

## Sports

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**Jon Margolis**  
In the wake  
of the news

## For players, fans, baseball's unique

Baseball is such a simple game.  
But so very difficult to play.

Just think of all those Little League games where all the batters either walk or strike out. They aren't playing baseball.

True, Little Leaguers are just kids. Okay, try it as a grownup. Walk 60 feet, 6 inches from a wall and try to hit a spot 3 feet high and 17 inches wide at least half the time. Then try fielding "routine" grounders and flyballs. A batted ball has a mind of its own. Hit in the air, it does not descend in a smooth arc, but in confusing twists. Hit along the ground, it comes at you with a menacing hum. There is nothing routine about catching it.

And fielding is easy. Hitting is the hard part. Even the best succeed only a third of the time.

That's why someone had to invent softball. Softballs aren't soft, but the game is easier. It's slower, so more people can play it.

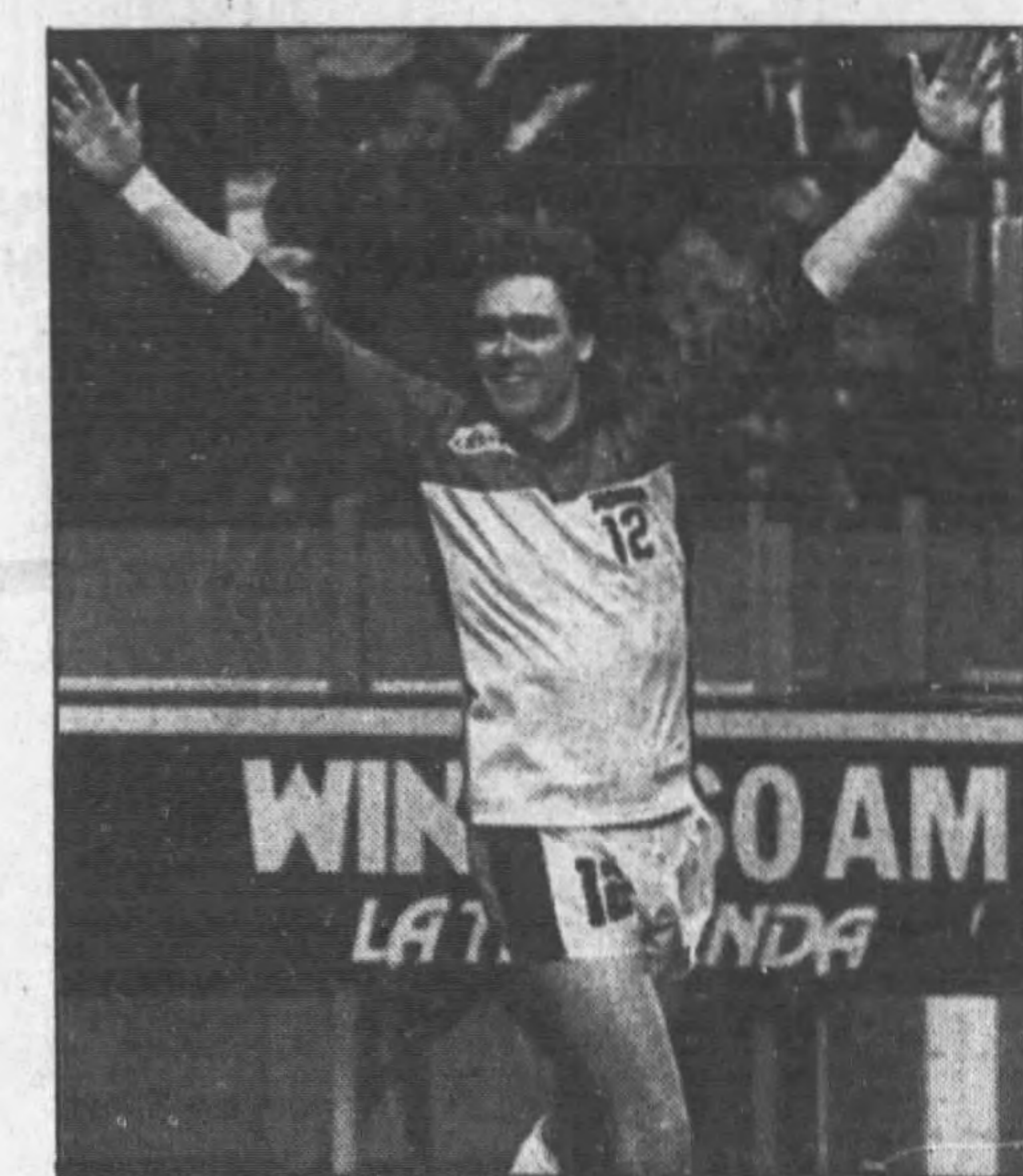
Anybody can play football. Not well, to be sure, but 22 bad athletes facing each other across the line of scrimmage, missing blocks and tackles and dropping passes would still be playing football, and probably having fun. Ten clods running up and down the court missing shots and passes probably wouldn't have fun, but they would be playing basketball.

But unless enough people can throw the ball over the plate, hit it, catch it and throw it where it should be thrown, baseball can be played at, but it cannot be played—no more than tennis can be played by two people who always miss the ball.

Thus we have the most basic of several mysteries and ironies of this most mystical and ironic game which this week began again its annual mesmerization of American life: Baseball is the hardest of all games to play, but its players need not be the best athletes. Good baseball players are good athletes, but they are not as big, as fast or as strong as football players, basketball players or sprinters. To enter the locker room of a professional football team is to confront human behemoths. Passengers who find themselves on the same plane with a National Basketball Association club talk for days about how tall the players are.

But baseball players are like the rest of us. In his new book, "The Answer is Baseball," Luke Salisbury says that "baseball is played by men of normal build doing something magic." That magic explains how Jay Schroeder can be a fine athlete and a (sometimes) starting NFL quarterback but a flop at baseball. Or how Danny Ainge could be an integral part of Boston Celtics championship teams but not a third baseman for the then-pathetic Toronto Blue Jays. (The exception? Former college punter Vince Coleman, perhaps too small for the NFL at 6 feet, 170 pounds, but a star for See Margolis, pg. 3

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Karl-Heinz Granitz celebrates his goal during the Power's 16-12 victory over Milwaukee in their playoff opener. Page 4.

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# Freshmen stand to lose eligibility at Iowa

By Ed Sherman  
and Mike Conklin

University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings III took one of the boldest stands yet on freshman eligibility Friday when he said he will abolish the practice within three years at his school, regardless of whether the NCAA bans it.

Iowa, though, might not be alone. There's a chance the Big 10 could act unilaterally on the issue, according to Illinois President Stanley O. Ikenberry.

Rawlings' announcement further sparked the growing momentum to prohibit students playing intercollegiate sports during their freshman year, a policy that has been in effect for 15 years. Many administrators believe freshman eligibility is a major obstacle in trying to obtain a balance between athletics and academics.

"If the student had the opportunity to get his feet on the ground his first year, the prospects for graduation could be improved," Ikenberry said. "It would reduce

some of the pressures. The problem is getting it done."

Rawlings has taken the problem into his own hands. Iowa was embarrassed during the trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, where testimony showed that ex-Hawkeye running back Ronnie Harmon enrolled in recreational courses to remain eligible. Shortly thereafter, Iowa forward Ray Thompson was declared academically ineligible for the NCAA tournament.

Tuesday, Rawlings called for

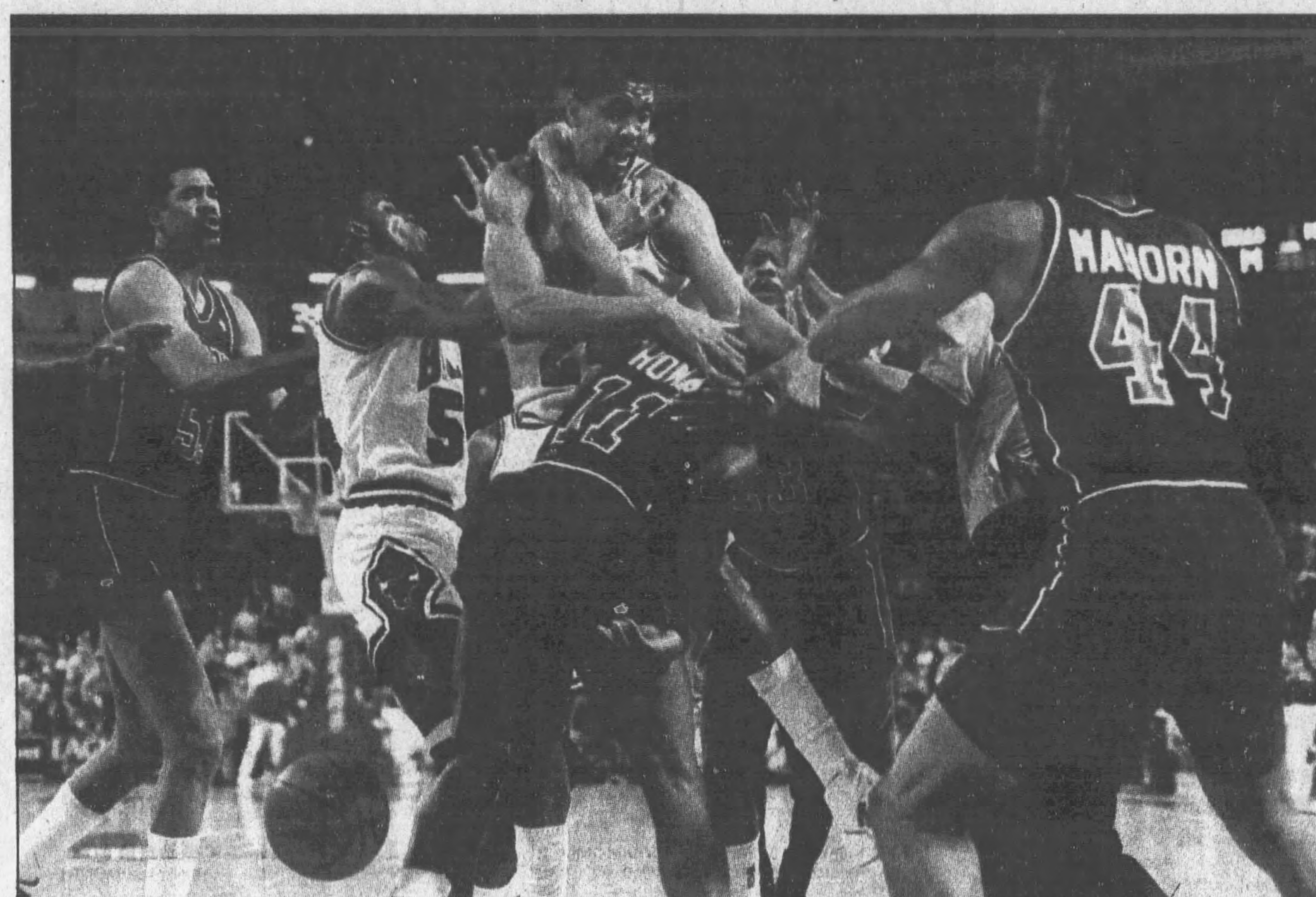
stricter academic standards for Iowa athletes. Now the former pitcher and basketball player at Haverford College in Pennsylvania has gone one step further.

"The issue of freshman eligibility has been discussed nationally for several years without much sign of progress," Rawlings said in a statement. "I am now convinced that a bold move by a respected institution like Iowa is necessary to bring about change on a national level. Failing success, we plan to implement a university policy to

delay eligibility until the sophomore year."

Ikenberry said the Big 10 is working with other conferences, such as the Pacific 10, to create a coalition that will lead to the NCAA banning freshman eligibility. For the last two years, the Big 10 has endorsed that stand for football and men's basketball, where the pressures on freshman athletes are the most severe. Incoming Big 10 Commissioner James Delany has suggested he's See Iowa, pg. 4

# Bulls drop OT fight to Pistons



Tribune photo by Ed Wagner

The Bulls' Bill Cartwright goes after Detroit's Isiah Thomas (11) during a first-period brawl Friday night at the Stadium. Both players were ejected from the game, and the Pistons went on to a 114-112 overtime victory.

## Cartwright, Isiah ejected for wild battle

By Sam Smith

It was in a state of anticipation that the crowd flowed toward the old shed on West Madison Street, where Sugar Ray Robinson and Gene Fullmer battled years ago, as did Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott, Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano.

The Stadium crowd was roaring then, as were 18,676 Friday night as the Detroit Pistons decided the Bulls 114-112 in an overtime slugfest that featured:

■ Bill Cartwright and Isiah Thomas being ejected for fighting eight minutes into the game.

"Nobody ever hit me without a retaliation," said Cartwright. "It was intentional."

"We've played them six times [all Piston wins this season], and out of those six times, Cartwright's hit me five times," said Thomas, who injured his left hand in the brawl that had Cartwright stalking Thomas like a berserk crane.

■ Five players fouling out, including Michael Jordan and Joe Dumars late in regulation, leaving the Pistons without a point guard in overtime and the Bulls without their god, which helped account for them missing their first seven shots in the extra period.

■ Coach Doug Collins screaming obscenities and being restrained by his players from attacking the refs in the hallway outside the Bulls' locker room after the game. He was furious that goaltending wasn't called on Scottie Pippen's last-second shot in regulation.

"We won the game," Collins said, holding back tears in a mixture of anger and frustration. "We played too hard to let it happen that way."

"It was a knockdown, drag-out affair," said Pistons coach Chuck Daly, whose team put the Bulls down for the ninth straight time.

"We're a championship-caliber team and the strength of our bench was See Bulls, pg. 5

# NBA players can participate in Olympics

By Phil Hersh

Now that professional basketball players are eligible for the Olympic Games and all other international competition, U.S. amateur and professional basketball officials must face the complicated problems involved in using National Basketball Association stars on future U.S. teams.

The International Amateur Basketball Federation (FIBA) created those problems with Friday's overwhelming approval of all professionals at a meeting in Munich, West Germany. The vote was 56-13, with the U.S. basketball federation (ABA/USA) among the naysayers.

"This raises issues and burdens for us,"

said NBA Executive Vice President Russ Granik. "We would like to develop a process that makes it attractive for all NBA players to play. If we're going to be involved, we want to present American and NBA basketball in the best possible light."

In an Associated Press survey of 295 NBA players released this week, only 58 percent said they would play if given the opportunity. The Bulls' Michael Jordan said he would not be interested because he has been in the Olympics (1984) and would not want to give up another summer. Utah's Karl Malone said he would "go in a heartbeat and pay my own ticket," and the Lakers' Earvin "Magic" Johnson said he would "definitely like to play."

Granik thinks the survey's results were skewed by uncertainty about particulars, such as whether NBA players would have to participate in Olympic trials and whether they would have a long pre-Olympic training camp. Scheduling problems will be among the biggest, with the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona beginning barely a month after the NBA finals end. There will also be reluctance among some NBA owners to let their players risk injury.

"We ought to be able to develop a system that doesn't make it [international competition] an unfair burden on anyone," Granik said. "We can arrive at a happy medium between a boot camp and simply showing up See Olympics, pg. 7

# Sox skip past wild Athletics

By Andrew Bagnato  
Chicago Tribune

OAKLAND—So much for momentum, muscle and Mark McGwire.

The White Sox belted the Oakland Athletics 7-1 Friday night, handing the defending American League champions their first loss of the new season.

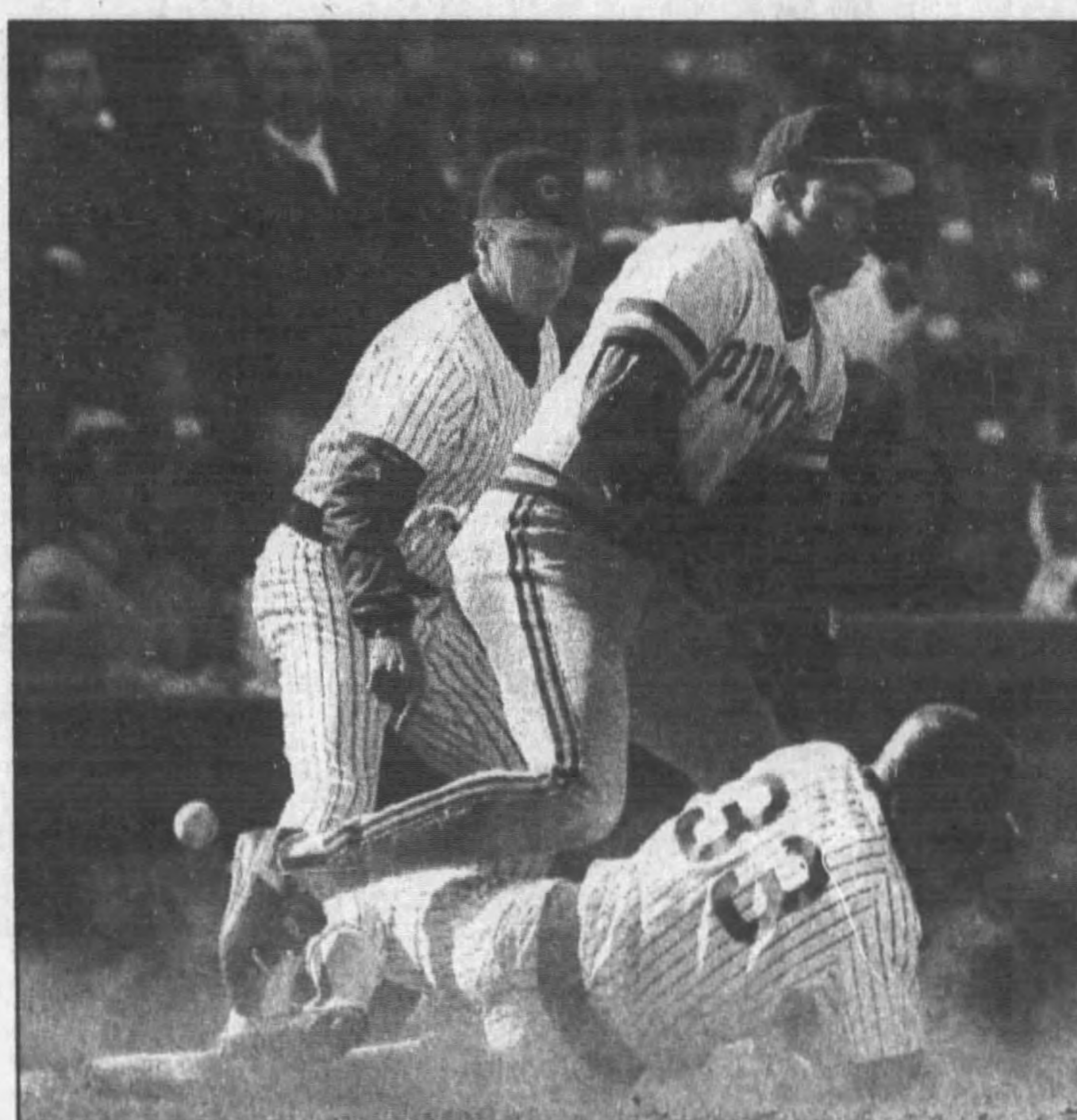
Right-hander Bill Long pitched 5½ innings to pick up the victory, while Barry Long was credited with a save.

"I was real pleased with the pitching, period," said manager Jeff Torborg. "I told Barry he was going to be the long man. I didn't think he would get a save."

The Athletics, fresh off a three-game humiliation of the Seattle Mariners, could do no right against some clutch Sox pitching.

At the same time, the Sox made good use of their eight hits and some pathetic Oakland relief in a four-run eighth inning. Manager Tony LaRussa's pitchers walked seven Sox batters and hit another.

Forgive the Sox if they think they can repeat last April's



Tribune photo by Charles Cherney

## Cubs hold off Pirates

Mitch Webster of the Cubs slides into third with a triple during the Cubs' 6-5 victory over Pittsburgh Friday. Story on Page 2.

three-game sweep of the Athletics. That turned out to be a momentary turnaround for two teams going in opposite directions, but no matter. Such is the stuff of April dreams.

The victory made the Sox 3-1 on the West Coast swing. They can ensure a plus-.500 trip with a split of the next two in Oakland and a single victory in three

games with somnolent Seattle. The Sox, who hit .296 in their season-opening series in Anaheim, exploded for three runs in the sixth.

It all started innocently enough. After Steve Lyons grounded out to short, Eddie Williams walked. (The A's, perhaps using scouting reports un-

See Sox, pg. 4

# Trevino, Faldo share lead at windy Masters

By Marvin West  
Scripps Howard News Service

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Lee Trevino didn't collapse in Friday's second round of the Masters. He survived three bogeys in the first six holes, shot a 2-over-par 74 and was proud he hung in there.

Englishman Nick Faldo enjoyed British Open weather and staggered into a 36-hole tie. Faldo led by as much as four strokes, but bogeyed 16 and 17 and finished with a 73.

Their 141s were two ahead of the crowd.

Trevino was surprised at his lofty standing and was beginning to believe he can play Augusta National.

"Everything about my game has surprised me," he said. "If you had seen me last week, you would have thought I was in the fifth flight of some club championship. I hit some balls we couldn't find."

"I needed some confidence. I got it in practice this week. I started hitting balls where I was looking."

"I stuck in there today. In the past, I might have thrown in after a poor start."

Ken Green had three birdies on the front nine of a scrappy 69, best score of the day. He was at 143.

### Masters leaders

Lee Trevino	67-74—141
Nick Faldo	68-73—141
Ken Green	74-69—143
Scott Hoch	69-74—143
Mike Reid	72-71—143
Seve Ballesteros	71-72—143
Ben Crenshaw	71-72—143
Tom Kite	72-72—144
Tom Watson	72-73—145
Curtis Strange	74-71—145
Mark O'Meara	74-71—145

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Seve Ballesteros almost had an outstanding round. He was 4 under after 14 but lost his way on the 15th green.

Ballesteros missed three short putts in a double-bogey and missed an 18-incher on 17 for another bogey.

"I played great golf," Ballesteros said. "I only miss one green. For some reason, the ball didn't go in the hole a few times, so I four-putt on 15." Ballesteros said he didn't take it too badly.

"Maybe four, five years ago, it could have been a disaster."

He got in with a 72 and was in the 143 group with Ben See Masters, pg. 4



**BASEBALL**

**Sox**

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known to everyone else, walked the Sox's No. 9 hitter his first three times up.)

Ozzie Guillen singled, and Dave Gallagher floated a chalk-raising double down the right-field line.

Williams scored. Then Harold Baines lined a single to right, scoring Guillen and Gallagher. Right-fielder Dave Parker earned the jeers of the crowd by not trying to throw out Gallagher.

The Sox locked up the victory in the eighth, pasting Oakland reliever Greg Cadaret for four runs on just two hits.

The Sox scored three times without swinging their bats. After LaRussa yanked Cadaret, Eric Plunk walked Carlton Fisk, hit designated hitter Ron Kittle and walked Lyons, all with the bases loaded. Williams, the man who started the inning with—what else?—a walk, grounded to second to end the inning.

The Sox had threatened in the third inning, when Kittle led off with a double into the left-field corner, his second two-bagger in as many nights. Lyons moved Kittle to third with a sharp ground out to second, and the Sox were in business.

But then came the oddest play of the warm, summerlike evening. After Young whipped ball four to Eddie Williams, Athletics catcher Terry Steinbach pegged the ball to third baseman Carney Lansford, who tagged out a lunging Kittle.

Kittle endured a brutal spring, hitting just .177 with four RBIs in 62 at-bats, but he's recovered his swing in time.

The Sox came close again an inning later, but Dave Henderson snared Ivan Calderon's drive above the 375-foot sign.

The musclebound Athletics, now merely scary without right-fielder Jose Canseco, mounted a threat in the third. But with runners on first and second and two outs, Long quieted the crowd by fanning cleanup man McGwire on a slow curve.

Long set the A's down in the fourth but then became uncharacteristically wild. After shortstop Walt Weiss doubled to start the inning, Long issued one-out walks to Henderson and Parker.

That brought up McGwire. This time Long didn't strike him out; he forced him to bounce a 2-2 pitch to Guillen, who flipped to Lyons to start an inning-ending 6-4-3 double play.

Long wasn't pretty, allowing eight Athletics to reach base in 5½ innings. Long, who survives on pinpoint control, walked four and hit Lansford with a pitch before giving way to Jones.

Jones sailed through the dangerous Oakland order, yielding only a harmless eighth-inning homer to McGwire with the bases empty.

Oakland left-hander Curt Young picked up the loss, continuing his lifetime futility against the Sox. He came into the game a miserable 2-5 lifetime with a 4.58 earned run average against them. He allowed three runs, all of them earned, on five hits and two walks in 5½ innings.

WHITE SOX	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Guillen ss	5	1	1	0	Polonia lf	4	0	0	0
Gallagher cf	5	1	1	1	D'Henderson cf	2	0	0	0
Baines rf	4	0	2	3	Parker rf	3	0	1	0
Boston lf	0	1	0	0	Javier rf	0	0	0	0
Calderon lf	5	1	3	0	McGwire 1b	4	1	2	1
GWalker 1b	3	1	0	0	Hessley dh	4	0	0	0
Scheafer 2b	1	0	0	0	Lansford 3b	3	0	0	0
Fisk c	3	0	0	1	Steinbach c	2	0	0	0
Kittle dh	3	0	1	1	Hubbard 2b	4	0	0	0
Lyons 2b-1b	3	0	0	1	Weiss ss	4	0	2	0
EWilliams 3b	1	2	0	0					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

DP—WHITE SOX 2, Oakland 1. LOB—WHITE SOX 7, Oakland 8. 2B—Kittle, Weiss, Gallagher, Calderon. HR—McGwire (3).  
WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO  
Long W, 1-0 5.23 4 0 0 4 3  
Bjornes S, 1 3.13 1 1 1 1 3  
Oakland IP H R ER BB SO  
CYoung L, 0-1 5.13 5 3 3 2 2  
Nelson 1.23 0 0 0 0 3  
Cadaret 2.3 2 4 4 2 0  
Plunk 1.13 1 0 0 3 1  
HBP—Lansford by Long, Kittle by Plunk. Umpires—Home, Cousins; First, McKeon; Second, Kates; Third, Voltaggio. T—3:11. A—20,585.

How they scored  
WHITE SOX SIXTH—Williams walked with one out. Guillen singled Williams to second. Gallagher doubled to right, scoring Williams. Baines singled to right, scoring Guillen and Gallagher. Three runs.  
WHITE SOX EIGHTH—Williams walked and advanced to second on a grounder by Guillen and to third on a grounder by Gallagher. Baines singled, scoring Williams. Calderon singled Baines to second. Boston pinch-ran for Baines. Walker walked. Plunk relieved Cadaret and then walked Fisk, scoring Boston. Kittle was hit by pitch, scoring Calderon. Lyons walked, scoring Walker. Four runs.  
OAKLAND EIGHTH—McGwire homered with one out. One run.

**At a glance**

- **BIG PLAY:** Oakland center-fielder Dave Henderson robbed Ivan Calderon of a possible homer in the fourth.
- **BAD DAY:** Oakland's Mark McGwire fanned with runners on first and second and grounded into a double play with the bases loaded on consecutive at-bats.
- **STREAKING:** Harold Baines' three runs batted in gave him six in his first 16 at-bats.
- **QUOTABLE:** "I think he [Bobby Thigpen] is still the closer for the Sox," said Don Pall, the closer in two of the first three games.
- **NEXT:** Melido Perez faces Mike Moore Saturday.

**White Sox notes**

Chicago Tribune  
OAKLAND—Jeff Torborg Friday had to handle one of the more delicate situations of his nascent White Sox managerial career.

He met with reliever Bobby Thigpen to discuss his decision to go with Don Pall instead of Thigpen with the Sox holding a one-run lead Thursday night in the ninth. Pall earned his second save in three games.

"I had a little talk with Bobby, trying to explain to him that I've got to go with the hot hand and [also] try to get him work," Torborg said. "I know it's got to be tough on him, what he's going through. But I think he understands."

Thigpen, not thrilled about being passed over, declined to discuss the meeting.

■ **Jack McDowell** leaves Saturday for the minor leagues, and he's even less happy about it than he was when he was demoted Sunday. McDowell stayed with the Sox this week when they opened the season in Anaheim because he lives in the area. He threw twice on the side before games.

When Melido Perez strained a leg muscle running in the outfield, McDowell was told the team would take him to Oakland in case Perez couldn't make a scheduled start Saturday.

Perez will start. McDowell will, too. In Tucson Monday for the Vancouver Canadians.

Andrew Bagnato

**SOCCER**

**Batata leads Power to playoff victory**

By Joseph Knowles

According to Milwaukee Wave coach John Dolinsky, the key to beating the Power is stopping Batata. Never mind Karl-Heinz Granitza. Like baldness and income tax, Granitza is simply unstoppable.

So as the two American Indoor Soccer Association rivals met at the Horizon Friday night in Game 1 of their best-of-three semifinal series, Dolinsky made Batata a marked man, assigning defenders to shadow the 5-foot-6-inch forward.

Batata ripped Dolinsky's game plan to shreds by scoring twice and assisting on three other goals to lead the Power to a 16-12 victory.

"Tonight I was playing more like a defender, staying back," Batata said. "It gave me a different perspective and I could see the whole field better."

Granitza scored the Power's first goal, but the 37-year-old player-coach was less than satisfied with his on-field performance.

"I was feeling my age," he said. "Maybe I was too tight, too tense. I was thinking ahead already to our next game in Milwaukee [Sunday afternoon]. But usually I come back

from a bad game with a good one. You'll see a different Granitza on Sunday."

The teams traded goals through the first three quarters and went into the fourth period tied 8-8. Tommy Isirov put the Power ahead to stay at 2:20 of the fourth period on a goal off a free-kick pass from Oscar Albuquerque. Then it was Albuquerque's turn to score minutes later, beating Milwaukee goalie Tony Pierce from a seemingly impossible angle.

"Finally, Tommy was on target with a shot," said Power assistant coach Derek Spalding. Isirov had missed everything on two earlier opportunities, sending the ball over the glass and into the crowd of 4,589. The goal was only Isirov's eighth of the season, but it came at the right time. Four of Isirov's goals have been against the Wave.

"Batata was the star, but Tommy played a great game," said Granitza. "He was fighting all the way, working his butt off."

After Albuquerque's goal made it 12-8, the Power scored what proved to be a critical goal. Batata crashed through the Wave defense and

somehow got enough on a drive to beat Pierce, giving the Power a 14-8 advantage. Trailing by six—three natural goals—it looked as if Milwaukee was down for the count.

With five minutes to play, Dolinsky pulled Pierce in favor of a sixth attacker. The Wave got back in the game quickly with goals by Greg Willin and Ted Hantak that cut the Power lead to 14-12.

Pierce returned to the nets briefly, but raced to the bench when the Wave launched an offensive thrust. With under three minutes left in regulation, Viktor Jakovljevic gave the Power some needed breathing room with his second goal of the game, which increased the lead to 16-12.

"With this win, all the pressure shifts to Milwaukee now," said Spalding.

Game 2 of the series is in Milwaukee's Bradley Center Sunday at 12:35 p.m. Game 3, if necessary, would be also in Milwaukee on Thursday. The championship finals are scheduled to begin the next night.

"It would be tough to play two games in a row like that," Granitza said. "But we're not planning on a third game in Milwaukee."

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**Masters**

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Crenshaw, Mike Reid and Scott Hoch.

Crenshaw shot 72 and was happy with most of what he did.

"I'm happy to be in the shape I'm in and that I wasn't blown away. My 72 was like a 67 or 68 on a calm day."

Hoch shot 69 Thursday, but a double-bogey on 16 spoiled his effort Friday. He came in at 74.

Green tried to stay patient. "Some things have not gone my way off the course this week," he said.

Green told of lost admission badges and friends trying to slip into the tournament. "Two made it and two got caught," he said. Reid hit the stick on 18 and that birdie gave him a 71.

"To borrow a line from an Army commercial, it's not a job, it's an adventure," Reid said of the windy weather. "You might as

**Brewer recovering from heart problem**

From Chicago Tribune wires

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Former Masters champion Gay Brewer Jr. remained hospitalized Friday, but doctors reported his heart condition improved.

Brewer, the 1967 champion, was hospitalized with heart rhythm problems after shooting an 83 Thursday in the first round of the tournament.

Brewer was expected to be discharged Saturday.

145 class. Watson bogeyed 16 and 18 to shoot 73. Strange shot 71.

"Seventeen pars and a birdie [on 14] isn't too bad," Strange said. "I played a very solid round, a smart round. You have to be so precise with second shots. You try to play position. I know where to go but sometimes the wind dictates otherwise."

Faldo considers a chilly wind an old friend. He won the 1987 British Open in worse weather. He looked like a winner here through 15.

Trevino had trouble at the start. He bogeyed No. 1, birdied No. 2 and had bogeys at 3 and 6. He made bogey on 10 and birdie on 12, then finished with six pars.

Sandy Lyle finished at 153 and became only the fourth Masters champion to fail to make the cut a year after winning.

"I think I left it on the practice range," he said. "I haven't been hitting the greens and my putting has been bad. It's one thing after another."

well throw away the yardage books because it was wild out there."

Tom Kite went bogey-bogey on 16 and 17 and settled for another 72. Curtis Strange and Tom Watson are co-chairmen of the

**Iowa**

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in favor of that position. "The most sensible course is to pass legislation through the NCAA," Ikenberry said. "We have not ruled out the possibility that the Big 10 will act unilaterally [on the issue]."

Rawlings' decision could leave Iowa at a disadvantage if it is the only school to adopt such a policy. His plan calls for freshmen to be barred from practices, a stand that might lead to prospective recruits looking elsewhere.

"I'm confident the university program will never have to be in a noncompetitive situation," Rawlings said.

That such a concern should be

so prominent is indicative of the problem facing intercollegiate sports, Ikenberry said.

"I'm very interested that's the argument [against banning freshmen]," Ikenberry said. "It's a reflection of the problem we're up against... people putting their concern for competitiveness above the student-athlete. That's not right. If a student wants to be an athlete first and student second, then he shouldn't be in college."

Rawlings' announcement caused an uproar at Iowa, which has enjoyed huge success in football and basketball during the 1980s. Neither football coach Hayden Fry nor basketball coach Tom Davis would comment on the decision.

Rawlings obviously didn't consult with Athletic Director Bump Elliot before making his announcement. Elliot also said other

coaches were upset that Rawlings acted unilaterally.

"It was a surprise," Elliot said. "The president didn't discuss what he was going to say with me, but maybe he discussed it with someone else. It was obvious he felt very strong about what he said, but I don't know if he completely thought it out."

Elliot, though, endorses Rawlings' stand.

He said the issue could be discussed at the next NCAA convention in January.

"I can support 100 percent his philosophy of freshmen not being eligible," Elliot said. "The fact that you have freshmen playing football games before they ever attend a class bothers me greatly. I say, yes, let's do it, but at the national level. Our president wants us to be a leader in this area."

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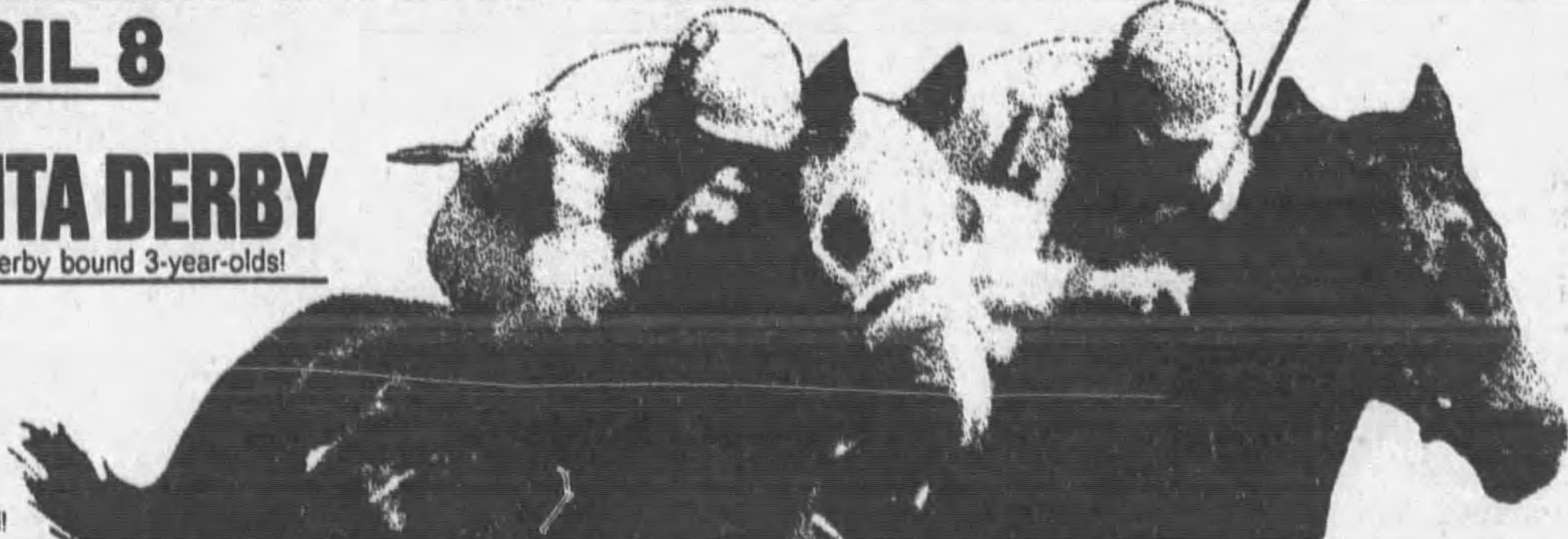
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In April, thoroughbred racing Saturday, Sunday and daily except Tuesday. Gates open 10:30 AM, grandstand admission \$2.00, clubhouse admission \$3.25. Just 15 minutes from the Loop—Cicero/Laramie at 33rd. For information, call 242-1121. For race results, call the daily hot-line at 976-8200 (50¢ per call).