Money man takes stand in Chicago

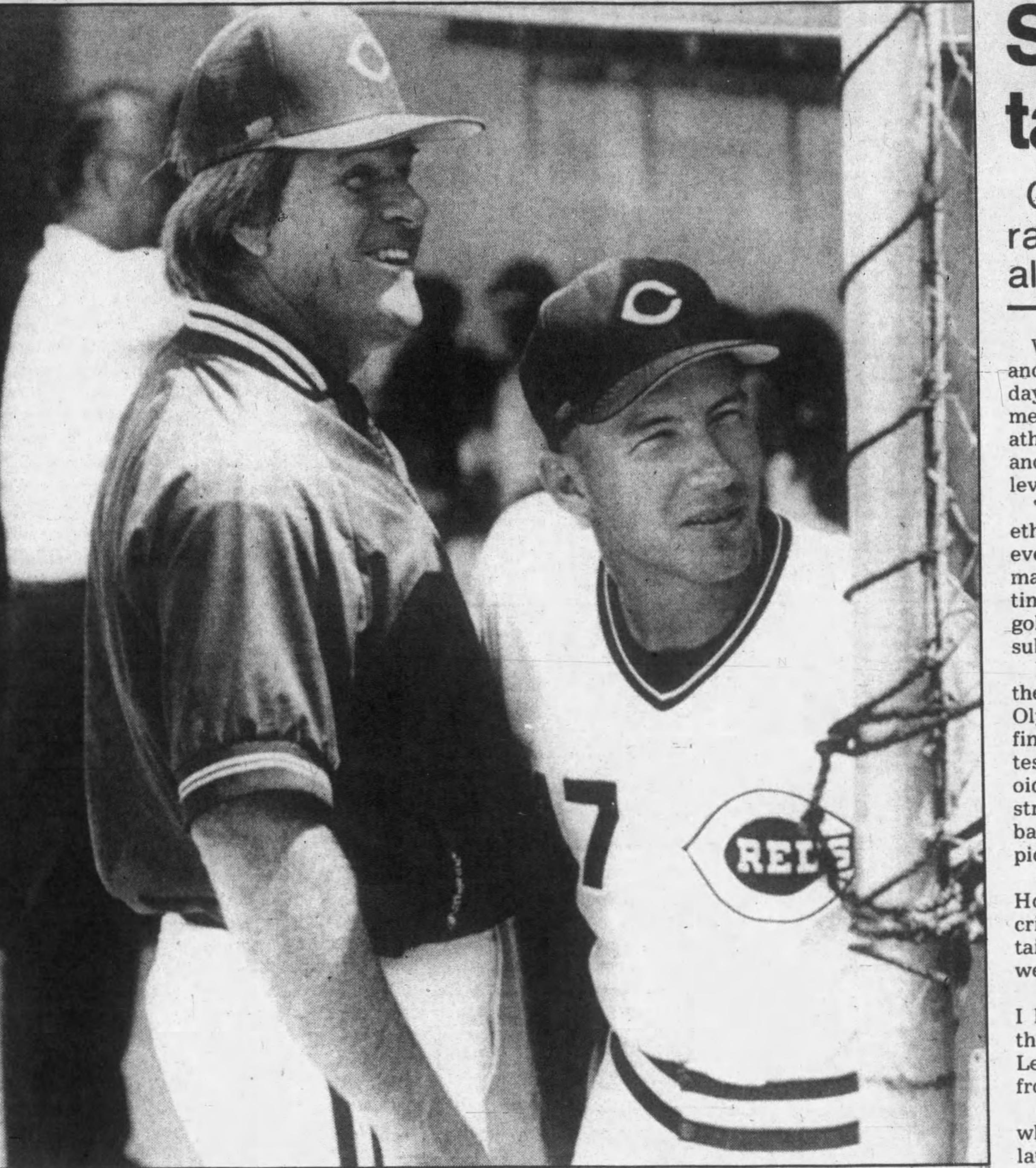
CHICAGO (AP) — An accountant testified Thursday that sports agent Lloyd Bloom once spent nearly \$116,000 of running back Paul Palmer's money in four days and later complained of having "a sickness with money."

Joel D. Levy, on cross examination by Bloom's attorney, said he did not believe the agent was cheating Palmer, who like Bloom, was Levy's client. Palmer, an All-American at Temple and now with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, invested \$125,000 with Bloom.

"If I thought someone was cheating Paul Palmer I would have told him," Levy said.

"I was very surprised at the canceled checks that I was looking at, especially an \$82,000 check" that was a down payment on a \$160,000 Rolls Royce, Levy said of the period when he worked as **Bloom's** accountant.

"I was very upset about the car and did not think it was a prudent business decision at that time to spend \$82,000 of the company's money on a Rolls Royce," he said at the federal fraud, racketeering and extortion trial of Bloom and sports agent Norby Walters. The two are accused of defrauding seven major universities by improperly signing their football as clients while they still had college eligibility — a violation of NCAA rules. Levy told jurors in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge George M. Marovich that Bloom hired his California accounting firm in 1987 to handle tax preparation, payroll and bookkeeping for two of Bloom's companies — Bloom Entertainment Inc. and Lincolnshire Financial Services, Inc., a partnership with Palmer. Webb he was handling Palmer's personal finances at that time and still is. Levy's testimony came a day after Palmer told the court he invested \$125,000 of his pro football earnings in the partnership with Bloom in 1987, only to find out later the agent used the money for his own purposes. Levy said Palmer's funds were deposited in two company accounts and four days later Bloom had spent all but \$9,209 of it. Levy testified most of the money went for business expenses and \$16,914 was put to



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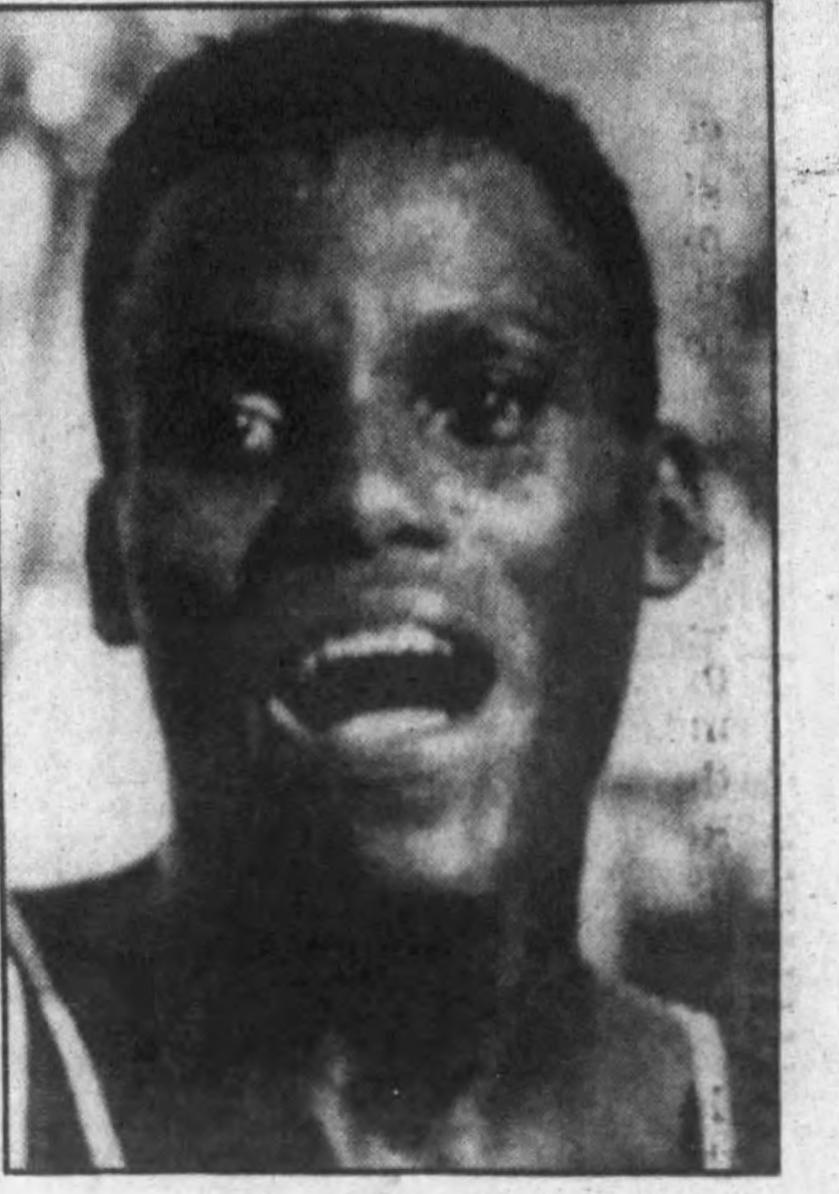
Sprinter says gold tainted by steroids

Carl Lewis urges random testing at all levels in sports

WASHINGTON (AP) - Track and field Carl Lewis said Thursday that as many as 10 Olympic medals last summer went to athletes using anabolic steroids, and he urged random testing at all levels of sports competition.

"We want to elevate ourselves ethically to the point where everyone sacrifices ourselves to make the sport clean," the threetime Olympian and winner of six gold medals told a congressional subcommittee.

Lewis received a gold medal in the 100-meter dash at last year's Olympic Games after first-place finisher Ben Johnson of Canada the point where we have to tested positive for anabolic steroids, compounds that develop strength and speed but which are



Carl Lewis

randomly (test). It's (usage) at every level."

He also called for investigation

AP photo

Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose, left, jokes with former Cedar Rapids Reds performer Chris Sabo in the dugout before an exhibition game at Plant City, Fla. Rose is embroiled in a controversy concerning his alleged gambling activities.

Levy told defense attorney Dan Vebb he was handling Palmer's Rose investigation focuses on bets on other baseball teams

been conducting a "full inquiry

the Cincinnati manager.

and other matters.

into serious allegations" involving

The commissioner's investiga-

tion, which is being led by a

Washington lawyer, John Dowd,

is believed to include gambling

of a former federal task force on

organized crime, has led lawyers

in baseball to conclude the probe

is indeed serious. "Dowd is a

The involvement of Dowd, head

No betting on Reds, source says; no action expected this week

PLANT CITY, Fla. (AP) — Baseball doesn't suspect Pete Rose of betting on his own team, though it is investigating the possibility he bet on other major league games, a source told The Associated Press on Thursday. If the Cincinnati manager is found to have bet on baseball, he would be suspended for one year; betting on the Reds would mean a ban for life. Asked if baseball was checking whether Rose bet on the Reds, the source said, "No, that's not what they're looking into." Asked whether allegations against Rose include betting on baseball, the source, who asked not to be identified, said, "Yes." The commissioner's office will say only that it is investigating "serious allegations" against the alltime hits leader. A decision is unlikely before the weekend because the investigation isn't finished, another source said.

also cast a shadow over his election to Cooperstown. Rose's place on the 1992 Hall of Fame ballot is secure, though it may not be so easy getting elected if he's punished for gambling.

Writers who vote on Hall of Fame candidates have shown a reluctance to vote for some players with offfield problems on the first ballot, according to Jack Lang, executive secretary of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"I think there's a certain backlash," Lang said. "I can't account for what other people do (in casting votes), but I do feel from counting the votes that people who might get in on the first or second or third ballot might have to wait a little longer.' Rose, who hasn't played since the 1986 season, would be eligible on the 1992 ballot with former New

banned by the International Olympic Committee.

Lewis told members of the House Judiciary Committee's crime subcommittee he felt certain that other medal winners also were steroid users.

"I would say at least five to 10 if had to guess . . . and some of those were gold medals," said Lewis, in answer to a question from Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla.

Members of the subcommittee, which is weighing proposed legislation to ban mail-order steroids, did not ask Lewis the names of other users who may have won medals.

"That's not the issue," he said afterward. "The issue is that it should be zero."

When asked about testing, Lewis said, "I think we're getting to

of coaches who may be working with steroid suppliers and forcing athletes to use the substances. He said some coaches deliberately train athletes the wrong way if they refuse to take the drugs as a way of prodding them to do so.

Other coaches may be slipping steroids into the vitamins of the athletes under their supervision, Lewis said.

He did say that most coaches and athletes shun steroids but that the problem is growing and the sports world should be more outspoken about it. In turn, lawmakers praised Lewis for his candor.

"In a world in which that is a rare commodity, I hope that you are never bludgeoned into verbal submission," Rep. Romano Mazzoli, D-Ky., said.

Forsman fires 66 for lead

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Dan Forsman went back to basics Thursday and fired an opening-round 66 to take a twostroke lead over a group of six golfers in the \$750,000 USF&G Classic.

"Today was a big step for me. It was a great feeling, for one day, at least," Forsman said.

In eight tournaments this year, Forsman missed the cut five times and earned \$27,152, 98th on the Tour.

"I'm thrilled to be six-under, for the moment at least, atop an outstanding field of international players," he said.

"The putts that fell today may not fall tomorrow, but the thing I will not forget is that I did lead on Thursday."

Two strokes back at 68 were Greg Norman, Tim Simpson, Bill Sander, Tom Byrum, Pat McGowan and Lee Chill.

personal use.

He said he "spoke to (Bloom) many times" about the expenditures and categorized them in the books as loans to be paid back to Palmer.

Asked how much money Bloom had contributed to the venture, Levy said : "Ah, zero."

GM says he's not trying to dump Boggs

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) -The Boston Red Sox are not "trying to dump" Wade Boggs, General Manager Lou Gorman said Thursday, but said he was willing to listen to proposals by teams interested in the five-time American League batting champion.

"I have never offered him to another club, not one time," Gorman said. "Every conversation regarding Wade Boggs has been initiated by some other club calling me.

"You always listen to inquiries or proposals from other clubs, but I'm not trying to dump him. I don't have to move him. He may be with us for another 10 years. But I'll still listen and talk with other people."

A Red Sox source said earlier this week that co-owner Haywood Sullivan had pushed for a trade after Boggs decided to tape an interview earlier this week with Barbara Walters for the ABC show "20-20." Gorman laughed at reports that other major league clubs aren't interested in the five-time American League batting champion with a .356 lifetime average. "Wade Boggs is an outstanding player, and if there is no interest in him other clubs must be awfully strong," he said. However, Houston Astros owner John McMullen, said he for one didn't want Boggs because of the controversy surrounding the third baseman's four-year affair with Margo Adams and the ongoing litigation. Gorman reportedly also talked with the New York Mets, the New York Yankees, the Kansas City Royals, Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres. All of the proposals were either rejected or denied.

While the gambling allegations have clouded Rose's managing career in Cincinnati, they might

Betting probe could go into Giamatti reign

New York Times

NEW YORK — The investigation into Pete Rose's off-field activities is continuing, and it is not certain if it will be concluded before A. Bartlett Giamatti succeeds Peter Ueberroth as commissioner April 1.

A source familiar with the investigation said Thursday no announcement is expected before next week.

The commissioner's office announced earlier this week it has heavy hitter," one said.

Rose has declined to discuss the gambling allegations. However, he became serious during an interview with reporters Wednesday when asked if he was worried that his Hall of Fame chances were being jeopardized.

York Mets and Reds pitcher Tom Seaver.

"4,256 hits. 2,200 runs. That's all I did," Rose said. After a pause, he added, "I'm a Hall of Famer. It's every player's dream to go to the Hall of Fame.

There should be no problem for Rose getting on the 1992 Hall of Fame ballot, according to Bill Guilfoile, the hall's associate director.

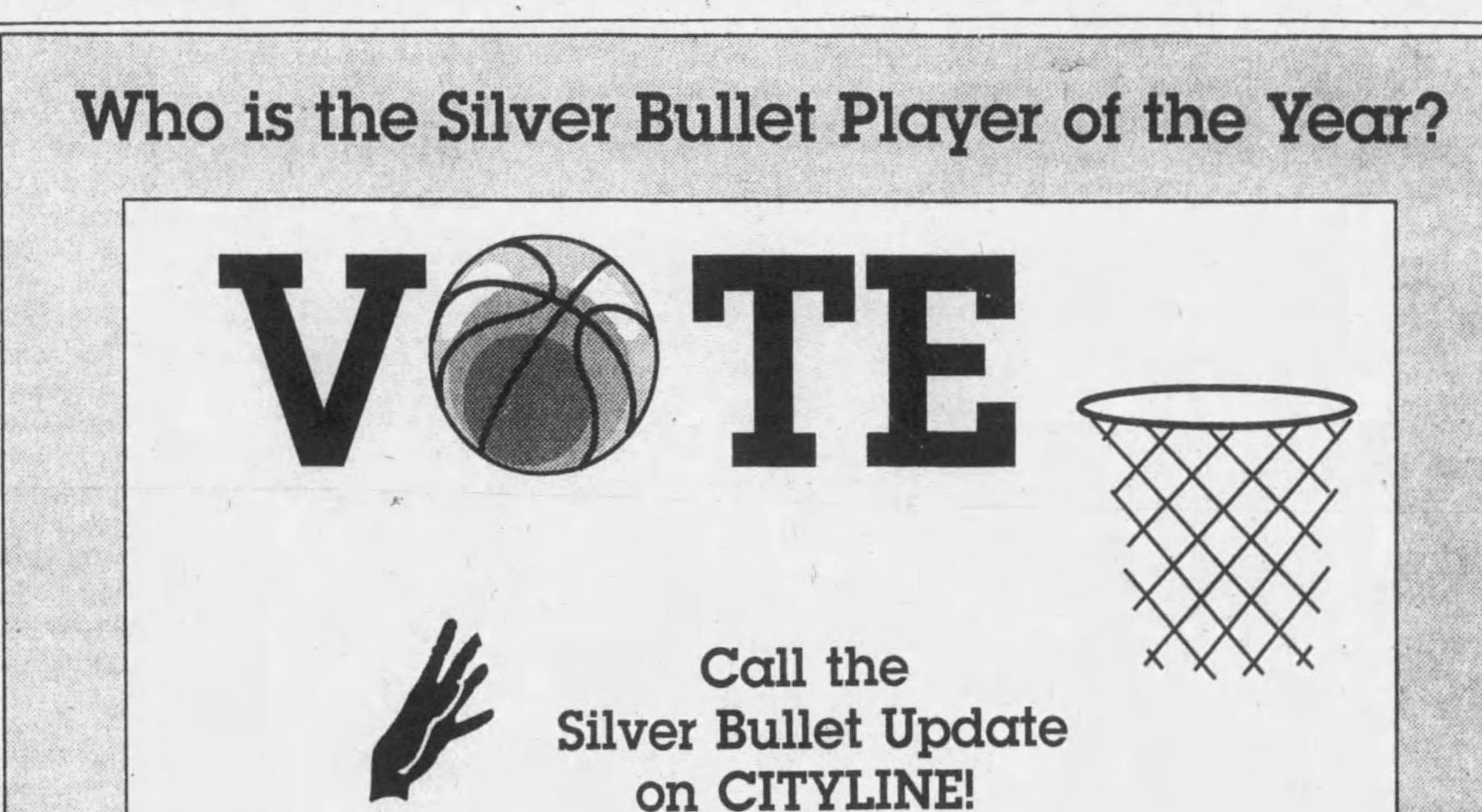
Sabatini, Evert move ahead

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) -Top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini routed France's Catherine Suire 6-0, 6-0, while No. 2 Chris Evert worked hard for a straight-set victory over Kathy Rinaldi Thursday in the second round of the International Players Championships.

The next two women's seeds,

Helena Sukova and Pam Shriver, also advanced, as did the men's second seed, Mats Wilander of Sweden, and No. 5 Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland.

The highest-seeded player to lose during the daytime session was No. 13 Sylvia Hanika, who was eliminated by Halle Cioffi, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.







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