Notes on a native son . . .

Lead on: They are sometimes called "The Three Amigos." They are, at other times, referred to as "The In-It-To-Win-It Crew." No matter. Byron Irvin, along with Lee Coward and Anthony Peeler, is a charter member of that talented trio of Missouri

He is, indeed, its reigning member, its only senior and the team's leading scorer. He enjoys that role, relishes it really, a penchant he proved with three of his performances during this Tigers' season on the brink (of both grandeur and immolation).

In December, against Memphis State, Irvin helped blow open a close game by scoring 17 of his 21 points in the last seven minutes. Against Arkansas, in a game tied with just six minutes remaining, he exploded for 11 points and a pair of assists to lead Missouri to victory. Finally, last Saturday against Oklahoma he produced 34 points, nine rebounds, seven assists and two steals while leading Missouri to its biggest victory.

"We have four seniors, and all of us can be leaders, but it was a matter of someone stepping up and taking over the role," says Irvin when asked of his crunch-time exploits. "It's a role you can handle by scoring or vocal leadership. I can handle both situations. I'm kinda like the veteran.

"Now with he type of team we have, anybody can really score, and it's not always on

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me. I'm counted on, but I just try to take my time and let it happen. And as Coach [Norm] Stewart says, 'There's no better time for it to happen than the second half."

In the beginning: McGlother Irvin, the amigo's padre, was himself a star at Tilden High in the '50s, and he has coached Biddy League ball in Chicago for most of the last 15 years. Not surprisingly, his children were quickly introduced to sports, and so Byron was catching passes, jumping rope and dribbling around chairs by the time he was in the 3d grade. "Before he began playing the game," recalls his father, "I wanted him in condition to play."

Some of Chicago's playground legends then often stopped by the Irvin home and displayed their talents on the cement halfcourt in the family's backyard. Their presences and the portraits they painted with their play only augmented the dad's knowledgable tutorings, and as early as the 6th grade, young Byron manifested one quality of a champion. "He had a lot of heart," says Mac Irvin. "He was not afraid.. So he has been competitive from the age of 11."

He has, since then, also been aware of those dictates his father was already drilling into him. "Be a good thinker," was one.

"No one is better than you. If he thinks so, make him show you," was another. "Give the open man the shot," was a

"I think," Byron's father says, "that's why he's a very unselfish player. It's not a matter of how many points you score. The thing is to win-win and have fun. So be serious about the game while enjoying it."

The son himself recalls one other lesson, and it, too, was as simple as all the others. "Play hard," says Byron Irvin. "He told me every time I hit the floor, to play hard. You have to do that-especially in Chicago."

'Let me introduce myself': Byron's team won the tough Angel Guardians tourney when he was in the 7th grade. And about the same time, he played on a baseball team that won a state title. But he did not truly blossom, says his father, until his junior year at Julian High, until he hit St. Rita with 34 points in the first game of that year.

Twelve months later, during the early-signing period, Irvin signed a letter-of-intent with Arkansas. Then he went on to make all-city as a high school senior and to average more than 15 minutes a game as a Razorback freshmen. But then Eddie Sutton, the coach who lured him to Fayetteville, departed for Kentucky and was replaced by Nolan Richardson, and a year after that, Irvin himself was ready to leave.

"I liked it under Coach Sutton. He stresses guards in his program," Irvin explains. "The next year, I just had a personality conflict with Coach Richardson. He's a good coach. But sometimes it just works out like that."

Schools from every conference in the country, Irvin recalls, were ready to welcome him, but he wanted to play in the Big 10 or the Big East or the Big Eight. He narrowed his choices to Iowa, Boston College and Missouri, finally heading for Columbia, Mo.

Reintroducing himself: From the fall of 1986 to the fall of '87, Byron Irvin served the transfer's penance. For the first time since the 1st grade, he was sitting out a basketball season, though every afternoon, at Tiger practices, he tested himself against the multi-talented Derrick Chievous. "They became games within the game," Irvin remembers, and that was fun, but he still felt empty when his future teammates picked up the conference championship rings they won that year.

Last year, playing in Chievous' shadow, he emerged as Missouri's second-leading scorer, and this year, with Chievous off to the pros, Irvin has led the Tigers in points scored, steals, minutes played and free-throw shooting percentage. He is also their secondbest three-point shooter and third in assists. Most importantly, in the preseason, it was Irvin who decided to respond when Stewart looked at his team and said: "With Derrick

gone this year, someone has to be the leader."

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Back to the present: These are the best of times, and these are the worst of times for Byron Irvin, leader. While he has flourished in his final season as a collegian, he also has struggled, with many other Tigers, to adapt to absence of Stewart, who had been hospitalized for cancer surgery.

Assistant Rich Daly took over as head coach, and the relationship between him and his senior amigo has not been without tension. The most telling moment came two Saturdays ago, on Feb. 18, when Irvin was 40 minutes late for a practice after attending a makeup class.

He had not, it turned out, informed Daly that he would be at that class, and the coach-in-residence responded by keeping Irvin on the bench until garbage time in the next day's game against Nebraska. "That kinda surprised me. It was kinda difficult," Irvin says. "But I think he got his point across. It would be his way or no way, and he didn't care who it was."

"I sometimes get mad thinking of all the things that have happened to us," Byron Irvin concludes. "But I think some things are meant to be, and this is a situation that was meant to be, and I can't change it.

"But I can"—and here the leader reemerges—"I can do some things to keep them from being so bad."

Cincinnati knocks off Louisville

From Chicago Tribune wires

Louis Banks scored 24 points and Cincinnati made 10 straight free throws in the final minute as the Bearcats beat Louisville 77-71 Wednesday in Louisville.

The Cardinals (19-8, 8-4) led 55-45 with 11 minutes left when Cincinnati took over. Two free throws by Levertis Robinson with 4:26 remaining capped an 18-7 spurt that gave the Bearcats (15-11, 5-6) the lead for good.

Pervis Ellison scored 24 points for

Top 20

Louisville, which has lost five of its last eight games.

CINCINNATI (77)—Robinson 4-7 6-7 14, Banks 10-23 4-6 24, Starks 0-2 0-0 0, Givens 5-10 3-4 13, Tate 6-9 6-6 18, Carstarphen 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson 2-6 1-2 6, Flynn 0-2 LOUISVILLE (71)—Payne 5-11 1-2 12, Ellison 7-14 10-14 24, Spencer 4-7 5-6 13, Smith 3-7 0-1 9, Sullivan 1-4 0-

0 2, Williams 1-3 0-1 2, Kimbro 1-10 1-2 3, Holden 2-5 2-2 6, Brewer 0-0 0-0 0, Hawley 0-0 0-0 0. 24-61 19-28 71. Halftime-Louisville 36, Cincinnati 30. Three-point goals-Cincinnati 1-3 (Jackson 1-3), Louisville 4-12 (Smith 3-4, Payne 1-4, Kimbro 0-4). Fouled out—Ellison, Starks, Jackson. Rebounds—Cincinnati 38 (Robinson 9), Louisville 42 (Spencer 9). Assists—Cincinnati 10 (Givens 6), Louisville 17 (Williams 7). Total fouls—Cincinnati 23, Louisville 25. A—19,434.

Oklahoma 111, Oklahoma State 108—Stacey King scored 27 points in Norman, Okla., as the Sooners clinched the Big Eight regular-season title.

OSU had pulled within a point with:52 left. But when he missed his second try, King rebounded and the Sooners (25-4, 11-2) worked the clock until Mookie Blaylock drove into the lane and dished off to King for a basket with :12 left. A threepointer by State's Royce Jeffries with :04 left bounced off the rim.

Blaylock's assist gave him 11 for the game, making him the first player in NCAA history to have 200 assists and 100 steals in consecutive

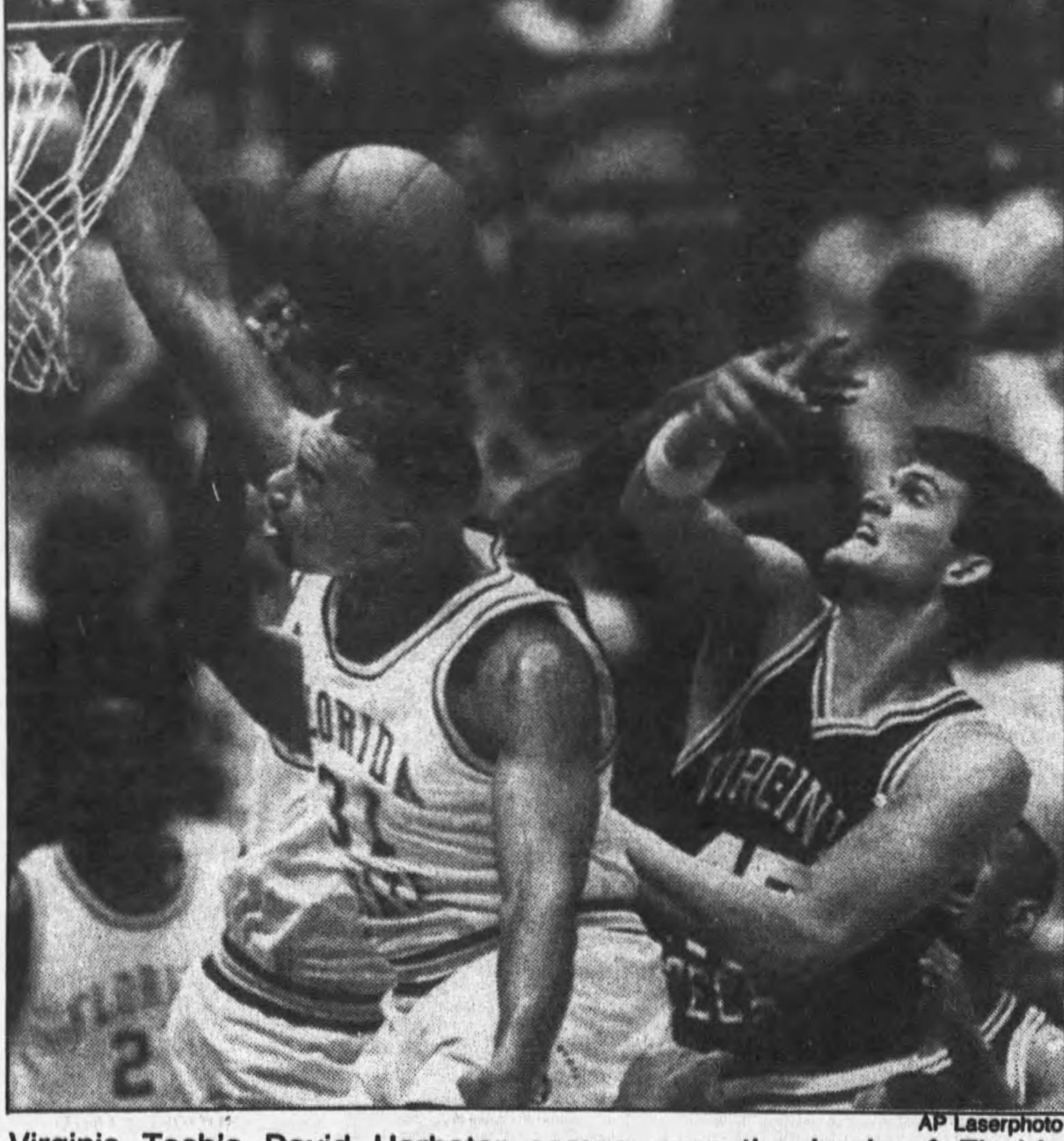
Richard Dumas had 34 points for State (16-10, 7-6), which took 49 free throws, the most against an Oklahoma team. The 108 points was the Cowboys' most in a loss.

OKLAHOMA STATE (108)—Dumas 12-18 10-12 34, Houston 3-8 6-8 12, Jordan 3-7 4-6 10, Williams 7-14 5-6 19, Pittman 4-5 2-2 10, Jefffries 3-5 8-9 14, Fowler 0-0 0-1 0, C.Davis 1-1 0-0 2. 35-63 38-49 108.

0-1, Jeffries 0-1), Oklahoma 7-11 (Blaylock 4-4) Jones 2-4, Mullins 1-2, Henry 0-1). Fouled out-Jones, 11), Oklahoma 33 (King, Jones, Blaylock 5). Assists-Oklahoma St. 12 (Williams 5), Oklahoma 29 (Blaylock 11) Total fouls—Oklahoma St. 23, Oklahoma 31. Techni-cals—Oklahoma St. bench, Oklahoma bench. A—11,600.

Ball State 78, Miami (Ohio) 60—Keith Stalling scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half in Muncie, Ind., to help the Cardinals to their 11th straight victory. State improved Division I's best record to 24-2, 13-2. Lamont Hanna scored 15 points for Miami (12-14, 7-8).

MIAMI (OHIO) (60)—Hanna 7-14 1-1 15, Stewart 3-9 2-2 9, J.Scott 1-6 1-2 3, Clayborne 3-13 3-4 9, Mercurio



Virginia Tech's David Herbster comes over the back of Florida State's David White Wednesday night. Florida State won 117-97.

2-2 0-0 5, Paul 3-6 4-4 10, Vanleer 1-5 1-2 3, Walton 0-2 0-0 0, D.Scott 2-6 0-0 4, Reeves 0-0 0-0 0, Fick 1-1 0-0 2, Maisal 0-0 0-0 0. 23-64 12-15 60. BALL STATE (78)—McCurdy 2-5 3-5 7, Hall 1-1 0-0 2, Kidd 5-12 2-6 12, Butts 2-9 4-4 10, Nichols 0-0 0-0 0, Parrish 2-2 3-3 7, Miller 2-5 2-2 8, Stalling 3-5 8-8 14, Muller 3-7 5-6 11, Spicer 2-3 2-3 6, Ahaus 0-0 0-0 0, Haynes 0-0 1-2 1, Barber 0-0 0-0 0, Harmon 0-0 0-0 0. 22-49 30-39 78.

Halftime-Ball St. 36, Miami 24. Three-point goals-Miami 2-11 (Mercurio 1-1, Stewart 1-4, Walton 0-1, Clayborne 0-2, D.Scott 0-3), Ball St. 4-9 (Miller 2-2, Butts 2-7). Fouled out—Hanna, J.Scott. Rebounds— Miami 40 (Stewart 8), Ball St. 32 (McCurdy 7). Assists—Miami 13 (Clayborne 5), Ball St. 15 (Stalling 5). Technical fouls—D.Scott. Total fouls—Miami 29, Ball St. 18. A—6,880.

Seton Hall 80, Providence 68— John Morton hit three consecutive three-pointers and scored 19 points to rally the Pirates in Providence,

Providence lost its scoring touch in the second half, hitting just 8 of 28 shots and going more than 9 minutes without a basket midway through the half.

Daryll Walker led Seton Hall (24-5, 11-5) with 20 points. Matt Palazzi and Marty Conlon each had 13 for Providence (17-9, 6-9).

SETON HALL (80)— Gaze 3-6 3-3 9, Walker 4-7 12-13 20, Ramos 6-8 4-4 16, Greene 0-5 4-6 4, Morton 6-12 4-6 19, Volcy 1-1 2-3 4, Avent 1-1 0-1 2, Cooper 3-4 0-0 6, Monteserin 0-0 0-0 0, Rebimbas 0-0 0-0 0, Crowley 0-0 0-0 0, Long 0-0 0-0 0, Katsikis 0-0 0-0 0. 24-44 29-36 80. PROVIDENCE (68)—Foster 2-4 0-0 4, Palazzi 5-11 1-2 13, Conlon 4-8 5-10 13, Screen 2-9 4-4 9, Murdock 4-12 1-1 0-0 3, Saddler 1-2 0-0 2, Bent 3-3 0-0 6, Burton 0-0

Halftime—Providence 42, Seton Hall 30. Three-point goals—Seton Hall 3-8 (Morton 3-4, Greene 0-1, Gaze 0-3), Providence 4-12 (Palazzi 2-4, Screen 1-2, Watts 1-1, Conlon 0-1, Murdock 0-2, Wright 0-2). Fouled out-Murdock. Rebounds—Seton Hall 35 (Ramos 9), Providence 27 (Palazzi 5). Assists—Seton Hall 19 (Greene 7), Providence 16 (Screen, Murdock 7). Total fouls—Seton Hall 23, Providence 29. A—12,733. Florida State 117, Virginia

Tech 97—Tony Dawson and Tharon Mayes sparked an 18-2 spurt to open the second half in Tallahasee, Fla., as the Seminoles (20-6, 8-3) broke a four-game losing streak.

Dawson, who scored 30 points, and Mayes had five points each during a 13-0 run that helped FSU break open a 49-48 halftime lead. George McCloud, who hit six of

nine three-point shots, added 26 points. Tat Hunter had 20 points and 21 rebounds.

Vernell "Bimbo" Coles scored 24 points for Tech (10-17, 1-10). VIRGINIA TECH (97)—Lancaster 5-16 0-1 13, Coles 9-17 1-2 24, Herbster 3-9 0-0 6, Moses 3-5 0-0 6, Rivers 4-

0-0 8, Nottingham 2-7 5-6 9, Davis 2-4 0-1 4, Caesar 3 0-0 13, M.Miles 0-0 0-0 0, Holland 2-4 0-0 4, Cannon 0-0-0 0, Sander 4-6 2-2 10. 39-83 8-12-97. FLORIDA STATE (117)-McCloud 9-15 2-2 26, Mitchell 6-12 4-6 16, Hunter 9-15 2-4 20, Dawson 12-15 4-7 30 Thomas 0-4 0-0 0, Mayes 5-10 7-9 18, White 1-2 0-3 2, Johnson 2-4 0-0 5, Wells 0-1 0-0 0, B.Miles 0-1 0-0 0,

Halftime—Florida St. 49, Virginia Tech 48. Three-point goals—Virginia Tech 11-30 (Coles 5-9, Caesar 3-6, Lancaster 3-10, Davis 0-2, Nottingham 0-3), Florida St. 10-18 (McCloud 6-9, Dawson 2-2, Johnson 1-1, Mayes 1-3 Mitchell 0-1, Hunter 0-1, Thomas 0-1). Fouled out— Rivers. Rebounds—Virginia Tech 34 (Rivers 9), Florida St. 53 (Hunter 21). Assists—Virginia Tech 10 (Coles, Caesar 3), Florida St. 21 (McCloud 8). Total fouls—Virginia Tech 26, Florida St. 15. A—7,891.

West Virginia 71, Penn State 61—Ray Foster scored 15 points and Herbie Brooks added 13 as the Mountaineers rallied in University Park, Pa., to clinch the Atlantic 10 regular-season title.

Penn State outscored West Virginia 15-4 over a 4:37 span midway through the second half and took a 47-45 lead with 7:41 left. But the Mountaineers quickly regained control, outscoring PSU 12-3.

West Virginia finished the regular season 24-3, its best record since a 24-2 mark in 1981-82, and 17-1 in the conference for its first Atlantic 10 title since 1984-85.

Bruce Blake scored 19 points for Penn State (17-10, 12-6).

WEST VIRGINIA (71)—C.Brooks 4-7 2-2 10, Prue 5-10 0-2 10, Foster 3-6 9-9 15, Berger 4-8 0-0 8, H.Brooks 4-8 5-8 13, Shelton 1-4 5-5 7, Jackson 0-0 2-2 2, Yoest 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 3-4 0-0 6, Kroger 0-0 0-0 0. 24-47 23-28

PENN STATE (61)—Blake 7-10 5-8 19, Hovasse 4-17 5-6 15, Fogell 2-8 2-2 6, Appleman 0-0 2-2 2, Allen 3-8 2-2 8, Brown 1-9 1-2 3, F.Barnes 1-2 0-0 3, Degitz 0-0 0-0 0, J.Barnes 1-3 3-4 5, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0. 19-57 20-26 6 Halftime—West Virginia 21, Penn State 20. Three-point goals—West Virginia 0-2 (Berger 0-1, H.Brooks 0-1), Penn State 3-12 (Hovasse 2-8, F.Barnes 1-1, Fogell 0-1, Brown 0-2). Fouled out—F.Barnes. Rebounds—West Virginia 35 (Prue 12), Penn State 28 (Blake 8). Assists—West Virginia 15 (Berger 7), Penn State 14 (Appleman 5). Total fouls—West Virginia 20, Penn State 23. A—4,787.

Last-second tip-in sinks Missouri

From Chicago Tribune wires

MANHATTAN, Kan.—If ever a player was in the right place at the right time, it was Tony Mas-

As the buzzer sounded Wednesday, the 6-foot-8-inch junior tipped in Steve Henson's missed 14-footer to give Kansas State a 76-75 victory over Missouri.

"I saw Steve work off the pick, and they all started toward him," said Massop, whose play ruined a

career night for Missouri's Greg Church. "I went to the basket hard and was fortunate enough to get the tip."

Church, who scored a careerhigh 31 points, sank two free throws with 11 seconds left to give the Tigers the lead.

Henson led Kansas State (18-8, 8-5) with 23 points.

Missouri (23-7, 9-4) missed only 2 of 24 free throws but sank to 3-4 under interim coach Rich

Daly, who hasn't won on the road since replacing Norm Stewart.

MISSOURI (75)—Smith 1-6 0-0 2, Sandbothe 2-3 4-5 8, Leonard 3-6 3-4 9, Irvin 4-8 4-4 13, Peeler 5-9 0-0 10, Church 10-12 11-11 31, Coward 1-5 0-0 2, Coleman 0-1 0-0 0, Buntin 0-0 0-0 0, 26-50 22-24 75. KANSAS STATE (76)—Simmons 5-6 1-2 11, Dob-bins 3-8 1-2 9, McCoy 5-15 2-5 12, Humphrey 2-12 2-2 7, Henson 9-18 2-2 23, Massop 2-2 0-1 4, Britt 2-3 0-0 4, Smith 3-4 0-0 6, Diggins 0-2 0-0 0. 31-70 8-14 76.

phrey 1-1, Diggins 0-1). Fouled out—None. Re-bounds—Missouri 42 (Sandbothe 9), Kansas St. 21 (McCoy 5). Assists—Missouri 14 (Sandbothe 5), Kan-sas St. 21 (Humphrey, Dobbins 6). Total fouls—Missou-ri 19, Kansas St. 21. Technical—Coward. A—13,500.

N. Carolina, Duke stumble on road

From Chicago Tribune wires

Maybe they were looking ahead to Sunday's national TV game. Or maybe they just lost to teams hungry to be in the NCAA Tournament. Whatever the reason, North Carolina and Duke suffered lastminute road losses Wednesday in Atlantic Coast Conference play.

Dennis Scott stole an inbounds pass and hit his seventh three-pointer of the game with 2 seconds left to give Georgia Tech a 76-74 victory over North Carolina in Atlanta.

Elden Campbell scored six straight points to spark a late surge that carried Clemson to a 79-74 victory over Duke in Clemson, S.C.

Scott, who scored 28 points, made the steal near the left corner, turned and hit the shot that snapped a string of seven Tech losses to Carolina and gave the Yellow Jackets only their sixth victory in 38 meetings with the Tar Heels.

:07 left. Tech's Karl Brown cut the lead to 74-73 with two free throws with:05 remaining. Scott then slapped Kevin Madden's pass out of Scott Williams' grasp. Carolina's Rick Fox launched a three-pointer as time expired, but it bounced off the rim.

J.R. Reid scored 20 points for Carolina (24-6, 9-4).

In the Duke-Clemson game, the Tigers took control with the score tied at 69. They scored seven straight points and held the Blue Devils scoreless for 3½ minutes.

Campbell made two free throws with 3:56 left. He then hit a jumper and a layup as the Tigers upped their lead to 75-69 with 2:46 to go.

But Clemson (17-9, 6-7) nearly lost the game at the foul line, missing the front end of four 1-and-1s in the final 2:22. Duke (21-6, 8-5) cut the lead to 76-74 with :53 left, but

Tech (20-9, 8-5) trailed 74-71 with Tim Kincaid hit a foul shot and Marion Cash made two.

> Dale Davis scored 19 points for Clemson. Danny Ferry led Duke with 19 points and 12 rebounds.

> NORTH CAROLINA (74)—Bucknall 2-8 2-2 8, Chilcutt 3-6 0-0 6, Williams 7-13 3-4 17, Lebo 0-3 2-2 2, Rice 0-1 0-0 0, Madden 3-8 1-2 7, Reid 7-12 6-6 20, Fox 5-8 2-2 14, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Denny 0-0 0-0 0. 27-59 16-18 74. GEORGIA TECH (76)—Hammonds 8-20 3-4 19, Sher-rod 0-1 0-0 0, Reese 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 10-20 1-1 28, Oliver 4-12 3-4 12, McNell 1-3 3-4 5, Brown 0-5 6-8 6, Brittian

> Halftime—Georgia Tech 36, North Carolina 34. Three-point goals—North Carolina 4-14 (Fox 2-3, Bucknall 2-8, Lebo 0-3), Georgia Tech 8-19 (Scott 7-14, Oliver 1-4 Brown 0-1). Fouled out-None. Rebounds-North Caroli na 41 (Reid, Fox 8), Georgia Tech 35 (Hammonds 11). Assists—North Carolina 18 (Bucknall 7), Georgia Tech 18 (Brown 8). Total fouls—North Carolina 16, Georgia Tech 17. Technical—Williams. A—9,323.

> DUKE (74)—Smith 2-11 2-2 7, Ferry 7-21 3-5 19, Brickey 3-5 1-4 7, Henderson 7-13 0-0 16, Snyder 2-6 0-0 5, Laettner 3-5 2-2 8, Davis 2-4 0-0 4, Koubek 3-9 0-0 8. CLEMSON (79)—Pryor 1-3 2-2 4, Jones 1-3 0-0 2, Davis 7-9 5-9 19, Forrest 5-12 0-2 11, Kincaid 5-11 7-8 17, Cash 1-4 3-6 5, Campbell 6-11 6-7 18, Young 1-2 0-0 3, Howling 0-0 0-0 0. 27-55 23-34 79.

> Halftime—Duke 42, Clemson 35. Three-point goals— Duke 8-26 (Smith 1-6, Ferry 2-7, Henderson 2-4, Snyder 1-5, Koubek 2-4), Clemson 2-9 (Jones 0-1, Forrest 1-6 Young 1-2). Fouled out-Snyder, Laettner. Rebounds-Duke 40 (Ferry 12), Clemson 43 (Davis 14). Assists-Duke 23, (Snyder 7), Clemson 17 (Forrest 5). Total fouls—Duke 26, Clemson 13. A—10,600.

Big 10

Michigan State at Iowa

Saturday's games
Northwestern at Minnesota

Michigan 79, Michigan State 52

Ohio State at Wisconsin

Wisconsin at Purdue

Sunday's game

Illinois at Indiana

Monday's result

Edwards burns Ohio St.; Indiana clinches title tie

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—The Indiana Hoosiers went as far as Jay Edwards could carry them Wednesday night.

In a 73-66 victory over Ohio

State, that was far enough. Edwards scored 27 of his 34 points in the first half as the Hoosiers clinched a share of the Big 10 title. Indiana can win the title outright Sunday when it plays host to Illinois (10-4).

Indiana moved to 24-5 overall, 14-1 in the Big 10; Ohio State fell to 17-11, 6-9.

"We proved a lot of people wrong this year," Edwards said. "I just got hot and the guys got me the ball in the first half. That's one of the best halves I've ever had. just feel like I can't miss when I'm in that groove."

Edwards didn't miss much, either. He hit 10 of 12 shots from the field, including 5 of 6 threepointers, and also hit both of his free throws in the first half as Indiana rolled to a 39-30 lead.

Contrasted with Edwards' hot hand, the rest of Hoosiers were merely filling out the lineup. They combined to go 4 for 23 for 17.5 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes.

The Buckeyes trailed by as many as 13 points early in the second

"Ohio State did a good job scratching and scraping," said Indiana coach Bobby Knight. "They took Jay out of our offense. When the game was 51-49 [Indiana leading, we took a timeout. We said, 'The game is zero. Now let's play.' We played really well from there on."

The loss was Ohio State's fifth in row and fourth straight since the loss of leading scorer and point guard Jay Burson to a neck injury. Asked if there was a silver lining

to the loss, Ohio State coach Gary Williams said, "Ask me in April. I want wins now. Silver linings are for Robert Frost." Perry Carter scored 20 points for

Ohio State. Jerry Francis set a

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school record by playing in the 127th game of his career.

INDIANA (73)—Anderson 3-14 1-2 7, Hillman 5-12 0-0 12, Jadlow 5-9 6-9 16, Edwards 12-16 4-4 34, Jones 1-6 2-2 4, White 0-0 0-0 0, Meeks 0-1 0-0 0, Sloan 0-1 0-2 0. 26-59 13-19 73. OHIO STATE (66)—Lee 3-4 0-0 6, Mateen 7-16 4-4 18, Carter 7-17 6-8 20, Brown 0-7 2-2 2, Francis 4-11 3-3 11, Bradley 0-2 0-0 0, White 1-1 0-0 2, Jent 2-3 2-3 7, Brewster 0-0 0-0 0. 24-61 17-20 66.

Halftime-Indiana 39, Ohio St. 30. Three-point goals-Indiana 8-14 (Edwards 6-9, Hillman 2-5), Ohio St. 1-8 (Jent 1-2, Lee 0-1, Francis 0-1, Bradley 0-1, Brown 0-3). Fouled out—Sloan, Francis, Jent. Rebounds—Indiana 29 (Edwards 7), Ohio St. 39 (Carter 11). Assists—Indiana 20 (Hillman 10), Ohio St. 14 (Lee 6). Total fouls—Indiana 19, Ohio St. 18. A—13,276.

Celebrity witnesses expected to be called in trial of agents

By John Gorman

NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, former University of Notre Dame President Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, the father of singer Michael Jackson, and a New York mob chieftain were among the prospective witnesses listed by attorneys Wednesday as jury selection began in the trial of sports agents N Walters and Lloyd Bloom.

The constellation of stars on the government and defense witness lists also included Bears defensive back Maurice Douglass, Bulls forward Brad Sellers, Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler, Big 10 Commissioner Wayne Duke, Texas Gov. William Clements and half a dozen university presidents.

I'l have the notion that this is going to be a very interesting

case," U.S. District Court Judge George Marovich told prospective jurors. "If you have the opportunity to sit on one jury in your lifetime, this is the one you'd like to

The name least known to those prospective jurors—Michael Franzese—may turn out to be the most important. Franzese once was touted by Fortune magazine as one of the nation's top Mafia bosses. Last August, the government charged that he was a silent partner in Walters' and Bloom's World Sports & Entertainment Inc.

Franzese allegedly bankrolled efforts by the agents to induce college athletes to sign over their rights to represent them in professional contract negotiations.

Moom, 29, and Walters, 58, are charged with lavishing gifts and

cash to sign up dozens of college football stars, then falsifying the dates to preserve the athletes' eligi-

Among the other witnesses U.S. Atty. Anton Valukas said he may summon are Kansas City Chiefs running back Paul Palmer, former Notre Dame players Alvin Miller and Robert Banks, and Steve Zucker, a sports agent who includes among his clients Bears quarterback Jim McMahon. Prosecuting the case with Valukas are Assistant U.S. Attys. Howard Pearl and Helene Greenwald.

Robert Gold, a member of the Walters defense team, said he planned to call Joe Jackson, Michael Jackson's father; Gerald Delet, manager of the singing group Kool and the Gang; singer Peabo Bryson and Roy Innis, the

national chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Dan K. Webb, attorney for

Bloom, said he will call, in addition to Clements and Sellers, NCAA officials David Berst and Dick Schultz and several athletes such as former Bears defensive back Egypt Allen and Washington Redskins running back Tim Smith.

Before jury selection began, Webb said, "The defense will attempt to prove college football is not really an amateur sport. .. Some college administrators will testify with a holier-than-thou attitude that the players violated the principle of amateurism and therefore cheated the school out of scholarship money, encouraged by Walters and Bloom. I intend to attack that [principle of amateur-

Whether Marovich will allow

Webb or Gold to pursue that defense was unclear, but the judge again gave a clear indication that he will run a tight courtroom.

"We're going to have a criminal trial," said Marovich. "We're not going to have a morality play. There are a number of things that are interesting about college athletics and a number of things to address, but not necessarily here."

Gold and Walters' other attorneys, Ethan Levin-Epstein and Matthew Kennelley, plan to claim that Walters signed up the athletes after first being advised by other lawyers that it was legal to sign them before their eligibility expired.

The eight-count indictment charges Walters and Bloom with extortion, mail fraud, racketeering, obstruction of justice and perjury and seeks forfeiture of the business as well as \$275,000 in earnings.



Sports agent Lloyd Bloom enters the Federal Bailding Wednesday.