# Father Hesburgh, former Irish players testify in agents trial

By John Gorman

Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, University of Notre Dame president emeritus, testified Monday that he would have never given two star football players their scholarships if he had known they had taken money from sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom.

Testifying in the federal trial of the two agents, Father Hesburgh also said that if he had known that the players, Alvin Miller and Robert Banks, had signed secret agreements, he would have cut off their scholarships.

The prosecution contends that the athletes defrauded the universities of the scholarship money by lying about their eligibility after they became ineligible by taking the money. The agents committed

mail fraud when the schools mailed representations to the NCAA that the athletes were still amateurs, according to the prosecution.

"Did Notre Dame rely on Mr. Miller's and Mr. Banks' representations to send its representations to the NCAA [that the two were still amateurs]?" Father Hesburgh was asked by U.S. Atty. Anton Valukas.

"That's right," Father Hesburgh

Dan Webb, one of Bloom's attorneys, asked Father Hesburgh if there was an NCAA rule that prohibited the players from signing a representation agreement with the

"I don't believe that there was anything like that, but there was a prohibition from taking any

money," said Father Hesburgh, who retired two years ago after 35 years as president of Notre Dame.

Pressed by Webb as to the existence of a rule prohibiting signing the agreement, Father Hesburgh responded, "I'm not a lawyer, but if there is money involved, he's no longer an amateur, and no longer eligible for a scholarship."

Walters, 58, and Bloom, 29, are on trial before U.S. District Judge George Marovich and a jury on charges of defrauding the universities by persuading the athletes to sign representation agreements in violation of eligibility rules and concealing the existence of the agreements.

Miller, who later embraced Father Hesburgh outside the courtroom, testified that in Feburary, 1986, he signed a postdated con-

tract for the two agents to represent him and a promissory note to repay \$2,500 after he signed a pro contract. Banks said he signed a similar contract in May, 1986, and a note to repay \$5,000.

Father Hesburgh said the acceptance of a loan by an athlete "would be looked at with great sus-

He added, "If you look at the abuses in intercollegiate athletics that are surrounded by euphemistic terms like gifts and loans . . . when five members of a basketball team come up with the same kind of Camaro, that would arouse some suspicions."

Webb then asked if two Notre Dame players named Larry Williams and Tim Scanell had violated NCAA rules by going to Florida for Playboy magazine for the awar-

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ding of its All-America team.

"I don't read Playboy," Father Hesburgh responded, prompting laughter to erupt in the packed courtroom. But then he turned serious, answering, "In all my years of association with the university, I never heard anything that had the scintilla of doubt about rulebreaking without looking into it immediately." He added that he felt confident that such a trip was not a violation of the NCAA rules.

Both Banks and Miller had testified that they took the money from the agents after meeting with the pair at South Bend, Ind., hotels.

Miller said that shortly after signing the agreement and returning to his dorm, he called his family and discussed the agreement.

But when he called Walters within hours and tried to return the

money in return for the signed agreement, Walters told the athlete, "Don't worry about it."

Thereafter, Walters and Bloom sent Miller payments of \$250 on six or seven occasions, said Miller, who works for a St. Louis travel

Miller said he never repaid the agents because the agreement specified that he was to repay them out of the earnings from his pro contract. He said he was injured in his senior year and never signed a pro contract, but still hopes to play pro football some day.

Banks, who played defensive end last season for the Houston Oilers, said that he has never repaid the agents after taking \$7,000. He said that he dropped the agents shortly after he finished his collegiate football career in early 1987.

### Illini will start Gill in NCAAs

By Linda Young Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN—Guard Kendall Gill will start for the first time in 15 games Thursday when Illinois opens its NCAA tournament bid against McNeese State at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.

Coach Lou Henson made the announcement Monday. Gill has not started since suffering a broken left foot in January. He missed 12 games, then came off the bench in the Illini's final two games of the regular season.

Gill, who returned to score 34 points in victories over Iowa and

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Michigan, was named Big 10 Player of the Week by United Press International. The Associated Press named Illinois' Kenny Battle, who had 34 points and 8 rebounds in the two games, its Player of the

Gill's return to the starting lineup means Marcus Liberty, who had started in Gill's absence, goes back to the bench. That's fine with the 6-foot-8-inch sophomore.

"I think I'm much more comfortable coming off the bench because know I have to do the things right to get out there on the court," said Liberty, who snapped out of a midseason slump to score in double figures in six of his last nine games. "I just have to imagine that I'm out there, and once I get in the game I'll be in the flow. I want to be loose. I'll be ready to

"I hate to take anything away from Marcus, he's been playing so well, but I'm happy coming off the bench and I'm happy starting," said Gill. "Whatever the boss wants me to do, that's what I'll do."

Tickets for the three first- and second-round sessions in Indianapolis will be on sale until noon Tuesday at the Assembly Hall ticket office. By late Monday, more than 5,000 ticket orders had been received. Phone orders are also being taken at 217-333-3470.

The Hoosier Dome holds 38,000 for basketball and there are plenty of tickets available. In fact, there are lots more than anticipated. Indiana fans gobbled up tickets weeks in advance, anticipating that the Hoosiers, not the Illini, would draw the No. 1 seed in the Midwest. But when Big 10 champ Indiana, a loser in two of its last three games, got the West's No. 2 seed and was sent to Tucson, Hoosier fans started unloading fast. Classified ads began popping up Monday in Indianapolis newspapers hawking tick-

The Illini have never before played in a domed stadium, but they hope they'll get used to it. If Illinois should win two games in Indiana, the Illini would enter regional play at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. And should they come out of the regional, Seattle's



Tribune photo by Ed Wagne Off the bench, a recovering Kendall Gill scored 34 for the IIlini against lowa and Michigan.

Kingdome is home to the 1989 Final Four.

The Illini will have only one hour of practice time in the dome before Thursday's 6:07 p.m.

"I don't think it will make any difference. We play in the big arenas, so that should be much like some of the places we play,"

Henson said. Sixteenth-seeded McNeese State (16-13) not only has never played in a dome, but only once this season did the Cowboys play in front of a crowd in excess of 10,000. A full house of 15,500 saw them lose 77-56 at Iowa in the season opener. A crowd of 259 saw them at Houston Baptist.

Since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985, no No. 16 seed has won a tournament

Should the Illini win Thursday, their second-round game Saturday against the Pittsburgh-Ball State winner will start at 1:20 p.m.

### Oldfield is implicated in Canadian drug probe

From Chicago Tribune wires

TORONTO—Canada's top female sprinter named an American connection in the government inquiry on drug use in amateur sport Monday when she testified about how she obtained steroids during her decade of use.

Angella Issajenko said she got "hot shots" of steroids during 1981 competitions from U.S. shotputter Brian Oldfield and received steroid prescriptions in 1983 from Dr. Robert Kerr, whom she described as "the big steroid guru in America."

A silver medalist in the 4x100meter relay at the 1984 Olympics, Issajenko was guided by inquiry lawyer Robert Armstrong through entries she made in her personal diaries.

The inquiry was ordered after Issajenko's teammate, Ben Johnson, was stripped of his Olympic 100-meter

est basketball player in the world."

Aw, shucks, what about that,

"I'm taking it game by game,"

Jordan said. "I've never con-

sidered myself a point guard, more

of a utilityman who plays a lot of

That's a little like calling Shake-

speare a competent writer. Of

course, no one was calling the

Pacers much of a basketball team

Monday as they fell to 17-44, 4-29

on the road. They needed to see a

new, invigorated Bulls attack like a

The Pacers probably would have

been shot down for the fourth

straight time this season by the

Bulls even if they hadn't either

missed a shot or lost the ball in 12

But the Bulls shot just 35 per-

cent in the first quarter, allowing

the Pacers to entertain hopes, for

a while, of receiving an NCAA

tournament bid. Thereafter,

though, they probably wouldn't

of their first 13 possessions.

moose needs a hat rack.

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Michael?

dash gold medal after testing positive for steroids in Seoul.

Issajenko, 30, said she received tablets of anavar and injections of testosterone, both banned steroids, in 1981 from Oldfield, a former world record-holder.

She said Oldfield gave her anavar at a meet in Furth, West Germany, in May, 1981.

"It was normal ... one assumed whenever there was a thrower around he was on steroids. [Coach] Charlie Francis and I spoke to him [Oldfield] and he had anavar on him and some other injectables and he gave me some," she said. "There were no doping controls at European meets at the time."

Issajenko said Oldfield gave her injections of the steroid testosterone at another European meet in June,

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Angella Issajenko (left) testifies at Monday's session of the inquiry into drug use in sports.

games in 11 days and six on the

road, might have pulled a rabbit

Percentages: FG .433, FT .750. Three-point goals: 3-10, .300 (Skiles 2-4, Schrempf 1-2, Stephens 0-1, Person 0-3). Team rebounds: 9. Blocked shots: 6

(Smits 4, Fleming, Gray). Turnovers: 13 (Thompson Sperson 3, Fleming 2, Schrempf, Skiles, Gray, Wittman

Frederick). Steals: 3 (Thompson, Smits, Stephens). Technical fouls: None. Illegal defense: None.

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out of their hat.

Thompson Schrempf Smits Fleming Person Skiles

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### World Cup more than U.S. dream

By Joseph Knowles

As the United States nears its last round of qualifying matches for the 1990 World Cup soccer tournament in Italy, it will be trying to build on newly gained respect.

In the 1988 Olympics, the U.S. surprised soccer experts by tying traditional power Argentina and North Korea before being outclassed by the Soviet Union, the eventual gold

Next, there was the bronze medal at the first World Five-a-Side (indoor) Championships in Holland two months ago. That was significant because five-a-side is a scaleddown version of outdoor soccer, played without sideboards and, therefore, much closer to true soccer than the indoor game played in the

The third-place finish in Holland was followed by an impressive fourth-place showing by the U.S. under-20 team in the Youth World Cup in Saudi Arabia last month.

Now, for the first time in recent memory, the U.S. is a favorite to advance from the CONCACAF (Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Federations) region of the 1990 World Cup. The road became smoother when Mexico was disqualified for having used overage players in a

junior competition. To advance, the U.S. must finish no worse than second in a homeand-home round-robin series against Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Trinidad/Tobago. The first qualifying match is April 16 in Costa

The 24-team field for the next World Cup, which takes place every four years, will be determined by mid-November. Defending champion Argentina and host Italy have two of the spots. Final qualifying matches are underway worldwide.

The United States team has not been part of the soccer World Cup's final draw since 1950.

"There is nothing inherent in people born in Brazil or Argentina or Italy that makes them better soccer players than Americans," says John Freehill, executive director of Illinois Knights, an organization dedicated to soccer instruction. "The only difference is in the training and in the amount of players in the talent

According to Freehill, European national teams can choose from 1,000 or more young players who have the ability to compete at the international level. In the U.S., the number is more like 100 or 150.

"Our training is as good as anywhere in the world, but in the U.S., sports are built around schools and park districts," says Freehill. "In Europe and South America, there are club organizations devoted to soccer. Kids play soccer all year long."

Because the U.S. will host the Cup in 1994—and thus get an automatic entry into the final draw—there is an understandable desire to field competitive, championship-caliber

"Our under-20 team is a good example of the kind of players we are developing in America," says Freehill. "They have had exposure to soccer throughout their school years and it rates as a major sport with them. Also, the caliber of play at our colleges is greatly improved since the

Meanwhile, most members of the U.S. national team have been improving their game, holding weeklong training camps in Florida. The team will travel to South America later this month in further preparation for the qualififying cup matches,

Coached by Bob Gansler, formerly coach of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's soccer program, the U.S. squad will also participate in the Marlboro Cup, a series of exhibitions held in four U.S. cities against top-rate international competition.

The Marlboro Cup series will stop

#### At a glance

SHOOTING: Going into Monday night's game, Horace Grant had not shot less than 50 percent from the field since the All-Star break, a total of 13 games.

SCORING: Bill Cartwright's 20point game Saturday was his first of 20 or more since Jan. 24. Cartwright was shooting 55 percent from the field in the six games before Monday since returning to the starting lineup.

SLUMPS: Scottie Pippen was shooting 44 percent from the field in the eight games before Monday after shooting 56 percent in the previous eight.

NEXT: The Cavaliers Wednesday at Richfield, Ohio.

have competed with Indiana University or Ball State, although Rik Smits, playing against Bulls' irregulars in the fourth quarter, managed to run up a game-high 25 points after all was lost.

The Bulls, meanwhile, facing their toughest stretch of the season starting Wednesday with seven

240 47-91 19-24 51 42 22 122 Percentages: FG .516, FT .792. Three-point goals: 9-12, .750 (Hodges 5-6, Jordan 3-4, Sellers 1-1, Paxson 0-1). Team rebounds: 6. Blocked shots: 7 (Jordan 2, Pippen, Corzine, Sellers, Perdue, Davis). Turnovers: 13 (Grant 2, Cartwright 2, Haley 2, Pippen, Vincent, Jordan, Corzine, Davis, Perdue, Sellers). Steals: 9 (Jordan 3, Pippen 3, Grant 2, Corzine). Technical fouls: None. Illegal defense: None.

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#### **Bulls** notes

Indiana Pacers coach Dick Versace wants to get his team airborne, even if it doesn't have a Michael Jordan. "We're looking at getting our own plane

right now," said Versace, formerly an assistant with Detroit, the only team in the National Basketball Association with its own plane. "And I'm pushing for it. We make this tremendous investment in people, so why wear them out sitting on runways, waiting through long delays traveling on a few hours sleep.

"And you can't say we'll wait until we win 50 games. You've got to have vision. I'd say a plane might be worth about seven wins to a team. That's the difference that might make you a winner, getting you from 36 to 43 wins."

After losing badly to Atlanta Feb. 25, Bulls coach Doug Collins said he needed

to return center Bill Cartwright to the starting lineup for his rebounding. However, in the six games after that, Cartwright re-trieved 31 rebounds in 168 minutes, or about 1 for every 5.4 minutes he played while Dave Corzine got 29 rebounds in 101 minutes, or about 1 for every 3.4 minutes he played.

More Versace: "I have one of the best young teams in the league [with the trade for Detlef Schrempf and release and trades of John Long, Herb Williams and Wayman Tisdale]. We've got talent, chemistry and potential, and with Stipo [Steve Stipanovich] back from his injury and a lottery pick, we'll win. But this is not Folger's It's not instant coffee. We're looking at three years to be competitive."

It was an auspicious debut for the Pacers' Chuck Person as the new team

captain after Williams was traded. Person, having his best season, missed the team bus and was late for the shootaround in showed support for his new leader. "If you guys really cared, you'd have made sure Chuck made the bus," Versace

An Oak Park man, David Crisp, was the first this season to win one of the shooting contests for fans when he made two layups, a free throw and a shot from the top of the key in 24 seconds. He won \$1,000.

told the team to quizzical looks.

Referee Dick Bavetta, watching Crisp, got so excited he dramatically signaled 'good" with his right hand slashing downward as the final shot went in at the

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## Knight

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tion," Waters said. "I don't know if I'd want to be in Tucson unless I meant business. That'll play right into his hands. He's got a team that they call overachievers. Having won the Big 10 championship, it was a marvelous turnaround.

"But sometimes a team that achieves that [title] can have a definite dropost in that next round, especially if they draw a team that doesn't fuel a lot of emotion. It's hard. But whatever chance anybody had of sneaking up on Indiana, they can chalk that one up to Kansas City [site of the tournament committee meeting].

"I think Knight's on a run. And now the crusade continues. He's gonna have more burrs on him than a cactus. Any chance of a team sneaking up on him early is blown by that seeding."

But, according to Packer, Illinois didn't catch any breaks by receiving the top seed in the Midwest. First of all, the Illini will have to play in front of a lot of fans in Indianapolis who thought they were buying tickets to see their beloved Hoosiers.

"That's the reason I want to see permanent sites," Packer said, "because I think there are 50,000 Indiana people who would be going to the Hoosier Dome to watch basketball, whoever was there. I think that would be very unfortunate if they [the fans] would not support all the teams that get there."

Also working against Illinois, Packer said, is "the Midwest is just an awesome region. There are four teams in that region [Illinois, Missouri, Syracuse and Louisville] that in one point in the season you could have said realistically was the front-runner for the national cham-

As for Notre Dame receiving a higher seeding than De Paul, Packer said, "I really don't believe they [the

Irish] deserve it. To me, Notre Dame was a team on the bubble. They had a great reputation as a national team and they did play some [good] clubs this year. But everybody they played of significance beat them. And a lot of people beat them right on their home court, which usually has been their opportunity for major upsets."

Waters, too, was surprised but likes the Blue Demons' chances of advancing better than the Irish. Especially since Notre Dame opens with Vanderbilt and then would face East top seed Georgetown.

"First prize is a weekend in Providence," Waters joked. "Second prize is the Hoyas."

Realistically, "De Paul has a stronger chance," Waters said, "because they have two seniors. Notre Dame is so young. I'm sure they'll have [guard Joe] Fredrick back, but they still really lack that senior leadership. They've lost at home to Boston College. It's really stretching it to expect them to go very far.

"Whereas De Paul, with [Terence] Greene and [Stanley] Brundy, you've got two guys there who can pick up everybody else, as they did Saturday. Not that the rest of the talent at De Paul is all that bad. But you get those seniors, they've been there ... that's just a magic ingredient at this point in getting the maximum out of everybody.

"De Paul's bubble may have burst had they not won that game Saturday. If they're a 12th seed coming off that win on national television, you wonder what would have happened had they not won."

SportsChannel America, which Monday signed a multiyear agreement for exclusive rights to the Boston Marathon, is expected to announce details Tuesday of its contract with the National Federation of High School Associations for a national prep basketball game of the week.

Miscommunication between the network and affiliate was blamed by officials at WLS-TV (Channel 7) for

its showing the Pacific-10 championship game instead of the Big Eight title contest. According to a network spokesman, the decision on which game to carry was left to each affiliate. Tim Bennett, program director at WLS-TV, said he never heard from the network.

Will Ed Vrdolyak and Ald. Tim Evans demand equal time from WGN-TV (Channel 9) after Harry Caray's ringing endorsement of Rich Daley for mayor during Sunday's Cubs-Padres telecast? Or was Caray's mispronounciation of every major advertiser more embarras-

Best lines: Waters teasing partner Mary Albert: "The only thing athletic you've done is jump to a conclusion." Packer on Syracuse's freethrow shooting problems: "It must be something in the water up there." ABC's Dick Vitale to Al Michaels at halftime of the Arizona rout of Stanford: "Do you get paid by the word?" Michaels to Vitale: "Hey, they were right about you."

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