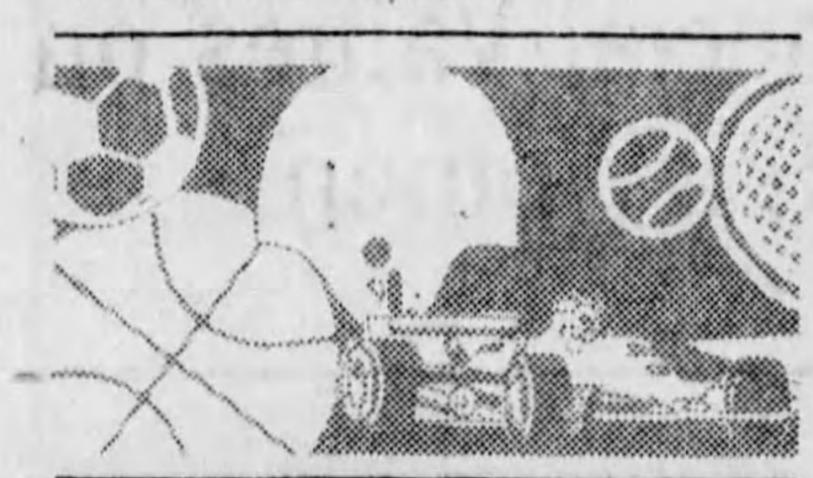
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#### SPORTS VIEW



### The Irish's biggest man

By MIKE LOPRESTI

© 1988 Gannett News Service SOUTH BEND, IND. — So you're weary of reading about schools on probation, tired of the grubby side of

sick at the recruiting scandals and loss of perspective?

college football,

You need to meet Reggie Ho. The 5-foot 5-inch big man from Kaneohe, Hawaii, booted Notre Dame

past Michigan Saturday night 19-17 REGGIE with four field goals, then asked what all the fuss was about.

"I don't want to let this get to my head, sir," he said to somebody who asked. "I just want to be an ordinary average person. I just want to be a doctor and help people."

There he stood, 135 pounds dripping wet, carrying a 3.77 grade-point average in pre-med when he isn't kicking the Irish into the top 10 of the rankings.

It was nearly 1 a.m., the locker room was deserted, and he was still

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> - Reggie Ho Notre Dame kicker

saying "sir" to all these strange media types and passing credit around to beat the band.

"This man here taped my left ankle; he did a great job, too," Ho said, pointing to a nearby assistant in 18th; East manager, trying to explain how a junior walk-on strolls onto national television one night and kicks the lights out.

"This wasn't me doing this," he said, "this was the team. God just intended for me to be here."

However intended, Ho is here paying his own freight. He is a true walk-on, and he seemed aghast when someone suggested Saturday night that maybe four field goals against Michigan - including the game-

winner with just 1:13 remaining were good enough to get Coach Lou Holtz thinking about a scholarship

"Oh, no sir," Ho said. "I'm doing this purely for Notre Dame. They've done so much for me here, no way would I ever take money from them.' Now that's something you don't

hear every day in big-time college football. Son, have you ever heard the name Norby Walters?

Someone asked if anybody recruited him as a kicker out of his have lost 17 out of 20. school in Hawaii. "No sir," he said. "I was just an Rickey Henderson led off the 18th

with a walk against Guillermo Heraverage person. I wasn't anyone special."

Of course not. Just a kid with a 3.9 grade-point average, a father who is a doctor, a mother who works with

the state government. Someone wondered where Ho got his few B grades in high school.

"I don't really remember, sir," he said. "Must have been English."

He played soccer a lot and started dabbling in kicking in football when he was a junior in high school. He chose Notre Dame because a brother and sister had come and he thought it would be a fine place to start his premed studies.

He didn't want to invest the time needed to be on the soccer team - " was afraid I'd flunk out," he said, looking as serious as could be - but he decided in the spring of '87 to try football and kicked one point-aftertouchdown last year. This year he's Notre Dame's field-goal man from 40 yards and in, and already an unwill-

ing star. "I would never want to be walking down the street and have people recognize and think I'm somebody special," Ho said. "There are a lot of people work who very hard and don't get what I have gotten. Those are the peo-

ple I want to help as a doctor." "Reggie Ho didn't come from the planet Krypton," Holtz said. "He has

worked unbelievably hard." That included kicking out in the snow last winter, snow he had never

seen before he came to South Bend. "Winter is horrible," he said. "But it doesn't bother me that much. spend most of my time in the

library."

## Wilander unseats Lendl at the Open

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) - Mats Wilander, once accused of lacking the drive to be No. 1, rose to the top of the tennis world Sunday at the U.S. Open.

The 24-year-old Swede ended Ivan Lendl's three-year reign as champion and will take over his No. 1 ranking with a five-set victory in the longest final in Open history.

Wilander, the 1988 Australian and French Open champion, became the first man since Jimmy Connors in 1974 to win three Grand Slam events in one year by beating Lendl, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, in 4 hours 54 minutes.

"I guess it was my turn," said Wilander, who was beaten by Lendl in last year's final, which lasted seven fewer minutes.

Swedish First

"It meant so much to me," Wilander said. "I never won here, a Swede never won here and now I'll be No. 1 in the rankings. It was the biggest match I ever played."

Lendl, who was seeking a record fourth straight Open title, needed to remain No. 1 until Oct. 3 to break Connors' record of 159 consecutive weeks at the top of the rankings.

"I'm not going to sit home and worry about that," he said. "I'm going to worry about how to get it back next

Wilander, who will replace Lendl as the No. 1 player when the new rankings are disclosed today, took a 4-3 lead after breaking Lendl for the second time in the final set.

Serving for the match at 5-4, Wilander outlasted Lendl in a 52-stroke rally to even the game at 15-all, then fought off two break points before Lendl netted a backhand service return to end the match.

Gifts to Fans

Wilander raised both arms in a victory salute before walking to the sideline, where he began tossing shirts and tennis gear into the stands.

"This is the best victory I've had. It's even better than my first Paris title." he said, referring to his first Grand Slam victory at the French Open in 1982.

Yankees win

race tightens

From Register Wire Services

NEW YORK, N.Y. - After Clau-

dell Washington had won Friday

night's game for the New York

Yankees with a home run in the ninth

inning against Detroit, Manager Lou

Piniella said a feeling of confidence

That feeling burst into full bloom

Sunday, and the Yankees climbed to

within 31/2 games of first-place

Boston in the American League East,

as Washington did it again. His two-

run homer in the bottom of the 18th

inning gave New York a 5-4 victory

and second place, one percentage

Milwaukee - are now separated by

41/2 games. The Tigers, who led the

A.L. East by four games Aug. 21,

A.L. EAST AT A GLANCE

New York; Sept. 23-25 at New York.

KEY GAMES REMAINING

New York - At Boston Thursday-Sun-day; home vs. Boston Sept. 23-25; at Detroit

Milwaukee - All games vs. A.L. West

Boston - Home Thursday-Sunday vs

Detroit - Home Sept. 30-Oct. 2 vs. New

New York.

Sept. 30-Oct.2.

With the Tigers ahead Sunday, 4-3,

YANKEES

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The top four teams in the A.L. East

Boston, New York, Detroit and

point ahead of the Tigers.

was blossoming around his team.

### Wilander may skip the Olympics

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) - U.S. Open champion Mats Wilander said he may skip the 1988 Olympics, where he's scheduled to play for Sweden.

"I'm having a little problem with my leg — shin splints. I'll see how it feels in a few days," he said Sunday night after winning his first U.S. Open title with a fiveset victory over Ivan Lendl.

The Olympics are scheduled to begin Saturday in Seoul, South Korea.

"Winning three [Grand Slam titles in one year beats most of my dreams.

Last year, Lendl and Wilander played 4:47 in another Open final that featured long, gruelling baseline rallies.

Wilander had lost six straight matches to Lendl, five of their eight Grand Slam meetings, and 13 of their 19 matches overall.

Seven Major Crowns

Wilander has now won seven Grand Slam titles, one more than Lendl. The Swede has won three Australian Opens and three French Opens.

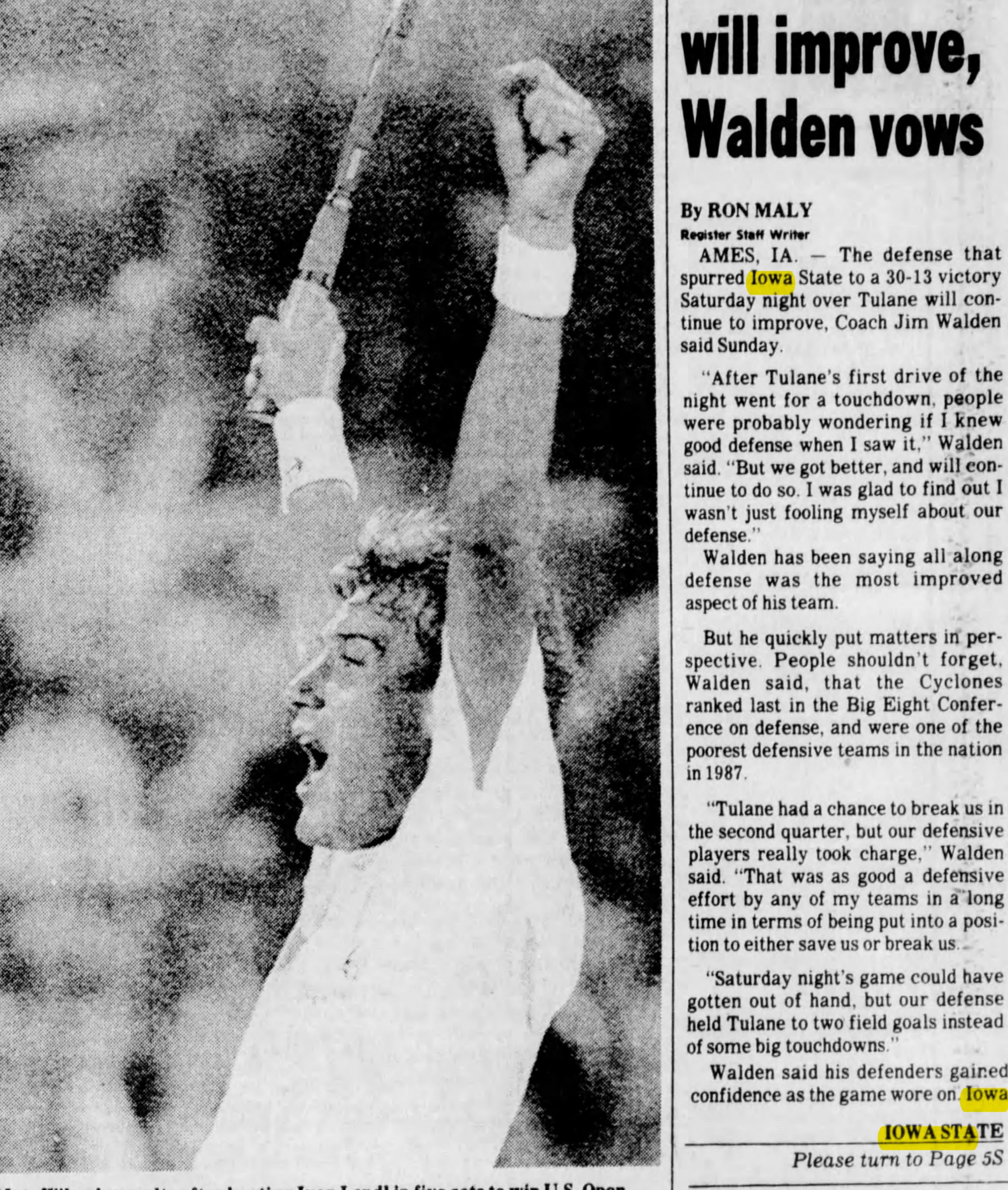
The 62-minute first set was typical of the match, featuring long baseline rallies that sometimes lasted more than 20 strokes.

Lendl saved a break point in the eighth game when Wilander netted an easy forehand volley and held serve to make it 4-4.

But Wilander broke in the 10th game to win the set when Lendl made two straight backhand errors. Lendl had saved a set point earlier in the game when Wilander hit a backhand inches wide.

Wilander broke Lendl in the second game of the second set on a lunging stab volley and moved out to a 4-1

Double steal



Mats Wilander exults after beating Ivan Lendl in five sets to win U.S. Open.

lead. But Lendl regained his form and won the next five games to even the

After squandering six break points in the second set, Lendl finally broke Wilander in the seventh game with a forehand winner to pull within 4-3.

Wilander appeared to be thrown off stride at 30-all when chair umpire Jay Snyder gave him a warning for stalling on his serve. Lendl won the

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next two points with a forehand volley and a forehand winner.

Wilander took a 30-15 lead in his next service game, but Lendl hit a backhand on the next point that nicked the net and skipped past Wilander for a winner.

After Wilander made two forehand errors to lose the game, Lendl served out the 58-minute set at love.

## Schall takes on final hole

By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer

PANORA, IA. - Des Moines golf pro Ken Schall added another title to an already successful season by capturing the Iowa Open Sunday at the Lake Panorama course.

It appeared the Iowa Open's fourth consecutive playoff was in the offing when Schall, Steve Groves of Dubuque and Curt Schnell of Des Moines headed into the 18th hole tied for the lead at 5 under par. All three hit perfect drives off the 18th tee, but Schall's par was good enough for the victory and a \$2,750 check.

The anticipated race for Amateur of the Year honors fizzled out. Scott Chipokas of Cedar Rapids became the first since Tom Chapman, Jr. in 1972 | T lies ahead. Seventeenth-ranked and 1973 to win the state's top ama- lowa opens the home season Saturday teur golf award two consecutive against Colorado, which mauled times, even though he tied for 33rd | Fresno State in its first game, 45-3. Sunday. None of his top challengers

Dunphy of Perry or Jim Curell of | forward power-I, the Buffaloes rolled erase his lead.

"It feels good to win, but I played much better last year," said Chipodeveloped like it should have, and I'm new offense. not enjoying it anymore. Maybe I'm burned out."

**IOWA OPEN** 

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ranked last in the Big Eight Conference on defense, and were one of the poorest defensive teams in the nation in 1987. "Tulane had a chance to break us in

Fine defense

AMES, IA. - The defense that

"After Tulane's first drive of the

night went for a touchdown, people

were probably wondering if I knew

good defense when I saw it," Walden

said. "But we got better, and will con-

wasn't just fooling myself about our

defense was the most improved

Walden has been saying all along

But he quickly put matters in per-

spective. People shouldn't forget,

Walden said, that the Cyclones

Register Staff Writer

defense.

aspect of his team.

the second quarter, but our defensive players really took charge," Walden said. "That was as good a defensive effort by any of my teams in a long time in terms of being put into a position to either save us or break us. "Saturday night's game could have

gotten out of hand, but our defense held Tulane to two field goals instead of some big touchdowns.

Walden said his defenders gained confidence as the game wore on. Iowa

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Fry excuses

## Hawkeyes generosity

By BUCK TURNBULL Register Staff Writer

After the first two games, an upset loss at Hawaii and Saturday's 45-10 victory at lowly Kansas State, it appears Iowa's defense may not be what Hawkeye fans have become accustomed to in recent years.

Coach Hayden Fry's teams annually rank among the Big Ten Conference's defensive leaders - one of the main reasons they've gone to seven straight bowl games. Yet Hawaii and Kansas State, a pair of below-average teams, spread the Hawks from sideline to sideline and socked them for a total of 792 yards.

That's far more than the 617 yards Iowa yielded in its first two games last year against two tougher opening opponents, Tennessee and Arizona. And Iowa's per-game average for the first two games, 391 yards, is almost 100 more than the Hawks' 1987 season defensive average of 292.5.

Trouble Ahead?

If these figures are an early cause for alarm, then trouble with a capital

Replacing the wishbone-style - Gregg Winkel of Algona, Mike option offense with a more straight-Boone - finished high enough to up 508 yards. They rushed for 446 yards in 66 carries, averaging 7.1 per attempt.

"Colorado is a completely different kas, who has decided not to turn pro- type of team than Hawaii and Kansas fessional. "I'm going to be an ama- | State," Fry said Sunday. He said he teur forever. My game hasn't hadn't known Colorado was using the

Fry said it's much too early for him to become unduly concerned about The last hole burned Schnell and | the liberties Hawaii and Kansas State

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### MORNING REPORT

LIFTER TESTS POSITIVE. Kevin Roy was told he was the fourth Canadian weight-lifter in a week to test positive for anabolic steroids, and left the Olympic site early this morning for a retest in Canada. David Bolduc, Jacques Demers and Paramjit Gill were dropped from the Canadian weightlifting team last Wednesday after testing positive for steroids.

OLYMPIC POLITICS. West German swimmer Jens Peter Berndt said Sunday that East Germany challenged his citizenship and asked the International Olympic Committee to ban him from the Seoul Games. Berndt, who defected from East Germany in 1985, plans to compete in the 200- and 400-meter medley races. The IOC executive board planned to hold talks with the West German team today.

TORCH REACHES DMZ. The Olympic flame reached the doorstep of North Korea on Sunday and was lighted atop a monument overlooking the demilitarized zone as it made its way

toward Seoul. The noisy ceremony was conducted near the frontier of the communist nation leading the boycott of the Summer Games.

for 186 yards and one touchdown. NFL REPORT: Page 4S.

With intended receiver Matt Bouza on the carpet, Chicago defenders

Vestee Jackson and Maurice Douglas are the only players around India-

napolis quarterback Jack Trudeau's pass. Jackson was credited with the

interception - one of two he made in the Bears' 17-13 defeat of the Colts

Sunday. Trudeau completed only four of 15 passes for 65 net yards and

was sacked twice. Chicago's Jim McMahon completed 19 of 31 passes

HOLIDAY INTERFERES. Some Israeli Olympic fencers were left at home because their only day of competition fell on Yom Kippur, the day of atonement and the holiest day of the year for Jews. Israel also likely will suffer a one-race handicap in yachting because of the holy day, which begins at sundown Sept. 20 and lasts until sundown Sept. 21.

■ DENIES CHARGE. An NFL Players Association official ridiculed Sunday a Boston Globe report the Department of Labor is investigating the union for possible wrongdoing. Unidentified sources said executive director Gene Upshaw illegally misused union funds and tried to conceal his actions. "All of that is absolute nonsense," said Doug Allen, assistant executive director.

STRAM MISSES GAME. Dan Jiggetts re-

placed CBS television analyst Hank Stram on the Bears-Colts game Sunday after the former coach of the Kansas City Chiefs and the New Orleans Saints experienced dizziness Saturday. Stram was hospitalized overnight in Indianapolis.

WILSON SUSPENDED. The Chicago Black Hawks have suspended veteran defenseman Behn Wilson indefinitely for failing to report to training camp. Wilson is seeking salary arbitration over the contract he was offered last month. But under NHL rules, he is still under contract to the team and obligated to report to training camp.

ANOTHER SIDE OF KNIGHT. Who is the real Bob Knight? The man portrayed by some as angry, right-wing, sexist and vulgar? Or a quite different Bob Knight. In Joan Mellen's book, 'Bob Knight: His Own Man," readers will find a denunciation of sportswriters by the Temple University English professor, who went to the Indiana campus in October 1987 after reading what she says were negative Knight stories.

### TV Today

12:00 p.m. (ESN) CFL Football Hamilton at Edmonton.

6:30 p.m. (17) Baseball St. Louis at Montreal. (Live) 6:30 p.m. (WGN) Baseball Chicago at Philadelphia. (Live) 7:00 p.m. (5) NFL Football Dallas at Phoenix. (Live)

9:00 p.m. (ESN) Auto Racing NHRA Seafair Nationals.

9:30 p.m. (TBS) Baseball Atlanta at Los Angeles. (Live) 2:00 a.m. (ESN) Auto Racing CART Road America 200.

### Quote of the Day

"A lot of people think of Doug Williams as a mad bomber, but I showed I can go underneath. too." - Washington quarterback Doug Williams after the Redskins came from behind to beat Pittsburgh, 30-29, Sunday.