BETWEEN THE LINES

Heyward changes prospect's mind on signing with Pitt

Penn State linebacker recruit **Ricky Sayles** said he was leaning toward the University of Pittsburgh until being turned off by a weekend visit chaperoned by unhappy Panthers' All-American **Craig "Ironhead" Heyward**.

Sayles, McKeesport, Pa., High School's most heavily recruited player in recent years, visited Pitt the weekend Heyward was charged by university police with simple assault and resisting arrest.

The nation's second-leading rusher last season with 1,655 yards, Heyward was arrested after a policewoman asked him to leave the scene of the shooting. Heyward contended the officer unnecessarily provoked him by prodding him with her nightstick.

Heyward cited the negative publicity surrounding the arrest — his third run-in with authorities since enrolling at Pitt — with his decision to pass up his senior season and turn pro.

At the same time Heyward was trying to talk Sayles into attending Pitt, "he was talking and cutting up" the school, Sayles told The McKeesport Daily News.

"I was surprised. He's a big star and he was acting like that," Sayles said. "I wanted more out of a college, an education. I don't want some guy telling me that it didn't matter if I went to class or not because if I was good, I could always quit and go to the pros.

"Heyward was talking about leaving Pitt. I thought to myself, here's a guy trying to sell the university and he's talking about leaving. It made me think," he said.

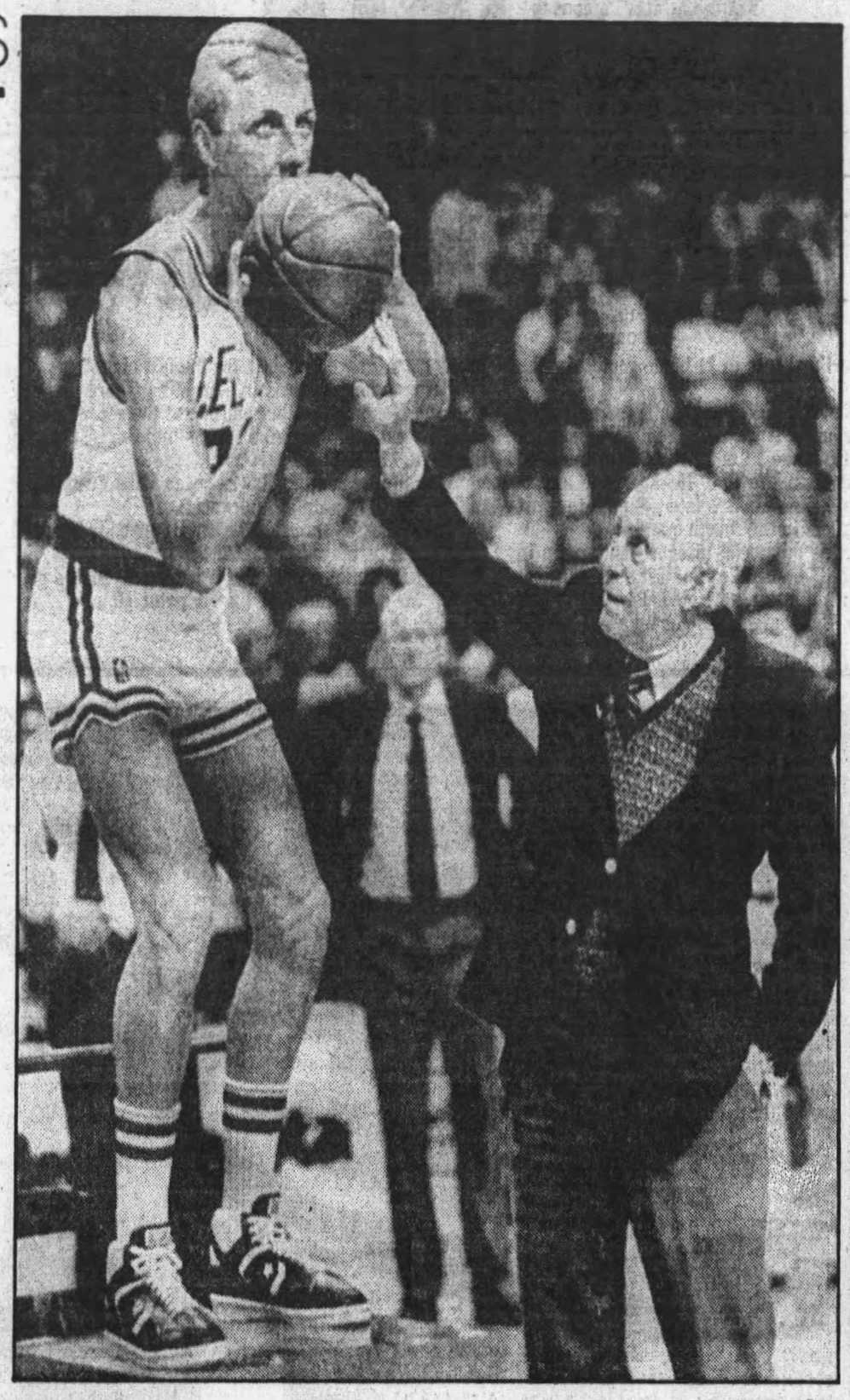
Mantle settles the argument: Over career, Mays was better

Mickey Mantle settled an old sports argument Thursday.

Standing in his new bar and restaurant in New York, the famed Yankees switch hitter grinned at a question that used to fill hundreds of watering holes — who was better, Mantle or **Willie Mays**?

"At times, I was," Mantle said. "But you gotta look at the bottom line, when it's all over with. And I'm not even close. Willie played 24 (actually 22) years, almost injury-free, he hit over 600 home runs, he was a great baserunner, great outfielder, had a good arm. If you just put both our records down, there's no comparison."

Mantle played 18 years and hit 536 homers. He won three MVP awards, in 1956, '57 and '62. Mays played in 2,992 games, with 660 homers and a .302 lifetime average, four points higher than Mantle.



The Associated Press

Honoring an All-Star

BOSTON — Boston Celtics president Red Auerbach checks out a life-sized basswood carving of Larry Bird by artist Armand LaMontagne. The carving was unveiled at Wednesday night's Celtics-Pacers game.

MAIN EVENTS

Sports around town this weekend

Clark College (18-2), trying to stay in contention for a wild-card berth in the Division II tournament, will take on Morris Brown (4-15) Friday at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, Georgia State (7-10) will host Mercer (10-8) at 7:30 p.m. The Panthers, 4-5 in the Trans America Athletic Conference, have won their last three games.

BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. — Clark College vs. Morris Brown ..... **Friday**
4:00 p.m. — DePaul vs. Georgia Tech ..... **Saturday**
6:00 p.m. — Georgia College vs. Kennesaw ..... **Saturday**
7:30 p.m. — Mercer vs. Georgia State ..... **Saturday**

Today's sports on TV

It's fight night as Atlantan Ricky Stackhouse battles Roberto Duran. One of three bouts on the card, the fight will be shown on a pay-per-view basis for $14.95 on Prime Cable Channel 34. It can order by calling 874-8200 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Afterward, subscriptions must be ordered by calling 873-9500 with a touch-tone phone, using the information provided by a streamer at the bottom of the screen on Channel 36.

BASKETBALL

Midnight Middle Tennessee vs. Tennessee St. ..... **ESPN**

BOXING

9:00 p.m. Foreman vs. Trane ..... **ESPN**
9:00 p.m. Stackhouse vs. Duran ..... **Channel 34 (pay-per-view)**

GOLF

2:00 p.m. LPGA Mazda Classic ..... **ESPN**
4:00 p.m. AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am ..... **USA**

SOCCER

10:00 p.m. Wichita vs. Tacoma (MISL) ..... **FNN:Score**

Today's sports on radio

In a matchup of Cobb County rivals in Region 9-AAAA, the Pebblebrook boys and girls meet their counterparts from Osborne.

BASKETBALL

7:00 p.m. Pebblebrook vs. Osborne (girls) ..... **1550 AM**
8:30 p.m. Pebblebrook vs. Osborne (boys) ..... **1550 AM**

Weekend events

The Baseball Network is sponsoring a baseball card show Saturday and Sunday at the Airport Marriott. Professional and retired baseball players will be available for autographs. The schedule for Saturday is Willie McCovey from 10:30 a.m. to noon; Jesse Barfield from noon to 2 p.m.; Willie Stargell from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Ernie Banks from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The schedule for Sunday is Dave Winfield from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Billy Williams from 1 p.m to 2:30 p.m.; Frank Robinson from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be an admission charge and a charge for each autograph. Fees have not been set.

'Bud Grant said 0-4 is better than 0-0. If we get another chance and lose, I'll let you know if that's true.'

Denver Broncos coach **Dan Reeves** after being reminded his team is now 0-3 in Super Bowls and threatening Minnesota's 0-4 record.

McKey mum on dealings with agents

THE NOTEBOOKS

HAWKS

SEATTLE — From the moment the lid was blown off his secret contract with agent **Lloyd Bloom**, **Derrick McKey** has been unable to escape the questions of the financial arrangements that ended his career at Alabama. Frankly, he no longer wants to talk about it. "It's in the past," McKey said Thursday before his Seattle SuperSonics played the Atlanta Hawks. He was equally evasive about his testimony on Wednesday before a Chicago grand jury investigating agents Bloom and **Norby Walters**. Said McKey, "Not much to it really." Does he have second thoughts about the whole affair? "I lost some opportunities by doing what I did." After a long pause he added, "I gained some opportunities by doing what I did." ... The Hawks planned to waste no time leaving the Northwest Thursday night. The coaching staff, bound for the All-Star Game, was set to take an overnight flight to Chicago. With them were **Doc Rivers** and **Dominique Wilkins**, who will play in Sunday's game; **Spud Webb**, who joins Wilkins in the slam-dunk competition; and player rep **Tree Rollins**, who attends an association meeting tonight. Rollins said there has been no talk of an All-Star Game work stoppage or a post-game strike, adding "it's almost too quiet."

—Jeff Denberg

Cremins says Scott's slump temporary

GA. TECH

Georgia Tech coach **Bobby Cremins** says he's not concerned about freshman **Dennis Scott's** recent shooting slump. Scott has made only 9 of 33 field-goal attempts and 4 of 17 three-point tries in his last four games. "He's just pushing a little right now," Cremins said. "He'll get it back, but we need for him to do it soon." Scott, who is still leading the ACC in three-pointers made (54) and three-pointers per game (2.7), said, "I'm not worried about either. My shots against Duke were not bad, they just were a little off." ... The Yellow Jackets have played on ESPN 31 times since the start of the 1984-85 season. ... After collecting 14 assists against Duke on Wednesday, point guard **Craig Neal** is the school all-time assist leader with 515, an average of 4.5 a game. Neal, seventh in the country in assists per game (8.0), has 159 assists this season and only 48 turnovers. He leads the ACC in assists and steals (39). Neal's ankle was giving him problems on Thursday, but he is not expected to miss any practice.

—I.J. Rosenberg

Burdette's statistics have taken a plunge

GEORGIA

ATHENS — Georgia forward **Eric Burdette**, who returned to the starting lineup against Tennessee, has a total of three points and five rebounds in his last four games. ... The basketball team did not practice Thursday after taking a 92-81 beating at Tennessee on Wednesday night. The Bulldogs watched films and met as head coach **Hugh Durham** tried to regroup the team for Saturday's 7:30 p.m. home game against Alabama. The Bulldogs have lost three of their last four. ... The mile relay team of freshman **Donald Carter**, sophomore **Randy Bell**, junior **Mike McAninch** and senior **Gary Duncan** will run in the prestigious Millrose Games tonight in New York City. **Dothel Edwards** will be in the invitational high jump.

—Thomas O'Toole

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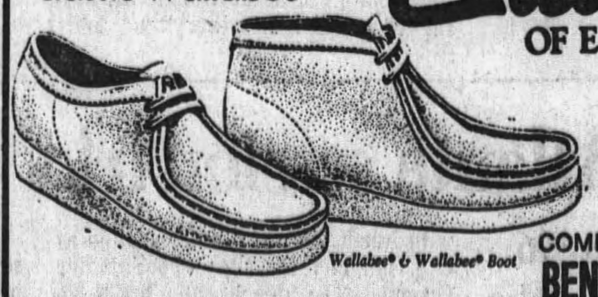

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