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tion with an umpire. The suspension, imposed by A. Bartlett Giamatti, the National League president, was the severest ever levied against a manager for an on-field incident. Leo Durocher, then the manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was suspended by Commissioner A.B. "Happy" Chandler for the entire 1947 season

it's not much. But in baseball, it's **Iowa football** more than four of the season's 26 more than four of the season's 26 weeks.

sentence, as handed down Monday by Bartlett Giamatti, the National With assault League president, after the Reds' manager twice shoved umpire Frank Pallone during Saturday night's 6-5 victory by the New York Mets.

Their confrontation over Pallone's delayed call at first base that led to the Mets' winning run incited Riverfront Stadium fans to throw garbage,

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- A. Bartlett Giamatti National League president

lighters, radios and coins, among other objects, on the field. The worth of the coins is not considered substantial enough to pay what Giamatti also announced as a "substantial" fine.

Thirty days.

It's the longest suspension for a manager since Leo Durocher, then the Brooklyn Dodgers' dugout genius, was exiled for one year by Commissioner Happy Chandler in 1947 for "conduct detrimental to baseball," a vague reference to vague dealings between Durocher and the Yankees that year.

Thirty days. It's Bart Giamatti's way of putting baseball on alert that crowds must be controlled, not incited. And it's about time. "The National League will not tolerate the degeneration of baseball games into dangerous displays of public disorder," Giamatti announced. "Nor will it countenance any potentially injurious harassment of any kind of the umpires." Giamatti, the president of Yale University for eight years before his autograph was stamped on all those National League baseballs in 1987, isn't suddenly trying to turn baseball into an Ivy League tea party in the dean's office. As a former Red Sox fan with a Ph.D. in comparative literature from Yale, he knows that baseball can be beautiful. He also knows that baseball can be ugly. At a New Jersey Devils' hockey game, of all places, last Thursday night, Giamatti was telling friends that crowd control was baseball's biggest problem. Not the balk rule. Not corked bats. But something truly important to the essence of the game: the preservation of a proper atmosphere for a family entertainment. Two nights later, Rose shoved Pallone twice during their argument. Violently shoved him, according to wit-" nesses. Intimidated by the wrath of the crowd, the four umpires left the field. Upon their return, Pallone, for his own safety, returned to the umpires' room. After a 15-minute delay, three umpires finished the game. "Such disgraceful episodes are not business as usual," Giamatti explained. "Nor can they be allowed to become so.'

Thirty days is Pete Rose's baseball player charged

By BRUCE JAPSEN

Register Correspondent

IOWA CITY, IA. - University of Iowa football player Kevin Harmon was charged with assault causing bodily injury Monday in Johnson **County District Court.**

Harmon, 22, who completed his eligibility last season, is accused of hitting Todd Patrick Lynch of Iowa City early Saturday morning.

Court records say a car Harmon was driving was "assaulted" by Lynch, who was crossing the street against traffic. Harmon then got out of the car and struck Lynch in the mouth with his fist, court records say. Lynch suffered a broken tooth, court records indicate.

Assault causing bodily injury carries a maximum sentence of up to one year in county jail and a \$1,000 fine. Harmon of Laurelton, N.Y., was taken to the Johnson County jail Monday and released on his own recognizance. He is scheduled to have a preliminary hearing May 17.

Judge John Sladek ordered Harmon to keep his attorney advised of his whereabouts and restricted his travel to within the state.

Last month, the 6-foot 190-pound running back was selected in the fourth round of the National Football League draft by Seattle.

and he has won both by knockout. His last fight was in April 1987. Since then, he has trained at the Sheridan Park Boxing Club in Des Moines, but he yearns for the big time.

Pepel, 23, a 1982 Saydel High School graduate, has a new manager, Tom Blecker of Des Moines. And he is being promoted as Roger "The Rock" Pepeli, taking the surname from his grandfather, Rocky Pepeli.

Getting Breaks

Blecker watched Pepel for years in Golden Gloves matches. Late last year, they began to chart their course together.

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm just turning pro," Pepel said. "I'm in the best shape of my life and I have a new manager.

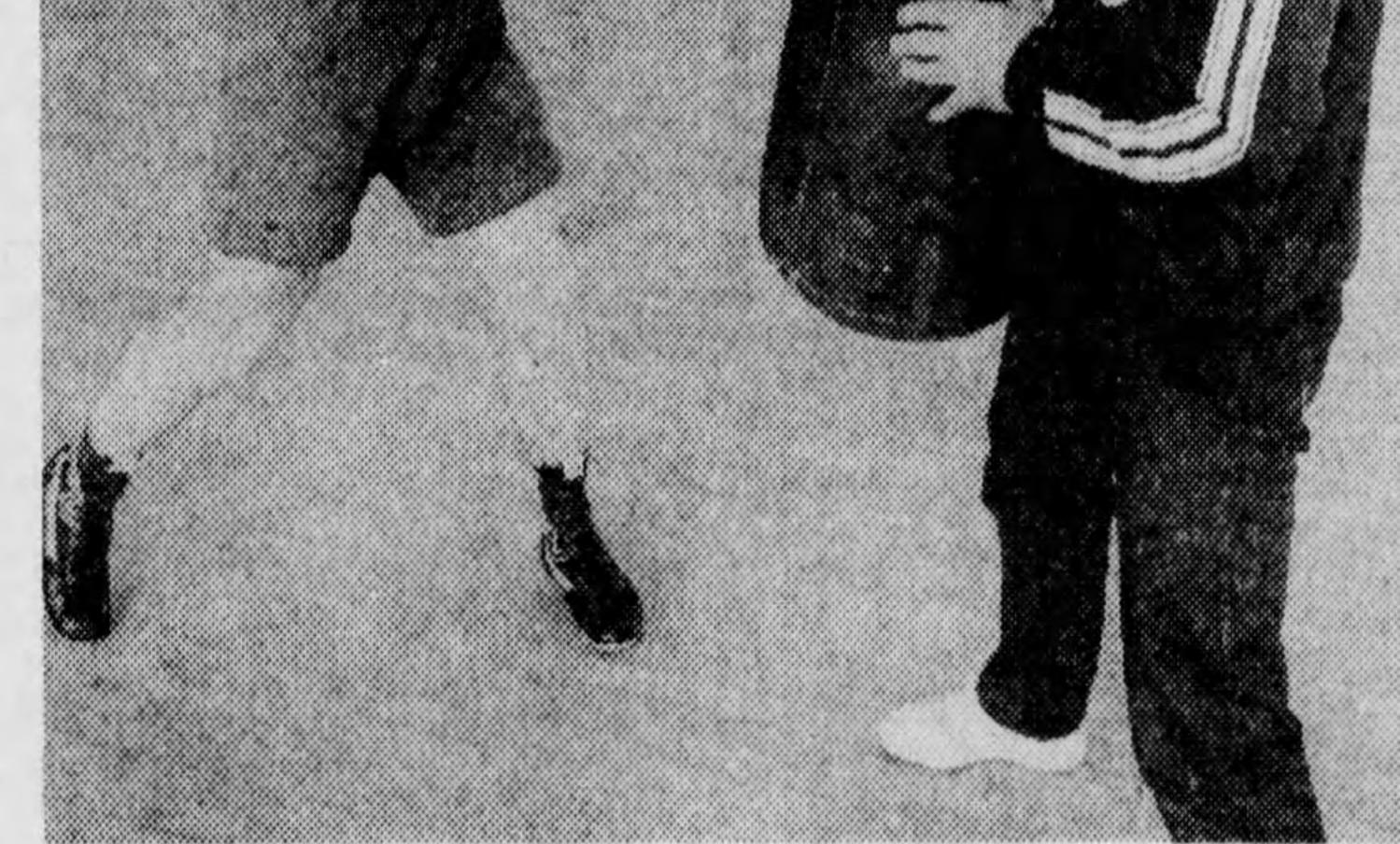
breaks I deserve. I'll be in the top 10 within a year, without a doubt," he said.

Pepel's amateur record includes losses to Mike Tyson, now the world heavyweight champion, and Steve Eden, who in 1980 became Iowa's last national Golden Gloves champion.

Pepel, a 6-foot 3-inch power puncher, has decided to train with former welterweight contender Randy Shields.

He already has an offer to fight on the undercard of heavyweight George Foreman's May 21 fight in Alaska.

The undercard pairings have not been determined, but promoter Joe Capetti said he hopes to have things finished this week.



Roger Pepel, training at the Sheridan Boxing Club in Des Moines, hopes for a shot in big-time boxing. He's won both his pro fights by knockout.

Pepel will be trained like a middleweight, working on speed and co-"Right now, I'm getting the ordination, while building on his punching power, Shields said. By doing that, Pepel will have twice the talent of heavyweights he faces, Shields boasted.

> Pepel said he doesn't want what he feels hurt Gerry Cooney's career a big promotional blitz and talk of being the first white heavyweight champion since Ingemar Johansson beat Floyd Patterson in 1959.

> "I paid a lot of attention to Cooney coming up," Pepel said. "Every white guy in the world wanted to see him win because people get tired of watching only blacks fight on television."

> Pepel said he did not use his fists for extra-curricular activities while he was growing up. He credited his grandmother Betty Caldwell with keeping him in line. Pepel said his

worst offense was helping tip over a neighbor's outhouse.

He also has a warm relationship with the Des Moines police department, which sponsored Pepel in Golden Gloves competition for 11/2 years.

Few Fights

Pepel, winner of the 1980 national Silver Gloves championship, three state Golden Gloves titles, a Junior Olympics title and a trip to the 1984 Olympic trials, had trouble getting fights in Iowa when he turned professional.

If he could start over, he said, he would leave the state earlier.

Pepel said he loves the limelight. Nothing is better than stepping into the ring amidst cheers, he said.

"It's a high just to have the people come to see you fight."

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for "conduct detrimental to baseball," but the action had nothing to do with on-field activities. Durocher allegedly had associated with gamblers.

Rose, who had arthroscopic knee surgery Monday and was not expected to manage even before the announcement, issued a statement saying he would appeal the suspension.

Rose "Shocked"

That means Rose can continue to manage the Reds until a decision is reached. If the appeal is denied, the suspension would begin immediately thereafter.

"No player or manager has greater respect for the umpires than I do, and I have demonstrated that over the years," Rose said in the statement. "But I am shocked at the length of the suspension I received.

"While I expected to be suspended, I feel that this unprecedented 30 days is excessive.'

Giamatti also summoned two radio broadcasters, Marty Brennaman and Joe Nuxhall, to New York for a meeting today. He said their comments on the air incited fans to unruly behav-

Giamatti's action stemmed from the encounter Rose had with umpire Dave Pallone Saturday night in the ninth inning of a game with the New York Mets. After a call by Pallone at first base, which allowed the Mets' eventual winning run to score in the 6-5 game, Rose argued vehemently and pushed the umpire.

It's too bad that Pete Rose happened to be the test case. He has more hits than anybody in major-league history. He played in more winning games than anybody in major-league history.

Bad-hop grounder saves I-Cubs

By RANDY PETERSON **Register Staff Writer**

Reserve catcher Bill Bathe, who sat on the bench for the first eight innings, rescued the Iowa Cubs Monday night without hitting the ball out of the infield.

With one out and the bases loaded in the 12th inning, Bathe hit a bad-hop grounder that forced a runner at second, but permitted Dwight Smith to scored the winning run in a 3-2 victory over Denver.

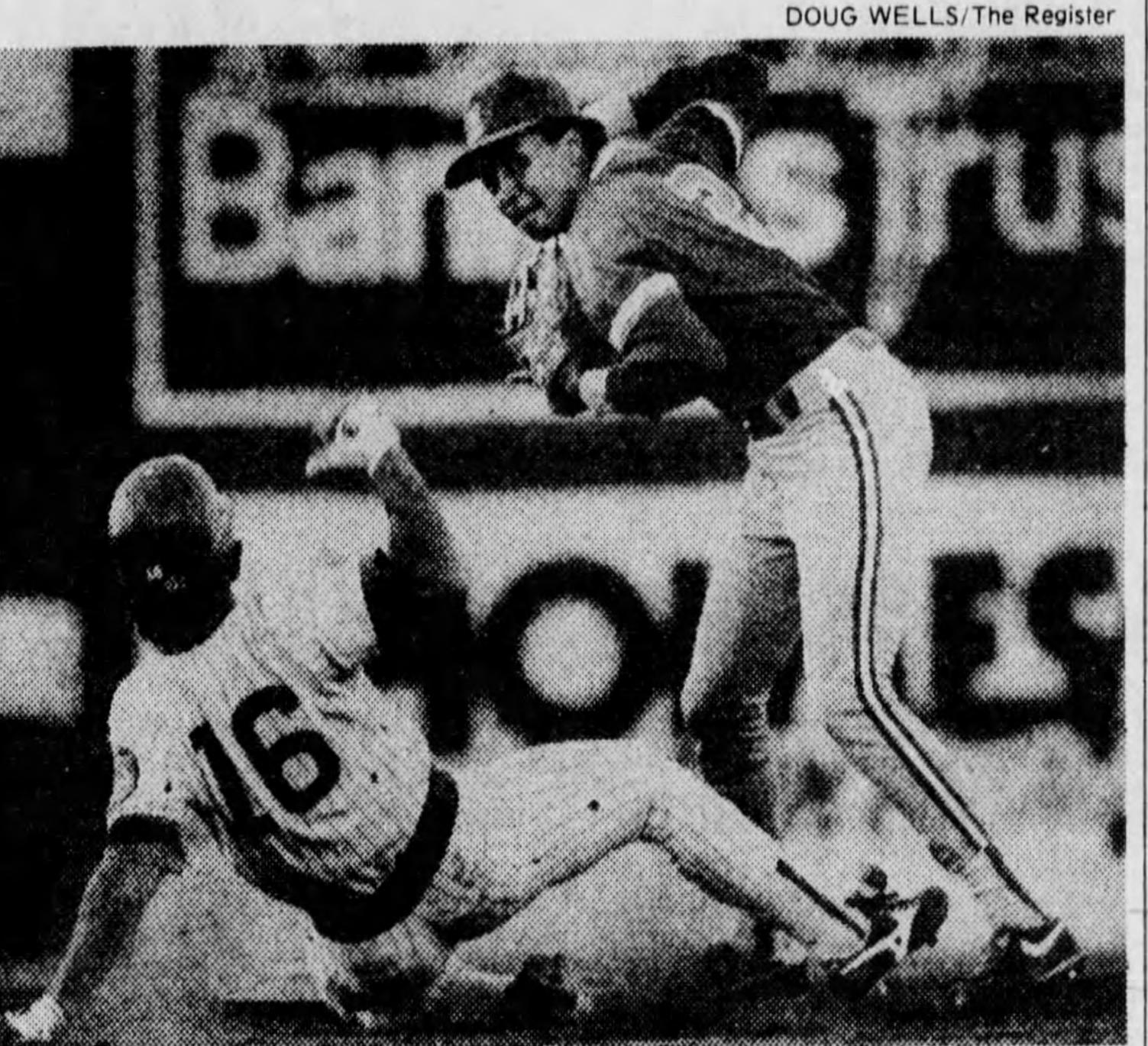
Smith started the rally with a single on a 3-0 pitch with one out. Dave Meier also singled and Tim Watkins walked Damon Berryhill to load the bases.

Then Bathe's grounder took a hop that nearly went over shortstop Kiki Diaz's head. Diaz got the ball, but the only play was at second and Smith crossed the plate with the clincher.

Iowa Manager Pete Mackanin said he let Smith swing at the 3-0 pitch "because I had seen enough. I wanted him to hit a home run. We were not being aggressive at the plate. I wanted something to happen."

It was Iowa's first victory in four extra-inning games this season.

The Cubs loaded the bases with one out in the ninth, and again with one out in the 11th, but wasted both opportunities.



Iowa's Paul Noce breaks up a potential double play by sliding into Denver shortstop Kiki Diaz Monday night. Iowa triumphed in 12 innings, 3-2.

Denver starter Tom Filer, who played for Iowa between 1981 and 1984, struck out 11 as the Cubs fanned a season-high 14 times. Six were on called third strikes.	DENVER ab r h bi IOWA ab r h bi Bates 2b 5 0 1 0 Varsho rf 5 1 1 0 Diaz ss 4 0 1 0 Dascenzo cf 6 0 1 0 Hamilton cf 5 0 0 0 Smith dh 5 1 1 0 Komminsk rf 5 0 0 0 Smith dh 5 1 1 0 Komminsk rf 5 0 0 0 Meier If 4 0 3 2 Freeman dh 4 1 0 0 Berryhill c 5 0 0 0 Walters If 6 0 1 0 Stephenson 1b 3 0 0 0 O'Brien c 4 1 1 0 Bathe 1b 2 0 1 1 Robidoux 1b 5 0 1 1 Crabbe 3b 3 0 0 0 Rivera 3b 4 0 2 0 Noce 2b 5 0 3 0
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Bill Landrum, the third Iowa pitch- er, got his first victory of the season, striking out six and not allowing a hit I-CUBS	Dascenzo (5). S—O'Brien. SF—Meier.DenverIPHRERBBSOFiler7611111Mirabella $2^{2}/3$ 21033Watkins L, 1-1231130IowaIPHRERBBSOPico752056Renfroe $\frac{3}{3}$ 20001Landrum W, 1-0 $\frac{4^{1}/3}{3}$ 00036
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Big 8 creates officials post

By RON MALY **Register Staff Writer**

The Big Eight Conference has decided that supervising basketball officials is more than a part-time job. So a full-time supervisor will be hired, and with the job will go the title "assistant to the commissioner."

Bill Hancock, assistant to Commissioner Carl James, said Monday the new position is "an expanded version of what we've had in the past. In addition to the new title, the supervisor of officials will work out in the conference office in Kansas City, Mo., and also be responsible for women's officials as well as men's."

The supervisor will be in charge of recruiting, training, selecting and assigning officials.

The Big Eight had a number of controversies involving coaches and officials during the 1987-88 season. Despite a conference "gag rule" that was supposed to prevent coaches from criticizing officials following games, decisions by officials were blasted a number of times by coaches in news conferences and postgame radio shows.

Johnny Overby of Newton, Kan., who has been handling the supervisor job on a part-time basis since 1982, says he is a candidate for the full-time position.

"Ugly Situation"

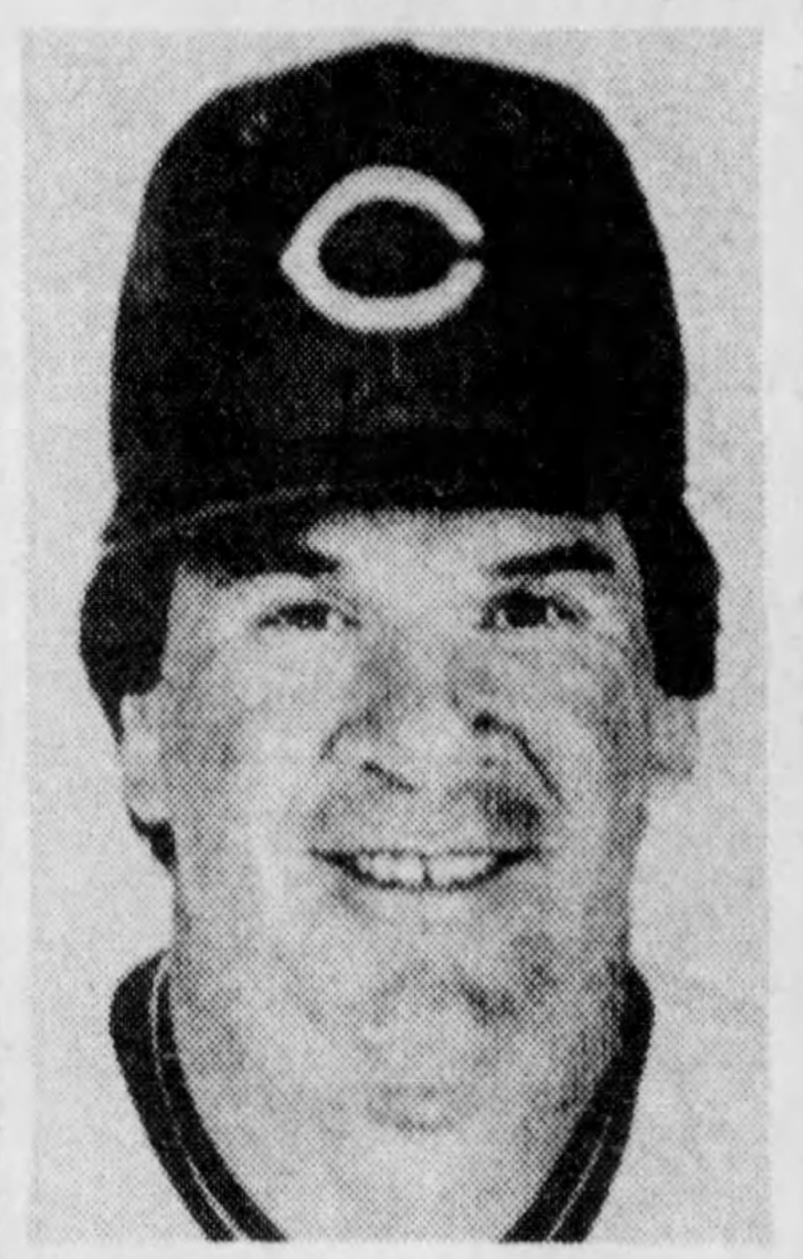
Fans in the crowd of 33,463 soon joined in the confrontation, throwing objects onto the field. After about 15 minutes. Pallone left the field and the remaining three members of the umpiring crew completed the game.

The incident, Giamatti said in a statement announcing the suspension and a "substantial" but undisclosed fine, was an "extremely ugly situation.

"Such disgraceful episodes are not business as usual, nor can they be allowed to become so," Giamatti's statement said. "For forcefully and deliberately shoving an umpire, the

ROSE

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"Pete Rose," Sparky Anderson, then his Reds manager, once said, "is baseball."

Maybe that's why Pete Rose got 30 days. If Pete Rose can get 30 days, imagine what a manager or a player whose record doesn't include 4,256 hits might get for a similar incident.

And if Rose stops and thinks, he'll remember what Frank Pallone endured because it once happened to him.

"These people in the bleachers are sick," Rose wrote in his book, "Charlie Hustle," referring to his first appearance at Dodger Stadium in 1974. "And they're getting a little personal, stuff about my mother and the like. The owners have to be worried about this. There are women and children up there. Not 20 feet away from a guy who's shouting obscenities at me is a man and his wife or girl. I think I'd have to get myself punched if I was in the stands.... OK, a ticket gives a fan a right to yell and scream, but you can go too far. We are human beings out there."

The umpires are human beings too. Rose ought to remember that now.

Marc Hansen is on vacation

The threat in the ninth ended when Brian Guinn and Gary Varsho struck out, and the 11th-inning ended when Guinn lined out to second baseman Billy Bates and Varsho grounded out to first.

MORNING REPORT

INNOCENT PLEA. Sports agent Lloyd Bloom pleaded innocent Monday to misdemeanor charges of bribery, deceptive trade practices and tampering in his dealings with two University of Alabama basketball players during the 1987 season. The trial for Bloom and his former associate, New York sports agent and entertainment executive Norby Walters, was set for May 9.

UNFORTUNATE TRAGEDY. Police say no charges will be filed in a car racing accident at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield that left one spectator dead and five others injured. A car driven by Michael Keeney of Coon Rapids, Minn., was racing through a 200-foot-long "mud bog" when it spun out of control Sunday and hit spectators at the 4-Wheel and Off-Road Jamboree Spring Nationals. "We couldn't find anything negligent," a police spokesman said. "It was an unfortunate tragedy that just happened."

POLICE SEARCH FOR ALI. Muhammad Ali's manager says it was a "big misunderstand-

bulletin that the former heavyweight boxing champion was missing. Ali left his hotel room Sunday morning for a walk, and a hotel clerk, fearing he might not be able to take care of himself, phoned police. Soon after, Ali was seen walking peacefully along the street. In 1984, Ali checked into a New York hospital complaining of symptoms similar to Parkinson's disease.

JOB HUNT. The Dallas Times Herald reported Monday that Southern Methodist University head basketball coach Dave Bliss met with New Mexico Athletic Director John Koenig over the weekend concerning the Lobos' coaching vacancy. The newspaper quoted unidentified sources as saying Bliss is a leading candidate for the job at New Mexico.

NBC STANDS BY DECISION. NBC officials are standing by their decision to air Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight's controversial comments on rape and stress. NBC said

Monday the remarks were used in context and were "relevant to his opinions of stress." In an NBC special televised Saturday night, correspondent Connie Chung asked Knight how he handled stress, and he replied: "I think that if rape is inevitable, relax and enjoy it. ... I'm not talking about the act of rape. Don't misinterpret me. But what 7:05 p.m. (TBS) Pro Basketball Eastern Conference I'm talking about is, something happens to you, Quarterfinal, game three: Chicago at Cleveland. (Live) so you have to handle it - now." Knight has said he asked Chung and her director during the interview to delete the remark about rape out of concern it would be misinterpreted.

GOODWILL AGREEMENT. An agreement was signed Monday to extend the Goodwill Games through 1998. The event had its debut in 1986 in Moscow and is scheduled to be held in Seattle in 1990. The Goodwill Games, founded by Ted Turner, president of Turner Broadcasting, have gained support from the U.S. Olympic Committee. "We feel this indeed helps secure participation in the Olympic Games," said Robert Helmick, president of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

"Making the job full-time is a step in the right direction," said Overby. "Only two other collegiate conferences - the Atlantic Coast and Southeastern - have supervisors of officials with job descriptions of the new one in the Big Eight."

Overby says he has eight years experience being a full-time supervisor with the Missouri Valley Conference.

Pete Rose Pushed umpire

TV Today 6:30 p.m. (ESN) Skiing 1988 Powder Eight World Championship. (R)

7 p.m. (ESN) Hydroplane Racing Las Vegas Silver Cup.

8:30 p.m. (ESN) Hockey NHL Playoffs: Campbell Conference Final, game one: Detroit at Edmonton, (Live) 9 p.m. (WGN) Baseball Chicago at San Diego. (Live) 9:30 p.m. (TBS) Pro Basketball Western Conference Quarterfinal, game three: Denver at Seattle. (Live) 2 a.m. (ESN) Hockey NHL Playoffs: Campbell Conference Final, game one: Detroit at Edmonton. (R)

Quote of the Day

"If anybody should be suspended for 30 days, it should be [umpire Dave] Pallone." - Cincinnati pitcher John Franco reacting to Manager Pete Rose's 30-day suspension that was assessed by the National League on Monday.

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striking out six and not allowing a I-Cl Please turn to Page 2S