## University of Alabama to file suit to speed Walters settlement

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - The Uni versity
civil lawsuit against New York based sports agent Norby Walters, legal maneuver designed to facili-
tate a $\$ 200,000$ settlemen tate a $\$ 200,000$ settlement agree-
ment the two sides tentatively reached on Monday. "We have a pretty firm agree
ment, and the civil action will help speed the process," said Rober Pots, a u iversity lawyer.
If the settlement is completed, it will be the first time a university has recovered damages it suffered
"That would be a
dent" said Potts. dent," said Potts.
The civil suit was actually requested by Walters' attorneys as
part of their settlement proposal part of their settlement proposal.
Sources said the attorneys believe a civil suit could open a legal path for Walters to possibly sue former Ala-
bama basketball player Derrick McKey for part of the damages the shool suffered as a result of their relationship during the $1986-87$ basketball season. The school's suit
would be dropped when the would be dropped when the
$\$ 200,000$ settlement is completed. TCAA Tournament revenue after it
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { mate Terry Coner had played while } & \text { edge of violations. This could open } \\ \text { under contract to Walters' agency, } \\ \text { the legagegedly dealt with Walters - } \\ \text { World } \\ \text { Sports and Entertainment for McKey, } \\ \text { atid } \\ \text { Attorneys close to the case. McKey }\end{array}$ (WSE) Inc.
Walters on Monday agreed to Walters on Monday agreed to
give $\$ 50,000$ to the university this give $\$ 50,000$ to the university this week and another $\$ 150,000$ in proceeds from concerts he will pro-
mote. He has agreed to provide a bank letter of credit to guarantee
the balance of te the balance of the payment. Walters
is a longtime music booking agent is a longtime
and promoter. The NCAA withheld the The NCAA withheld the
\$253,147 from Alabama, citing a rule
that states the school is subjict that states the school is subject to
sanctions even if the student-athlete was revealed that McKey and team- fails to come forward with knowl-
attorneys close to the case. McKey
signed a million-dollar contract
with the Seattle SuperSonies; $C$ Coner with the Seattle SuperSonics; Cone
was cut by the Atlanta Hawks. was cut by the Atlanta Hawks.
Walters was in Tuscaloosa Mo Walters was in Tuscaloosa Mon-
day to stand trial on charges he vio-
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lated three state misdemeanor laws
in dealing with McKey and Coner in dealing with McKey and Coner.
The trial was delayed until Friday The trial was delayed until Friday,
and state prosecutors said they will
consider dropping all charges if the consider dropping all charges if the
university which the state considers the "victim" in this case, recom-
mends such action. The state has
The state has subpoenaed two
out-of-state former college athletes

Ani and Edwin Simmons of Texas.
poth
Both saying Walters spread large amounts of cash in front of them to induce them to sign as clients.
The defense list of potential witThe defense list of potential wit-
nesses includes former agent Joel nesses includes former agent Joel
Bobo of Jackson, Miss. Bobo has said that he gave $\$ 800$ each to
McKey and Coner before Mckey and Coner before eithe
player took money from or signed contracts with Walters' agency. Sources close to the prosecution
say McKey has told them that he say McKey has told them that he
did not knowingly receive any mondid not knowing
ey from Roho.

McKey and Coner signed withWSE on Feb. 12, 1987, receiving, ters' associate, and they received one $\$ 300$ monthly payment the fol lowing month. Walters said he sus-
pended payments to the athletes bepended payments to the athletes be-
cause of the furor that followed a March 12, 1987, story in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution in which Walters admitted he was paying college
players.

The 12-person jury, eight womand four men, was selected prio by Circuit Court Judge John M.
branted Monday Karrh.

Expos' Galarraga hits and looks like young Tony Perez

By Terence Moore
Staf Writer He's got the bat. Only three
playes in the National League own batting averages higher than the .344 of Montreal's Andres alarraga
He's got the glove. St. Louis calls him the second coming of
Gil Hodges. Gil Hodges.
He's got the speed. Despite
his size ( 6 -foot-3, 235 pounds) larraga has stolen five bases in larraga has stolen five bases in
six attempts. He also ranks among the league's best at moving from first to third on a single.
He's got the name: Ga-la-RA-
ga. It has the same ring as
He's got the face, too.
"When I was playing in the
"Wtart for the NL if the All-Star $\begin{array}{ll}\text { minor leagues, people used to say } & \text { Garte were this monthe He proba- } \\ \text { Gat in } \\ \text { that I looked like Tony Perez, who } & \text { bly won't get the votes, though }\end{array}$ that I looked like Tony Peren, who bly won't get the votes, though.
was the Expos' first baseman at
"We're from Montreal, so we was the Expos' first baseman at "We're from Montreal, so we
the time," Galarraga says. Galar- don't have any misconceptions raga also runs, walks and talks raga also
like Perez.
This is
This is no coincidence. While
growing up in Caracas Venezuela growing up in Caracas, Venezuela, Galarraga counted fellow country-
man Perez among his heroes, along with Tony Armas and Willie argell.
"When I talked to Tony when he was still playing," Galarraga
says, "I used to tell him that since people keep saying that I look
pike you, then I guess I should be like you, then I guess I should be
trying to hit like you." trying to hit like you."

This season, Galarraga's third in the majors, he is becoming the
player that Perez was, except for player that Perez was, except for
ome runs. Perez reached the mid-20s during most seasons with the Reds, but Galarraga hit only
10 homers during his injury 10 homers during his injury-
plagued rookie season and 13 last
year. Still, in his sophomore season,
Galarraga collected 90 Galarraga collected 90 RBI while
batting 305 , and he did it with an injured right thumb.
Galarraga is healthy this seaGalarraga is healthy this sea
son. For verification, check the latest league statistics, where he
ranks in the top 10 in nearly every batting category. So, with apologies to Hous ton's Glenn Davis, San Francis don't have any misconceptions
when it comes to such things,' when it comes to such things,"
says Expos manager Buck Rod gers. "It's very difficullt for our
players to become All-stars durplayers to become All-Stars durfans). The only way for our guys to make the team is for the manager
to select them." to select them."
Rodgers would select his own first baseman.
"Galarraga is the best fielder (at his position) in the league, and comes to power, hitting for aver-


Expos' Andres Galarraga, whom manager Bob Rodgers calls the best-fielding first baseman in the NL moves toward a grounder during Tuesday night's game at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.


Paper: Knight offered job by New Mexico
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - The
Dallas Times-Herald reported Dallas Times-Herald reported in to day's edach Bobby Knight has been offered a contract package in excess of $\$ 250,000$ and a house worth more than $\$ 150,000$ on the Albuquerque
market to become New Mexico's basketball coach.
"Knight is here (Albuquerque)
and he has given an indication that and he has given an indication that he's going to take it," the newspa,
per quoted an unidentified sources as saying. "With Knight, who knows,
he might change his mind, but right. he might change his mind, but right
now we' expect him to be the next now we expect him to be the next
Lobos coach. He's not out here just to tell them who to hire." The Times-Herad repored was told by Ralph Floyd, Indianas
athletic director, that Knight might. athletic director, that
be acting as a consultant. Kit Klingelhoffer, Indiana's
sports information director, confirmed that Knight was in "I know that he went to New Mexico and I know that he's talking to them about the job. Now whether
they're talking to him or he's talking they're talking to him or he's talking
to them, I don't know," Klingelhoffer said.
New Mexico has been searching for a coach to replace Gary Colson, who resigned under pressure April-
26 after compiling a $146-106$ record 26 atter compiling
in eight seasons.
Pete Newell, who coached California to the 1959 NCAA title and who is a longtime friend and men-
tor of Knight's, told the Times-Hertor of Knight's, told the Times-Her-
ald he would be surprised if Knight went to New Mexico only to act as a consultant. "This sure doesn't hap-
pen all the time," Newell said pen all the time," Newell said. since 1972 , where he has compiled a $385-129$ record with NCAA cham-
pionships in 1976, 81 and ' 87 .


