Jordan leads way in different ways He keeps Bulls loose off court, too

By Peter Kendall

Michael Jordan is lying on his back on the floor, his head resting on a gym bag. Horace Grant i telling a reporter about Jordan's team leadership, about how vital it has been to the younger Bulls players this season.

"I think he really helps the team off the court ... gives advice," says Grant.

"Horace is complaining about not getting enough shots again," yells Jordan. "They're going to send him off to Alaska. They're going to put a team up there just for Horace."

"He makes sure we all do what has to get done, to get our rest," says Grant. "The Alaska Snowrays," chimes in Jordan.

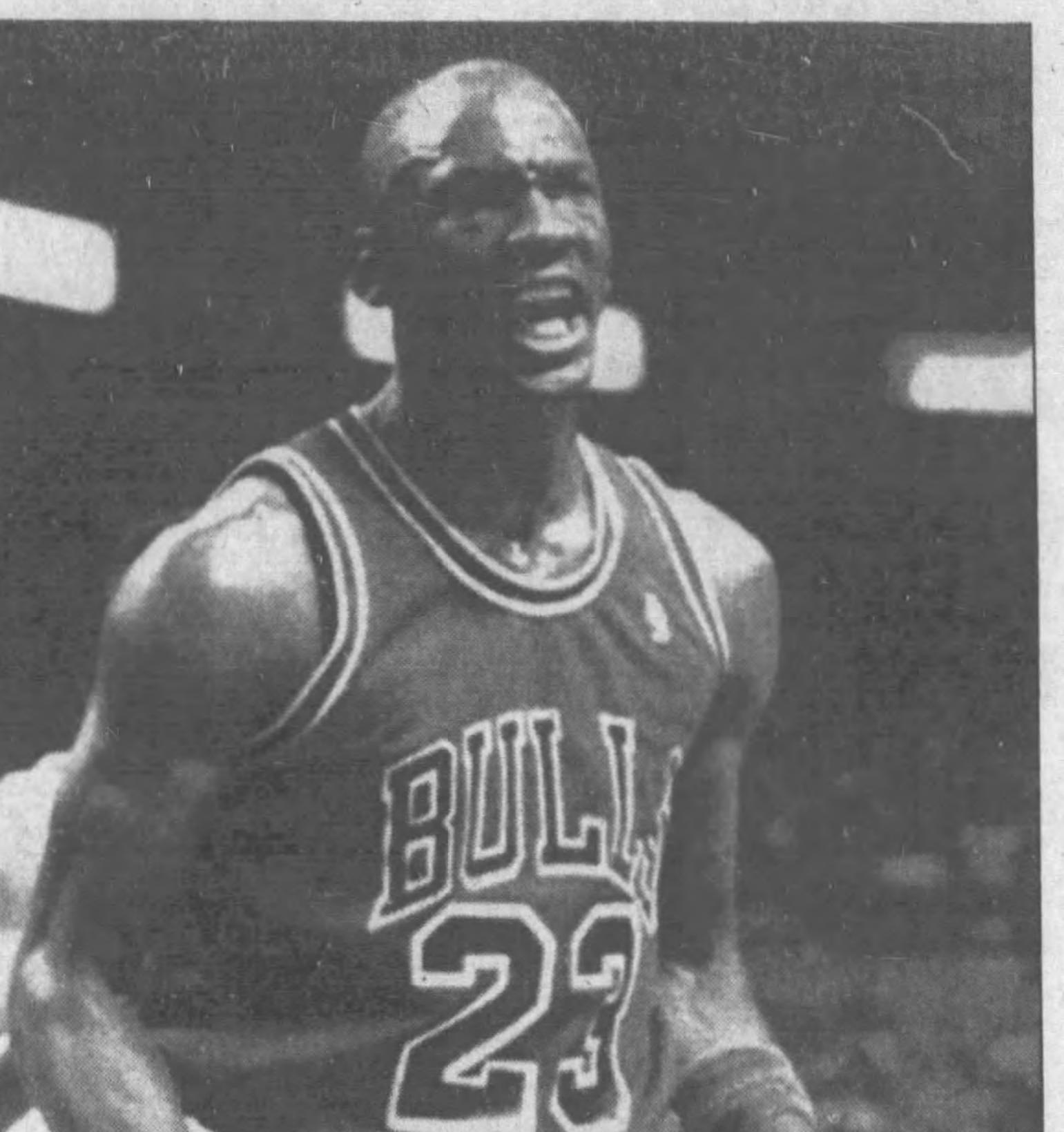
my teammates better, how did we win 50 games?"

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But the questions and doubt lingered well into this season, surfacing sometimes in conversation, sometimes in sportwriters' ink.

With his recent switch to point guard, however, Jordan feels he is now convincing even the most skeptical critics-even the columnists trolling for hate mail-that he is indeed making his teammates better players.

"I always thought I had been," Jordan said recently. "But I think it is more evident now with me playing the point guard position. It is easier for me to lead the ballclub from there."



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COLLEGES

Wooden Award goes to Elliott

From Chicago Tribune wires

Arizona forward Sean Elliott was named Wednesday as the winner of the John Wooden Award, which annually recognizes college basketball's top player.

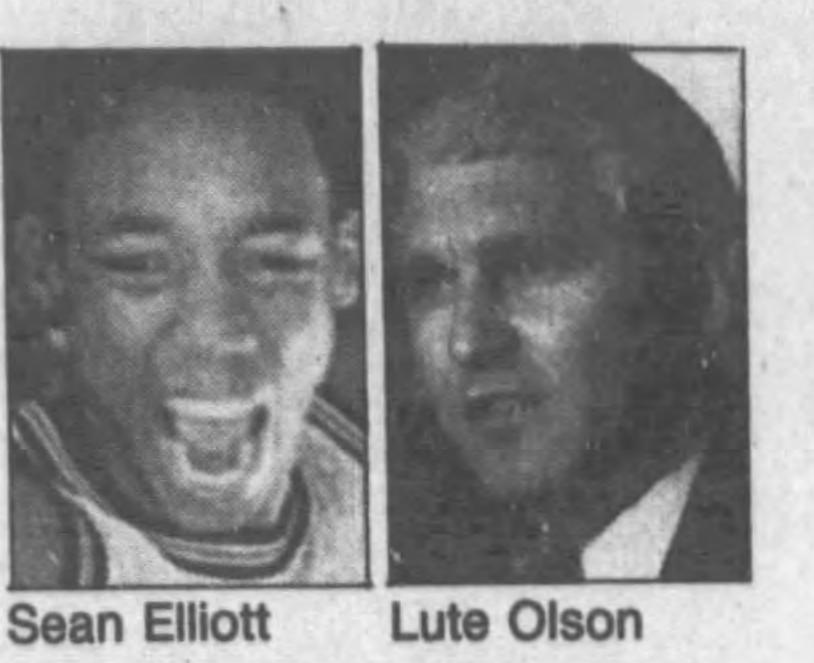
Elliott, who averaged 22 points for the Wildcats this season, beat such stars as Duke's Danny Ferry, Oklahoma's Stacey King, Syracuse's Sherman Douglas and Georgetown's Charles Smith for the award.

In the balloting, Elliott received 1,871 points, with Ferry second at

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1,721, followed by King with 895, Smith with 486 and Douglas with

Elliott, a 6-foot-8-inch senior, had finished third in the Wooden voting last year behind winner



it's not recommended loosely," said McGuire, who coached Marquette to the 1977 NCAA title before becoming a television commentator. "I don't want to stick anyone. I think what I'm maybe saying through my rigamarole is my vote-I don't have a votemy opinion is that in the situation that Marquette has today, they can do no better by any stretch of the imagination than Tony Barone. No better. ""He brings everything to the table. He is above reproach. I'm not doing this because we're buddy-buddy or something. I just think he is the right man for the Others who have interviewed include Toledo coach Jay Eck, Arizona assistant Kevin O'Neill and Iowa assistant Rudy Washington. Eck has withdrawn his name. Wiping away tears and battling a quavering voice, Mike Cohen said it was "a dream come true" being named Wichita State basketball coach. Cohen apologized for being so emotional. "I have always told the kids, 'If you're going to get emotional, do it over good times,'" he said. He noted his father died exactly four years ago. "It's amazing how one day's so bad and four years later it couldn't get any better," Cohen said. Cohen, 45, who had been Shocker assistant coach, will have a base salary of \$70,000. **Eddie Fogler resigned March 29** to accept the Vanderbilt coaching job. He recommended Cohen, whom he brought to Wichita in 1986, to succeed him. Alabama defensive back Gene Jelks says he is returning to the football team for a fifth season with a goal of improving his financial outlook as a professional player. But tailback Bobby Humphrey, who reportedly planned to return for a fifth season, unexpectedly delayed his decision. Humphrey and Jelks were redshirted last year for medical reasons.

"He tells us not to do the things you're not supposed to do," says Grant.

"They're going to have a mascot, and up here will be HHH ... Hard-Head Horace," says Jordan to rising laughter.

Leadership has many guises. And Jordan has been trying on more and more of them this season, growing into a player who could become one of the game's great floor leaders.

But leadership has not been an uncomplicated issue for Jordan. He has chafed under criticism that he shoots too much, that he shoulders too much of the scoring responsibility for the team.

So Jordan set out at the beginning of the year to end all that

"They continue to say I am a one-dimensional player," Jordan said before the season's first tipoff. right. I feel that if I didn't make to relieve the pressure on him to me to pass the ball off. And the

Jordan's position move has drastically altered the look of the basketball court to the rest of the Bulls. Where they once saw heavy traffic, they now see wide-open lanes.

"I think it opens up the floor for the whole team," said Scottie Pippen. "Those guys are now trying to run the ball out of Michael's hands."

"He's definitely making his teammates better," said coach Doug Collins. "Just look at the numbers. His [scoring] numbers are down, everybody else's numbers are up—and the team is win-

Jordan made the switch to point guard March 8. Before then, he was averaging 33.4 points and 6.9 assists per game. Since then, he has averaged 28.4 points and 12.2 assists.

Pippen's scoring average before the switch was 13.7; since March 8, it's 18.2. Grant was at 11.6 points before and is 14.2 after. It appears that by doubling his



Tribune photo by Ed Wagner

Playing point guard has put a new charge into Michael Jordan and the rest of the Bulls. The team is 11-3 since Jordan made the switch.

score.

"It puts the pressure on the other players to actually produce," he said. "I am going to draw a lot "I don't think they have their facts assists, Jordan has found the valve of attention and make it easier for more lesson from Jordan, this one

guys are responding."

In more ways than one. Grant, laughing at the thought of playing basketball in Alaska, takes one on rebounding.

Bloom track team again pulls its own weight

HIGH SCHOOLS

By Reid Hanley

Mike LaDere and Chet Lacheta have made Bloom a field and track team again instead of a track and field team.

indoor season is to work on form. The outdoor season, that's when it counts." Bloom has become used to 1-2 finishes in the shot from LaDere and Lacheta. They have been on the varsity since their sophomore year and have been contenders in every meet since. They offer a contrast in styles. LaDere, at 6 feet, 225 pounds, is the technician. Lacheta is a 6-2, 265pound mound of muscle who won Tribune All-State football honors and will attend Notre Dame. For the last three years, they have been pushing each other with a state championship in mind. "It's nice to have someone like Mikey around to push me," said Lacheta. "We help each other. He pushes me more in the shot, and I push him more in the weight room. We make each other better." Lacheta missed two weeks of training because of a foot problem that put a strain on his knee. A trip to the podiatrist straightened things out, and he's ready to throw out-He probably could have skipped the track season to prepare for college football and no one would have said a thing. The offensive guard figures he would still be spending a lot of time in the weight room anyway and he would miss the competition. "I enjoy this," he said. "It keeps me competing, and I feel it's good for me. I'm still working on things for football, and track helps keep me fit. It helps me with body control for football."

While size and strength are Lacheta's strengths, LaDere, 17, has had to show people he has enough of those two ingredients to be a major college weightman. He has gained 10 pounds since last season and has proved to be a consistent 60-foot performer indoors through speed and technique. "He's thrown the 16-pounder [college shot] 48 feet indoors," said Poole, who thinks he'll have both throwers over 60 feet before the end of the season. "That's a big ball and a very good throw. I think he can throw 54-55 feet as a freshman in college. He has such good technique. Some have questioned his size, but I don't think you should question his size. He's got the heart. That's more important." Winning a state championship in the shot put for a state championship team and earning a college track scholarship would seem to provide plenty of motivation. LaDere has something else motivating him this season. His mother, Liz, died of cancer shortly before the indoor season started. "I've got extra incentive," said LaDere, his eyes tearing up for an instant. "This is what she wanted me to do. She wanted me to win state, and I'm going to do that for The shot put is a sure point-getter the discus, in the top five, and then Marovich had hoped to hand for the Trojans, but LaDere and Lacheta also want to make the discus a productive event this season. Last year, LaDere qualified for the state meet and made the finals. His 158-9 best in the finals was almost

Danny Manning of Kansas and Hersey Hawkins of Bradley.

The guidelines for Wooden Award candidates extend beyond the athlete's accomplishments on the court. To be eligible, a candidate must maintain at least a 2.0 scholastic average and "display strength and character on and off the court."

Arizona coach Lute Olson says he had a preliminary discussion last week with Kentucky Athletic Director C.M. Newton, about the Wildcat job.

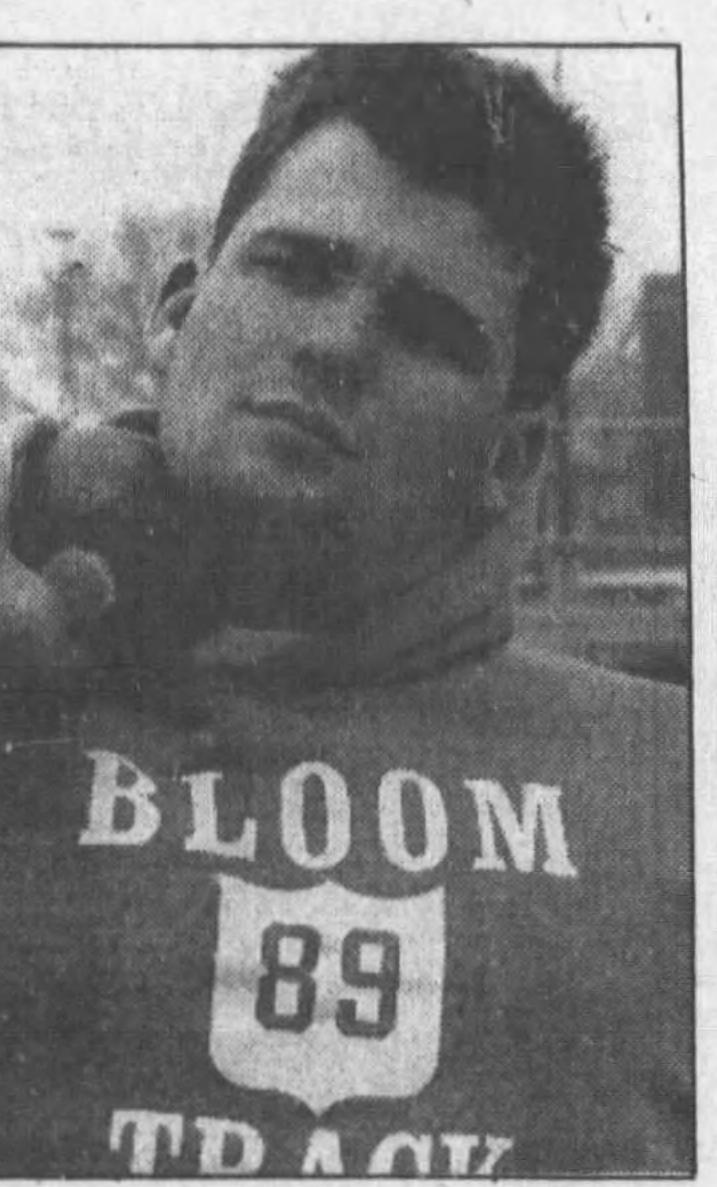
Olson says he hasn't told Newton whether he wants to be considered a candidate for the opening created when Eddie Sutton resigned last month.

Olson says he met Friday with Newton in Seattle during the Final Four, after Kentucky had obtained permission from Arizona Athletic Director Cedric Dempsey to talk to Olson.

Olson was considered a leading candidate for the Kentucky job in 1985, after his second season at Arizona, but dropped out of the running.

"We had chatted about things in general, and he had wanted to talk with me about their vacancy," Olson said of his meeting with Newton, who is a longtime friend. "The position I took was that it doesn't do any harm to listen. It's not a situation where I'm an official candidate. It's a matter of a preliminary visit with him."

Olson said it would be inappro-



Trojan coach Lonnell Poole has no problem' with that, especially since Bloom scored all but four of its winning 36 points in the Class AA state track meet last season before a runner took the track. With LaDere and Lacheta putting the shot and flinging the discus, Bloom has a good chance of repeating.

"When you have two guys like that just come out and nail 18 points for you, you're right in the ballgame," said Poole, a former state champion hurdler who has coached **Bloom** to one state title and tied for another.

LaDere and Lacheta scored 12 points in the shot put last season by finishing second and fifth, respectively. Poole thinks they can go 1-2 this season to score 18 points in the shot and could up their point total by placing in the discus. The Trojan seniors should more than carry their considerable weight this spring.

LaDere, whose indoor best was 61 feet 1 inch, won the Oak Park Invitational with a best of 60-61/2, and Lacheta was second at 56-51/4 after sitting out two weeks with an injury.

"We're going into the outdoor season on a good note, and that's all you can ask for," said LaDere. "I would have liked going into the outdoor season with 62, but my best is 61-2. I can't do anything about it I'm happy with it, and I'll just work from there. The main purpose of the

Tribune photo by Ed Wagner Bloom's Mike LeDere subs technique for pure power.

8 feet out of the money.

personal record to 166-0. Both weightmen have been flirting with 160 and have hopes of some state By Linda Kay meet points.

go 1-2 in the shot," said LaDere. "Chet has to pick it up a little after being hurt, but he will. That will be 18 points there. We can place high in Wednesday. we're talking about 25 points before the jurors copies of his instructhe running starts. We have a couple of good relays, and we'll score in the pole vault. We're more of a field and track team. That's what we were calling ourselves last year."

priate for him to say whether Newton had told him he was talking to other potential coaches. He added that Newton hadn't imposed any deadline for him to indicate his interest.

Creighton coach Tony Barone, considered the frontrunner to fill the Marquette vacancy, has a ringing endorsement from the man most associated with Warrior basketball—Al McGuire.

"The point I'm trying to make through the whole mish-mosh is that when I recommend someone

Two North Texas football players have been reprimanded by the NCAA for fighting during a playoff game. Rex Johnson and Sidney Bradford were reprimanded for the fight that took place during a Division I-AA playoff game between North Texas and Marshall.

Computer glitch delays LaDere worked on the discus all summer and competed in the Prai-rie State Games. He improved his

A mechanical failure prevented "What we want is me and Chet to U.S. District Judge George Marovich from sending the case against sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom to the jury

> tions so they could follow along as he read, but a computer breakdown in the Federal Courthouse prevented him from doing it. Jurors are to receive Marovich's charge Thursday morning and begin deliberating.

On Wednesday, the defense and the prosecution concluded closing arguments in the fiveweek-old case in which the agents are charged with mail fraud, conspiracy and racketeering. The last words the jury heard Wednesday came from U.S. Atty. Anton Valukas. "I'm going to try to bring you back to what brought us here in the first place," Valukas said. "What this is about are matters that my children would understand at an early age. If you lie to someone in order to obtain their money, you are participating in a fraud. If you lie to aninstitution, you have committed a fraud. That, very simply, is what Walters and Bloom ... Earlier in the day, Walters' lawyer, Robert Gold, told the jury that his client had no intention of committing fraud. Gold said Walters consulted with members of the New York law firm Shea & Gould to make certain that signing college athletes before their eligibility expired did not violate the law. He was assured that he was doing nothing illegal, Gold said, and that violating NCAA rules "does not rise

has always been about," Gold told the jurors. "The good faith that Mr. Walters had in his heart and in his head towards the sports business."

Valukas questioned that good faith by citing the case of Temple running back Paul Palmer.

The prosecution maintained that when Palmer signed a pro contract with the Kansas City Chiefs, agents Walters and Bloom received a \$78,000 fee for negotiating the deal and a \$30,000 payment from the signing bonus. Bloom then asked Palmer for permission to invest an additional \$125,000 of players' money in a "credit repair" business he was starting in California. Palmer agreed. Bloom, meanwhile, had filed for bankruptcy two months before his pitch to Palmer. His Mercedes had been repossessed and he owed creditors about \$200,000. According to the government, Bloom told Palmer they would be equal partners in the venture, but on an application to lease a \$160,000 Rolls Royce, Bloom listed himself as the sole owner of the business. He then proceeded to use Palmer's money to pay off his Master Card, Visa and American Express accounts. In 10 days, the prosecution maintained, Bloom went through all the money. **Bloom** then asked Palmer for an additional \$20,000 for computers and office equipment. With that, he bought clothing worth more than \$6,500, made a payment to his ex-wife and repaid his father for a \$1,500 loan. "Good faith? It was pure and simple theft," Valukas told the jurors. "He looked for a way to take the man's money and cover it up. It was not dissimilar from what they did with other athletes."

Schaumburg living up to last summer's promise

After posting a 24-2 record in last summer's baseball league, Schaumburg's Saxons couldn't wait for this spring. The Saxons are proving their summer record was no fluke.

They rolled over visiting Lake Park 11-5 Wednesday behind the pitching of senior right-hander Greg Ardent and the hitting of Greg Neuman, Jim McComb and Juan Reyes in improving to 6-2.

Ardent scattered six hits, struck out three and walked five while going the distance. Neuman drove in three runs with two hits and McComb and Reyes each had a tworun double.

Dunbar 12, Tilden 1-Norman Howard (one-hitter, 15 strikeouts) faced only 19 batters in five innings and drove in three runs as Dunbar (5-2, 1-0) romped in the Public League Central East. He was supported by Larry Lemons (three hits, two RBIs) and Tracy Robinson (two hits, two RBIs).

Proviso West 14, St. Patrick 4-Steve Groer (three innings, onehitter) and Brian Miller (three hits, two homers, five RBIs) led Proviso West (3-1).

Luther North 7, Walther Lutheran 2-Winning pitcher Andy

Highlights

Phillips helped his own cause with a three-run homer and Ed Heerdt belted two homers for Luther North (8-3, 2-0) in the Private School League.

Schurz 12, Foreman 7—Ruben Olazarria (three hits, three RBIs) and Joey Soto (two hits, three stolen bases, three walks, one RBI, four runs scored) paced Schurz (5-2, 1-0) in a Public League Northwest open-

Streamwood 9, Jacobs 6-Louis Mazzanti and Vince Ottaviano each belted a two-run homer for Streamwood (2-3).

Mt. Carmel 16, Evergreen Park 3-Chris Chiappetta (two hits, two **RBIs**), Mike Pippin (two hits, three **RBIs)**, Dave Hansen (three RBIs) and Skip Moore (two RBIs) paced the offense as Mt. Carmei (3-1) needed just five innings to dispose of Evergreen Park.

Wheeling 3, Highland Park 2— Greg Pacenti doubled and scored on Jim Frankenberger's single in the eighth inning for Wheeling's (4-1) winning run.

Larkin 9, Glenbard West 8-

Mark Foltmer (three hits, two RBIs), Brian Jensen (two hits, two RBIs) and Rick Short (two RBIs) led the way.

Buffalo Grove 3, Niles West 0-Craig Zedalis (four innings, six strikeouts) and Anthony Kuch (three strikeouts) each gave up one hit to pace the 2-1 Bison.

Lake Zurich 7, Marian Central 1-Eric Anderson pitched a threehitter and struck out 13 and Randy Mikusa had three hits, a home run, three RBIs and 3 stolen bases to lift Lake Zurich (1-2, 1-0) in the Northwest Suburban.

Softball

Maine South 18, Regina 4-Kim Wiederer (2-0) fired a twohitter and Cathy Restivo was 3-for-4 with four RBIs to lead Maine South (3-0).

Curie 18, Kennedy 8—Winning pitcher Adrienne Winter (solo homer, RBI single) and Dawn Szczygiel (two hits, two RBIs) led Curie (2-0, 2-0) in the Public League Southwest.

Nazareth 12, Walther Lutheran 0-Cheryl Zygadlo (3-1) pitched a

no-hitter, striking out eight of the 18 batters she faced in the five-inning game. Three hits each by Maureen Shereck, Julie Thompson and Kelly Kulinski paced a 17-hit attack.

St. Barbara 10, Alvernia 4-Shari Albanese allowed only one earned run and six hits and was 2for-3 with two RBIs for St. Barbara (1-5).

Crystal Lake Central 6, Johnsburg 0-B. J. Anderson tossed one-hitter and struck out 13 and Kara Krafcisin and Kate Ryan had two hits apiece for Crystal Lake Central (1-1).

Montini 10, Ridgewood 6-Lynette Pestel hurled a seven-hitter and Sandy Krisch (two home runs, three RBIs) paced Montini's seasonopener.

Young 27, Near North 13-Cynthia Carruthers (four hits, eight RBIs), Maria Bernal (four hits, HR, five RBIs) and Elizabeth Basa (four hits, six RBIs) led unbeaten Whitney Young (3-0, 1-0) in the Public North Central.

Woodlands Academy 10, Elgin Academy 7-Meghan Kelley's threehitter, Mary Kraft's two hits and Liz to the status of violating the Morich's two RBIs led Woodlands to law." its second straight win.

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The Inside Story

Odds&

By Linda Kay & Mike Conklin

Election failout: Now that Richard M. Daley has been elected mayor, can a Chicago Park District shakeup be far behind? If so, we're hearing it's possible -ex-Loyola coach Gene Sullivan will end up with an important role. Fact: Richard Devine, one of Daley's top advisers and his former chief assistant in the state's attorney's office, is close to Sullivan. He was a starter on one of the coach's favorite Loyola Academy -squads-the 1961 champion lightweight team. Said Sullivan: "I'd like to stay in coaching. If I can't, I'd like to stay in athletics."

Rolling in dough: In closing arguments, attorney Dan Webb claimed sports agents Lloyd Bloom and Norby Walters were victimized by the athletes they recruited. "Ten of the 13 [mentioned in the trial] ripped them off," he said. According to Webb, the following cash outlays were never repaid: To Iowa's Ronnie Harmon, \$49,000; to Purdue's Rod Woodson, \$12,000; to Notre Dame's Alvin Miller, \$4,500, and N.D.'s Robert Banks, \$5,900; to Michigan's Garland Rivers, between . \$7,000 and \$8,000; to Michigan State's Mark Ingram, \$20,000; to Pittsburgh's Tony Woods, \$8,000, and his parents, \$6,000; to the University of Texas' Edwin Simmons, \$11,000; and to Iowa's Everett Gay, \$3,000. Those sums may have been the tip of the iceberg. oom and Walters, remember, signed 58 athletes from 32 different schools between January of 1985 and March of 1987. **Rib tickler:** In the last few seasons, Steve Birger's best customers at Stevie B's, his rib restaurant near Wrigley Field, have been Lee Smith, Jamie Moyer and Dave Martinez. Notice a common denominator? "I was kind of worried that I'm a jinx, since they've all been traded," said Birger. No way. His food remains a winner with the Cubs, who asked him to cater their clubhouse for postgame feeds during this homestand. Memories: With visions of Mitch Williams dancing in his head, Jack Brickhouse told us that the last time he'd seen a Cub pitcher load the bases and strike out the side was in May, 1955, when Sam Jones pitched against Pittsburgh. Jones, with a no-hitter going in the ninth inning of a 4-0 game, walked the bases full, which brought manager Stan Hack to the mound. The crowd yelled for the hook, but Hack left Jones in, and he went on to get his no-hitter. "I talked to Hack later and asked him what he told Jones," said Brickhouse. "He told me, 'I told him get the blankety-blank ball over the blankety-blank plate or your blankety-blank tail will be out of here."" **Tourney time?:** Here are the people new Big 10 boss Jim Delany said influenced him most in his career: His dad, a high school coach in Newark, N.J. ["who didn't like administrators"]; former NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers ("watched his management

Roving wrestler finds a home at NU

By Reid Hanley

Only yesterday, it seems, Ed Giese was winning his first state wrestling championship, but it was 10 years ago.

Giese, twice a state champion for Fenton High School, has been a two-time All-America at Minnesota and has wrestled all over the world as a member of U.S. freestyle teams. He was an assistant coach at North Dakota State for a year and an assistant at Minnesota for two years.

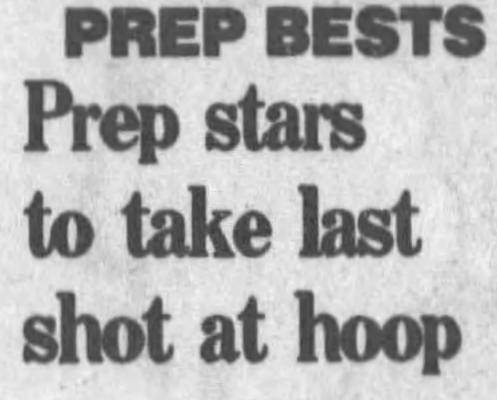
Now Giese will return to the Chicago area as assistant to Northwestern coach Tim Cysewski. "Northwestern has a commitment to Illinois

wrestlers, first and foremost," Giese said. "Coming out of high school, the Northwestern program was nothing like it is now. It is the school in Illinois for academics and wrestling. It's the perfect opportunity for me. It will be great to get back into this area and be able to give something back to wrestling."

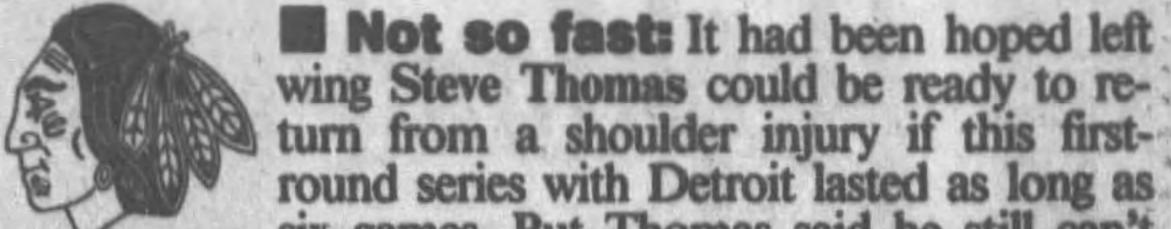
Giese set records for most victories, consecutive victories and pins and had two straight undefeated seasons before graduating from Fenton. He still is one of the top 114.5-pound freestyle wrestlers in the country and will represent the United States in a dual meet with the Soviet Union Friday in Denver.

"We're bringing another quality wrestler-coach back home," Cysewski said. "He'll be a great addition to our room. We had a number of good candidates and we were looking for the best quality guy we could get. He's energetic, has got a lot of good ideas and is a great techni-







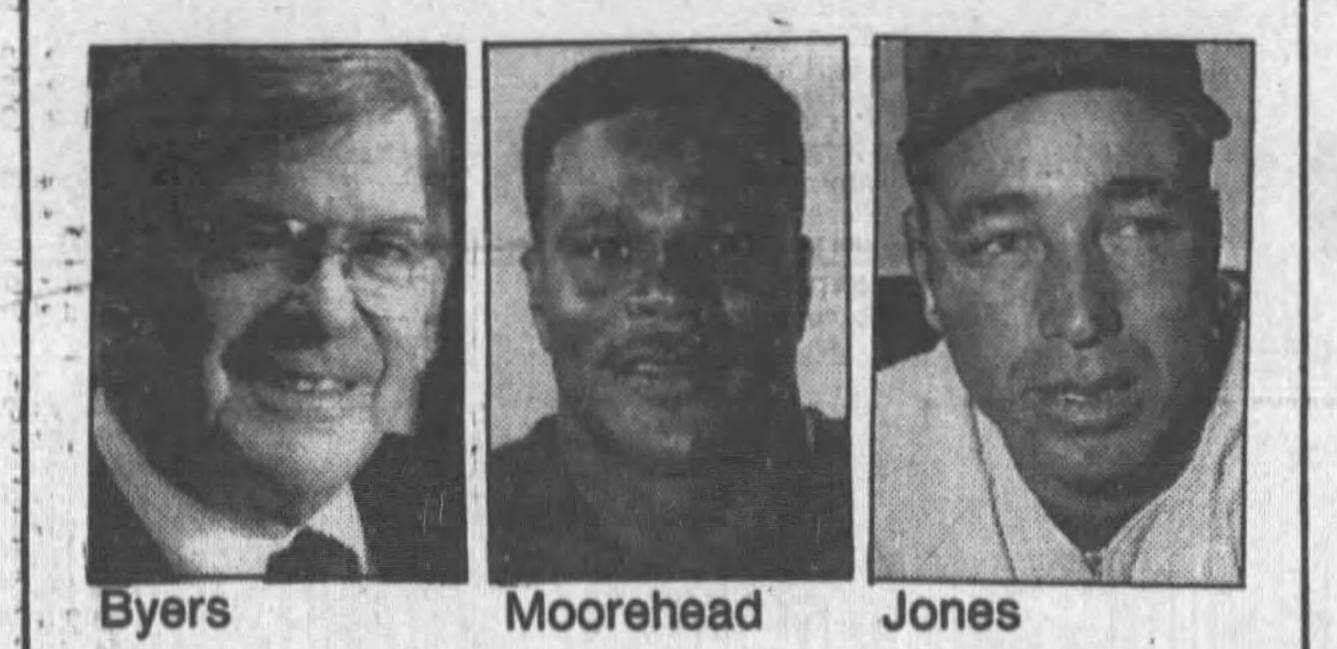


six games. But Thomas said he still can't raise his hands above his shoulder without pain, and he doesn't expect to be ready to play unless the Hawks beat the Red Wings and survive until the Norris Division finals against either St. Louis or Minnesota. "I can't even signal goal yet," he joked.

Next case: The Red Wings have had their share of courtroom appearances this season. In fact, they probably lead the National Hockey League in this department. Forward Joey Kocur was the latest player to face the judge. He was placed on six months probation Tuesday, fined \$105 and told to pay \$165 in medical bills for a woman who said Kocur punched her outside a Farmington Hills, Mich., bar last August. Kocur, who avoided a possible 90 days in jail, said he has given up drinking and is getting counseling.

Kocur, suffering from the flu, didn't dress for Wednesday's game.

Winged wheels: Mike Keenan has his own cable TV show in Chicago, but Detroit coach Jacques Demers counters with his own newspaper column in the Detroit News. Demers told his readers Wednesday morning that he expects his team to finally settle into a smooth pattern in the playoffs. "This team has never landed on both wheels this season," he wrote. "Right from the start of training camp we landed on one wheel, then we went to the other one. . . . Now, it's time." Beyond his stars, these are the players Demers noted can make a difference between winning and losing: John Chabot, Shawn Burr, Torrie Robertson, Jim Nill and Kocur.



Bo's next hobby?

Bo Jackson guards his wicket and amuses Lennon Picou of the West Indian Cricket Club of Kansas City. Jackson, a two-sport pro, was filming a commercial portraying him in several sports.

YESTERYEAR

5 years ago: In their first game since being knocked out of the 1983 playoffs by Baltimore, the White Sox lose to the Detroit Tigers 3-2 in their season opener. Richard Dotson is the losing pitcher.

10 years ago: Jim Palmer and the Baltimore Orioles beat the White Sox 5-3 to give manager Earl Weaver his 1,000th victory in the major leagues.

The high school basketball season is over, but Chicagoarea fans will have an opportunity to see some top talent in action again this week-

Some of the state's finest male and female players will take part in the Public League all-star double-header 6:30 p.m. Friday at Malcolm X College.

In Game 1, at 6:30 p.m., Latonia Foster, Illinois' Ms. Basketball for 1989, will lead the North-West allstars against the South-Central all-stars in the girls contest.

In Game 2 at 8 p.m., Victor Snipes, who helped King to the Public League title, and Cody Butler of runner-up Simeon will head the South-Central team against such North-West headliners as all-stater Alex Robertson of Marshall.

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Teams from the Big East and the Atlantic Coast Conferences will

Eight Big East teams will play eight ACC teams in four double-

headers during the first full week of December. They will play one

double-header each night Monday through Thursday. The games, to

be televised by ESPN, will be held at two Big East and two ACC

Because the Big East has nine teams and the ACC eight, the ninth-

seeded team in the Big East will not play in the series unless it is

seeded last two straight years. In that case, the eighth-seeded team

would not play. The teams will be seeded by the coaches in their

Cowboys' boss invades Redskin territory

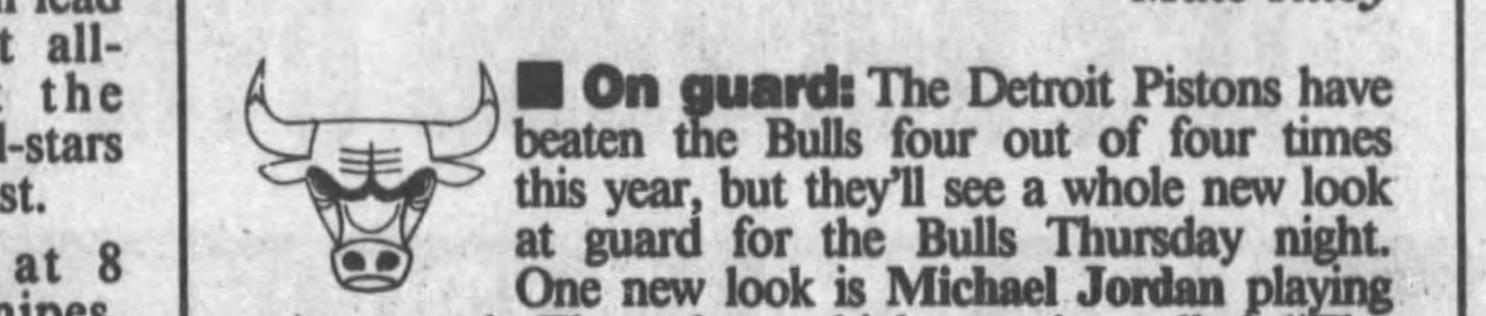
play a regular series of games beginning next season.

sites. The pairings and sites will be announced in June.

The double-header, run by the Chicago **Public League Basket**ball Coaches Association, will benefit a scholarship fund for Public League student-athletes.

Time for action: Former Wings coach Harry Neale pointed out that while the Hawks can talk a good game going into the playoffs, it remains another matter once they get on the ice. "For a marginal team like Chicago, it's easy to say, hard to do," said Neale, now a broadcaster with Hockey Night in Canada.

Mike Kiley



point guard. The other, which can be called "The Limp," features Craig Hodges and John Paxson with sprained ankles.

Hodges, who has missed four games, is "probable" for Thursday. Paxson, who twisted his ankle after playing just over a minute Tuesday, is listed as doubtful, though he will travel with the team to Detroit.

Piston power: Coach Doug Collins on the Pistons, whom the Bulls play again Friday night in the Stadium: "They're a very, very good defensive team. They really muscle you. I wish we were healthy. But I don't consider these two games to be any bigger or more important than the back-to-back games against Washington."

And for good reason: The Bulls are 0-4 against Detroit, 2-0 against Washington.

Get in line: Bulls playoff tickets go on sale April-15 at 10 a.m. at the Stadium box office and at all Ticketron outlets. The 2,000 tickets available for each game are priced from \$12.50 to \$22.50, with a limit of four per game per customer. For more information or to order tickets, call 853-3636.

style"); NCAA Executive Director Dick Schultz ("good listener, tough guy, good negotiator"), coach Dean Smith ("well organized"); and the NCAA's Tom Jernstedt ("quiet leader, contemporary, friend").

Night moves: Deacon Jones, a Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive lineman for the L.A. Rams, visited Walter Payton's Studebaker nightclub in Schaumburg Tuesday while here on business-and was given a job. Jones picked from a jar the name of the person who got to participate in Payton's weekly "money machine" contest. He got his hand stuck and needed help extricating it from the jar. Said Deacon: "The defensive guys do the work and the offensive guys give away money."

Cap & gown I: Bulls coach Doug Collins and ex-Fighting Illini running back Jim Grabowski, who starred with the Packers, are among 24 nominees for the GTE-sponsored Academic All-America Hall of Fame. Six will be inducted. Collins graduated from Illinois State in 1973 with a 3.4 grade average (on a 4point scale) in physical education. Grabowski, a Chicago-area businessman and part-time announcer, was a 4.05 (on a 5-point scale) in finance.

Cap & gown II: Collins appears with Emery Moorehead in Thursday's SportsChannel debut of "Chi Town Stumpers," a sports trivia show. We hear Moorehead bested Doug on every question until midway in the second round, when the Bulls coach finally got in his first correct answer. Question: Name the two men who've coached the Bulls to over 100 career victories. Answer: Collins and Dick Motta. Moorehead, of course, has plenty of time for reading now that he's announced his retirement from the Bears.

News, notes and nonsense: Former Sting star Clive Griffiths, one of the team's most popular -players, has quit his job as community relation's director for the K.C. Comets of the Major Indoor Soccer League. . . . Stop the presses! Phillies superstar Mike Schmidt's wardrobe now includes a new pair (size 11) of navy blue, calfskin, tassled slip-ons he picked up this week at Avventura's in Water Tower Place. . . Woodridge's Stu McLean is personnel director for Team USA, a group of minor-league football players who will tour Europe this fall.

20 years ago: Punch Imlach is fired as the Maple Leafs' coach and general manager after Toronto is eliminated from the National Hockey League playoffs by the Bruins.

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SPORTS OF SORTS Collins among **Big East, ACC make it a regular collision**

academic elite

Bulls coach Doug Collins and former Oklahoma football star Lee Roy Selmon head a list of 24 candidates for induction into the Academic All-America Hall of Fame. Six people will be inducted May 16.

The finalists are outstanding student-athletes from the 1950s, '60s and '70s chosen by college sports information directors.

Selmon was honored as the nation's top lineman in 1975. Collins starred at Illinois State. Other finalists include Carlos Alvarez, Florida's alltime leading pass receiver, and Jamaal Wilkes, former UCLA and Los Angeles Lakers star.

GTE established the Academic Hall of Fame last year to honor former studentathletes who have excelled in their professions and contributed to their community.

SPORTS FACTS

Tickets are \$2 for students, \$4 for adults and \$5 at the door.

Peter Kendall



All that Jazz: Frank Layden, Utah Jazz general manager and one of pro basketball's most entertaining personalities, will be the speaker at Northwestern's basketball banquet April 25 in the North Shore Hilton. Tickets can be reserved through the basketball office. . . . Attend-

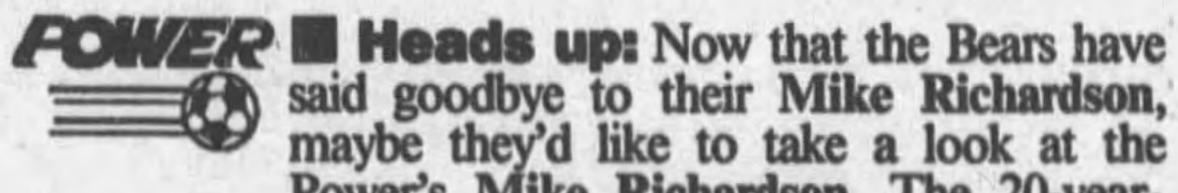
ance at Wildcat games increased for the third year in a row to 7,277 per Big 10 contest, 6,412 for all games.

The other sports: The 11-1 Wildcat tennis team opens Big 10 play Saturday at home against Iowa. The Hawkeyes are 11-4 overall, 2-0 in conference. NU's No. 1 singles player, sophomore Steve Herdoiza, is undefeated in dual meets.

The baseball team opens its Big 10 home season with double-headers against Wisconsin Saturday and Sunday. The Wildcats lost three out of four at Michgan last weekend, with all four games decided by one run.

The softball team, a national power only a few years back, has fallen on hard times. Off to a 4-11 start, the Wildcats play four games this weekend in Oxford, Ohio, against Miami and Akron. Senior pitcher Nanci Clement has a glittering 0.52 earned-run average but only a 2-4 record to show for it.

Robert Markus



said goodbye to their Mike Richardson, maybe they'd like to take a look at the Power's Mike Richardson. The 20-year-

old defender doesn't mind contact, and he's got the stitches to prove it. With 5 minutes to play in the season's last game March 31, he jumped high to direct a head shot, and in the process, headed the face of Memphis forward Franco Paonessa. Richardson needed seven stitches on the top of his head to close a gash made by Paonessa's teeth, and Paonessa had to have part of his lip surgically reattached. No foul was called on the play. Just for kicks: Player-coach Karl-Heinz Granitza was the honorary free-throw shooter before Tuesday. night's Bulls game and made one of five. Sounds like a lackluster performance except for the fact that Granitza didn't throw the basketball, he kicked it. Even his misses hit the rim or the backboard. In honor of Granitza, the Power had a team free-throw kicking competition Wednesday at its practice facility in Palatine. Oscar Albuquerque won it by hitting two in a row.

his campaign for a winning team to Washington, meeting Wednesday behind closed doors to talk football with such Texans as House Speaker Jim Wright and President George Bush. "The Cowboys have had their tough times,"

New Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones took

Jones said after a meeting in Wright's office. "Texas has had its tough times. Anybody can be classy going along all the time. You know what class is: getting up off your knees after you've been knocked down."

Jones met with Bush at the White House and planned to see Texas Republicans at the office Jones of Sen. Phil Gramm.

An Arkansas native, Jones said he has had no trouble being accepted as a Texan. "We're both working for the same thing," he said. "Getting Texas off its knees."

Finally: Chicagoan Barbara Yordon Wiest, director of communications for IGA Foods, is in Reno and Lake Tahoe this week working at the International Special Olympics. She's overseeing the company's volunteer workers, who have been designated "official huggers" of the Games' participants. It's good timing for Wiest, who should know all about hugging. She's also in Nevada on her honeymoon.

Players on 1988 major-league rosters who were born during 1961, Roger Maris' 61home run season . Don Mattingly, Yankees

- 2. Jimmy Key, Blue Jays
- 3. Jim Walewander, Tigers 4. Mickey Brantley, Mariners
- 5. Andres Galarraga, Expos
- 6. Jack Howell, Angels . Julio Franco, Rangers
- 8. Jeff Parrett, Expos
- 9. Vince Coleman, Cardinals
- Source: Sports Features Syndicate

Charlotte team would interest Payton

Former Bears running back Walter Payton has talked to George Shinn about a majority ownership role in a National Football League expansion franchise and may visit Charlotte, N.C., as early as next week to "see the area that's being considered."

Payton, 34, also has talked with prospective owners in other cities seeking expansion teams and said Wednesday he has made no commitments but wants to pursue a role with one of them.

"It's been a dream of mine since about two years before I retired," he said. "My position is, it doesn't matter if it's in Timbuktu or Peoria or where, I'm going to work just as hard to make that successful. Obviously, there are some areas with the demographics that put them head and shoulders above the others."

Joseph Knowles

