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Verdi In the wake of the news

A most ominous 'no comment'

Chicago Tribune

PLANT CITY, Fla.—On the backs of those bubble-gum cards, they don't warn a kid about scenes like this. They write nice, neat little paragraphs glorifying our heroes, heroes born in solid, genuine places like Cincinnati, heroes who grow to represent the very fabric of the hometown team and the game of baseball itself. They don't provide for situations such as the one that occurred about noon Wednesday at Plant City Stadium, spring-training headquarters of the Reds, where Pete Rose walked through a gap in a fence along the right-field line, beside the bullpen. He was engulfed by rows of reporters and cameras, and one youngster in short pants, seated in the grandstand, couldn't quite figure it out. "What did Pete do, Daddy?" the boy asked. But Daddy didn't have any answers and, regrettably, neither did Pete Rose. He tried, like he's always tried, but as Rose settled into a perch within the first-base dugout, his back literally pinned to the wall by interrogators, you got the distinct impression that this legend of dirty-uniform fame had been soiled forever. The man revered as "Charlie Hustle" wasn't grumpy or petulant or depressed, only hopelessly hollow in his attempts not to talk about what everybody else in the country is talking about. "I'm glad to see you guys here," Rose said, "because I want my players to get used to what it's going to be like at the playoffs and World Series in October. Good club here. Good club." The Cincinnati players he manages, or at least some of them, picked up the cue. Danny Jackson, a left-hander who won 23 games last season, wore Rose's No. 14 jersey with "Rose" in white letters against the red background. And wherever Jackson went, he was hounded by four teammates who covered over the "C" on their caps with adhesive tape. The inscriptions on the tape all read 'PRESS", and these play-actors mimicked admirably, rudely firing pointed questions at Jackson. Touche. "It's all hearsay," huffed Jackson, when confronted by a real member of the media moments after the charade. "All this stuff comes from the commissioner's office, which See Verdi, pg. 2



Help wanted: Miracle worker NFL commissioner's job description limits field

This very good job just opened up.

Anyone can handle it who has some aptitude for and experience in: labor relations, law enforcement, drug counseling, accounting, economic development, promotion and television programming.

Not one or two of the above. All of them. Oh, and the applicant also has to look and sound good on television and have friends in Congress.

It might also help if he (or, far less likely, she) knows something about football, considering that the job is replacing Pete Rozelle as commissioner of the National Football League. But that's probably not a requirement. Peter Ueberroth didn't know much about baseball when he took the baseball commissioner's job five years ago, and

On Pro Football Jon Margolis

Pete Rozelle's surprise resignation shakes up NFL owners. Page 6. Rozelle made the NFL into a winner. Cooper Rollow, Page 6. Highlights of Rozelle's tenure as commissioner. Page 6.

he did all right.

It is possible, of course, that the 28 owners of the NFL teams will choose someone from football's establishment, someone who does not have many of the abilities mentioned above. The rulers of

the game could decide that their situation calls for a consolidating caretaker, rather than an innovator, as the fourth commissioner since the league was founded and only the second since it became a key factor in everyday life for six months a year.

But football may have too many troubles as well as too many opportunities to take that risk. Drug and steroid use threaten to tarnish the league's image, negotations with the player's union are not going well, franchise shifts have angered fans, some cities are clamoring for new franchises and, in others, resistance grows to public subsidies for stadiums. So there is likely to be serious consideration to going for a big name, someone See Margolis, pg. 6



The job of NFL commisioner has grown during the Pete Rozelle administration.

Revived Jordan saves Bulls

Late heroics eclipse Suns after injury

By Bruce Buursma Chicago Tribune

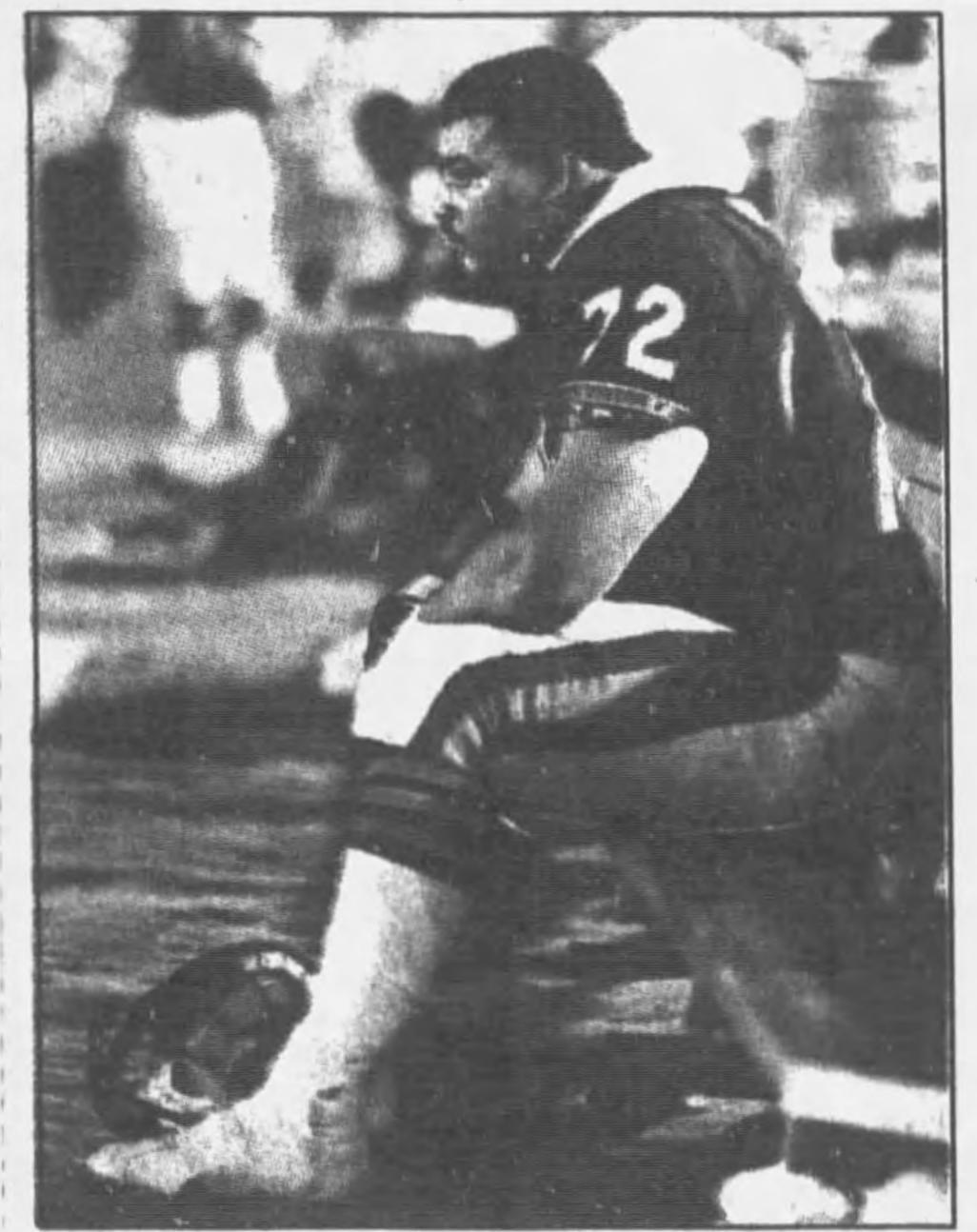
PHOENIX—Michael Jordan selected the right place to rise from the ashes Wednesday night.

After falling in a heap with a painfully strained groin in the first minute and departing briefly for treatment, Jordan played most of the game and rose up to sink four free throws and make a clutch steal in the final 7 seconds to clinch the Bulls' 112-111 victory over the Phoenix Suns.

His late heroics capped a 12for-12 night from the foul line and a team-high 32-point effort after Phoenix had battled back from a 15-point second-half deficit to take the lead with 1:10 left. But the Bulls refused to fade, tying the game at 108 with :32 left on Horace Grant's tip-in of Craig Hodges' errant shot on a breakaway.



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Tribune photo by Frank Hanes

'Fridge' balloons back up

Bears coach Mike Ditka says William Perry is up to 360 pounds and may have to reenter a center for eating disorders. Page 2.

Rose to miss 1 year: report

It was the second straight onepoint victory for the Bulls on a grueling five-game trip and broke the Suns' home winning streak at

"It's a helluva lift for our team," Bulls coach Doug Collins said. "It shows a lot of poise and character to beat the two top teams in the Western Conference on back-to-back nights."

Jordan, who had suffered a slightly sprained ankle late in Tuesday's victory over the Los Angeles Lakers, aggravated a rea crashing dunk in the opening Hawks fall to the Flyers

"I came in off-balance, and I

See Bulls, pg. 3 for the puck with Blackhawks Jeremy Roenick (27) and Wayne

Van Dorp Wednesday night in the Stadium. Philadelphia goalie Ron Hextall hurries back to his net. Story, Page 10.

Bo says he warned about agents

By John Gorman

University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler warned defensive back Garland Rivers "to keep his nose clean" and "do nothing" to jeopardize his elibility as he prepared for his senior year, Schembechler testified Wednesday in the trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom. But when Schembechler found out almost a year later that Rivers had signed with the agents, he said he chastised Rivers.



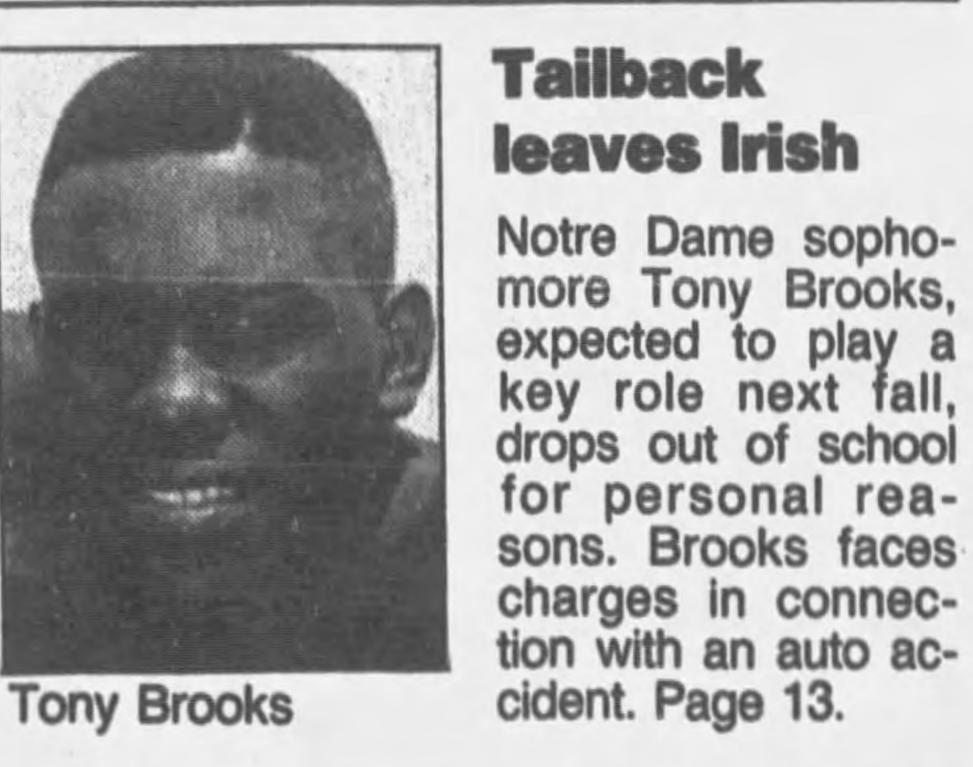
NFL camp rosters cut, 'stashing' hit

By Don Pierson Chicago Tribune

PALM DESERT, Calif.-In another significant effort to maintain competitive balance only hours before Commissioner Pete Rozelle announced his retirement, National Football League owners voted Wednesday to limit the number of players under contract to 80 beginning June 1. To prevent illegal "stashing" of healthy prospects on injured reserve lists, the league decided to ban all preseason injured-reserve players from either practicing or playing for the entire season. Players who go on injured reserve during the season will be out for six weeks instead of the usual four. In addition to active player squads of 47 (45 plus two inactive for games), each team will be allowed to sign a developmental squad of six players-all rookies or first-year players who have passed through waivers. They will earn a fixed salary and will be paid a higher rate if activated. The plan, designed by New Orleans General Manager Jim Finks, was recommended by a joint committee of finance and long-range planning, including Bears President Michael McCaskey.

According to Denver owner Pat Bowlen, whose Broncos signed 140 players for training camp last year, the new rule will save him \$1.5 million.

A source in the commissioner's office says Pete Rose will be suspended for at least a year for gambling. Page 5.



NBA

Bulls 112, Suns 111	Heat 107, Knicks 103		
Pistons 115, Spurs 94	Pacers 101, Bullets 92		
76ers 100, Cavs 98	Clippers 116, Mavs 112		

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NHL			
Flyers 3, Hawks 2	Capitals 5, Penguins 4		
Whalers 4, Bruins 2	Rangers 3, N. Stars 1		
Blues 2, Sabres 1	Leafs 5, Canucks 3		
Canadiens 8, Nords 0	Roundup, Page 10		

"I told him he was a disgrace to Michigan football [and] canceled his grant in aid," Schembechler told the jury before U.S. District Court Judge George Marovich. "His locker was closed and his picture was taken off the wall."

Later, after assistant U.S. Atty. Howard Pearl finished questioning Schembechler, defense attorneys in a surprise decision declined to cross-examine Schembechler.

Rivers testified last week that he signed a contract with the agents and eventually received \$8,000 from them. He said he accepted the money months before Schembechler's warning.

Rivers also received \$1,000 for setting up a meeting between the agents and Michigan running back Robert Perryman, who also signed with the agents.

When Rivers finally confessed his violations of the NCAA rules, Schembechler said he banished

Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler leaves the Federal Building after testifying in the trial of two sports agents.

him. Schembechler recalled how he had asked Rivers twice before about rumors that he had signed with agents. He said after the FBI questioned Rivers in early 1987, he again questioned his star player about signing.

"I said it was obvious he lied, and he admitted it," said Schembechler, Michigan's coach for 20 seasons.

Schembechler testified that shortly after Rivers' junior year, he talked to his player about the dangers of signing with agents.

"I cautioned him to be very careful, and that he should do nothing to jeopardize his eligibility and to keep his nose clean,"

Although Rivers had been rated as a preseason All-America defensive back, Schembechler said Rivers' fourth year was "very disappointing."

"He didn't do well academically or on the football field," Schembechler said.

Walters, 58, and Bloom, 29, are See Agents, pg. 3

More than half the clubs took over 100 players to training camps, and some were accused by others of "stashing" players for the future because some teams are richer than others.

But the committees were instructed a year ago to look for ways to cut rising costs.

"This makes a statement about how we feel about finances," McCaskey said.

Teams that operate on a tighter budget, such as the Bears, applaud the action because it puts a premium on scouting, something Bears personnel director Bill Tobin and his staff have done better than most teams over the years.

Teams have five moves during a season to reinstate players who go on injured reserve after the final cutdown to 47. There are two practice options for IR players: after four weeks, they can practice for two weeks, then be waived or activated; after six weeks on IR, they can be activated, waived or begin unlimited practice. If they practice, they count against the developmental squad of six.

Schembechler said.

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BOXING

Dreams come alive again for the 61st Golden Gloves finals

By Sam Smith

It's usually just after noon when Ken Bowman heads for the bus stop near his family's home in the far southeast corner of Chicago. -or By then he's wished his mother goodbye in sign language, for she vis mute, and has made sure he has renough money-which he often doesn't-for the round trip, which will involve six buses and more than five hours of travel and waiting on windblown street corners.

Ken Bowman is 21 and on his way to the Boys and Girls Club Valentine Boxing Club on Emerald Street west of Comiskey Park. Bowman travels that distance almost every day because there are no shortcuts to where he "hopes to go. The road to the top in boxing is long and arduous. It's

fraught with danger and requires commitment and courage. But he's willing to take it.

Bowman takes his first big step in that direction 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Rosemont Horizon when he joins 47 other young hopefuls competing in the finals of the 61st annual Chicago Golden Gloves.

Bowman will have to earn his title in the 165-pound open division, for he is facing a rugged opponent, defending champ Jerry Williams of Gary, in a bout that figures to be among the night's highlights.

Of course, there will be other matches of note. Three-time 112pound open champion Joel Zapata will face last year's 106-pound champion John Lewis. They are teammates at the Valentine Boxing Club, which has put 12 boxers

in the finals.

At 106 pounds, John Carona of the nationals. Bessemer Park is hoping to duplicate the success of his father, Frank, a 1970 Golden Gloves winner. In the 156-pound open division, David Edwards, a promising boxer from Valentine, meets Mark Kosevich of St. Procopius.

James Hutcherson returns in the super heavyweight class; novice light heavyweight 1988 champion Kevin Cestone of Bloomington faces Chicago Park District lifeguard Brendan Cunningham in the heavyweight open division; and the appropriately named Cortez Box, who actually is a slugger who's knocked out all his opponents thus far, represents Valentine against Northwest Settlement's Gary Styles.

Bowman or Williams in the 165pound bout provide the best op-

portunity for the Chicago team in

"Bowman is a good puncher and a good boxer," said Chicago matchmaker Jack Cowen. He sees pro potential for Bowman, who has been boxing just two years. "He's one of the best looking prospects there."

And how did Bowman come so far so fast?

"My sister entered me in the Prairie State Games," he said. "So I had to learn to box."

Bowman actually was quite a fighter, but most of his bouts were unsanctioned, carried out on the cruel streets of Chicago's South Side, where the Marquis of Queensberry's rules are for the guys lying in the gutter with their heads cracked open.

"He'd had a lot of action in the streets," said Sam Colonna, the

Valentine coach who'd seen the street-tough type before: lots of fight but no discipline and, often enough, little heart.

So what they usually do around the city's gyms is test those kids. See how tough they really are. Put them in there for five, six, seven rounds against guys who can hit and box and take a punch, guys just as tough.

"He didn't know anything about boxing," Colonna recalled. "We put in him the ring with a lot of better guys, and he did pretty good. He kept taking it and going back in there. He wasn't a quitter, and he had a lot of heart."

Which is all Colonna needed to see. And all Colonna needed to know was that Bowman was willing to take that nearly three-hour one-way trip almost every day (missing only when he couldn't afford the bus fare) for those 3 p.m. workouts and then ride back home deep into the night.

Bowman could hit hard, and he developed a confusing southpaw style to go along with his conventional pose. He went on to win at the Prairie State Games and in the CYO tournament. And he was forced into the Golden Gloves open division after just six fights because he was too dominant for the other novices.

With maybe a dozen fights, he lost last year to eventual 165pound champion Robert Fisher, who'd been boxing about eight years.

Now, though, Bowman is confident. He's run up a 24-2 amateur record and he's not about to hang out anymore waiting for his ride on the street corners of dreams.

Michigan St. earns NIT semifinal berth

From Chicago Tribune wires

Steve Smith scored 34 points, 22 in the second half, to lead Michigan State to a 70-63 victory Wednesday night over Villanova in Villanova, Pa., earning the Spartans a berth in the National Invitation Tournament semifinals.

The sophomore was perfect on 10 free throws as Michigan State went 18 for 18 from the line in the final -20 minutes.

Villanova (18-15), which trailed 37-30 at the half, scored the first nine points of the second half, taking a 39-37 lead on a tip-in by Gary Massey as Michigan State went 5:04 before scoring its first point.

Smith brought the Spartans (18-13) back with three field goals for a 43-39 lead. But after taking a 46-41 lead, Michigan State went scoreless for 4:07 while Doug West (17 points) and Massey scored four straight baskets for a 49-46 lead.

MICHIGAN ST. (70)—Redfield 2-9 6-8 10, Smith 11-15 10-10 34, Steignenga 0-2 1-2 1, Wolfe 4-6 0-0 10, Montgomery 1-2 2-2 4, Mans 1-6 0-0 3, Hall 0-1 0-0 0, Casler 0-0 0-0 0, Hickman 2-3 4-4 8, Sekal 0-0 0-0 0. 21-44 23-

NIT roundup

VILLANOVA (63) Massey 6-11 0-0 12, Taylor 4-6 3-7 11, Greis 3-12 1-3 7, Miller 0-3 1-2 1, West 8-17 1-2 17, Dowdell 3-4 0-0 6, Wilson 2-7 2-2 7, Woodard 0-0 2-2 2, Muller 0-0 0-0 0. 26-60 10-18 63.

Halftime-Michigan St. 37, Villanova 30. Three-point goals-Michigan St. 5-13 (Smith 2-3, Wolfe 2-4, Mans 1-Montgomery 0-1). Villanova 1-13 (Wilson 1-4, West 0-5, Miller 0-3, Greis 0-1), Fouled out-West, Wilson, Montgomery. Rebounds-Michigan St. 33 (Redfield 12), Vil-lanova 35 (Greis, West 9). Assists-Michigan St. 11 (Redfield 5), Villanova 12 (Greis 3). Total fouls-Michigan St. 18, Villanova 21. A- 5,561.

Alabama-Birmingham 85, Connecticut 79—Andy Kennedy had 22 points, including six three-pointers, and Reginald Turner added 18 to lead Alabama-Birmingham (21-11) past the defending NIT champions in Storrs, Conn.

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM (85)Turner 6-16 6-6 18, Howard 3-5 5-6 11, Ogg 4-5 3-4 11, Bearden 2-7 2-4 8, Kennedy 7-14 2-2 22, Rembert 2-4 2-2 6, Kramer 0-2 0-2 0, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Rogers 1-1 7-7 9, J.Smith 0-0 0-0 0. 25-54 27-33 85.

CONNECTICUT (79)—Robinson 7-19 9-14 23, DePri-est 0-0 1-2 1, Cyrulik 2-4 0-1 5, C.Smith 3-10 2-3 9, Gamble 6-8 2-3 20, McCloud 1-4 2-3 4, Selers 4-8 0-0 8, George 1-3 4-4 6, Gwynn 1-5 0-0 3. 25-61 20-30 79.

Halftime—Ala.-Birmingham 45, Connecticut 41. Three-point goals-Ala.-Birmingham 8-19 (Kennedy 6-11, Bearden 2-7, Kramer 0-1), Connecticut 9-19 (Gamble 6-7, Cyrulik 1-2, Gywnn 1-4, C.Smith 1-6). Fouled out-Turner, George Rebounds- Ala.-Birmingham 40 (Bearden 8), Connect cut 36 (Sellers 9). Assists—Ala.-Birmingham 17 (Bearden 9), Connecticut 18 (George 8). Total fouls—Ala.-Birming-ham 25, Connecticut 27. A—4,604.



COLLEGES

Steve Smith drives around Villanova's Kenny Wilson during Michigan State's 80-73 NIT victory Wednesday night in Villanova, Pa.

NCAA notes

From Chicago Tribune wires

Georgetown guard Charles Smith missed Wednesday's practice because of a fever, but he is expected to play Friday when the Hoyas face North Carolina State in the Eastern Regional semifinals, coach John Thompson said.

Smith missed the first part of Tuesday's practice because he was not feeling well. The senior continued to run a fever Wednesday, and was excused from practice.

"Smitty will play Friday," Thompson

Smith leads the Hoyas in points and assists.

"We're capable of playing well without Charles, but when Charles is playing well it is very important to us," Thompson

"He's our leader," center Alonzo Mourning said of Smith. "It seems like the whole team rides on his shoulders. He knows what to do in every possible situation."

There's a Chicago-area starting five in the "Sweet 16," even if you don't count Illinois. Minnesota's Walter Bond (Collins), Indiana's Eric Anderson (St. Francis de Sales), Phil Henderson (Crete-Monee), Michigan's Mike Griffin (Ley-den) and Missouri's Byron Irvin (Julian). Add Illinois' Nick Anderson (Simeon), Kenny Battle (West Aurora), Lowell Hamilton (Providence St. Mel) and Kendall Gill (Rich Central), and you'd have quite a team.

Missouri coach Norm Stewart shows "no sign of any residual tumor," his personal physician said Wednesday. "Now he will gradually improve and increase

his strength," Dr. Jay Ward said. "If he does, he can return to coaching next year." In fact, Stewart could travel to Minneapolis this weekend to watch Missouri play in the NCAA Midwest Regional, although Ward said Stewart probably will not do so because he does not want to be a distraction.

After a season of bitter lows, Jim Shikenjanski is savoring every minute of his time in the "Sweet 16." The junior from Rockton, III., had his best game of the year by scoring 17 points in Min-nesota's 80-67 victory over Siena in the second round of the East Regional.

Shikenjanski started the season by leading the Gophers in scoring during the first two games. But he soon fell into a prolonged slump that bottomed out when he was booed during player introductions in the Feb. 8 home game against Wisconsin.

"That was by far the worst thing that has ever happened to him," said Shikenjanski's girifriend, Amy Hurtgen, 20, of La Crosse, Wis. "He was just devastated. After the game, he just sat in a chair and didn't say anything."

Shikenjanski harbors no illusions about his ability. He started 25 of 30 games for the Gophers this season, but averaged only 8.2 points and 3.4 rebounds. He shot 51.1 percent from the field and 79.7 from the free-throw line. Wake Forest is conducting an internal investigation of its men's program amid allegations that the university violated NCAA recruiting policy. Sources told the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal that the

alleged violations involved Anthony Tucker, a sophomore who sat out this season after transferring from Georgetown.

Knight sees shades

NCAA glance

Michigan not awed by Carolina

of his '87 champions

From Chicago Tribune wires

DENVER—Bob Knight, seeking a fourth national title, says his current Indiana team, a steadily improving but not dominant squad, is comparable to his 1987 NCAA champions.

But he was never certain how good that '87 team was, either until it won it all.

Knight's Indiana teams also won national titles in 1976 and 1981.

"I've had the best team in the country two or three times and not known whether we would get by the first round or not, so I never know how we'll do," Knight said after Wednesday's practice.

"This team is comparable physically to the '87 team. We won't overpower anybody. The other two [national title] teams could have beaten anybody at any time."

The Hoosiers (27-7) face Seton Hall (28-6) in an NCAA West Regional semifinal game Thursday night. Top-ranked Arizona (29-3)

West Regional

the other semifinal. The winners meet Saturday for the right to advance to the Final Four in Scattle. In Seton Hall, Knight sees a team with "a big front line that is not easy for us to play against. On offense, they take advantage of what they have. Their offense is geared to individual abilities. They don't do what they're not capable of doing. They're disciplined, and they work hard at the defensive

Seton Hall coach P.J. Carlesimo believes the Pirates' 87-73 secondround victory over Evansville on Sunday will prove valuable.

"Evansville and Indiana are two teams that play great man-to-man defense and two teams that have great perimeter shooters," he said. "They both run a lot of screens and motion to free their scorers, and their passing games are simi-

THURSDAY'S GAMES Southeast Regional Oklahoma vs. Virginia (6:41 p.m.) Michigan vs. North Carolina (Ch. 2, *9 p.m.)

West Regional Indiana vs. Seton Hall (Ch. 2, 7:09 p.m.) Arizona vs. Nevada-Las Vegas (*9:30 p.m.)

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Midwest Regional Illinois vs. Louisville (Ch. 2, 7:09 p.m.) Syracuse vs. Missouri (*9:30 p.m.)

East Regional

Minnesota vs. Duke (6:41 p.m.) Georgetown vs. North Carolina State (Ch. 2 9 p.m.) *Approximate time. Game will start 30 minutes after first game in the region.

us, but Indiana is at a different level of play-and I don't mean to belittle Evansville by saying that." UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian said his Rebels "have to shoot extremely well to be in the game," against Arizona. "We're playing a team with no weaknesses," Tarkanian said.

The Wildcats barely broke a sweat in beating Robert Morris 94-60 and Clemson 94-68 last weekend in Boise, Idaho.

"We're playing with a lot of confidence," said Sean Elliott, who scored 32 points when the Wildcats defeatmeets Nevada-Las Vegas (28-7) in lar. The Evansville game will help ed UNLV 86-75 Dec. 10 in Tucson.

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At a glance Strong numbers: The Phoenix

for another tie, had the ball stolen by Jordan, who was fouled. Though his leg buckled, Jordan hit two more free throws to offset a last-second

By Robert Markus Chicago Tribune

LEXINGTON, Ky.-Dean Smith has been head coach of North Carolina for 28 years. Steve Fisher has been head coach of Michigan for a week. Smith has won 667 games. Fisher has won 2.

"I'm coaching against a legend," Fisher said Wednesday as he prepared to send the Wolverines into their NCAA Southeast Regional semifinal against Smith's Tar Heels.

"I remember when I was a high school coach in Chicago [Rich

Southeast Regional

East]," recalled Fisher, "when I snuck in and tried to get his [Smith's] autograph one time. It was at a coach's clinic. I told him at the time it was for my boy, but it was really for me, too."

But, Fisher added, "I don't mean to imply that any of us are in awe of North Carolina and Dean Smith. We have tremendous respect for them. However, Michigan's got a pretty good program, too. I strongly feel we've got the type of program and team that can play with anybody."

His players apparently agree with him.

"I feel we're potentially a very talented team and our chances are as good as anybody's to go all the decisions as far as substitutions and plays."

But Smith, with the wisdom acquired in 28 years on the hotseat, knows there is a difference.

"There is a big jump when you're making the decisions," he said. "Every assistant I've had who's gone on to be a head coach has said it's amazing the difference in making suggestions and making a decision. [Fisher] has been in a very volatile situation and he's handled it well."

Before Michigan and North Carolina square off Thursday, Virginia and Oklahoma will meet in Rupp Arena at 6:41 p.m. Chicago time.

Virginia, which overcame a wretched start, is the underdog, but the Cavaliers have been on fire of late, especially guards Richard Morgan and John Crotty. Morgan scored 33 points in each game and Crotty was a combined 19 of 23 from the floor in tournament victories over Providence and Middle Tennessee.

Oklahoma, meanwhile, appears to have righted itself after struggling through the final two weeks of the season.

"A lot of teams at this stage of the season play not to lose," said Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs. "We drifted into that mode. Against Louisiana Tech, we said, 'Let's play the way we know we can and the heck with it.' "

"Coach Fisher stepped in and

AP Laserphoto

Michigan interim coach Steve Fisher believes the Wolverines "can play with anybody."

the tournament. Fisher replaced Bill Frieder as head coach on an interim basis last week, just two days before Michigan opened tournament play.

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Bulls

landed very, very funny," he said.

Jordan remained on the floor, cringing in pain, for 2 minutes before heading to the locker room with trainer Mark Pfeil.

But he was back in the lineup with minutes left in the first quarter and ended up with 37 minutes of action, despite sitting out 4 in the fourth quarter after committing his fifth foul. Said Collins: "I kept -looking at Mark and saying, 'Am I making a mistake in playing him?' But Michael said he wanted to play. And when you've got a thoroughbred who wants to run, you don't hold him back."

The Suns, losing for only the fifth time this year at home, appeared to be operating on unfamiliar ground until late in the third quarter.

They committed turnovers on each of their first four possessions and trailed 35-34 at the end of the



Suns clinched a winning season with their 42d victory earlier this week. It's the team's first winning season in six years.

Hot shot: Scottie Pippen had scored in double figures in the last 11 games before Wednesday, and in 37 of the last 39.

Quotable: "I felt the toughness right from the start, an attitude that we were going to get the job done. We had come off a clunker in Indiana [Saturday], and for us to bounce back that way was a positive experience." Bulls coach Doug Collins after Tuesday's victory over the Lakers.

first quarter and 60-54 at the half.

The Bulls' lead grew in the third quarter when Grant went on a tear for 13 of his 25 points, including a tip-in and free throw to put the Bulls up 83-68 with 4:04 left in the quarter, their largest lead.

But the Suns closed that to 91-81 at the end of the third and finally pulled even at 95 on Eddie Johnson's jumper midway through the last period.

Johnson, the Suns' super sub, had 29 points to go with Tom Chambers' team-high 31 and point guard Kevin Johnson's 30.

With the score tied at 108 and :07 left, Jordan sank two free throws. Then Kevin Johnson trying to drive

three-pointer by Jeff Hornacek.

Grant, who scored 10 in the opening quarter but failed to get a rebound in the first half, said he has a good feeling about the team now after the two tough road victories.

"We're coming together and getting that unity," he said. "We expected to go 2-2 on this West Coast trip. But now we'll get greedy and try to go 4-0."

Bulls (112)	M	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	P
Grant	40	11-19	3-3	10	1	1	25 14
Pippen	38	6-15	2-3	8	- 4	3	14
Cartwright	31	4-12	3-4	5	1	2	11
Hodges	41	5-13	0-0	2	2	3	14
Jordan	37	10-20	12-12	10	9	5	32
Paxson	17	1-4	1-1	0	6	3	3
Sellers	17	3-4	2-2	2	0	3	8
Vincent	11	2-4	1-2	5	2	1	5
Corzine	8	0-1	0-0	1	1	1	0
Totals	240	42-92	24-27	43	26	22	112

Percentages—FG .457, FT—.889. Three-point goals— 4-6, .667 (Hodges 4-6). Team rebounds—3. Blocked shots-2 (Pippen, Corzine). Turnovers-11 (Cartwright 3, Jordan 3). Steals-8 (Hodges 3, Pippen 2, Jordan, Sell-ers, Corzine). Technical fouls-None. Illegal defense-1. M FG-A FT-A Suns (111) RAF Chambers 41 11-25 0-0 13 0-2 Corbin 25 3-5 30 4-8 Hornacek 42 9-17 12-13 K.Johnson E.Johnson 40 13-26 Lang Majerle 17 2-3 22 0-0 240 42-88 23-25 10-49 26 20 111

Percentages-FG .477, FT .920. Three-point goals-4-11, .364 (E.Johnson 2-4, Hornacek 1-2, Chambers 1-3). Team Rebounds-6. Blocked shots-3 (West 3). Turnovers-15 (Chambers 4, K.Johnson 4). Steals-2 (K.Johnson 2). Technical fouls-Coach Fitzsimmons. Illegal defense---1.

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way," said 6-foot-9-inch forward Loy Vaught.

Agents

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ments from their schools.

The Wolverines survived an emotional firestorm to get this far in

charged with defrauding several

universities by persuading the

athletes to sign representation

agreements in violation of eligibili-

ty rules and concealing the agree-

Rivers played briefly with the

Detroit Lions but now works for

Canton Power Co. in his home

town of Canton, Ohio, he testified.

Schembechler said Perryman

"He said he'd signed after the

also denied signing when the

coach asked him about rumors

Rose Bowl his senior year,'

Schembechler recalled. "He volun-

would call to verify that. I said I'd

Outside court, Schembechler

said he thought the publicity gen-

erated from this trial would help

teered that a fellow named Bloon

rather take his word for it."

that he had signed with agents.

did a marvelous job," said Vaught. "A lot of people don't realize that Coach Fisher always made a lot of

The Sooners scored an NCAA tournament record 124 points in

that game.

to "make the players a little more wary."

"This is a tragic case; I don't win all the time," Schembechler reflected on his way out of court "I lost these two men. I lost two very good friends."

After court, Dan Webb, one of **Bloom's** attorneys, declined to comment about why he did not cross-examine Schembechler. One of Walters' attorneys, Robert Gold, made a cryptic reference to Marovich's rulings that limit areas into which the defense can go into during cross-examination.

In later testimony, former Temple University running back Paul Palmer told the jury how he had taken \$4,000 from the agents and then lied repeatedly to school officials and the FBI about his involvement with the agents.

Palmer, who now plays for the Kansas City Chiefs, also testified that he invested \$125,000 in a partnership with **Bloom** in August 1987 to form a "credit repair"

firm called Lincolnshire Finanical Services Inc., which Bloom was expected to operate.

Palmer testified that he was unaware Bloom used \$82,242 for a down payment on a Rolls Royce Corniche, a vehicle characterized as the "most expensive car in the world."

Palmer said that **Bloom** later asked him for an additional \$20,000 in September 1987. Palmer said he did not know that **Bloom** spent \$6,700 of that money on clothes.

Once the jury had been dismissed for the day, Marovich denied Webb permission to question Palmer about a settlement reached with **Bloom** over the Lincolnshire partnership.

Webb contended that Palmer had received a total return on his investment of more than \$300,000. U.S. Atty. Anton Valukas argued that the settlement wasn't reached until after Bloom learned he was under investigation.