By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

The attorney for sports agent L accused Alabama Gov. Guy Hunt of being "politically motivated" in sending extradition papers Friday to California for

Mike Trope insisted Saturday that Bloom will turn himself in to Alabama authorities to face three misdemeanor charges stemming from his involvement with former University of Alabama basketball players Derrick McKey and Terry Coner.

"The extradition procedure is irrelevant because Lloyd has already informed the state that he will subject himself to the court's jurisdiction," said Trope. "To act on extradition is a waste of taxpayers' money. It is obviously politically motivated."

Hunt signed the extradition papers because Bloom has twice failed to appear for arraignment, according to Assistant Attorney General Don Valeska. Bloom's former associate, Norby Walters, has entered a plea of not guilty to the same charges commercial bribery, deceptive trade practices and tampering with a sports contest.

'Lloyd is going to enter a written plea of not guilty," said Trope. "The reason we haven't is because a public defender just now got us the proper papers. I asked him to fax (transmit) a copy, but he didn't even have a fax machine."

Trope said Bloom did not intend to appear for pre-trial hearing Wednesday in Tuscaloosa. He indicated Bloom would appear for the May 9 trial, but did not rule out seeking a later date.

"If Lloyd Bloom and I flew from Los Angeles (where the two reside) to Alabama, the total expenses for that trip would be \$3,000," said Trope. "He cannot afford two

Hunt said he felt compelled "to protect our athletes" from agents such as Bloom and Walters. However, Trope said that both men no longer are active as sports agents.

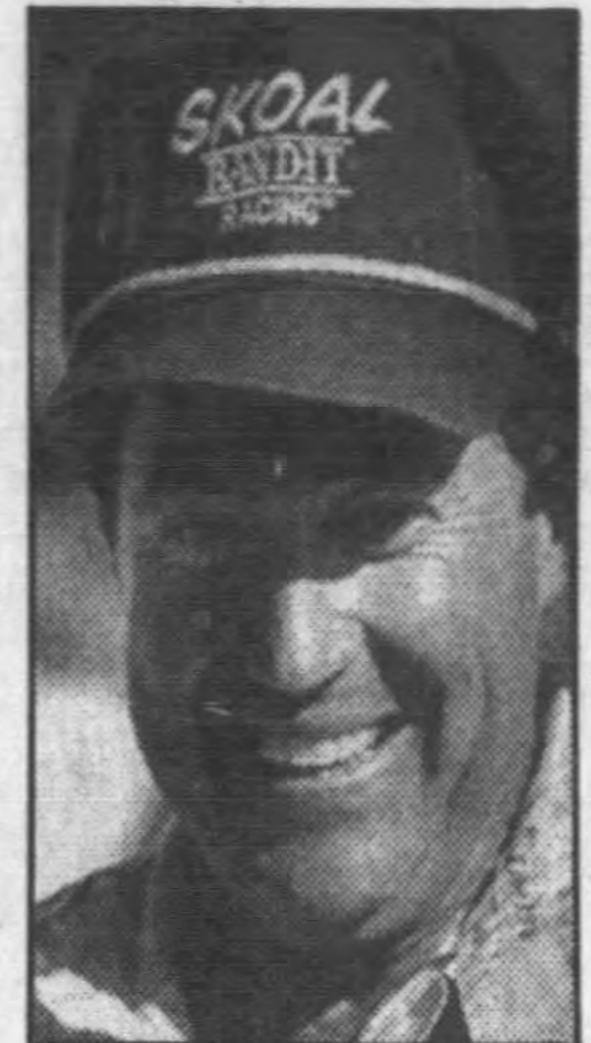
"Nobody needs protection from L Bloom anymore," said Trope. "He's finished as an agent."



Ricky Rudd



Rusty Wallace



Harry Gant

Pannill 500 lineup

Pos.	Driver	Car	No.	Speed	Comment
1.	Ricky Rudd	Buick	26	91.328	Pole winners haven't done well in '88
2.	Rusty Wallace	Pontiac	27	91.095	Team is about ready to break loose
3.	Harry Gant	Chevrolet	33	91.043	Riding a 69-race winless streak
4.	Mark Martin	Ford	6	90.977	It wouldn't be an upset if he won it
5.	Geoff Bodine	Chevrolet	5	90.859	Had it won here in '88 before wrecking
6.	Darrell Waltrip	Chevrolet	17	90.825	He's keeping a low profile
7.	Ken Schrader	Chevrolet	25	90.803	Fallen on hard times lately
8.	Alan Kulwicki	Ford	7	90.607	Has run better on the bigger tracks
9.	Neil Bonnett	Pontiac	75	90.560	One of few tracks that has his number
10.	Jimmy Hensley	Ford	67	90.331	Can't finish as high as he qualified
11.	Kyle Petty	Ford	21	90.305	Two top 10s in two short-track races
12.	Benny Parsons	Ford	90	90.296	Old warrior knows ins and outs here
13.	Dale Jarrett	Oldsmobile	29	90.296	A new crew chief can only help
14.	Dale Earnhardt	Chevrolet	3	90.253	Leading the points race, again
15.	Bill Elliott	Ford	9	90.244	Short-track program has come of age
16.	Rick Wilson	Oldsmobile	4	90.201	Hasn't found the right combination
17.	Terry Labonte	Chevrolet	11	90.124	Won last week at North Wilkesboro
18.	Dave Marcis	Chevrolet	71	90.098	Finished six of seven starts
19.	Brett Bodine	Ford	15	90.090	Bud Moore team having tough year
20.	Bobby Allison	Buick	12	90.056	Never been in victory lane here
21.	Sterling Marlin	Oldsmobile	44	91.117	Watch him get up front quickly
22.	Lake Speed	Oldsmobile	83	90.938	Won for the first time in Darlington
23.	Michael Waltrip	Pontiac	30	90.886	Could be another long, long day
24.	Buddy Baker	Oldsmobile	88	90.577	Riding a 102-race winless streak
25.	Brad Teague	Oldsmobile	31	90.004	No factor this week
26.	Davey Allison	Ford	28	89.859	Something always seems to go wrong
27.	Richard Petty	Pontiac	43	89.842	The King is king in name only.
28.	Brad Noffsinger	Buick		89.787	Running for Rookie of the Year
29.	Bobby Hillin	Buick	8	89.778	Hasn't lived up to his promise, yet
30.	Ken Bouchard	Buick	10	89.646	Hasn't been a factor in years
31.	Phil Parsons	Oldsmobile	55	No time	Provisional starter
32.	Derrike Cope	Ford	68	No time	Provisional starter

An odd season so far, claims Elliott

By Tom McCollister Staff Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — As the NAS-CAR season hits the quarter pole on the way to the checkered flag in November in Atlanta, one word describes the happenings of 1988: weird.

How strange has it been? Listen to Dawsonville's Bill Elliott, who's been right in the middle of things, from the opening Daytona 500 to today's Pannill 500 at Martinsville Speedway.

"Kenny Schrader wins the Daytona 500 pole and few people notice because of all the headlines about the (Tim) Richmond deal. (Richmond failed, then passed NAS-CAR's new substance abuse test during Speed Weeks).

"Then Bobby Allison wins about everything there is to win at Daytona and since then hasn't been on the lead lap at the end of a race. And the only thing I win at Daytona is the IROC event, not in a Ford, mind you, but in a Chevrolet of all things.

"At Richmond, Schrader can't even make the field and Neil Bonnett goes on a tear, winning there, in Australia and at Rockingham. He hasn't been much of a factor since.

"Dale Earnhardt absolutely blew every- tion in NASCAR history. body away in Atlanta, where folks expect me to do good. And after Atlanta, Dale is the absolute favorite and Lake Speed wins for the first time in his career.

"It really gets weird after that. I get in a wreck late at Bristol with (Geoff) Bodine and still win for the first time on a short track, where Earnhardt is supposed to dominate like he always does. And last week, Dale's got everybody covered, then cuts down a tire. Those things didn't happen to him last year.

"Yep, it's been strange, and we're only a quarter of the way through the year. Just when you think you've got this sport figured out, something else happens. No telling what's going to happen next."

That's what makes this Pannill 500 so interesting. It has the makings of another confusing week on the NASCAR trail.

Consider. Ricky Rudd is on the pole, which some would consider a good omen.

XX Pannill 500

■ Where: Martinsville Speedway; .526-mile

■ When: Today beginning at 12:30 p.m.

■ Distance: 500 laps, 263 miles. ■ Pole-winner: Ricky Rudd.

■ Defending champion: Dale Earnhardt. TV/radio: No TV; 97.7-FM.

But not Rudd.

"All that means here is that you get a head start," Rudd said. "In the last 27 races here, only once has the pole sitter won the race. Darrell (Waltrip) did it in 1980. And the last two times I was on the pole at Martinsville, fall of '82 and spring of '83, Darrell won those races, too."

Consider. At this time a year ago, Earnhardt was undefeated on the short tracks, but is winless on these half-mile tracks in

Consider. The difference between Rudd's pole-winning speed and that of the last qualifier, Ken Bouchard, is a mere .389 seconds or 1.682 mph, the closest separa-

Consider. Only 80 points separate Winston Cup leader Earnhardt, who starts 14th, and fifth-place Neil Bonnett, who has never won at Martinsville. And those in between - Rusty Wallace, Elliott and Sterling Marlin — are fewer than 70 points behind.

"After this race last year, Dale was 150 points ahead of the second place guy, me," Elliott said. "Now, there are nine drivers that close. Every race, people wreck and work like the dickens to get back out there because you still got a chance."

And chances are there will be more slamming and banging here Sunday between the 12:30 p.m. start and the approximate 4:30 p.m. finish.

"The worst thing you can do here is get impatient, and it's easy to do. But there is no way you can run 500 laps without making contact with the other cars," said Terry Labonte, who won last week in North Wilkesboro.

Private Terms (7-0) wins Wood Memorial

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Private Terms, un-RACING

beaten but not unquestioned, won the \$559,000 Wood Memorial at Aqueduct Saturday, making himself a probable early-line favorite for the May 7

In scoring his seventh straight victory with no losses, Private Terms set a stakes record of 1:47 1/5 in the 11/8-mile Wood, finishing 11/2 lengths in front of 2-1 favorite Seeking The Gold. It was Private Terms' first race at more than 1 1/16 miles in his second start outside Maryland. The stakes record was 1:47 3/5, set in 1976 by Bold Forbes, who went on to win the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes.

Seeking The Gold, who also finished second to Private Terms in the Gotham, was a nose ahead of fast-closing Cherokee Colony, who was a head in front of Tejano.

Proper Reality rallies to win Arkansas Derby

The Associated Press

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Proper Reality, with no place to go for a long time, shot through along the rail in the middle of the stretch and pulled away to capture the \$500,000 Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park.

The Associated Press

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Ivan

Lendl of Czechoslovakia and

Saturday.

Martin Jaite of Ar-

gentina advanced to

\$492,500 Monte Carlo

Open with victories

over two Frenchmen

Lendl, the world's No. 1 ten-

nis player since 1985, is return-

ing to the tennis circuit after a

two-month layoff. He gained his

first final of the year with a 4-6,

7-6 (7-4), 6-3, victory over the

Thierry Tulasne, 6-4, 6-2, to keep

alive his chance at the \$67,500

first prize in Sunday's title

Noah was involved in a contro-

versial call that may have affect-

points on Noah's serve, leading

0-40. Noah held off two but on

the third he hit a deep approach

shot that handcuffed Lend just

ed the match.

Jaite, seeded seventh, beat

For the second day in a row,

At 2-2, Lendl had three break

fourth-seeded Yannick Noah.

Lendl, Jaite advance

to Monte Carlo final

Proper Reality had to finish first or second to earn enough money to qualify for the Kentucky Derby, if more than 20 horses are entered in that race. His victory was worth \$300,000.

All Thee Power wins Cal Derby, breaks down

The Associated Press

ALBANY, Calif. - The 74th running of the California Derby ended up like a destruction derby when All Thee Power raced to an eightlength victory, then broke down past the finish line.

Jockey Lafitt Pincay Jr. pulled the colt on the clubhouse turn after he appeared to go lame. A preliminary examination by trainer Jack Van Berg was inconclusive, and X rays of the horse's knee will be

Earlier, second-choice Flying Victor was pulled up on the backstretch by jockey Russell Baze. Then, in the stretch-run, Ruhlmann and jockey Ron Hansen fell in a spectacular spill when Bel Air Dancer drifted out and appeared to cut Ruhlmann's front legs from under him. Bel Air Dancer then bumped Slewbop.

A steward's inquiry resulted in Bel Air Dancer being disqualified from second and placed last, with Slewbop elevated to second and Ongoing Mister third.

behind the baseline.

The ball was called out at

first but then the linesman im-

mediately changed his mind and

called it on the line. The point

was replayed which Noah subse-

quently lost as Lendl easily

passed the Frenchman rushing

the net behind his serve, giving

Chris Evert defeated home-

town favorite Zina Garrison 7-5,

6-2 Saturday night to set up a

showdown in the finals of the

Virginia Slims of Houston tennis

tournament with top-seeded Mar-

tina Navratilova for the second

straight year. Earlier Saturday,

Navratilova fought off the second

set service breaking tactics of

Elly Hakami for a 6-1, 6-3 victory.

.. Top-seeded Jimmy Connors

had little trouble beating Mel

Purcell 6-3, 6-3 to advance to the

finals in the \$80,000 11th Bank of

Oklahoma Tennis Classic in Tul-

Lendl a 3-2 advantage.

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