rebound. After Drexler scored, the Hawks were forced to foul and they could not get even.

"It's our same nemeses," Hawks coach Mike Fratello said. "Our offense stopped."

One reason the offense stopped is the strange saga of Randy Wittman. He made his first six shots before missing with nine minutes left in the first half. He did not attempt a shot during his remaining 22 minutes in the game. Finally, Fratello pulled him, moving Wilkins to guard in hopes of generating offense.

Thus, the offense revolved around Rivers, who repeatedly kins, who fought off double-teams and was frequently overpowered by a rotating corps of quick, big

Atlanta (118)

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FT Reb I-A O-T A PF Pts

39 10-19 9-10 5-8 1 4 29

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Willis20	2-6	0-1	2-6	0	3	4
Rollins23	2-5	2-2	3-10	0	5	6
Rivers36	4-15	17-17	0-2	8	2	25
Wittman31	6-7	0-0	0-0	2	3	12
Koncak14	1-2	1-4	1-3	0	3	. 3
Carr20	5-8	2-2	2-3	2	4	12
Washburn11	2-5	1-2	3-6	0	1	5
Levingston22	5-8	0-0	4-5	0	4	10
Webb 8	1-4	2-2	1-1	0	1	4
Battle16	3-8	1-4	0-0	0	3	8
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Ca.Jones13	2-4	0-0	3-3	0	4	4
Kersey38	3-14	10-12	3-8	5	4	16
Duckworth 41	8-23	6-7	8-17	1	4	22
Drexler 43	13-18	6-11	2-4	5	4	32
Porter28	4-8	4-4	0-4	8	3	12
Holton20	0-2	1-2	2-3	1	3	1
Lucas21	4-6	1-2	2-4	0	4	9
Paxson 6	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Vandeweghe30	9-14	6-7	0-2	3	2	25
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Totals 4	3-91 3	34-45 2	0-45 2	4 2	9	121

35 21 26 36-118 19 29 37 36-121 3-Point Goals: Atlanta 1-4, .250 (Battle 1-2, Wilkins 0-1, Webb 0-1). Portland 1-3, .333 (Vandeweghe 1-2, Porter 0-1). Team Rebounds: Atlanta 14. Portland 11. Blocked shots: Atlanta 4 (Wilkins, Carr. Levingston, Rollins). Portland 3 (Duckworth 2, Drexler). Turnovers: Atlanta 14. 12. Steals: Atlanta 7. Portland 4. Technical fouls: None. Illegal defense: Atlanta none. Portland 1. A-12,666. T-2:26. Officials—Jess Kersey, Bernie Fryer.

tion middleweight title. He later

lost in the finals of the state Golden

Gloves to Atlantan Michael Grogan,

Pistons rally for 99-97 win over Bucks

From Wire Reports

MILWAUKEE - Bill Laimbeer scored his only points of the game on a baseline jumper with 19 seconds remaining as the Detroit Pistons rallied to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 99-97 Tuesday night, breaking

a two-game losing streak. Rookie free agent Ralph Lewis' basket with 48 seconds remaining gave the Pistons a 96-94 lead, but Paul Pressey tied the score for Mil-

ond mark.

After Laimbeer's basket, Isiah Thomas stole the ball and Adrian Dantley made a free throw with three seconds remaining to give De-

troit a 99-96 lead.

The Bucks' Craig Hodges made a free throw with two seconds left.

with a season-high 28 points. Thomas added 22 and Dantley 21.

DETROIT (99)

Dantley 5-12 11-12 21, Mahorn 12-16 4-4 28, Laimbeer 1-7 0-0 2, Dumars 2-10 0-0 4, Thomas 9-15 2-2 22, Johnson 2-8 0-0 4, Salley 1-1 0-0 2, Rodman 4-7 0-0 8, Bedford 1-2 0-0 2, Lewis 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 39-81 19-20 99.

MILWAUKEE (97) Cummings 11-23 8-9 30, Sikma 1-7 4-4 6, Breuer 2-6 4-4 8, Moncrief 4-6 8-10 16, Pressey 4-10 6-6 14, Hodges 4-10 2-5 13, Krystkowiak 0-2 2-2 2, Stroeder 0-2 2-2 2, Lucas 2-7 0-0 4, Reynolds 0-1 2-2 2.Totals 28-74 38-44 97.

20 24 26 29-99 Milwaukee 25 20 27 25-97 3-Point goals-Hodges 3, Thomas 2. Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Detroit 49 (Laimbeer 13), Milwaukee 46 (Cummings 9). Assists—Detroit 26 (Dumars 6), Milwaukee 20 (Pressey 5). Total fouls-Detroit 28, Milwaukee 20. Technical-Detroit Coach Daly. A-11,052.

Magic's fourth-quarter surge helps Lakers hold off Bulls

in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Chicago

waukee with a basket at the 35-sec-

Knicks' Gerald Wilkins scored season-high 29 points Tuesday.

Rick Mahorn led the Pistons Bulls 110-101 despite 39 points by Michael Jordan.

> CHICAGO (101) Oakley 1-4 0-0 2, Sellers 4-9 6-6 14, Brown 5-11 3-4 13, Jordan 14-26 11-11 39, Sparrow 0-2 0-0 0, Grant 3-6 0-0 6, Threatt 6-12 1-2 13, Corzine 0-5 0-0 0, Paxson 4-9 0-0 8, Pippen 2-5 2-2 6. Totals

39-89 23-25 101. L.A. LAKERS (110) Green 4-7 0-0 8, Worthy 8-11 6-6 22, Abdul-Jabbar 4-7 5-5 13, Johnson 11-17 3-5 25, Scott 8-18

3-3 20, Cooper 3-4 0-0 7, M.Thompson 4-9 3-4 11,

Smrek 2-4 0-0 4.Totals 44-77 20-23 110. 21 27 19 34-101 L.A. Lakers 26 29 28 27-110 3-Point goals-Scott, Cooper. Fouled out-Cooper. Rebounds-Chicago 47 (Grant 8), Los Angeles 41 (Abdul-Jabbar 8). Assists-Chicago 20 (Jordan, Threatt, Pippen 4), Los Angeles 32 (Johnson 11). Total fouls-Chicago 21, Los Angeles 19.

Carroll scores 21 as Rockets push Suns' losing streak to 9

Technical—Chicago illegal defense. A— 17,505.

HOUSTON - Houston's Joe Barry Carroll scored 21 points, in-INGLEWOOD, Calif. - Magic cluding seven in a row during a Johnson scored 14 of his 25 points surge late in the fourth quarter, to lead the Rockets to a 109-99 victory

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over Phoenix, extending the Suns' losing streak to nine straight games.

PHOENIX (99) Gilliam 5-6 8-8 18, Nance 4-14 5-9 13, Edwards 5-10 1-4 11, Hornacek 6-9 4-5 16, Humphries 3-6 0-0 6, Davis 6-17 2-2 16, E.Johnson 6-17 0-0 13, Adams 0-2 0-0 0, Thompson 1-1 2-2 4, Bailey 1-2

0-0 2. Totals 37-94 22-30 99. HOUSTON (109) McCray 7-12 2-2 16, Petersen 1-6 2-5 4, Olajuwon 10-19 6-8 26, Floyd 3-13 4-4 10, Leavell 4-11 1-1

9. Short 8-14 5-7 21, Carroll 9-19 3-3 21, B.Johnson 1-3 0-0 2, Reid 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 43-101 23-30 28 24 23 24- 99 30 25 29 25-109

3-Point goals-Davis 2, E.Johnson. Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Phoenix 57 (Nance 14), Houston 73 (Olajuwon 15). Assists-Phoenix 23 (Humphries 12), Houston 16 (Floyd 7). Total. fouls-Phoenix 30, Houston 22. Technicals-Olajuwon. A-16,611.

Berry scores 28 points to lead Spurs past Nets 118-106

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Walter Berry scored 28 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 118-106 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Spurs guard Alvin Robertson and forward Greg Anderson had 20 points each.

NEW JERSEY (106) Comegys 4-10 0-0 8, Williams 12-14 0-1 24, Hinson 10-17 2-3 22, Bagley 8-19 1-1 22, Birdsong 4-14 1-1 10, Bradley 3-7 2-2 9, McCormick 2-4 1-4

SAN ANTONIO (118) Berry 13-20 2-2 28, Brickowski 8-15 2-2 18, Anderson 8-17 4-9 20, Robertson 8-13 2-2 20, Daw-

5. Hopson 3-11 0-0 6. Totals 46-96 7-12 106.

kins 5-11 0-0 10. Mitchell 2-3 0-0 4, Wood 4-7 0-0 10. Gudmundsson 1-2 0-0 2, Sundvold 1-3 0-0 2, Nealy 0-1 0-0 0, Nimphius 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 52-94

10-15 118. 18 29 32 27-106 **New Jersey** San Antonio 32 26 31 29-118

3-Point goals-Bagley 5, Robertson 2, Wood 2, Birdsong, Bradley, Fouled out- None, Rebounds-New Jersey 45 (Hinson 13), San Antonio 57 (Berry, Brickowski 10). Assists-New Jersey 26 (Birdsong 11), San Antonio 34 (Dawkins 12). Total fouls-New Jersey 16, San Antonio 14. Technical-San Antonio illegal defense. A-5,400.

Gerald Wilkins' big shot helps Knicks beat Bullets 110-106

NEW YORK — Gerald Wilkins scored a season-high 29 points, incuding a key left-handed hook shot with 55 seconds left, as the New York Knicks defeated the Washington Bullets 110-106.

WASHINGTON (106)

Catledge 8-14 2-2 18, King 11-20 6-6 28, M.Malone 5-12 4-6 14, Colter 1-3 1-2 3, J.Malone 11-18 1-1 24, Bol 0-4 0-0 0, Bogues 2-7 1-1 5, Williams 6-11 2-3 14, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-90 17-

NEW YORK (110) Green 6-14 1-2 13, K.Walker 4-9 1-2 9, Ewing 9-

13 4-6 22, Jackson 7-12 7-8 21, Wilkins 14-25 1-2 29, Newman 0-5 2-2 2, Cartwright 2-3 6-7 10, Cummings 0-1 2-2 2, Donovan 0-0 0-0 0, Tucker 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 43-83 24-31 110. 24 25 37 20-106

22 28 29 30-110 **New York**

3-Point goal-J.Malone. Fouled out- None. Rebounds-Washington 42 (M.Malone 12), New York 55 (Ewing 15). Assists-Washington 22 (Colter 5). New York 22 (Jackson 8). Total fouls-Washington 23. New York 23. Technicals- Washington illegal defense, New York illegal defense. A-14,269.

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pingstone right now."

Stackhouse already owns a title - the Continental Americas middleweight championship. He won it from New York native Kevin Moley at Madison Square Garden in June and successfully defended it against Moley four months later.

But for a champion outside the three major federations, there is little recognition and even less money. That's why Stackhouse hopes to get a shot at the three champions.

The first obstacle, though, is Duran, a 20-year ring veteran with an 81-7 record and 59 knockouts. "If I can't get past Duran, I will

give it up," said Stackhouse. "He's a has-been. It wouldn't be any need for me to go any further if he beats Trainer/manager Jerry Hill says a convincing win could get Stack-

Kalambay. "A fight with Hearns may be out of the question right now, but I've been in touch with the people handling the other two champions,"

says Hill, Stackhouse's one-man en-

house a date with either Tate or

tourage. "We beat Duran and we've got a chance to fight one of them for maybe \$150,000 to \$200,000."

That kind of paycheck would be some measure of compensation for Stackhouse's sweating and dieting ... and for the patience Deborah, his wife of five years, has shown while he has chased a dream.

"My wife has been real supportive, but we just had a baby girl last week and she wants me to settle into something so I can support my family," said Stackhouse, who drives an '84 Ford Ranger and lives in a modest two-bedroom apartment. "I've told her to give me one more year. I do plan to move into a house in September, anyway."

Stackhouse, who moved to Atlanta from Myrtle Beach, S.C., in 1982, did not get involved in boxing until he reached his 20s.

"In high school, I played football and ran track," he said. "Boxing was the farthest thing from my mind." He was a 180-pound linebacker, 18 pounds heavier than his current fighting weight.

"I've always been on the rough and tough side, and since I wanted to be a professional athlete at something, I decided to try boxing."

In 1983, Stackhouse won the Georgia Amateur Boxing Federa

in the mid-'80s. As a pro, Stackhouse has been better known in New York than in Atlanta because of his fights in Madison Square Garden and subse-

quent media exposure. An aggres-

sive fighter, he effectively uses a left jab and a right cross. "You've got to remember that I've fought every one of those fights on the home turf of my opponents," Stackhouse says proudly. "That's not an easy thing to do in boxing. I've knocked 10 of those guys out.

Stackhouse sees knockout victim No. 11 in Duran, once reputed to have "hands of stone" but now reportedly with a body of excess

I've been knocked down a few

times, but nobody has knocked me

"We hear that he has been up around 200 pounds," Stackhouse says. "He's got to get down to 162 before the fight, and losing that much weight in that short period of time can make you weak. I should be able to take him out, make him pay for all this work I've been

ble charges of fraud and tax

The U.S. Attorney is basing his potential fraud case on the fact that athletes sign "scholarship recertification" documents annually that state the players have not violated NCAA rules. It is against NCAA rules for an athlete to sign a contract with or accept money from an

Walters, Bloom and McKey could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

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volved in the Walters-Bloom case. The U.S. Attorney will stress those damages in asking the federal grand

vestigation said. The grand jury is considering possible charges of fraud, mail

fraud, wire fraud, tax fraud, extortion and racketeering against the agents, sources said.

Bloom recently confirmed that he has been offered a deal by Assistant U.S. Attorney Howard Pearl under which, for his testimony against Walters, he would plead guilty to one count of mail fraud and serve a jury to return indictments against 16-month federal prison term. the agents, sources close to the in- Bloom has refused to accept the

> McKey and Coner also are among the athletes who face possi-