Closing Arguments Are Expected Today in Walters-Bloom Trial

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

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CHICAGO - Though Michael Fran zese's name was mentioned prominently Monday as testimony ended in the trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, a federal judge denied Walters' motion to recall the organized crime

The eight-woman, four-man jury was told by U.S. District Judge George Marovich that two days of closing arguments will begin today before they will be asked to deliberate on a verdict.

Walters and Bloom face charges of racketeering, mail fraud, wire fraud and extortion stemming primarily from their

dealings with college athletes from 1985-87. The alleged racketeering conspiracy includes activities by Walters and Franzese in the entertainment field.

Walters earlier submitted a motion to recall Franzese for cross-examination to further show that the imprisoned crime boss "had bias and motive to lie in the government's favor."

Marovich ruled that discrediting Franzese should have been done when he first took the witness stand on March 14.

Franzese has testified under immunity that he and his father, John "Sonny" Franzese, a former acting chief of the New York Colombo crime family, had a longtime business and personal association with Walters.

The final testimony Monday came from two rebuttal witnesses called by the prosecution to support Franzese's testimony that Walters used the mobster's reputation to settle disputes.

FBI agent Victor Guerrero testified that he was an undercover agent in 1982 when he became associated with Franzese on an unrelated investigation.

In accordance with his report filed seven years ago on the matter, Guerrero told the jury that Franzese postponed an appointment on Dec. 14, 1982 because he had to go to California to "straighten out" a contract problem with singer Dionne Warwick's manager.

Franzese had testified that he and Walters visited Warwick's manager, Joe Grant, in December 1982 to convince Grant to stay with the agent through the completion of a tour.

Grant, testifying for the defense, said there was a meeting but that he was not even certain if it was Franzese who accompanied Walters.

Another rebuttal witness called by prosecutors was William Dern, co-manager of the former musical group New Edition, who supported Franzese's testimony about another threat in "spring or summer of

Dern testified that his "very upset" comanager, Rick Smith, called him after Franzese and Walters visited Smith in New York. New Edition was considering leaving Walters, Dern said.

"Rick called and said he had just been visited by Norby and another man — he said this guy was a mob guy — and that I should stop talking to Triad (a rival agency)," said Dern.

"Smith said he didn't want the group to get involved with the mob. He sounded very afraid of everything."

Prior to Dern's testimony, Marovich ruled that the defense could not inquire about a California traffic arrest in 1984 in which Dern was charged with possessing a small amount of cocaine.

"I'm not going to screw up any trial because somebody did part of a line of cocaine," the judge ruled in preventing the defense to question Dern about his past drug use.

The Masters At a Glance

■ Par-yardage: 36-36—72; 6,905 yards.

■ Today: Practice; gates open at 8 a.m.

■ Tuesday: Practice; gates open at 8 a.m.

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contest starts at 1 p.m.

Masters Money

Nabisco Championship

Players Championship

Las Vegas Invitational

Tournament

British Open

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The Masters

AT&T Pro-Am

Byron Nelson

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Western Open

St. Jude Classic

Doral Ryder Open

The International

Bob Hope Classic

Los Angeles Open

Greater Greensboro

Westchester Classic

PGA Championship

World Series of Golf

■ What: The 53rd Masters at Augusta National.

■ The field: 84 players (79 professionals, five

■ Tickets: Practice-round tickets (\$10-\$20) will be sold

■ Wednesday: Practice; gates open at 8 a.m., par-3

Thursday-Sunday: Tournament play; gates open at

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How the Masters' purse ranks with other tournaments

on the PGA Tour (Masters purse based on 1988 tourna-

Purse

\$2.5 million

\$1.35 million

\$1.35 million

\$1.3 million

\$1.25 million

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\$1 million

Winner

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Dooley Exit Quiet As Goff's First Spring Under Way

By Thomas O'Toole Staff Writer

ATHENS — The transfer of Georgia football power from Vince Dooley to Ray Goff took place on the practice field shortly after 4 p.m. Monday when the two shook hands amid a swarm of reporters.

But a more vivid example of the change in head coach occurred four hours earlier. While Goff was holding a press conference, Dooley went home for lunch.

"I can't remember when I've ever done that," said Dooley, now the athletic director. "And my wife wasn't even home. I had to open a can of salmon." The realization of Dooley's departure finally struck

both men as 20 days of spring football practice opened. For Dooley, the moment was less difficult than he anticipated.

"I'm happy and excited," he said. "I thought there would be a more emotional feeling, but it's excitement instead. I guess what makes me feel good is that coach Goff and the staff are all still here. The same players are here. I guess it's not hitting me all that much because most of the faces are the same."

For Goff, the moment put him uncomfortably in the spotlight as reporters and camera crews greeted his first step onto the practice field before the two-hour workout by players in shorts and T-shirts.

"Tomorrow when the players come up (after practice] I'll feel a little more relaxed," said Goff. "It was good to get the first day over with. Everything was 'the first.' Now, each day will be a little more comfortable. It was exciting to me. It will really get exciting as we get into full pads."

Georgia will practice in full pads today through Friday with a game-condition scrimmage scheduled on Saturday at Sanford Stadium.

Dooley will be less visible at subsequent workouts. But on the first day, he spoke briefly with Goff as practice began, giving the cameras a photo opportunity. Dooley asked his successor about the day's practice schedule, and Goff pulled one out from his back pocket. "I never had to carry one before," Goff said to Doo-

ley. "You always told me where to go." Dooley stayed for about 15 minutes, conducting his own set of interviews. He then returned to his fourth-

floor office, which overlooks the practice field. "I don't want to be too obvious," said Dooley. "But I don't want to be cramped, either. I'm still the athletic

director." Goff said he felt for Dooley's situation.

"He's in a difficult position," said Goff. "If he comes out, you'll have people saying he's looking over my shoulder. If he doesn't come out, you'll have people saying he doesn't care. I appreciate him coming out



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Georgia coach Ray Goff and predecessor Vince Dooley were the center of attention at the opening of spring drills in Athens.

here today. I really do."

Dooley said he will be available if Goff needs ad-

"He knows where my office is," said Dooley. "I'm confident he'll come from time to time. But it's his football team. He has to work things out on his own."

Even with Goff and three new assistants — running backs coach Willie McClendon, defensive coordinator Richard Bell and linebacker coach Frank Orgel — the substance of Monday's practice differed little from one under Dooley. Just as Dooley did, Goff quietly roamed from group to group, pausing to talk with trainers or athletic department officials.

If anything, there was a bit more enthusiasm than

normal among the players.

bute that to the coaching change," said defensive lineman Bill Goldberg. "But we have so many young people on the roster and they haven't had enough time to develop any bad habits yet. Everybody's all gung-ho. In a certain respect, that pushes the older guys. So everybody was enthusiastic."

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As Purses Rise, Masters Worries About Keeping Up

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By Tom McCollister Staff Writer

AUGUSTA — These are worrisome times for Masters chairman Hord Hardin. He sees tournament purses escalating through corporate involvement and wonders how long the Masters can continue to draw all of the top players.

The Masters is expected to rank about eighth this year in tournament purses. It has traditionally been able to match nearly all other purses.

"Competing money-wise is the biggest challenge we face," Hardin said Monday as the 53rd Masters week began, "People tell me not to worry, that our tournament is important to the whole golfing world (but) I wonder if the new boys coming along have that feeling.

"If there's a multi-million purse the week before the Masters and one after it, I'm not sure fellows wouldn't point toward those tournaments. After all, they didn't grow up in the early days when the Masters meant more than money."

It's not that the Masters can't raise its purses to keep up, it's that Hardin and his staff would have to bend with the times. Purses of other tournaments are rising due to commercial involvement, including the sale of corporate tents and skyboxes, and televison contracts that call for more commercials and less golf.

There is little commerical about the Masters — no corporate tents, no advertisement of any kind. Even the PGA Tour's traveling fitness trailer must cover its sponsor's name.

Hardin prefers to keep it that way.

"We want to keep it the same type of tournament that Bob Jones and Cliff Roberts created," Hardin said. "We could get more money from television rights, raise ticket prices, charge more for concessions, charge for parking. Where else can you get a Coke for 50 cents and a sandwich for \$1?

"But we don't want to do those things. I don't feel our membership would want to continue if we had to change the quality and caliber of the tournament. It's important to them and it's important to me. It would be "The atmosphere is different and you could attri- difficult having a corporate sponsor who put up \$2 million descending on us and telling us what to do. We

want our own party." Some golfers say Hardin's fears of attracting fewer top-notch players appear groundless. "Money isn't the reason I come here," said Gene Sauers of Savannah. "There are a lot of tournaments that pay big purses, but there's only one Masters."

Others, however, say they doubt the validity of Hardin's concerns that the Masters cannot afford to raise

"I don't see why the Masters can't keep pace with other tournaments," said Hubert Green. "At \$100 a ticket [\$90, actually], they're not losing money. This is the most expensive tournament we play. If you bring your family, it costs \$3,000 [in weekly expenses] before you

"You ask if I can see a player not coming here if the purse doesn't go up? Not any more than I can see them not keeping up with purses of other tournaments."

Hardin says he fears Green's attitude is shared by too many players who believe the Masters is the mother

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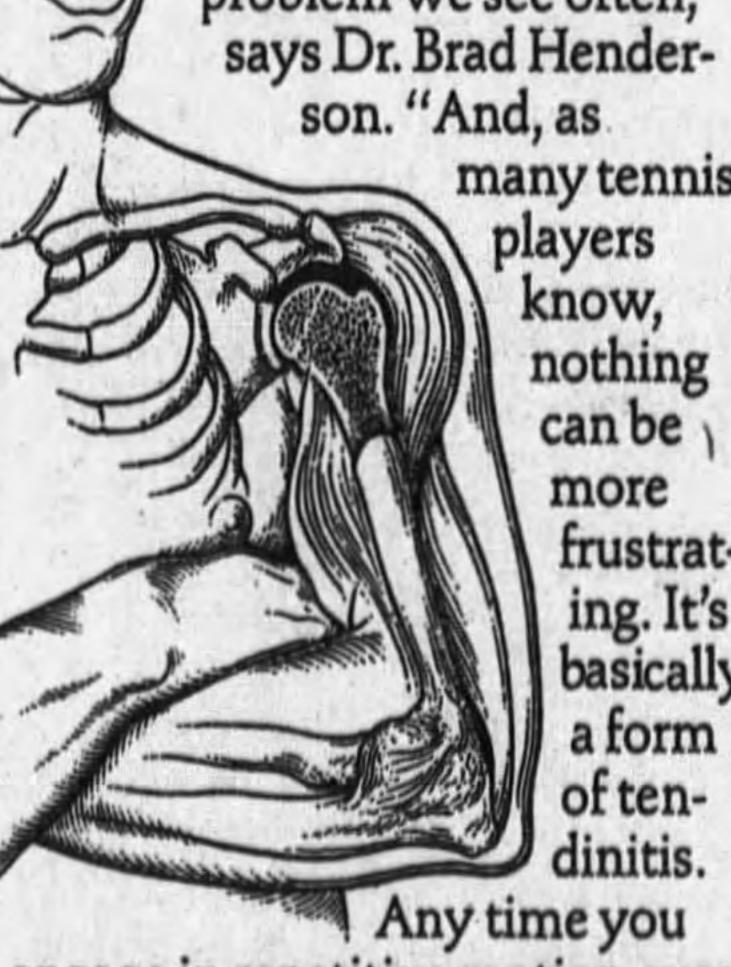
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