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Stroke claims Rooney

Sporting world mourns death of Steelers owner

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Art Rooney Sr., the 87-year-old cigarchomping 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 will be remembered by all he touched for his innate warmth, gentleness, compassion and charity," NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle said.



Krause thinks his **Bullets were right** on target in draft

By Jim Ecker

Gazette assistant sports editor TOPEKA, Kan. — The real winner in the Continental Basketball Association college draft won't be known for months.

At this point, 12 teams have the rights to 108 new players. Nobody has signed a contract, nobody has played a game.

But for now, the general manager of the new Cedar Rapids Silver Bullets thinks his club is the CBA

Youmans learned his trade from one of the best / page 2B

homa State, in the first round, but now plans to sign him as a free agent, since he was ineligible for the draft.

"I think we really had a good draft, from top to bottom," said Coach Gary Youmans, noting the size and scoring punch he accumulated this week.

"Those ingredients were what

Rooney, whose Steelers stumbled through four decades of mediocrity before they became

Rooney mourned from coast to coast / page 2B

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 held 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 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.

AP photo

Detroit quarterback Chuck Long views matters from the worst seat in the house after being sacked for a 7yard loss during the first quarter of the Lions' exhibition date with Philadelphia in the Silverdome.

Eagles keep Lions 0-for-'88

Long: 233 yards, interception, 1 TD in 27-9 loss

three sacks from Reggie White against the Lions and finished 2-2 in exhibition play.

In other exhibition games Thursday night, Denver edged

Long completed 21 of 33 passes for 233 yards with one interception.

Dorsey's 35-yard field goal at 7:03 of the first quarter capped a

draft champ for 1988.

"I'd be surprised if any team improved its roster more than we did through the draft and the deals," Kevin Krause said Thursday.

Krause figures the Silver Bullets picked up four players this week who are the caliber of firstround CBA selections.

They are Steve Hayes, a 7-foot center acquired through a trade; John Harris, a 6-8 power forward acquired through a trade; Ron Rowan, a 6-5 shooting guard acquired through a trade; and Byron Larkin, a 6-3 shooting guard taken in the first round Wednesday night.

"And if we get John Starks, we'd get five," added Krause.

Cedar Rapids intended to take Starks, a 6-5 forward form Okla-

we were trying to accomplish," he said. "I feel happy."

THE LAST SIX ROUNDS of the nine-round draft were held Thursday morning. The Silver Bullets went for local flavor by selecting Iowa's 6-8 Al Lorenzen, from Cedar Rapids Kennedy, on the seventh round, even though Lorenzen is already playing in France.

If Lorenzen comes home and wants to keep playing, it could be at the Five Seasons Center.

The Silver Bullets chose Gary Thompkins, a 6-3 guard from Iowa State, on the fifth round.

"The rap on Gary is he can't shoot," said Youmans. "But I like point guards who are team-orient-

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SILVER BULLETS' DRAFT

List of players selected by the Cedar Rapids Silver Bullets in the Continental Basketball Association draft in, held Wednesday and Thursday in Topeka, Kan.:

Player	Ht.	Pos.	School
Byron Larkin	6-3	G	Xavier
Tom Domako	6-10	F	Montana State
Carl Curry	6-8	F	Mississippi Valley State
Kevin Florent	6-5	G	Southern
Gary Thompkins	6-3	G	Iowa State
Chad Tucker	6-7	F	Butler
Al Lorenzen	6-8	F	lowa
Nathan Chambers	6-8	F	Illinois-Chicago
Curtis Wilson	6-1	G	Ohio State
Steve Hayes*	7-0	С	Rapid City
*-Acquired in trade on draft day			

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Schiraldi vents his frustration on Braves, 6-1

ATLANTA (AP) — A little frustration proved most beneficial for Calvin Schiraldi Thursday night.

Schiraldi struck out a careerhigh 12 batters and allowed eight hits as the Chicago Cubs beat the Atlanta Braves, 6-1.

"I walked two in the second inning," Schiraldi complained. "I was pitching well then. It frustrated me when I didn't throw the ball the way I want to."

Schiraldi spent the rest of the game throwing the ball where the Braves couldn't get it.

Schiraldi (8-8) suffered a leg injury in New York Aug. 4 and went on the disabled list until Aug. 20. It was his second

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - Randall Cunningham completed 19 of 25 passes for 225 yards, including a 49-yard touchdown to Mike Quick, as the Philadelphia Eagles beat Detroit, 27-9, handing the Lions their fourth NFL exhibition defeat Thursday night.

It concluded the Lions worst preseason since 1977 when they were 0-4-1. Detroit, hoping to improve on last season's 4-11 record, scored only four TDs one in each of the preseason games.

The Eagles, 7-8 in 1987, got

Indianapolis, 21-20; Buffalo trimmed Tampa Bay, 14-7; and Phoenix routed Kansas City, 41-21.

The Eagles, behind the passing of Cunningham and the running of Keith Byars, scored on three of their first four possessions.

Byars scored on a 17-yard run, Junior Tautalatasi had a 3-yard TD run and Dean Dorsey kicked field goals of 35 and 28 yards for Philadelphia.

Detroit scored on a 20-yard pass from former Iowa quarterback Chuck Long to Pete Mandley, and Mike Cofer tackled Cunningham for a safety.

60-yard, nine-play drive for a 3-0 lead. Cunningham hit Byars for 27 yards on a second-and-7 during the drive.

Jim Arnold's 28-yard punt set up the Eagles at the Detroit 41 on their next possession and Cunningham needed only two plays and 46 seconds to put Philadelphia in the end zone.

The Lions answered with a 72yard, eight-play TD drive that narrowed it to 10-7 4:04 into the second quarter. Long froze the Eagles with a fake into the line, then flipped a strike to Mandley over cornerback Eric Allen for the score.

Auto dealer Gale Sayers says Hawkeyes should trade-in turf

Ex-Bears great opens lowa City new-car agency

By Mark Neuzil

Gazette sportswriter

football team will gain an advan-

tage if it replaces its artificial turf

in Kinnick Stadium with natural

That's the opinion of Iowa

City's newest automobile dealer.

who also happens to be one of the

greatest running backs in the

history of the National Football

Chicago Bears from 1965-71, said

a grass field will make prepara-

tions all that much more difficult

for the opposing teams when they

Gale Sayers, who starred for the

grass.

League.

IOWA CITY - The Iowa



Gale Sayers

came to town to play the Hawk- Chezik-Sayers Honda, a dealereyes. That echoes the views of ship he owns with John Chezik of Coach Hayden Fry, who hopes to Kansas City. The Hall of Famer have real sod growing in Kinnick also owns a dealership in Beloit. Wis. His primary business, how-"Players growing up on (artifi- ever, is computers. He owns a cial) turf are in for a rude computer supply company in Chiawakening today when they play cago, with an office in Phoenix. on grass," Sayers said Thursday. Soldier Field in Chicago recent-"Coaches only have to prepare for ly had its plastic grass torn up. a team, never the field conditions. but the natural grass hasn't taken They never have to worry about hold yet. When Sayers played, muddy fields or frozen fields. there weren't many defensive players who could take hold of

Reds come home with an eye on the record books

The Cedar Rapids Reds close out the 1988 Midwest League baseball season with a four-game homestand beginning tonight at Memorial Stadium, and a couple of records are likely to fall.

The Reds tied the Cedar Rapids record for most wins in a season Wednesday with their 84th, 2-1 decision over Springfield, then lost to the Cardinals Thursday night, 7-3.

C.R. is also on line to crack the team's attendance mark. The Reds need to draw 5,418 fans over the four games. To date, they have drawn 121,486. The record, set in 1985, is 126,903.

C.R. BASEBALL

Most wins by a Cedar Rapids professional baseball team:

Wins	Year	Team	Manager
84*	1988	Reds	Marc Bombard
84	1897	Rabbits	Belden Hill
81	1966	Cardinals	Ron Plaza
79	1906	Bunnies	Belden Hill
78	1976	Giants	Salty Parker
78	1985	Reds	Jay Ward
77	1937	Raiders	Cap Crossley
77	1958	Braves	Alex Manchak
76	1983	Reds	Bruce Kimm
75	1984	Reds	Jim Let
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complete game and he has 109 strikeouts in 127% innings.

"The guy goes nine innings, strikes out 12, walks just two and holds us to one run," said Atlanta's Dale Murphy. "What else can he do?"

Schiraldi, who was acquired from Boston along with pitcher Al Nipper prior to the start of the season for reliever Lee Smith, knew what he wanted.

"I just wanted the win," Schiraldi said. "Strikeouts are always on my mind, sure, but I wasn't worried about them. I remember the walks, too. I remember everything."

The loss dropped the Braves to 43-84, worst in the major leagues.



The Reds host the Waterloo Indians tonight and Saturday. The Peoria Chiefs, affiliated with the Chicago Cubs, are in for games Sunday and Monday.

Game time each night is 7 p.m., except for Sunday's game, which begins at 5 p.m.

Tonight is RC Cola Night. Free tickets are available at area grocery stores.

Saturday is WMT Night. Festivities at the ballpark begin at noon with a silent auction and a live auction follows at 3 p.m. Tickets are available

*-Through Thursday SOURCE: Cedar Rapids ballclub

through WMT and its sponsors.

Sunday is Camera and Autograph Night. Fans will be allowed on the field prior to the game to shoot pictures and collect autographs.

Monday, the final game of the regular season, is Optimists Night.

CEDAR RAPIDS, the first-half Southern Division champion, begins the league playoffs at Please turn to 4B: Reds

by 1989.

Artificial turf runs the same." Sayers was in Iowa City on him, either.

Thursday for the grand opening of

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Walters, Bloom enter innocent pleas, vow 'vigorous' defense

CHICAGO (AP) - Two sports agents charged with racketeering and extortion in their dealings with college athletes pleaded innocent Thursday and a defense lawyer said they would fight the Justice Department allegations "vigorously."

New York-based agents Norby Walters, 56, and Lloyd Bloom, 29, entered their pleas before U.S. District Judge George Marovich, who released the defendants on their own recognizance.

"We will defend this case extremely vigorously, you can count on that," said Walters' attorney, Robert Gold.

Walters and Bloom refused to comment on the case.

"In every movie I've ever seen they say, Anything you say can and will be used against you,' so I'm not saying anything," Walters said before the arraignment. Marovich scheduled trial for Feb. 27. U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas requested a

winter trial date, noting "many of the witnesses are professional athletes who in the fall will be practicing their trade." Prosecutors and defense lawyers predicted the trial would last six to eight weeks. Walters and Bloom were indicted Wednesday on charges of racketeering, mail fraud, wire fraud and extortion.

They are accused of using money and — in some cases postdated — agreements F. Kennedy. professional contract negotiations. Such the University of Pittsburgh, said he was arrangements are barred by the National "gratified" by the indictments.

deals, they were warned that Walters and accountable if they are involved in a fraud," Bloom had friends who would visit them Bozik said. and break their legs, said U.S. Attorney Anton R. Valukas.

and been bloodied but we will recover," Bill contracts in violation of NCAA rules, and Myles, associate athletic director at Ohio State University, said Thursday.

"We didn't know what we were going to do when President Kennedy was killed but 70 years in prison and \$2 million in fines. the world went on. We will too," he said,

Collegiate Athletic Association. "This sends a strong message to the If the players tried to back out of the student athletes that they can be held

Prosecutors said Walters and Bloom induced the athletes to defraud their "College athletics has gotten a black eye schools by accepting cash and signing then signing affidavits saying they had not broken any NCAA rules.

If convicted, each would face a maximum

Valukas said 43 college athletes who gifts to entice dozens of players into signed referring to the 1963 assassination of John signed with Walters and Bloom avoided prosecution by signing pretrial agreements allowing the agents to represent them in , But Edward Bozik, athletic director at to perform community service and to reimburse portions of their scholarships to their universities.