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Is anyone enjoying the Bulls' success more than Dave Corzine? "The greatest thing in the world is to be playing in your hometown when you're winning," said Corzine. "Of course, it's the worst thing in the world if you're losing."

Corzine watched ...

... the Bulls teams of the 1970s while growing up in Arlington Heights and later as a player at De Paul. "At that point, they were at the top of the cycle with some of their great teams. I'd like to think that's what's taking place now. We're starting another upward cycle. Unless there's some catastrophe, it should continue. We're all young players. Well, the rest of them are young." ... The 32-year-old Corzine would like nothing better than to finish his career with the Bulls. Said Corzine: "I would've been awfully disappointed if I'd been traded at some point and missed this excitement. My first year in the NBA with Washington, we went all the way to the NBA finals and I got pretty spoiled. I've learned it doesn't happen that easy."

Change of Sox?

If Jerry Reinsdorf or Eddie Einhorn felt like throwing in the towel and selling the White Sox during stadium discussions, they had a buyer at their fingertips. "Sure, I'd be interested," said former National League star Steve Garvey, in town for the Food Marketing Institute show. It has been a year since he hung up his spikes, but Garvey stays active in baseball with his marketing company. He was here as a spokesman for Chicago's Leaf Candy Co., which has a program for bat boys and bat girls. Garvey's serious about buying a team. "I'm always asked if I'd want to get back into baseball as a manager, but I always say it would be as an owner," he told us. "I have a group that came close to buying the Padres before she [Joan Kroc] took them off the market. We're still together and anxious to talk to anyone with a team for sale." ... Garvey came here from his first Kentucky Derby. "It's one of the many things I've missed that's on my list to see now that I'm not playing," he said.

Lady Liberty

Chicago is becoming a refuge for sports defectors. Jan Cado, a triple jumper, has been in the western suburbs since bolting his Czechoslovakian team 14 months ago in Indianapolis. Now we've received word that Wesley Stopa, a 25-year-old cycling star from Poland, is living here since defecting. Stopa was on Poland's national team competing in Spain about six months ago when he made the move. He went to West Germany, where he contacted U.S. Embassy officials, and now lives with an aunt in Chicago. ... Stopa does not speak English, but he's taking lessons. "Wesley is very shy and does not like to talk about himself," said Wesley Rakowski, a friend who operates the Ampro Bicycle Shop in Niles. "Not many people here know much about him. A few weeks ago we were at a local event in Marengo and he won everything. Everyone was asking who he was." Stopa plans to race in most major U.S. events. His next Chicago appearance is the June 5 Great American Federal Savings race in Oak Park.

Johnny on the spot

Question: Where was John Ziegler? Presumably, the National Hockey League president has been located. All sorts of juicy rumors made the rounds in hockey circles Monday, a day after fans had to sit through a 66-minute delay before the New Jersey Devils-Boston Bruins playoff game while a league official was located to rule on the boycott by the referee and linesmen. Fortunately, the NHL found Bill Wirtz, president of the board of governors, in Chicago. The New York tabloids had a field day with the embarrassing situation, playing it above Billy Martin's current headaches. You'd have to think the league boss should be close by when the playoffs are down to four teams—or just one game a night. The National Basketball Association assured us it could have located Commissioner David Stern if it faced a similar situation. The NBA playoffs have barely started, too. ... But keep this in mind about Ziegler. When he attended a game in Pittsburgh this season to present a trophy, it was the first time he had seen an NHL game in that city. He has been the NHL president since 1977 and Pittsburgh has had a franchise since 1967.

History lesson

Stagg Field will be the site of the 21st Chicago Special Olympics Summer Games and Jim McMahon of the Bears is grand marshal for Wednesday's opening ceremonies for track and field competition. Track star Edwin Moses, a two-time Olympic gold medal winner, will assist in the torch-lighting ceremony. Moses' appearance represents a homecoming, of sorts. It was at Stagg Field in 1976 that Moses, competing as a Morehouse College senior in the NCAA Division III finals, slipped in the rain in the 400-meter hurdles. Thus, he failed to qualify for the Division I meet in one of his few career setbacks. Nevertheless, he did later qualify for the Olympics in the trials and won the first of his medals in Montreal.

News, notes and nonsense

Outgoing Michigan Athletic Director Don Canham will be honored at the Big 10 track meet in Ann Arbor, Mich. Canham is a former Wolverine track coach. ... Hinsdale native CeCe Cahill figures to give Notre Dame's Division I women's tennis program a big boost. Cahill is a freshman whose 36-7 record in singles this year set a record for most wins. The rookie of the year in women's college tennis is playing in this week's NCAA tournament in California.

Finally, Horace Grant is one Bull in need of playoff cash. He's financing a car for his brother, Harvey, who's in his last year at Oklahoma. After agreeing to loan him the money, Harvey went out and bought a Mercedes.

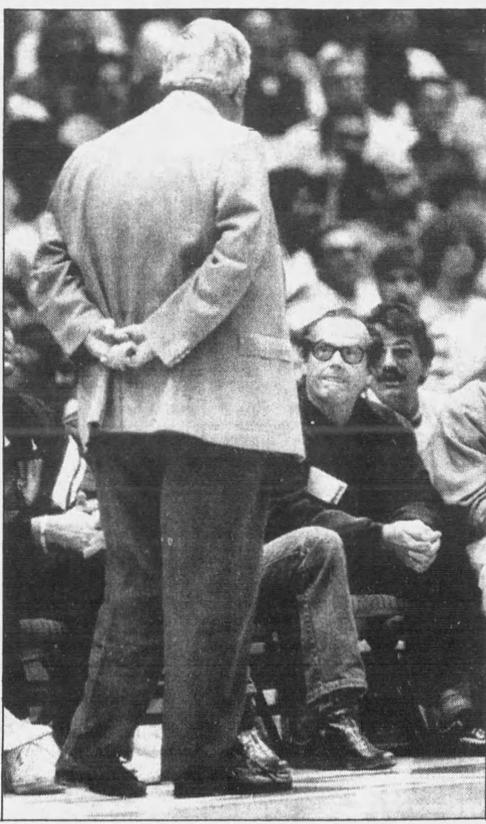
Gunman takes his lumps from former Irish star Frank Tripucka

Frank Tripucka may be 60 years old, but he can still swing a mean ax handle. The former Notre Dame football star chased off a gunman who broke into his Essex Fells, N.J., home last weekend. Tripucka, whose son Kelly now plays for the NBA's Utah Jazz, told the Star-Ledger of Newark that he awoke early Saturday morning to find a man stand-

ing over his bed with a gun in one hand and a flashlight in the other. The gunman forced Tripucka and his wife, Randi, into the garage of their house, apparently intent on taking one of their cars, the Star-Ledger said. When the intruder put down his gun for a moment, Tripucka said he grabbed an ax handle and began striking

the man. The would-be robber fled. A suspect was caught by police about 30 minutes later. The suspect, Herbert Burns, 33, of Dover, was bleeding heavily from a head wound when arrested by Verona police a short distance from the Tripucka home, police said. Burns was under police guard Mon-

day at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, where he was to be arraigned at bedside on charges including burglary, kidnapping, aggravated assault and making terroristic threats. Tripucka said that when he attacked the gunman, he also accidentally struck his wife, who required 14 stitches to close a wound on her head.



Utah Jazz coach Frank Layden finds a familiar face in the crowd—actor Jack Nicholson—and strikes up a conversation during the second quarter of Sunday's 110-91 loss to Nicholson's beloved Lakers.

But can you cork a hockey stick?

Minnesota Twins left-fielder Dan Gladden has a new off-season recreation: hockey. Gladden, who used to race motorcycles and listed daredevil Evel Knievel as one of his idols, has picked up some skates and plans to get other equipment in order to learn to play and join a winter league in Minnesota. Gladden says he has found a place to practice and wants to catch up to neighbors in his adopted state. "The people I've met in Minnesota grew up on the ice, and if I'm going to stay there for a while, I'd like to be able to participate in the winter sports," he says. "Then look for me at somebody's trout camp."

Well, it worked for Gordie Howe

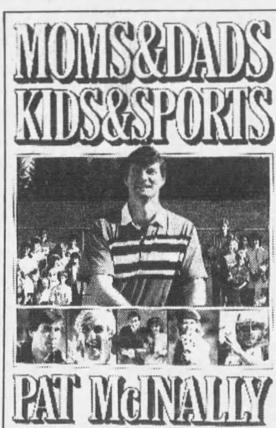
For years, Wayne Gretzky has repeatedly said that he planned to play only a few more seasons. But as the Edmonton Oilers center anticipates his summer wedding to actress Janet Jones, he has taken on a new outlook. "I think I want to practice with my kids," Gretzky says. "I see [teammate] Charlie Huddy out practicing with his kids and that looks great to me."

Notre Dame fans can thank Independence Bowl for Holtz

Lou Holtz has revealed that a key stepping-stone in his path to the Notre Dame coaching job was a postseason trip to the—brace yourself—Independence Bowl. Huh? The Independence Bowl? Holtz swears it was vital to his move two years ago from Minnesota to South Bend. "It was widely reported that I had a provision in my contract at Minnesota that permitted me to leave if it was to Notre Dame," Holtz told the Orlando Sentinel. "What isn't widely known were the two conditions that went with it. First, Notre Dame had to contact me. I couldn't contact them, directly or indirectly. Second, we had to have accepted a bowl bid while I was at Minnesota." In just his second season at Minnesota, the Gophers had a 6-4 record by bowl pick 'em day in November, 1985. The Independence Bowl, usually happy to have any four-year institution with a winning record, thought the Gophers and their funny-man coach would be a nice touch. "I remember we were in the locker room at Iowa City [Minnesota at Iowa] when the people from the Independence Bowl said they wanted us," Holtz told the Sentinel. "The first thing I did was pull Paul Giel [Minnesota's athletic director] aside. I was happy to do whatever they wanted, but I wanted to be sure they remembered our agreement. "I told Paul, 'You understand accepting the bid fulfills my obligation here.' He said he did ... " Holtz took the Notre Dame job before the month was out.

Can left-handers play second base? Glad you asked

As long as kids participate in sports, parents are going to have questions. What's the best equipment? At what age should kids start playing tackle football? Should parents coach their own kids? How can athletes prevent injuries? The questions are endless. Now, Pat McNally has the answers. McNally has written "Moms & Dads, Kids & Sports" (Macmillan Publishing Company), kind of a Q&A for parents and children about sports. McNally, who played for the Cincinnati Bengals for 11 seasons, got most of the questions from letters he received as a result of his syndicated sports column, "Pat Answers for Kids," which he began writing five years ago. "The book covers a great deal," says McNally, who was in Chicago Monday. "I tried to cover the questions that were most universally asked. The book covers ages 6 to 17, up to about the time they're being recruited [for college]. But 80



percent of the questions deal with ages 5 to 13." The book has sections on equipment, the role of the parent, coaching, health and safety, performance, injuries, nutrition and conditioning. Questions are presented, and McNally and other experts provide the answers. In short, just about everything a parent, or child, would want to know. "What I've found is that sports is one of the best vehicles parents can have to know their children," McNally says. "And sports can be a vehicle for growth. Parents can get to know their children's friends. And parents can help the kids through the high spots and the low spots." But might parental involvement lead to the dreaded Little League Parent Syndrome? "It's easy to say the problem is overzealous parents," McNally says. "I've found it's the uninvolved or not-involved parents who are letting the kids down. "No coach can replace interested and involved parents."

33-12

Combine a 6,000-foot altitude that makes baseballs travel farther with 23-mile-an-hour winds gusting to 41—blowing toward the outfield fences. What do you get? Colorado Springs 33, Phoenix 12 in a Pacific Coast League baseball game Saturday in Colorado Springs.

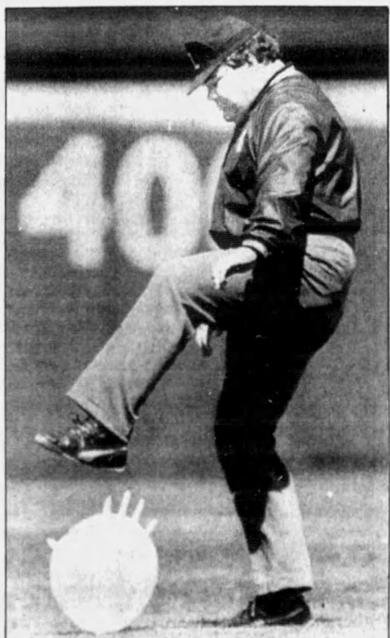
"I had never seen anything like this—at least not since Little League when I was 12," said Phoenix manager Wendell Kim.

For you stats freaks, here's how the box score looked:

Phoenix	ab	r	h	bi	Colorado	ab	r	h	bi
Hayes lf	5	2	4	4	RWilliams cf	5	4	2	4
Graham cf	3	1	1	0	Hirzo 2b	6	2	2	2
Dabney lf	2	0	0	0	Medina lf	5	4	3	5
Melendez 1b	5	2	3	0	Bennett lf	1	1	1	3
Coccolari rf	5	2	1	0	Allen dh	4	3	4	0
Reid dh	5	1	3	3	Higgins dh	3	1	1	2
MWilliams 3b	3	1	2	1	Lovell 1b	3	3	3	3
Backus rf	2	0	1	0	Washington 1b	2	1	1	0
Escobar ss	4	1	2	1	Ramos 3b	6	6	5	3
Perzich 2b	3	1	1	0	Francona rf	7	4	5	4
Mrmwng c	4	1	1	1	Zuvilla ss	6	3	1	0
					Trigley c	7	4	4	7
Totals	41	12	16	12	Totals	55	33	32	33
Phoenix	300	006	210	—12	Colorado Springs	206	793	51x	—33

Game Winning RBI—Lovell (3). E—Graham, Cockrill, Escobar. DP—Phoenix 1, Colorado Springs 2. LOB—Phoenix 4, Colorado Springs 6. 2B—Hirzo, Allen 2, Lovell, Francona 2. HR—Hayes 2 (3), Graham (1), Reid (2), MWilliams (1), RWilliams (1), Medina 2 (6), Bennett (1), Higgins (1), Ramos (2), Tingley 2 (3). SB—RWilliams (13). SF—Ramos.

WP—McCament, McCue. Umpires—Home, Ponchino; First, Layne; Third, Winters. T—3:19 A—1:34.



Second-base umpire Ken Kaiser, doing his part to maintain order at Sunday's Athletics-Indians game in Oakland, goes on the attack after a balloon blew onto the field. The balloon never had a chance.

BRIEFS

- A six-month suspension imposed on A.J. Foyt was lifted by NASCAR Monday, eight days after the penalty was levied following a fender-banging incident in the Winston 500. Les Richter, NASCAR vice president for competition, announced the decision following a review of the incident. Although the suspension was lifted, a fine of \$5,000 was increased to \$7,500.
- NASCAR driver Ken Ragan and his brother Marvin, a Unadilla, Ga., bank executive, have been arrested and charged with receiving a stolen car, authorities said.
- Wisconsin-Stevens Point forfeited its National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football title after learning it unknowingly used two ineligible players. The university announced it voluntarily forfeited its 1987 co-championship with Pacific Lutheran after its own investigation revealed wide receiver Aatron Kenney and fullback Keith Majors improperly altered college transcripts before transferring to UW-Stevens Point last fall.
- The America's Cup controversy moved a step closer to resolution Monday when the challenging New Zealanders rejected an Australian bid to become a third party to the races. The Kiwis instead filed papers in the New York State Supreme Court demanding that American defenders be forced to meet New Zealand's giant monohull with a similar boat or forfeit the Cup.
- A judge Monday delayed the trial in Tuscaloosa, Ala., of New York sports agent Norby Walters, who moved closer to settling a dispute with the University of Alabama over \$250,000 it lost through the entertainment executive's dealings with former basketball player Derrick McKey.
- Since Illinois has lost two centers off its basketball team, coach Lou Henson is looking for help. First, 7-footer Jens Kujawa decided to return to West Germany. Then reserve Phil Kunz transferred to Iowa State. Who's Henson's pick right now to play pivot? "We have a lot of people with good size," Henson says. "There's Ervin Small. He's 6-7. Then there's Rodney Jones. He's 6-8. And we have Marcus [Liberty] and Kenny [Battle]. Ervin is quick and he is growing. He can be an outstanding front-line player."
- Northwestern (10-4) will meet defending champion Penn State (13-3) in a first-round match of the NCAA Division I women's lacrosse tournament in University Park, Pa., Wednesday at 2 p.m. Other teams in the tournament are Temple, Lafayette, Harvard and William & Mary.
- Second-seeded Mats Wilander, erasing four set points in a marathon tiebreaker, opened the defense of his Italian Open tennis championship in Rome with a 7-6, 6-1 victory over Francesco Cancellotti. The man Wilander beat in last year's final, eighth-seeded Martin Jaite, was upset in the first round by Thomas Muster 6-2, 6-1.
- The National Football League's Management Council and players union started another battle Monday in the legal war resulting from last season's players strike with a hearing before a National Labor Relations Board administrative law judge. In a move that pleased NFL Players Association officials, Judge Benjamin Slesinger ruled the owners' attorneys must produce letters between owners and management officials dealing with when striking players were to return to work.
- The New England Patriots relinquished all rights to running back Tony Collins, who has struggled with a drug problem the past two years. Collins, the Patriots' third all-time leading rusher, has twice undergone treatment for drugs. In March, he reportedly again encountered drug problems.
- Second-year quarterback Mike Shula, 22, retired Monday and became the NFL's youngest assistant when he accepted Coach Ray Perkins' offer to remain with the Tampa Bay Bucs as an offensive aide.
- Vyacheslav Fetisov, considered among the world's best defensemen, reportedly has received permission from Soviet national hockey coach Victor Tikhonov to play in the National Hockey League. The Toronto Globe and Mail reported that Fetisov, 30, must now receive clearance from the Soviet army before he can leave to join the New Jersey Devils.

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