## Carter Pleads

 Guilty to Mail FraudBy David Davidson
CHICAGO - Former Ohio State widide receiver orier caner. deailings with sports azentsi
pleaded puitto ochares of mail fraud and obstruction of p justice in federal court here Friday. a plea-bargain arrangement in
which Carter, 22 , agreed to testiwhich Carter, 22, agreed to testify for the government in its cases against sports agents Norby Wal-
ters, Lloyd Bloom and David Lueddeke.
Carter and the three agents were indicted by a federala grand
jury here Aug. 24. Mr. Walters jury here Aug. 24. Mr. Walters
and Mr. Bloom face charges of mail fraud, wire fraud, racketeering and extortion, and Mr. Lueddeke faces charges of ob-
struction of justice and perjury. Carter also agreed to reim burse Ohio State $\$ 4,519.60$, the cost of his scholarship in 1986 .
He played that season despite He played that season despite
having signed a representation agreement with Walters and Bloom - a violation of NCAA "As part of the plea arrange-
"A " said assistant U S . attorney Howard Pearl, "the government has agreed to inform the judge of the nature and the ex
tent of Mr. Carter's cooperation (prior to sentencing)."
Carter faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and


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the prosecution said they expect tence though the government ence though the government
likely will recommend some period of imprisonment for Carter under terms of the plea agreement. In accepting the guilty pleas
uring Friday's arraignment during Friday's arraignment, an Duff made it clear during that he is not bound to any plea-bar Carter was released Friday on a $\$ 4,500$ personal recognizance bond and is free to travel whom he now plays in the National Football League. Carter lost his eligibilily for his senior season at Ohio State after his
dealings with Walters and Bloom dealings with Waiters and Bloom
were reported by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and he was selected by the Eagles in a spe-
cial supplemental draft. Judge Duff deferred sentencing until May 27, 1989, following ing until May 27,1989, following
the trials of Mr. Walters and Mr.
Bloom.

Basketball
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So welcome to negotiating with
is the Russians, NBA. It may be that Marchulenis is
considered a gift to Hawks owner considered a gift to Hawks owner
Ted Turner, who has become immensely popular in the Soviet Un-
ion due to his ion due to his staging of the Good-
will Games and the Hawks' summer will Games and the Hawks' summe
tour.
"All Russian people are saying 'Thank you Ted Turner,'" sai Gomelski.
But how much weight does the temperamental and flamboyant
coach's opinion about Marchulen coach's opinion about Marchulen-
is's future carry? is's future carry? said Dr. Edward Steitz an Amerit can representative to the International Basketball Federation. "He's a survivor. He will tell you, 'I don't have the final say.' But he knows
what's going to happen. I've known him a long time. Tve talked with him privately a lot. He knows. What both Steitz and Gomelski
know is that once a couple of inter know is that once a couple of inter
national sports federation barriers come down - and they likely will world basketball will break wide open, and the NBA
know no boundaries.
"When the buck raises it head," said Steitz, "Everybody is going to branch out. Once this (Olympic competition) goes pro, every
body's going to come in." body's going to come in."
And the first wave of this new kind of globetrotters very likely will be several members of the Soviet
Olympic team. Olympic team.
The Hawks
rights to forwards Aleksandr Vo
kov $6-10$, and Valeri Tikhonenko, 6 9. In 1985 Atlanta drafted gargan-
tuan center Arvidas Sabonis, whose

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- Aleksandr Gomelskl, Soviet basketball coach mere height measurement, 7 -foot-3, made on 0ct. 10 this year," said G 0 mere height measurement, 7 -foot-3, made on Oct. 10 this year," said Go-
is a woeful understatement of his melski. "That is the one problem. appearance on a basketball court. These boys play for clubs in the SoBut the Hawks' pick of Sabonis was viet Union. Without them it is possi-
voided by the NBA because he ble not to win Soviet championship voided by the NBA because he ble not to win So
hadn't reached his 22nd birthday, or Europe Cup."
and his rights are now owned by The gist is that the Soviets are Portland.
Portund. Kimar Kurtinaitis, the small for- ling as they are assured the players
Rimas ward whose passes are effortless will remain eligible for internation
magic, likely will play in Germany. al and intra-Soviet competition. Another center, Aleksandr Belos- A formula is believed to have tenni, appears bound for Spain. Gomelski himself wants to coach in Spain after these Gam
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How soon might the Soviet players be in the NBA?
"This is very diffficult for this
(upcoming) season," said Gomelski "because the people are not likely to give the permission (in time)." First, the international federafion must rule NBA players eligible for future olympics. Its next schednext August in Munich, but the OK is almost a foregone conclusion. Also, "there is Cup Europa and
Soviet Championship," said Gooviet Championship," said Go-
melski, referring to eligibility rulings yet to be made on profession players in those competitions.
of the players who apparently will go abroad, Gomelski feels that are the solid shots to make it in the But Volkov said he feels that "it will be very difficult for me to make a team that already has such a front ne as the Hawks." rife with anticipation in these Games of the first U.S.S.Soviet bas"Ah, yes, that will be a good story," said Gomelski. "But it is not a Eod story yet.
"There are many teams to play first," said Marchulenis. "There is
Brazil. There is Yugoslavia cagainst whom the Soviets open on And there is the And there is the question of Sabonis, who got the 0 K only last
Wednesday to participate in these Games. He has been recuperating from Achilles tendon surgery, and re-injury could be career-ending.
That might leave the Hawks with That might leave the Hawks with
the only two Soviet players G 0 melski feels are fully ready for the NBA. to a contract with Portland, does
Sabonis consider participating here a gamble? "No." he said. "I feel good."
Doctors' opinions on whether is healthy enough to play "are 50 is healthy enough to play "are $50-1$ said. "Fifty say no, 50 say
it's good. " The colorfull little coach, the influential Party member who had
been so far-reaching in his conversation about the future of world basketball, reverted to being a cagey coach preparing for the present,
hiding his hole cards in response to one question: one question:
Will se start Sabonis against Yugoslavia? "That", he said with a sly smile, "That," he said with a sly smile,
"is my problem."


