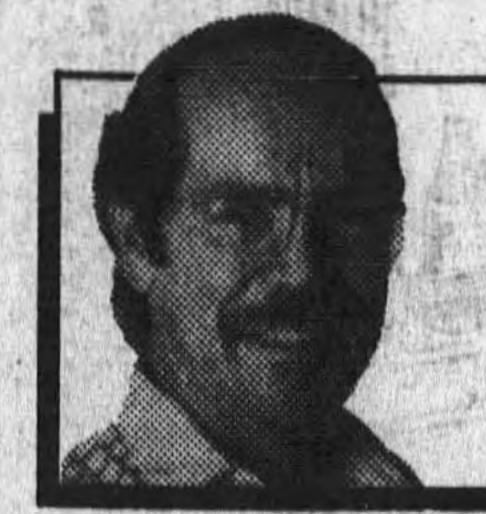
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Dave Kindred

#### The Australian Master Used to Be a Bulldog

The 18th hole at Nedlands Golf Course in Perth, Australia, is a 400-yard dogleg right. On Louis Brown's big day, the hole called for a tee shot that would hold its own against a stiff breeze from the right. Any failure of nerve would be multiplied by the wind. And coming to that last hole of the \$100,000 Nedlands Masters — a tournament in the image of our Masters, even with a champion's green jacket — coming to that last hole, Louis Brown needed a birdie three to win the \$18,000 first prize.

Not that he was thinking any such thing. Brown is a slight young man from Newnan, 25, once the golf captain at the University of Georgia, a third-year pro who took his game and his dreams to Australia this winter. Three years now he has been within a day's work of qualifying for the U.S. tour, only to fall short. Coming to the last hole of the Nedlands Masters, Louis Brown had one thing on his mind: hit a drive now, big

"I knew I needed a birdie," Brown would say later. An Aussie, Gary Merrick, was one shot ahead of Brown. "But there'd only been three or four birdies all week on the last hole, the toughest one on the course. It's real narrow, trees on the left. The wind, it must have been 25 mph, was moving everything toward the trees."

The best golfers remember everything. On the phone from Perth, Louis Brown did not describe the sound of the leaves rustling in the tree tops along the last fairway. But he would have if anyone had asked. This was a moment he will never forget, standing on the 18th tee of the first pro golf tournament he ever won.

#### Longing for the Luxuries of Newnan

"I had the adrenaline flowing," he said, "and I hit as good a drive as I'd hit all day. It left me with 168 yards to the pin on the back left of the green."

Brown's best days at Georgia were those when he putted sensationally. On March 12, half a world away, the Georgian made four critical putts from the 11th to the 17th holes — and then came to the 18th where his approach shot, as if untouched by the wind, stayed right and 40 feet from the cup.

"It's a two-tiered green, with a big hump in it," Brown said, "and I was on the right side of the hump. I'd have to hit a putt up the hump, onto the other tier and play about a six- or eight-foot break.

"I'd missed a short putt up on the tier earlier. So I said to my caddy, 'Maybe we can knock it in from this side.' I wasn't really going to try to make it. I figured two putts would give me a tie if Merrick bogeyed 18." (Merrick in fact made bogey.)

The Nedlands Masters was Brown's fifth tournament on the Australian PGA tour. He had won about \$10,000, finishing fourth in the Victorian PGA and eighth in the Victorian Open. He loved Australia, "what I imagine America to have been like in the '60s." He and another Georgia golfer, Jack Larkin, rented a 1983 Toyota. "No air conditioning, no power steering," said Brown, who confessed to longing for the luxuries of a sophisticated metropolitan area such as Newnan, Ga.

#### Hanging Himself in the Clubhouse

In Melbourne for a month, Brown was all but adopted by the Richard Weston family whose son, Kieran, had been his caddy. "Mrs. Weston cooked a lot of meals. I felt like I was part of their family. It was nice."

On the last hole of the first pro tournament he would ever win, Louis Brown looked at his impossible putt. Only he didn't look at it as impossible. He'd been putting so well that he looked at it as another putt to make. "I hit it exactly on the line I picked out. It went up the hump, took a right turn, hit the back of the hole and went in. I was concentrating so hard that the significance of it didn't dawn on me at first.

'But then the roar of the crowd there was a huge gallery — absolutely lifted me up off the ground. It was magic. There was a picture of me in the paper the next day. I had my right fist up the air and I was

letting out a little bit of a scream." Brown's last-round 68 for a 14-underpar total of 274 won against Aussie stars such as Bob Shearer, Roger Mackay, Peter Senior and Terry Gale, an eight-time Nedlands champion. As the first American winner of the Nedlands Masters originated in 1962, Brown told the gallery, "Nedlands

will long hold a place in my heart." Then club members told him it was a Nedlands tradition to hang himself, by which they meant he must climb on a stool in the members' lounge and hang a framed portrait of himself in the gallery of Masters champions. And they last sat him in what they called the champion's chair and they sang several verses of "He's a jolly good fellow," each verse done more rapidly than the last, the sweet music ringing in Louis Brown's ears even now.

# Rozelle Retires After 30 Years

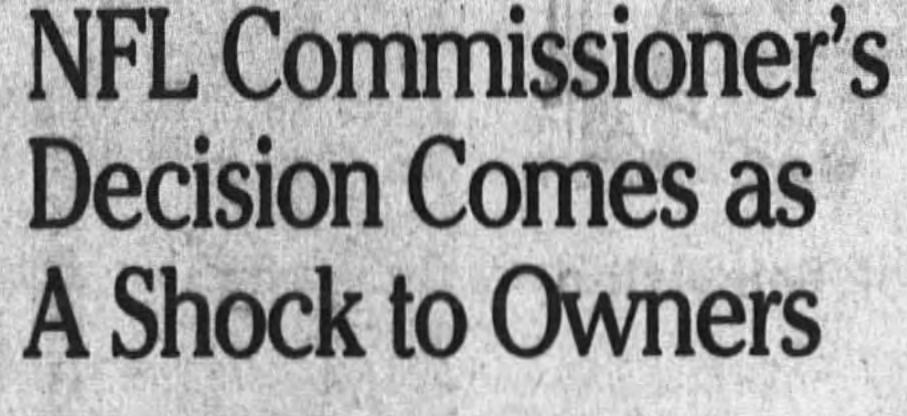
- Name: Alvin Ray Rozelle.

**a** Age: 63.

On the job: 30 years. Left job as general manager of the Los Angeles Rams when he was elected commissioner at age 33 on Jan. 26, 1960, succeeding the late Bert Bell.

Major accomplishments: In 1967 presided over the birth of the NFL-AFL Championship Game, which became known as the Super Bowl. . . Led merger of NFL, AFL in 1970. . . . Oversaw NFL's growth from 12 teams to 28 and increase of the regular-season schedule from 12 to 16 games. . . . Increased league television revenue from less

than \$1 million to \$440 million a year. . . . Fended off challenges from the World Football League in the 1970s and the United States Football League in the 1980s. . . Weathered three player strikes. . . . Inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 1985.



□ Rozelle Helped Smith, Page 11D By I.J. Rosenberg Staff Writer

Longtime NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle, credited with turning professional football into a modern-day American pastime, resigned Wednesday, saying he wanted "to enjoy more free time, stress-free time" with his family.

Rozelle, 63, broke into tears during his emotional announcement Wednesday afternoon at the NFL owners meeting in Palm Desert, Calif.

Rumors of Rozelle's retirement have surfaced over the last couple of years, but his decision to step down after 30 years as commissioner comes as a surprise to many around the league who expected him to remain with the NFL until 1991, when his contract runs out.

"Complete shock," said Atlanta Falcons owner Rankin Smith Sr. "It's going to be a very difficult task to replace him, no doubt about it. You're stepping into some very big footprints there."

Said Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen, "I was very much shocked, like someone had dropped a bomb. I thought when he would retire it would be with a grand finale and he'd go around the league say-

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# Rose Dodges Ouestions As He Waits

#### Move Expected Soon On Gambling Report

By Matt Winkeljohn and Joe Strauss Staff Writers

PLANT CITY, Fla. — He has not received so much attention since the night he broke Ty Cobb's career hits record. And Pete Rose, the Cincinnati Reds' manager who is under investigation for alleged gambling activities, responded to the furor Wednesday much as he did during pennant races and hitting streaks.

"I'm relaxed, just like always," Rose said as more than 100 journalists converged on the Reds' spring-training camp. "And this is perfect, all this attention. It's good experience for my players so they can get used to the atmosphere they'll have in the World Series."

Rose has been under siege since Monday, when the commissioner's office announced he is under investigation for "serious allegations." Tuesday, Sports Illustrated reported that the investigation included allegations that Rose had bet on baseball games and that he could be suspended from baseball for one year or life if determined guilty.

Again Wednesday, the commissioner's office had no comment on the Rose investigation except to refer to Monday's carefully worded statement. Several sources close to the Reds and major-league baseball said they expect commissioner Peter Ueberroth to take action by the end of the week, possibly today.

But Reds owner Marge Schott said Wednesday night that she has been in touch with Ueberroth and that no decision has been made regarding action against Rose.

"I don't know what will happen, but I want him to win a World Series for me." Schott said. "We have a good relationship. We have the same hometown [Cincinnati].

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Pete Rose had little to say about commissioner Peter Ueberroth's investigation except that, 'I'm relaxed, just like always.'

# Lilliquist Wins Job as the Fifth Starter

□ The Exhibition Report, Page 4D By Joe Strauss Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The Atlanta Braves' scouting department celebrated along with Derek Lilliquist on Wednesday. A former No. 1 draft choice will make manager Russ Nixon's opening-day roster as his fifth starting picher.

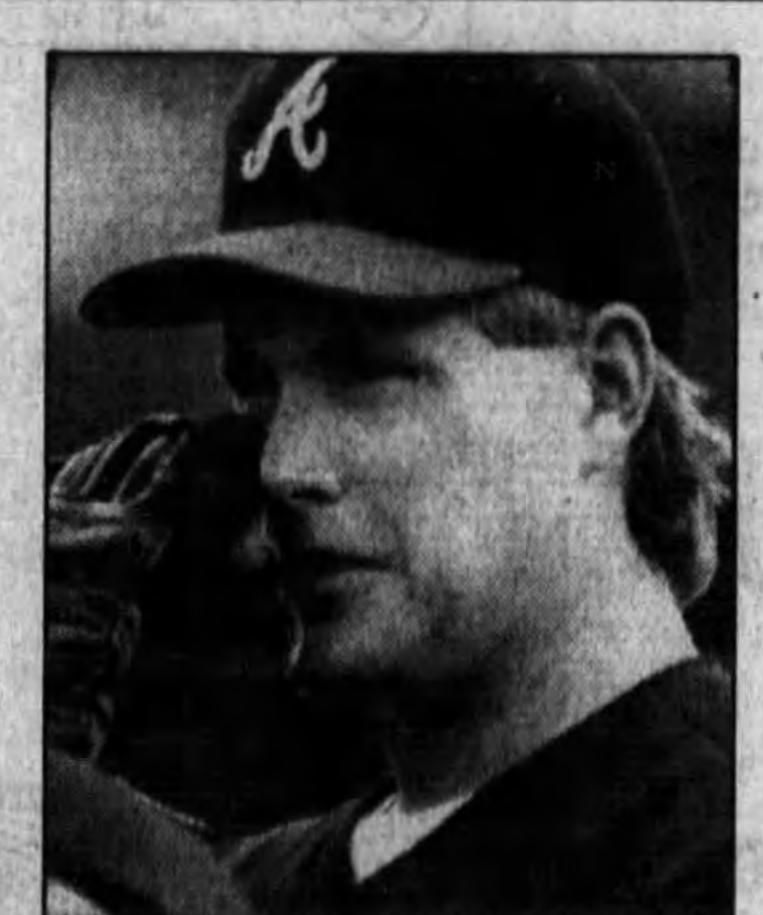
"He's the guy," said Nixon. "It's happened like I thought it would. It's kind of clarified itself right now."

Lilliquist, the club's first choice in the

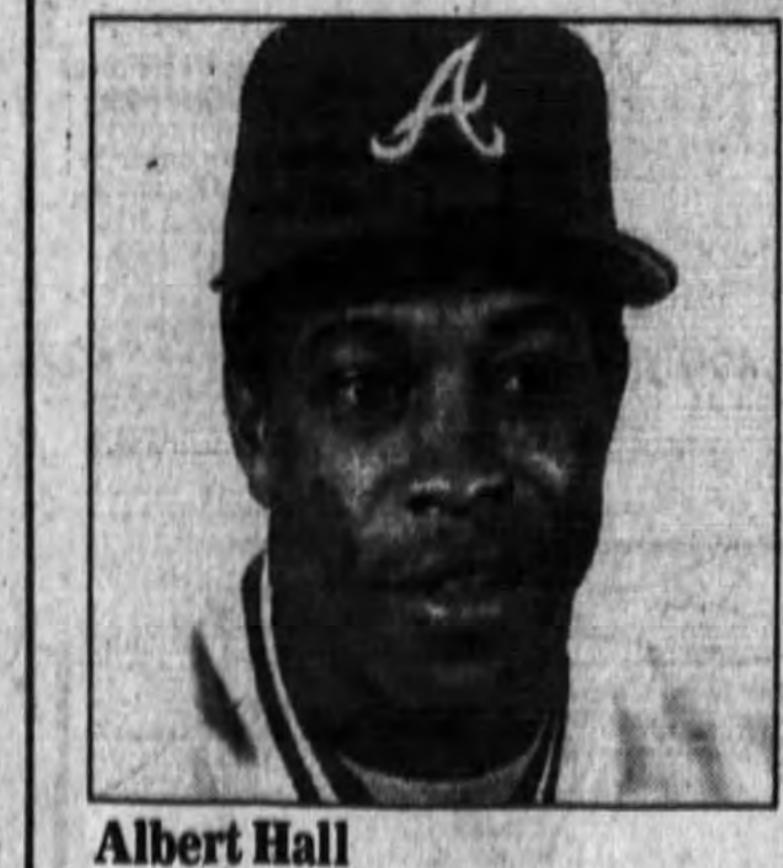
1987 draft, confirmed his roster spot Wednesday with five creditable innings against the Toronto Blue Jays. He becomes the Braves' first No. 1 selection to make the roster since Duane Ward, the Braves' first pick of the 1982 draft, stuck four years later. Ward became an ill-fitting ornament on Chuck Tanner's 10-pitcher staff and was subsequently dealt to Toronto.

Lilliquist, who was scouted personally as a University of Georgia pitcher by general manager Bobby Cox and director of scouting

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Derek Lilliquist



### 'Happy With Myself,' Hall Comes Back

By Joe Strauss Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Albert Hall believes it is an even trade - losing most of spring training and maybe a spot on the Atlanta Braves' roster to gain the rest of his

Hall arrived at the Braves' training camp Wednesday after seeking help for alcohol dependency at an Atlanta treatment center. He pronounced himself "completely recovered" and said he has no regrets, regardless of his

status with the Braves.

Speaking in the lobby of the team hotel, Hall said Wednesday night, "I didn't do it for the team, I did it for Albert Hall. I finally faced my feelings and did something about

Hall said he contacted his agent, Joe Sroba, less than two weeks before camp opened to find help. "It wasn't a single thing," said Hall. "I didn't get into trouble with the law or anything like that. I just

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# Moses: We Don't Play As a Team

#### Fratello Says Hawks Deserve 'Selfish' Tag

By Jeffrey Denberg Staff Writer

Atlanta Hawks center Moses Malone says his teammates fail to understand "it's not an individual game; it's a team game." And Hawks coach Mike Fratello concurs, saying, "Right now, I think Charles Barkley was right."

Barkley, the Philadelphia 76ers' star, earlier called the Hawks the most selfish team in the NBA.

Malone, questioning team pride in the aftermath of Tuesday night's 110-95 loss to Detroit, looked around the Hawks' locker room and said, "You have to take pride in what you do; I don't see it here."

Although he would not name names, Malone says he is frustrated by the refusal of his teammates to put aside personal interests and play as a team.

"I didn't come here to lose," he said. "I don't like losing. I came here to win. I came from a [losing] situation in Washington. ... We got too many individuals on this team. You can't win if you don't play as a team. We don't play as a team. That's why we lose.

"We don't have the right attitude when we come out on the court. Guys have to understand it's not an individual game; it's a team game. The attitude here is for the individual."

Fratello, told of Malone's remarks, echoed them. "Some of our people don't want to recognize the problem," he said. "They don't want to submerge their egos."

Fratello then said that "right now" he thinks Barkley was correct when he declared on a Philadelphia radio show Jan. 18 that the Hawks could not win a championship "because the NBA will not allow you to play with more than one basketball

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#### Schembechler: Rivers 'Disgrace' To Wolverines

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

CHICAGO — Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler testified Wednesday about telling senior defensive back Garland Rivers that he was "a disgrace" after learning the player had signed with sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom prior to the 1986 season.

"I told him he could have cost us a Big Ten title and the Rose Bowl, and at that time he was a disgrace to Michigan," Schembechler testified. "I suspended him, I removed his grant-in-aid, his locker was closed off and his picture taken off the

Schembechler's stirring testimony went unchallenged by defense attorneys for Walters and Bloom, who are standing federal trial on charges of racketeering, mail

fraud, wire fraud and extortion. Also testifying Wednesday was former Temple running back Paul Palmer, who told the eight-woman, four-man jury that

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## Rose Waits for Resolution of Gambling Investigation

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We're dealing with a hero here. But, at the same time, I told the commissioner's office, 'We don't need this in baseball."

"If the commissioner's office is involved, it's bad," said St. Louis Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog, whose team beat Rose's Reds 7-6 in an exhibition game Wednesday.

Rose, who had an armed guard keep reporters away from him on Tuesday, vowed Wednesday to answer questions only about the game. But Rose did not hold strictly to those guidelines when surrounded by reporters.

Asked about a report in Gentleman's Quarterly (GQ) magazine that quoted his 24-year-old daughter, Fawn, as calling him "the worst father in the world," Rose said: "I'm a great father; I just bought her a Mercedes-Benz last week." Rose then went on to talk about spending 15 days with his son, Pete Jr., 19, a player in the Baltimore Orioles' minor-league system, who said in the GQ article that he could contact Rose only through his agent.

Asked whether the alleged gambling could keep him out of baseball's Hall of Fame, for which he becomes eligible in 1992, Rose snapped: "What? I got 4,256 hits. I scored 2,165 runs. That's all I did. I'm a Hall of Famer. Next question."

Asked if he has any idea when he'll hear about a decision from the commissioner's office, Rose said, "No idea. No more idea than you do." He added, "I think the commisPreserving the Integrity of Baseball

The baseball commissioner's office cited its role to preserve the integrity of the game' when it announced the investigation of Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose. The results of other major cases in which baseball commissioners have acted in defense of the game's integrity:

■ 1921: Six members of the Chicago White Sox (3B Buck Weaver, P Ed Cicotte, SS Swede Risberg, OF Shoeless Joe Jackson, 3B Fred McMullen and CF Happy Felsch) suspended for life for involvement in Black Sox Scandal, a scheme to throw 1919 World Series to Cincinnati.

■ 1922: New York Giants pitcher Phil Douglas suspended for life for involvement in gambling activities.

■ 1947: Brooklyn manager Leo Durocher suspended for one year for 'incidents detrimental to baseball.' Durocher became involved in a public feud with New York Yankees general manager Larry MacPhail, accusing him of associating with gamblers after coach Charlie Dressen jumped from Dodgers to Yankees despite a verbal agreement to coach Dodgers in 1947. MacPhail sued Durocher for libel. In addition to Durocher's suspension, both teams were fined and Dressen was suspended for 30 days for violating his verbal agreement.

■ 1970: Detroit pitcher Denny McClain suspended from start of season through July 1 for consorting with gamblers.

■ 1979: Ex-player Willie Mays suspended from working with major-league teams for accepting public relations job with a casino. Suspension lifted in

■ 1983: Ex-player Mickey Mantle suspended from working with major-league teams for accepting public relations job with a casino. Suspension lifted in

sioner is the greatest man in the world. I have the utmost respect for both of them [Ueberroth and commissioner-elect A. Bartlett Giamatti]."

Rose also punctuated the session by asking a young female radio reporter, "Are you old enough to work for a radio station? Are you old enough to go out to dinner?"

He would not answer questions about the commissioner's investigation, the revelations in Sports Illustrated or the report in the Dayton Daily News, which reported Tuesday that Rose also is under federal investigation and that he has recently been selling off assets, including the bat and ball that he used to break Cobb's record.

Rose simply responded "no comment" to most questions about the gambling charges. To one such question, he replied, "I'd feel sorry for the pitcher if I had a bat today. I might pinch-hit today. That would really get the cameras out."

When Rose joined Herzog on the field for a pregame awards ceremony, many in the crowd of 6,599

at Plant City Stadium stood and craned their necks to get a look at Rose, who took the field with a security guard on each shoulder and crews of minicams behind him. "Me and my shadows," Rose be-

gan to sing. Later, he said, "I feel like a

fresh piece of meat." "I'm kind of disappointed in Pete Rose," said Jack Wisman, a Reds fan from Columbus, Ohio. "I think sometimes he grabs more headlines than his players."

Most Reds players were unwilling to talk Wednesday about Rose. The players who did not simply walk away from questions offered terse responses.

"As far as we're concerned, he's innocent until proven guilty," said shortstop Barry Larkin.

Cardinals center fielder Willie McGee said, "I'm not going to touch that. I'm not here to analyze; I'm here to play baseball."

Rose has admitted betting on horse and dog races and has denied betting on baseball games. Under major league rule 21-d, if Rose bet on games in which his team was not involved, he would be suspended for one year. If Rose bet on games involving the Reds, he would be banned for life.

But Rose insisted he is not losing sleep over any of that.

sleeping, not with the way my team played yesterday," he said, referring to a 7-2 victory over St. Louis on Tuesday. "The only thing that creates problems for me sleeping is the way my team plays."

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## Rivers 'Disgraced' Michigan, Bo Says

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Bloom disguised a \$145,000 investment from Palmer's NFL signing bonus in 1987 and spent almost all of it on personal items, ranging from a Rolls Royce to karate lessons.

Palmer, Rivers and former Michigan running back Robert Perryman were three of 57 college athletes Walters and Bloom dealt with from 1985-87.

Schembechler testified that he confronted Rivers and Perryman individually in late March 1987 after their senior season about rumors that the two had signed early with agents in violation of NCAA rules. Both initially lied to the coach, Schembechler said.

"He [Perryman] denied it and said he had signed a contract right after the Rose Bowl, but this case has now proven he lied to me," testified Schembechler. "He volunteered to have a fellow by the name of Bloom to call and verify the story. I told him I didn't want Bloom to call because, I said, 'I don't know the man. I'd rather take your

Schembechler testified that Bloom attempted to call him anyway, but, "I told my secretary I didn't want to talk to him."

Defense attorneys, huddling

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Paul Snyder, is considered a vital

member of Nixon's rotation. He will

make two starts in the season's first

it in those terms," said Lilliquist. "I

don't think I will until Russ or one

of the coaches comes up to me and

tive exhibition loss, a 4-1 decision

to Toronto in Dunedin, the Blue

Jays reached Lilliquist for a run in

each of the first two innings. Then,

exhibiting a knack that separated

In the Braves' fourth consecu-

"I haven't really thought about

10 days.

actually tells me."

during a 15-minute recess after Schembechler's testimony, told presiding federal judge George Maro- kind of young man I had for three vich that they had no questions for Schembechler. He was the first witness not cross-examined by the defense.

Schembechler stared at Bloom and Walters as he exited the courtroom, then admitted he was surprised the defense did not cross-examine him.

"Yeah, I was hoping they would," the coach said.

Outside the courtroom, Schembechler characterized the agents' relationship with Rivers and Perryman as "a tragic case" that he was unable to prevent despite repeated warnings to players about the NCAA

"You know, I don't win 'em all the time," said Schembechler. "I lost two men, and don't think that I didn't hurt. I lost two very good friends."

Schembechler also testified that he believed Rivers, an All-America defensive back as a junior, was affected negatively by his relationship with Walters and Bloom.

"His fourth year was disappointing," the coach told the jury. "He didn't do as well academically

righted himself after minimal

has been alone in asserting himself

for the role, but added, "I don't

think it's a default situation. I think

Derek has certainly asserted him-

said Lilliquist. "But I really feel as

greater flexibility to address a

struggling bullpen. Another con-

tender, Charlie Puleo, also has

pitched well. But Puleo was a re-

liever last season. As a starter, Nix-

on would have faced filling a void of

if I'm right where I need to be."

"I don't want to sound cocky,"

The move also allows Nixon

self by the way he's pitched."

Nixon concedes that Lilliquist

and he did not play as well as a football player. He wasn't the same

Rivers, who received a \$1,500 bonus for recruiting Perryman for the agents in spring 1986, testified earlier that Schembechler also refused to award him a Big Ten championship ring.

Both players said they received \$2,500 as a signing bonus from Walters and Bloom and were wired monthly payments. They signed contracts that Walters postdated to Jan. 2, 1987, one day after the Rose Bowl in which Michigan played.

Schembechler has never met with Perryman since learning the

Perryman is playing for the New England Patriots. Rivers had a brief NFL career, then returned to Michigan and got a degree in 1988.

"He paid his own way," said Schembechler.

The prosecution later focused on Bloom's alleged mismanagement of \$145,000 Palmer gave to the agent on a "good faith" investment.

Palmer testified that shortly after he signed with the Kansas City Chiefs as a first-round draft choice in 1987, Bloom asked the running

date was Lilliquist, which would

have been an unpopular move with

Cox. Others were Jim Acker, a non-

roster invitee who tore fibers in his

right elbow last season and has

been hindered this spring by a

pulled muscle in his side; and Gary

Eave, who was more effective as a

more importantly has struck out 13

in 17 innings while rarely getting

into trouble. He has allowed 23

baserunners but maintains a 2.81

ERA. Of his five appearances, only

one — a three-inning stint against

the New York Mets - could be

from tendinitis in his right biceps

but has yet to pitch more than three

Puleo, 34, has recovered well

termed unfulfilling.

innings in any appearance.

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Lilliquist is 0-2 this spring, but

starter at Richmond last year.

back to initially invest \$125,000 in a credit-repair company Bloom was starting.

'Lloyd told me that we would be 50-50 partners, that I'd put in \$125,000 and he'd put in \$125,000," Palmer testified. Assistant U.S. Attorney Howard

Pearl entered evidence that Bloom did not invest "one penny" of his own money. In fact, Pearl showed exhibits indicating that Bloom had filed for bankruptcy two months earlier with \$200,000 in bad debt.

Palmer testified that he was unaware Bloom had opened a personal bank account in Los Angeles and deposited the \$125,000. Within days, loom allegedly had spent the money on personal items, including \$82,242 on a Rolls Royce Corniche — as Pearl said, "the most expensive car in the world."

Palmer told the jury of a conversation he had with Bloom shortly | Airport. thereafter about buying cars for the Buckhead player's older brother and sister.

"I told Lloyd I wanted to get them each a car because they had never had one," Palmer testified. "I Downtown... cars, but Lloyd told me to look more toward a Yugo or Hyundai."

Palmer testified that Bloo asked him for another \$20,000 for "office equipment." Pearl showed evidence that Bloom immediately spent about \$8,000 on personal items and deposited the balance in the company account, only to transfer it to his personal account.

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Braves' Hall Returns to Club

Lilliquist Named Fifth Starter

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wanted to be happy with myself for the first time in a long time."

The birth of a son, Albert Clifton, weighed in Hall's decision. So, too, did the strain his condition had caused on the marriage to his high school sweetheart. Hall conceded that his habits were known to several on the club. "I wasn't the only one suffering," he said.

On the same day that the Braves' full squad conducted its first workout, Feb. 22, Hall placed himself in the facility. After a twoday detoxification process, he underwent seven hours of education and rehabilitation. Basketball, throwing, jogging and aerobics were his exercise. His first batting swings of spring came Wednesday in a batting cage at West Palm Beach.

Hall said he has not spoken to his agent since beginning the pro-

gram. He was allowed to speak once a week by phone with his wife Suzette, who spent the final five days of the 28-day treatment inside the facility with her husband.

Hall met briefly with Cox on Wednesday and will meet today with manager Russ Nixon. Hall will / mond unlikely. seeing most of his teammates for the first time since last October.

"Bobby told me I had to talk to Russ. He said he's behind him all the way. Russ is the guy running things, so I'll just have to see," said

Hall, who has spent three seasons with the Braves and parts of five others, said he understands his situation offers no guarantees. Nixon already has voiced a preference for each outfield position, and just 11 days remain in camp.

"I've just got to do the most with what time I've got," said Hall, who turned 30 while in treatment. "If it progress.

doesn't work here, I'll call around and see what there is elsewhere. That's baseball. It seems like that's always been the situation for me."

Hall lost an arbitration case, but is scheduled to make \$250,000 this season. The salary is not guaranteed. However, he would receive roughly \$40,000 if released at the end of camp. The size of his contract makes assignment to Rich-

"I'm crazy about what I do, but I am not what I do," said Hall, who batted .247 with 15 RBI in 231 atbats last season following a careerbest season the year before. His onfield struggles were mirrored, he says, by those away from the game.

"I felt like I wasn't happy. It was a hard thing to put your finger on. I just wanted to be the best could be in baseball and out of baseball. It took a lot of courage for me to do what I did. It was hard."

Hall will undergo a confidential aftercare program to monitor his