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ere's an important lesson for the Cedar Rapids entry in the Continental Basketball Association:

Don't listen to the fans. They

Lakers keep Riley's V

Worthy the key as Los Angeles repeats title

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) -The Los Angeles Lakers lived up to their coach's promise and guaranteed their place among basketball's greatest teams.

The Lakers, the NBA's first repeat champions in 19 years, took a 15-point lead midway through the fourth quarter Tuesday night, then held on for a 108-105 victory over the Detroit Pistons in Game 7 of the championship series.

Asked if he'd guarantee a third title, Riley was about to answer when Kareem Abdul-Jabbar stuffed a towel in the coach's mouth. Finally, Riley said, "I'll guarantee that we'll enjoy this all summer. It took 115 games to get this job done. They worked for it. They won. They deserve the credit."

"I can't believe we did it," Magic Johnson said. "We worked so hard against Utah, against Dallas and now against Detroit. We kept coming back, back, back. . This was the hardest champi-

onship we've ever won."

"I want another one," Johnson said.

quarter and seized the game with some ferocious defense. They scored on the break, threw a 37point quarter at us.

"At that point, I said, 'Lights out and it could get worse.' But we went to our speed team and we got back into it.

"It was a gallant, courageous effort by our guys."

But it wasn't enough.

"Give credit to the Lakers, they did what they said they would do, they did repeat," Daly said.

The Lakers, who trailed 52-47 at halftime, hit their first 10 shots of the third quarter on the way to a 15-point lead, then held off a furious rally by the Pistons in the final 12 minutes. Led by Worthy, the victory gave the Lakers their fifth title in this decade. And they won despite just four points and three rebounds from Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the NBA's all-time leading scorer.

don't know what's good for them.

Krause Gentle Corp., the owners of the CBA team here, wanted to call their club the Cedar Rapids Slammers. The team they bought had been called the Slammers, it was a decent enough name, and it doesn't roll off the tongue all that badly.

But to get publicity rolling, the Krause people wanted to get area fans involved in the naming of the club. They not only asked the fans to call CITYLINE and express a nickname preference, they wanted to hear the fans' views on the name "Slammers."

Deep down, they probably wanted "Slammers" to go over big-time. At their introductory press conference at the Five Seasons Center Monday, they had basketball-shaped placards with the name "Cedar Rapids Slammers" featured.

But the results of the CITY-LINE fans' poll gave a resounding thumbs-down to "Slammers." Of 316 responses, 230 didn't like it or hated it. Only 20 loved it.

Of course. People who would bother to call a "Name The Team" contest would naturally veto someone else's suggestion. If you like "Werewolves," you're not going to say "Slammers" is wonderful, too.

MOST FANS WOULD probably say "Slammers" is perfectly acceptable, and leave it at that. So, Kevin Krause, go ahead and call the team "Slammers." There, that's settled. You see, of all the CITYLINE responses, few submitted entries that had a local angle, made one think of basketball, and weren't just plain ridiculous. All of the following were actual suggestions. The Cedar Rapids Guns. There's a positive image for the city and the CBA. Just like the Maniacs, Riots and Rage. The Cedar Rapids Pit Bulls. Guns are starting to sound better. Our fair city may need a mass geography lesson. Breakers, Schooners, Sailors and Tide were suggested. The surf is not up. How about the Cedar Rapids Lifers? Perhaps the knothole section for youngsters could be called Cell Block C. Come to think of it, Slammers and Lifers go hand in hand, don't they?



Los Angeles' James Worthy takes a rebound away from Detroit's Bill Laimbeer during first half of NBA championship game Tuesday.

James Worthy, the series' Most Valuable Player, scored 36 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists.

Just as Coach Pat Riley guaranteed they would a year ago, when the Lakers beat the Celtics, Los Angeles repeated as champions the first time any team has done

so since Boston in 1969.

The Lakers made history, but it wasn't easy.

They became the first team to win three seven-game series in one year, beating Utah and Dallas 4-3 in the Western Conference playoffs.

Pistons Coach Chuck Daly said the Lakers "came out in the third

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Harmon to pay university about \$10,000

By The Gazette and AP

Ronnie Harmon, the former Hawkeye halfback, has agreed to pay back the University of about \$10,000 in order to avoid prosecution in the trial of two sports agents. Harmon, now a running back with the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League, will also perform community service as part of a pre-trial diversion program to avoid being charged in the federal grand jury investigation of Lloyd Bloom and Norby Walters, according to a published report.

Harmon and 40 to 45 other athletes in the program have also agreed to testify in any possible trial of Walters and Bloom. Each will perform 100-250 hours of community service under the supervision of a federal probation officer, The Atlanta Constitution reported in a copyright story in Tuesday's editions.

The athletes, including ex-Auburn star Brent Fullwood and former Temple standout Paul Palmer, have agreed to reimburse their

Former owner says

former universities for their scholarships for the years they were under contract to Walters and Bloom, The Constitution quoted sources close to the Chicago-based investigation as saying.

IN IOWA CITY, Hawkeye Athletic Director Bump Elliott said he was unaware of the payback plan in the Harmon case. "We really haven't heard anything from the people involved," Elliott said Tuesday. The athletic director noted the deal was probably in its early stages.

The pre-trial diversion program will not officially begin until the grand jury decides whether to indict the agents, the paper quoted its sources as saying.

All athletes offered the deal by the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago have accepted it, the paper said, meaning Harmon and the rest of the athletes will not be indicted.

The investigation has been under way for 15 months.

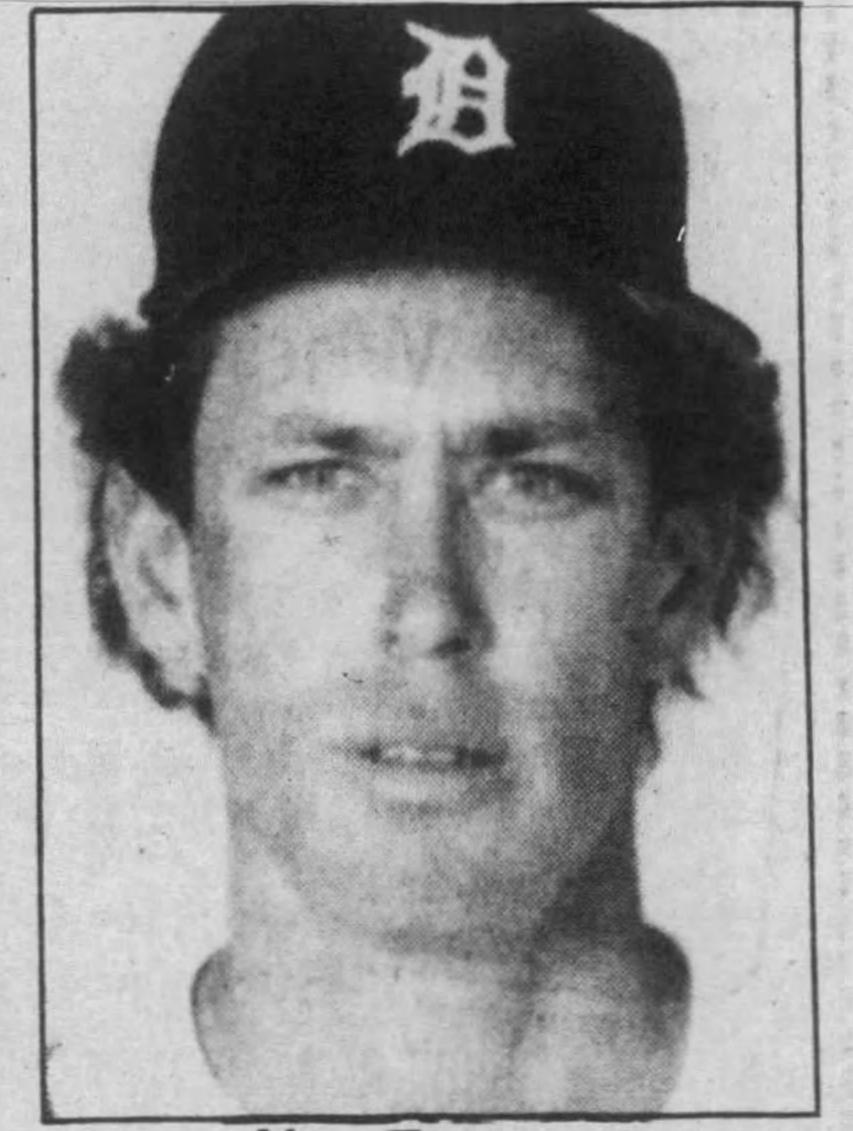
It is based on the allegation Walters and Bloom conspired to induce the athletes to defraud their schools by offering them cash and contracts in violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules.

In the Harmon case, the athlete received around \$54,000 in cash and gifts from Walters and **Bloom** beginning during his junior season in 1984.

An athletic scholarship at Iowa for an out-ofstate student is worth about \$5,000 per year.

Prosecutors claim the fraud came when the athletes signed annual "student-athlete affidavits" stating they had not broken NCAA rules by signing with an agent.

The Chicago grand jury is considering possible charges of mail fraud, wire fraud, tax fraud, extortion, racketeering and obstruction of justice against the agents, The Constitution quoted its sources as saying.



Alan Trammell Trammell's 'slam' lifts Tigers, 7-6 DETROIT (AP) - Alan Trammell's grand slam with two outs in the ninth inning capped a six-run Detroit rally and lifted the Tigers to a 7-6 victory over the New York Yankees Tuesday night. Pinch-hitter Dave Bergman led off with a single against Neil Allen and Darrell Evans walked to bring on Dave Righetti. After Matt Nokes singled to load the bases, Righetti got Pat Sheridan on a fly to center and Tom Brookens on a called third strike. But Righetti walked Lou Whitaker and Luis Salazar to force in Bergman and Evans and after throwing a ball to Trammell, he was replaced by Cecilio Guante (4-4). Trammell worked Guante to a full count before hitting his 10th homer of the season and fourth career grand slam off the facing of the second deck in left field. Trammell had missed Monday's game with a sore elbow. It was the second successive game in which the Tigers had defeated the Yankees with a homer in their last at-bat and moved Detroit 11/2 games ahead of the Yankees in the American League East. Eric King (1-0) pitched the last three innings for Detroit. Detroit's Jack Morris gave up five hits, walked three and struck out two in 12/3 innings, his shortest outing of the season.

The Cedar Rapids Raisins. Would you pay money to cheer for dried-up grapes?

The Cedar Rapids Politicians. "Jones rebounds, he passes to Smith, Smith feeds to Johnson, and Johnson leaves the arena to go on a two-week fact-finding tour in Hong Kong!"

My least-favorite entry is the **Cedar Rapids Little Potatoes. This** city is good enough to be the Big Potatoes, doggone it. Or at least the Potatoes. Little Potatoes? That's a slap in the face to us all.

SURE, SURE, everybody's a critic, you say. How about some legitimate suggestions. Since you

C.R. good CBA town

By Jim Ecker

Gazette assistant sports editor Jerry Robinson lost a bundle of money trying to operate the Cincinnati Slammers in the Continental Basketball Association. But despite the red ink, Robinson remains an enthusiastic supporter of the league.

In smaller cities like Cedar Rapids, that is.

Robinson doesn't like to talk in exact figures, but a reporter at the Cincinnati Post who covered the Slammers there estimates Robinson lost several hundred thousand dollars.

major league cities will not sup- sell the team. "It just wasn't port minor league teams," Robin- happening. It wasn't working," he son told The Gazette in a telephone interview.

In Cincinnati, sports fans follow the Reds in the National League CBA had teams in Detroit, Toronand the Bengals in the NFL. For to, Louisville, Tampa Bay and basketball, they have Xavier and the University of Cincinnati. The Slammers of the CBA never took hold.

During their last season in Ohio in 1986-87, the Slammers drew a total of 22,759 fans to 24 home games, an average of 948 that ranked 10th out of 12 teams in the league. And that despite a 25-23 record and second-place finish in the Western Division.

In 1985-86, the Slammers won the Western Division crown with a 33-15 record, yet averaged only 1,088. with the University of Iowa By contrast, the La Crosse there's easy access to the Five (Wis.) Catbirds averaged 5,153 last season, the Quad City Thunder 4,690 and the Rockford (Ill.) Lightning 3,888.

Deacon Davis

C If you take the average CBA player and put three inches on him, he's an NBA player. That's the only difference. ??

> Former Slammers owner Jerry Robinson

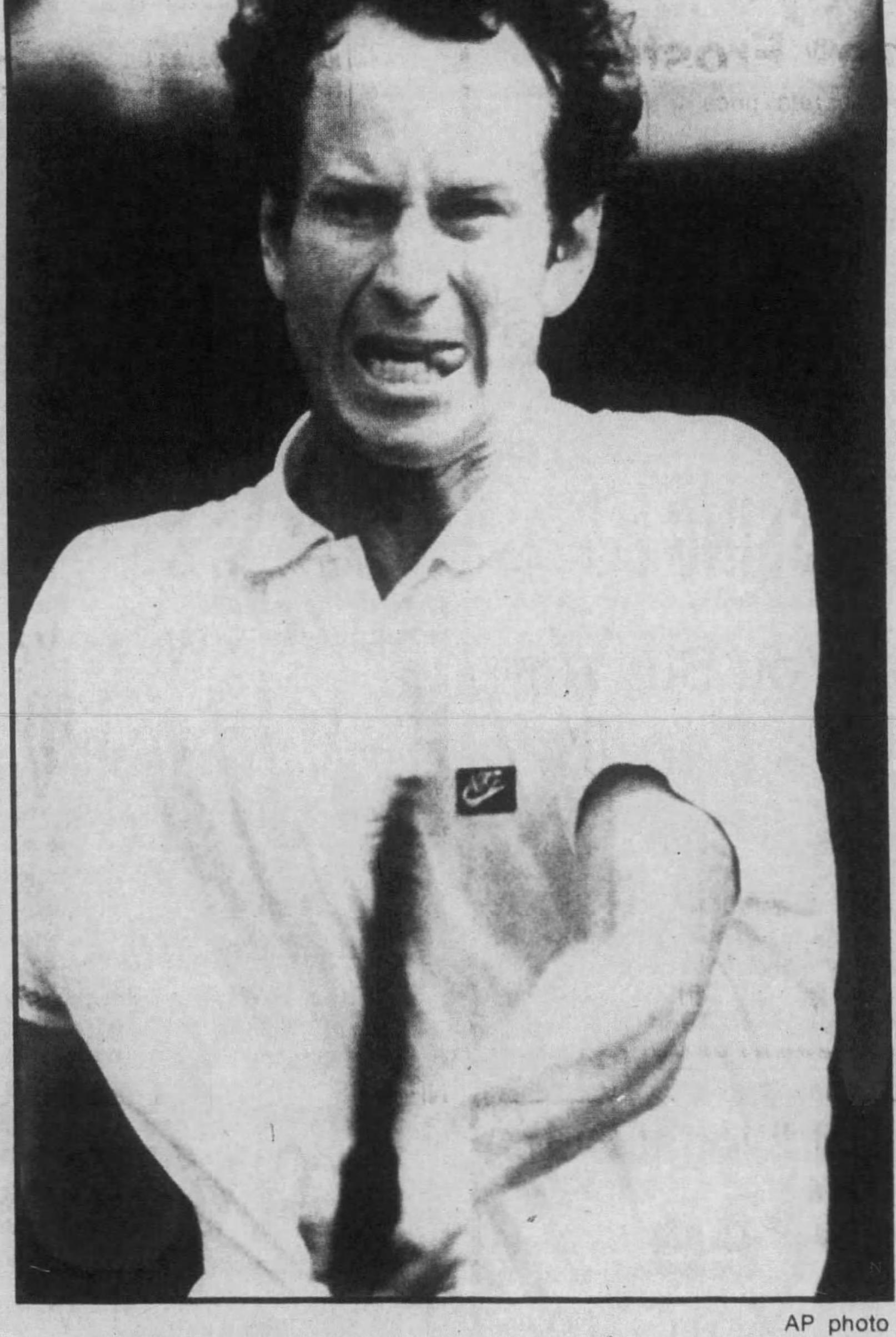
Robinson, who owns the Cincinnati Gardens arena where the Slammers played, says it wasn't "I came to the hard reality that the financial drain that led him to said. "We couldn't make an event out of it."

> Three or four years ago, the Cincinnati. Now the trend is to smaller towns.

> "There's just no bucks left for minor league sports (in big cities) except for a few basketball fanatics," said Robinson.

> Robinson sold the Slammers to the Krause Gentle Corp. of Hampton, Iowa, earlier this year. On Monday the team was placed in Cedar Rapids.

ROBINSON THINKS the Slammers will do well here. There are no competing pro teams, there'll be no head-to-head competition



The Yankees took a 1-0 lead in the first when Morris walked Dave Winfield and Jack Clark with two outs and Mike Pagliarulo hit an RBI single. Randy Valarde led off the second with his first major-league homer into the second deck in left.

asked . . .

The Cedar Rapids Anti-Astrologers. The team slogan would be, "The fault lies not in the stars, it lies in our 18-foot jumpers."

The Cedar Rapids Delicatessens. You want a turkey-and-swiss sandwich? Downtown Cedar Rapids has several places to get one. But just try to find pizza-by-theslice or chicken fried steak with cream gravy.

The Cedar Rapids Four Seasons. Then, when the team begins its third year of play, the story in the paper would open: "The third season of the Cedar Rapids Four Seasons commenced Wednesday at the Five Seasons Center."

The Cedar Rapids Jazz. We don't have much jazz, but we have more than in Salt Lake City, the home of the Utah Jazz.

The Cedar Rapids White Sox. If they move out of Chicago, who's going to know they didn't come here?

The Cedar Rapids H awkeyes. What? That name is already being used in this area? By whom? See, the Cedar Rapids Slammers isn't a bad name after all. It beats Werewolves, anyhow.

Seasons Center arena, and there are few other entertainment attractions. • Please turn to 2B: Slammers

MAC IS BACK: John McEnroe, making his first Wimbledon appearance since 1985, makes a return against Austria's Horst Skoff during their men's singles match Monday. McEnroe won, 6-1, 7-5, 6-, and received a warm welcome at the All-England Tennis Club." Story: Page 3B.

Davis' devotion to athletics began at lowa basketball history. As captain of the three of his children to Iowa, where Randy, He's honorary coach Hawkeyes in 1954-55, he and his teammates the youngest, will be a senior next fall. finished fourth in the NCAA tournament. It "I learned not just a whole lot about for Farm Game was the beginnings of the Bucky O'Connor

basketball, but I learned to be a gentleman. That it is more fun to win than to lose, but you have to pay the price to be a winner. That has shaped my life."

O'Connor brought Davis in for a visit during the state boys' and girls' basketball tournaments. Among the players he saw at the boys' tournament in Iowa City was the Roland Rocket, Gary Thompson. Watching the girls' tourney on television, he began thinking about equality.

"I found out Iowa was a leader in girls' sports," he said.

After starting for most of his four years at owa, Davis passed up a chance to try out for Plese turn to page 2B: Davis

By Mark Neuzil Gazette sportswriter

common thread running through the life of McKinley (Deacon) Davis was woven by two very different men who met a similar, untimely fate.

A lifetime of commitment to athletics was the result of Davis' association with his college coach, Frank (Bucky) O'Connor. A lifetime of devotion to social equality happened under the influence of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Davis is an important part of Iowa

Era and the skinny forward from Freeport, Ill., was a key piece of the team.

Now a regional vice president for A.L. Williams Company in Rockford, Ill., Davis is an honorary coach for the Iowa Farm Scholarship Game on Saturday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Plenty of tickets remain for the 7 p.m. tipoff.

IT WAS THE influence of O'Connor, Iowa coach from 1951-58, which made an early indelible impression on Davis. "Bucky was like a father to us," Davis recalled in a telephone interview recently. "And Iowa City still feels like home to me." Davis sent all