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Rose Bowl loss was anything but an

dence of point-shaving or game-fix-

imply these arrangements between

athletes and agents was for any pur-

pose other than to receive money for

signing contracts," Valukas said in a

telephone interview from Chicago.

"No evidence indicates anything

along the lines of point-shaving or fix-

The grand jury Wednesday indicted

Walters and Bloom on charges of

racketeering, extortion and fraud

stemming from the signing of college

athletes before the end of their colle-

giate eligibility. If convicted, each

agent would face a maximum of 70

years in prison and \$2 million in fines.

cent to the charges Thursday. Their

Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell

are among 43 former college athletes

who acknowledged having received

money from the agents before the end

of their eligibility. Harmon and

Mitchell have agreed to repay Iowa

for part of their scholarship and per-

form community service as part of a

program under the jurisdiction of the

trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 27.

Walters and Bloom pleaded inno-

Former Iowa Hawkeye standouts

"It would be unfair and incorrect to

in 1986 Rose Bowl

By TOM WITOSKY

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UCLA, U.S. Attor-

ney Anton Valukas

Valukas made his

comments in re-

sponse to questions

about whether a

federal grand jury

probing the activi-

ties of agents Norby

Bloom found evi-

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Attention on Harmon

said Friday.

Register Staff Writer

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'88 I-Cubs: The who-theys

In case you haven't heard, the lowe Cubs are making a run at the American Association's West Division title.

Given that Des Moines' triple-A baseball team hasn't won a title since 1973, this is a major accomplishment.

That's 15 years, 18,000 hits, 10,000 runs and 3,000 errors over the dam since Bucky Dent, Brian Downing, Goose Gossage and the rest of the Iowa Oaks handed Des Moines a division championship.

Passing through in the meantime - and departing without an ounce of championship hardware - have been Steve Trout, Harold Baines, Scott Fletcher, Willie Hernandez, Mel Hall, Pat Tabler, Jay Howell, Henry Cotto, Joe Carter, Craig Lefferts, Carmelo Martinez, Mike Diaz, Billy Hatcher, Shawon Dunston, Jamie Moyer, Greg Maddux, Dave Martinez, Rafael Palmeiro.

Bona fide big-leaguers all. Some of them big-time big-leaguers.

The big-time question then is this: What magical qualities do today's heroes possess that yesterday's didn't?

Better yet, who are these Iowa Cubs? Who are the future All-Stars,

When Grace and Berryhill went up, the Iowa Cubs didn't go down.

the sure-bet phenoms, the Gossages, the Downings, the Dents?

After young Mike Harkey, the kid with the golden arm, it's hard to say. That's the wonderful thing about this team. When top prospects Mark Grace and Damon Berryhill went up, the Iowa Cubs didn't go down.

When outfielder Gary Varsho was summoned and when bullpen stopper Drew Hall followed, the I-Cubs kept

winning. Phil Stephenson, 28, who took over for Grace, picked his career off the reject pile and threw it into the

league home-run race. Bill Bathe, who moved in for Berryhill behind the plate, is battling for the league batting title, with teammates Rolando Roomes and Dave

Meier. Meier, a 29-year-old infielder-outfielder whose bouncing ball of a triple-A career has taken him from Toledo to Oklahoma City to Des Moines,

has been a fine minor-leaguer. In 1984 and '85, he put in 130 games with the Twins, who were so impressed, they released him. Then, last year, when Meier hit .320 for Oklahoma City, an epidemic of yawning broke out in the front office of the

parent Texas club. Same goes for the 27-year-old Greg Tabor, who has played the prettiest second base this season you'll ever want to see. Tabor spent the previous three seasons at Oklahoma City before the Rangers sent him to the Cubs. This after hitting .303 and leading Association second basemen in

every category but cleanest uniform. Let's just say it's been awhile since Meier, Stephenson, Bathe and Tabor were considered hot prospects.

Starting pitchers Dave Masters and Len Damian have been rock-solid; Mike Capel has been steady in the bullpen. But even if they're ready to claim a spot with the big club, the big club might not have a spot to claim.

There's little Doug Dascenzo in center field. He hits, he runs, he throws, he fields, he steals. He's earned a shot at the majors.

Maybe Dascenzo will be the one to take Jerry Mumphrey's place on the bench next season. If so, Mumphrey might be the only Chi-Cub not invited

If Dascenzo were a normal member of the work force, potential employers would tell him: "Very impressive, Mr. Dascenzo. I'll keep your resume on file in the event we have an opening."

People also buzz about Dwight Smith. He steals a few bases, he flirts with .300. But he isn't going to put Palmeiro or Dawson on the unemployment line. And what of those 15 errors in left field? Smith isn't your ideal defensive replacement.

In the same quandary is Roomes, who's been a delight - an honest-togoodness .300 hitter and run-producer. Then again, those 120-plus strikeouts - from a line-drive hitter, no less — surely give pause to the folks

in Chicago. In many ways, this is an Iowa team like few others, one of the best Central Iowa has seen. And might see again: Most of the pennant-pursuing I-Cubs of 1988 could be back to give

chase again in 1989. Good for us, bad for them.



Olympic beat

High school students carry a ceremonial drum as they rehearse for the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, Friday.

Various events are begun by the sound of the drum in South Korea. The Olympic Games will be contested Sept. 17 through Oct. 2

Two-out slam in ninth stuns lowa Cubs, 8-5

By RANDY PETERSON Register Staff Writer

Pete Mackanin was in no mood to talk much about this one. Neither was anyone else affiliated with the Iowa

To put it bluntly, the Cubs lost a games, so the bragging has ceased. chance to move another game closer to Omaha in the race for the American Association's Western Division championship at Sec Taylor Stadium in a game that started Friday night and ended Saturday morning.

Larry See hit a grand slam home run to center field in the ninth inning to give Oklahoma City an 8-5 victory over the Cubs.

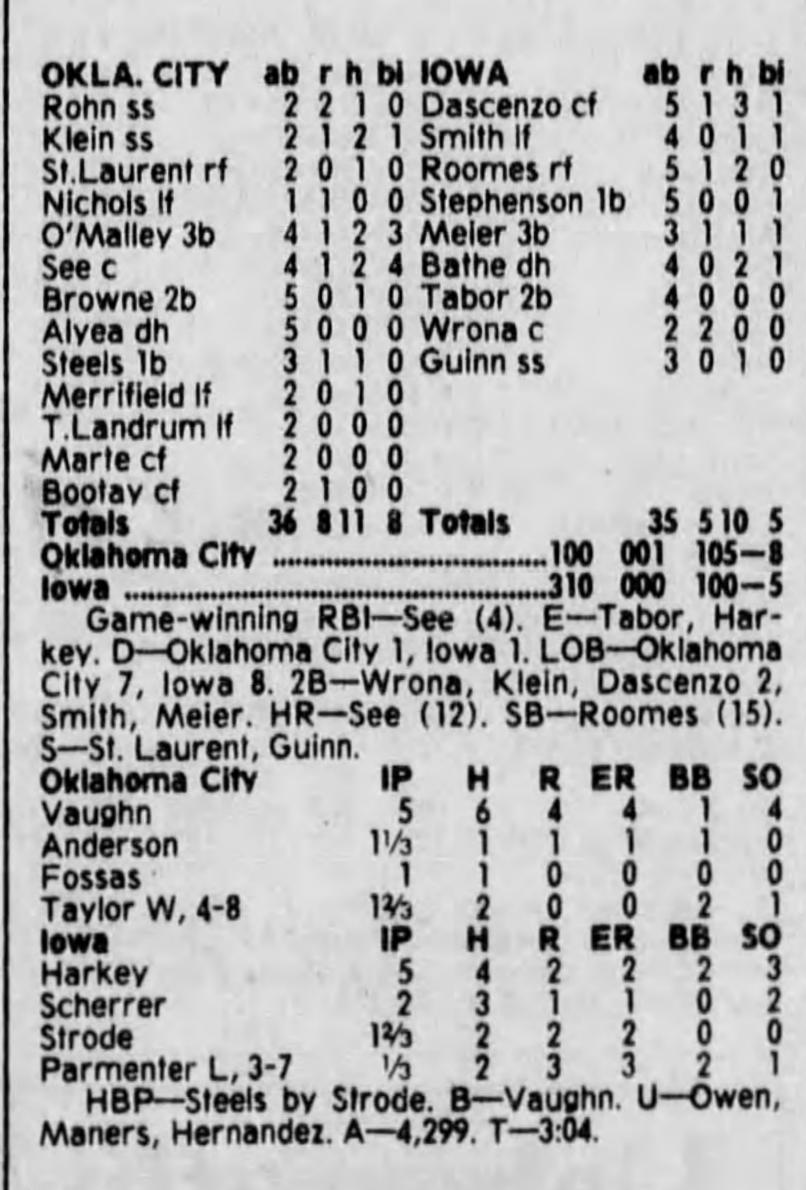
The Cubs didn't lose any ground on division leader Omaha, which returned the favor by dropping its second straight game to Denver. But the Cubs didn't help themselves much, either. There are just seven games, including the final three against the Royals, left.

See's 12th home run of the season came off Cubs pitcher Gary Parmenter, who took over for Les Strode with two outs. See's homer drove in pinch hitter Larry Klein, whose single sent Strode to the bench, Reid Nichols and Tom O'Malley, both of whom drew walks from Parmenter.

"I went with Parmenter because I thought he'd be able to get the righthanders out better than Strode,"

IOWA CUBS

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For Huskers, silence is golden

LINCOLN, NEB. - Tom Osborne still believes in free speech. It's the cheap talk that gets under his skin.

So you won't find Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor, linebacker Broderick Thomas or any of Osborne's other players boasting this year about how they're going to whip Oklahoma.

The old line is that it's not bragging if you can do it. Well, Nebraska hasn't beaten Oklahoma in the last four

Osborne, whose team opens its season against Texas A & M tonight in the Kickoff Classic at East Rutherford, N.J., said he has instructed his players to cool it on headlinegrabbing quotes that usually wind up on bulletin boards in opposing locker

"I've never forbidden any player from talking to the media," Osborne said, "but I don't like it when they do that kind of [boasting].

"A lot of times, things don't look the same when you read them as they sounded when you said them. That's

trainer packing

OMAHA, NEB. (AP) - Jack Van

operation will be

cut drastically, his

assistant trainer

Mark Waller-

stedt, in charge of

Van Berg's Omaha

barn for seven

years, said he

would probably run

Van Berg's stable

at Arlington Park

in Chicago next

"He told me when I left here to take

everything," Wallerstedt said.

wouldn't want to say we're absolutely

not coming, but if we do, it will be

Van Berg, the nation's third-lead-

said Friday.

Berg's stable might not return to Ak-

Sar-Ben next year, and if it does, the

JACK

VAN BERG

very, very small."

Ak-Sar-Ben's

RON MALY

Tours the Big Eight



(First in a series)

part of being 18 years old." Sometimes you don't even have to

"There are probably some things I won't appreciate reading tomorrow, either," Osborne said.

Osborne, who has a 15-year wonlost record of 147-34-2, has experience at that sort of thing.

It was after a disappointing 17-7 loss last season to Oklahoma that Osborne questioned his coaching abil-

By BUCK TURNBULL

Michigan State so lightly?

Why are football pundits taking

After all, the Spartans not only won

the Big Ten Conference title last

season, they also won the Rose Bowl

game - a rarity for conference

They led the nation in rushing de-

fense, finished second in total de-

fense, and they've got eight starters

Their defenders were so good last

year they allowed eight Big Ten oppo-

nents only 301 yards on the ground -

In the big games, Iowa, Michigan

and Ohio State totaled 103 rushing

plays against the Spartans and netted

Michigan State did lose all-Ameri-

ca running back Lorenzo White to the

NFL draft, but seven regulars return

from the rest of the offense, including

quarterback Bobby McAllister and

Yet, while Big Ten rivals Michigan

and Iowa are being touted for the na-

standout wide receiver Andre Rison.

Early Challenges

teams in the last two decades.

back from that bruising unit.

an average of 37.6 per game.

Register Staff Writer

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Spartans' Big Ten title

Sooners' Holieway: Nebraska chokes

NORMAN, OKLA. (AP) - Nebraska can't beat Oklahoma, says Sooner quarterback Jamelle Holieway, because the Cornhuskers fall apart in the fourth quarter.

"There's no way Nebraska is going to beat us," Holieway said Friday. "I'll tell you why. It's just Nebraska. The years I've been here, Nebraska in the fourth quarter chokes."

The Huskers haven't beaten Oklahoma since 1983. Oklahoma fourth-period rallies have decided a number of games in their long rivalry, most recently the Sooners' 20-17 conquest in 1986.

"It seems like they just choke in the fourth quarter," said Holieway. "It seems like they choke during the big games when it's time to play somebody big."

BUCK TURNBULL

(Ninth in a series)

tional championship in some quar-

ters, not many have jumped on the

gan State," McAllister said. "We're

getting used to it by now. Nobody paid

players knew. We knew we had good

talent. We're going to be good again,

If there is one reason to downgrade

MICHIGAN STATE

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any attention to us last year, either.

"It's the same old story at Michi-

"But we knew - the coaches and

Previews

Big Ten

Spartan bandwagon.

the

U.S. Probation Office. Harmon, 24, a running back for the

Buffalo Bills, has acknowledged receiving more than \$54,000 from the agents. Mitchell, 25, a defensive back for the Detroit Lions, received \$2,000 and agreed to accept more money.

Integrity Not Questioned

Many Hawkeye fans have been suspicious of Harmon's performance in Iowa's 45-28 loss to UCLA. Harmon, who had not fumbled in 11 previous games, fumbled four times in the first half and dropped a touchdown pass in the end zone in the second half against the Bruins.

Valukas said federal officials were aware of rumors concerning the possibility of a fixed game, but said there was no evidence to support such a

"This was a problem of athletes signing with agents before their eligibility was completed," he said.

Iowa football coach Hayden Fry has said he has never questioned the integrity of the 1986 Rose Bowl game and suggested any assertion of game-fixing was "crazy."

Norman Anderson, UCLA's running back coach from 1982 through the 1986 season, agreed with that assessment Friday.

"We had a fine team offensively and defensively with a lot of talent," said Anderson, beginning his second year as running back coach at Iowa State. "We had a second-string quarterback play the game of his life and

for us that day." Anderson, who is at Iowa State, said he has heard Hawkeye fans suggest skullduggery resulted in the lopsided loss.

a team that made everything right

"Hawkeye fans are great, but they just don't understand," Anderson said. "Everything went right for us and we played a tremendous game. It was just one of those great UCLA

MORNING REPORT

CAUTHEN HURT. Jockey Steve Cauthen was conscious after sustaining a concussion Fri-. day when two horses rolled on him at Greenwood Racecourse in Chichester, England. A doctor said Cauthen was knocked unconscious when his mount, Preziosa, fell after coming down a hill and in front of 13 others in the Country Club Hotels Handicap.

RESPECT FOR ROONEY. Thousands of people paid last respects Friday to Pittsburgh Steelers founder Art Rooney Sr., with many recounting stories of a man they said wasn't too big to reach out to the little guy. Rooney, 87, died Thursday after a stroke.

NOT ENOUGH. For most people, an eightyear contract worth more than \$23 million would be enough. Not for Houston Rockets center Akeem Olajuwon. He wants to renegotiate, a Houston television station reported Friday. The station, quoting a source it didn't identify, said Olajuwon was upset that David Robinson, who

will join San Antonio next season, will earn more as a rookie than Olajuwon will in his sixth NBA season — \$1.525 million.

VAN BERG

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OLYMPIAN'S POSITIVE DRUG TEST. Australian Olympic pentathlete Andrew Kiely may be expelled from the Seoul Games after testing positive for pseudoephedrine, a mild stimulant contained in over-the-counter cough medicines.

NO MORE. Arizona State offensive tackle Michael Simmons, temporarily paralyzed during a practice last spring, will not be allowed to play football at Arizona State. "Just the fact that he has the history of that type of injury increases the possibility of it occurring again," team trainer Terry Cummings said.

GOING BUGGY. Yannick Noah was playing Jim Courier in the Norstar Hamlet Cup tennis tournament at Jericho, N.Y., when a swarm of bugs invaded the courts. One of them got into one of Noah's eyes, and he needed assistance from a

trainer to get it out. Spectators and players flailed at the pests before the match was halted, the lights doused and an exterminator summoned.

NEW HOME FOR 'SKINS. Washington Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke pledged Friday to foot the bill for a new stadium - preferably within Washington's city limits - and said he hoped his team could move in as early as 1991. Cooke, 75, departed Friday from his stance that the District of Columbia should finance the stadium.

AROUND THE NFL. Rueben Mayes, who said earlier he had no future with the New Orleans Saints, returned to practice with the team Friday after the Saints threatened to make him ineligible to play in the NFL this season. ... San Francisco waived wide receiver Dokie Williams, who cost them a first-round draft choice in a trade with the Los Angeles Raiders. . . . Chronic tardiness cost rookie running back Dave Smith his chance for a job with Philadelphia. He chased the team plane down a runway Thursday.

TV Today

11:30 a.m. (5) NFL Exhibition Pittsburgh at New Orle-12 p.m. (ESN) Tennis Norstar Bank Hamlet Challenge,

men's semifinal.

2 p.m. (ESN) Golf Nestle World Championship of

Women's Golf, third round. 2:15 p.m. (13) Baseball Regional games: New York

Yankees at California or Chicago Cubs at Atlanta. 7 p.m. (5) College Football Kickoff Classic: Nebraska vs.

Texas A & M.

10:30 p.m. (ESN) Basketball U.S. Olympic Team vs. NBA All-Stars.

Quote of the Day

"They are similar except Pascual not only talks to the ball, he talks to the resin bag, the grass, the planes flying overhead and once in a while he even talks to his catcher and manager." - Montreal Manager Buck Rodgers, comparing pitcher Pascual Perez to former Detroit Tiger pitcher Mark Fidrych.