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Jerry Krause, Billy McKinney and Tex Winter were in Rockford Tuesday night watching the Light-ning topple Topeka, but the Bulls' braintrust didn't make the 90-mile trek just to take in a Continental Basketball Association game. Afterward, Krause had a long talk in the locker room with guard Elston Turner, and apparently the two mended fences. The Bulls released Turner last summer but retained his rights, a move Turner felt kept other teams from picking him up. But after huddling with the Bulls' GM, who told Turner the team intended to sign him the next day, the player seemed willing to let bygones be bygones.

Then there were 10?

Marquette's move into the Midwestern Collegiate Conference gives the league nine teams, immediately opening speculation that De Paul could even things up nicely by joining. Then again, if you're looking for a 10th basketball team, how about Bradley? The Peoria school is at the end of its three-year pledge to stay in the Missouri Valley. Said Bradley AD Ron Ferguson: "We'll always be alert to other possibilities. Our league is doing well now, and we've got good rivalries, but who knows? We've never been in a better position." Ferguson pointed out that Bradley came , close to joining the MCC three years ago. He said the Midwestern has strengthened itself since then. . . . Interestingly, the Braves are 5-0 against Midwestern teams this year. Added Ferguson: "We ought to get their NCAA bid."



SPORTSPEOPLE

Injuries a pain, McMahon says

Bears fans wish Jim McMahon could just stay healthy.

He feels the same way.

"It's very depressing," McMahon says of the injuries that have limited him to just 13 regular-season games the last two seasons. "Year after year something happens."

His latest medical problem was minor shoulder surgery five weeks ago.

"My shoulder was a pretty common injury, but it was not diagnosed properly. I kept playing and it got worse," he said Thursday at a news conference before his appearance at a **Crossroads Rehabilitation Center** luncheon at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

"I'm doing all right. It was pretty minor [surgery]. They just took out some bone and cleaned out the arthritis," McMahon said. "I'm not ready to quit."

Earlier injuries included major shoulder surgery in December, 1986, a pulled hamstring, tendinitis, a hairline fracture in his hand and a kidney laceration. Last season, McMahon played in just seven regular-season games and one playoff game. His desire to play football is what has kept him going through the string of injuries, he said. "A lot of people say I'm lazy. I am lazy, but not when it comes to getting ready for football. I don't want to work when I'm done [with football]. That's basically why I'm beating the hell out of myself now."

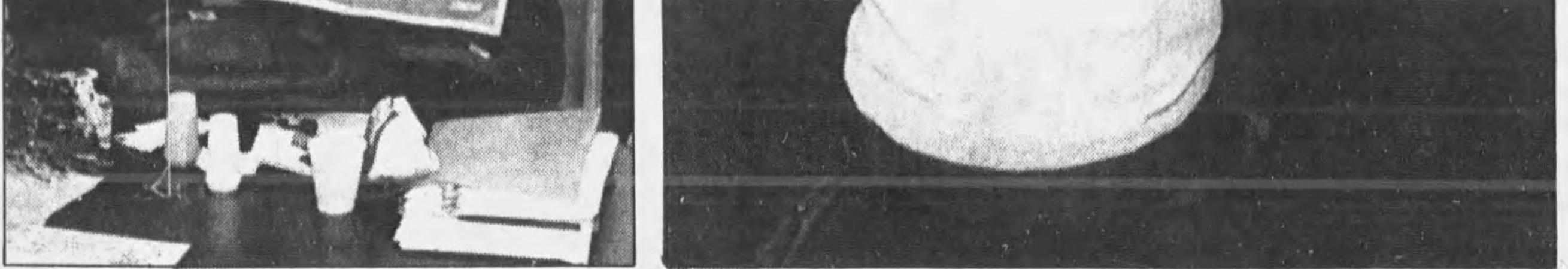
Changing Sox

We hear any chances catcher Carlton Fisk had of getting a fat contract from Kansas City were torpedoed by former White Sox pitcher Floyd Bannister, traded to the Royals in the off-season. Bannister supposedly wasn't too excited about being reunited with Fisk, whose slow, deliberate pace is known to drive a lot of pitchers nuts. Might be interesting to note what happens when they face each other this season.

6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ...

Six points are all she needs to reach 1,000, and no doubt Mary Just will get them Saturday, when Loyola plays its season finale at home against Detroit. A Maine West grad who began her college career at Northwestern, Just transferred to Loyola so she could engage in two other passions: volleyball and softball. Last year, she was all conference in all three. She now leads the Lady Ramblers in rebounding (8.3) and scoring (14.5), and when she nails her 1,000th point, it'll make her second in school history among threeyear players and sixth among players overall. Just has also led the country almost all season in three-point field-goal percentage (52.5), and nationally, she's second in three-pointers per game (3.5), trailing only Gwen Davis of Bethune-Cookman (4.4). What makes her feats even more impressive are her feet: She has had reconstructive surgery on her ankles three times.

Action off the field



Tribune photos by Michael Fryer

Former De Paul coach Ray Meyer slaps 10 with the for De Paul's men's and women's basketball teams. The Blue Demons' mascot (right) at Thursday's pep rally rally was part of this week's homecoming festivities.

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Priest, Prosecutor and the Pope are a winning ticket

a soda over lunch at a popular

Friday night in the 14th race at Hollywood Greyhound Track in Miami, the Priest and the Prosecutor will be pulling for the Pope.

The Priest is Brian Dalton, and his title is more than a racetrack monicker. Father Dalton, ordained in Ireland in 1970, is the parish priest for but it keeps things fun." about 800 families at St. Miami.

The Prosecutor is Max Kogen, a former state attorney turned criminal defense lawyer, and the operator of a 150-dog kennel that races at south Florida tracks.

The Pope is their nickname for Kingswell Ferry, a 22month-old, 62-pound black greyhound from Ireland who is one of the favorites to win \$50,000 Friday night in the final round of the Hollywood

racetrack hangout earlier this week. "There are times I haven't seen him race because something more important came up. My job comes first, my dedication to my people. I'm not a gambling man and I've never bet on the dog once,

Last fall, Dalton returned to Richard's Church in South Ireland to visit his family, which has long been involved in dog racing.

> "My sister took me to the dog track in Limerick," he said. "There was a novice race, what you would call a maiden race, and this little black dog came from last place to run down what was supposed to be a good field. I knew he'd be perfect for the longer races in America."

He paused as a group of men stopped by the table to say hello. When they left, Dalton a child back in Limerick and "is going to get a super-deluxe was asked whether they were cradle" if Kingswell Ferry wins friends from the track. "No, that was my bishop," he the World Classic.

Back to Ireland.

Dalton purchased Kingswell Ferry for about \$1,500, brought him to the States and put the dog in Kogen's care.

"The people at the kennel started calling him the Pope because they knew Father Dalton had found him," Kogen said. "Then I start getting calls from my trainer that the Pope is beating my best dogs by eight, nine lengths, in intramural races. I went out and saw him and I realized the Priest has found me the best dog I've ever had.'

Going into Friday night's race, he is Hollywood's victory leader, with 11 triumphs in 17 events.

Dalton splits his share of the dog's winnings between charities and his sister, who is expecting

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BRIEFS

Alabama state attorneys prosecuting two sports agents for their dealings with former Crimson Tide basketball star Derrick McKey plan to seek at least \$250,000 in restitution for the university if the men are convicted. McKey was declared ineligible for accepting money from Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom. In part because of McKey's ineligibility, the school forfeited \$250,000 in NCAA tournament revenues. Walters and Bloom are scheduled for arraignment March 16 on misdemeanor counts of game tampering, commercial bribery and violating state trade laws.

Andrea Morgan scored 21 points, including 6 of 8 threepointers, as the De Paul women's basketball team beat Marquette 77-49. De Paul is 24-3, the most victories by a Blue Demons women's team. De Paul has won 17 in a row. Patty Baker had 11 points and 11 rebounds for Marquette. ... The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference has refused to overturn Fairfield's loss to St. Peter's in a tournament game decided on a technical foul against coach Mitch Buonaguro with two seconds to play. Buonaguro was whistled for running onto the court right after Harold Brantley hit a layup to put Fairfield ahead 60-59. St. Peter's made both free throws on the techni-

Michigan's medley relay team of Alex Alvizuri and Jan-Erick Olsen set a Big 10 record of 3:15.14 at the swimming and diving championships in Indianapolis. Iowa's John Davey won the individual medley in a record 1:48.02. Ohio State's Patrick Jeffrey scored 563.37 to win the one-meter diving. Injured Olympic skier Dieter Linneberg says he will go home to Chile instead of seeking refugee status in Canada. Linneberg was expelled from Chile's Olympic team for criticizing the government's funding of the team. Major portions of a lawsuit filed by Carl Pohlad and Irwin Jacobs to gain control of the Minnesota Vikings have been thrown out by a Hennepin County judge, according to the Minneapolis Star Tribune. The suit had alleged that General Manager Mike Lynn and the others promoted their self-interest ahead of the team's through a series of financial transactions. Bill Elliott edged Alan Kulwicki to win the pole position for Sunday's Goodwrench 500 NASCAR stock-car race in Rockingham, N.C. Trenton State will be shooting for its sixth NCAA Division III wrestling title in 12 years this weekend in Wheaton. Representatives of the Soviet Union have made inquiries in New York and Las Vegas about the possibility of some boxers fighting professionally in the U.S., according to the Los Angeles Times. About a month ago, Las Vegas boxing promoter Bob Arum was visited by Soviet expatriate Edward Nakhamkin, who lives in New York. "Nakhamkin told me he was speaking for higher-ups in the Soviet Union who were interested in how their top boxers could earn dollars in the West," Arum was quoted as saying. "He asked me if I would be interested in working with a group of Soviet boxers after the 1988 Olympics during a training period of three to six months, then selecting a smaller number from that group to box professionally here, with the money they earn going to the Soviet boxing federation." Duke's mascot has apologized to the Black Coaches Association for wearing a "Buckwheat" headband in reference to guard David Rivers during the Blue Devils' victory over Notre Dame. "All parties are satisfied with the responses," said Ray Martin, a member of the BCA and an assistant basketball coach at North Carolina State. Buckwheat is the name of the black character from the "Our Gang" comedies, which later became "The Little Rascals."

Kevin Butler chose the name, and Dan Hampton promised to bring the Chicago 6 there to entertain. The two are now partners in Traffic Jam, a nightclub that'll open around Memorial Day in a former warehouse on Ontario Street. General partner John Mau says the club logo will aptly capture the bustling area, where Ditka's, Carson's, the Hard Rock Cafe and Ed Debevic's are just a few of the competing enterprises. That logo? Dancing taxi cabs.

Black pride

Doug Williams, quarterback of the Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins, will be in Chicago March 12 to attend "A Tribute to the Black Athlete and Coach," which is Blackbook's 18th annual awards banquet at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. Also scheduled to attend to accept awards in behalf of their fathers are Sharon Robinson, daughter of Jackie Robinson, and Joe Louis Barrow, son of Joe Louis.

Rudy Washington, an assistant basketball coach at Iowa who is black, told Basketball Weekly he has never been interviewed for a head coaching job at a Division I school despite 15 years in the business. In that time, he has been an assistant at Southern Cal, Clemson and Iowa and head coach at Compton Junior College in Califoria and a California high school. In addition, he was an administrative assistant with the L.A. Lakers. Said Washington: "We aren't angry because blacks aren't getting head coaching jobs. What's disturbing is we're not even being considered."

News, notes and nonsense

Rumor mill: Word has it that former Evanston basketball coach Herb Williams, now an assistant at Michigan State, is on the short list for the job at the University of Detroit. ... ABC-ESPN basketball analyst Dick Vitale tells us Nevada-Las Vegas is the most likely big-name, highly regarded team to be World Classic, the Kentucky Derby of dogdom. "It's my recreation, a hobby," Father Dalton said as he sipped



George Brett (right) of the Kansas City Royals and Florida State

Fred Taylor, a sophomore football player whose apparent transfer to St. Patrick High School prompted a complaint to

Ex-Steeler gets a lift

Thanks to a sympathetic fan, former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Joe Gilliam Jr. is again wearing the Super Bowl IX ring he sold to buy drugs.

"It was a humbling. kind of thing. I've been clean a long time and I never thought somebody would do something like that for me," said the former quarterback, now a counseler for drug abusers, after the ring was returned.

The ring was returned by Boston businessman John Cannick, himself a former drug abuser, who had heard a television report about how Gilliam had sold his rings from Super Bowls IX and X.

"John called me right after the Super Bowl and said he and five

eliminated first in the NCAA playoffs. "This is proba- bly the least-talented team Jerry Tarkanian's had at UNLV," said Vitale. He likes North Carolina A&T as the most likely team to pull an upset Dennis Conner calls his New Zealand rival for the America's Cup "The Kiwis' Crock," and he'll undoubtedly talk about that crew when he addresses a dinner April 8 at the Westin-Chicago. Proceeds from the event will be used to reduce the deficit incurred by Chicago's Heart of America and to assist Conner's Sail America syndi- cate. And finally: After you've been on the David Letter- man show, what's left? For Isiah Thomas, who was a guest on the show Thursday, it's a chat on Saturday with President Reagan. Thomas is scheduled to visit the White House while the Pistons are in town to play the Bullets. He'll be cited by the President for his work in anti-drug campaigns.	other guys who had had similar problems want- ed to know what they could do to get the rings back," Gilliam said. Gilliam told Cannick who might have the rings. Cannick and his friends raised the money and bought the ring for Gilliam. Gilliam would not disclose the cost be- cause he said Cannick is trying to gather more money to buy the sec- ond ring.	player Barry Blackwell unveil a bust of the late Dick Howser at the dedication of Dick Howser Stadium Thursday in Tal- lahassee. The former Royals' manager attended Florida State.	transfer to St. Patrick High School prompted a complaint to the Illinois High School Association, has returned to Proviso West after being out of school for more than three weeks. According to Proviso West principal Robert Milano, St. Pat- rick officials told Taylor he didn't have enough credits to be
		Olympic medalists skate into Stadium If you really want to see the Olympic figure skating medal- winners up close and personal, be at the Stadium May 14. All of the medalists from Cal- gary will perform in a 2½-hour charity exhibition. Brian Boitano, Debi Thomas, Katarina Witt, Elizabeth Manley, Brian	admitted. The IHSA still might act in the case. Compiled by Bill Hageman and Rich Lorenz from staff, wire re- ports.
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