Prosecutors hit testimony of Warwick

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP) — Prosecutors called two witnesses Monday in an attempt to refute testimony by singer Dionne Warwick and the manager of a musical group, as the fraud trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom neared an end.

Attorneys will present closing arguments in the case today, before jurors in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge George Marovich.

Walters, 58, and Bloom, 29, are accused of luring college athletes to sign clandestine contracts and using threats to keep them from breaking the deals.

In calling their final witnesses Monday, prosecutors tried to counter testimony offered earlier by Warwick and her personal manager, and by a manager of the pop group New Edition.

FBI agent Victor Guerrero testified that he met several times with Michael Franzese during an undercover probe in New York during the early 1980s. Franzese, a member of New York's Colombo organized crime family, has been named as an unindicted co-conspirator in the agents' case.

The government contends the threats made to some athletes were practices carried over from Walters' association in the music business with Franzese.

Franzese, currently in prison on unrelated charges, testified earlier that he had made a veiled threat to New Edition managers to force them into keeping their business with Walters.

But Warwick and her personal manager told jurors last week that they never received threats from Franzese after firing Walters as the singer's booking agent in the fall of 1982.

On the witness stand Monday, Guerrero said he disguised himself as a Latin American drug kingpin and attended a party in December 1982 with Franzese and associates at a Long Island nightclub owned by Franzese.

At the party, Franzese told Guerrero "he had to go to L.A. to straighten our a contractual problem that Dionne Warwick was having with her manager," Guerrero testified under questioning from U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas.

But when cross-examined by defense attorney Ethan Levin-Epstein, the agent said Franzese told him that he, Franzese, was having contractual problems with Warwick.

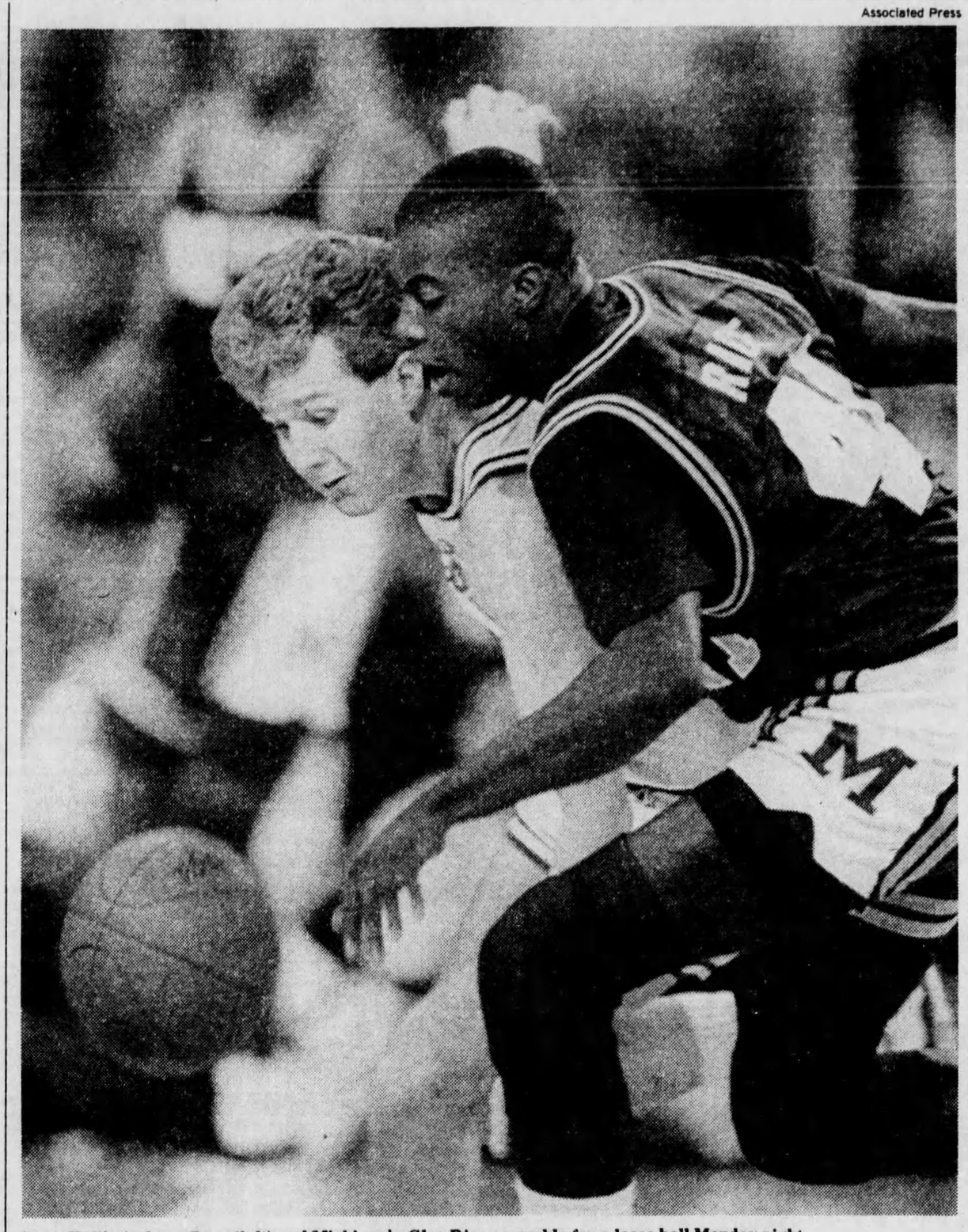
Franzese "never mentioned Norby Walters to me," Guerrero testified. He also said he did not know if the meeting between Franzese and Warwick's managers ever took place.

Also Monday, William Dern, a former co-manager of New Edition, described how he learned of a threat made to the group's managers during a meeting with Walters, who was then the group's booking agent, and with an unidentified mob associate in the fall of 1985.

Marovich denied a second request from Bloom's attorney, Dan Webb, for a mistrial. Webb also filed a second motion for acquittal for Bloom.

The judge was expected to rule on the acquittal motion today.

Associated Press



Seton Hall's Andrew Gaze (left) and Michigan's Glen Rice scramble for a loose ball Monday night.

Panel retains three-point shot distance

SEATTLE, WASH. (AP) — College basketball's rules committee Monday kept the distance for the three-point field goal the same, lengthened timeouts by 15 seconds and awarded two free throws on all technical fouls.

The committee also let conferences experiment with allowing players to accumulate six personal fouls before being disqualified and giving three free throws to a player fouled while trying a three-point shot.

Players are disqualified when they get five personal fouls, and two free throws are the maximum awarded when a player is fouled while in the act of shooting.

Many coaches would have preferred that the rules committee extend the three-point distance past the current 19 feet 9 inches.

"It occupied a great deal of the discussion," committee executive secretary Ed Steitz said. "The overall accuracy actually went down one percentage point, plus the feeling is there's nothing wrong with it.

"It's given a new dimension to the game and it's added excitement."

In the three-point rule's first season, Steitz said, players made 38.5 percent of those shots. That slipped to 38.3 percent the following year and 37 percent this season.

"That doesn't mean it's set in concrete," Steitz said. "If the shooting percentage goes up, which I believe it will, the rules committee will consider moving it back."

The change on technical fouls makes the penalty the same for all such violations. Currently, two free throws are awarded when a technical is called on the bench and only one when the technical is on a player in the game. Starting next season, two free throws will be awarded for all technicals, regardless of who draws them.

Longer Timeouts

On a related matter, the committee decided to charge a technical foul to a player called for goaltending on a free throw.

Increasing the length of timeouts from 60 to 75 seconds will give coaches more time to discuss strategy and get substitutes into the game. It also will allow for longer television commercials.

Previously, a buzzer sounded after 45 seconds and all substitutions had to be made by then. Now, the first buzzer won't sound until 60 seconds have elapsed.

Other Rules

The committee also decided:

- Any player may hang on the rim without drawing a technical foul if the official decides the player is trying to avoid injury. Previously, only a player who was dunking could do that.
- Two names instead of one will be allowed on the front and back of uniform jerseys. Thus, a team could have its school name and nickname on the jersey.
- Undergarments that extend below the trunks must be of similar color to the uniform. That same requirement now applies to T-shirts.

The committee also decided that leagues could try three rules on an experimental basis to give officials an idea if they would be workable.

Besides adding another personal foul, a league could experiment with awarding three free throws instead of two when a player is fouled while shooting a three-pointer and using the 45-second shot to determine the 10-second backcourt violation instead of relying on the officials to make that count.

Former ISU coach Nance to take over at Washington

By The Associated Press

SEATTLE, WASH. — The University of Washington on Monday named former Iowa State Coach Lynn Nance to take over the Huskies' men's basketball program.

Nance, 42, now head coach at St. Mary's, will replace Andy Russo, who resigned March 22 after two consecutive losing seasons at the Pacific-10 Conference school.

Russo resigned under fire on March 22. He had a 61-62 record in four years at Washington. This season, the Huskies were 12-16, including a 55-point loss to Arizona and a 40-point defeat to Oregon State.

"This was my one opportunity to coach at my alma mater," Nance, a former Husky player and assistant coach, told a news conference just two hours before Seton Hall met Michigan for the NCAA championship in the Kingdome.

"This was a job I really wanted," Nance added. "I'm really looking forward to the opportunity of building this program."

Nance led his Moraga, Calif., team to a 25-4 record last season and to the West Coast Athletic Conference championship.

Nance was a finalist for the job when Russo took over for the retired Marv Harshman four seasons ago.

"I didn't feel very good four years ago, but I understood the situation," said Nance, who at that time was the head coach at Central Missouri State, a Division II program.

TENNESSEE GETS SECOND CHOICE. Florida State's Pat Kennedy decided Monday that he enjoys one of the best coaching situations in the country and turned aside a week's courtship from the University of Tennessee.

So the Vols offered the job to Wade Houston, an assistant at Louisville. He became the Southeastern Conference's first black head basketball coach when he agreed Monday to a five-year, $850,000 contract.

"I feel I've been preparing for this job the past 13 years. I've been privileged to learn from one of the greatest teachers of the game, [Louisville Head Coach] Denny Crum," said Houston, who becomes Tennessee's 15th head coach.

Houston, 44, a native of Alcoa, Tenn., replaces Don DeVoe, who was forced to resign last week with 27 months remaining on his contract. DeVoe was 204-137 in 11 seasons at Tennessee.

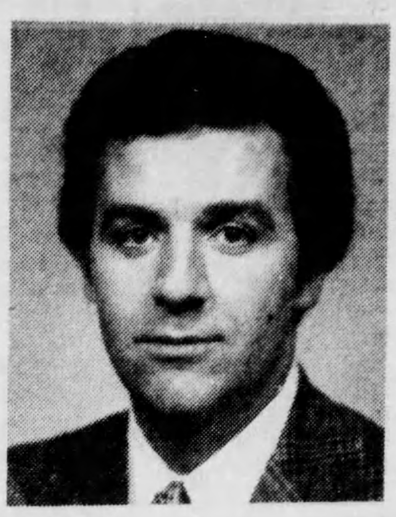
MAJERUS TO UTAH. Rick Majerus has resigned as Ball State's coach to take the head coaching job at the University of Utah, Ball State's president said Monday.

Majerus, 41, would be replacing Lynn Archibald, who was released March 13 after six years as Utah coach.

John E. Worthen said he had talked with Majerus on Sunday and that Ball State had met each of the coach's requests for support.

COACHING SECURITY. The National Association of Basketball Coaches has established a fund to help members who are forced from their jobs. Michigan State Coach Jud Heathcote, the group's immediate past president, said Monday the organization established the fund for counseling and rehabilitation in response to the 34 head coaching job changes this season.

Heathcote said the fund will make up to $2,000 available to any Division I head coach and his family who is fired or forced to resign.



Lynn Nance
Returns to alma mater

BASKETBALL NOTES

"MOST COURAGEOUS." Landon Turner, who was paralyzed in a car accident two months after helping Indiana win the NCAA basketball title in 1981, received the "Most Courageous Award" from the U.S. Basketball Writers Association on Monday.

Will he get it or won't he?

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the merry-go-round rolls on.

That's a hypothetical situation. Fisher and Michigan are not.

A few hours before the title game, Henry Iba, who coached Oklahoma State to two NCAA titles in the mid-1940s, called Fisher a lock.

"They have to give him the job," Iba said. "They'd be absolutely ridiculous not to. How long's he been an assistant there? ... Seven years is enough. They have to hire him."

You'd think. By the same token, Schembechler, the iron-willed athletic director-football coach, doesn't have to do anything.

Some say the Wolverines advanced to the title game on the power of his personality. Working for Schembechler, of course, figures to be slightly more demanding than listening to his pep talks. But the real problem with Fisher's taking the job involves Act 2.

In six games, he's done about all he can at Michigan. From now on, anything short of a national title is bound to disappoint those exacting Michiganders. By the time Fisher retires, there's a good chance the highlight of his career will be those first six games.

Mr. Iba, as those in the coaching profession call him, waved off the pressures.

"Michigan is always going to get the players," he said. "Just like Illinois is always going to get the players."

Supposed to get the players. With that bulging bank of high school talent, anybody who gets the job is expected to win, win, win.

Michigan couldn't pay Johnny Orr enough to endure the demands. After nine seasons, Frieder said to heck with it, too.

Drake names Knapp men's tennis coach

By WAYNE GRETT
Register Staff Writer

Drake on Monday named Roger Knapp to coach its men's tennis team.

Knapp, formerly of Des Moines, currently is an assistant coach at Southern California. He will assume his new duties June 1, but has already started to recruit.

"I want to make Drake's program the best it can be," Knapp said. "Drake definitely wants a national-caliber program, to win the Missouri Valley Conference and compete in the NCAA tournament. Those are my goals. I wouldn't have taken the job if Drake hadn't made a strong commitment."

Knapp said Drake's full-ride tennis scholarships have been increased from two to five, the maximum the NCAA will allow. He will have an assistant coach, something many programs do not have, and has named Jonas Wallgard for the job.

Knapp said the schedule will be upgraded. He said he has commitments from Kansas, Oklahoma State, Iowa and Notre Dame for matches next season.

Wallgard is in his native Sweden to recruit players, Knapp said.

"We think we really have a great coach," Drake Athletic Director Curt Blake said. "His presence will add significantly to the Drake athletic department and reaffirms the commitment to both our men's and women's tennis programs.

Jeff Vaage presently is men's and women's coach, a full-time position. Last season, Lloyd Stokstad was the men's coach on a part-time basis. Vaage worked part-time last season with the women's program.

Vaage will continue on a full-time basis with the women's team.

Blake said the women also have five full-ride scholarships.

Knapp has been an assistant coach at USC for three seasons and was heir apparent to replace Dick Leach as head coach when he steps down.

Roger Knapp
Leaves Southern California post

"That won't be for five years," Knapp said. "I was married last year and we are expecting a baby in July. I don't want to raise a family in the Los Angeles area. Drake contacted me about 1½ months ago. They had heard I was interested in leaving USC and I was thinking about it."

Knapp attended Des Moines Hoover High School as a freshman and sophomore and won the state high school singles championships both seasons. He transferred to La Jolla, Calif., High School before attending Southern California.

In 1977, he was boys' 18-year-old champion in Southern California.

At USC, Knapp twice was named doubles all-America. In 1980 he captured the United States Tennis Association Amateur indoor title.

He compiled an 80-43 singles record an 76-28 double record in his four seasons at Southern California.

After graduating in 1982, he played professionally. He was ranked as high as No. 140 in the world in singles and 120th in doubles. He reached the semifinals of the Grand Prix, beating top 10 player Henri Leconte.

Canada's Sharpe: 'I took steroids with Johnson'

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mittently during his career, which ended in 1987.

He said toward the end of his career, he, Johnson and others began to worry the cheating would be discovered.

"[Johnson] was concerned about people knowing ... why we were going to Charlie's apartment," Sharpe said.

Francis told the inquiry last month that Johnson, Sharpe and sprinter Desai Williams began taking the banned drugs on his advice in 1981.

He said Johnson was taking the muscle-building drugs before setting the existing world record in the 100-meter dash at Rome in 1987 and continued to use them within weeks of last year's Olympics.

Johnson was stripped of a gold medal at Seoul after testing positive for steroids.

Issajenko and Francis have testified that government sports officials knew the athletes were cheating.

Though rumors had circulated about steroid use in track and other sports, Francis' eight days of testimony sent shock waves through international athletics.

Francis said steroid use was rampant at track and field's top level and that world-class performances were impossible without steroids.

He said Johnson, banned from international competition for two years, took the drugs willingly after Francis told him they were necessary to win. Johnson, who has yet to testify, has denied knowingly taking the drugs.

His lawyer, Edward Futerman, has portrayed him as a child-like vocational-school dropout who fell under the spell of Francis.

Johnson is expected to be the final witness during the track phase of the probe.

Francis's stunning revelations were backed up by Issajenko, who criticized Johnson and Williams for denying they took the drugs.

"It's like stabbing Charlie and I in the back," she said.

Some of Francis's other contentions also have been reinforced.

A story in a Soviet magazine last month said the Soviet Union had a ship docked near Seoul loaded with drug-testing equipment to aid athletes in beating urine tests at the Games.

Francis testified the Soviets had the same setup in Montreal for the 1976 Olympics.

Francis also testified the U.S. Olympic Committee tested their athletes for banned drugs prior to the 1984 Games and many who failed still were allowed to compete.

Prominent coach talks of 'probable' steroid use

NEWARK, DEL. — A prominent American track coach said on Monday that as many as 20 women on the United States track and field team at the Seoul Olympics last fall "probably" used anabolic steroids in their preparation for the Games.

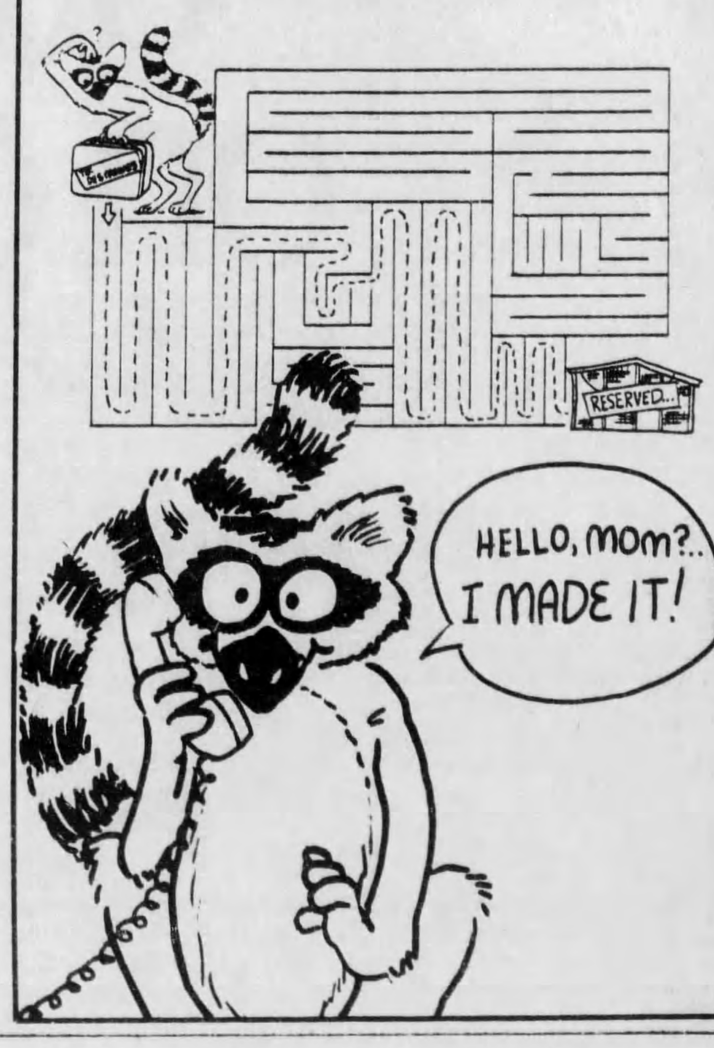
In testimony before a Senate hearing on steroid abuse, Pat Connolly, a former Olympic athlete and a coach since 1970, said steroid use by American Olympic athletes has been increasing for nearly 30 years. She said that she believed 15 of the 50 American women on the 1984 Olympic team used steroids in training, and that at least 40 percent of the 49 women on the American team competing last year in South Korea had trained with them.

Evelyn Ashford, the top United States female sprinter for much of the last decade, also testified, saying she knew of at least two American female gold medalists who had used steroids in training. But Ashford would not identify them, either during her testimony or after it. Seven American women won gold medals for six events in Seoul.

Chalk it up!

THE MAZE AND THE LEMUR

■ Did you help the lemur find his new home at the Blank Park Zoo? If you had trouble, here is some help!



SPORTS

Tuesday, April 4, 1989

Michigan earns crown in OT, 80-79

MARC HANSEN

Drama at end hard to watch

SEATTLE, WASH. — Rumeal Robinson stood at the line and bounced the ball three times, flexing his knees between each dribble.

One bounce for each second left in the overtime. One bounce for every year he had spent in Ann Arbor dreaming of this glorious moment.

On the sideline, Sean Higgins, whose shooting had alternately buoyed and bedeviled the Wolverines, couldn't watch. Everything hung in the balance — Michigan's first basketball championship, Steve Fisher's perfect coaching record, Bo Schembechler's blood pressure.

Higgins lowered his head and buried his face in his hands.

Loy Vaught, his teammate, took action.

"I was just praying he would make them," Vaught said. "He's our crunch man down the stretch."

Led by the most famous fill-in coach in college basketball history, Michigan won the national championship.

Bounce . . . bounce . . . bounce.

Pause. Bull's-eye.

When Higgins finally looked up, he saw Robinson, back to the basket, fist in the air. The game was tied and the crunch man was at it again.

This time Higgins stole a peek.

Bounce . . . bounce . . . bounce.

Pause. Bull's-eye.

P.J. Carlesimo, the Seton Hall coach, said Michigan made some "enormous" free throws Monday night in the national championship game. These were the most enormous of the enormous.

The statistics hinted that Robinson would succeed. In the last 4 minutes throughout the 37-game season, Robinson was a 74 percent foul shooter. Overall, he dipped to 64 percent.

The numbers suggested grace under pressure.

Trouble was, there were no figures telling how Robinson fares with a national championship at his fingertips.

Now we know.

Led by the most famous fill-in coach in college basketball history, Michigan defeated Seton Hall, 80-79, in a game that started slowly and grew like a 7-foot center on 39,000 Kingdome dwellers.

The Pirates still had a chance to win it — if you call three ticks a fair chance. But Daryll Walker's potential buzzer-beater missed, crashing off the backboard and falling into the hands of Glen Rice.

How fitting. Robinson sinks the winning free throws. Rice cradles the ball at the buzzer. Embracing it in the crook of his arm — as Danny Manning had on another magic night one year ago — he caught Robinson with the other. Later, in the network mob scene, Rice would wipe the moisture from his eyes.

Now, though, with the court a swirling blur of maize and blue, the two embraced.

Why not? They'd hooked up so many times on this six-game joyride to the national title. For Michigan on Monday night, it was Rice and Robinson, Robinson and Rice.

It was Rice, the NBA lottery pick-to-be, who scored 31 points — breaking league and tournament records along the way — and Robinson, whose 21 points and 10 assists helped counteract the magnificence of a Seton Hall guard named John Morton.

It was Rice who grabbed Morton's missed shot with 10 seconds left. Rice, the senior, whipped the ball to Robinson, the junior, who dribbled the length of the court, destination free-throw line.

Under the basket, he was bumped by Gerald Greene.

"I saw him penetrate to the hole," Greene said, "and I just tried to cut him off at the angle. But we both collided and the official called the foul. I felt I was in good enough defensive position to pick up the foul, but the ref

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Michigan's Rumeal Robinson gets inside Seton Hall's Daryll Walker to score an easy basket in the NCAA final.

Free shots in last :03 overcome Seton Hall

By MIKE LOPRESTI

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SEATTLE, WASH. — He is every man's wild dream, a working guy whom fate picked up one morning for the ride of a lifetime.

So it was not the end of the trail Monday for Michigan and Steve Fisher. It was the end of the yellow brick road where Rumeal Robinson's two free throws with 3 seconds left in overtime gave Michigan the national championship, 80-79, over Seton Hall.

It was the first overtime in a championship game since Loyola of Chicago beat Cincinnati in 1963. And it was a lot more.

"Happiest Man"

"I'm the happiest man alive right now," said Fisher, an unknown assistant coach four weeks ago but now with his name engraved in the stone of honor with those of John Wooden and Bobby Knight. This is not a dream. His title is forever, even if his job may not be.

From Robinson's two free throws with defeat staring his team in the face, to Glen Rice becoming the most prolific scorer in NCAA tournament history with 31 points, to John Morton nearly shooting Seton Hall to the title with 25 of his 35 points after halftime, it was a title game to cherish.

"We lose by one point in overtime, there's not much you can say," Morton said. "We have to go on with our lives and be happy."

But it all came down to Robinson, who once slept in the school gyms of Boston as a homeless 10-year-old.

Shot Clock Woes

Seton Hall led, 79-78, in the final minute and had the ball, but time was running out on the shot clock. The Pirates had to give up the most prized possession it could ever have in such a situation — the basketball.

With 10 seconds left, Morton's forced jumper fell short. He had not missed many big shots Monday night. He did this time.

Rice took the rebound and got the ball to Robinson. It was his game to take or leave. There was no time to do anything else.

"I didn't want to put the burden on anyone else's shoulders," Robinson said. "I wanted to get the shot off. I felt I would have hit it if I wasn't fouled."

Robinson came down the floor and immediately went to the lane. Gerald Greene was there to stop him. But he got a little too close. The foul was called on a slight but definite bump of the chest.

Celebration leads to destruction

ANN ARBOR, MICH. (AP) — Michigan fans overturned at least one car and smashed a department store window Monday while celebrating the school's first NCAA basketball championship.

Some members of the student crowd overturned newspaper vending machines and pulled down the awning of one restaurant.

Police sealed off an area on and near the 3,500-student campus in an effort to control the throngs.

Some injuries were reported, but police Lt. Craig Roderick said he didn't know how many or how serious they were.

Three seconds showed on the clock. Seton Hall took a timeout.

Robinson, his 65 percent free-throw shooting the worst among Michigan's starters, calmly walked back to the line and hit both, giving him 21 points to go with 11 rebounds in a brilliant game.

He had missed two free throws in the final seconds to get Michigan beaten by Wisconsin this season.

"He came back the next day and shot 100 free throws the next two weeks," Fisher said. "He told me, 'Coach, I won't miss them the next time.' "

He didn't.

"Thank God. I could have easily missed those shots," Robinson said.

Seton Hall had 3 seconds left and almost pulled it off, but Daryll Walker's 20-foot shot was just long, hit off

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Runner: I saw Johnson take steroids

From Register Wire Services

TORONTO, ONTARIO — Olympic bronze medalist Tony Sharpe said Monday he saw teammate Ben Johnson shoot up with steroids.

Sharpe, now retired because of injuries, told a federal inquiry into drugs in amateur sport that he and Johnson took steroids together while at a training camp on the island of Guadeloupe in the spring of 1984.

That summer, Sharpe and Johnson were part of Canada's 400-meter relay team that won a bronze medal at the Olympics at Los Angeles.

Sharpe told the inquiry that he witnessed teammate Angella Issajenko inject Johnson with the drugs at an apartment she rented on the island. He also said he injected Issajenko — Canada's top female sprinter — with drugs he helped sneak past customs on the island airport.

Sharpe said he began taking steroids in 1981 after first discussing the drugs with Charlie Francis, the now-suspended national sprint coach.

The Jamaica native and current resident of Toronto said he first came into contact with the drugs in 1980 while attending Clemson University.

"It was my belief all along — all my career — that to compete at the very best levels it would take some help, which meant steroids." Sharpe said.

Sharpe said he took the drugs inter-

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21 games early, Baltimore wins for first time

From Register Wire Services

It took the Baltimore Orioles 11 innings Monday to defeat the visiting Boston Red Sox, 5-4, for their first victory of the season.

Last year, it took them a record 22 games to win one. Manager Frank Robinson said it was important the team not start out in any fashion similar to that.

"It was very important for the players out there," Robinson said.

More baseball on Page 2S:

- Fans acclaim Rose
- Yanks seek Gossage
- Box scores, standings

Winning pitcher Brian Holton wasn't with the Orioles last season, but he knew what the stakes were.

"It was fun to win the first one, especially after last year," said Holton, who pitched 4⅓ innings of shutout relief. "I wasn't here, but I talked with some of the guys and I know they were relieved."

Rookie Craig Worthington drove in the winning run with a bloop hit over a five-man infield.

In other American League openers Monday, Toronto beat Kansas City, 4-3, and Cleveland topped Milwaukee, 2-1. In the National League, Cincinnati beat the defending World Champion Los Angeles Dodgers, 6-4, and the New York Mets topped St. Louis, 8-4.

Fans play hooky on opening day for baseball's annual celebration

By RACHEL BLOUNT

Register Staff Writer

KANSAS CITY, MO. — Back when bleacher seats cost a quarter and baseball was played only by the light of day, the opening of baseball season had a universal meaning to little kids everywhere.

It was the one day of the year when you could play hooky and maybe get away with it, when even the grown-ups would wink and understand. Though baseball has become a game of plastic grass and artificial sunshine, some things haven't changed.

Day of Celebration

Monday afternoon, some 38,595 fans — ranging from little kids in baseball caps to men in business suits and power ties — played hooky in Kansas City to celebrate opening day 1989. Though the home team disappointed them, most were too busy buying hot dogs and beer and making up excuses for their bosses to worry about the Royals' 4-3 loss to Toronto.

And some, like Fort Madison resident Gary Walker and his sons Brian, 13, and Brad, 7, had the time of their lives anyway.

"My wife had to come down here for a convention," said Gary Walker, who sat with his sons in the right-field stands and recorded the game with a scorecard and pencil. "None of us had ever been to an opening day, so we got tickets, and we took the boys out of school. We're really enjoying ourselves."

Aroma of Hot Dogs

The crowd started trickling in by mid-morning, as wisps of fog generated by a light rain rolled over the

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Andy Hill, 6, of Overland Park, Kan., enjoys Royals home opener.

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Oakland	3	Seattle	2
Toronto	4	Kansas City	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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New York	8	St. Louis	4
San Francisco	5	San Diego	3

IOWA COLLEGE

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■ **TRIAL NEARS END.** The case against sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom goes to the jury after closing arguments today in Chicago. Monday, FBI agent Victor Guerrero and William Dern, a former co-manager of the musical group New Edition, testified for the prosecution. Walters, 58, and Bloom, 29, allegedly lured college athletes to sign clandestine contracts and threatened to keep them from breaking the deals.

■ **STORMY SEAS.** The same day that the San Diego Yacht Club said it will appeal a court order to surrender the America's Cup, the winner of that cup was walking out of a New Zealand TV interview. America's Cup yachtsman Dennis Conner on Monday walked out after the reporter played video footage of Conner insulting New Zealanders. After sailing the catamaran Stars and Stripes to a 2-0 victory over New Zealand monohull Kiwi Magic last September, Conner swore at members of the New Zealand syndicate, calling them "losers" and describing the New Zealand boat as a "dog."

■ **FORMER OHIO STATE PLAYER KILLED.** Lester D. Gordon Jr., who backed up two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin at Ohio State, was shot to death Sunday by New Rochelle (N.Y.) police after he pointed a toy gun at them, police said. Police Commissioner Michael J. Armiento said three officers, investigating a report that a man with a machine gun was arguing with a motorist, confronted Gordon on Sunday in a New Rochelle park. Capt. James C. Coyne said Gordon, 32, ignored orders to stop, reached into his jacket and began pulling out the gun. Gordon was a 6-foot 2-inch, 200-pound tailback in his playing days at Ohio State.

■ **BESTWICK RETURNS.** Former South Carolina Athletic Director Dick Bestwick, who resigned last October because of health problems, returned to the university Monday as system adviser for athletics, the school announced.

TV Today

8 a.m. (ESN) **Tennis** International Players Championships, women's final: Gabriela Sabatini vs. Chris Evert. (R)

12 p.m. (ESN) **Auto Racing** NASCAR TranSouth 500. (R)

1:20 p.m. (WGN) **Baseball** Philadelphia at Chicago.

7:30 p.m. (TBS) **Baseball** Atlanta at Houston.

8 p.m. (ESN) **Boxing** Adam Garcia vs. Louis Espinoza, featherweights.

3 a.m. (ESN) **Auto Racing** IMSA GTO Series. (R)

Quotes of the Day

■ "Kids take a liking to me because they're about my size. It's nice to have somebody kids can look up to. I didn't give this role to myself, but I accept the responsibility. Everybody should have somebody to look up to. If all these other guys thought about that, maybe they wouldn't be having so many problems." — **Kirby Puckett**, Minnesota's 5-foot 8-inch outfielder.

■ "I don't see no Stanford guys running around here. Look at [catcher Terry] Steinbach. He thinks hockey is a sport." — Oakland outfielder **Dave Henderson** on the mental attitude of the A's.