CALENDAR

March	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.
	22 Phil. 7:35 p.m. WBBM-AM (780)			25 Boston 12:35 p.m. SportsVision WBBM-AM (780)	26 Calgary 7:35 p.m. WBBM-AM (780)		
	Phoenix 8:30 p.m. WFLD (32) WLUP-AM (1000)		Portland 9:30 p.m. WFLD (32) WLUP-AM (1000)	Seattle 9 p.m. WFLD (32) WLUP-AM (1000)			Golden St. 7:30 p.m. SportsVision WLUP-AM (1000)
POWER			Milwaukee 7:35 p.m. WCBR-FM (92.7)	Fort Wayne 7:35 p.m. WCBR-FM (92.7)			

Other local events

Thoroughbred racing at Sportsman's Park, 1 p.m. Harness racing at Maywood Park, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's sports on television

Away game

College basketball NIT, Michigan State vs. Villanova. 7 p.m. ESPN.

Hockey

Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins, 6:30 p.m. SportsVision. Horse racing

Chicago Racing Report," with Gerry Gallitano and Phil Georgeff, 6 p.m. and 1 a.m. Thursday, (tape), SportsVision.

"Chicago Harness Racing," with Mike Paradise and Elanor Flavin, 5:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. Thursday, (tape), SportsVision.

Miscellany

"Sports Nightly," 9:30 p.m. SportsVision.

"The Weight Room." 12:30 a.m. Thursday, (tape), SportsVision.

Wednesday' sports on radio

Horse racing

"The Thoroughbred report with Frank Brabec, 5:05 p.m. WAIT-AM (850). Harness Racing Wrapup," with Tony Salvaro, 12:15 a.m. (WBBM-AM (780).

Miscellany

"Athletes Feats," with Bob Verdi, 8:10 a.m. and 5:10 p.m. WXRT-FM (92.7).

Coppock On Sports," 7 p.m. WLUP-AM (1000).

For results call 976-8383

BRIEFS

Baseball: David Valdes, a friend and employee of Oakland Athletics baseball star Jose Canseco, was in possession of steroids when he was arrested for carrying a loaded handgun as he and Canseco attempted to board a plane at Detroit's Metro Airport after a January baseball card show, according to records. Judge David Kerwin sentenced Valdes, of Hialeah, Fla., to a year's probation Tuesday and \$250 in court costs for carrying a concealed weapon in the Jan. 21 incident. Valdes, 24, initially denied that 26 tablets found in his briefcase were steroids. But results of state police laboratory tests obtained under the state Freedom of Information Act showed that white, flat half-scored tablets bearing the markings Syntex and 2902 were steroids.

Canseco, reached by phone in Phoenix, where the A's are training, said he couldn't understand why he was being dogged by the steroid issue. The outfielder said he hoped he could put the rumors to rest, and he stated he has not taken steroids.

After insisting for almost a year that he would not give spurned mistress Margo Adams one penny, Wade Boggs has offered a \$20,000 settlement, but there has been no answer from Adams or her attorney. "I just did it for the welfare of the guys," said Boggs, "and to get the thing over with before the season starts. But there's no word on it."

Jennifer King, Boggs' attorney, made the offer to Adams' lawyer, James McGee, but said there has been no response. McGee said Tuesday night that King and Boggs would deliver their offer in writing "within the next several days." Adams has confided to others that she has no intention of accepting the \$20,000 offer.

Football: Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen says a growing emphasis on financial responsibility in the National Football League could mean the end of Tony Dorsett's illustrious career and \$500,000 salary. Bowlen said Monday that Dorsett has to show a marked improvement over last year to make the Broncos' roster this season. "I hope he can play one more year with us," Bowlen said. "But he'll have to compete for a job."

Swimming: Chad Hundeby, of Irvine, Calif., won the first national championship of his career Tuesday by winning the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 9 minutes 1.53 seconds at the U.S. Swimming Short Course National Championships.

Hockey: Frank Sliva, 18, an

Escanaba (Mich.) High School hockey player who allegedly attacked Greg Lobdell with his stick in a Jan. 14 game between Escanaba and Traverse City High School, was charged with one count of aggravated assault, Delta County Prosecutor Thomas Smithson said Tuesday. Sliva, a senior, pleaded innocent at his arraignment Monday in a Michigan district court. He was released on a \$500 personal recognizance bond pending a pretrial conference, a court spokeswoman said. Conviction on the misdemeanor charge is punishable by up to one year in jail, Smithson said.

Skiing: Defending national downhill champion Jeff Olson of Bozeman, Mont., posted the fastest training run in an accident-marred session Tuesday in preparation for Thursday's U.S. Downhill Championships. Olson skied the 7,450foot course in one minute, 27.37 seconds. Bill Hudson of Sacramento, Calif., was second at 1:27.46. Australia's Steven Lee was third, with a time of 1:28.08.

Sledding: A New Zealand man's craving for cheeseburgers helped him complete the 1,168-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Duane Lamberts, 25, reached Nome, Alaska, Monday to complete the race in 16 days. The winner, Joe Runyan of Nenana, Alaska, reached the finish line last Wednesday. Lamberts said the handful of remote villages along the trail that offered cheeseburgers kept him going. "They all tasted great, every one of them," he said.

Wrestling: The Chicago Blaze of the National Wrestling League earned a 15-15 tie with the Minnesota Grizzlies at the Horizon when Bob Gruner, substituting for Todd Yde at 185 pounds, scored a thirdperiod takedown against Minnesota's Johnny Johnson, giving the Yde-Gruner team : 6-2 victory.

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stand still." LaRussa, as is his style, is everywhere, keeping score in a batting-

cage game, hitting fungoes, picking up practice balls, judging rundown choices, giving pop quizzes. "Would that ball have moved the

runner over?" he asks Walt Weiss, his shortstop. It is a detail a power team might

not dwell on. The A's tend to take bases four at a time.

No World Series loser has made the succeeding playoffs since 1978. And even though they, and nearly everyone but smog prisoners, believe losing to the Dodgers was a fluke, the A's want to give themselves every chance to make it right

next time.

To an already formidable pitching game, they added another expensive, durable, as well as large, arm. Mike Moore, in from Seattle, is big enough swap shirts with most of his new friends.

"In Seattle," said Moore, "we came to the park expecting to lose. Here, everybody, including the clubhouse guy, expects to win.'

Including everybody in baseball, more to the point. Sparky Anderson of Detroit picks the A's to repeat by at least five games.

I suppose they will go ahead and play the season anyhow, but I certainly expect the A's and the Mets

to meet in the World Series. I can't wait to see who hits each other hardest and which ones really

Ex-Pitt star describes threats to brother

By John Gorman

Sports agents Norby Walters and loyd Bloom threatened to end the college football career of the younger brother of former University of Pittsburgh linebacker Tony Woods after Woods signed with another agent, according to testimony in federal court Tuesday.

Woods told a jury and U.S. District Judge George Marovich that the threat came after his younger brother, Darryl, two years behind him at Pittsburgh, took an airline ticket from Walters in violation of NCAA regulations. The threat was prompted because Woods had dropped Walters for another agent, Bruce Allen, Woods said.

"That really angered me," Woods testified. "My brother didn't do anything. He [Walters] was trying to get me to leave Bruce Allen." He said that he had accepted the ticket for his brother.

Walters, 59, and Bloom, 28, are charged with defrauding several universities by persuading the athletes to sign representation agreements in violation of eligibility rules and concealing the agreements from their schools.

The agents signed Woods in February, 1986, for \$2,500 and a promise to pay him \$250 a month until he signed his pro contract, the athlete said.

Woods said that Walters began phoning him in early 1987 shortly after he notified the agents he was switching to Allen. Woods, at a time not specified in court, went



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Tony Woods



Woods

to the office of an Allen associate, Eric Metz, in Pittsburgh, and taperecorded the phone conversation with Walters and Bloom, he testi-

"Why did you tape the call?" Woods was asked by Assistant U.S. Attorney Howard Pearl, who is prosecuting the case with Anton Valukas and Helene Greenwald.

"So he wouldn't get my brother kicked out of school...that's why taped the call," responded Woods, now a linebacker with the Seattle Seahawks.

On the tape, Bloom warned Woods of Walters' intentions, "So think you better talk to Norb because he don't kid...'cause he wants to bring down the Pitt program on probation...and he has a copy of your brother's airline ticket...and he wants to show the NCAA that your brother took a ticket so, therefore, your brother can't finish his last two seasons."

Walters was more conciliatory with Woods, according to the tape. "Whatever it was that you needed...took care of the family,

whatever it was they needed, never made a wrong move, never said a wrong word, was never disrespectul in any fashion...always love and friendship, right?" Walter asked.

"Yeah," Woods replied. Then Walters tried to persuade Woods to dump Allen and rehire Walters and Bloom. He advised Woods to tell Allen that he didn't need "a major legal battle with

Norby Walters." Walters suggested that Woods tell Allen, "This guy is gonna spend the money 'cause I know he's got the cash, and he's gonna go for it. I'm gonna wind up in a major lawsuit while I'm trying to think about playing football."

Walters and Bloom sued Woods on March 6, 1987 seeking return of money they had lent him and an additional \$500,000 in punitive damages.

Toward the end of the taped conversation, Walters' tone toughened: "As we go into court, this stuff is going to come out. . .I have to say everything man, okay.

That your brother, okay, had took trips to New York and accept that...he's gonna lose eligibility, your school is going to go into probation, mom and dad are gonna be brought into it."

The suit eventually was dropped. Darryl Woods' name was not disclosed and he played through his

junior year, sources said. Woods testified that he never has repaid the \$8,000 he received from Walters and Bloom, but his parents repaid \$6,000 they received from the agents.

In later testimony, former University of Texas running back: Edwin Simmons testified that he took \$4,000 from the agents in March, 1986, after first turning down \$2,500 from them. He also said that Walters also gave him \$1,200 for his help in signing teammate Everett Gay.

Gay testified that he signed with the agents and their firm, World Sports & Entertainment Inc., for \$2,500. Simmons testified that telephoned him in November, 1986, when the agents had heard that Gay was thinking of switching agents.

Simmons, who is not playing professional football, said Bloom told him that if Gay switched, "we can phone to Las Vegas and ger some people to come down and make sure that Everett Gay never plays football again."

Gay, now with the Dallas Cowboys, said that Bloom nevermade direct threats to him.

TENNIS

Agassi upset by

From Chicago Tribune wires

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla.—Andre Agassi said the first time he heard of Carl-Uwe Steeb was Tuesday, when the West German beat him in straight sets in the opening round of the International Players Championships.

"I had no idea whether he was left-handed or right-handed or anything," Agassi said after losing 6-4, 7-5, 6-0. "I didn't know his

Steeb responded: "Maybe he knows it now."

Agassi, seeded third, was the first of the top eight seeds to lose

Results in Scoreboard

in the two-week, \$2.1 million tournament. Sixth-seeded Tim Mayotte lost later Tuesday to Kelly Evernden of Australia.

Winners included No. 1 seeds Ivan Lendl and Gabriela Sabatini. Among the men, No. 2 Mats Wilander, No. 4 Jimmy Connors and No. 8 Miloslav Mecir also won. In women's play, No. 3 Helena Sukova and No. 4 Pam Shriver advanced, while seventh-seeded Barbara Potter withdrew because of back spasms.

Steeb, ranked 96th, beat Wilander in last year's Davis Cup finals. His blistering forehand and big serve were the difference against Agassi, who lost the last eight games.

"He started to hit the ball too hard and stayed very close to the baseline," said Steeb, 21. "After he realized I can keep up with him, he started trying to hit winners from there, and that makes him a little bit shaky."

Agassi had only eight forehand winners to 18 for the left-handed Steeb, and just two aces to six for the West German. Agassi, who lost eight of his 14 service games, said his heart was not in the tournament. "For the past three months I've

been trying to pull out, because I wanted a little more time off to get in tune for Davis Cup," he said. "But they wouldn't let me out of the tournament. "I did feel a little flat. In the fu-

ture, I'm going to have to dig a little deeper to pull matches like this out.'

Agassi said his greatest regret was for fans who had planned to see him later in the tournament.

"I feel I disappointed 'em. But they've got Carl Steeb to cheer for Lendl improved his record this

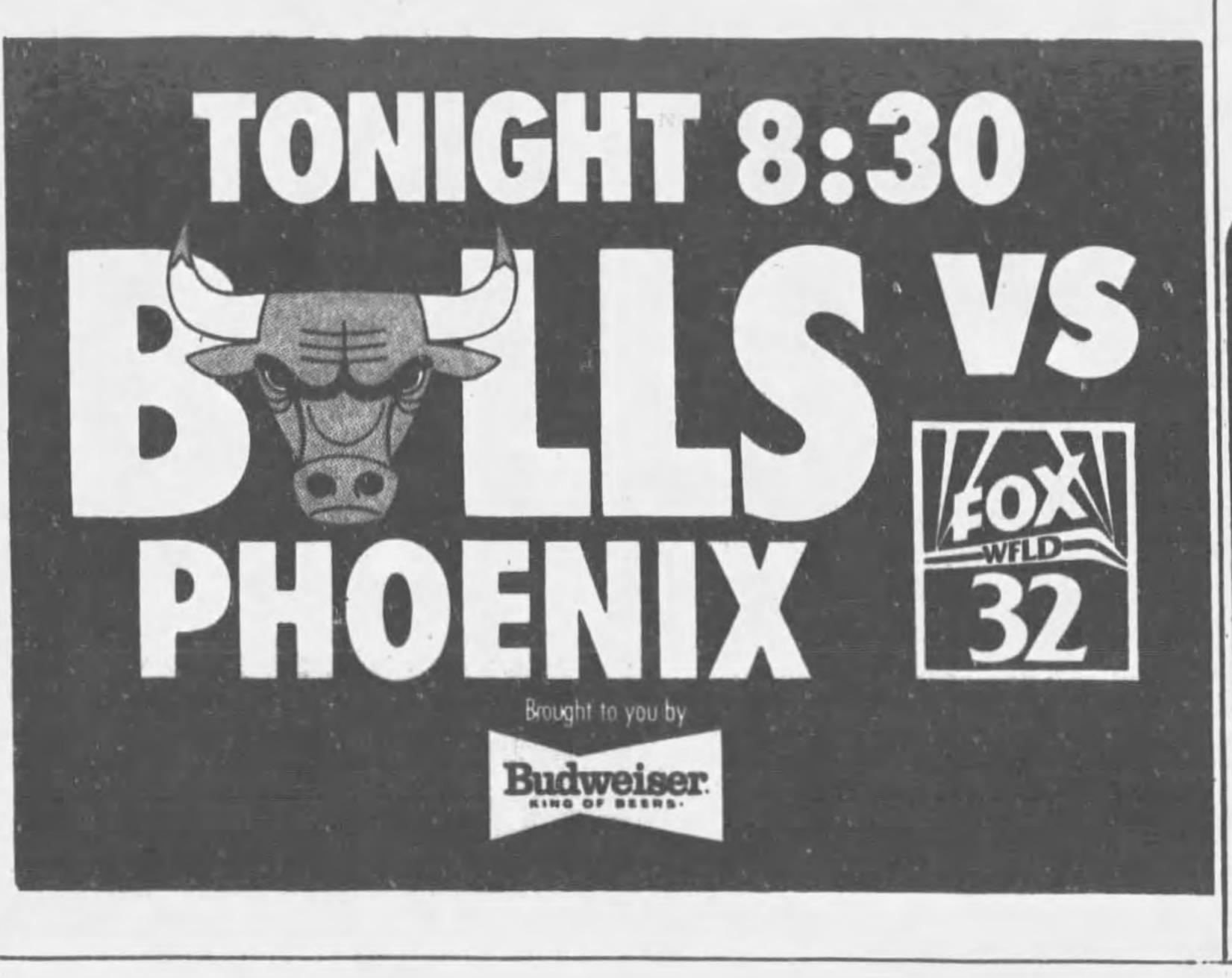
year on hard courts to 13-0 by beating Todd Woodbridge of Australia 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

"I'm hitting the ball well; I'm moving reasonably well," Lendl

Wilander overcame a slow start to beat David Pate of Las Vegas, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3). Connors whipped Richard Matuszewski of Hopewell Junction, N.J., 6-3, 7-5, 6-4. Mecir swept Claudio Pistolesi of Italy, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Mayotte lost to Evernden, ranked 84th, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

Sabatini beat Elly Hakami of Tiburon, Calif., 6-0, 6-3. Sukova needed only 46 minutes to oust Sophie Amiach of France, 6-1, 6-1. Shriver dodged a match point in the second set to beat Etsuko Inoue of Japan, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.



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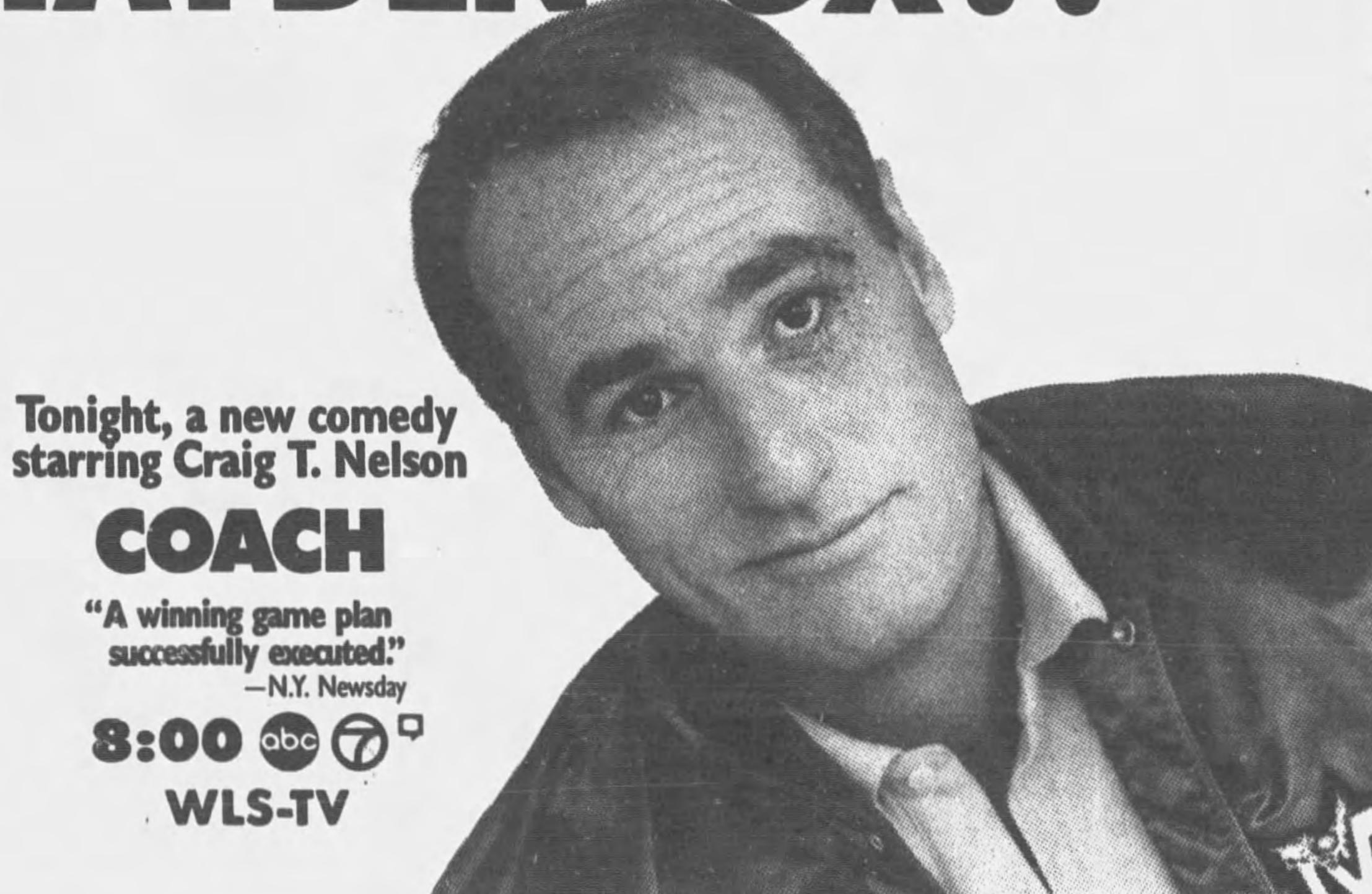
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A look at Chicago's teams

loss to Seattle.

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throwing the ball out there."

Bits&Pieces

Pitching report: Rick Sutcliffe be-

came the first Cub pitcher this spring to

go six innings Tuesday, but he gave up

three runs in each of his last two in a 9-2.

cliffe, whose earned-run average is an even 7.00. "We

were trying to work on a certain pitch. It's about time-

Ryne Sandberg drove in both Cub runs with a single

and his third spring homer. ... The Mariners' final

three runs were off Mitch Williams, who had been

pretty much unhittable until then. In fact, before Tues-

day, the three short men-Williams, Calvin Schiraldi

and Goose Gossage—had combined for a 1.17 ERA

Pressure point: Mike Harkey has been ham-

mered in his last two starts, lifting his ERA to 9.42. His

spot in the starting rotation isn't in danger, but that's

"He's just got to loosen up a little bit," pitching

Harkey had what was intended to be a reassuring chat

coach Dick Pole said. "It's like he's putting pressure on

himself to make the ballclub. He's not just relaxing and

with manager Don Zimmer after Monday's start, in

which he walked four of the first five batters he faced.

"Hopefully," Pole said, "that'll settle him down a little

Fielders' choice: Tuesday marked Gary Var-

sho's first start of the spring in left field. Phil Stephen-

son, who had his first start there Monday, was the

designated hitter, and Darrin Jackson played right as

Zimmer accelerated his in-house search for a left-fielder.

Varsho went 0 for 4, Stephenson 0 for 3 with a walk,

No sales: General Manager Jim Frey said Tues-

day he fielded two calls that morning and another Mon-

day afternoon, but nothing exciting is happening. "Most

looking for maybe an extra pitcher," Frey said.

lined the roadway leading into the parking lot.

of the conversations I've had have been people who are

On chances of a deal involving a Seattle outfielder

(Mickey Brantley, Henry Cotto, etc.): "I'm not very

Selling out: Tuesday's standing-room crowd of

6,334 was a Diablo Stadium record by 500. Scalpers

more on the floor to receive the ball." Grant, who

boiled over last Saturday after the Bulls' loss to Indiana,

asserted again that "when you're open and not getting

the ball, it can be very frustrating, very frustrating." But

he added, after his heart-to-heart with Collins, that he

has no quarrel with the coach's strategy in moving Mi-

chael Jordan to point guard. "Michael's running the

point pretty well." The Grant-Collins session, the power

forward conceded, cleared the air. "I made the point I

wanted to make," he said. "I think it's going to work."

The outbreak of dissension in the season's stretch drive,

he added, will provide a stern test for the team. "It's

very tough," Grant said. "With me being upset and

Sam [Vincent] not happy, it's going to tell how much

Patched up: Horace Grant said

Tuesday he has resolved his unhappiness

with the Bulls' offensive game plan after a

closed-door meeting with Coach Doug

Collins. "We basically solved it," he said.

"I understand I have to move a little

encouraged right now about our prospects with them."

"I'm not overly concerned," said Sut-

The Inside Story

Odds &



By Linda Kay & Mike Conklin

Betting men: Pete Rose's gambling headaches are nothing new to baseball. You have to go no farther than "The Cubs of '69," a book that just hit the stores, to learn that Leo Durocher was a target of a gambling probe by then-commissioner Bowie Kuhn. Nothing ever came of it, but Durocher's former wife, Lynne Walker Goldblatt, tells author Rick Talley: "I left because he started to gamble heavily. He told me when we married [in 1969], 'I used to gamble, but I don't anymore.' But it was a disease with him." Durocher, 83, tells Talley that these days he's a regular churchgoer in Palm Springs. Says Leo: "... Sometimes when I go into the confession, the priest says, 'What are you doing here? You haven't done anything.' I say, 'Well, Father, if you want to go back a few years, I have done a few

Presumed wealthy: Football players testifying in the Norby Walters-Lloyd Bloom trial haven't found themselves tainted by their association with the case. Bob Banks, a former Notre Dame linebacker left unprotected by the Houston Oilers, was a witness last week—and a day later signed a lucrative contract with Cleveland. We hear the Oiler reserve got a hefty pay hike from last year's \$87,000 salary and, if all incentives are realized, could make close to \$1 million over two years. In Banks' corner were A.J. Faigin, an agent who has moved here from Cleveland, and attorney Scott Turow, best-selling author of "Presumed Innocent." Banks' testimony was a bit overshadowed. He took the stand the same day that jurors heard from Notre Dame's former president, the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh.

Homeward bound?: If Illinois State AD Ron Wellman goes the route of hiring an assistant basketball coach from a big-time program as Bob Donewald's replacement, three men with roots in the Bloomington-Normal area leap out at us. We've told you about Michigan assistant/ISU alum Steve Fisher, but there's also De Paul's Jim Molinari and Duke's Bob Bender. Molinari was a star guard at nearby Illinois Wesleyan, and Bender played at Bloomington High before competing for Indiana and transferring to Duke. Evansville







Durocher

coach Jim Crews is a native of the area, but we've already pegged him for Michigan.

Get smart: Two recent books have focused on Indiana coach Bob Knight, and a work-in-progress figures to mention the coach prominently. It'll be authored by former Indiana guard Keith Smart, who now plays for Rapid City of the Continental Basketball Association. Smart has kept a diary of his CBA playing days and hopes to incorporate it with his college memoirs. At Indiana, he is probably best remembered for hitting a baseline jumper with 6 seconds left to lead his team to a 74-73 victory over Syracuse in the 1987 NCAA title game.

Consolation: One of the first notes of consolation that deposed Dallas coach Tom Landry received was from George Allen, another NFL legend with stops in Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington. Said Allen: "I told him he shouldn't feel too bad. I once knew of a coach [himself] who never had a losing season, won 71 percent of his games and got fired after two preseason games. George Halas never even got to coach the Bears 29 straight years like he [Landry] did with the Cowboys." At age 66, Allen is going strong as chairman of the National Fitness Foundation. He's in Chicago this week helping organize the World Fitness Congress to be held here in 1990.

Inflation: Blackhawk playoff tickets go on sale next Monday and you can expect the usual 50 percent hike. We're told the Hawks' prices remain in the lower half of the NHL's scale, but fans in Detroit can't be sure what to expect. The Red Wings, expected to win the Norris Division, will only say at this point prices are going up \$7 per seat for the opening six home games in the playoffs. Then, the Wings say they reserve the right to again raise the cost. This means Detroit fans will have to fork over more midway in the second round.

News, notes & nonsense: The International Skating Union, which governs speedskating and figure skating, scored quite a coup in Paris last week. It switched networks from CBS to NBC, which bid \$27.5 million to televise the competitions from 1990 through 1994. That's double what the federation got in its last contract, and four times the money paid to any other amateur sport. Credit the little 'ol dealmaker, Eddie Einhorn. He's a TV consultant to the ISU.... You may be reading that ex-Blackhawk Darryl Sutter will be back in the National Hockey League as a coach in the next few years. Sutter has turned in an excellent first season as coach of the Hawks' farm club in Saginaw, Mich., where he's kept the team in second place despite 79 player transactions with the parent team. ... Will the Northern Illinois women's softball team get some respect? Coach Dee Abrahamson's unranked Huskies are off to a flashy 13-0 start and just swept a doubleheader from ninth-ranked Florida State. Furthermore, they haven't been rated despite finishing seventh in last year's national tourney.

And finally: New University of Miami football coach Dennis Erickson was an unsuccessful candidate for the Wisconsin job that went to Don Morton two years ago. Wonder if Erickson will be thinking about that fact when the Badgers and Hurricanes meet next season?

PGA Championship already a smash hit

By Reid Hanley

The Lakes are ice water, and the PGA Championship is still five months away, but the 1989 PGA at Kemper Lakes already is a recordbreaking success.

Corporate sponsorship, advertising and advance ticket-sales have made the tournament a success before the first shot has been hit. The Aug. 7-13 tournament has generated a record \$4.8 million in revenue, breaking the old mark of \$4.4 million set in 1984 when the PGA was played at the Shoal Creek Golf Club in Ala-

"I believe it's due to the great support of the golf fans in Chicago and the great corporations," said Doug Schmidt, vice president of marketing for sponsoring Kemper Sports Management. "Of our 60 corporate sponsors who will be entertaining at the championship, 49 are based in Chicago. That's quite a tribute to the Chicago community and their love of golf."

Ticket sales are moving briskly, with the 10,000 season pavilion passes already being sold out. There are still approximately 10,000 season

grounds passes remaining at \$140 each for seven days. Grounds passes admit spectators to the course for the three practice rounds and the four tournament days and provide parking and a program. Tickets may be obtained by calling 800-PGA-1989 or Ticketmaster at 559-1212.

The championship has already enlisted the aid of almost 1,400 volunteers for the championship from many area golf clubs. Since Kemper Lakes is a daily-fee course (only the third daily-fee to play host to the PGA), the Illinois PGA and Kemper Sports have had to rely on area clubs

"The most important thing has been the way the community has come out to support the 1989 PGA Championship," said Dick Smith, vice president of the PGA of America. "We've gotten 350 clubs in the Chicago area to supply some 1,400 volunteers who will serve as marshals, transportation people and on all the committees that go into running a championship. Part of the success in that area is a result of the Illinois PGA, [IPGA President] John Cleland and its executive director, Vance Redfern. They have really done quite a job."

SPORTS OF SORTS Not enough Nerf

Chicago will be the host for a regional basketball championship Thursday, but, no, it has nothing to do with the NCAA tournament.

The Midwest Regional of the Great Shooters Mini-Basketball Tournament, sponsored by Southern Comfort, will be held at 7 p.m. at Traffic Jam, 401 W. Ontario St., and will be refereed by Jerry West, former Los Angeles Lakers star and now their general manager. West will also be available for autographs and interviews.

The contest is played with a Nerf ball and a basket 6 feet high, and the favorites in the Midwest Regional are Scot DuVal of Buffalo Grove, a three-time regional champion and the 1987 national champion, and Luigi Caprio of Oak Lawn, the defending Midwest champ.

The regional winner gets an all-expenses-paid trip to New York to compete in the national finals April 13. The national winner receives an all-expense paid trip for two to the National Basketball Association finals.

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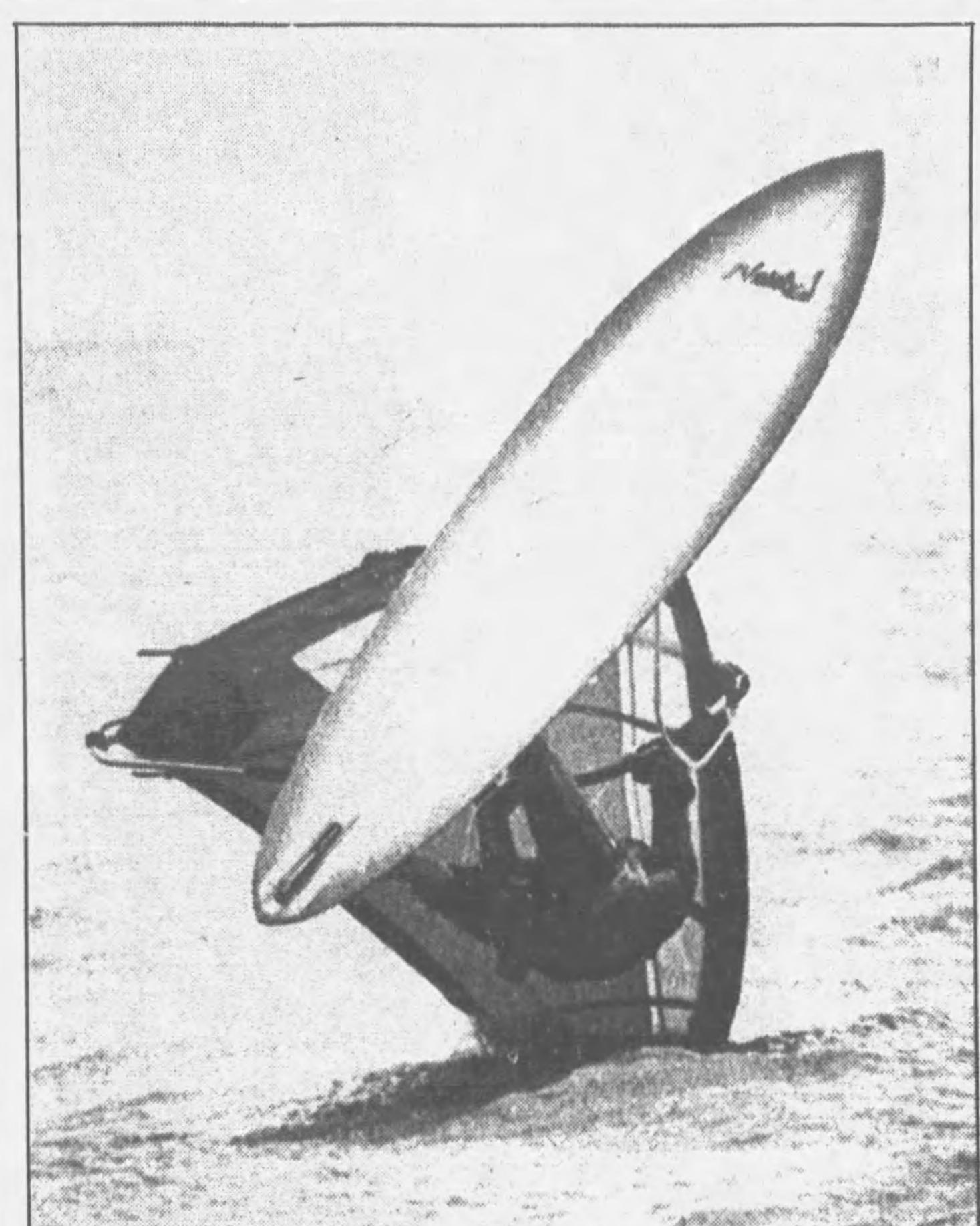
LPGA players' superstitions

1. Nancy Lopez: won't pick up another player's tee 2. JoAnne Carner: won't play

number "1" ball 3. Muffin Spencer-Devlin: carries socks in pocket 4. Jo Ann Washam: uses

1967 coins to mark ball 5. Beth Daniel: won't wear pink if in contention 6. Pat Bradley: tapes her left

7. Vicki Fergon: marks ball with buffalo head nickel Source: Golf Yearbook



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Might as well just go swimming

Well, these things happen. Windsurfer John Sands of Marshfield, Mass., goes up and over last week in the waters off Duxbury Beach near Duxbury, Mass.

YESTERYEAR

5 YEARS AGO: Indiana upsets No. 1-ranked North Carolina 72-68 in an NCAA East Regional semifinal game in Atlanta. It was considered one of the biggest upsets in the history of the tournament. The Tar Heels had been No. 1 since the preseason. It was Michael Jordan's final college game.

10 YEARS AGO: Former Dallas Cowboys All-Pro and Olympic sprinter Bob Hayes is sentenced to a five-year prison term for selling cocaine to a police undercover agent.

20 YEARS AGO: UCLA wins its third straight NCAA championship with a 92-72 victory over Purdue and Rick Mount. Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) collects 37 points and 21 rebounds.

character and unity this team really has." Tube touting: The Bulls-Lakers game was telecast nationally on the TBS cable system. The team will get national exposure again on TBS Friday, March 31, when the Bulls host division-leading Cleveland at the Stadium.

Back from sick bay: Vincent, who was battling the flu over the weekend, arrived in Los Angeles Tuesday, a day after the rest of the team flew out. He was in uniform for Tuesday's game.

Bruce Buursma

Alan Solomon



Stick it to him: The Blackhawks have asked the NHL to suspend Detroit's Lee Norwood for jabbing Adam Creighton with the butt end of his stick while sitting on the bench in Sunday's

Creighton was leaning over the board in front of the Red Wings' bench, locked in a checking duel, when Norwood gave him a pop in the neck area, inciting Creighton. It led him to spearing and game misconduct penalties for attacking Joey Kocur on the bench with his stick. Creighton thought Kocur had jabbed him.

"Adam didn't do the right thing, retaliating in that situation," coach Mike Keenan said. "But we have film that clearly shows what Norwood did, and we've asked for him to be suspended."

He'll give it a shot: Denis Savard practiced with the team Tuesday for the first time since early March. Afterward, Keenan said the center will play Wednesday night against Philadelphia at the Stadium.

"It feels pretty good," Savard said of his bothersome right ankle. "But you never know how it'll be in a game situation. Practice isn't a game, but we'll see."

Happy home: Keenan said he prefers his team's remaining schedule over those of Norris Division opponents St. Louis, Minnesota and Toronto. "Minnesota plays six of their last seven on the road, St. Louis is on an extended road swing and Toronto has a more difficult schedule in terms of away games to home games," he said. "I'd rather have our remaining schedule, four at home and two away."

Still hopeful: The Hawks still think they can slip into third place past Minnesota and have a first-round playoff matchup with second-place St. Louis.

Mike Kiley

NEWSMAKERS

Harry's schedule for Wednesday: Take me out to the studio

Holy Cow! A triple play! Charles Gibson to Larry King to David Letterman.

That was Harry Caray's game plan for Wednesday. The popular Cubs announcer on WGN radio and television was in New York to plug the biography, "Holy Cow!" he wrote with Tribune columnist Bob

Caray left the Cubs' Arizona training base, arrived in New York Tuesday and appeared

from 11 p.m. to midnight (Chicago time) on King's show on the Mutual radio network. (Chicago times) included three

Caray's Wednesday itinerary live shows: with Gibson on

ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" from 7:40-8 a.m., on King's CNN television show from 8-9 p.m. and on Letterman's NBC-TV show at 11:30

Caray also was scheduled Wednesday to tape a show for National Public Radio.

Pro football writers can't wait to honor Landry ...

In an unprecedented move, the Professional Football Writers of America unanimously voted to present former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry with the Jack Horrigan Award, given annually to the player or league or club official who demonstrates "a high quality of professionalism in style in helping the pro football writer do his or her

The award is normally given in the

summer in a mailed vote after nominees are selected, but PFWA members meeting at the NFL owners' meetings in Palm Desert, Calif., felt the circumstances of Landry's dismissal and his cooperation over the years merited presenting the award immediately.

Landry, 64, the only coach the Cowboys had ever had, was dismissed Feb. 25 after Arkansas oilman Jerry Jones purchased the team.



Landry

... and neither can the Rangers, so warm up that arm, Coach

The ceremonial first pitch on opening night for the Texas Rangers will be thrown by Tom Landry, Rangers chairman Eddie Chiles says.

Chiles said he is wrapping up the final details of said that Landry has agreed to be on but I think it's going to work formed he couldn't attend.

hand for the April 4 game against the Detroit Tigers. "It's not set in concrete,"

Chile said. "But he has said he'll be here and he'll throw out the first ball. Tom and l haven't communicated directly,

out all right. I've known Tom for a long time. He's one of my good friends."

The Rangers had originally asked President Bush to throw out the first ball but were in-

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