TONY SISTI / TONIGHT AT THE MEADOWLANDS
Best Bet: 'MISS MARPOLE' in the Fitth


BETS 'N PIECES: Miss Marpole (5th) has been facing much stronger; should prove too much for this Glencoe Alert (3rd) only missed by a half-length after a difficult trip from the 10 post in his last; must get a big shot from the inside. Gotta Get On (7th) really awakened winning her last in $1: 562 / 5$; should breeze if she's as good tonight. Wholesale Merchant (9th) has been showing signs of life in recent starts; ready

## MEADOWLANDS LAST NIGHT

## Agents' Bid for Mistrial Is Denied by U.S. Judge

A federal judge yesterday refused a request for a mistrial as the defense began its portion of the fraud trial of sports agents Lloyd Bloom and Norby Walters in Chicago.

Bloom's attorney, Dan Webb, based his argument on the government's decision to drop from its case several allegations about extortion attempts against Bears wide receiver Ron Morris that made for some of the most dramatic portions of U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas' opening argument to the jury.
'Mr. Valukas didn't just allude to these things, he provided vivid detail," Webb told U.S. District Judge George Marovich with the jury outside the courtroom. "It was threats like, 'They don't care what they do to you. They'll break your legs, blow up your home or the home of your new agent,'" Webb said. "That your home or the home of your new agent,
kind of thing will stick out in the jurors' minds.

But Marovich denied the request, saying that other witnesses had testified to receiving similar threats from Walters or Bloom.

Morris was withdrawn from the government's list of witnesses after Webb disclosed that Morris was ineligible during the four years he played at SMU because he received $\$ 16,000$ in cash and a car in violation of NCAA rules

## Status Quo on NFL Free Agency

A federal judge has told the NFL Players Association that he won't stop the new system of free agency under which 130 players have changed teams in the past six weeks.
U.S. District Judge David Doty of Minneapolis, who is presiding over the union's antitrust suit against the NFL, rejected a union motion for a preliminary injunction against any free agency plan imposed by the NFL owners.

In his decision, Doty repeated the observation he made in rejecting a previous motion by the union to upset all restrictions to total free agency: "Greater harm would befall the owners if the injunction were granted than would befall the players if injunctive relief were not granted

In February the league unilaterally imposed a free agency plan that allows each of the 28 teams to protect only 37 players on its roster, with the others - an average of 22 - becoming unconditional free agents. According to management figures, as of yesterday 130 of the 619 free agents have changed teams

## Knight Aide to Coach Sycamores

Tates Locke, an assistant to Indiana coach Bob Knight the past two seasons, was named head basketball coach at Indiana State. He succeeds Ron Greene, who led the Sycamores to a 4-24 and a record of 0-14 in the Missouri Valley Conference.
Locke was 25 when he got his first head coaching job, at Army. He gave Knight his first coaching job in 1964, and when Locke left the next year to go to Miami of Ohio, Knight replaced him as Army's head coach.

Locke left Clemson in 1975 after it was put on three years probation for recruiting violations. In 14 collegiate seasons, he has a 205-166 record. His teams earned two NCAA bids and five NIT tournament appearances. He also coached the former Buffalo Braves of the NBA, now the Los Angeles Clippers

## Noah Overcomes Illness and Hlasek

No. 12 seed Yannick Noah became ill in the fifth set but recovered to beat No. 5 Jakob Hlasek, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, in the International Players Championships in Key Biscayne, Fla. Hlasek's elimination means that only one of the top six seeds No. 1 Ivan Lendl - is still alive with three rounds to go. The victory was Noah's second over Hlasek in two weeks. At Indian Wells, Calif., Hlasek had four match points but lost.

John McEnroe, Andre Agassi, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso were named to compete for the United States in a quarterfinal Davis Cup series against France April 7-9 in San Diego.

## College Sports

Baseball. Ciro Ambrosio's home run in the eighth gave LIU a 5-4 victory over Delaware State (6-5) and a doubleheader sweep. LIU (3-1) had tied it with four runs in the seventh on two-run doubles by James Ruocchio and Steve Bello. LIU won the opener, 8-7, on a two-run double by Armando Iacobellis with two outs in the seventh and final inning . . . Queens' Angelo Carrasquillo had a three-run homer and Jason Breslin a solo shot in a 15-5 loss to Adelphi. Queens is 3-5 overall and 0-1 in the Knickerbocker Conference; Adelphi is 6-3-1 and 1-0.

Softball. Danielle Como pitched a no-hitter in Queens' 19-0 victory over Lehman. She struck out six and walked two

## High School Sports

Baseball. Rino Truglio struck out eight and did not allow an earned run and Randy Wiesner went 3 -for-3 with three RBI in Columbus' 4-1 victory over Brandeis in the first round of the 18team Monroe Easter Tournament
Platz allowed two hits and struck out six in Beach Channel's 9-1 win over Jefferson. For Beach Channel, Ed Himko, Bill Morales, Ken Weber and Graham Burns had two hits apiece.

