## Ill Noah Recovers Game For a Win Over Hlasek

Frenchman Advances to International Quarterfinals

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KEY BISCAYNE, Fla,-Yannick day against Jakob Hlasek, but the Frenchman recovered to win his fourth-round match at the Internation al Players Championships. the quarterfinals with his third straight five-set victory, $6-4,3-6,6-4,2$ 6, 7 .5. The match took $31 / 2$ hours. of the top six seeds No No left only on with three rounds to go. No. 7 Thomas Muster, who beat Ediuardo Bengoe chea $6-1,6-1,6-1$, was he highest-seed ed player lent in the bracket opposit
Lendl
In women's play, top-ranked Gabriela Sabatini swept unseeded Ann Grossman, 6-4, 7.6 (7-2). Tenth-seeded in one game and lost to No. 3 Helena in one game and
Sukova, $6-3,6-2$
Noah led 4.3 in the final set and
was about to receive serve when he
was about to receive serve when he
suddenly bent over, walked to a cor
ner of the court and vomited to a cor


Yannick Noah delivers one of hi Yannick Noah delivers one of his match's final point. He angrily swatted a ball out of the stadium while Noah flopped to the ground, his face to the sky and his arms outstretched in lebration.
Noah's vi Hoah's victory was his second over at Indian Wells, Calif., Hlasek had four match points but lost.



## Judge Rejects Agents' Mistrial Motion

Prosecution Decides Bears' Morris Won't Testify By Chris Mortensen CHICAGO - Prosecutors decid wide receiver Ron Morris on th witness stand, prompting an unsuccessful motion for a mistrial on behalf of sports agents Norby Walters
and Lloyd Bloom. and Lloyd Bloom.
Walters from having the father of singer Michael Jackson testify on the agent's behalf. U.S. District
Judge George Marovich ruled that any testimony from Joe Jackson would be irrelevant to an alleged threat made toward the group' manager, Ron Weisner, in 1981. bout alleged threats made by Bloom when the player tried to
back out of a contract. The govern
players who will not testify in the trial after telling prosecutors of alleged threats by Bloom. Former Auburn running back Brent Fullwood also told a federal grand jury in "bin of a threat Bloom made to "bump off" his new agent, but the government decided he would not close to the prosecution said. The government also dropped a mail fraud count involving George
Swarn, a former running back from Swarn, a former running back rom
Miami University of Ohio. Swarn's academic records raised questions as to whether he should have been eligible to play his senior season in
1986, Webb said in his opening 1986, Webb said in
statement last month.
Walters plans to make a motion today to recall prosecution star witness Michael Franzese, the orga-
nized crime boss who testified to making the alleged threat to making
Weisner.

Alvarez's Changeup Delivery: From a Barfly to Bible Study
on his way to a bar again, his routine at Southwestern Louisiana University, when he came upon a football player on his way to Bible study. Not that the football player was a bigitime evangeilizer.
His coach had given him a chice - Bite or coach had given him a choiee - Bible study or three-mile runs - until hedd done penance for
some indiscretion. Bible study sounded less exhausting.

Alvarez tagged along and sat and listened, and the more he listened, the more he became curious
about this Jesus Christ guy. He switched from nightly barflying and started going back to Bible study until he became convinced that this was
what he was looking for in his life. "rd ben the
"I'd been doing all the things they do at that age, drinking, chasing girls and living on the wild
side. Christians to me were guys who shaved their heads and stood on street corners selling magazines," he said. "I began to see something different. I became a Christian, and
peace and stability to my life."
There are Biblical quotations that should here, but Jose Alvarez hadnt started out this con-
versation with the intention of preaching. It came up by chance, his trying to explain how a borderline pitcher endures six seasons of rejection by four teams, riding buses that snort and groan the minor leagues, being passed around like a ragged urchin, still clinging to hope that somewhere in his life the
His boyhood life in Tampa had been consider ably disturbed when his father was sentenced tell
prison for association with a crime ring. Jose tells the story of driving to Atlanta with his mother for visits at the big stone fortress down at the end of
Boulevard, of passing by Atlanta Stadium, then in Boulevard, of
construction.
"It's a baseball stadium," his mother told him. Milwaukee Braves are moving here.
"Someday I'm going to pitch there," he said. Boys, you know,"
ish, but I said it."

Sure enough, he did pitch there, but briefly onship Then he was sone, back to Richmond. Out of sight. Vanished. Like a missing person.
The Braves traded him to Houston an unknown soldier, and Alvarez's road show began. From Richmond to Tucson to Memphis to Jacksonville to Greenville, back to Richmond to Greenville to Richmond. During this time he had been cut off by Houston, by Kansas City and by Montre-
al. Four big league teams had told him to pack it a. Four big league teams had toid him to pack it
in. Still he kept calling on his faith, and his faith kept answering.
"It was the


Desire, Dedication, Determination and Discipline tell the youth groups I talk to. Four D's," he said, The B fW L L of Ron Guidry's school records. If there was one niversal reason major-league teams kept cutting him down, it was size. He's about 5 -10, slightly ailt, wiry like a steeplechase jockey, and all mus e and gristle.
eral manager, said. "He has one of the best curveballs in the big leagues." Like the one he fanned the left-handed Don Mattingly with the other day. The Yankees had him on the ropes, two on, no-
body out. He shut them down and Mattingly was body our. He shut hem down and Maltingly was
his
When the last of the four big-league clubs,
Montreal, cut him three springs ago, it was handy Montreal, cut him three springs ago, it was handy
that the Braves were ust over the fence He threw for their coaches, talked to Henry Aaron about a place on the farm, and started over again at Greenville. He was patient, bided his time, always in condition, waiting ... waiting.
Finally, on May 9 last year, he got his call. The Braves were desperate for pitching. Ten years
since hedd drifted into Bible study in LaFayete, since he'd dritted into Bible study in LaFayette,
La., and his faith had held up. The next night, May 10, the phone rang in the Braves bullpen. "Tell Alvarez to warm up," was the message.
"I almost broke into tears. 'Someday I'm going
pitch there,' I'd told my mother. Somebody said that ought to be made into a movie," he said. "I could almost see God looking down, pointing His finger and saying, 'See, I told you.'"'
The best part of the plot is that he made it. He go to in the toughest part of the game, when trouble erupts in the middle. You don't get a lot of saves in middle relief, but you get a lot of work,
and last year he won five games. His earned-run and last year he won five games. His earned-run runners he inherited scored, and he struck out two-thirds more batters than he walked. This time the heat isn't on. He has his bed made in the big leagues. He's established. They
made much of his elderly status as a rookie last year, but 32 is a pup compared to Satchel Paige (46)- he was more carnival than pitcher - Diomedes Olivo (42) and Alex McColl (39). By those standards, and his four D's, he could still be pitch-

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