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Sports



Two sports agents convicted Jury finds Walters, Bloom compromised athletes

By John Gorman.

Sports agents Lloyd Bloom and Norby Walters were convicted Thursday of compromising the eligibility of college football players by offering them thousands of dollars to sign contracts, then threatening those who tried to break the contracts or refused to repay loans.

The jury's verdict, coming after six days of deliberation, was read in the packed but hushed courtroom of U.S. Dis-

trict Judge George Marovich.

Bloom, 29, and Walters, 58,

were convicted of racketeering,

mail fraud and racketeering con-

Administrators voice hope after verdict. In Sports.

Norby Walters is a master of the slick pitch. In Sports.

spiracy. They each face a maximum sentence of 55 years in prison and a \$1.5 million fine. A stunned Bloom sat tearyeyed as the jury was polled. Outside the courtroom, he declined comment.

Walters was equally dazed,

choking back tears and waving

off questions as he was offered

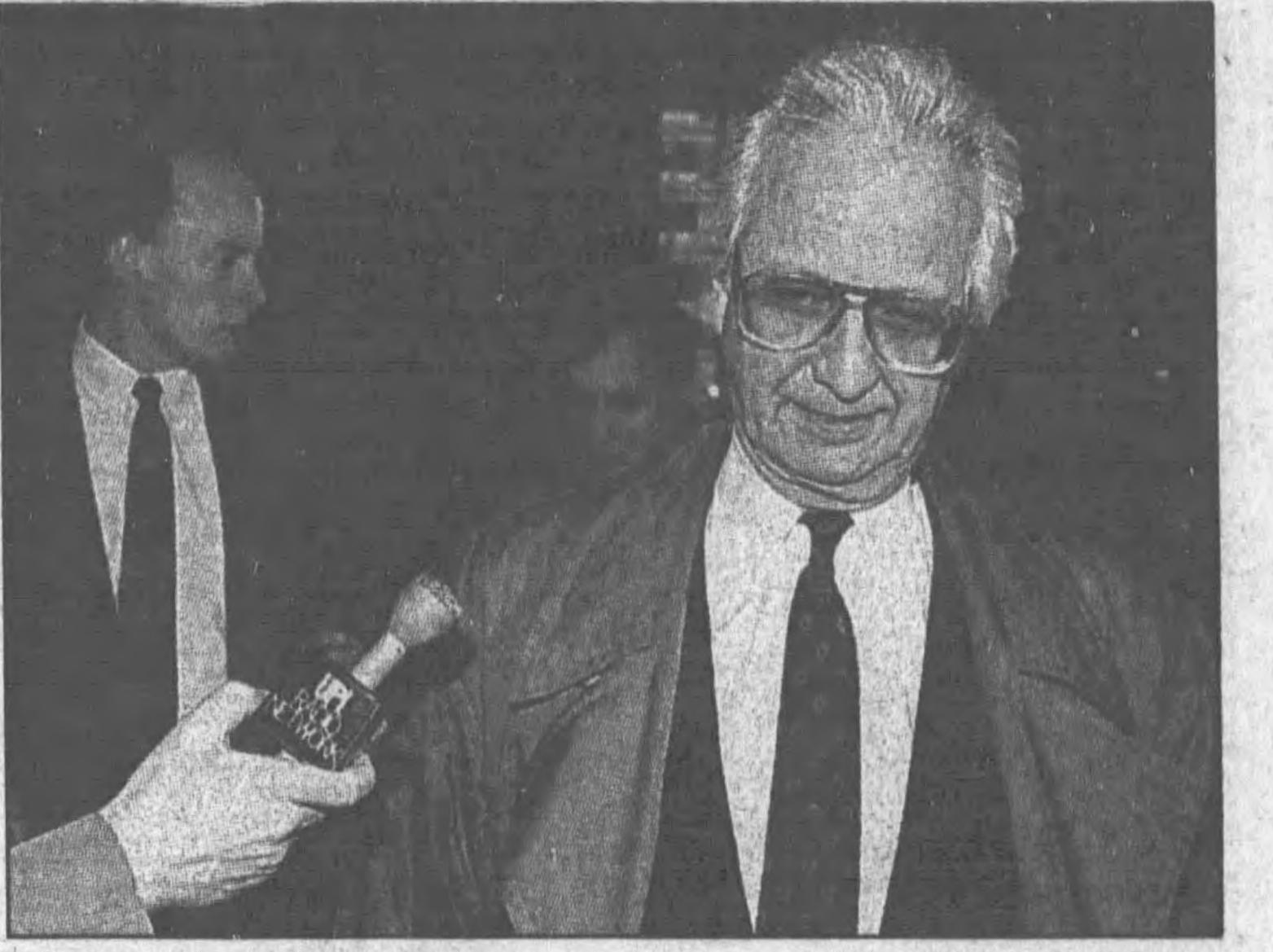
consolation by a courtroom

One of **Bloom's** attorneys, Steve Molo, said he and fellow defense attorneys Dan Webb and George Lombardi were disappointed by the verdict and vowed to appeal the decision.

As Walters left the Dirksen Federal Building, he also vowed to appeal.

"I feel confident we will win on appeal," Walters said. "We'll take 'em in the next round, and we'll be vindicated."

An elated U.S. Atty. Anton



Hawks eliminate Red Wings Bob McGill maneuvers behind the net during the Blackhawks' 7-1 Stanley Cup victory Thursday at the Stadium. Sec. 4, pg. 1.

Bulls drop 4th straight

Despite Michael Jordan's 47 points, the Pacers top the Bulls 109-105. Sec. 4, pg. 1.

Sox ready for home opener Chicago fans should remember: It could have been in Florida. Bob Verdi, Sec. 4, pg. 1.

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Tribune photo by José Moré Hottest game in nation Sharon O'Brien of Atlanta plays Lotto while at O'Hare. The nation took note as the pot hit \$55 million. Sec. 2, pg. 1.

Wright says he'll fight ethics charges

spectator.

By James O'Shea and Elaine S. Povich Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON-His face quivering with anger, House Speaker Jim Wright vowed Thursday that he will "fight to the last ounce of conviction and energy" to rescue his political reputation and refute accusations that he violated congressional rules.

"I am 66 years of age-66 years of living and giving; striving and sometimes failing, and sometimes succeeding; treating my fellow man with decency, and dignity and respect-I believe have earned me a reputation as a person of decency, and as a person of honor, and as a person of integrity," the Texas Democrat Flanked by his party's leadership and dozens of other congressional supporters, including many from Texas, Wright attempted to deliver a point-bypoint rebuttal to allegations that he improperly took gifts from a friend and business associate who had an interest in federal legislation that Wright influenced. The speaker strayed into an emotional defense of his 34

years in Congress in an ornate room just off the House floor, which was packed with reporters, congressional aides and Wright's colleagues.

He flatly denied that a car given to his wife, Betty, the free use of a Ft. Worth condominium and his wife's \$18,000 annual salary amounted to gifts from George Mallick, the business partner who allegedly had an interest in federal legislation that Wright influenced.

At one point, Wright's voice cracked as he discussed the charges involving his wife. "I

Valukas, who prosecuted the case with Howard Pearl and Helene Greenwald, praised the

Tribune photo by Chuck Berman Sports agent Norby Walters leaves the Dirksen Federal Building See Agents, pg. 16 Thursday after being convicted on a variety of charges.

Economic benefits will top \$1 billion

By Ray Moseley Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON-President Bush is expected to announce Monday a program intended to provide more than \$1 billion in economic benefits to Poland to encourage moves there toward democracy, administration and congressional sources said Thursday.

The President plans to make the announcement when he visits Hamtramck, a predominantly Polish-American city surrounded by Detroit.

The sources said no U.S. tax-

Uproar over Capone house A Chicago coalition opposes the proposed designation of Al Capone's house as a national landmark. Sec. 2, pg. 1.

Like father, like son

Evel Knievel quit jumping motorcycles over various items, but his son Robbie now goes after dad's records-including a leap that landed his father in a coma for a month. In Tempo.

Robbie Knievel

Drexel settles civil case

Drexel Burnham Lambert settles a civil securities fraud case with the SEC, agreeing to tighten controls. In Business.

Renew old school ties

If that gang of yours from school days gone by is having a reunion this year, you can get the details here. In Friday.

Overnight

Heartstrings and dreams "Oil City Symphony" plucks heartstrings to make sweet music, and dream parties pour out more than \$80,000 in art funds for Chicago's public schools. Page 20.

must say that I find that personally offensive," he said, his face flushed with anger. "I want to say to you that my wife is a good, decent, caring, honorable person. I'll damned well fight to protect her honor and her integrity against any challenge by any source, whatever the costs."

As the Democratic colleagues whom he asked to attend applauded his remarks, the speaker quickly regained his composure and called upon the House ethics committee to move quickly with its investigation. He requested that he be

See Wright, pg. 2

Reuters photo Speaker Jim Wright: "I believe I have earned a reputation as a person of decency . . . a person of integrity."



report about to be released

through book royalties.

As the particulars of the

committee's complaint were

leaked to the press in recent

days, House Democrats have

become increasingly concerned

that Wright may not survive as

By Steve Daley Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON—For long years, the House of Representatives has been a source of comfort to a Democratic Party out in the cold.

Through all of the George McGoverns and Walter Mondales and Michael Dukakises, through the party's abject failure to occupy the White House in all but four of the last 21 years, Democrats have held sway in the House.

This remarkable gap between

presidential failure and congressional success has caught the eye of political scientists. After the Dukakis debacle, political savants set about exploring the notion that the Democratic Party may well be an entity whose appeal is limited to legislative bodies.

Now, with House Democrats holding a 261-173 advantage in the House, and one seat outstanding, comes the agony of House Speaker Jim Wright of l'exas.

A House ethics committee

speaker.

after 10 months and \$1.5 mil-There is more to this than partisan politics. The real poslion worth of investigation is sibility that Wright may have likely to charge Wright with an to step aside as the highestarray of rules violations, including the acceptance of unreranking elected Democrat ported gifts from a business asaround, and arguably the most powerful legislator in the counsociate and attempts to evade limits on outside income try, ripples through the government.

> There is an institutional paralysis as members of the House wait for and wonder about the ethics panel's report. Despite a relative handful of

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payer money would be involved

Solidarity files application for legal status. Page 12.

in helping Poland. Noting the U.S. budget deficit, an administration official said, "We are not in a position to give money."

Rather, the President is expected to support rescheduling of about \$700 million of Poland's \$39 billion foreign debt and give U.S. approval for a \$250 million World Bank program and \$300 million program of the International Monetary Fund.

The program also will include, the sources said, a lifting of restrictions on U.S. trade with Poland and U.S.-backed loans for private investment.

Contrary to one recently published report, the sources said it was unlikely that the President would make available U.S. Export-Import Bank credits to Po-

The U.S. moves are intended to reward Poland's recent decision to restore the Solidarity trade union to legal status and to hold its first free elections since World War II.

There has been speculation that Bush might follow up the economic program with a visit to Poland, possibly after his mid-July trip to Paris for the seven-nation economic summit. But the sources said no date for

Weather

CHICAGO AND VICINITY: Friday: Mostly cloudy, windy and warmer, chance of showers; highs 60 to 65 degrees. Friday night: Showers diminish early, becoming partly cloudy and breezy; low 36. The national weather report is in Sec. 2, pg. 9.

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Israeli-Arab violence intensifies

Israeli troops in Bethlehem take up positions Thursday against demonstrating Palestinians.

Nearby, police killed four Arabs in one of the bloodiest incidents of the uprising. Story, Page 4.

AP Laserphot

Where is Jo-Jo? Only jailed dad may know

By Jerry Shnay

The last time neighbors recall seeing "Jo-Jo" alive was last summer.

It might have been a hot August afternoon when someone wondered why 4-year-old Joseph Wallace wasn't playing in the small back yard of the house at 5969 Park Pl., in Hammond.

"He was a sweet little boy," said a neighbor. "He was the most beautiful child around."

Today, police believe Jo-Jo is buried in an unmarked grave somewhere in Hammond. They don't know when the boy disappeared, but say it was months before anyone told them.

In fact, they learned of the missing boy only after his father, Donald, was arrested Feb. 25 for allegedly strangling his 70-yearold mother. "The boy was miss-

ing for some time, but no family member ever called to report that," Hammond Detective Mike Solan said.

Police say they have no doubt the boy is dead, and they think he is buried somewhere in a desolate, wooded half-acre site near Lake Michigan. But they don't know the gravesite.

The father knows, police say, and is willing to show them.

Donald Wallace, 28, who faces murder charges in Cook County, has told Hammond police he would be willing to help them find the body. But his court-appointed attorneys have filed a motion with the Illinois Supreme Court to keep him from doing so.

At issue is whether an Illinois judge can allow a man accused See Missing, pg. 12

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National report

From Page 1

Bush picks Yaqui to lead Indian bureau

From Chicago Tribune wires

WASHINGTON-President Bush has selected Eddie Brown, the first Indian to head a major state agency in Arizona, to oversee the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the White House announced Thursday. Brown, the former director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security and a member of the Pascua Yaqui tribe, will be nominated as assistant secretary for Indian affairs at the Interior Department. The bureau's programs and policies affect more than 1.4 milion Indians and Alaska natives. There has been sharp congressional criticism in recent months because of alleged improprieties involving the bureau and other Indian matters.

National Enquirer sold for \$412 million

NEW YORK-The company that publishes the National Enquirer, the saucy supermarket tabloid, is being sold for \$412.5 million in cash to a New York-based concern that publishes romance magazines, it was announced late Thursday. Macfadden Holdings Inc., whose titles include True Story, True Confessions and Modern Romance, said it was heading a partnership that signed a definitive agreement to buy GP Group Inc., which publishes the Enquirer in Lantana, Fla. The agreement caps an auction process begun after the death last October of Generoso Pope Jr., who owned GP Group.

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jury for its labors. "That is the most conscientious jury I have ever seen in 20 years practicing law," Valukas said. "They gave the defendants a fair trial and held us to our burden of proof."

The verdict culminated a lengthy investigation that convulsed the sports world. From the moment Walter and Bloom began to seek college athletes, they caused ripples. They eventually signed 58 athletes from 32 schools, as many as 50 whose eligibility had not expired.

On Aug. 24, 1988, when Walters and Bloom were indicted, the prosecution disclosed that 43 athletes had avoided prosecution by agreeing to repay portions of their scholarships and performing community service. One football player, former Ohio State wide receiver Cris Carter, was charged criminally and later pleaded guilty. Bloom and Walters, native New Yorkers, were convicted of defrauding four schools by persuading athletes to sign representation agreements in violation of eligibility rules and concealing the agreements from their schools. They also were charged with threatening athletes who balked at continuing their agreements. The trial opened in spectacular fashion last month when the government played tapes secretly recorded by former Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon in which Walters was heard, in a staccato voice, rattling off his pitch to Harmon and his father, Jesse. Walters billed himself as the "top representative of black entertainment in the world" and kibbitzed with Jesse Harmon about changing New York neighborhoods. On the witness stand, the younger Harmon admitted he took \$2,500 after he signed a representation agreement and a promissory note. But what started out as damaging testimony soon was diminished as Webb cross-examined Harmon about grades Webb suggested should have made Harmon ineligible. In a long afternoon on the witness stand, Harmon admitted taking such courses as soccer, bowling, billiards, coaching of football and football. Under questioning by Webb, Harmon admitted that he was put on academic probation before his senior year began. But later that day, Iowa officials maintained that Harmon was eligible because his grade-point average for his college career was over 2.0. After it was disclosed the next day that Harmon's average at the end of his junior year was 1.92, school officials said that he only needed a 1.85 to be eligible under university standards. Webb also introduced, through questioning of Harmon and later of Associate Athletic Director Fred Mims, that by taking such courses, Harmon had circumvented National Collegiate Athletic Association rules that require an athlete to pursue a degree. Webb argued Harmon had been in school only to play ball and should have been ineligible. The jury apparently bought part of Webb's argument because it acquitted the two agents of defrauding lowa of the scholarship money for Harmon and Devon Mitchell, another former Iowa player who took money before his eligibility expired. Jurors were not available for interviews because Marovich admonished them not to discuss the case until after a forfeiture hearing Friday. The jury's verdict sustained charges that Walters and Bloom defrauded the University of Michigan, the University of Notre Dame, Purdue University and Temple University by signing their athletes before their elibigility expired. The jury declined, however, to convict the agents of defrauding Michigan State University by signing wide receiver Mark Ingram in 1986. Through cross-examination, Webb suggested Ingram should have been thrown off the team after he was convicted of stealing money from fellow students at a dormitory. The linchpin of the prosecution case was the mail-fraud statute. When the Big 10 schools mailed their eligibility statements to the conference headquarters in Schaumburg, that mailing gave Valukas the jurisdiction he needed. The trial came about largely through the fruits of a two-year investigation by FBI special agent George Randolph. Bloom's threats against some of the athletes who reneged on their deals provided the basis for extortion charges that constituted the racketeering and conspiracy counts of which the agents were convicted. The cross-examination of Harmon set the tone for defense attorneys, who tried to put the schools, as well as the athletes, on trial. In cross-examination of witness after witness, the defense attempted to portray the schools as using the men for their athletic talent, making millions along the way, letting them take mindless courses and discarding them at the end of their eligibility. After Harmon, the prosecution



Lloyd Bloom

came storming back with Michael Franzese, a captain in New York's Colombo organized crime family, who testified that he and Walters were old friends and business partners. Franzese said that he gave Walters \$50,000 in seed money to start up World Sports & Entertainment Inc. in 1984.

every inch the model of a young syndicate don, probably damaged Walters by his presence as much as by his testimony.

Franzese testified that he accompanied Walters to a meeting with the then-manager of the Jackson Five in an unsuccessful attempt to force the group to book a tour with Walters. He also testified he threatened others who had business with Walters.

Under cross-examination, Franzese admitted twice committing perjury in previous court appearances.

But the jury apparently did not believe Franzese. Although they convicted Walters and Bloom of racketeering, the verdict rejected some of the alleged acts cited in the indictment, including the Franzese threats.

Valukas declined to summon Bears wide receiver Ron Morris to testify about threats allegedly made by Bloom after Morris decided to switch agents. The indictment had charged that Bloom threatened to break Morris'. legs and to burn down the house of his new agent.

The prosecution apparently never called Morris because he might have come off badly under

neys were sharpening their sabers to slice up Morris by questioning him about how he allegedly began taking money while still in high school, before he ever enrolled at Southern Methodist University.

Webb said that Morris had taken "significant sums of money from university representatives" while at SMU. For such misdeeds, the NCAA gave SMU the "death penalty" in 1986 with a one year suspension.

While the prosecution decided to ignore Morris, it called his Bears teammate Maurice Douglass, who testified Bloom had threatened to break his legs when Douglass reneged on his contract with the agents.

Douglass also summed up what became apparent through the testimony of the young athletes: "When you put \$2,500 out in front of any college kid, he'll take it "

Unlike many of the other athletes, Douglass repaid the agents the \$9,000 he accepted from them. By contrast, Ingram admitted he never repaid any of the approximately \$25,000 he received from the agents, despite receiving a signing bonus when he turned pro that he said was large

With such admissions, Webb sought to portray the agents as victims, instead of the players.

Defense attorneys also pointedly asked most of the athletes if they knew they were doing anything wrong when they signed the agreements. The athletes responded that they knew they were breaking NCAA rules. But none of them recognized they were committing mail fraud by signing the school's eligibility statement.

When the defense presented its case, three attorneys from the New York law firm of Shea & Gould testified they advised Walters and Bloom that they had committed no crime when they lent the players money in return for their signing representation agreements.

One attorney, Lonn Trost, testified he first advised Walters of his lack of criminal culpability in early 1985, a time that might have predated the agents' first signings. But the jury turned aside such

arguments in its verdict. On Friday Marovich will hold a

On Friday, Marovich will hold a hearing to decide if he or the jury will decide what forfeitures the agents may have to make as the result of the racketeering conviction. The pair stand to lose up to \$700,000 in assets, Valukas

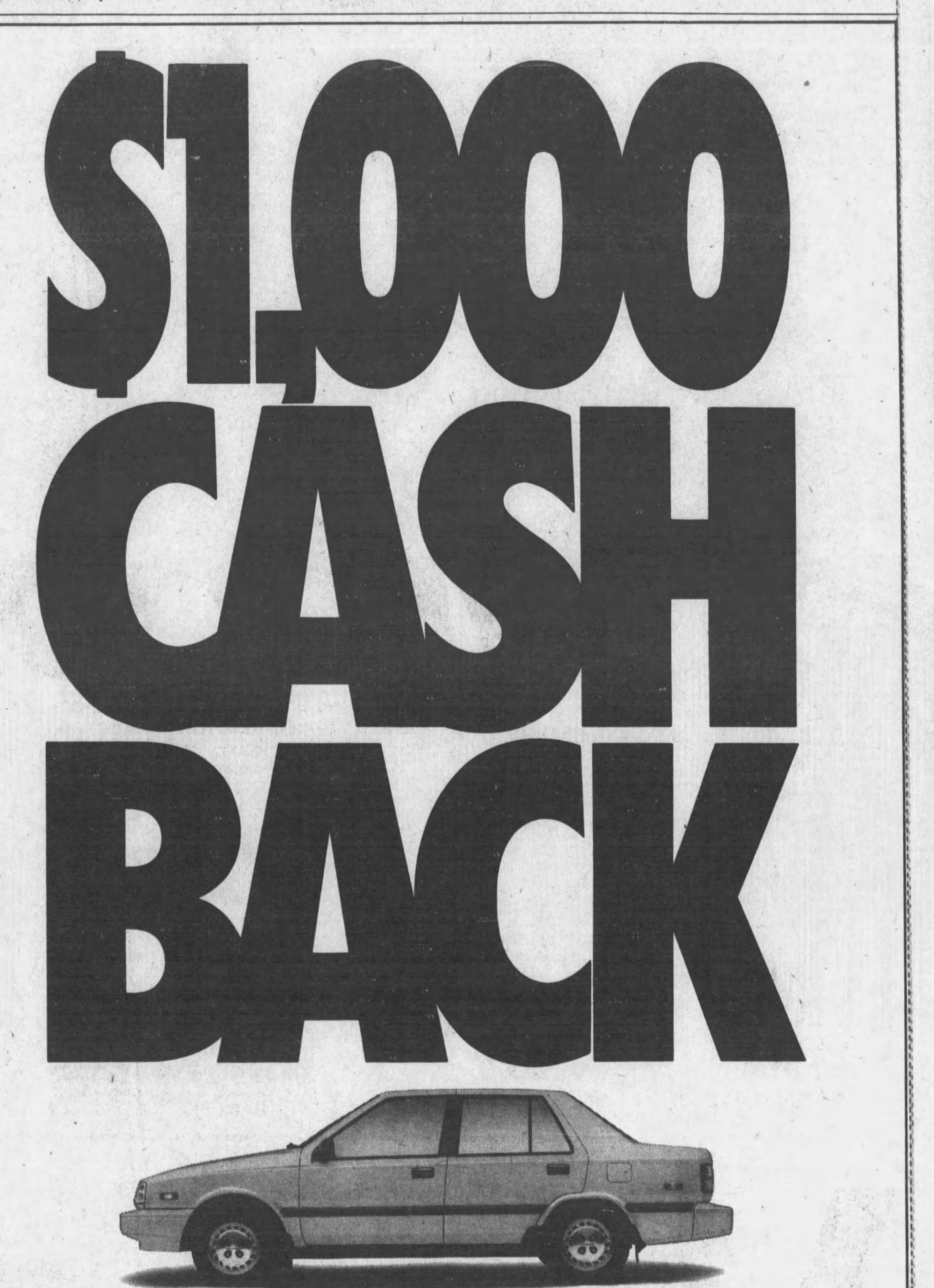
D.C. mayor's friend indicted in drug case

WASHINGTON-Charles Lewis, former Virgin Islands official and friend of District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry Jr.'s, was indicted Thursday on 10 felony counts stemming from Barry's visits to his hotel room last December. The grand jury indicted Lewis on three counts of cocaine possession and seven counts of giving false statements, reportedly when asked by the jury about visits Barry made to his hotel room. On Dec. 22 police were inexplicably called off on an attempt to make an undercover drug purchase from Lewis, 48, after Barry showed up at his hotel room.

World report

The spectre of Franzese, looking

cross-examaniation. Defense attor- enough to do that.



Afghan rebels block Soviet food convoys

From Chicago Tribune wires

KABUL, Afghanistan-The government said Thursday that Moslem guerrillas cut the major supply route from the Soviet Union and are preventing food convoys from moving on the key eastern road from Pakistan. Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani said the anticommunist fighters have blocked the Salang Highway at two towns north of the capital, Olang and Jabalassanaa, cutting off Kabul's only land link with the Soviet border. Security forces have launched an extensive mopping-up operation and hope to reopen the highway Friday, he said. Diplomats in Kabul said the blockade has nearly 140,000 tons of food piled up at the Soviet border.

Nurse may have 200 victims, paper says

VIENNA-An Austrian newspaper reported Thursday that one of the four assistant nurses who confessed to killing patients at a Vienna hospital may have slain up to 200 over the last six years. Police refused to comment on the report, which was unattributed, and declined to give any new details of the grisly crime. The Neue Arbeiterzeitung, the daily paper of the Socialist Party, reported that Irene Leidorf, one of the four assistant nurses, accused her colleague, Waltraud Wagner, of killing up to 200 people. Senior police investigator Max Edelbacher has said the number of victims at the hospital could be higher than the 49 killings admitted by Wagner, Leidorf and two of their colleagues.

Syria apologizes to Soviets for attack

MOSCOW-Syria apologized Thursday for a rocket attack on two Soviet naval vessels in the Mediterranean that injured at least seven sailors, one critically. "Two helicopters with Syrian markings attacked two Soviet auxiliary vessels with rockets, namely a sea tugboat and a divers' boat," Soviet spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said. Tuesday's attack was a result of "erroneous actions of one of the Syrian helicopters," Gerasimov said. "The Syrian side expressed regret at the accident and offered its official apology." The Soviet media played down the incident with Syria, its staunchest ally in the Middle East. Moscow provides Syria with much of its military equipment.

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Our Sox opener nearly wasn't, for St. Pete's sake

Go, White Sox?

They almost did, which is why Friday's agenda at Comiskey Park will contain all the trappings of a certified marvel, even if the local lads don't beat Oakland's American League champion Athletics.

What matters only is that the White Sox's 1989 home opener will be staged in their home since 1900, Chicago. It all sounds so fitting and proper, except that this revered ritual of spring came this close to being destroyed last summer, a summer when Chicago showed that it could be a city of broad shoulders, but narrow minds, too.

The New York Yankees were at Comiskey Park on Thursday evening,



June 30, but the real game in town was down in Springfield, where state legislators were voting on a bill to provide the ballclub funds for a new stadium. There was no way the thing would pass, and the vibes around 35th and Shields that night

reflected the gravity of the situation.

"We were all looking right through what was happening on the field," recalled Paul Jensen, the team's excellent public relations chief at the time. "After it was over, we went down to the offices to listen to the vote from the capital on the radio. We had two press releases ready to put out. One was a brief statement of elation about the outcome and our commitment to stay in Chicago. Then there was the other one. Incredible."

Indeed, incredibly, "the other one" was never used. Gov. James Thompson, exercising his estimable political clout, found a way, and the White Sox didn't have to issue a somewhat vague though definitely

ominous message about perhaps exploring other alternatives. But the White Sox already had done all the necessary spadework, performed all the preliminary studies and agreed on all the contingen-

Alas, what will occur at Comiskey Park Friday was destined to happen in St. Petersburg's Suncoast Dome, with Florida Gov. Bob Martinez probably doing the first-ball honors and all that. The league even had a dummy schedule drawn up for the St. Petersburg White Sox, or Florida White Sox, or whatever those 50,000 Tshirts said. Yes, they were printed, too. Chicago came that close to this shameful See Verdi, pg. 3



Their mission: impossible? Ron Karkovice (left) and Matt Merullo will have the task of replacing Sox catcher Carlton Fisk for at least eight weeks. Story, Page 3.

Colleges voice hope on agents

By Ed Sherman

The guilty verdicts in the trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom will most likely help deter others from following in their footsteps, but administrators said Thursday they believe it's hardly an end to the agent problem facing intercollegiate athletics.

The college community hailed the jury's decision, which found Walters and Bloom guilty of defrauding four universities by using cash to sign athletes before the end of their eligibility, which is a violation of NCAA rules. However, the administrators wondered if this case would be the last time they'd see an agent brought to trial.

"The key term is unscrupulous," said Rev. E. William Beauchamp, who over-

Norby Walters is a master among slick pitchmen. Page 2.

sees the athletic program as the executive vice president at Notre Dame. "What makes unscrupulous people suddenly become scrupulous? Will it be fear? I don't know. This case can't hurt. Whether it solves all our problems, I doubt it." Notre Dame was one of the universities touched by the scandal. The jury found Bloom and Walters guilty in their dealings with Irish receiver Alvin Miller, Michigan running back Robert Perryman, Purdue defensive back Rod Woodson and Temple running back Paul Palmer. The agents signed those players before their eligibility expired. The losers were Iowa and Michigan State, as Bloom and Walters were acquited on charges against both schools. The jury apparently was swayed by testimony that showed Hawkeye running back Ronnie Harmon and defensive back Devon Mitchell remained eligible without making progress toward a degree. In Michigan State's case, receiver Mark Ingram testified that he violated university rules, but was not dropped from the team. "The publicity has hurt athletics here at the University of Iowa," said Associate Athletic Director Fred Mims, who testified in the trial. "We take great pride in the athletic department's image and that has been tarnished. We will work hard to get it back." "I haven't seen the ruling, nor do I know specifically what they said," said Michigan State President John DiBiaggio. "It's hard to interpret what it really means. I suppose they probably dealt with those that were much more clear and obvious. They may have avoided our particular circumstance." DiBiaggio, nevertheless, was pleased with the guilty verdicts. He called for university presidents to unite against the problem.



Hawks roar past Detroit Presley's hat trick powers 1st playoff series win since '85

By Mike Kiley

The Mike Keenan playoff legend lives.

And, by the way, a guy named Presley lives, too. He even wears a 1950s-style crewcut, although this hip player strums a hockey stick rather than a guitar.

"They seem to be a team on a mission," Detroit coach Jacques Demers said in his summation.

The Blackhawks were certainly the Bruise Brothers in capturing this first-round Stanley Cup series against Detroit, clinching in Game 6 with a physical 7-1 victory Thursday night at the Stadium.

But the mission is only starting. Next stop is St. Louis Tuesday night, where the Hawks and Blues open a best-of-seven series for the Norris Division crown.

Even the Red Wings salute the Hawks' new attitude. Page 7.

cess, and in his first year with the Hawks he has done nothing to. smear his image.

"We believe in ourselves more than we have in some time," explained Steve Larmer, who scored the Hawks' first two goals Thursday. "In the past, the thinking was, stay close and see what happens. Now, we go into games thinking we can win them."

Still, doubts remained with the Hawk lead in the Detroit series at 3-2. That's because the last time the Hawks even won a playoff round was 1985. They advanced that year to the Campbell Conference finals before being beaten by Edmonton.

"There's more enthusiasm on this team than it's had in years," said defenseman Bob Murray. "I saw it when I came back from the minors in January.

"I'm embarrassed when things happen in intercollegiate athletics, no matter See Agents, pg. 2

Happy Blackhawks rush to congratulate goalie Alain Chervrier seconds after the horn signals

Tribune photo by Ed Wagner the end of their 7-1 series-clinching victory over the Detroit Red Wings Thursday night.

The Red Wings finished first in the division in the regular season, followed by the Blues. The Hawks, lest we forget and start overpraising them, barely grabbed fourth and a playoff spot on the last day of the season by beating Toronto.

"No one expected us to win this series," Hawks winger Steve Thomas said. "But we have a coach that commands a lot of attention. He's brought us where we are."

In two of the last four years, which were his first four in the National Hockey League, Keenan has been to the Stanley Cup finals as the Philadelphia Flyers' coach. His reputation is built on playoff suc-

Paxson open in the corner, and

he hit a 20-footer to give them

The Pacers brought the ball in

at midcourt and fed LaSalle

Thompson. He was fouled by

Jordan on a scoring drive and

made it a three-point play when

he hit his free throw to put Indi-

The Bulls then had :04 left.

Their plan was to drive to the

basket, and if the defense closed

in, they were going to Hodges or

By Fred Mitchell

After all, what are friends for?

Now the Detroit Lions' GM,

23-24 National Football League

college draft. That pick could be

used to obtain Oklahoma State

Heisman Trophy winner Barry

Sanders or Florida State All-

America cornerback Deion Sand-

ers (no relation). But the Bears

remain content for now to retain

their 11th and 12th picks in the

Mike Ditka.

ana up 107-105.

another lead at 105-104.

"Enthusiasm and hard work makes up for talent. We have a lot of raw young talent on this team, but until that matures we're getting by on hard work and enthusiasm."

Wayne Presley's three goals blew a lot of tops among the the 17,289 fans, who were already in full roar when Presley nailed down the hat trick with just under 9 minutes left in the game. Three second-period goals had put the Hawks in control

See Hawks, pg. 7

Bulls let one slip away despite Jordan's 47

By Peter Kendall Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS-The sprained, strained and battered Bulls struggled out of their adhesive tape Thursday night, only to find themselves all wrapped up by the Indiana Pacers.

Down by two with 4 seconds left, the Bulls' final play collapsed when an inbounds pass was intercepted, and they fell 109-105 for their fourth straight defeat.

Michael Jordan scored 47 points and logged his 13th tripledouble of the season (third in a

row) by adding 11 rebounds and 13 assists.

The Bulls continued Thursday to be hobbled by injuries and absences. And they were lagging and dragging through the first half after having three days off.

"We were just not playing on all cylinders, you can tell," said coach Doug Collins. "Time off is always good, because you get guys healthy, but you're always a little flat when that happens."

The Bulls were missing guard Sam Vincent. His wife went into labor Thursday morning, and Vincent didn't make the trip

here.

That meant Jordan had to rely for backcourt company on John Paxson and Craig Hodges, who were in their first games back from sprained ankles. And Hodges had to be used sparingly, playing only 6 minutes.

But the Bulls, led by Jordan's 17-point show in the third quarter, did manage to crawl out of a 16-point halftime deficit to get back in the game at the end. But they let defensive rebounds and the lead slip away in the closing minutes.

With :34 left and the Pacers up

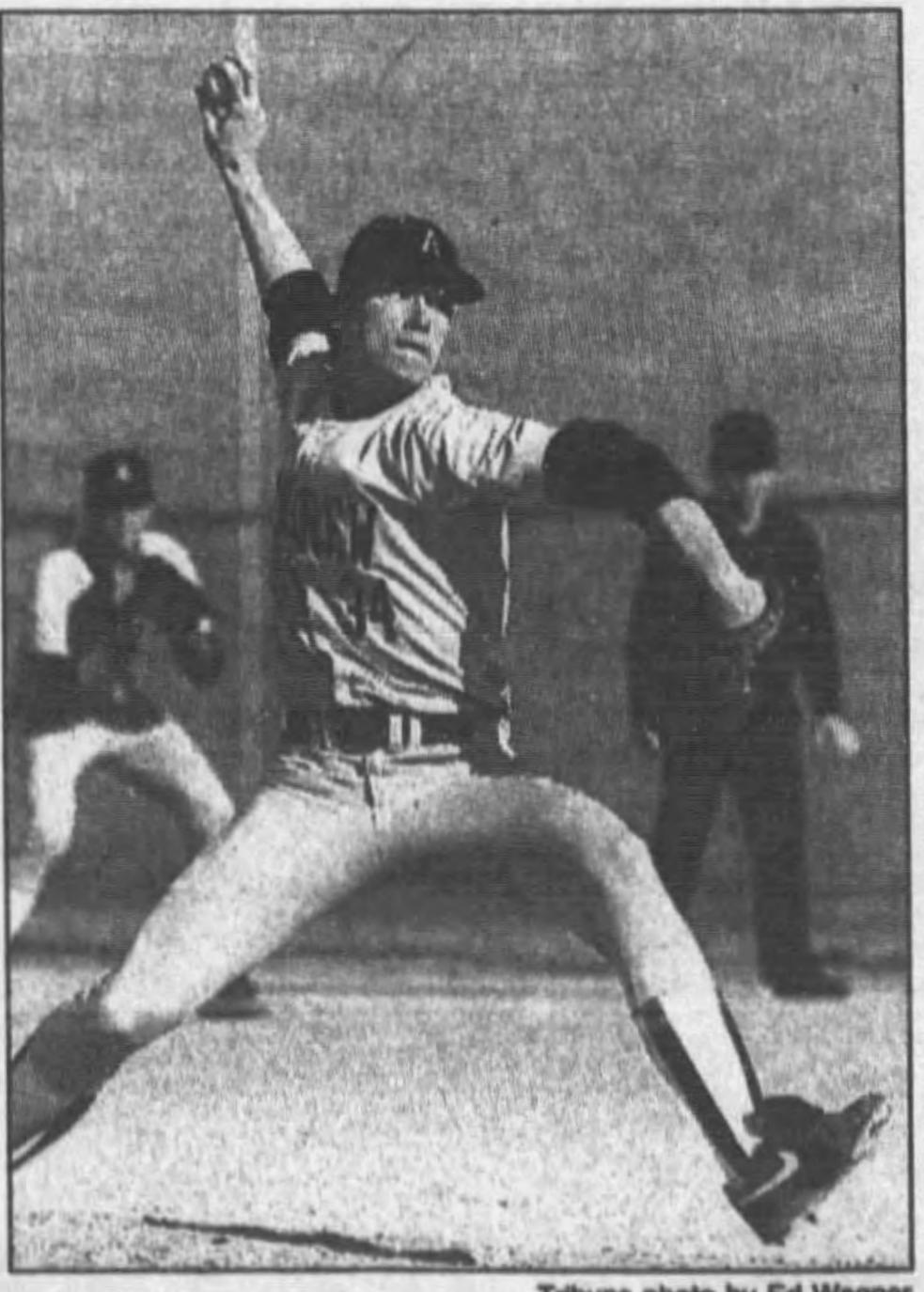
by one, the Bulls moved the ball range. through Indiana's press, found

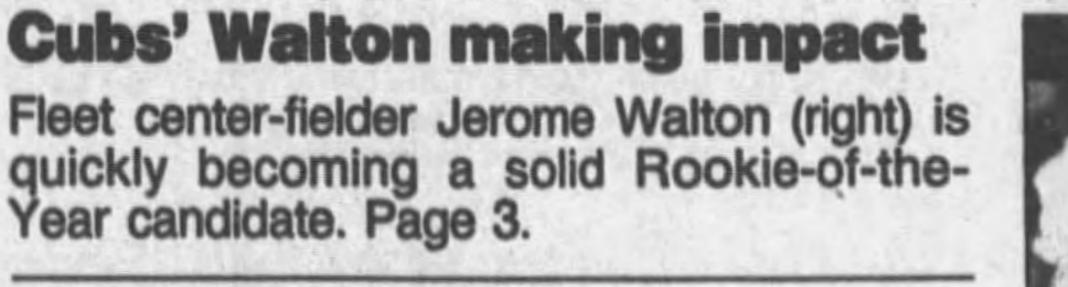
Running out of time, Scottie Pippen tried to pass the ball in from halfcourt, but it was tipped by Chuck Person, and the Pacers' Detlef Schrempf came up with the ball to snuff out the Bulls' last hope.

"We can't be tough when everybody is hurt," said Jordan. "You could see that in the first half. We came back and played a lot better in the second half."

Jordan twisted his left foot with 4:25 left but had it wrapped and returned to the game. "Just a See Bulls, pg. 6

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High school report

Jason Zimbauer (left) fires a five-hitter to lead Andrew to a 2-0 decision over Hillcrest. High school coverage, Page 9.

Power reaches AISA finals

The Power routs Milwaukee 20-4 and will next face Canton for the title. Page 4.

Dispersal has winning look

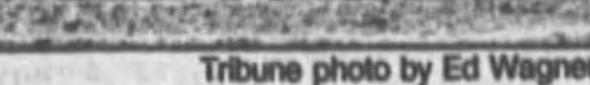
Trainer Bud Delp likes Dispersal's chances in the Blue Grass Stakes. Page 12.

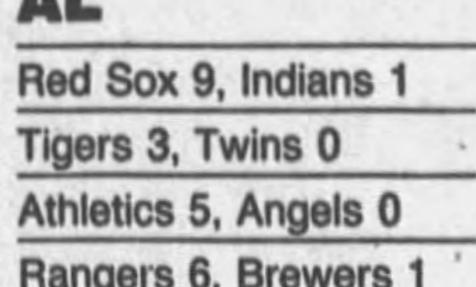
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"Tell Ditka he ought to get Deion Sanders for those two picks," Vainisi said of the draft

first round.

Bears aren't biting

on the Lions' bait

"I talked to [Bears personnel di-Former Bears General Manager rector] Bill Tobin in Indianapolis, Jerry Vainisi would like to do and at the time I told him we business with his good buddy would be willing to entertain moving back [in the draft] for their first two picks, and he rejected the offer. And I understand Vainisi has an offer on the table why they did. But he knows that for the Bears to trade up and reif they are interested what the ceive the No. 3 pick in the April price would be."

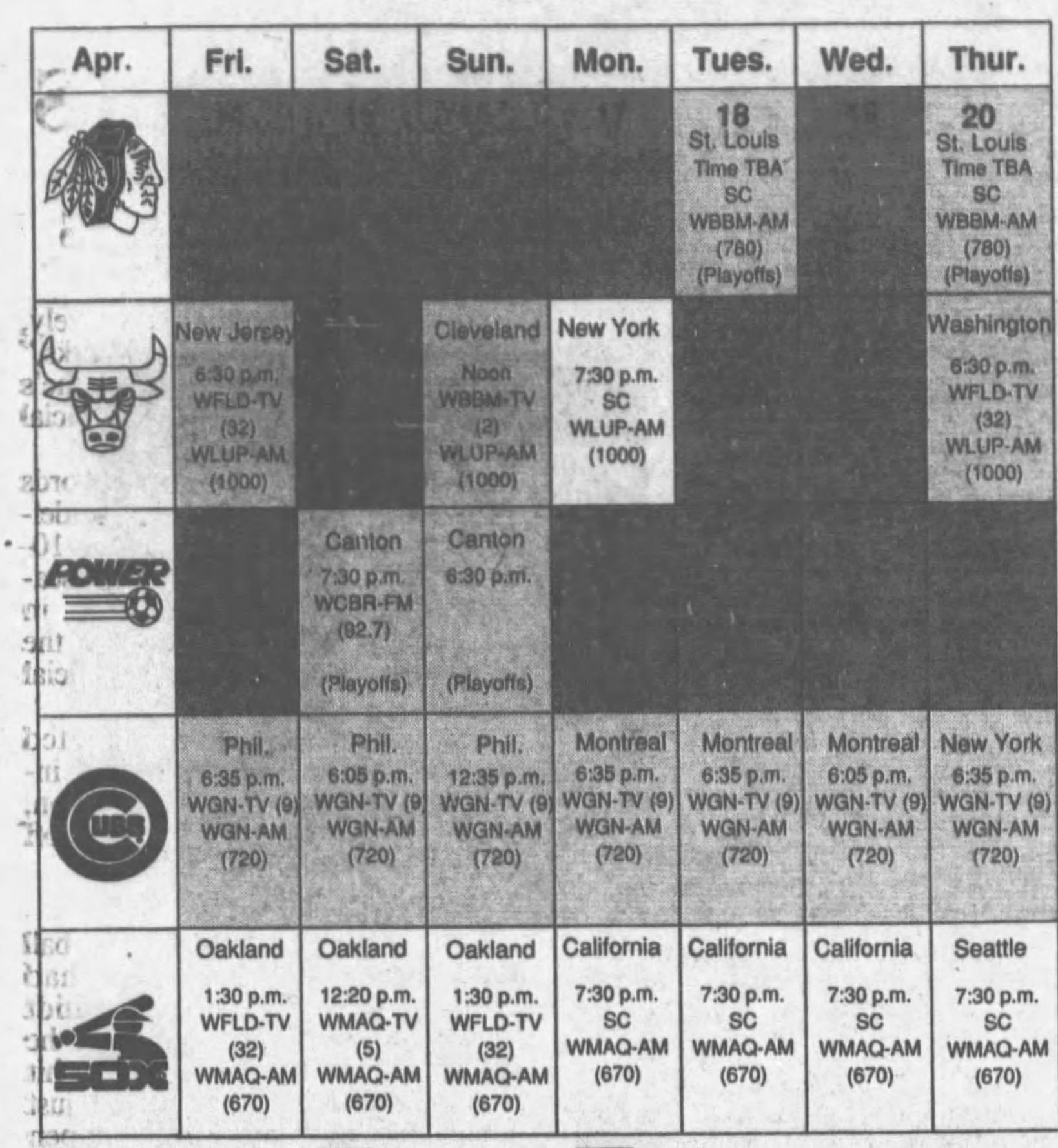
The Bears, who have three firstround picks, including the 25th, feel they can address more of their needs by standing pat.

"We've never talked about giving up that 11th and 12th pick to move up to a third or fourth. We will not do that," said Tobin. He added that saving money is not a concern.

"Anytime we've packaged See Bears, pg. 8

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CALENDAR



Walters a master among slick pitchmen

COLLEGES

By John Gorman

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Watching Norby Walters work the federal courtroom during his trial gave onlookers a glimpse of how it must have been. How, with with a flash of cash and a rapid-fire delivery, Walters must have pitched young black athletes to sign up.

Throughout the four-week trial of Walters and former partner Lloyd Bloom, Walters would kid, cajole and kibbitz with the gathering of reporters from around the country.

The smiles, the gestures, the handshakes, the pats on the back, the elbow grabs must have been the same methods he used when he worked the crowd at his old Manhattan nightclub.

"He could talk with a Mafia captain. He could talk with a hooker off the street," his brother Walter recalled to Sports Illustrated about how Norby used to greet customers. "Best up-front man in the business, maybe in the United States."

Although Walters did not testify, Norby the salesman could be heard in a secretly taped conversation he had with Ronnie Harmon. The wa running back went with his father, Jesse, to speak with Walters after the agents had flown Har in from Iowa. "I'm the No. 1 salesman of black entertainment, of black entertainment, in the world today. Unquestionable, hands down," Walters can be heard in a staccato pitch. "Yeah," Harmon's father re-



Ex-lowa player Ronnie Harmon's testimony was a highlight in the trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloor

sponds in the second he had.

"Acknowledged by everybody in

agents signed them up before their eligibility expired.

"I didn't know from anything about any mail fraud. These kids didn't know anything from anything about mail fraud," Walters said one day during a court recess.

The law proved Walters' undoing, he lamented. He complained to a reporter that when he sued several of the athletes who reneged on their deals, he provided a virtual blueprint for the federal authorities.

What he and **Bloom** had done was help the athletes defraud the universities out of their scholarship money because they were in fact not eligible to play, despite signing statements that they were. And when the schools mailed those eligibility lists-bingo-mail fraud.

Walters and Bloom made an interesting odd couple. Bloom was only 24 when he teamed up with Walters, a successful booking agent who had represented pop singers Patti LaBelle and Luther Vandross.

to go to college to earn money if you wanted to be a doctor or a lawyer," Bloom said.

After he quit college, Bloom began working as a salesman for his father, who ran a credit and collection business. While living with his parents in Tarrytown, N.Y., he began working nights as a doorman at the glitzy Studio 54.

It was at Studio 54 where E became starstruck. While doing some promotions for the nightclub, Bloom met sports agent David Fishoff.

"He was pretty unassuming," recalled. "I thought what he had to say was pretty interesting. I figured it he could be successful, so could I. I always wanted to do something in entertainment."

Several years passed between meetings with Walters, Bloom said, then one day he called Walters to try to get tickets for his brother for a Michael Jackson concert.

The two began talking about representing athletes, and agreed that

Home game

Off day

SC-SportsChannel

Other local events

Thoroughbred racing at Sportsman's Park, 1 p.m. Harness racing at Maywood Park, 8:30 p.m.

Away game

Friday's sports on television

Baseball

Atlanta Braves at San Francisco Giants, 9:30 p.m. TBS. "Pennant Chase," 7 p.m. (tape). SportsChannel.

Basketball

Detroit Pistons at New York Knicks, 7 p.m. TBS.

CBA Playoffs: Tulsa Fastbreakers at Rockford Lightning, 11 p.m. (same day tape). ESPN.

Boxing

Vinny Pazienza vs. Jake Corolla, lightweights (10 rounds) at Atlantic City, 8 p.m. SportsChannel.

Senior PGA Tour: The Tradition at Desert Mountain from Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:30 p.m. ESPN.

Horse racing

"Chicago Racing Report," with Gerry Gallitano and Phil Georgeff, 6 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Saturday (tape). SportsChannel.

"Chicago Harness Racing," with Mike Paradise and Eleanor Flavin, 5:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. Saturday (tape). SportsChannel.

Tennis

Bausch and Lomb Women's Championships at Amelia Island, Fla., noon. ESPN.

Track

National Scholastic Indoor Track & Field Championships at Annapolis, Md., 7 p.m. (tape). ESPN.

Wrestling

WCW Wrestling," 10:30 p.m. (tape). "NWF Wrestling," 11p.m. (tape). SportsChannel.

"NWA Pro Wrestling," 11 p.m. (tape). WGBO-TV (Channel 66).

"WWF Superstars of Wrestling," 12:30 a.m. Saturday. WFLD-TV (Channel 32).

the business. You ask anybody who's knowledgable-if there's anybody you know in the entertainment world. You say the name of Norby Walters, they'd say he's No. 1," Walters continued.

armon bit. He took \$2,500 from Walters and Bloom after he signed with them in March, 1985, one of the agents' first big catches.

Athlete after athlete testified Walters did most of the talking as the

Bloom recalled in a recent interview that he was 19 when he first met Walters backstage at a concert starring Gloria Gayner and the Village People. Walters was the booking agent for Gayner.

The handsome, squarely built Bloom said he played football his first semester at Springfield (Mass.) College, but dropped out of school after he hurt his knee.

"I decided that you only needed

Walters knew selling and Bloom knew football. So they formed World Sports & Entertainment Inc. in 1984.

The following spring, they signed Harmon. In August, 1988, they were indicted by a federal grand jury in Chicago.

On Thursday, the pair was convicted on numerous counts even though they were acquitted of defrauding Iowa.

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where," DiBiaggio said. "I'm proud in many instances where presidents stand up and be counted. I think it's a good message to everyone. Hopefully, it's a fairly good message that institutions won't stand for it anymore."

Top agent Leigh Steinberg also applauded the decision. He's one of six members of the NFL Players Association agent advisory group.

"It sends a clear warning and puts agents on notice that for the first time they will be held culpable for their actions in early signings," Steinberg said.

Beauchamp, a lawyer, said the verdict was "a landmark decision." "It was a significant finding by the court to say what they did was

illegal," Beauchamp said. "I'm

Miscellany

National Sprint Triathlon Championships, 3 p.m. (tape). U.S. Pro Ski Tour, (tape). "Scuba World," 5 p.m. (tape). "Tennis Magazine Show," 6:30 p.m.). "Chi-Town Stumpers," 7:30 p.m. (tape). "The Sports Writers On Tv," 8 p.m.). "Dodge Hockey Week," 9 p.m. (tape). "Sports Nightly," 10 p.m. (live). "SEC Weekly," midnight (tape). SportsChannel.

Friday's sports on radio

Horse racing

"The Thoroughbred report with Frank Brabec, 5:05 p.m. WAIT-AM (850). "Harness Racing Wrapup," with Tony Salvaro, 12:15 a.m. (WBBM-AM (780).

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Athletes Feats," with Bob Verdi, 8:10 a.m. and 5:10 p.m. WXRT-FM (93.1). Coppock On Sports," 7 p.m. WLUP-AM (1000).

For results call 976-8383

BRIEFS

Pro football: Atlanta Falcons running back Gerald Riggs has asked to be traded, according to the Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta **Constitution.** The Falcons reportedly are considering a deal that would send Riggs to Washington via San Diego. The papers said the Chargers have offered the Falcons their No. pick in the draft, the eighth pick overall, for Riggs. San Diego then would trade Riggs to Washington for either Mark Rypien or Stan Humphries, both reserve quarterbacks, plus a reserve offensive lineman and a second-round pick.

Seattle Seahawks General Manag-Tom Flores says the team isn't interested in trading linebacker Brian **Bosworth** or running back Curt Warner. Seattle also wants wide receiver Steve Largent to return. He has talked about retiring.

nis after the exhibition tour. "There will be no more tennis for me, tournaments or exhibitions," Borg said. "My future involvement will be strictly in coaching the youth."

Miscellany: Canadian sprinter Dave McKnight has testified that he and Desai Williams were introduced to steroids while enrolled at Clemson. "We used to joke about it. We used to laugh about how big and how strong we were getting," said McKnight, 30, the 10th Canadian track athlete to admit to using banned drugs. McKnight, testifying at a Canadian national inquiry, said a Canadian coach at Clemson, Peter Cross, provided the steroid tablets. McKnight said the program was the idea of conditioning coach Sam Colson. Colson and another Clemson coach, Sam Narewski, were fined, ordered to do community service and received suspended jailed sentences after pleading guilty in 1985 to seven counts of dispensing steroids to university athletes.

great believer in the American legal system. I think this is a step in the right direction."

The biggest step, though, will come at the collegiate level. Universities have to increase their education of athletes on the subject of agents, according to Purdue Associate Athletic Director Bob King. King testified in the trial.

"I'm not sure this will solve the problem of the poor kid who is getting money waved under his nose," King said. "I think maybe it's our fault. We have to do a better job of educating these athletes. We have to tell them to come to us if you want some answers. It's a three-way thing. You've got to get input from the family and the school! And then ultimately, it has to come from the athlete. It's hard to turn down money, but you have to have values.

Linda Young and Reid Hanley contributed to this story.

GOLF Heritage lead

From Chicago Tribune wires

Payne Stewart, who came to this tournament to prepare for another, shot a 6-under-par 65 Thursday for a share of the first-round lead in



The San Francisco 49ers have released defensive back Carlton Wilamson.

The list of candidates and any recommendations for restructuring the commissioner's office are due Friday to the six-member search committee. Owners mailed copies of their suggesstion to the committee co-chairmen, Lamar Hunt, the Kansas City Chiefs owner, and Wellington Mara, the president and coowner of the New York Giants.

Boxing: Heart disease killed fighter Sugar Ray Robinson, according to a spokesman for the Los Angeles County coroner's office. An exam showed Robinson died of arteriosclerotic cardiovascular dis-

Tennis: Steffi Graf, Martina Navratilova and Gabriela Sabatini scored straight-set victories to reach the quarterfinals of the Bausch & Lomb Championships in Amelia Island, Fla.

John McEnroe beat Bjorn Borg 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 in Manila. Borg, 32, announced he would retire from ten-

Pat Leahy, grandson of former Notre Dame football coach Frank Leahy, has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball for the Irish. Leahy, a 6-foot-6-inch right-hander, was 8-2 last year as a junior at Yakima (Wash.) Eisenhower High School. He also led his American Legion team to a third-place national finish last summer. ... Chris Havlicek, son of former Boston Celtic John Havlicek, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Virginia. Havlicek, a 6-5 guard from Dedham, Mass., averaged 27 points and 7.6 rebounds as a senior.

Regents Chancellor Thomas Garland has told the Tennessee system's 20 colleges and universities to end any country club memberships paid with school funds. Garland cited as the cause of his memo the negative publicity caused by athletic department officials at Tennessee and Memphis State belonging to allwhite country clubs.

the Heritage Classic in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Stewart was tied with Kenny Perry, who birdied three straight holes in one stretch and got a share of the top spot with a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole.

"I only played here twice and

Roundup

missed the cut both times," Stewart said. "The course was always in bad shape, and I just didn't need it. I hadn't played here in five years."

The reason for his return?

"They're going to play a tournament here for \$2.5 million in October [the season-ending Nabisco Championship], and I thought I'd better get a look at the course," he said.

Bob Eastwood and Rocco Mediate were tied for third at 67.

Masters champion Nick Faldo had a 68 and was tied with John Huston. Defending champion Greg Norman had a 77.

The Tradition-Gene Littler shot a 6-under 66 for a one-shot lead over Gary Player after the first round in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The Inside Story



By Linda Kay & Mike Conklin

Mistaken identity: Women Bowler of the Year Lisa Wagner set an earnings record on the pro tour in 1988. She made \$105,500, nearly twice what runner-up Jeanne Maiden took home. Despite her fortune and fame, Wagner sometimes feels like Rodney Dangerfield. Here Thursday to hype the Women's U.S. Open at the Stardust Bowl May 5-10 in Addison, Wagner joked that fans often send her flowers meant for bowler Leila Wagner. Leila, you see, is a former Miss Washington, a sometime model and bowling's equivalent to golfer Jan Stephenson.

Fountain of youth: Leon Spinks will be introduced Friday in Chicago as the latest employee of Ditka's, where Spinks will have the title "goodwill ambassador." Can a return to the ring be far behind for the former heavyweight champ? After all, restaurant manager Jimmy Rittenberg put Kevin Hickey to work last winter as a host, and the former White Sox pitcher capped his minor-league comeback by landing a spot in the Orioles' bullpen this season.

Suspended jockeys get back in the saddle

Jockeys E.T. Baird and Carlos Silva will return from five-day vacations without pay to ride in Saturday's \$75,000-added Thomas P. Scott Handicap for 4-year-old fillies at Sportsman's Park. Baird will be aboard Nickola Run and Silva will be up on Little Brianne in the 1 1/16mile race.

Baird was suspended for five days by the Sportsman's stewards for crossing the path of another horse "without being clear" during the running of the seventh race April 7. His mount, Escalation, was demoted from first to fifth.

In the third race on the same day, Silva received his five-day sentence "for jostling another horse," resulting in the demotion of his mount, On The Night Shift, from fourth to fifth.

However, Mark Guidry, the leading rider at both Sportsman's and Balmoral Park during the first month of their respective meetings, still hasn't returned from a five-day suspension he served during the last week of March. Guidry pulled a disappearing act the day before the suspension took effect without informing his wife or notifying the stewards.

After local police launched an investigation, Guidry called them to say he was "taking care of some business in Missouri" but gave no indication as to when he'd be returning to Chicago.

Neil Milbert





Deportunity knocks: The Sox survived the West Coast with a 5-4 record and now begin their longest homestand of the season with 10 games against Oakland, California and Seattle. It's a good

time for the Sox to pile up wins against some cut-rate competition. The Mariners and the Angels were picked, along with the Sox, to finish way, way back in the-American League West, and the A's aren't the same without McGwire and Canseco. And after this homestand, the Sox have six games on the road against Boston and New York, both of whom have stumbled badly in the early going.

E For What It's Worth Dept.: Right-handedhitting Ron Karkovice hit higher against right-handers (.183) than left-handers (.164) last season.

Fisk facts: Fisk obviously will be missed, but how much? Some statistics: Sox pitchers last year gave up 4.15 runs per nine innings with Fisk behind the plate as against 4.81 with Karkovice and 5.38 with Mark Salas, released last month.

The won-lost records aren't as depressing, although they're tricky because they ignore such factors as starting pitchers. The Sox were 31-37 with Fisk the starting catcher, 17-20 with Karkovice and 23-33 with Salas.

Leading man: Ozzie Guillen has reached base in eight of nine games. The Sox are 1-3 in games in which the leadoff-hitting shortstop didn't get on more than once.

Grapevining: We hear Bob Donewald, dismissed as Illinois State's basketball coach, is emerging as a leading candidate for the Western Michigan job.

Memories: His office in the La Salle Bank affords a fine view of Comiskey Park, though Ross



Baumgarten spends little time gazing out the window. But Friday he just might pause and remember an April 14 eight years ago, when he pitched the Sox to a win over the Milwaukee Brewers before the largest Opening Day crowd in club history. "It was a nice afternoon," understates Baumgarten, who calls it one of the high points of his six years in baseball. Baumgarten, who'll be 34 next month, is now an investment broker. He rarely visits the ballpark. "I'd like to go out and pitch nine innings and win a ballgame," he says, "but I can't. I choose to focus on what I'm doing now. I look forward and not back."

Three strikes: Football coach Hayden Fry, breaking his silence over the black eye Iowa athletics got in the Norby Walters-Lloyd Bloom trial, blamed the press for damaging the value of a degree from the university. During his tirade, Fry threatened to resignagain. By our count, this is at least the third time the coach has said he'd quit over a controversial issue since arriving at the school.

Some digs: The House of Representatives passed a bill recently transferring ownership of the Hot Wells spa in Baton Rouge to the Louisiana National Guard. The Guard plans to make \$750,000 worth of improvements to the spa and use it as a training center. It also plans to maintain many of the spa's amenities. We wonder: Does that include a masseuse?

Outcome's still a tossup

Borg will serve first before their exhibition A referee gets set to toss a coin to determatch in a Manila stadium Thursday. mine whether John McEnroe (left) or Bjorn

NEWSMAKERS

Skater Babilonia tells about her big fall

In a first-person story in People magazine, skating star Tai Babilonia talks about her slide into alcohol and drug abuse, which culminated in her suicide attempt last year.

Her slide began at the 1980 Olympics, when partner Randy Gardner fell and knocked them out of competition. She reached bottom during a three-year Ice Capades tour.

Last year, after she retired, she tried to kill herself with sleeping pills and alcohol. After seeing a therapist several times a week, she's skating with Gardner again. "I told him how important it is for me to find out who Tai is. Now we can talk; we're not skating robots anymore."



Babilonia

Solid sophomore: Dave Gallagher is bent on proving his .303 average last year was no rookie fluke. He singled in his first game, went 0-for-3 in his second and has hit in the last seven straight. His longest stretch without a hit this year has been four at-bats.

Date to watch: Jim Abbott, the California Angels' one-handed rookie pitcher, will pitch against the Sox on Tuesday night in Comiskey Park if the Angels stay with their early rotation.

Andrew Bagnato



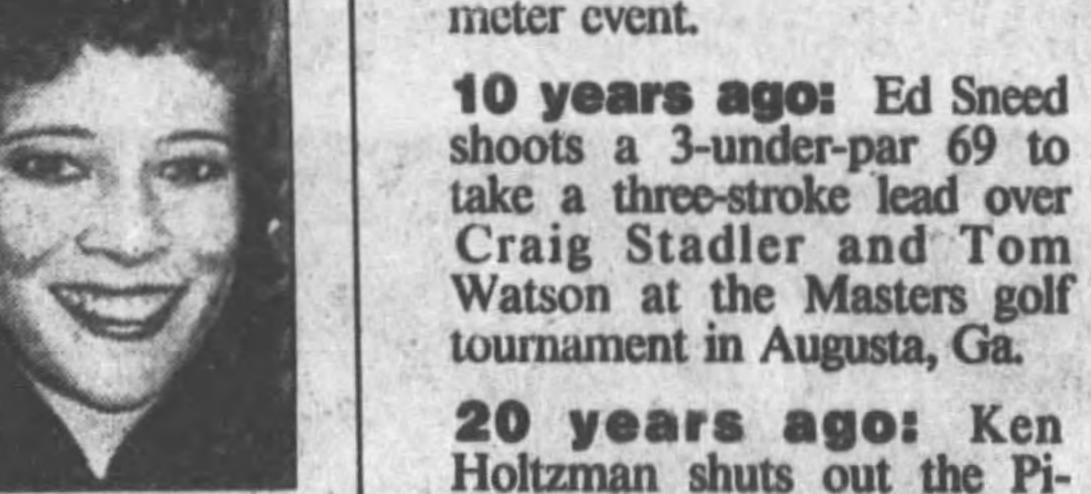
Changes of pace: Scott Sanderson (0-0) will be the starter Friday night in Philadelphia against left-hander Bruce Ruffin (0-1). It's the Cubs' first road game of the young season and only their second time facing a left-handed starter. Sander-

son, who already throws an assortment of pitches at an assortment of speeds, is trying to master a changeup. "I'm just learning it. Every time I throw on the side, I'm working on it, working on it, working on it."

Berryhill not ready: Catcher Damon Berryhill is with the club in Philadelphia but, as expected, won't come off the disabled list Friday when eligible. Team doctor Michael Schafer examined him on Thursday in Chicago and the situation remains fundamentally unchanged: Berryhill's arm hurts.

Play him in: After each of his two home runs, Jerome Walton has bunted, once for a hit. He says it's because both times the third baseman had taken a step back after he went long. Three of Walton's hits in thefirst eight games were bunt singles.

Nipper still waiting: The investigation by the Players Association of the Al Nipper case remains in limbo because Cub doctors haven't submitted their medical opinion to the Player Relations Committee, association lawyer Michael Weiner said. "I would think that within a few days, we should have some response from them," Weiner said. "That's what they told us." Nipper, released by the Cubs on March 28, says he injured his knee in spring training, so the Cubs owe him his salary. The Cubs say Nipper reported with the injury and that they owe him severance pay, a sixth of his salary of about \$375,000. The association is investigating whether to file a grievance on Nipper's behalf. I It's early, but ... "Right now," said manager. Don Zimmer, "I say to myself, 'If I get past the fifth inning I know what I want to do.' That's a pretty good feeling, whether it works or whether it doesn't. Last year, after the first 20 games, that was out the window. didn't know where to go or why to go." He was talking, of course, about his bullpen.



News, notes and nonsense: Them changes: The college all-star basketball game this weekend at West Aurora High School, featuring Fighting Illini star Kenny Battle at his alma mater, has been changed from Saturday to Sunday night to accommodate the players participating in an NBA tryout camp in Florida.

Cited for courage: Kenneth Jennings, the Simeon High School football player who suffered a paralyzing neck injury last fall, will be cited at Friday's White Sox home opener.

Fun in the sun: Applications are available at Chicago Park District fieldhouses for summer work as lifeguards.

Giving back: New Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has donated the land for a new YMCA to be built in Springfield, Mo. It'll be named the Pat Jones Family Y in honor of Jones' father, who owns a billboard business in that city.

Good idea: The Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine will host a seminar called "Spring Walk for Your Health" late Sunday morning. The fee for the clinicwalk will be cut in half if you donate a pair of used athletic shoes that will be given to the city's homeless.

Hall-of-Fame broadcaster Mel Allen and former Yankee Tommy Henrich mark the 50th anniversary of Lou Gehrig's retirement from baseball at a benefit dinner for the Les Turner ALS Foundation May 5 at the Hyatt Regency-Chicago. Gehrig had to leave baseball after contracting amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Turner, of Glenview, died of the disease more than a decade ago, and the foundation named in his honor has raised more than \$2.5 million since.

Head in the clouds: The 14th annual Great Wisconsin Dells Balloon Rally, featuring more than 90 of the nation's most skilled balloonists, is set for June 3-

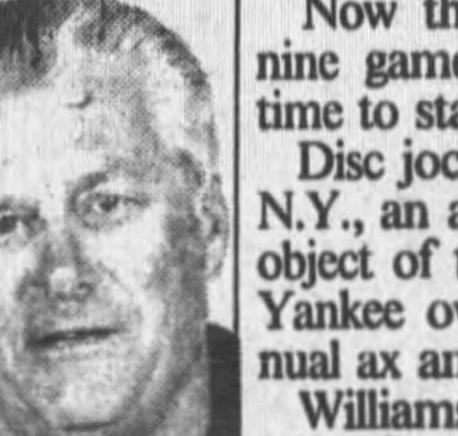
Umpire strikes out with Blue Jays' Whitt

Toronto catcher Ernie Whitt says umpire Joe Brinkman makes calls against the Blue Jays because he dislikes the team, according to Whitt's new book, "Catch."

"Brinkman hates our ballclub," Whitt wrote. "He's gone downhill as an umpire. And the scary part of it is he runs an umpiring school. I have nothing against him. I never called him a cheater. He's not. He's just not a good umpire."

Brinkman was the plate umpire Wednesday in the New York Yankees' 5-3 victory over the Blue Jays. He said he had discussed the situation with American League President Bobby Brown, "and other than that I have no comment. I really don't have anything to say about that," Brinkman said.

Guess when Dallas gets fired—and win



Green

Now that the New York Yankees have played nine games and lost seven of them, what better time to start a You're-Fired-Dallas-Green contest?

Disc jockey Dick Williams of WECQ in Geneva, N.Y., an avid Yankees fan, started the contest. The object of the game is simple: Guess the date when Yankee owner George Steinbrenner lowers his annual ax and fires Green.

Williams said if Green is gone before the New York-Penn League's Geneva Cubs open their season in June, the winner will get two free season tickets to Cubs games. If Green hangs on past Geneva's opener, the station will conduct a drawing to determine who gets the free tickets.

SPORTS FACTS

How teams have fared the season after a World Series victory in the nine years since the Yankees' back-to-back championships, the last major-league "repeat":

1980 Pirates: finished third in NL East.

1981 Phillies: won first half in strike season, lost championship series.

1982 Dodgers: won 88 games, but finished one behind Braves in NL West.

Wrigley Field to help lift the Cubs into first place in the National League East by a game over Pittsburgh.

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5 years ago: South Afri-

can-born Zola Budd competes

in her first race in England

since being awarded British

citizenship and wins a 3,000-

10 years ago: Ed Sneed

take a three-stroke lead over

20 years ago: Ken

rates 4-0 before 3,114 at

SPORTS OF SORTS The Boggs Diet: A clarification

At the Boston Red Sox's home opener Monday, a pair of enterprising-and unlicensed-T-shirt salesmen decided to make a buck off Wade Boggs, who has been embroiled in the Margo Adams controversy since last season.

The two salesmen were hawking shirts that referred to Boggs' claim that an all-chicken diet helped him on the field.

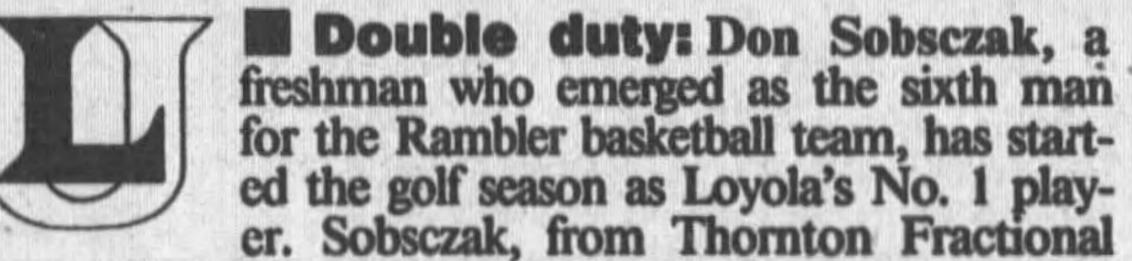
The shirt bore the message: ".356 lifetime avg. And you thought it was the chicken." They sold fast at \$5 apiece.

SPORTS FOLLIES It's Lasorda vs. all that linguine

If Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda wins his battle against linguine, the Salvation Army in Covington, Ky., will gain \$5,000 for a youth center.

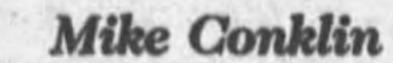
But Lasorda admits the linguine habit is hard to break. "Every time I've tried to lose weight, I look at that linguine and say, 'Who's stronger-you or me?'". Lasorda said. "And that little clam says, 'I am.' " Jeff Ruby, owner of a restaurant in Covington, has promised to donate \$5,000 if Lasorda meets his goal of 198 pounds before the July 11 All-Star Game.

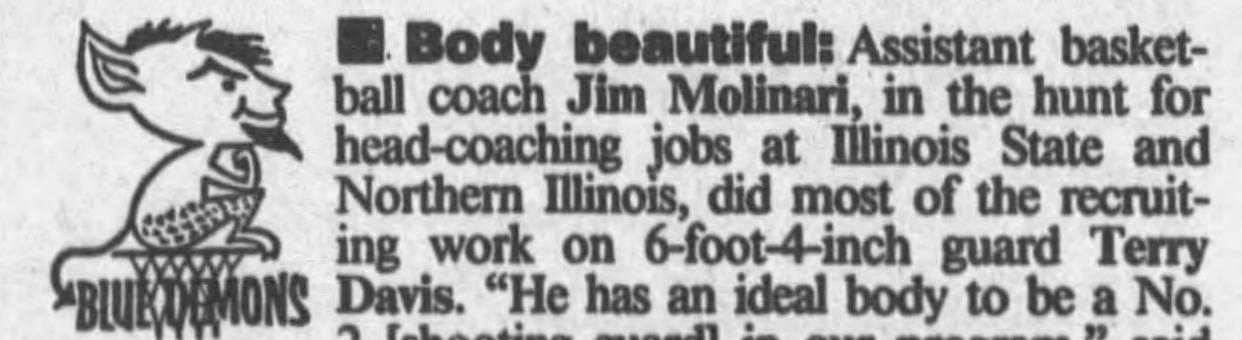
Alan Solomon



North High School, shot a 75 in his first outing to win team medalist honors and finish No. 2 overall in a recent four-team event. He had a 36 on the back nine at Springbrook Golf Course in Naperville.

Few openings: Coach Marty Hawkins, whose women's basketball team was overlooked for postseason competition despite a 21-8 record, has a signed letterof-intent coming in the mail from Liz Giometti. Hawkins had only two seniors on this year's team and just one, Missy DeNiel, was a starter on scholarship. Giometti is a 5-10 forward from Lake Forest High. Said Hawkins: "She'll fit in nicely with her range."





And finally: Did Wayne Messmer, nationalanthem singer par excellence for many Chicago events, have confidence the Blackhawks would be in a sixth game Thursday in the Stadium? Messmer was booked to sing Thursday at a Celtics-Hawks basketball game in Atlanta as part of a promotion for Blockbuster Videos. Fortunately, Blockbuster's Jeff Shearer and Mark Hayden are big hockey fans and let him out of the gig. The final irony, of course, is that hardly anyone can hear Messmer sing over the traditional Stadium din.

1983 Cardinals: finished four games under .500, fourth in the NL East.

1984 Orioles: fifth in the AL East.

1985 Tigers: third in the AL East.

1986 Royals: 86-96 record was worst by a title defender in "norepeat era."

1987 Mets: fell from 104 victories to 92 and finished third in NL East.

1988 Twins: improved victory total by six, but finished second to Athletics.

2 [shooting guard] in our program," said Molinari. ... Sophomore guard Brad Niemann's bad back will cause him to wear a brace similar to the one worn by forward Kevin Holland, who missed last season due to a back injury. Holland and Niemann are expected back on the squad next season.

Foot trouble: De Paul's softball players were scrambling around for footwear Thursday. On Friday, they carry their 20-8 record into the UNI-Dome in a tournament at Northern Iowa. Their metal spikes will be no good on the dome's artificial rug. **Bill Jauss**

