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Hawks' Rivers Demands Contract Extension Before Season

By Jeffrey Denberg Staff Writer

All-star point guard Doc Rivers, seeking a contract

extension, says he expects the upcoming season to be his last with the Atlanta Hawks if he can't get an agreement resolved before training camp.

Rivers, 27, has one year remaining on his contract. Asked why he is so adamant about signing a contract the issue. extension before the start of camp on Oct. 7, he said, "I don't want to have it hanging over my head all sea-I've seen other guys go through it, but I don't think next summer.

any of them have done it really well. I don't want the distraction.

"If there is no contract, at least I'll know it's over here. I'll concentrate on trying to have one great last year and then worry about the rest of my career later."

Different interpretations of Rivers' contract cloud

According to Rivers, his agent George Andrews and Charles Grantham of the NBA Players Associason while I'm trying to help us win a championship. tion, Rivers can become an unrestricted free agent

According to Hawks president Stan Kasten, the club still holds right of first refusal on Rivers' contract, which means Atlanta could retain the player by matching any offer from another team.

At question is a two-year, \$900,000 package tacked on to Rivers' original three-year contract. If it is treated merely as an extension by NBA rules adopted last spring, right of first refusal would apply since he has played under only one contract. If the extension is treated as a separate, new contract, unrestricted free agency would be available to Rivers.

"His situation is not completely clear," NBA gen-

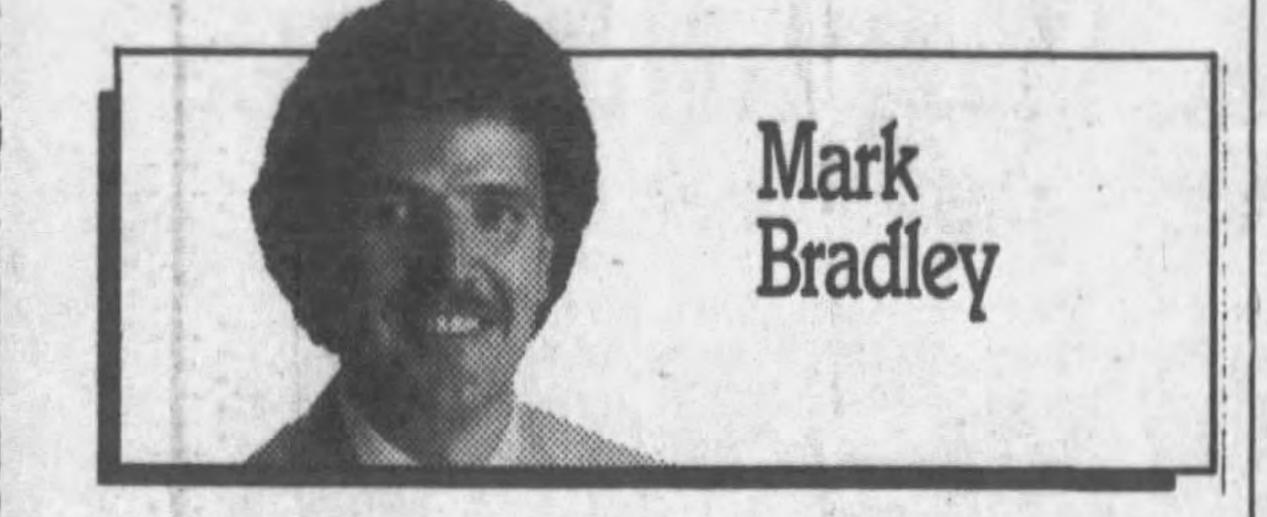
eral counsel Garry Bettman said Wednesday. "But I think we'll resolve the confusion very shortly. We really only need clarification here."

Grantham and Andrews say the NBA already has ruled in Rivers' favor, but that the verdict has not. been put in writing. Bettman denied that.

Meanwhile, Kasten said the Hawks will try to accommodate Rivers with a new contract.

"I want to get it done by opening day, too, and because of my relationship with George and with Doc,"

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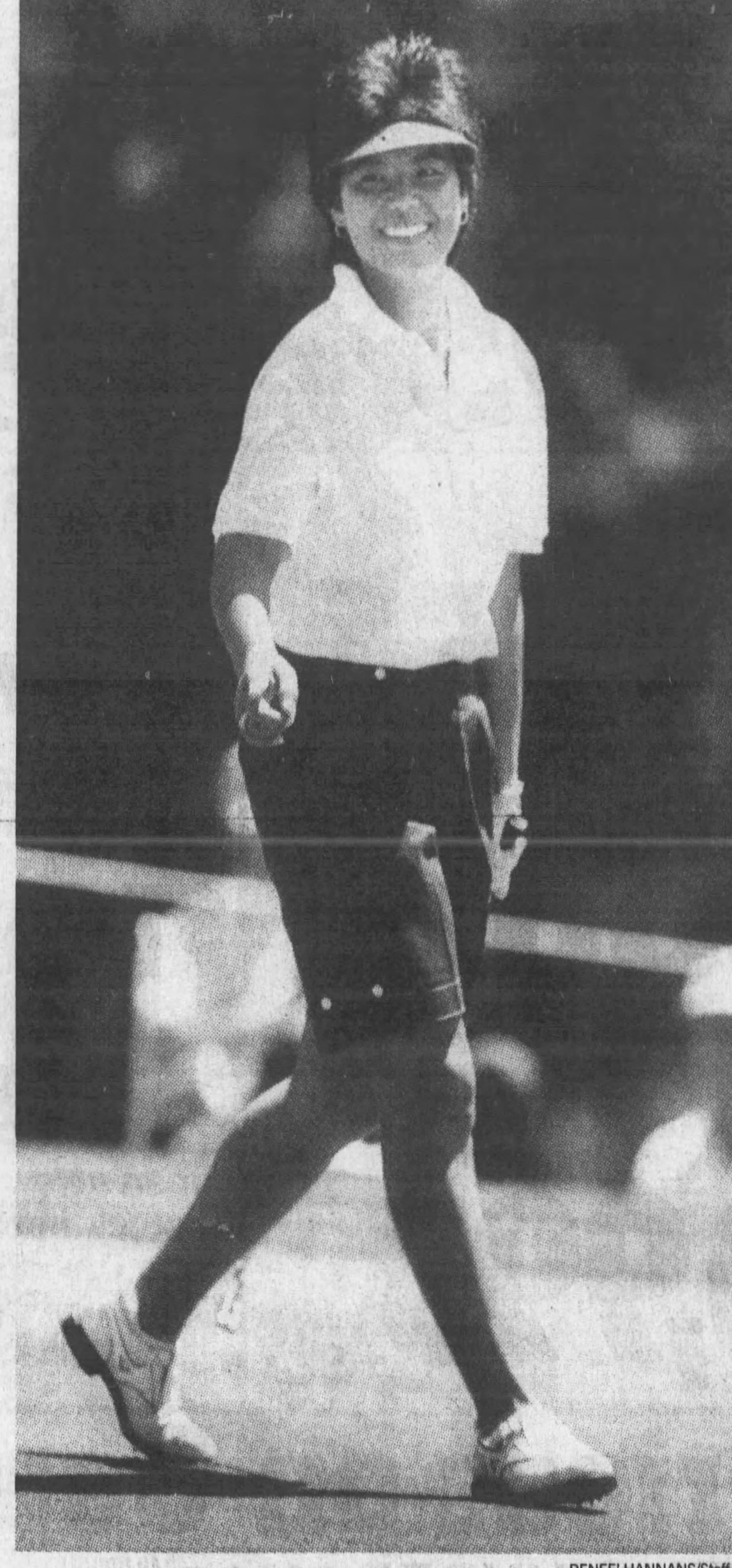
Making the Big Switch Suits Bulldogs' Guthrie Just Fine

His first thought? "I was shocked," Vince Guthrie says. Then, tacking on an amendment, "It was a pleasant shock." Maybe he's even telling the truth. But ask yourself this: How many senior linebackers cut from all-conference cloth would deem a request to change positions a month before the season begins a pleasant anything?

Vince Guthrie might've been Georgia's finest defender last season. He played outside linebacker and made more big plays than any Dawg. The team's 1988 press guide calls him "a true all-star candidate." But that was as a linebacker, the position he'd manned all his life, the position that made him All-DeKalb County while at Lithonia High. He's now a strong safety. Strong safeties are expected to cover wide receivers. Guthrie gets his chance against Tennessee on Sept. 3. Tennessee throws a lot.

Is Guthrie worried? "When I'm at the Butts-Mehre building, I think about football," he says. "But when I'm away, back in the dorm, I don't even think about it. I listen to music." Here he pauses. Another amendment: "But I have to admit, the closer it gets, the more I think about it." Another pause. "Tennessee used four receivers last year. One of the guys went in the first round of the NFL draft. The other three are back. As a 4x400 relay team, they almost qualified for the Olympics. They're fast."

Mark Lopez, Okamoto on Top at PineIsle



First-Round 67s Lead Nestle by 1

Complete Coverage, Page 6F By Tom McCollister Staff Writer

LAKE LANIER ISLANDS — Defending tournament champion Ayako Okamoto and Nancy Lopez brought their LPGA Player of the Year race to the shores of Lake Lanier on Thursday and, not surprisingly, left the first round of the Nestle World Championship in a dead heat.

They shot 5-under-par 67s over the **Stouffer PineIsle Resort course to lead Amy** Alcott by one shot and Jan Stephenson by two. At 70 are U.S. Open champion Liselotte Neumann, Patty Sheehan and Rosie Jones. Colleen Walker, Sherrie Turner and Betsy King had 71s.

At even par are Sally Little and Kathy Postlewait. Those with the steepest hill to climb are Laura Davies (74), Marie-Laura Taya (75) and Juli Inkster (78).

Lopez and Okamoto have been the class of the LPGA all year with three victories each. Lopez leads by four points in the Rolex Player of the Year standings, while Okamoto, who won the title in 1987, is No. 1 in scoring average, 70.67 to Lopez's 71.00.



RENEE' HANNANS/Staff Liselotte Neumann, who is 3 shots back, celebrates after sinking a birdie putt.

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Fast Enough to Cover Volunteers?

Is Vince Guthrie? He says he runs a 4.7 40, OK for a linebacker, sluggish for a defensive back. He says he weighs 220 pounds, heavy for a safety. Yet Guthrie insists he can hack it. He had to cover wide receivers last year, even the great Lawyer Tillman. Fact is, one of Guthrie's three interceptions came against Tillman. "I'm all right back there," Guthrie says. Then, laughing: "I'm not bad."

Guthrie was asked to switch by Bill Lewis, Georgia's defensive coordinator. It wasn't because Guthrie was a bad linebacker, rather that the Dawgs had too many good linebackers. And Lewis felt Guthrie and Aaron Chubb could best handle the uprooting. To his credit, Lewis gave Guthrie a choice. "He put it to me over the summer," Guthrie says. "He said, 'Take a week to think about it.' I took the whole week." Finally, he said yes.

Certain teammates wondered if he'd lost his mind. Wasn't he risking whatever pro chance he had? Says Guthrie: "The way I look at it, if they like me they like me, and if they don't they don't." Wasn't he afraid of looking like a bum? Secondary coaches the world over put the fear of God into their men by saying: "If a lineman misses a tackle, it's a first down. If we miss, it's a touchdown." Who needs such pressure? Says Guthrie: "It's a whole different atmosphere at defensive back."

Georgia coaches say they're pleased with his progress. Still, they've made certain concessions to the ex-LB. They've told Guthrie he'll never have to play a deep zone. They've told him his pass coverage will include only "curls and the flats," Guthrie says. "Never anything deeper." Unless he's playing man-toman. Then he's on his own. "But they say I'll have help deep." Coaches always say that.

RENEE' HANNANS/Staff Japan's Ayako Okamoto is happy after sinking a putt on the 10th hole.



"I'm not surprised Ayako played well today," Lopez said. "She's been doing it all year. She's much more relaxed and it shows on the course."

Okamoto, who shot 70-68-73-71 in winning the 1987 Nestle, was flawless Thursday. She built her round with birdies on three of the four par-5 holes and never came close to making a bogey.

In contrast, Lopez made a late run at the lead. At the turn, she was five strokes behind, then caught Okamoto with a birdiebirdie-eagle-birdie run on holes 14 through

"Everything was good today," said Okamoto, whose English has improved to the point that she no longer needs the help of an interpretor. "Driver was not great, but putting was very consistent. Having two weeks off helped clear my mind.

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Nestle Championship	
The Leaders	The Followers
Ayako Okamoto-5	Rosie Jones -2
Nancy Lopez -5	L. Neumann -2
Amy Alcott -4	Patty Sheehan -2
Jan Stephenson-3	4 Others -1



By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer:

CHICAGO — The trial of indicted sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom has been scheduled here for Feb. 27 and is expected to last "six to eight weeks," U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas said Thursday before a federal judge.

"It'll last at least that long," said Walters' attorney, Robert Gold. "You can bet on it.

"We will put on a vigorous defense.... It will be a war."

Mr. Walters and Mr. Bloom, linked Wednesday to organized crime by a federal grand jury in their dealings with former college athletes, appeared for arraignment Thursday afternoon and pleaded not guilty to charges of racketeering, extortion, mail fraud and wire frau

U.S. District Court Judge George M. Marovich released Mr. Walters and Mr. Bloom on recognizance bonds of \$200,000 each. At the request of the government, Mr. Walters put up his New York apartment and Mr. Bloom his parents' home in Vermont, N.Y., as security for the bonds.

'Make Your Reservation for Bourbon Street'

As noted earlier, Georgia fans worry about everything. Larry Munson is already fretting over the weather on Sept. 3. "I just hope it's not raining," Munson says. "I hope it's not hot." But most Dawg lovers are more concerned that the team's retooled defense won't strip its gears the first time out. After deploying three defensive backs, four linemen and essentially four linebackers (counting the "rover" position, now defunct), the Bulldogs will use three linemen, four linebackers and four DBs. Any deviation from something old is scary, but what of something new that uses someone borrowed at strong safety? Will the result turn the red and black to something blue?

Says Guthrie: "I can handle it. I know a lot of people out there are saying, 'Maybe he can't.' I can."

Give Guthrie this: He doesn't lack for confidence. Of his team, he says, "We're gonna go 11-0. Make your reservation for Bourbon Street. The first one's the biggie, the biggest game since I've been here. Whoever gets this one will be in great shape."

And what of the old Dawg trying to assimilate new tricks on the fly? "Really, I like it back there," Guthrie says. Really? Truly? He laughs. "Yeah. I'd tell you if I didn't." He laughs again. "And they've told me if it doesn't work out, if I have some second thoughts, I can always move back to linebacker." When your first test is against Vols quicker than a wink, it's nice to know you've a safety net.

Zane Smith Surgery Advised, Page 5F The Braves Report, Page 5F **By Darryl Maxie** Staff Writer

If strikeouts were crimes, more than half of the Atlanta Braves in Thursday's lineup would have been repeat offenders. Pitcher Calvin Schiraldi was their willing accomplice, striking out a career-high 12 Braves in the Chicago Cubs' 6-1 win before 7,882 at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

Art Rooney Sr.

The crime, if there was one, was that with their third straight loss, the Braves fell 11/2 games behind the Baltimore Orioles as the worst major-league team.

It's the furthest behind the Orioles, who once appeared uncatchable after losing their first 21 games, that the Braves have been all season.

Andres Thomas struck out twice, running his total to five in the last two games. Dale Murphy, Ron Gant, Gerald Perry and Terry Blocker also struck

out twice each.

The 12 strikeouts were the most Braves batters have suffered in a nineinning game this season. They struck out 11 times in a nine-inning game against Sid Fernandez and Roger Mc-Dowell on July 24 in New York. They struck out 12 times in Montreal, during a 15-inning game July 2.

Even Schiraldi (8-8) struck out twice, but he atoned by pitching only

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Mr. Walters declared that "everything is fine ... great" between him and Mr. **Bloom** despite their split as business associates.

Mr. Bloom, who resides in Los Angeles, went to New York Wednesday night and traveled to Chicago for the arraignment Thursday with Mr. Walters and their attorneys, Mr. Gold of New York and M.L. **Trope of Los Angeles.**

The two men each face maximum penalties of 70 years imprisonment, \$2 million

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The Asociated Press

PITTSBURGH — Art Rooney Sr., the cigar-chomping father figure behind the Pittsburgh Steelers and one of the most beloved men in American professional sports, died Thursday of complications from a stroke. He was 87.

"He will be remembered by all he touched for his innate warmth, gentleness, compassion and charity," NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle said.

Rooney, whose Steelers stumbled through four decades of mediocrity before they became four-time Super Bowl champions in the 1970s, was hospitalized with a stroke Aug. 17 after becoming ill at the Steelers' offices. He had been in a coma since Monday.

Dr. Theodore Gelet, Rooney's personal physician, said doctors gradually removed Rooney from a respirator after it was clear that his body functions were failing and he had no brain activity. He said medicine was not able to maintain Rooney's blood pressure and the respirator was breathing for him.

"At 7:45 a.m. 'The Chief' ... passed away in his sleep with his family at his bedside," Gelet said. Rooney had five sons, including Steelers president Dan Rooney.

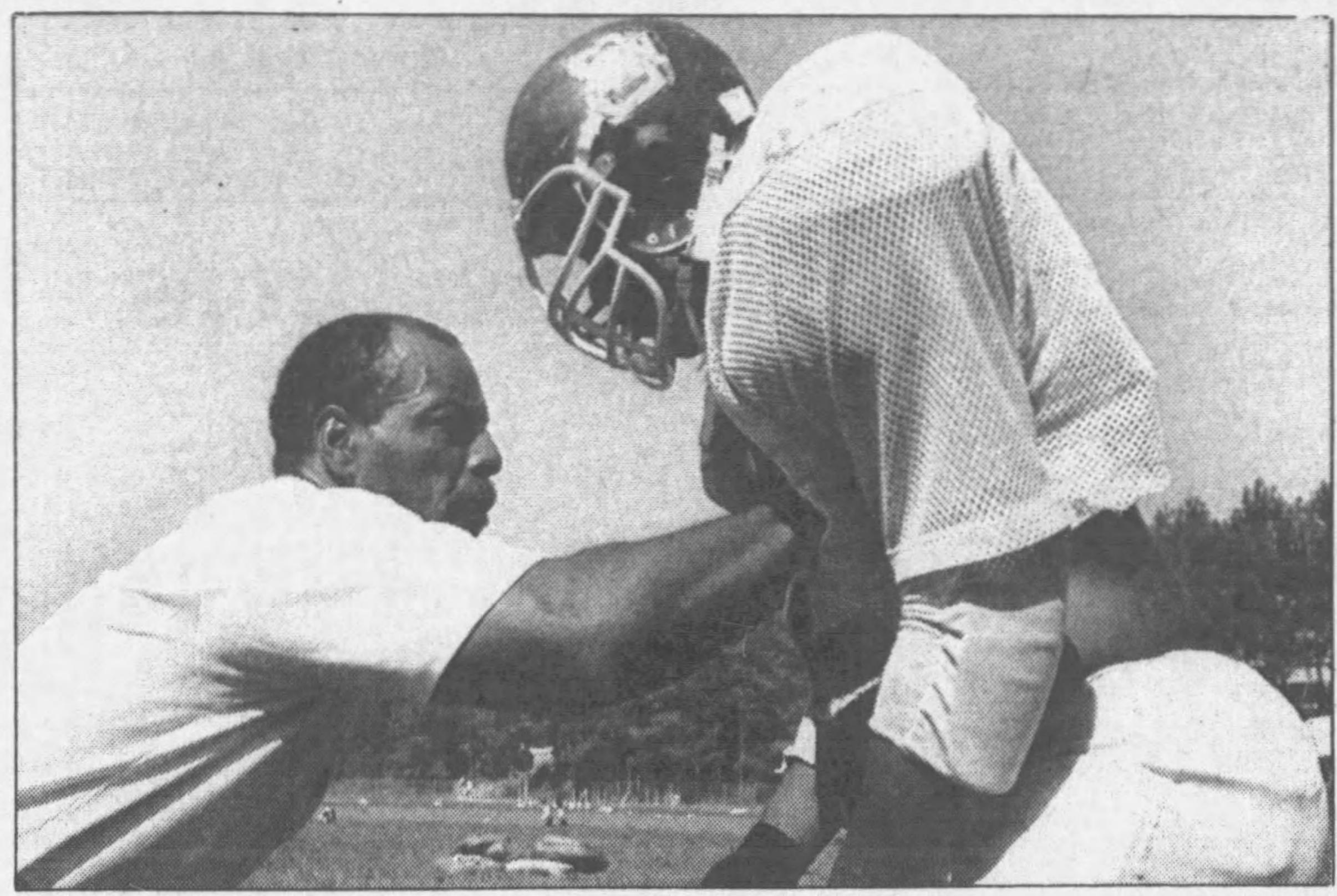
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter's Church on Pittsburgh's north side, where Rooney lived in the same modest home for most of his life.

"Pittsburgh has lost a great friend. . . He was a grandfather to everybody," said

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Using lineman Lewis Usher, Southwest DeKalb football coach Buck Godfrey demonstrates the new blocking method, which allows extended use of arms and hands, same as NCAA rules.

Prep Pass-Blockers Get a Break

method is a little easier to learn than the old method and it's more effective."

College coaches certainly appreciate the switch. "It will help players make the adjustment from high school to college," said Georgia coach Vince Dooley. "It will make it a little easier for them."

Some high school coaches are uneasy about abuse of the rule, which has been referred to as "legalized holding" on the college level, and predict change will be slow.

"I want to wait and see how the officials are going to call it," said Carver of Columbus coach Wallace Davis. "There's a natural tendency to close those hands and hold when your man is getting away."

For now, Davis will resist adopting the new style of blocking.

"I'm sure it's going to help the passing teams, but we're staying with what we know best right now," he said. "We haven't spent a lot of time teaching the new technique. If we see during the season that it's helping other teams a lot, we may go to it more."

Southwest DeKalb coach Buck Godfrey, who expects a 2,000-yard passing season out of senior Jimmy Bethea, devoted four hours this summer teaching the technique to his linemen and spends "at least 15 minutes" each day reviewing it. He expects the rule to benefit his team even though he doesn't welcome it. "The rule will definitely help us, but I like old-fashioned football with basic blocking and tackling," said Godfrey. "This new rule makes a mediocre athlete seem like a great one. If you've got a guy with quick feet and good upper body strength, he can be a great blocker. The attack surface on the opponent has increased 200 percent. It's a real advantage for the offensive ineman."



New Rule Liberalizing Use of Hands 1975 game, for example, was 408 yards rushing yards and 239 pass-Will Help Passing Games, Coaches Say

By Steve Figueroa Staff Writer

Eight years ago, the NCAA initiated a series of rules changes concerning pass blocking. For the first time, offensive linemen were allowed to extend their arms away from their bodies to ward off pass rushers. Since then, passing has surpassed running as the favorite means for many college offenses to move the football.

As high school teams around Georgia prepare for their openers next weekend, many coaches believe the same phenomenon will gradually occur on their level now that the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFSHSA) has adopted the college blocking rules nationwide for the 1988 season.

"The new rule is a heck of an advantage for the offense," says Thomasville coach Mike Hodges, whose team runs the wishbone offense. "The rule gives you the ability to protect the guarterback much more effectively. That's exactly why the trend in college today is to throw the ball. This rule could really change some thinking in high school."

The seemingly 12 harmless words — "in blocking, offensive players may fully extend their arms with open hands" - has had a dramatic effect on the college game.

Before 1980, when college linemen first were allowed to extend their arms no more than halfway from their bodies, rushing was established as the preferred mode of attack in college. The average for a

By 1982, passing had exceeded rushing yardage by an average of 364 to 338. And in 1985, when college linemen were allowed to fully extend their arms, the passing average reached an all-time high of 372 yards compared to 338 rushing.

The NCAA produced a 15-minute videotape illustrating the basic blocking techniques, and the high school federation has made copies available to member schools.

Valdosta coach Nick Hyder: spent much of the summer studying college teams, particularly Florida State, to learn more about the technique.

"I like the new rule," said Hyder. "People have been putting better and better athletes on defense,

and this rule just gives the offensive linemen a little bit of a break. Offensive line play is the most difficult thing to teach, anyway, but this

Godfrey doesn't expect an immediate impact in Georgia.

"Before things are going to coaching philosophy has got to change," he said. "Eighty percent of the coaches in Georgia believe in Woody Hayes football. A strong defense and a good running game is the way most people go. Until and unless that thinking changes, this rule won't have much effect on the majority of schools in Georgia."

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Rivers

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Kasten said: "I feel 80 to 90 percent sure that it will get done. If there are problems, I'm not aware of them."

ranking him fifth in salary on the team behind Moses Malone, Dominique Wilkins, Chris Washburn and Jon Koncak.

Andrews would not set a price on Rivers, except to say he should be paid comparatively with restrictuled Labor Day weekend."

Rivers said that the meeting will tell him if there is a problem. "I just can't imagine they want to start over with a new point guard, not after the way they've put this team together," he said. Both Andrews and Rivers deny that the player's displeasure with his contractual status caused him to skip playing in Dominique Wilkins' charity game Tuesday night at The Omni.

him," Andrews said. "That was the situation on the Russian trip, too, but there the Hawks provided so much insurance if the plane had gone down, the underwriter would have gone down with it."

Rivers said, "I just don't play in

Rivers said, "Right now, I expect they will be fair with me. I have no other reason to feel differently, but that's right now. I've done enough for this organization on and off the court to expect fair treatment. If nothing happens, then it will show a lack of respect for me. If they don't respect me enough to take care of this, I'll leave."

Rivers gets \$450,000 this season,

ed free agents Byron Scott and Dale Ellis, both of whom entered the NBA with Rivers in the summer of 1983. Scott earned \$600,000 last year with the Los Angeles Lakers, Ellis \$325,000 in Seattle. Both are reportedly asking for \$1 million per year.

Andrews said the Hawks made him a token offer before the team left for the Soviet Union July 19. "It was what you might call a qualifying offer, but nothing close," he said. "We've got another meeting sched-

Andrews said Rivers' absence resulted from inability to obtain sufficient insurance.

"Doc has only one year on his contract, so there's no way we could. get enough insurance to protect

summer games. I don't think they help you. I play in the PUSH game in Chicago and that's it.

"And I never told Dominique I would play. He asked me last month why I wasn't in the game. I said, 'You never asked.'

"Finally, I said I'd play only if he couldn't get the big names he needed. Obviously, he did. I was a little upset when I saw my name in the paper as one of the players."

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in fines, forfeiture of all interests in Norby Walters Associates and World Sports Entertainment, Inc., including \$275,000 in proceeds they gained in representing athletes.

Mr. Valukas and Mr. Gold agreed on the Feb. 27 trial date because many of the potential witnesses are professional football players who were signed during their college careers by the two agents. The National Football League season will be over by then.

Neither Mr. Walters nor Mr. Bloom would comment on the indictment, which alleges they conspired with organized crime boss Michael Franzese to "obtain and retain clients ... through extortionate means." When approached in the courtroom by reporters, a relaxed Mr. Walters smiled, held up a hand and said, "When I watch the movies, they always say, 'Anything you say can and will be used against you,' so I have nothing to say." Mr. Gold, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney in New York, indicated he was amused by the media attention the indictment has received. At least 40 reporters and cameramen greeted them at the federal building, as well as front-page headlines highlighting the alleged mob connection.

newspapers, television and (the indictments), you'd think they would have had nine metal detectors to enter (the courtroom) and have everyone take stress and personality tests," said Mr. Gold.

In another development Thursday, Mr. Valukas and Assistant U.S. Attorney Howard M. Pearl asked to meet with Judge Marovich in his chambers "on one matter. ... relating to Mr. Trope and Mr. Bloom.'

The government is seeking to disqualify Mr. Trope, a former sports agent, from representing Mr. m during the trial because of conflicts, sources said.

One conflict is Mr. Trope's onetime relationship with former Texas Christian University running back Kenneth Davis of the Green Bay Packers, sources said. Davis was one of Mr. Trope's last clients as a sports agent. Mr. Trope negotiated a settlement with Mr. Walters and Mr. **Bloom** in 1985 for representation rights to Davis. Mr. Pearl declined comment on the Trope-Davis connection as a possible conflict. But FBI agent George Randolph, who supervised the 17-month investigation, pointed out to Mr. Pearl that the association is "in the book." He was referring to Mr. Trope's book last year, "Necessary Roughness," which was on a shelf on Mr. Pearl's bookcase.

Mr. Trope's involvement may not be ruled upon until the trial if he is called by the government as a witness, sources said.

Arraignment dates for agent David Lueddeke and football player Cris Carter, who also were indicted by the grand jury, have not been scheduled.

Carter, a former All-America wide receiver from Ohio State now with the Philadelphia Eagles, was charged by the grand jury with mail fraud for his dealings with Mr. Walters and Mr. Bloom and obstruction of justice for failing to reveal his association with Mr. Lueddeke.

Mr. Pearl and Mr. Valukas said that Carter is now fully cooperating with the ongoing investigation.

Though he faces a maximum penalty of 10-year imprisonment and \$500,000 in fines, Carter's cooperation could result in reduced charges, sources said.

Mr. Lueddeke was charged with two counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice stemming from a \$5,000 payment he allegedly made to Mr. Carter during the player's junior season at Ohio State.

Mr. Lueddeke, who has not returned phone calls the past two months, faces maximum penalties of 15 years imprisonment and \$750,000 in fines. "Any time you are charged with two counts of perjury and obstruction of justice, it's pretty serious," said Mr. Pearl.

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"Based on what I've seen in

"Yes," said Mr. Pearl. "It's in the book."

Nevertheless, following the hearing in Judge Marovich's chambers, Trope said, "I am still definitely representing Mr. Bloom."

Kooney

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Pam Webster, wife of veteran Steelers' center Mike Webster. "I've never met anybody who had an unkind word to say about Art Rooney."

A memorial wreath for Rooney was placed in Pittsburgh's citycounty building shortly after his death was announced.

Rooney was perhaps the most visible man in Pittsburgh, and not just because of the fanatical interest in his football team, the NFL's fifth-oldest franchise.

A devout Roman Catholic, Roo-

and funerals — some for people he barely knew — and shook hundreds of hands a day. He treated custodians and chairmen of the board with equal respect and once said, "How would I like to be remembered after I die? I'd like to be remembered as a good guy."

"Everybody I've ever met in this city said they knew Art Rooney," said former Steelers wide receiver Lynn Swann.

Rooney, who loved horse racing almost as much as he did football, bought the Steelers in 1932 with \$2,500 he had won betting, then watched them struggle for 40 seasons before becoming the NFL's most dominant team of the 1970s.



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