

Francis, a Canadian sprinter whose handtimed 10.1 seconds in the 100 meters once was the fifth-fastest time in the world, suffered a leg injury during the Olympics and was eliminated in the quarterfinals. No such malady will sideline the 40-year-old track coach this time, not as he plays the star witness, chief stool-pigeon and *Numero Uno* finger-pointer at the Dubin Inquiry into performance-enhancing drug abuse in track and field under way in Toronto.

Not that Francis is an untarnished angel. You might recall him as the gold-medal winner in Steroid Denial in the ugly Ben Johnson scandal at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul. He's the guy who claimed Johnson's water bottle was tampered with as his prodigy fled the nation in shame.

Nobody listened to him then. Now, we can't hear enough.

In four days of intriguing testimony, Francis has shined a glaring light straight into the eyes of a world that for years was darkened by rumor, innuendo, hollow accusations and token suspensions of Bulgarian weightlifters. Rather than tiptoeing through the minefield of steroid abuse without proof, this fellow is barreling through in combat boots.

Usage Common as Far Back as 1972

While admitting that he supplied steroids to 11 Canadian athletes, including Big Ben, Francis also has implicated athletes from eight countries, primarily the United States. He's also taken us inside the locker rooms and on the sidelines of tracks throughout the world, where Francis says steroid usage became commonplace as long ago as that summer of '72.

"Rumors in Munich were that the level of usage among top-level [track and field athletes] was 80 percent," he explained under oath. One year later, Francis had taken the plunge. Thus juiced on the drug Dianabol, he sprinted to his second national championship at 100 meters. "I lost weight and gained muscle mass. I felt confident. The emotional effect was apparent." Later, as a coach, Francis gained such expertise in the juice that he became known as "Charlie the Chemist." Now, his accounts of dates, places and accomplishments are so descriptive as to leave little doubt about the identity of the athletes involved. One such account involved an unlikely suspect, Evelyn Ashford, the world's fastest woman, pre-FloJo. Not everyone is pleased with what they're hearing, and perhaps the thinly veiled tales are unnecessary since none of the accused can produce urine samples from the past as vindication.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Makes Last Atlanta Stop

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By Roy S. Johnson Staff Writer

Scan the headlines, empty the files, ramble through the memory banks. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is everywhere. Every season. Every game. Every basket.

So it seems.

It's the spring of 1969 and professional basketball is still tangling with its adolescence, shedding its innocence. Fourteen teams vie for the 23rd NBA title, and the Boston Celtics — who else? — survive for their 11th championship in 13 seasons with a seventh-game triumph over their transcontinental rivals, the Los Angeles Lakers.

At the other end of the spectrum, the league's two worst teams, the Phoenix Suns and the Milwaukee Bucks, flip a coin. The Suns' Jerry Colangelo calls heads; the coin is tails. Colangelo sinks into his chair. Two years later, the Bucks would win their first championship after only three seasons of existence behind Oscar Robertson and their young center, Lew Alcindor.

Lakers-Hawks: 8 p.m. at The Omni, Ch. 17

That's how close one franchise came to capturing the game's mysterious wonder, the ageless 7-foot-2 center who changed his name, gave us the skyhook, lived the life of an open book and grew to define the essence of basketball excellence.

Twenty springs later, Abdul-Jabbar is in the midst of his final hardwood tour, an athletic denouement of a career that will forever define a generation. Most of the memories and faces are faded now. Ask him to recall various moments from his days at Power Memorial High School in New York, from his first varsity season at UCLA or from the first years of his professional career, and Abdul-Jabbar half-smiles, almost embarrassed. "That was a long, long time ago," he says. "And very far away." Longtime friends have children who've grown into adults, college graduates with jobs and families of their own. "My friend Greg Smith, his son is the starting guard for the University of California and I'm still playing in the

Is Pete Rozelle Listening Out There?

"It's simply unfair," Anita DeFrantz, president of the Amateur Athletic Federation of Los Angeles, said of Francis's accusations against Ashford. "I know Evelyn is not one to use drugs."

But someone is, and track and field can no longer turn a deaf ear. The canary is singing a tune of shame.

Don't the goings-on in Toronto make you wonder just what is Pete Rozelle doing these days? It's an accepted fact that steroid abuse is rampant in the National Football League, but no one seems to give a deflated football about it.

Not even as legions of juiced-up linemen become role models for their college counterparts, and for pubescent high school boys trying to serve their hyped hormones by "getting big" for the girls.

Frankly, I'm not sure I really care if my NFL linemen are juiced, at least not until Rozelle gets a grip on the greater problem of cocaine and alcohol abuse. If my tackle wants to risk his health by taking steroids, who am I to stop him? I expect more from college athletics, as I've said before. And I'm sincerely and deeply saddened by the steroid use that appears to be emerging among high school boys. Something inside me also wants to believe that our Olympic champions are built with at least a modicum of purity. I don't really care how they cut their hair, whether they chant mantras in the starting blocks, or even if they miss the bus. Just don't let their samples turn blue. Maybe Charlie Francis will help see that they won't. Maybe his testimony will force the International Olympic Committee to funnel some of its funds into research that will allow the doctors to keep ahead of the cheaters and their innovations. Maybe it will force frequent testing at various meets throughout the season, not just at expected intervals. And maybe other Olympic sports will begin to look at themselves with a suspicious eye. Are track and field athletes the only ones who might seek the benefits of performanceenhancing drugs? I doubt it. So this Charlie's no angel. Six months after Seoul, that's irrelevant now. This time his message, his song, is worth hearing.



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Braves to Check on Astros' Interest in Murphy

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By Joe Strauss Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Trade discussions with the New York Mets and San Diego Padres concerning Atlanta Braves outfielder Dale Murphy have reached an impasse, leaving general manager Bobby Cox to focus his interest on the Houston Astros.

The Astros, who were better offen-

sively than only Philadelphia and Atlanta last year, acquired four pitchers in the off-season without helping their everyday lineup.

Desperate for an offensive complement to first baseman Glenn Davis, Astros general manager Bill Wood has expressed interest in Murphy since last October. Cox will listen to offers including right fielder Kevin Bass, whom the Astros shopped feverishly all last year. Bass, 29, has averaged 17 home runs, 76 RBI and

26 stolen bases since 1985 but is dispirited over constant trade speculation.

Mets vice president of baseball operations Joe McIlvaine indicated Monday he is "moving in another direction."

Asked whether he considered negotiations to be dying, McIlvaine said, "If you put me up against a wall and threw darts at me, I'd have to say yes."

After a brief conversation with McIlvaine Monday afternoon, Cox conceded, "It looks like the Mets are standing pat." McIlvaine said he never considered including minor-league pitcher David West in a multiplayer deal, though he reportedly was willing to part with pitcher Rick Aguilera. Cox pushed for West along with center fielder Len Dykstra and third baseman Howard Johnson.

"We like Dykstra and [Mookie] Wilson," said McIlvaine, "and Dale is also 33 with a \$2-million contract. Those are

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Tech's Three Junior College Transfers Endure Adversity, Make a Timely Contribution

By I.J. Rosenberg Staff Writer

Maurice Brittian, Johnny McNeil and Karl Brown came to Georgia Tech as *the* quick fix: three junior college transfers brought in to help support a program in transition.

"Their play is critical. We really need them to produce to have any type of success this year," coach Bobby Cremins said going into the season. "We need their help."

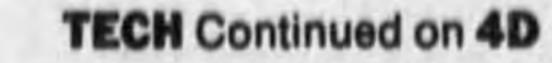
At times, especially in the past few weeks, this assistance has come in the form of a timely basket, a big rebound or a good defensive play. Cremins says they are an important part of the Yellow Jackets' 20-win season.

At first, however, the three played as if they were extras in a Laurel and Hardy film. Brown's free throws clanged off the rim. McNeil fumbled passes. Brittian fouled out. Brown dribbled the ball off his foot. McNeil fouled out. Brittian was whistled for traveling.

"It's funny," said Cremins. "There

have been games where I wanted to kiss those guys and others where I wanted to kill them. It's been a tough situation. I wish I would have had more time to ease them into the system. But I needed them right away. It's my fault because I had no choice."

Cremins had to replace departed starters Duane Ferrell and Craig Neal, plus James Munlyn, who is being redshirted this season. Tech failed to sign any high school players last season, so





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Cremins Junior college transfers Maurice Brittian (far left), Johnny McNeil (second We need from right) and Karl Brown (far right) had problems adjusting to the ACC.

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TV-radio: First-round games on Ch. 69; Saturday-Sunday games on Ch. 11.

On Trial, Too

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

CHICAGO — During 3½ hours of opening statements Monday afternoon in the federal trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, it was evident that college athletics will be tried as well.

"College football is big business worth millions of dollars. ... We will show you the extent that universities go to cover up academic failures of these football players ... to continue generation of millions of dollars," Dan Webb, Bloom's lawyer, told the jury.

Webb's fiery one-hour delivery came after U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas told the jury that Walters and Bloom were . part of a mob-oriented racketeering empire that started in the entertainment business and spilled into the sports field in late 1984 before it was interrupted in 1987.

Walters and Bloom are being tried here in a U.S. District Court on charges of racketeering, mail fraud, wire fraud and extortion stemming primarily from their dealings with more than 50 athletes

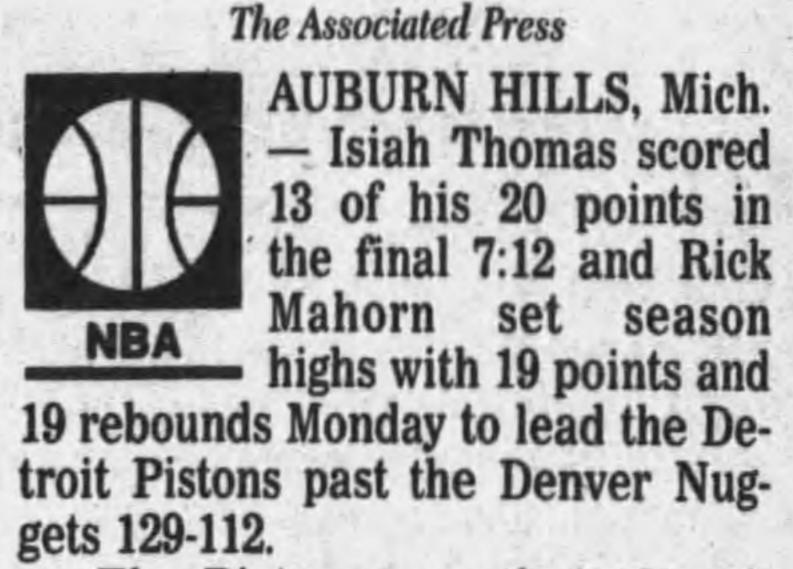
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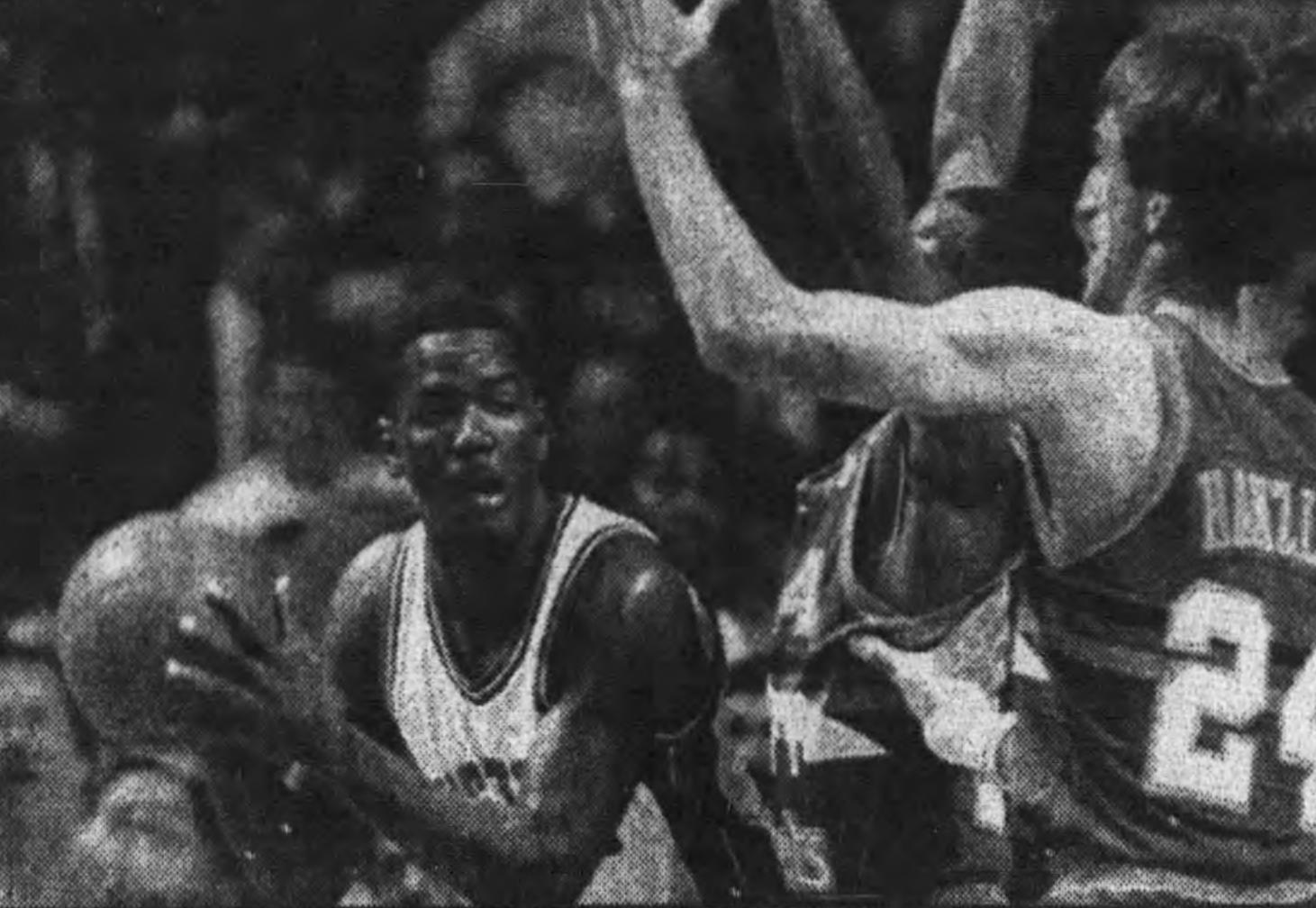


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L.A. Lakers	39	18	.684	-	Lost 1	25-3	14-15	28-10	.167 (Davis 1-2, Adams 1-7, English 0-1, Schayes 0-1, Cook	PHILADELPHIA - Tom Cham-	Barkley	MIN M A M A O T A PF Pt
Phoenix	37	20	.649	2	Won 4	27-4	10-16	25-14	0-1). Team Rebounds: 7. Blocked shots: 2 (Cooper, Schayes). Turnovers: 7 (Adams 2, English, Schayes, Lev-	bers banked in a short jump shot	Jones	Dantley
Seattle	35	21	.625	31/2	Won 2	24-6	11-15	27-14	er, Davis, Cook). Steals: 9 (Lever 3, Adams 3, Schayes,	with 1:49 to go to break a 101-101 tie		H.Williams 39 2 5 1 2 2 8 4 3 5 Donaldson 46 5 7 10 12 5 22 0 2 20
Golden State	32	24	.571	61/2	Lost 1	20-6	12-18	24-18	Turner, Cook). Technical fouls: Illegal defense, :09 first; Illegal defense, 9:40 third. Illegal defense: None.	and the Phoenix Suns never trailed	Hawkins	Harper
Portland	29	27	.518	91/2	Lost 1	20-9	9 -18	23-17	DETROIT	again in their 110-106 victory over	Anderson	Blackman
Sacramento	. 16	42	.276	241/2	Won 1	12-16	4-26	13-27	FG FT RB	the Philadelphia 76ers.	Brooks	Tyler
L.A. Clippers	11	48	.186	29	Lost 12	9-16	2-32	8-31	Min M A M A O T A PF Pt	The victory was only the 10th in	Henderson 25 1 7 4 4 0 1 3 2 6	Blab
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Dallas 105, New Jersey 99									Dumars 41 7 14 11 11 2 2 5 4 25 Thomas	SUNS 110, 76ERS 106 PHOENIX	Team Rebounds: 8. Blocked shots: 7 (Gminski 2, Barkley 2, Henderson 2, Cheeks). Turnovers: 14 (Barkley 4, Jones	Davis). Turnovers: 13 (Blackman 4, Dantley 3, H.Williams
TUESDAY'S GAMES								as-land	Rodman 32 7 10 2 2 3 12 0 5 17 Johnson	FG FT RB	3, Cheeks 2, Anderson 2, Smith, Thornton). Steals: 8 (Barkley 3, Gminski 2, Jones, Anderson, Henderson). Tech-	2, Harper 2, Davis 2). Steals: 9 (Harper 5, Dantley, H.Wil- liams, Blackman, Tyler). Technical fouls: None. Illegal
Phoenix at New York, 7:30 p.m. Seattle at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.								15	Edwards 5 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 2 2	Min M A M A O T A PF Pt	nical fouls: None. Illegal defense: 1.	defense: None.
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'Presents Fun' In Jabbar Farewell Tour

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NBA," he said. "There are some scary moments there when you've got to wonder what you're doing."

What Abdul-Jabbar has done is transform basketball's record book, page by page, into another autobiography. Call it Giant Steps II. He's scored more points, converted more also anchored six NBA championship teams, five during the 1980s with the Lakers. He'll be 42 years old before the conclusion of the current season. Tonight, barring a Lakers-Hawks NBA championship series, Atlanta will get its final glimpse of the skyhook's creator. He'll be feted at halftime by the Mr. T of the South, Ted Turner, presents." who'll present the center with a replacement of the Naismith Award that Abdul-Jabbar received in 1969 but was lost in the fire that destroyed his home in Bel Air, Calif., six years ago. Abdul-Jabbar was the first recipient of the award, an ocof the few memories he retains disfavor with the majority of fans. from the dozens of trips made through Atlanta as a pro. day during a 30-minute news conference at The Omni. "It was the first time I'd ever seen a hotel like that. It was pretty space-age in those days. It was a quick trip. My first trip to the South was my freshman year in high school. I went from New York to North Carolina and back.

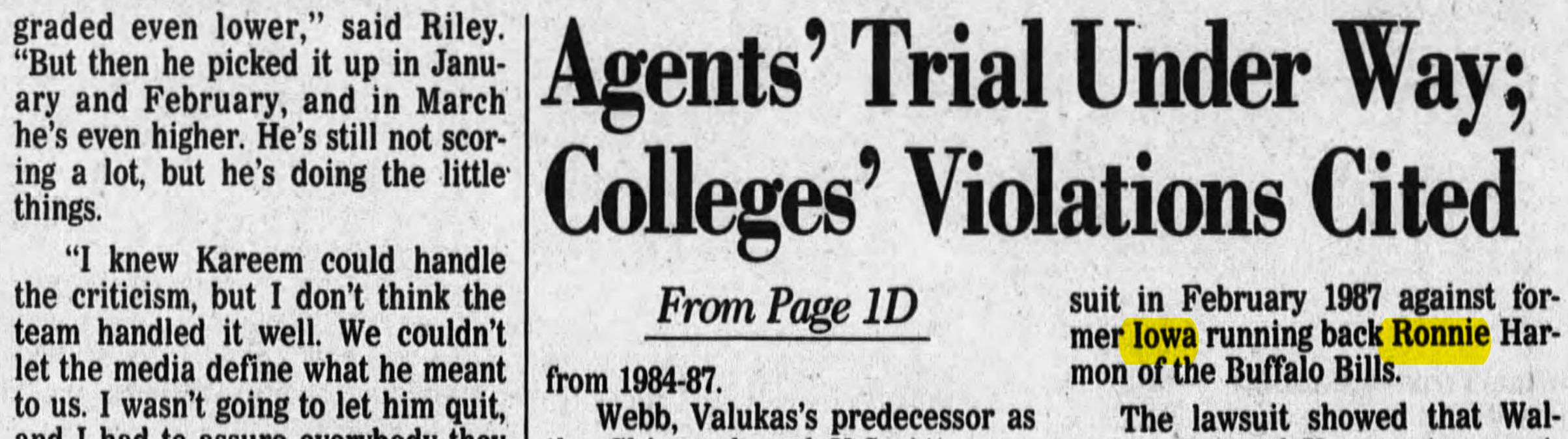
defunct, Abdul-Jabbar will also receive tonight the complete jazz library of Warner Bros. Records and an original work by Atlanta artist Tim Williams.

The gifts will be added to an already extensive haul collected during curtain calls throughout the nation. There have been flutes, saxophones and conga drums; troshots, played in more games, sur- phies and portraits; carpets and vived more minutes, committed compact discs; fishing rods and rimore personal fouls and played fles. The most touching gifts were more games than anyone. Ever. He's an elephant sculpture from Nairobi made from verdite, a semi-precious stone indigenous to East Africa, which was presented by the Dallas Mavericks, and a Harley-Davidson motorcycle from the Bucks. Asked if the emotion of the ceremonies has been a burden, he answered quickly, "Not at all. Presents are always fun. I don't know anyone who gets annoyed receiving It's all been bizarre for Abdul-Jabbar this season, one in which some of the worst basketball of his career was juxtaposed against a flood of fond farewells and heartfelt recognition of his contributions to the game — even after spending casion that provided him with one much of his career in considerable "It's nice to come in once and not be the villain," he said. "I used "I remember coming here and to feel like Snidely Whiplash and staying at the Hyatt," he said Mon- Darth Vader all rolled into one, so it's nice to be appreciated — even if it's just for ten minutes." Frankly, there hasn't been much villainy to hate this season. Abdul-Jabbar's scoring average (10.1 points) is the lowest of his career, the final rung of a precipitous decline that began two seasons ago when he averaged 17.7 points per game to snap a string of 17 seasons

the way when the Lakers needed a crucial score. Two columnists in Los Angeles even called for his head, goggles and all, on a tray. They demanded his retirement at the All-Star break.

What is generally perceived as a declining Lakers team was attributgraded even lower," said Riley. "But then he picked it up in January and February, and in March he's even higher. He's still not scor-

"I knew Kareem could handle the criticism, but I don't think the team handled it well. We couldn't let the media define what he meant to us. I wasn't going to let him quit, and I had to assure everybody they they weren't going to walk in one day and see him gone. I let people know that not only was he going to continue to start, but he'd play more minutes and we'd focus on him more.



"My first year or two in the

ed by some observers to Abdul-Jabbar's lack of production. The team has a 39-18 (.684) record, the league's fourth best, but not as dominating as the .765 winning percentage it managed over the past four seasons.

Also, the Lakers are clinging to a 2½-game lead over surprising Phoenix in the Pacific Division, which they've won for seven straight years. And they've been poor on the road, losing more than they've won (14-15) away from the Forum. The last time the Lakers finished the season with a below-.500 record on the road was 1978-79, the year prior to the arrival of Magic Johnson.

"Great basketball teams go on the road and win 60 percent of their games," said Pat Riley, the Lakers coach, following the team's twohour practice Monday at The Omni. "What's happened to us is inexcusable."

cember, Riley circled the wagons around his beloved center. He took Abdul-Jabbar aside and, using an extensive grading system, showed him exactly where his production had diminished.

He also showed the players why the reasons for their decline rested as much in their laps as Abdul-Jabbar's. Take away what may be Johnson's finest season, James Worthy's steady contributions and the quiet ascension of power forward A.C. Green, and the remaining Lakers have endured mediocre seasons individually.

didn't improve in three weeks, then there would be changes. People said the ultimatum was just for Kareem, but it wasn't."

The spirit of the challenge has always burned within Abdul-Jabbar, a trait he gained from years of watching the hero of his youth. "As far as going for the throat every time, I think I learned that from Jackie Robinson," he said. "He was always on edge. He was always looking for the weak spot."

So Abdul-Jabbar isn't apologizing for his final season, at least not now. "Although my role has diminished, I can still be a crucial compo-As the team limped through De- nent at certain times," he said. He hopes one such time will come during the playoffs when the Lakers will vie for their third successive title.

> As for life after basketball, he's preparing himself for the inevitable void by pursuing options in the entertainment industry, both as a producer and actor. There are no plans to return to basketball, although he has not ruled out coaching.

the Chicago-based U.S. Attorney, ridiculed the government's claims that Walters and Bloom defrauded universities when they concealed contractual arrangements with the players. Webb claimed he will show that

"Then I issued an ultimatum to | colleges concealed the players's acthe team and said if everybody ademic failures and went to great lengths to keep them eligible. He told the story of running back George Swarn, formerly of Miami (Ohio) University, one of the schools .allegedly defrauded.

"Mr. Swarn was allowed to load up on classes such as racquetball, bowling, choral union, community health, track and field, basketball, and he still was placed on academic probation," said Webb. "To become academically eligible for his senior season, he got his grades up by taking one course: Trees and Shrubs.

"This was typical of how these colleges get around NCAA rules. It's just one example. I will have more. ... You are going to hear a very sordid tale of scandal that has overtaken college football."

Webb made his attack on college sports despite numerous objections by Valukas. Twice, presiding federal judge George Marovich took all of the attorneys to his chambers during Webb's opening statements, and Webb was allowed to continue because he convinced Marovich the relevance that the same schools named in the indictment will be proven to have broken NCAA rules

ters had signed Harmon to a postdated contract several months prior to his senior season at Iowa in 1985. Harmon, who signed a \$1.4 million contract with Buffalo in July 1986, did not repay \$50,000 he borrowed from Walters, said Gold.

Harmon today will be the first player called to testify by the prosecution. Valukas told the jurors they will hear a lengthy tape recording, made by Harmon and his father, of Walters making a high-pressured sales pitch.

Valukas also described Michael Franzese, a key witness for the government, as a "captain in a prominent New York Colombo crime family." Valukas said Franzese will testify that he and his father, John "Sonny" Franzese, had been partners with Walters for 20 years in the entertainment field.

"Norby Walters gave money to Michael and Sonny Franzese for use of the fear their reputation would cause to induce people to remain as clients," said Valukas.

Franzese gave Walters \$50,000 to invest in the sports field and received 25 percent interest in the agency, according to Valukas.

Franzese's reputation was used by Bloom, 29, to threaten physical harm to former SMU wide receiver Ron Morris of the Chicago Bears, former University of Kentucky defensive back Maurice Douglass of the Bears and former Texas wide receiver Everett Gay, Valukas told the jurors. Gold painted Franzese as a "slick, conniving, lying con man" and a dealmaker who will do anything to get out of prison. Franzese is currently serving 10-year sentence on racketeering charges and is eligible for parole in 1990.

league, I came through and stayed with Walt Hazzard, who was playing here at the time. But I really didn't get into the city. I didn't hang out. I didn't fall in love."

A noted jazz buff who once started his own record label, now

of more than 20 points per game. Last season, he averaged 14.6 points.

The tumble was so apparent, so damaging to the Lakers during the early weeks of the season, that teammates often waved him out of

"Kareem started out the season very average. Then in December he

"Everybody tells me that in eight or nine months, I'll be dying to get back in, so I can't say definitely that I won't want to," he said. "I will miss the friends I've made, my ability to be close to the guys and share their lives."

themselves, sources close to the defense said.

"The NCAA is a private club," Webb told jurors. "Lloyd Bloom and Norby Walters are not members of that private club and are not bound by those rules. But the colleges who belong to the private club are bound by the rules."

A disappointed Valukas told the media later that if Webb is allowed to examine college athletics, "We're looking at a minimum 10-week

Jury selection, which started last Wednesday, was completed by noon with the selection of 11 women and five men. Four are alternates.

"You can be sure, this is the most frightening day of his life," Robert Gold, the attorney for Walters, told the jurors as he pointed to his client.

Gold portrayed Walters, 58, as the victim of greedy players who took his money, signed promissory notesand and then reneged on contractual agreements, refusing to repay their loans.

Gold said Walters had followed the advice of attorneys for "one of the nation's prominent law firms, Shea and Gould," of New York when the agent filed his first law-

Gold blasted a claim by Valukas that Franzese's deal with the government would amount to just a 33day reduction in his current sentence.

"When we are through with Michael Franzese, you will see that this so-called 33-day deal is utter and complete nonsense," said Gold.

The day had its light moments. Webb ridiculed his own client, **Bloom**, for having a "hairbrained idea" of becoming a sports agent.

"Lloyd Bloom knew nothing about being a sports agent, and I can assure you he did not benefit from it," said Webb. "He was 24 years old when he came up with this hairbrained idea. You know how much money Lloyd Bloom made as a sports agent? About \$40,000. During 21/2 years, he made about \$15,000 a year. That's the kind of sports agent Lloyd Bloom was.'

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things you consider." The Mets payroll includes six players at \$1.4 million or more per year.

Cox received a report Monday morning from scout Wes Westrum, who confirmed a long-standing suspicion that a match does not exist for Murphy between the two teams.

"I can't see a whole lot that we're going to take for Murphy,' said Westrum. "I haven't really seen anyone step in here and set the world on fire."

Cox said he hoped to discover at least two players, including a young outfielder, that the Padres could package with minor-league catcher Sandy Alomar Jr. in exchange for

Murphy but decided, "Their other guys just don't match up. It's just not what we're looking for right now.

Padres manager/general manager Jack McKeon said, "I don't think he [Cox] wants to trade Murphy. He's got the guy. The ball's in his court. I haven't talked to him in two weeks. He never came at me with any specific names, except for my catcher [Alomar]. I'm just sitting here waiting to talk to him.

"I like my team. I can go somewhere else. I'm sure people will be coming after my catcher before the end of spring."

Alomar hit .297 with 16 home runs and 71 RBI for Triple-A Las Vegas last year.

Westrum's report on Alomar

was favorable. However, it also confirmed that young outfielders Shane Mack, Shawn Abner and Jerald Clark cannot be considered anything more than risks.

"It came exactly like we thought," said Cox, who had expressed pessimism two weeks ago about any deal with San Diego. "I guess that's good because it shows we did a pretty good scouting job."

Veteran outfielder John Kruk and pitcher Greg Harris were given high ratings by Westrum. But Kruk, recovering from off-season knee surgery, is limited in the field. McKeon said neither Kruk nor Harris was proposed by the Braves.

The Braves will continue to scout the Padres for at least two more days.

Although Cox said he would talk to other teams about Murphy, Monday's developments leave a trade involving shortstop Jeff Blauser as the more likely move to be made this month.

Andres Thomas was originally scheduled to start Monday's exhibition but was scratched in favor of Blauser. Manager Russ Nixon said trainer Dave Pursley ruled a deep gash in Blauser's shin more unsightly than dangerous.

Yankees scout Eddie Lopat attended the game and saw Blauser single twice in three at-bats. Cox assigned scout Donnie Williams, the Braves' major-league "cross-checker" on proposed trades, to the Yankees-Mets game in Port St. Lucie. D Notebook, Page 2D

Braves, Mets, Padres Are at Murphy Trade Impasse