## Underdogs get ready to pull out all the stops in Southeast

By Mark Bradley The NCAA Tournament starts today,

with the emphasis in the Southeast al on stopping. Can Auburn stop Bradley's ersey Hawkins, the nation's leading scorChattanooga stop Oklahoma with anything short of heavy artillery? Can Brigham ever stop talking about last year's NCAA nub? answers, tune in today - all day. First-round games begin at The O Omi with
Auburn-Bradley at Auburn-Bradiey at 12:07 p.m. At $2: 37$ p.m. Oklahoma plays UT-C. At 7:07 p.m., BYU
faces UNC-Charlotte. Louisville meets Oregon State at 9:37 p.m.
The opener figures to be one of the
closest first-round matches in the tourna

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|  | Today's games | TV |  | Today's games | TV |
| 12:07 p.m. | Auburn vs. Bradley | None | 12:07 p.m. | Missouri vs. Rhode Island | None |
| 2:37 p.m. | Oklahoma vs. UT-Chatt. | None | 2:37 p.m. | Syracuse vs. N.C. A8T | ESPN |
| 7:05 p.m. | BYU vs. UNC-Charlotte | None | 7:07 p.m. | SMU vs. Notre Dame | N |
| 9:37 p.m. | Louisville vs. Oregon St. | None | 9:37 p.m | Duke vs. Boston Univ. | None |
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|  | Friday's games | TV |  | Friday's games | TV |
| 12:07 p.m. | Villanova vs. Arkansas | ESPN | 12:07 p.m. | Ga. Tech vs. lowa State | None |
| 2:37 p.m. | Illinois vs. UT-San Antonio | None | 2:37 p.m. | Indiana vs. Richmond | ESPN |
| 7:07 p.m. | Marland vs. Cal.-S. Barb. | None | 7:07 p.m. | Temple vs. Lehigh | ESPN |
| 9:37 p.m. | Kentucky vs. Southern U. | None | 9:37 p.m. | Georgetown vs. LSU | ESPN |

ment. Auburn, the No. 8 seed, won six of its er almost fully from a broken hand suffer


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| AT SOUTH BEND, IND. | at SALT LAKE CITY |



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saw Hawkins, who averages 36 points,
named player of the year by the U.S. Bas

Said Hawkins: "I think Auburn will pla See SOUTHEAST, Page 12F

Dave
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Crass commercialism of SEC
As far as I know, the Southeastern Conference
does not have an official oyster, but it does have an official fish. It's a catfish.
It ought to be a shark.
These SEC guys will run you a over to get at it floor. These SEC guys will run you over to get at it.
I spent two days at the SEC's basketball tournament last week. It felt like two weeks chained to a water pipe in front of a TV blaring commercials.
It's one thing for corporate sponsors to hang banners and stamp theirp names on everything. We don't banners and stamp their names on everything. We don
have to read the stuff. It becomes part of the scenery, unnoticed, unobtrusive.
But the SEC's deal with sponsors must have called for the public address announcer at courtside t announce the sponsors' names during games.
So I learned that the SEC now has an official The p.a. announcer said, "Blah blah blah, the official rim of the Southeastern Conference basketball
ournament."
Lord help us. I thought. An official. .rim. Surely this merchants had only started.
I should have suspected. The SEC invited a beer company to send over a free-throw shooter who goes I saw the guy outside the building. I ignored $h$ He's scenery. He wouldn't be part of the SEC tournament, would he? It would be hypocritical to have a beer pitchman involved in college athletics when the NCAA
kicks kids out if they test positive for drugs. Alcohol is a drug.
And let's not forget those catfish farmers Next to the beer man was a 20 -foot-high inflated
shoe. Well, the shoe gimmick gave me no pause eithe shoe. Well, the shoe gimmick gave me no pause, eithe kids get shoes. Same old NCAA plantation. But once I sat at courtside for basketball, the last into my head by a loudspeaker in the arena. The p.a. man must have been an FM deejay. Or else he worke one of those I'm-so-lonely 976 phone services. So
sincere sincere.
He told tournament.

Then the official shoe of the SEC tournament.
Take your date Mr. Sincere said to "world. Take your date, Mr. Sincere said, to a "worldfamous restaint. We heard about the official coffee of the SEC tournament. And the official cellular phone. And potato
chips. chips.
I am not making this up. Video stores. Car dealers.
A soft drink. A television network. A fried chicken place. A soft drink. A television network. A fried chicken place.
The SEC must think it's not enough for customers to pay top dollar for tickets. They then have to endure a fool FM deejay selling potato chips. "The Catfish Farmers of Louisiana are an official sponsor of the
Southeastern Conference basketball tournament," the Southeastern C
hired fool said.
Mixed messages for already mixed-up players And next thing I know, there's the beer company pitchman - in the arena, on the court, shooting free throws. I hear the beer company is "a proud sponsor" of the SEC tournament.

And we wonder why kids are mixed up. College athietes are told not to drink beer. They have to urinate
in a bottle to prove they don't drink beer. Yet the SEC takes the beer folks in warm embrace in exchange for a few bucks. And speaking of a few bucks, the athletes also must sign a piece of paper promising poverty, saying
they haven't taken money from an agent. This while the SEC works as a shameless huckster groveling for nickels from catfish farmers. SEC commissioner Harvey Schiller did say that the league has no plans to sell the tournament's name, making it, for instance,
the Barney Fife \& Opie Taylor Amalgamated Union of Chiropractors Southeastern Conference Basketball Tournament. Which means, I figure, Barney and Opie haven't come up with enough bucks yet

There was, at one point in the tournament, real referee body-slammed a Georgia player. He might have seriously injured the athlete, bouncing his head off
the hardwood. An explanation was called for the hardwood. An explanation was called for. But Schiller made the refere' off-limits to the
media. It was as if Schiller didn't care what the publi media. It was as if schiler didn't care what the public
thought. But then, we already knew that. Or else he wouldn't have hired an FM deejay to tell us about catfish.

## NATIONS TOP GUN



Bradley's Hersey Hawkins leads the nation in scoring with a 36-point average. WILIAM BERRYSt

## Bradley's Hawkins aims to prove himself in NCAA

## By Bud Shaw Staff Writer

Here's Hersey Hawkins, who already has a postcard proclaiming him "The Best Player in the Nation," who only needs 10 points to pass Oscar Robertson in conference history
and who averages a tidy 36 points, saying that as of $12: 07 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. today at The Omni he must get serious and prove himself. "I want to show I can play with some of
these other guys in the country," Hawkins, these other guys in the country," Hawkins,
Bradley's senior All-American, said WednesBradley's senior All-American, said Wednes-
day. "I think there's probably some doubt in people's minds."
people's minds."
Hawkins is a 6 -foot-3, 190 -pound guard
who leads the country in scoring and his
eam in rebounding. Only teammate Anthon Manuel, a point guard, has more assists. Let's see: points, rebounds, assists. Not a bad basketball trilogy, especially considering major
colleges passed on Hawkins as a high-school prospect in Chicago. Something about him not shooting well enough to play guard.
And now, here's Stan Albeck, his coach, saying that if Hawkins were two inches taller he'd have impact like Magic Johnson and arry Bird in the NBA. "He's totally unflappable," said Albeck, whose big criticism
Hawkins is that he doesn't shoot enough. This does not sound like the resume of See HAWKINS, Page 12F

Alabama will 'track down' agent Bloom

By Chris Mortensen
Staff Writer
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Sports agent Lloyd Bloom failed to appear for his criminal arraignment here
Wednesday, and Alabama Assistant Attorney General Donald Valeska gave him one week to "turn himself in,
"We are going to track down Mr. Bloom, he is going to be arrested, and he will be here," said Valeska. "We are going to swear out an arrest warrant in every state in this country.
He'll be here. I'li guarantee it. We
will track him to all ends of the
world" all ends
world."
Bloom not enter a written plea on the indict-
ments against him and former asso
ciate Norby Wal ciate Norby Wa ters for their deal
ings with forme University of Ala
bama basketbal Lloyd Bloom
player Derrick
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Alabama Attorney General Don Siegelman who was present at Wednesday's arraignment, said, "If he (Bloom) doesn't come of his own accord, he will be
brought back in handcuffs." rought back in handcuffs. Vause he had mistakenly understood another week bewas still being represented by Walters' attorney, Robert Gold of New York As a result, neither Bloom nor Mike Trope, his California-based attorney, has re-
ceived a formal copy of the indictments, which Valeska ceived a formal copy of the indictment said he was forwarding immediately.
Valeska said Trope asked if the state would pro-
vide a court-appointed local attorney because Bloom See BLOOM, Page 12F

## NFL fine tunes

 instant replayWalsh denies Montana being shopped, Page $9 F$
Marshall deal worries NFL officials, Page $9 F$ By Glenn Sheeley
PHOENIX - Pittsburg Writer Steelers president Dan other season Wednesday by proposing that all replay officials become part of the regular officiating crew and not members of the league office staff Without the modifications, instant replay would
have been voted down "on the first vote," according to Tex Schramm, the NFL Competition Committee chairman and Dallas Cowboys general manager. With the change, the proposal passed 23-5, with Cincinnati, Kansas city, the
At least 21 votes in favor of replay, representing a three-quarters majority, was necessary for passage.
"Our big concern was not having 'big brother' watching,", said Rooney, referring to influence by the watching, said Rooney, referring to influence by the
league office, which previously had six people from supervisor of officials Art McNally's staff alternating with 13 former officials in the replay booth. "This way "In a certain fashio
Schramm. "Danny (Rooney) was one of those who felt the field officials were hesitant because the 'eye in the sky' was going to correct them. I think he felt that this
way they would work as a team. If this man travels with the crew and is part of them, then it becomes a team with the responsibility to get it right."
The replay, which had passed for the 1987 season by the minimum $21-7$ vote, was in jeopardy of return-
ing for a third season. However, with the momentum started by Rooney, four opposed teams - Chicago,
Minnesota, San Diego and the New York Jets - swung Minnesota, San Dieso
to the affirmative side.

## Outdoors

## Woman in California lands world's second-largest bass

By Charles Salter
Staf Writer A woman fishing with a plastic
worm in a Southern California lake has caught a 21 -pound, 10-ounce largemouth bass, the biggest bass
landed in 56 years. landed in 56 years.
The world reco The world record still belongs
the late George W. Perry who caught a 22 2-pound, 4 -ounce large-
mouth bass on June 2, 1932, in mouth bass on June 2, 1932, in
Montgomery Lake, off the Ocmulgee
River, near Lumber City and Helena, Ga. Perry's monster bass was
$321 / 2$ inches long and had a $281 / 2$-inch girth. Calif., last Monday when the giant Calif., last Monday when the giant
black bass stuck an 8.inch black
Gillraker plastic worm, made by ZeGillraker plastic worm, made by Ze-
tabait Inc. of Jacksonville, Fla., according to Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS).
The fish was identified as a female Florida largemouth bass. A BASS spokesman said the bass was
27.9 inches long and had a $25-$ inch
girth. Thousands of girth. Theusands of Florida large-
mouth fingerlings, baby fish less than 2 inches long, have been flown early 1970s and stocked in numerearly 1970s and stocked in numer-
ous lakes, where they have exhibit-
ed rapid growth rates and, in sever. Monday and hooked the bass ...
al instances, reached line-class, around $6: 25$ a.m." he said. "she ha world-record weights. fished about 15 . feet along the bank Ambassadeur was fiel, a custom-made rod, and 10 -pound-test Maxima line,
when the fish struck at when the fish struck at a depth be-
tween 20 and 30 feet, according to
DASS.
Deug Hannon of Odessa, Fla. ties on largemouth bass, said, "Classically, the biggest bass are caught
in the summer, not the spring. The
all-tackle, world-record largemouth bass was caught in June, and the record smallmouth bass in July.
"Most people think bass are the "Most people think bass are the
heaviest when they are carrying
eggs in February or March. The eggs may represent a pound or less of weight. But the bass actually
weigh the most with summer fat re serves. If that 21 -pound, 10 -ounce
bass had been caught in Lake Mira mar in June or July, it may have been bigger than George Perry's 22 pound, 4-ounce, worid-record bass. bait's vice president of marketing
and sales, was told that DeFresco operates the concession on Lake Miramar and goes fishing two
three times a week.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { She started fishing about } 6 \text { a.m. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { pound-line class by the IGFA in } \\ \text { Fort Lauderdale, Fla. }\end{array}\end{array}$

GEORGIA'S FISHING FORECAST
Map
no. $\quad$ Lake $\quad$ Bass Crapple Striper White


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low areas and on main points
struck Bagley DB 3 's, chrom low areas and on main porme
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Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and Ral-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, ann
jig and pork baits. Many chunky
$21 / 2$ to 6 -pound fish and some 7 $21 / 2$ to -pound fish and some 7 .
to 10-pound, 7 -ounce lunkers
were poated. Weights of several were boated. Weights of several
strings of bigmouts ranged
from 35 to 53 pounds. Crappie
fishing was good with minnows fishing was good with minnows
and trolled dig flies in several
creekks. Many crappie were in
the slab class.


RV exhibit offers help for buyers

## By Kent Mitchell

Of the many families attending
the Atlanta Camping \& Recreational Vehicle Show at the Georgia World Congress Center, hundreds are potential first-time buyers try-
ing to decide which type of camper is right for them.
The show, which began
Wednesday, will run through Sun day. Show hours are noon-10 p.m. through Saturday and noon-6 p.m.
Sunday. Admission is $\$ 4$ for $\$ 2$ for children 12 and under and senior citizens. Children under five
are admitted free. Scouts in uniare admitted free. Scouts in uni-
form accompanied by their leaders also are admitted free
Many first-time buyers will feel a sense of panic even before they descend the escalator to the show-
room floor, because they will room floor, because they will get a
quick peek from above and see quick pee compers spread out.
hunder of chere do I start?" is the usual
"Whe thought.
The question is legitimate. The question is legitimate.
There is such a variety. There are
luxury, class A, motorhomes, which are rolling homes with accessories such as television sets, microwave
ovens, refrigerators, power generaovens, refrigerators, power genera-
tors, air conditioning, even jacuztis. The travel trailers are almost
as luxurious as motorhomes, but with what some think is a built-in advantage - you can unh
drive around without it.

This year, the camping show
atures an innovation to help anfeaer questions. The Michigan Asso-
swciation of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) has put together an educational video
for prospective first-time buyers. The video gives useful, basic information..It describes the various types of campers with their carry-
ing capacities, costs and ing capaci
accessories.
It also gives an idea of the costs of a camping vacation vs. the same vacation at a motel or hotel as well as some ways a camper can be put
to use, other than strictly for to use, other than strictly for
vacations. at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. through Saturday and Sunday at B. Besides the huge display of campers, which even includes one
houseboat (for "camping" on lakes) houseboat (for "camping" on lakes),
the show also has a section for tent the show also has a section for ten
camping. There are family tents and
backpacking tents, plus accessories. Representatives are there from state parks and campgrounds
around the Southeast. around the Southeast. door prizes, including a pop-top door prizes, including a pop-top
valued at $\$ 4,595$ as the grand prize. Two awnings and a car carrier will
also be given away. Each night thro first 100 families will be given camper vacations at Lake Lanie
Islands and Stone Mountain Islands and Stone Mountain Park.
For more information, call 252 For more information, call 252
4642.

## Hawkins

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an unknown who needs to prove his
worth. He may not play in the naworth. He may not play in the na-
tion's most revered basketball conference. But nobody's asking if he's
Hersey Hawkins from Bradley or Hersey Bradley from Hawkins. The
fact the Bradley Braves were on probation last year and out of mind doesniated for his 27.2 scoring
average. Auburn coach Sonny Smith, who
gets to devise some defensive
scheme gets to devise some defensive
scheme short of Star Wars to stop
Hawkins in the first round of the NCAAs today at The 0 mm
sure such a strategy exists. "West Virginia tried a triangle-and-two, then a diamond-and-one,"
said Smith "Other said Smith. "Other people have
doubled him every time he went leff. I don't believe a trick defense of any kind makes much difference.
We just won't guard him at all That's about what we do anyway.
He probably hasn't faced that de-
It's not that Hawkins is shy or
modest to a fault, but his first comment on what the tournament
means to him was that it represented a "chance to meet other play-
ers." That sounds a little like he's trying to win the congeniality award in a pageant.
Actually, Hawkins is bold, self-
assured and quite deadly with assured and quite deadly with a
basketball in his hands. Asked what he'd average if he shot as often as
Albeck wanted, Hawkins smiled and Albeck wanted, Hawkins smiled and
said, "about 45. ." Is he the best college basketball player in all the land? Hawkins
pauses. "I'd have to say one of the best. Danny Manning (Kansas), Dan-
ny Ferry (Duke) and Gary Grant ny Ferry (Duke) and Gary Gran
(Michigan) would have to be up
there."
What Hawkins wants to prove is that he's no gunner. The word sug-
gests a ball hog with terminal shooter's elbow. Gunners don't shoot better than 50 percent. Gunners take
more than 23 shots per game, which more than 23 shots pe.
is Hawkins' average.
"We kid Hersey about icing
down his elbow after some games down his elbow after some games,
like when he scored 63 (against De
troit)" troit)", said teammate Donald Pow-
ell. "But it's only kidding. He ell. "But it's only kidding. He
doesn't need 30 shots a game to score. He shoots when he's open.
He's got to be everybody's player of

## Southeast

From Page 1F
regular man-to-man." Auburn sel-
dom plays man-to-man. Told this, Hawkins shrugged. "Oh, well," he said. "Their regular zone, then. Ive
seen 'em all. If they play zone, should be able to hit some outside
shots." shots."
According to Auburn coach Son-
ny Smith, there's no "if" about it "We'll play zone,", he said. "We al"Maybe we just won't guard (Haw kins). That's worked real good fo

That said, Auburn left The Omni thorpe College. To install a secre defense? "Naw," Smith said. "We don't put in the other team's offense
and defense until the day before and defense until the day before
the game. Otherwise I'm afraid we'll

## Bloom

## From Page $1 F$

could not afford to hire one. Trope would pay for Bloom's traveling and incidental expenses to attend the arraignment, the pre-trial hearing
and the trial itself. "We'll a itsemm. lawyer," said Valeska. "As far as ex penses, we'll have to see. The main thing is, I let him know that we to get Lloyd Bloom before a judge and jury".
Trope said Bloom will take into consideration his legal options before making a decision next week
on whether to appear for arraignment. Bloom is not a fugitive from jusospeculate what Lloyd is going to do. Inflammatory comments by the Individuals (Valeska and Siegel man) will not determine Lloyd's de dion. If he does decide to come
down there, those comments will Wave no bearing." Walters pleaded not guilty Walters pleaded not guilty
Wednesday to three misdemeanor charges - tampering with a sports ceptive trade practice. Circuit Court Judge John M. Karrh set a trial date for May 9 at Tuscaloosa County
Court House. Walters was released after posting a $\$ 1,000$ bond.
Walters refused to commen
Siegelman also notified Walters
nd his attorneys, Gold and Donald
Stewart of Anniston, Ala., that a
indictments on the same three charges against Walters and Bloom
for their dealings with McKey's for-
mer Tide teammate, Terry Coner.
Siegelman said he will ask the Siegelman said he will ask the
court to consolidate the indictments court to consolidate the indictments
so the agents will be tried on their so the agents wint be players on May
dealings with both
9. Walters also pleaded not guilty to he charges involving Coner. Siegelman said if Walters and
Bloom are convicted, the boom are cold to make restitution to the University of Alabama, which lost $\$ 250,000$ In NCAA tournament money because Mckey and coner played
ter signing with the agents Trope said that to his knowledge the state of California, where
Bloom lives, has never extradite Bloom lives, has never extradite one of its residents for a misd meanor charge. Valeska said he attempt to talk to Trope by
would telephone no later than today and give Bloom "one last chance" to appear in Alabama for arraignment.
"If we do not get an immediate favorable response, we will begin extradition proceduures immediately," said Valeska. "Don Siegelman
will go to the governor of California will go to the governor of California
personally and ask him to extradite personally and ask him to extradite
Mr. Bloom because of the importance of this issue. And Governor
[George] Deukmejian is tough on crime. assume he [Deukmejian]
knows that the asks the state of Alabama to send them people all the time, and we
comply. Mr. Siegelman would pect the same cooperation."
pect the same cooperation."
Valeska said if California does Valeska said if California does
notradite Bloom, Siegelman will ask Illinois law enforcement officials to cooperate if Bloom is indict-
grand jury looking into his
activities. Valeska said McKey would testify for the state at the May 9 trial, a day on which McKey's current team, the Seattle SuperSonics of the NBA is scheduled to play in Sacramento
The SuperSonics had sent a letter The SuperSonics had sent a letter
to Siegelman, stating that McKey could be cleared to testify April 11 or April 18. "The later date could present
some problems for McKey, but I can some probiems for McKey, but I can
assure you he will be here," said
Valeska. "Every state has signed the Valeska. "Every state has signed the
Out-of-State Witness Act, and Mr Out-of-State Witness Act, and Mr.
Siegelman will make sure McKey is here. Besides, you saw what the one
juror told the newspaper las week." Valeska said he was referring to an Atlanta Journal-Constitution sto ry in which one juror said Porter
could have been tried and convict ed on the same charges as Abernethy. "I bet "I bet that got the athletes', at-
tention," said Valeska. "We don'tintend to prosecute the athletes, but we do expect cooperation.
Walters formed his sports agency, World Sports and Entertain-
ment, three years ago and hired
Bloom as vice president partners, they signed more than 50 college athletes - in violation of
NCAA rules - including Coner and McKey, the Southeastern Confer during the 1986-87 season.
McKey played out his junior
season before his dealings with Walters and Bloom were exposed He lost his senior year of eligibility
and became a first-round draft pick of the SuperSonics. Coner, a senior
in the $1986-87$ season, was drafted

