University of Alabama to file suit to speed Walters settlement

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The University of Alabama today will file a civil lawsuit against New Yorkbased sports agent Norby Walters, a legal maneuver designed to facilitate a \$200,000 settlement agreement the two sides tentatively reached on Monday.

"We have a pretty firm agreement, and the civil action will help speed the process," said Robert Potts, a university lawyer.

If the settlement is completed, it will be the first time a university has recovered damages it suffered because of actions by a sports agent.

"That would be a significant precedent," said Potts.

The civil suit was actually requested by Walters' attorneys as part of their settlement proposal. Sources said the attorneys believe a civil suit could open a legal path for Walters to possibly sue former Alabama basketball player Derrick McKey for part of the damages the school suffered as a result of their relationship during the 1986-87 basketball season. The school's suit would be dropped when the

\$200,000 settlement is completed. The university lost \$253,147 in NCAA Tournament revenue after it was revealed that McKey and team-

mate Terry Coner had played while under contract to Walters' agency, World Sports and Entertainment (WSE) Inc.

Walters on Monday agreed to give \$50,000 to the university this week and another \$150,000 in proceeds from concerts he will promote. He has agreed to provide a bank letter of credit to guarantee the balance of the payment. Walt is a longtime music booking agent and promoter.

withheld the The NCAA \$253,147 from Alabama, citing a rule that states the school is subject to sanctions even if the student-athlete fails to come forward with knowl-

edge of violations. This could open the legal liability for McKey, said attorneys close to the case. McKey signed a million-dollar contract with the Seattle SuperSonics; Coner was cut by the Atlanta Hawks.

Walters was in Tuscaloosa Monday to stand trial on charges he violated three state misdemeanor laws in dealing with McKey and Coner. The trial was delayed until Friday, and state prosecutors said they will consider dropping all charges if the university, which the state considers the "victim" in this case, recommends such action.

The state has subpoenaed two out-of-state former college athletes

who allegedly dealt with Walters -Andrew Mott of Southern Mississippi and Edwin Simmons of Texas. Both players have been quoted as saying Walters spread large amounts of cash in front of them to induce them to sign as clients.

The defense list of potential witnesses includes former agent Joel Bobo of Jackson, Miss. Bobo has said that he gave \$800 each to McKey and Coner before either player took money from or signed contracts with Walters' agency.

Sources close to the prosecution say McKey has told them that he did not knowingly receive any money from Robo.

McKey and Coner signed with WSE on Feb. 12, 1987, receiving. \$2,000 each from Lloyd Bloom, Walters' associate, and they received one \$300 monthly payment the following month. Walters said he suspended payments to the athletes because of the furor that followed a March 12, 1987, story in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution in which Walters admitted he was paying college

The 12-person jury, eight women and four men, was selected prior to the continuance granted Monday by Circuit Court Judge John M.

Expos' Galarraga hits and looks like young Tony Perez

By Terence Moore Staff Writer

He's got the bat. Only three players in the National League own batting averages higher than the .344 of Montreal's Andres Galarraga.

He's got the glove. St. Louis Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog calls him the second coming of Gil Hodges.

He's got the speed. Despite his size (6-foot-3, 235 pounds), Galarraga 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-RAga. It has the same ring as DiMaggio.

He's got the face, too.

"When I was playing in the minor leagues, people used to say that I looked like Tony Perez, who was the Expos' first baseman at the time," Galarraga says. Galarraga also runs, walks and talks like Perez.

This is no coincidence. While growing up in Caracas, Venezuela, Galarraga counted fellow countryman Perez among his heroes, along with Tony Armas and Willie Stargell.

"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 like you, then I guess I should be trying to hit like you."

This season, Galarraga's third in the majors, he is becoming the player that Perez was, except for home runs. Perez reached the mid-20s during most seasons with the Reds, but Galarraga hit only 10 homers during his injuryplagued rookie season and 13 last

Still, in his sophomore season, Galarraga collected 90 RBI while batting .305, and he did it with an injured right thumb.

Galarraga is healthy this season. For verification, check the latest league statistics, where he ranks in the top 10 in nearly every batting category.

So, with apologies to Houston's Glenn Davis, San Francisco's Will Clark and Keith Hernandez, Galarraga would deserve to start for the NL if the All-Star Game were this month. He probably won't get the votes, though.

"We're from Montreal, so we don't have any misconceptions when it comes to such things," says Expos manager Buck Rodgers. "It's very difficult for our players to become All-Stars during this voting system (done by fans). The only way for our guys to make the team is for the manager to select them."

Rodgers would select his own first baseman.

"Galarraga is the best fielder (at his position) in the league, and he is above average when it comes to power, hitting for aver-



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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.

age and running the bases. He does it all," says Rodgers.

Hernandez won the Gold Glove at first last season, even though he and Galarraga both had fielding percentages of .993 and Galarraga led the league in putouts with 1,300.

Just wait, says Galarraga. "Over the past five years, I've continued to get better and better,

and people have started to watch

what I'm doing," he says. "At the plate, I try to make contact and hit to all fields. I try to be consistent. In the field, I take a lot of ground balls during batting practice to get better. It's important to use your brain as much as possible in the field so you can adjust

to any situation that comes up." Galarraga's background as a catcher helps him at first base. He attacks grounders as if he's blocking a runner from the plate. He uses his entire body.

"He's not afraid to let the ball hit him, and because of his catching background, he has tremendous quickness," Rodgers says. "He has the potential to hit 25 to 30 homers a year and hit between .285 and .300 while being a good

Sounds like Tony Perez. Galarraga smiles with the thought.

Paper: Knightoffered job by New Mexico

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - The Dallas Times-Herald reported in today's editions that Indiana basketball coach 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 he's going to take it," the newspa-. . per quoted an unidentified source, as saying. "With Knight, who knows, he might change his mind, but right now we expect him to be the next Lobos coach. He's not out here just to tell them who to hire."

The Times-Herald reported it was told by Ralph Floyd, Indiana's athletic director, that Knight mightbe acting as a consultant.

Kit Klingelhoffer, Indiana's sports information director, confirmed that Knight was in Albuquerque.

"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 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 in eight seasons.

Pete Newell, who coached California to the 1959 NCAA title and ... who is a longtime friend and mentor of Knight's, told the Times-Herald he would be surprised if Knight. went to New Mexico only to act as a consultant. "This sure doesn't happen all the time," Newell said.

Knight, 47, has been at Indiana since 1972, where he has compiled. a 385-129 record with NCAA championships in 1976, '81 and '87.

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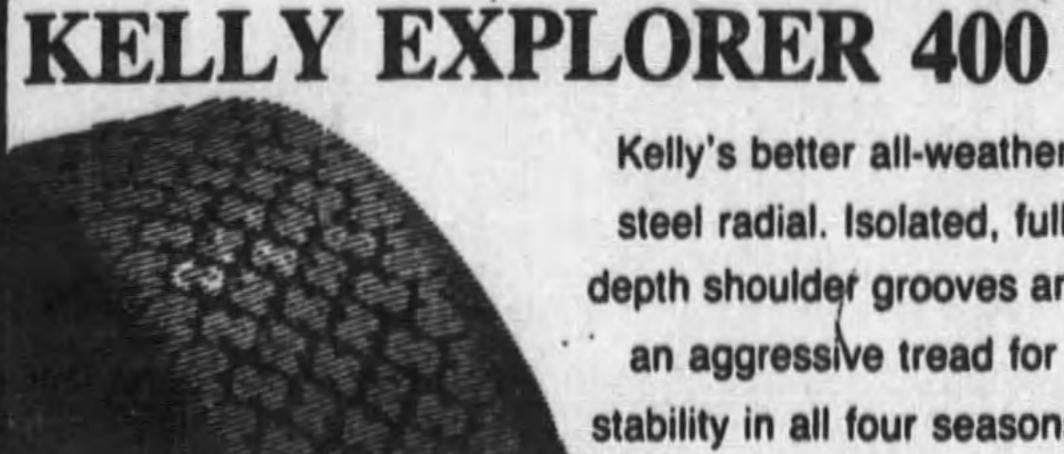
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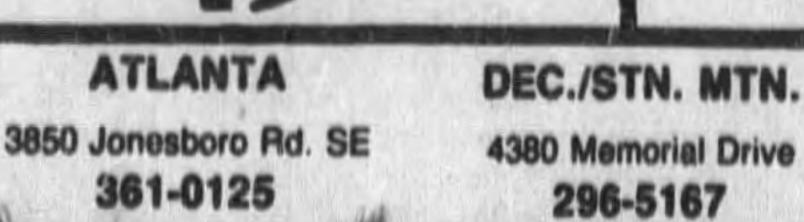
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