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Sports behind the fences

AKDALE — A friendly game of Hoover-ball wouldn't be a big deal most places. Here, at Oakdale's correctional institute, the recently-revived sport was received Thursday afternoon with interest.

Any team sport you can play indoors that entertains and kills time is welcome here. Hooverball, a somewhat bizarre combination of volleyball and tennis with a six-pound medicine ball, grabbed the attention of many of Oakdale's inmates.

The Hoover Presidential Library Association presented an exhibition of the game here Thursday afternoon. Hoover-ball was Herbert Hoover's way of staying physically fit while president. Someone got wise to this, and West Branch hosted the first annual National Hoover-ball Championships last August.

Tom Walsh, the executive director of the Library Association, brought Hoover-ball to Oakdale Thursday. Naturally, photographers and reporters were invited to observe.

As a spectator sport, the game is as riveting as hopscotch and canasta. But in prison, anything new and different from the outside is welcome.

One prisoner, who asked not to be identified, said sports are important to inmates.

Wayne (not his real name) is 25 years old. He is from Cedar Rapids. He is serving an 18month sentence for second-degree robbery. He has been in Oakdale for almost a year. He didn't participate in the Hooverball exhibition Thursday but said he would eventually give the game a try.

"I play a lot of volleyball and basketball here," he said. "We play every weekday from 2:45 to 4. On Monday nights we have fullcourt basketball, and on Wednesday nights we play volleyball. There are a lot of talented guys here. It's good competition.

"Basketball's a daily thing. Usually it's the same guys playing every night.

"When the clock gets set ahead, we'll be in the nightyard from 6:30 to sunset. We'll have outdoor basketball, tennis, track, softball. There's not a whole lot to break up the monotony, so a lot of people get into sports."

About 75 inmates reside in the North Unit, including Wayne. In some ways, it is not how you picture a prison.

said. "Where we are, it's dormstyle living."

It's not a life with all the amenities of home, however. Wayne is one of the lucky ones in the North Unit. He has one roommate, not three or more.

"You don't get a lot of privacy in this place," he said. "A twoman room is basically a luxury.

"I miss a lot of little things," he said. "Things like pets. Going out at night. Going to the refrigerator to get something to eat whenever want. And, of course, friends and family."

Wayne works as an off-unit housekeeper for six hours a day, six days a week.

"I shined those halls you walked in here on. It's tolerable. The pay averages \$1.60 a day." And it helps kill the time.

"I just want to get my debt paid life," he said. "It's not gonna be easy. Society has kind of a down look on convicts.

"I've learned a lot since I've been in. I had been living a bad type of lifestyle. I had used drugs and was heading nowhere fast. Now I look around here and see that's not what I want out of life."

After 45 minutes, it was time for the visitors to leave. Not a moment too soon as far as I was concerned. I saw a bunch of guys stuck in a place with tall wire fences and guards. I visited a gymnasium that would never contain much joy or excitement.

It was not comfortable. "It's not so bad when you know you'll be out soon," Wayne said. "I have some friends at home with a basic understanding of what I'm going through. But unless you go through something like this - when you can't even go to a McDonald's - you'll "never know."

Probe could stiffen liberal arts program

Study of athletes may mean changes for all in liberal arts

> By Dale Kueter Gazette staff writer

A stiffening of requirements for all University of Iowa liberal arts students may be part of the recommendations resulting from an investigation of athletes and academics at the school.

The report, ordered by U of I president Hunter Rawlings III in the wake of embarrassing testimony by former low football stars at the trial of two sports agents, originally was to have been released today.

However, University officials said the investigation and recommendations of a three-member committee headed by David Vernon, acting vice president of academic affairs, will be ready "early next week."

"I think some of the recommendations that David's (Vernon) committee will come up with relate to policy and practices of the College of Liberal Arts, where most students begin their academic career," said Robert Engle, an associate professor in education and member of the Board in Control of Athletics.

Engle didn't provide any specifics. But he said it would be up to the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts, not Rawlings, to make any changes in admission or academic requirements.

Coincidently, apprehension has been building among some associated with the Department of Athletics, including members of the Board in Control of Athletics, that the University will overreact to the nasty press received as the result of testimony by Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell.

Several people at Tuesday's Board in Control meeting expressed concern the whole affair could lead to a rigidity in academic requirements that would limit flexibility of students in determining a

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Robert Engle lowa assistant professor

course of studies.

Rawlings has said the Harmon-Mitchell affair "has cast a shadow on the integrity of the entire unversity." At a Board of Regents meeting two weeks ago, Rawlings said Iow athletes must meet all academic standards

to compete. "We tolerate no exceptions." Moreover, he said he does not view "mere compliance" as sufficient. "Plainly put, the message is this: The studentathlete must be a student first, an athlete second. This is the heart of our responsibility as an academic institution."

Engle said the principle that mere compliance is not sufficient "is a good one. We've practiced that here for years. But I am opposed to removing optimum flexibility from a student's (course) schedule, because no two students are alike.

"I told a colleague. Do we want to go back to Yale and 1928 when they mandated the whole curriculum? That's against the notion of student development. These are young adults, and they must take some responsibilities for their lives."

Engle praised the work of the Athletic Department's Office of Student Services, which assists athletes who need it with tutors and other academic support. "We haven't seen any rotten spots over there. The question is: What do we do to improve

Please turn to 3B: Iowa

Hawkeye

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Special to The Gazette

Sanders says he's going pro

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders notified the NFL Thursday that he is turning pro, setting up a possible test of the league's restrictions against drafting underclassmen.

"We have received a request from Barry Sanders for special eligibility in the draft," NFL



Barry Sanders

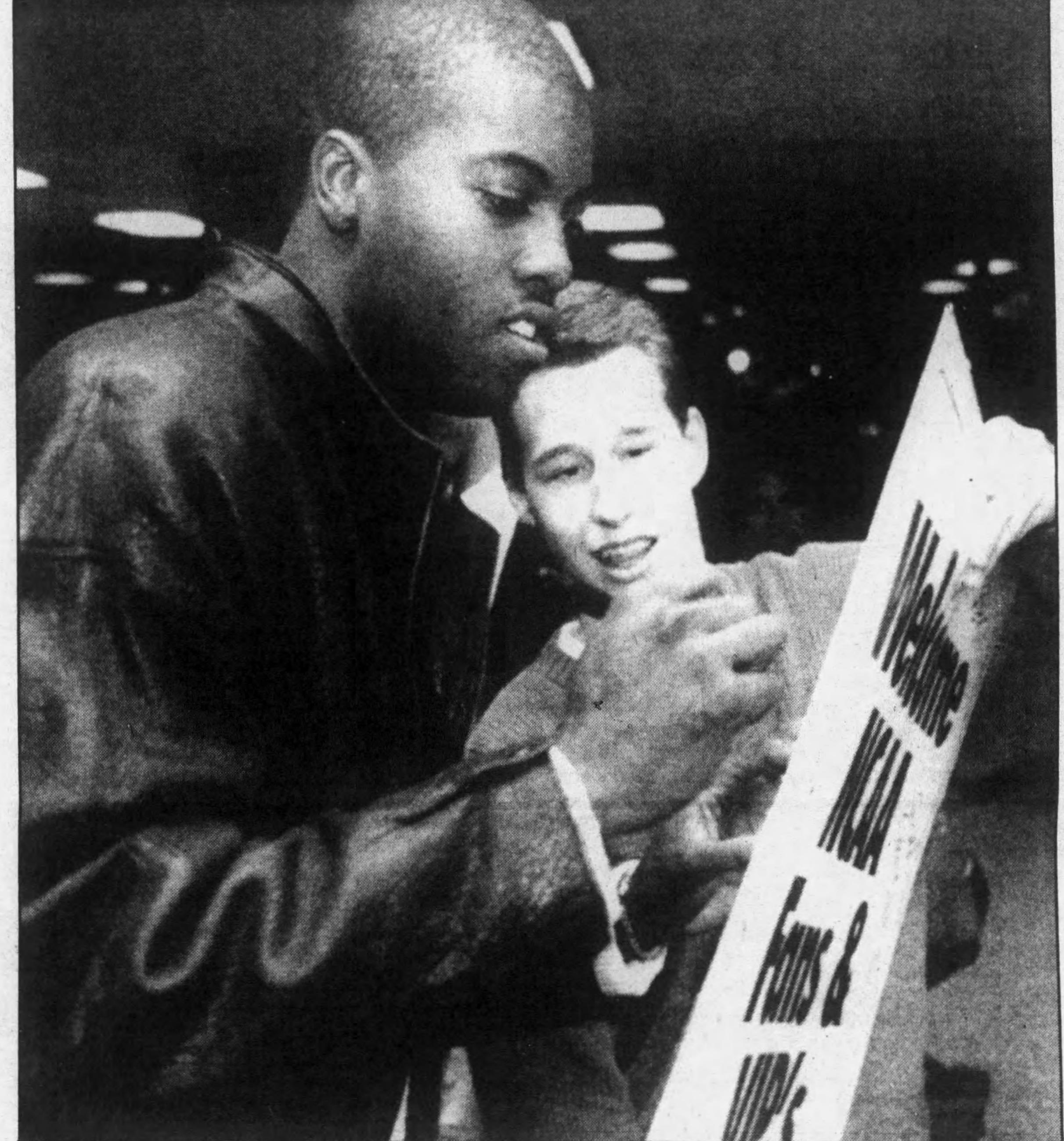
spokesman Joe Browne said in New York.

In Stillwater, Oklahoma State athletic director Myron Roderick confirmed the junior running back's decision after Sanders scheduled a news conference in Denver Saturday.

"He's through. . . . We are declaring him ineligible for 1989," Roderick said.

What likely figured in Sanders' decision is Oklahoma State's probation for recruiting violations. Sanders' status with the NFL, however, is not clear.

A true junior, he is ineligible for either the regular or supplemental drafts without a special exemption from Commissioner Pete Rozelle.



AP photo

The Glen Rice Show

Michigan star Glen Rice was hounded by autograph seekers upon his arrival in Seattle this week. Rice and his Wolverine teammates will face Illinois in a semifinal Saturday. Final 4 coverage, page 2B.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Iowa freshman Artur Wojdat set U.S. Open, NCAA and pool records in the 500 freestyle as the Hawkeyes finished their best first day in more than 30 years at the NCAA men's swimming and diving championships Thursday. Wojdat's time of 4:12.24 was

Artur Wojdat



the world's fastest ever in the 500yard event. It is not, however, recognized as a world record because it was not swum in meters.

Polish Olympian Wojdat is the first Iowa swimmer to win an NCAA title since Gary Morris won the 50 free in 1958. Randy Ableman of Cedar Rapids won the 1-meter diving title in 1981.

The Hawkeyes are in seventh place with 72 points, the best first-day score since Glenn Patton became Iowa coach in 1976.

"It's been a great day for the Hawkeyes," said Patton. "Artur's race was an exceptional effort and now we have to keep the momentum going.

• Please turn to 4B: Swim

"I expected to see guys with numbers on their shirts and windows with bars on them," he Hawkeye ace struggles, but wins for pro scouts

By Jim Ecker Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — Cal Eldred didn't have a good fastball to show the pro scouts Thursday.

So Eldred, the ace of Iowa's pitching staff, showed them something else in the Hawkeyes' 5-3 win over Mankato State in the first game of a double-header.

"Hopefully a little composure showed today," said Eldred after Iowa won its home opener.

Eldred, a junior from Urbana High School, struggled a little in cold, blustery weather. Mankato State reached him for six hits in the seven-inning game, and took a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning on a two-run double by Larry Ogden.

A decent curveball helped Eldred (3-1) strike out 10.

today, and that's what I need," said Eldred, a preseason All-American who is projected as a league draft in June. "I kind of knew this morning when I woke be there."

A half-dozen scouts sat behind the plate, clocking Eldred on their radar guns.

"They were probably looking for a fastball that they didn't see today," said Eldred. "It's still there. They've seen it already this

bottom of the fourth on two unearned runs, and took a 4-2 lead "The fastball didn't have its pop in the fifth on Tim Costo's two-run double off the fence just inside the left-field foul pole.

It was the fifth game-winning first-round pick in the major hit this year for Costo, a sophomore shortstop.

"Cold weather. It was cold," up and looked outside it may not said Eldred. "We just came back from Florida. We were used to playing in 85 to 90 degree weather . . It sounds like a good excuse."

The temperature was in the low 40s, and a cold north wind made it uncomfortable for players and the smattering of fans.

The Mavericks beat Iowa in the first game of a twin-bill here last Iowa got even at 2-2 in the year, and nearly pulled it off again

behind a workmanlike effort by senior righthander Dan Haley. Eldred thought maybe the

Hawkeyes tried too hard against the soft-tosser. "We wanted to really show everybody we're going to be a

good ballclub," said Eldred. "So we were a little tight." Not so in the nightcap.

Iowa jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning on Costo's two-run single and a three-run homer by Chris Hatcher, and won it 9-1 as John DeJarld (also 3-1) tossed a four-hitter.

Junior Keith Noreen had four of Iowa's 11 hits.

The Hawks are 12-5 and riding a three-game winning streak.



Calvin Eldred Hopes "composure" showed

to society and get on with my life," he said "It's not gonna be

Policy in 3rd year; debate is just as old

Editor's Note: Three years have failed to quiet the debate over Proposition 48, as reported in the last of a three-part AP Sports Extra series.

EW YORK - Not unlike many of the athletes it penalizes, Proposition 48 is struggling to make the grade on college campuses.

If the administrators who conceived it had their way, the academic requirements would get

even tougher. If coaches who complain had their way, it would be abolished as racially discriminatory.

The NCAA will have its way, though, and that's likely to mean no change in grade and test-score requirements at least until the mid-1990s.

Ursula Walsh, the NCAA's director of research, said not enough data is available after just three years to analyze the effects. "We have to see how people are

doing," she said. "I'm talking about five (more) years probably." James Zumberge, president of the University of Southern Cali-

fornia, said the athletes sidelined by Prop 48 shouldn't be the primary concern.

• Please turn to 2B: Prop 48

Hawk women lose Prop 48 recruit

Gazette staff report

ne of the top recruits last season for the University of Iowa women's basketball team has reportedly left school. Yolanda Griffith, a 6-foot-4 high school All-American at Chicago's Carver High School, left school without competing for the Hawk-

eyes. She failed to meet Proposition 48 guidelines and sat out her freshman season. According to published reports, Griffith left school Jan. 14.

"It was Yolanda's decision," said lows women's athletic director Dr. Christine Grant. "But I really can't say anything about it. If Yolanda wants to explain why she left, that's fine. But I'm not sure it's my right to explain

student academic affairs as a matter of policy.

Griffith's high school coach, Willie Ritchie, reportedly said he heard Griffith was back in Chicago but had not communicated with her.

"I heard she left, but I have not been able to catch up with her," Ritchie said. "She's moved, that's all I know. The apartment where her father was living burned down, and the phone service has been interrupted. I have no leads as to where she is. That happens in Chicago."

Griffith, who averaged 35 points and 17 rebounds during her senior year in high school, was part of a Hawkeye recruiting class ranked third in the country by Mike Flynn, director of the Blue Star Basketball Camp in Philadelphia.

Iowa Coach C. Vivian Stringer was in University officials do not comment about Tacoma, Wash., for the Final 4 and not available for comment.

Defense rests in agent trial

CHICAGO (AP) — Attorneys for Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom wrapped up their case Thursday after a witness said he advised the sports agents they did nothing illegal in signing athletes to contracts before their college eligibility had expired.

Closing arguments in the case are expected next Tuesday, after a day of rebuttal witnesses.

Walters, 58, and Bloom, 29, are charged with multiple counts of racketeering and fraud. They are accused of defrauding six universities — including the University of Iowa — of scholarship money by paying college football players thousands of dollars to sign as clients, in violation of NCAA rules.

The agents also are charged with threatening physical or financial harm to some players if they tried to back out of the deals - a practice the government contends was carried over from Walters' earlier work in the music busi-

Michael Feldberg, a former federal prosecutor in New York and a partner in the firm of Shea & Gould, said Thursday he acted as legal counsel for Walters' and Bloom's business, World Sports & Entertainment Inc.

"I said in substance that the conduct may well have violated the rules of the NCAA, but I was unaware of any (criminal) statutes it may have violated," Feldberg testified.

Feldberg, the third attorney from his firm to testify, took the witness stand in the fourth week of the jury trial before U.S. District Judge George Marovich. "Were you aware that they

(Walters and Bloom) had made loans to student athletes before completion of their eligibility?" asked Dan Webb, Bloom's attor-

"Yes," Feldberg replied. "Were you aware that these actions were in violation of NCAA rules?"

"Yes," Feldberg replied.

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a system that is not bad?" Harmon and Mitchell suggested at the Chicago trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom that they were acadmically

ineligible to play football while seniors, a notion vociferously refuted by University officials. As it turns out, both were ineligible in the fall of 1986 because they took illegal pay-

ments from Walters, who faces criminal charges of fraud. Those payments became known in the spring of 1987. Some University officials have

countered by saying Harmon, who then dropped out of school, would have been close to completing requirements for graduation.

Much derision has resulted from Harmon's testimony that he took billiards, bowling and watercolor painting to stay eligible, and from Mitchell's general comments that studies took a back seat to footaball.

Engel, who is chairman of the academic achievement committee on the Board in Control of Athletics, said those subjects and others comprise electives at the University that are required. "There are 30 hours (about onefourth of that needed for graduation) that must be filled with electives," he said.

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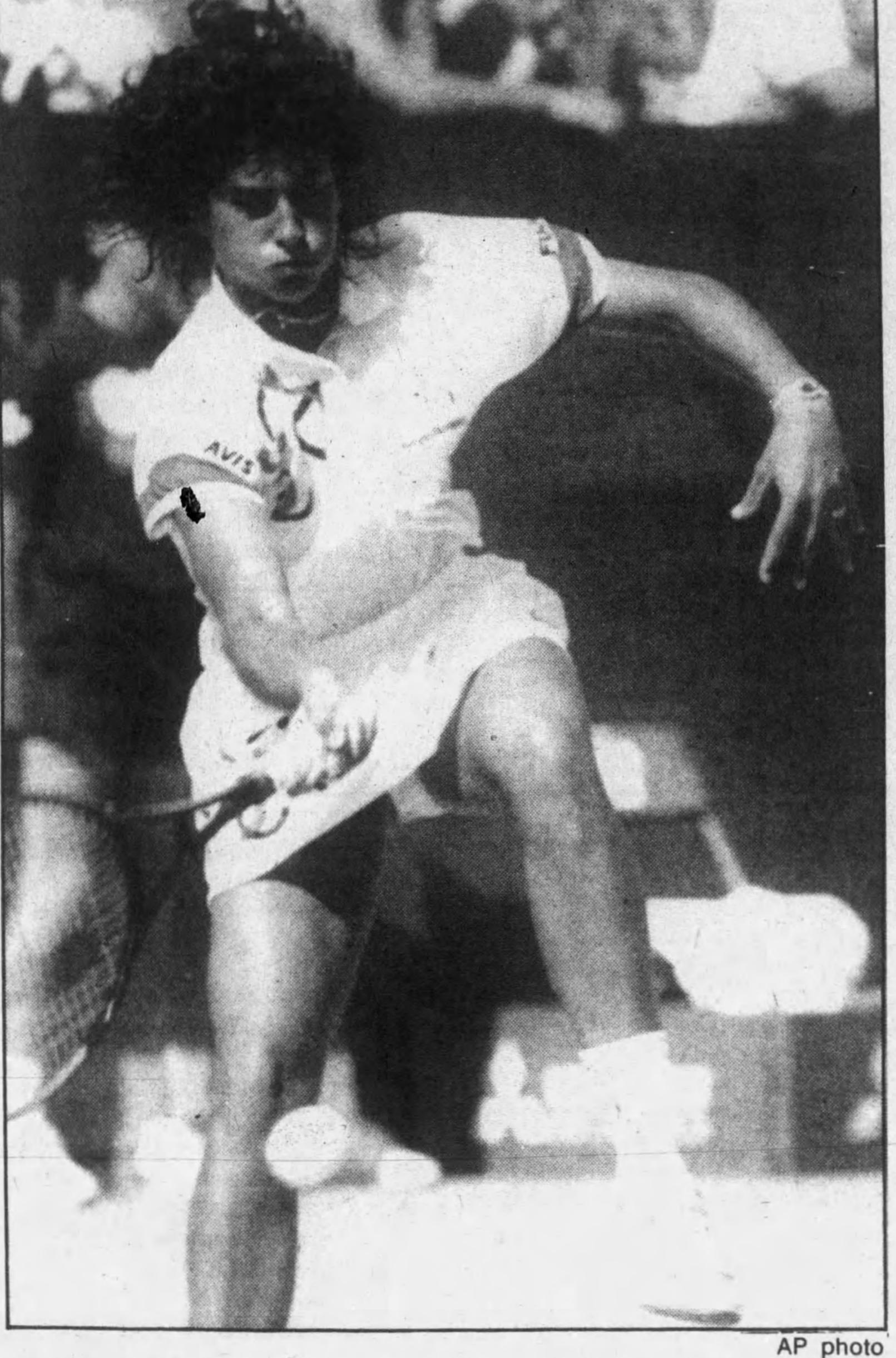
Ladies' Golf Set

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Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina returns a shot to Helen Sukova during a semifinal match Thursday in the International Players Championship on Key Biscane, Fla. Sabatini won to advance to the final against Chris Evert.

Sabatini, Evert advance to Players tourney final

for lead in Dinah Shore

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — No. 2 Chris Evert took advantage said. "Maybe at the end she was of their opponents' mistakes Thursday to win their semifinal matches at the International Players Championships.

Evert, helped by constant unforced errors by No. 5 Zina Garrison, won 6-3, 6-1. Garrison held serve only once, and Evert needed just 75 minutes to preserve her record of making the finals every year in this five-yearold event.

Sabatini lost a set for the first time in six matches but still beat No. 3 Helena Sukova 6-7 (7-2), 6-3, 6-4. In the final game, Sukova missed three easy volleys to lose her serve and the match.

Evert and Sabatini, both looking for their first tournament title of 1989, will play for it Saturday. In the men's semifinals today, top- after that. ranked Ivan Lendl will meet Kevin Curren, and Yannick Noah will face Thomas Muster.

Sukova played well against Sabatini until she gave away the

final game. "All the match, her Top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini and volley was very good," Sabatini nervous."

In the last game, Sukova hit two volleys wide to fall behind love-30. At 15-40, she floated a backhand volley long to give Sabatini the victory.

"That's the way it goes," Sukova said. "I don't think I got nervous. ... Maybe I wasn't concentrating as well as I should have

Sabatini earned her first finals berth in four tournaments this

"I need to be in the finals of a big tournament," she said. "Especially here, because I always used to lose in the third or fourth

Garrison broke Evert in the first game but could do little right

"I expected a lot more from Zina," Evert said. "All I had to do was get the ball in. I didn't do anything special."

Inkster snaps slump

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) - Juli Inkster, off to a slow start on the LPGA Tour this year, showed signs of breaking out of her slump with a 66 Thursday to take the opening-day lead in the \$500,000 Dinah Shore tourna-

Her 6-under-par round at Misfor a two-shot lead over Dale Eggeling.

Beth Daniel, Lori Garbacz, Jody Rosenthal and Liselotte Neumann of Sweden were another stroke behind at 69.

Pat Bradley, the 1986 Dinah Shore champion, was another shot back in a group at 70 with Anne-Marie Palli of France and Bonnie Lauer.

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Defending champion Amy Alcott was in a group at 71, and Nancy Lopez matched par-72.

Scores were low since the round was played under virtually ideal conditions, although midday temperatures did reach the

Inkster, 28, is coming off the sion Hills Country Club was good best of her five years on the Tour. She won three times in 1988 and finished 10th on the LPGA money list with \$235,000.

> But this year, Inkster has finished no higher than a tie for 19th in the five tournaments she's played. She missed the cut in Tucson two weeks ago.

More reports surface about Rose

NEW YORK (AP) - Cincinnati Reds Manager Pete Rose was fined more than \$23,000 by U.S. Customs after bringing cash into the country in 1981 without declaring the money, Sports Illustrated reports in its latest issue.

Also, a report in Thursday's Cincinnati Enquirer quotes the former chief of security for baseball as saying that Rose was investigated for gambling in the late 1970s, but nothing incriminating was found. "We knew of Pete's interest in gambling on the horses and the dogs," Henry Fitzgibbon said. "We made some inquiries. I remember talking to Pete about it. But, as I recall, it didn't come from anything

we regarded as illegal SI, in its April 3 issue, said it found further information on its report last week that Rose exchanged hand signals somehow relating to baseball betting. The magazine had reported that a source close to a federal investigation said that Paul

Janszen, a body-builder friend of Rose, said Rose was being investigated for allegedly exchanging the signals at Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati.

"Two other sources close to the investigation said last week that the signals between Janszen and Rose didn't involve placing wagers on games, but related to updates on the scores of games in progress at a time early in the 1987 season when the stadium scoreboard was not working," SI said.

Jon Braude, the Reds' directors of information, told the magazine the main stadium scoreboard, which provides updates from other games, was out of order from April 17 to May 28 in 1987.

Meantime, SI said it was told by a senior U.S. Customs official that Rose was investigated at least twice for currency violations. In 1981, according to the magazine, Rose failed to declare \$46,197.54 he had received from Mizuno, a Japanese sporting goods company.

Melchiore wins top mat award

MANCHESTER — Four-time All-American Joe Melchiore was named winner of the 1989 Mike Howard Most Valuable Wrestler Award at the annual Iowa awards banquet Thursday night.

Melchiore ended his career with a 106-31-2 record after placing third at 134 pounds at this year's NCAA Championships in Oklahoma City. Melchiore was second at 134 as a junior after placing fourth and seventh for Oklahoma as a freshman and sophomore.

John Heffernan, a two-time All-American from North Olmstead, Ohio, was winner of the Michael McGivern Most Courageous Wrestler Award and Dave Munson, a former Iowa City prep, won the J. Donald McPike Award, given annually to the senior with the highest grade point average.

Heffernan ended his career on a sour note after placing nationally as a sophomore and junior. Injuries to both knees cost Heffernan a third All-American honor this year. Heffernan was 23-7 this year and 78-32-2 in his career.

Other awards went to freshman Tom Brands, who was officially given his Outstanding Wrestler and Freshman of the Year awards from the Big Ten Championships, senior Andy Haman, junior Steve Martin and freshman Mark Rei-

Haman, an Iowa City product, won the Key Win Award for meetclinching victories this season, Martin was given his NCAA award for finishing seventh at 118 and Reiland was given the award for most pins. Reiland registered 18 falls while compiling a 29-14-1 tally and placing fourth in the NCAAs. Reiland's 18 falls ties him with Rico Chiapparelli for the most pins by a Hawkeye fresh-

C.R. prep swimmer places in U.S. meet

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Cedar Rapids Washington's Jemahl Roland, swimming with the Cedar Rapids Aquatic Association, finished eighth in the 100-meter butterly late Wednesday night at the U.S. Short Course Junior Nationals.

Roland was timed in 50.73 seconds.

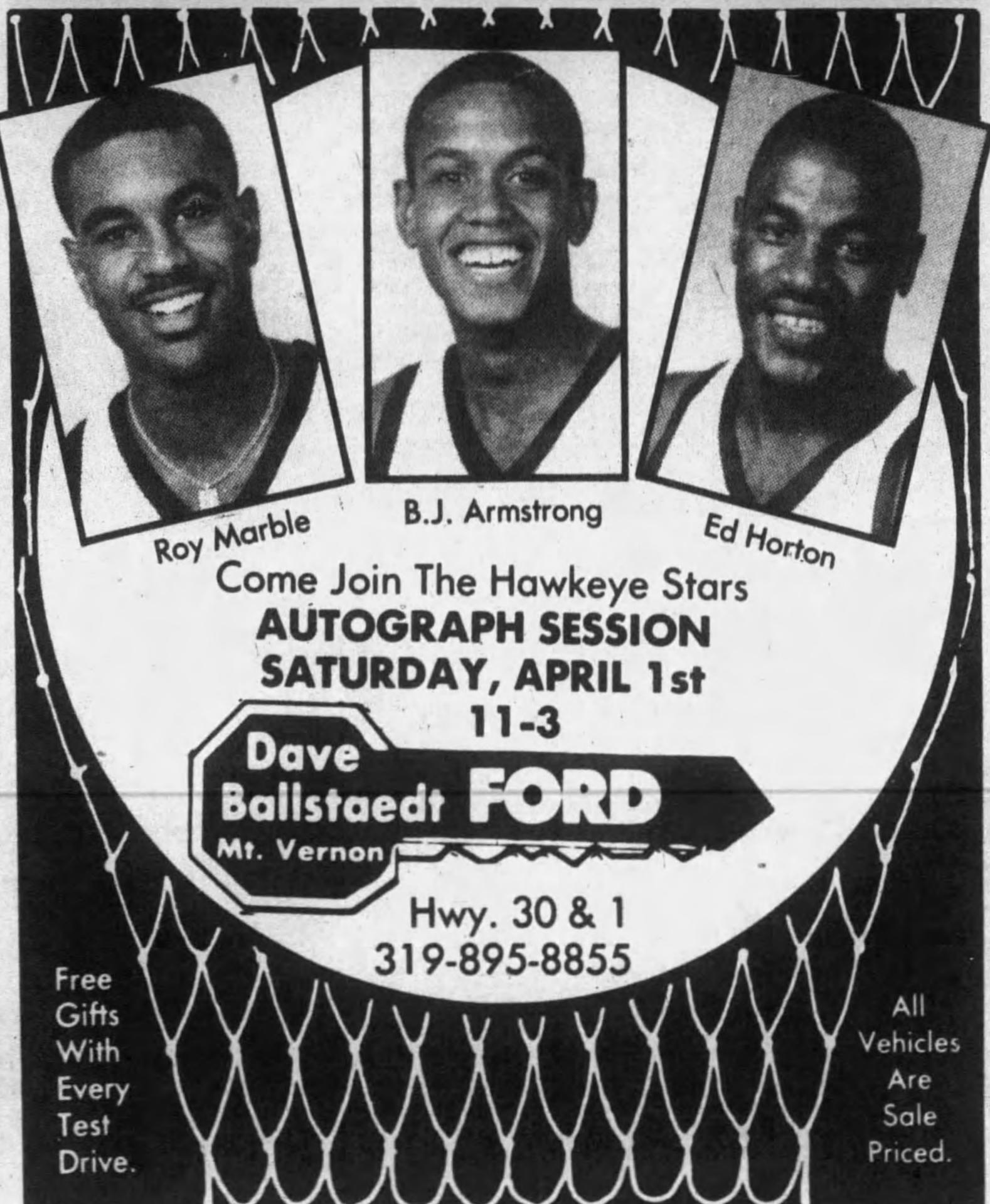
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