HIGH SCHOOLS

Zion-Benton coach seeks happy ending

By Paul Sullivan

Phil Judson is not completely sold on this "fate thing."

another 10 days and maybe you'll get a different answer.

The Zion-Benton coach will end a 30-year high school career at the conclusion of this season. And he admits that he has heard from a number of wellwishers who whisper softly that perhaps it is his fate to wind up where glory first found him as a teenaged hotshot some 37 years ago.

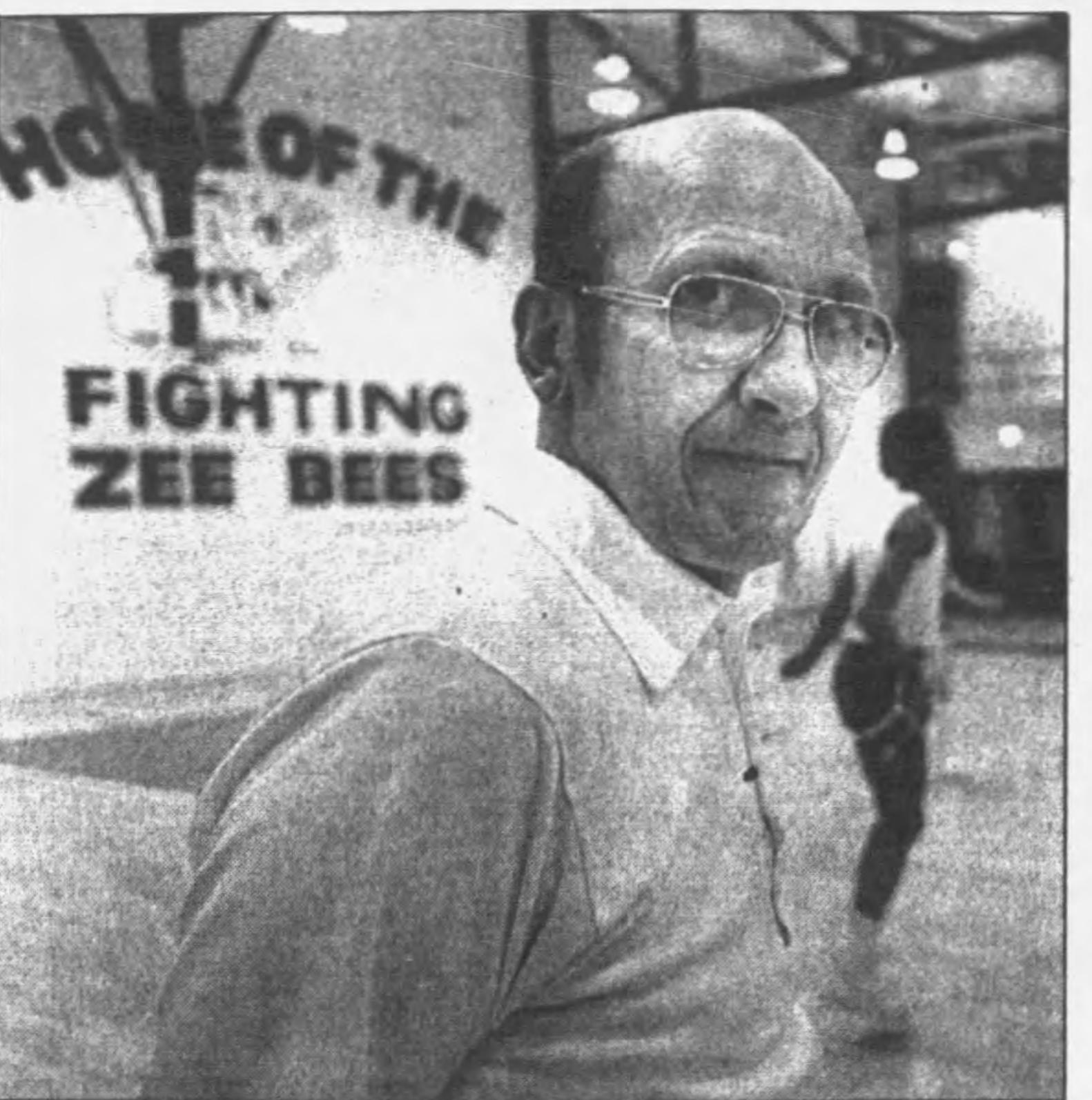
As No. 20 Zion-Benton (21-6) heads into Wednesday's Waukegan East Class AA sectional semifinal against Deerfield (18-9), it seems that basketball fans in the far northern suburbs are rooting for Judson's Zee-Bees to ignore their woeful tournament history and advance to a Sweet 16 matchup in Elgin for the very first time. If that happens, Z-B will be one step away from Champaign. That's where Judson first gained fame as a member of the much-celebrated 1952 Hebron Green Giants, the smallest school (enrollment 99) to win the state title, and then later as player at the University of Illinois.

Class AA

At least not yet. Call him back in of luck in the next 48 hours. Sixtythree other teams will no doubt need a little bit of it come Tuesday and Wednesday, when 14 sectionals and four Public League quarterfinal matchups will whittle the Class AA field to 32.

> One of the more interesting sectionals is at Thornwood, where the host Thunderbirds (20-8) take on Richards (21-6) Tuesday and No. 8 Thornridge (23-5) meets No. 13 Leo (23-4) on Wednesday.

> Thornwood coach Al Holverson watched star forward Tom Best and the T-Birds mount a late rally last Friday to upset SICA East cochampion Thornton. Playing in the dog-eat-dog conference, which has sent four teams into the sectionals, helped the Thunderbirds prepare for March Madness.



Tribune photo by Carl Wagner Zion-Benton coach Phil Judson would love to finish his high school career by leading his team to the state finals in Champaign.

Camacho spoils Mancini's return

BOXING

From Chicago Tribune wires

RENO, Nev.-Hector Camacho returned to center stage with a flourish Monday night and in the process spoiled Ray Mancini's return to the ring.

Camacho jabbed and danced his way to a 12-round split decision over Mancini in a fight between two former lightweight champions who showed signs of being past their prime.

"I beat him fair and square," Camacho said. "I sharpshooted him and he didn't sharpshoot me."

The win was widely booed by the pro-Mancini sellout crowd of 11,517, which cheered every punch Mancini threw as he relentlessly chased Camacho around the ring.

"It wasn't pretty by any means," said Mancini, who ended a four-year retirement from the ring. "I just had to get the fight done. I've been out of the ring too long."

Donald of Carson City had Mancini winning 116-112.

The Associated Press had Camacho ahead 116-112.

The decision infuriated the crowd, which booed loudly for several minutes after the fight and threw coins into the ring.

"I'm a winner because I got through it," said Mancini,

Mancini said he would seek a rematch against Camacho.

"If the people will pay to see it again, I'd do it," he said.

"We'll do it again," Camacho agreed.

Mancini was the pursuer throughout the fight but found his range infrequently as Camacho used his quickness to slip the biggest punches and move swiftly away.

Neither fighter was hurt during the 140-pound bout and there were no knockdowns.

"He fought a good fight," said Camacho, who ran his record to 35-0. Mancini was rusty early as he pursued Camacho around the ring. Mancini never was able to land with any consistency and seemed frustrated at his inability to catch Camacho. "It just got to the point where was getting sloppy and raggedy," Mancini said. Mancini, 28, had lost his last two fights before retiring in February, 1985. Olympic silver medalist Riddick Bowe of Brooklyn, N.Y., made his pro debut on the undercard, stopping Lionel Butler of New Orleans at 1:55 of the second round after knocking him down three times in the heavyweight fight.

That's where the "fate thing" comes in. Does Judson believe that destiny is calling his name?

"Well, you don't have too much control over it," he said with a grin, "Things just happen. Right now, lots of good things are happening, and we're causing them to happen. Sure, you need a little fate, and you need a little luck, too."

Z-B isn't the only team in need

Richards, which won the Class 4A football title last November, is trying to become the first Illinois school to win a football and basketball championship in the same school year. Senior backcourt mates Carl Haymore, a wide receiver in football, and Cleveland Anderson lead Jerry Tokars' Bulldogs into their first sectional since 1981.

In the other semifinal, junior guard Townsend Orr and Thornridge will try for a repeat of Jan. 28 when the Falcons posted a 57-46 win over the eventual Catholic League co-champs. Leo has since won eight consecutive games.

Besides Thornridge-Leo, other

the host Broncos (14-13) Wednesmatchups between Top 20 teams in The Tribune poll include: No. 1 day.

> The Wildkits were unimpressive in their two regional wins last week, and coach Mike Hart hopes the return of senior guard Tyrone Bell from a three-day school suspension can spark the team.

"Unless we get our direction focused, we're in trouble," Hart said. "Everyone seems to be taking for granted that this is supposed to be the team to go back Downstate. Just because we have a bunch of gifted athletes doesn't mean that will happen."

Camacho, attired in gold-sequined trunks and matching shoes, showed signs of the flashiness that once carried him to the super featherweight and lightweight titles. But in a fight that might have been a classic when it was first proposed five years ago, Camacho needed to reach back for some of his old skills to beat a rusty but determined Mancini.

"I thought I was way ahead," Camacho said. "I could have stood there slugging it out, but I beat him to the punch. I was keeping control of the fight and I was never hurt."

Judges Doug Tucker of Carson City, Nev., and Chuck Giampi of Las Vegas had Camacho a 115-113 winner, while judge Keith Mac-

Aurora Christian chases a state title religiously

By Paul Sullivan

Aurora Christian coach Don Davidson doesn't always wear his religion on his sleeve.

Oftentimes, however, he prefers that his team wear it on a hardwood basketball court.

It is Davidson's firm belief that his team's deep devotion to Christian values is a major reason why they've posted a 27-2 record and a Class A Sweet 16 berth in their first year as a full-fledged member of the **Illinois High School Association.** Aurora Christian (27-2) will meet Wheaton-St. Francis (25-3) in Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. supersectional game at Lewis University in Romeoville. Davidson is hoping—and praying that religious devotion plus raw talent will add up to a storybook ending next weekend in the smallschool tourney finals in Champaign. It's not that Davidson and his Eagles take on a "holier-than-thou" attitude when walking onto the court at tip-off time. But, as Davidson explained, he and his squad are simply trying to win one primarily for, Him, and secondarily for themselves.

Class A

"The Bible says all born-again believers are part of the body of Christ, and all work together in harmony," Davidson said. "Even though some kids here get a few more headlines than others, we're all a team ... a part of this body. We all have different functions in mony with each other, to play as a team and to give the very best.

Tribune prep athletes of the week

Willie Jackson, Robeson-In the Public League playoffs, the 6-5 senior scored 28 points in an 87-76 victory over Du Sable, and 31 in a 95-59 win over Sullivan. Dan Lenert, Wheaton St. Francis-

The 6-1 senior guard hit a 32-foot shot at the buzzer to give his team a 61-59 victory over favored Walther Lutheran in the Class A sectional semifinal at Lemont. In the final, he had 21 points in a 69-53 win over St. Benedict.

The 6-2 junior scored 21 points in a 72-54 win over Elk Grove and 29 in a 79-61 victory over St. Viator as the Mustangs won the Class AA Elk Grove regional.

ther South, where Marc scored 23

points and hauled down 10 re-

St. Francis squad (25-3), which, de-

spite never having won a regional

before, knocked off Walther Luther-

an by two points in the sectional

semifinals and breezed past St. Ben-

said. "I feel blessed by the Lord to

coach my two sons. I'm not only

involved in how they're growing up,

but I'm helping them to be better

ballplayers and trying to be an ex-

ample for them to follow spiritual-

"I really feel fortunate," Davidson

Now they'll face Mike Harper's

able 6-2 against Class AA teams in a regular IHSA member, the Eagles the regular season and were 16-0 were limited as to whom their competition would be in his first 11 against their Class A opponents. years at the helm. Since they could

With three tournament wins, they not participate in any tournaments vaulted into last Friday's Marseilles sectional title game against 26-2 Lu-

bounds to key a 51-45 upset.

edict into the Sweet 16.

COLLEGES

Both sides come out swinging in agents' trial

By John Gorman

New York sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom waved thousands of dollars in front of college football players to sign them to contracts that violated their amateur status, a federal prosecutor charged Monday in Chicago.

And if the once-signed athletes had second thoughts, Walters and Bloom invoked threats of careerending violence, U.S. Atty. Anton Valukas charged in opening statements of the agents' federa trial. When they launched their venture, World Sports & Entertainment Inc., in 1984, the pair enlisted the support of a "captain in the Columbo organized crime family," Valukas said. Michael Franzese laid out \$50,000 in seed money for Walter and **Bloom** and allowed his name to be used as a hammer to threaten balky athletes or those who later wanted to switch agents, Valukas charged. Walters' attorney, Robert Gold, countered by warning the jury that Franzese was a "slick, conniving, manipulative con man" who had struck "the deal of a lifetime" with the government in return for his testimony.

the jury in front of U.S. District Court Judge George Marovich. "You'll hear that Walters said that it was like cheating on your taxes."

When Harmon signed and later represented to Iowa that he was still eligible, Bloom and Walters defrauded the school, Valukas charged.

But Bloom's attorney, Dan

Scott Jackson, Homewood-Flossmoor-The 6-4 senior scored 24 points to lead the Vikings to a 65-57 upset of Rich Central in the Rich South Class AA regional title game.

Simeon (26-0) vs. No. 18 Chicago

Vocational (21-6) Tuesday at Cor-

liss; No. 7 Marshall (24-3) vs. No. 9

South Shore (24-5) Tuesday at

Robeson; and No. 5 Gordon Tech

(25-2) vs. No. 15 Proviso East (22-

At Barrington, No. 3 Evanston

(25-3) will attempt to beat Central

Suburban South rival New Trier

(19-8) for the fourth time this year

on Tuesday, and No. 10 Rolling

Meadows (25-3) hopes to run its

winning streak to 17 games against

5) Tuesday at York.

"The Bible says to play and to do things heartily, as if you are doing them for the Lord. We play for the Lord. We choose to honor the Lord by our temperament, by our display on the floor and by our attitudes to the referees. We're very sportsmanlike to one another. In our actions and words, we want to reflect a good, strong Christian attitude."

Davidson left his varsity coaching job at Yorkville in 1977 to take a similar position at the tiny Aurora parochial school (enrollment 178) and to provide a Christian education for his two sons, Matt and Marc.

As an "approved" team instead of

with IHSA member schools, any dreams of a state championship could never become a reality. Worse yet, after a 25-4 season last year, the Eagles' success was working against them.

"There are only 10 or 11 other approved schools," Davidson said, "And we were having great difficulty scheduling games. Some didn't want to play us because we exceeded them in size. They would say: 'They're so much bigger than us, forget it.' "

With the help of Davidson's sons Matt, a 6-foot-3-inch senior guard, and Marc, a 6-6 sophomore post player, the Eagles finished a respect-

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Ben to have stanozolol in his system at that time [during his Olympic doping control]," Francis said. "Stanozolol is a very fast-acting drug with a fast clearance time, but it's definitely stiffening [to muscles]. It would not be something you would take deliberately because of its stiffening qualities which would slow down the ultimate performance."

Francis said that Johnson's reaction upon learning he was being disqualified for use of stanozolol was to say, "I knew there was something wrong with that guy."

Johnson and the liquids the runner was drinking during doping control. The implication was the stranger had somehow been able to contaminate one of those liquids with stanozolol.

Two other Canadians present at the time, including a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer, identified the stranger as being white. Francis, who was not in the doping control area at the time, said they may have been confused by a lightskinned black man.

When the questioning turned to other athletes tested after the 100 meters, it focused only on Lewis. Asked about the American's whereabouts, Francis said he was told Lewis was in a separate part of the doping control area. "Some comment was exchanged between the unidentified individual and Carl Lewis, but it was no more

than an acknowledgement, as far as I understand," Francis said.

"I don't intend to put any more weight on it than that," Armstrong said. "I just feel it is important that all available evidence be put forth."

Francis is ready and willing to besmirch Lewis. In fact, the coach's oft-expressed monomania about beating Lewis makes him seem like Captain Ahab chasing Moby Dick.

Neither Lewis nor his manager, Joe Douglas, could be reached for comment. Tim Danson, an attorney representing Lewis at the inquiry, said it was "classic hearsay."

Why Francis continues to pursue the issue of sabotage is not as clear, especially after he has revealed that nearly all of Johnson's top perform-

view themselves as the top steroid people in the world," Scott said. "It's a point of professional pride with them, and they can't admit they panicked and made a mistake."

Dr. Don Catlin, head of the UCLA lab which analyzed the drug tests at the 1984 Olympics, said it was "unlikely but not impossible" that sabotage could have occurred. He said it was more likely that the steroid Johnson thought to be furazabol was actually a cheaper drug, possibily stanozolol, intentionally mislabeled by the manufacturer.

Francis will be back on the stand Tuesday, when his questioning by Armstrong is expected to end, but he then becomes available for crossexamination by attorneys represent-

Valukas had argued that Franzese, now serving a 10-year prison term, would only get 33 days knocked off his sentence in return for his testimony.

As part of the scheme, Valukas said, Bloom and Walters doled out thousands of dollars to sign such players as former University of Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon in March, 1985.

"Walters spread out \$2,500 in cash on the table," Valukas told



Webb, countered by saying, "He loaned them money against their future earnings for spending money, or in many cases to support their families."

Accepting the payments, Webb said, broke no law but merely "violated the rules of a private club [the NCAA.]"

Webb predicted that the universities would be portrayed in testimony as big businesses that make millions of dollars by recruiting high school athletes and paying them through scholarships.

To prove that the players were mere employees and not studentathletes, Webb said he will elicit testimony from players that they took easy courses geared to keep them eligible.

Webb cited the studies of George Swarn, a former Miami of Ohio football player now a Cleveland Brown, who took courses in basketball and racquetball to try to remain eligible. When Swarn still could not meet eligibility requirements, he took a summer school course entitled "Trees and Shrubs," Webb said.

The eight-count indictment against Walters, 58, and Bloom, 29, includes charges of extortion, mail fraud, racketeering, obstruction of justice and perjury. The trial is expected to last six weeks.

"Everything went exactly like coach Henson called it," Anderson said. "He told Lowell and Kenny to set a double pick for me to roll off of. He told me to catch the ball, and if I had a chance to put it on the floor, get as close as I could to the basket and shoot it. "I caught it, I dribbled it one time, I toed the line and I just released it." You know the rest. Henson's main concern was not that Anderson hit the kind of shot he'd worked on only when he was "out goofing around." Henson wasn't concerned that he get off a shot at all. Henson spent most of that moment in the huddle telling Anderson to make sure that somehow he and not a Hoosier came up with the basketball. "He told me to catch it, cut the man off, don't let him intercept it," Anderson said. The Illini (25-4) have two victories over Indiana. But when NCAA bids come out Sunday, the Hoosiers will have the Big 10 championship. That should get them a No. 1 seed in the upcoming tournament. Henson doesn't know where that will leave the Illini.

"That guy" was a stranger identified by Johnson as a black man, apparently an American, 6 feet and 160 pounds, who sat near both

ances, including his still recognized 1987 world record in the 100, have been aided by steroids.

"These guys [Francis and Astaphan]

ing other clients. "No one can besmirch the reputa-

tion of my client [Lewis] without a challenge," Danson said.

Draft

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draft if Johnson assistant Gary Stevens didn't get the Miami job.

The job went to Washington State's Dennis Erickson on Sunday, which cost Washington State Rosenbach's senior year. Walsh said he remains undecided about staying.

The difference between the draft eligibility of Walsh and Rosenbach is that Walsh could graduate and become eligible the way Bernie Kosar did in a 1985 supplemental draft. Therefore, NFL teams have been routinely grading Walsh.

New Cowboy owner Jones said he would draft Walsh No. 1 if Aikman wants too much money. But Brandt said he doubts that.

"A lot of people say things and then re-evaluate what they say," Brandt said. "People don't hold Walsh in as high esteem as Rosenbach or Aikman."

Brandt, said both Walsh and

Rosenbach would be better off staying in college for another year. The 6-foot-2-inch, 205-pound Rosenbach is "a little bit a product of the [Washington State] system. They have an intermediate passing game. He's a strong guy. I've never seen him throw long, simply because of the design of the offense," Brandt said.

Although the Packers could use another quarterback, Braatz was not ready to say whether Rosenbach is a desirable alternative to Aikman.

"For one game he [Rosenbach] was the better quarterback, but that might not hold up over 11 games," Braatz said. "There's a lot that needs to be determined."

"I'm sure nobody's graded him," Tobin said.

As a fourth-year junior, Rosenbach falls into the same category as running backs Sammie Smith of Florida State and Tim Worley and Keith Henderson of Georgia. But Smith, Worley and Henderson made their desire to apply for carly draft entry well-known for most of

the season. So NFL teams have included them among their graded prospects.

"It's getting out of hand," Tobin said. "It's going the way I feared it might three years ago."

Tobin fears a backlash by colleges that perceive the NFL is stealing undergraduates. If colleges decide to ban pro scouts from practices and film access, Tobin predicts chaos.

"Once it gets to anybody is eligible like basketball, it will be a guessing game. We don't judge talent by casual observation," Tobin said.

The case of Heisman Trophy running back Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State is another example. Sanders is expected to apply for the draft even though he is a third-year junior.

"I don't know anybody in the NFL who has encouraged players to come in early," Tobin said. "We can wait. But we brought it upon ourselves because we didn't challenge it [in court]. Everybody said we would lose, so now we're losing on this end."

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from a record group of 47 nominees from 29 different sports, included swimmer Matt Biondi, kayaker Greg Barton, figure skater Brian Boitano, swimmer Janet Evans, speedskater Bonnie Blair of Champaign, boxer Roy Jones, men's volleyball star Karch Kiraly, Georgia women's basketball player Katrina McClain and Oklahoma State wrestler John Smith.

The voting process includes past winners, the news media, the U.S. Olympic Committee executive board and members of the AAU board.

This was the latest in a growing list of awards secured by Griffith Joyner. She was named the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year, Sportswoman of the Year by the USOC and received the Jesse **Owens International Trophy from** the International Track and Field Federation.

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through the Indiana net to tie the game at 67. Even though the clock ran down to zero, Hightower restored two precious seconds.

"In the huddle we had planned on there being a defender on me," Bardo said. "I was going to fake one way and come back the other. Larry Smith was going to set a pick on the man and I was going to have a clear shot at it. But I was able to have a clear shot at it as soon as the ball was touched."

So Smith had nothing to do but entertain two Hoosier defenders while Bardo threw a bee-bee to Anderson.

"[Jamal] Meeks and Lyndon Jones came up on me," Smith said. "The problem was Meeks was supposed to be back there [in Illinois' offensive court] and he came up. That left more room for Nick. It was just Nick and Jay, and when you break somebody like we broke Nick, it's hard for somebody to defense."

Mcanwhile, Kenny Battle and Lowell Hamilton had moved in to set a double pick, helping to shake Anderson loose. All Anderson had to do was hold onto the basketball, spin, dribble around Edwards' outstretched arms and let it fly.

"Indiana has the best record so I couldn't say we deserve a higher seed," he said. Back to the drawing board.