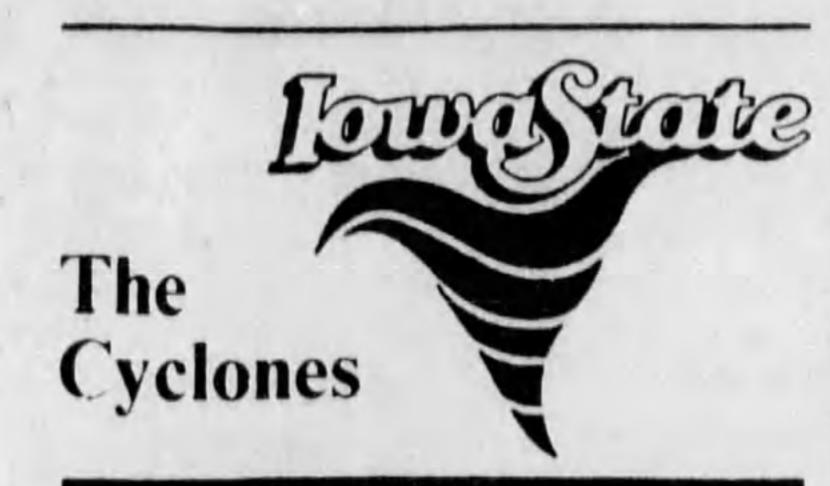
SPORTS VIEW

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Pep band on the run

It is a scene repeated before every Iowa State home basketball game something that probably has no parallel in collegiate sports.

First, the Cyclones trot onto the court and are greeted by cheers from the home crowd. That's pretty standard.

But what happens next must be seen to be believed. Last week, firstyear Kansas coach Roy Williams left his dressing room early, just so he

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- Roger Cichy Iowa State's assistant band director

would be on the floor in time to see if what he had been told was really true.

Out of the tunnel at the northeast corner of Hilton Coliseum comes the lanky figure of Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr, waving to the crowd. The Cyclone pep band goes into the theme song from Johnny Carson's TV show, and the fans respond with an even louder ovation than they had given the team.

Several times Orr raises his fist in response as he walks the length of the floor, shaking hands and giving high fives along the way.

Where else does a coach receive such unabashed adulation?

"Nowhere," says Orr. "These fans are terrific. No basketball coach in the country is treated better I am."

With Orr's appearance, the stage is set for what has become known as Hilton Coliseum magic. No matter how good the opponents are, and regardless of how badly they might have beaten Iowa State before, few are able to prevail in this raucous atmosphere.

The 65-member pep band doesn't stop with the "Johnny" tune. In fact, it plays almost constantly, except when the ball is in play.

Fight songs and chants are carefully orchestrated to keep the Cyclones and their fans charged up.

"During a time-out, we pretty much run the show," explained Roger Cichy, Iowa State's assistant band director. "Time-outs are kind of a letdown. That's why in some cases the away team calls a time-out — to take the steam out of the crowd. And one of the things we want to do is keep pumping away, so our team will come back at the same high level as before the time-out."

Cheerleaders and pompon girls coordinate their actions with the pep band to get the crowd involved.

"We try to have appropriate tunes for the situation," Cichy said. "A sequence of songs is set up before the game, but sometimes, if we want to make a fast change, we use a chalkboard to let the band members know we're going to swing into something

"Our most powerful song is the Iowa State Fight Song. If things have gotten really exciting, we might go to that to maintain the excitement.

"But we don't want to use it too much - like Oklahoma playing 'Boomer Sooner' 100 times a game. We try to vary our songs to make them more effective."

It all adds up to being very effective in the results column. Iow State's record in Hilton Coliseum over the last four years is 47-8 — a winning percentage of .854.

This season, teams that had routed the Cyclones by 45 points (Kansas), 28 points (Oklahoma State) and 25 points (Missouri) all felt the sting of defeat when they visited Ames.

It wasn't always this way. The first season after Orr left Michigan to take the Cyclone job, his 1980-81 team barely won half its games at home (7-6), and the coach remembers being embarrassed with the "Here's

Johnny" routine. "I tried to get the band to quit because we were losing so much," he

said. But now, nobody has more fun with that bit than Orr, who sometimes continues his pregame march to where the band is playing, so he can give an appreciative handshake to some of the musicians.

"He just milks those kids," Cichy said, "and they'll do anything for him.

It's a great relationship." Orr's nine-year record in Hilton Coliseum is 99-29. So he'll be shooting for home victory No. 100 Saturday when the Cyclones play Kansas State, and you can be sure the pep band will do its noisy part to help him get it.

- Buck Turnbull

Rider-trainer combine wins 2 more races

Melancon leads jockeys after two days at track

By DAN JOHNSON and RACHEL BLOUNT

Register Staff Writers Trainer H.B. Johnson and jockey Kevin Melancon continued their winning ways Thursday.

The Johnson-Melancon tandem has been a scorching presence at an otherwise chilled Prairie Meadows during the first two days of racing. They were 3-for-3 Wednesday and stretched their winning streak to four when Melancon rode Johnson's Cat Babe to victory in Thursday's first

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race. Their streak was finally broken when Irish Mask was fifth in the sixth race. But they came back to win the seventh race with Butler's Revenge.

The second day of racing at Prairie Meadows lacked much of the hoopla and many of the people Wednesday's opener had.

A crowd of 7,148 turned out for opening day and bet \$437,581. On Thursday, 2,866 attended and wagered \$205,807.

Johnson arrived Saturday from Louisiana, where his horses had been in training. "All of these horses have been rac-

ing," Johnson said after Cat Babe's victory. "The horses have been running at Delta Downs, which is a very deep, tiring race track, so they're fit. I'm not doing anything better. My horses are just running better because they're fit."

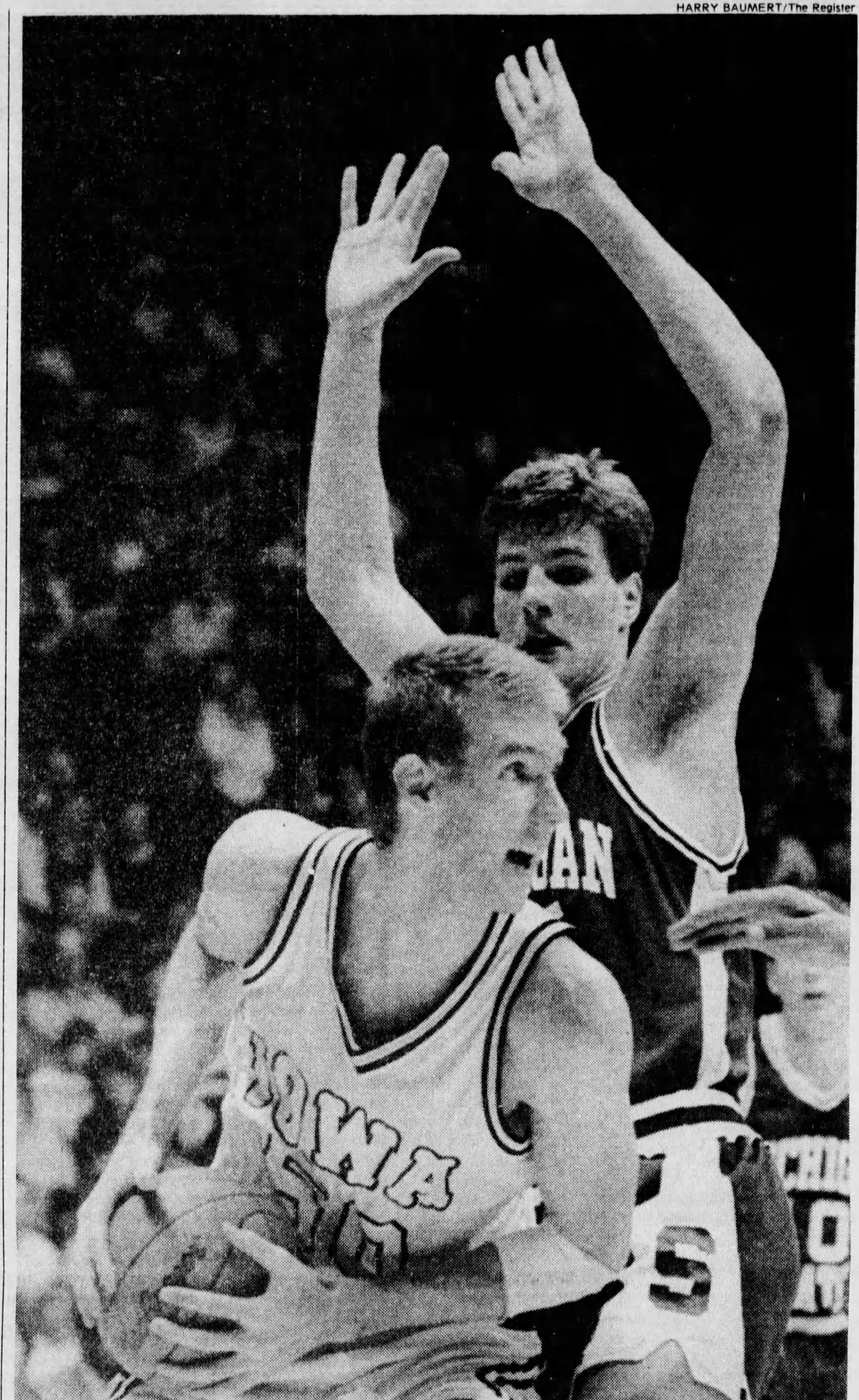
As a result, Johnson said his horses are starting the meet in better shape than horses whose training has been interrupted by the cold. "They [other trainers] are probably

a couple weeks behind," Johnson said. "It's not that my horses are better, they're just in better condition." This isn't the first time Johnson and Melancon have teamed up. Melancon was Johnson's regular rider in

Louisiana and also exercised horses at Johnson's farm in the offseason. Melancon, who wrapped Cat Babe in a bear hug after returning to the winner's circle, said, "I'm enjoying this. Mr. Johnson brought a lot of

awful nice horses up here. They're all

PRAIRIE MEADOWS



Please turn to Page 55 | Michigan State's Matt Steigenga towers over Iowa's Matt Bullard, who looks for an outlet to get rid of the ball.

Hawks upset by Spartans in lowa City

Missed free throws doom No. 11 Iowa in 83-81 loss

By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer

IOWA CITY, IA. - Michigan State basketball Coach Jud Heathcote pulled another surprise out of his hat of upsets Thursday night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Spartans, mired in ninth place in the Big Ten standings when the night began, stunned 11th-ranked Iowa, 83-81.

Michigan State built a pair of 10point leads with less than 10 minutes remaining, then had to hold on as Iowa tried to come back.

Iowa did manage an 80-79 lead with 2 minutes remaining on Matt Bullard's free throw, but missed chances from the free-throw line proved costly.

After Steve Smith put Michigan State back in front with a pair of free throws, Hawkeyes Ed Horton and B.J. Armstrong missed the first shots on bonus situations in the final 1:25.

Armstrong, Iowa's best free-throw shooter at 84.9 percent, missed his with just 35 seconds remaining. The Hawkeyes made just 18 of 33 free throws in the game, and only 12

of 22 in the second half. Kirk Manns had 22 points for the Spartans, now 14-12 overall and 5-11 in Big Ten play. Steve Smith added

Bullard and Roy Marble scored 18 apiece and Ray Thompson 17 as the Hawkeyes fell to 21-7 overall and 9-6

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Horton Thompson 5-7, Smith 1-2, Redfield, 0-1, Montgomery 0-1), lowa 3-13 (Bullard 2-4, Marble 1-4, Thompson 0-1)

Armstrong 0-4). Technical fouls-Michigan State

Goach says Johnson used steroids long before Olympics

TORONTO, ONTARIO (AP) - Ben Johnson's track coach said Thursday his star sprinter used steroids at least three months before his 1988 Olympic 100-meter victory over Carl Lewis. Testifying before a Canadian com-

mission looking into drug use by athletes, Charlie Francis said five of his athletes used steroids into early July before the Canadian national championships, but Johnson did not then.

"He had it earlier than he would have normally, because of the injury," the coach said.

Johnson forfeited his gold medal when he tested positive for steroids. Francis, Johnson's coach since

1977, also said Johnson used steroids to prepare for the 1987 World Championships at Rome, when he also beat Lewis and set the world record in the 100-meter dash.

After three days of startling testimony by Francis on Johnson's steroid use dating to 1981, the commission formed because of Johnson's Olympic disqualification adjourned until Monday. Still to be heard about were the events in the last months of pre-Olympic training.

treatments was administered while

Johnson was on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts being treated by Dr. Jamie Astaphan for a hamstring injury. The sprinter had been hurt in a race at Japan in May.

Johnson made two trips to St. Kitts in May and June.

The sprinter has denied he knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs, and Astaphan has denied providing them. They are to testify later.

But Francis repeatedly said the steroids were administered with Johnson's knowledge, after the 1981 decision that they were necessary to keep up with the competition.

Francis said Johnson was worried as far back as 1987 that he would be caught using the banned substance.

"He was very concerned," Francis said. "He felt that the circle of people with this sort of knowledge was getting too large, and he didn't like it."

Francisco said Johnson called after breaking the 60-meter world record in Osaka, Japan, in January 1987, fretting about an unexpected drug test.

"He wanted to be sure that he'd had a sufficient period of time to pass the Francis said that cycle of steroid test," Francis said. "I assured him that he had."



Charlie Francis Five athletes used steroids

Francis said preparations for the World Championships began in the fall of 1986 and continued until before the championships, in which Johnson was clocked in 9.83 seconds. Johnson ran 9.79 at the Olympics, but that was wiped out by his disqualification.

Francis said he first injected his star athlete during the 1986 Goodwill Games in Moscow, but at that time used a growth hormone and vitamin B-12, neither on the International

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Judge: Case for court, not Sports Illustrated

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP) — A federal judge warned jurors Thursday that two sports agents accused of pressuring college athletes to sign contracts would be tried in the courtroom and not in the media. "There's going to be a lot of stuff that's going to be written as we go

along," U.S. District Judge George Marovich told prospective jurors, during the second day of jury selection in the trial of agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom. "We're going to try this case in this courtroom and not in Sports Illus-

trated." Marovich declared.

Walters, 58, and Bloom, 29, have pleaded innocent to charges of racketeering, mail fraud, wire fraud and extortion. They are accused of using gifts, cash and threats to pressure dozens of college athletes into giving them exclusive rights to negotiate contracts.

During jury selection Thursday, Marovich asked the prospective jurors whether they considered themselves sports fans and whether they subscribed to any sports magazines or newspapers. When one potential juror mentioned he had read an article about the

case in Sports Illustrated magazine, Marovich warned the entire group not to discuss anything they might have read about the case in the presence of other jurors. Among the prospective witnesses at the trial are National Football

League Commissioner Pete Rozelle, University of Notre Dame President Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, Chicago Bears receiver Ron Morris and defensive back Maurice Douglass, Chicago Bulls forward Brad Sellers, University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler, Texas Gov. Bill Clements, Big Ten Commissioner Wayne Duke, and Joe Jackson, the father of singer Michael Jackson. Forty-three athletes, including Sellers and former Iowa running back

Ronnie Harmon, who now plays for the Buffalo Bills, dealt with the agents and have agreed to cooperate as witnesses to avoid prosecution. Attorneys are expected to finish choosing a jury Monday morning, Assistant U.S. Attorney Helene Greenwald said.

MORNING REPORT

■ DRUNKEN DRIVING CHARGE FOR IRISH. Notre Dame linebacker Michael Stonebreaker will be formally charged today with driving under the influence in connection with a traffic accident in South Bend, Ind., in which he and a passenger in his car were injured. St. Joseph County prosecutor Michael Barnes said he decided to seek the charge after talking with Ursula M. Garzia, a passenger in the car when it struck a sign pole last Saturday. The charge is a Class A misdemeanor which carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

■ NFL WILL VISIT ST. LOUIS. The NFL is coming back to St. Louis next summer, but only for one game. The New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks will play an exhibition game Aug. 19 in the city, spurned when the Cardinals left for Phoenix a little more than a year ago.

■ HURRICANES' NEW COACH? A newspaper and television station in Tacoma, Wash., have reported Dennis Erickson, football coach at Washington State University, will resign to become coach at the University of Miami. Officials at both schools denied the reports Thursday. Tacoma's KSTW-TV and The Morning News Tribune said Erickson would accept the Miami job. The Seattle Times reported the coach had set up a meeting with his

players. Erickson took over the top job at Washington State after Jim Walden left to become coach at Iowa State in 1987. The Miami job became available last weekend when Jimmy Johnson accepted the head coaching job with the Dallas Cowboys.

HE'S WITH RICKEY. Rickey Henderson has won a friend in New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner - for now, at least. Steinbrenner became an ally of Henderson's Thursday when he supported the player's comments that some members of the team drank excessively last season. "From what Bob tells me," Steinbrenner said, nodding in the direction of General Manager Bob Quinn, "he has reason to believe some of that was going on last year." Steinbrenner also said he instructed Quinn to begin negotiations with Henderson's agent, Richie Bry, on a new contract. Henderson is in the final season of a five-year, \$8.6-million

GARVEY STEPS DOWN. Former baseball star Steve Garvey has resigned as a University of San Diego trustee in the aftermath of publicity about a paternity scandal involving two former lovers. Officials at the private Catholic school released a short statement Thursday confirming Garvey's resignation from the board of trustees. They gave no reason for his departure.

TV Today

8 a.m. (ESN) Basketball Maryland at North Carolina State. (R)

7 p.m. (17) Women's Basketball lowa at Northwestern. 7:05 p.m. (TBS) NBA Dallas at Boston. 9:30 p.m. (TBS) NBA Philadelphia at Portland.

3 a.m. (ESN) Basketball Utah State at California-Irvine. (R)

Quote of the Day

"He approached me in 1980 and said he wanted to work with me and Evelyn to find the right drugs to beat the East Germans. I told him to get lost. . . . I'm sorry that the innocent have to go down with the guilty, but maybe something good will come out of it." - Pat Connolly, coach of Evelyn Ashford, responding to charges by track coach Charlie Francis that Ben Johnson was not the only track athlete using steroids.