



## Thank goodness for the status quo

It is a reassuring rule of nature that people with muscles are the tools of people with pencils. This gives balance to the universe, for if it were not so, most of us would be footwipes for linebackers.

How discouraging would it be, for example, for Mickey Mantle to be in the Hall of Fame and be able to balance his checkbook?

One tries to imagine, with grateful effort, Mike Tyson with a brain. We shudder to anticipate a world in which Tyson not only could beat up any of us but could swindle us out of our pensions as well.

Nature has happily provided a division of labor, allowing the bullies to be used by the swindlers, leaving the rest of us to applaud or recoil as time permits. We call this big-time sport and build stadi-

ums for its continued prosperity. This is to be encouraged. It keeps the mayhem off the streets and solicitors from our

Occasionally, the natural way of things is confirmed in a court of law. And so it was that sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom were found guilty of manipulating young jocks, proving that order has not completely abandoned the modern world.

It was doubtless a dicey choice. The jury took considerable time deciding which was the more discourageable user, the agents who offered spendable advances against future earnings or the institutions of higher athletics that promised the secrets of intermediate bowling in lieu of actual cash.

There seems little difference between somebody named Norby and somebody with initials after his diploma, except that one may know how to crack knees and the other how to identify the pieces in Latin.

Both are using the health, energy and handeye coordination of someone else's children for their own ends, be it greed or tenure, power or publicity, a new suit or a new library.

Bear Bryant, the football coach, when challenged over the hugeness of intercollegiate athletics, reckoned it was kind of hard to rally around a math class. So it is, and that does not diminish the shame of the conclusion.

We need look no further than the National Football League to see the system evolved to perfection. Assorted heirs and limousined puppeteers bedevil thick-necked specimens regularly, beginning by choosing them with no one's permission but their own from academic plantations where they have, earlier, been indentured and identified as scholars.

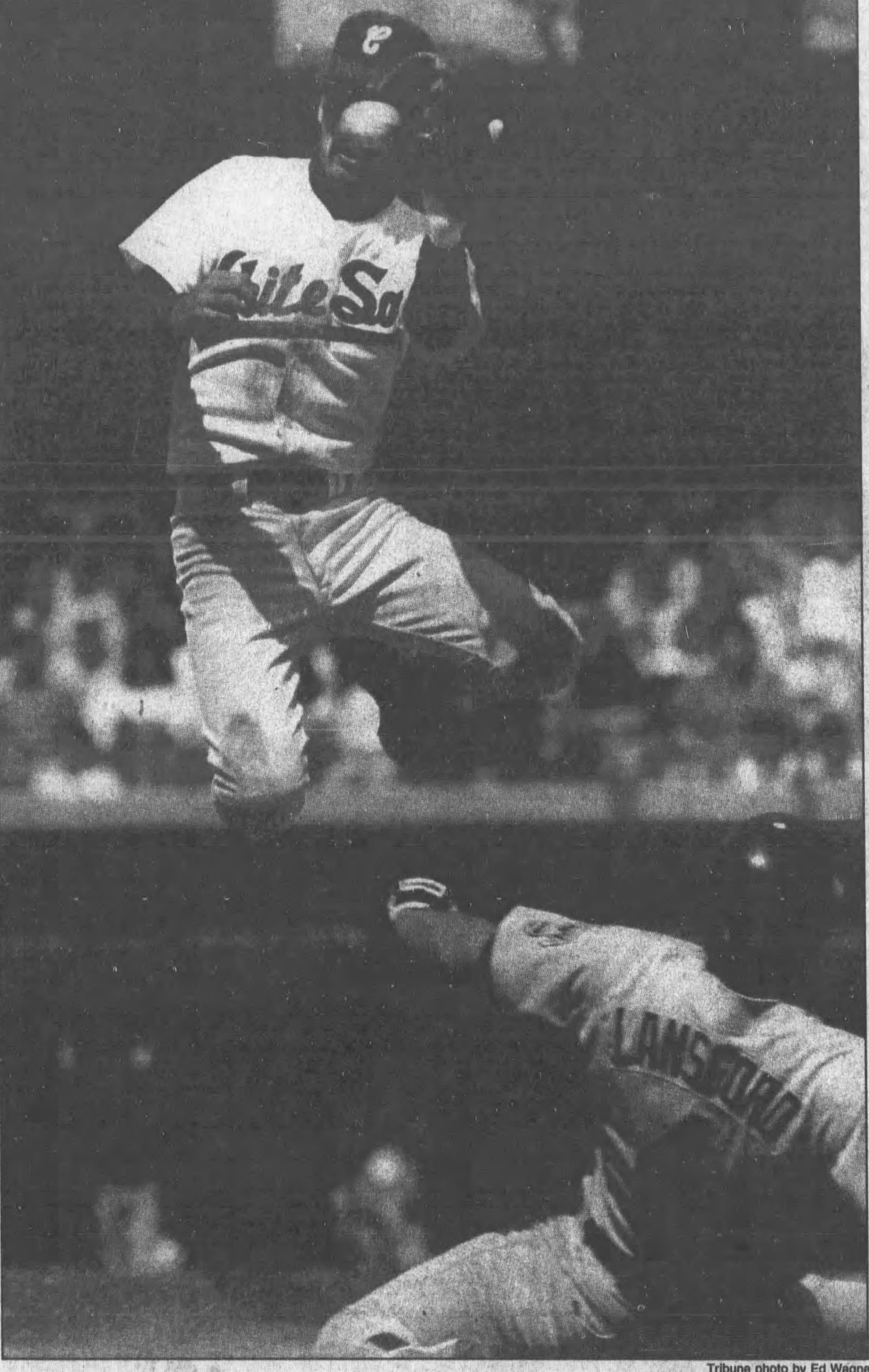
This is called the NFL draft, as if teams were choosing among happy volunteers instead of from scattered livestock or selections in a

vending machine. The draft is the linchpin to the NFL's system of human beings as property, no matter how well paid, medically tended and publicly admired. If it is agreed that ownership comes simply by pointing a finger, everything else is

Colleges, intrinsically humanist, do not want to disturb the system of moving along the herd because they might lose valuable properties early to the pro workplace.

One recalls the offended objections of the University of Miami to quarterback Bernie Kosar leaving with two years of eligibility re-See Lincicome, pg. 13

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Tribune photo by Ed Wagner

Sox shortstop Ozzie Guillen takes to the air to grab catcher Matt Merullo's throw as steal of second base Saturday.

Oakland's Carney Lansford completes

# Sox give A's own medicine

## Gallagher leads the way

By Bill Jauss

The two-part message sounded the same Saturday whether it came from White Sox center-fielder Dave Gallagher or pitcher Jerry Reuss or third baseman Eddie Williams.

It contained nothing startlingly new. Little League coaches preach the same message to their kids. But it wins in the big leagues, too.

Part No. 1: Battle back when things are going against you. Part No. 2: When they go against the other guy, jump in and take advan-

The Sox followed this formula Saturday in Comiskey Park and gained a 7-4 victory over the Oakland

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Athletics, who beat the Sox by the same score and by following the same formula in Friday's home opener.

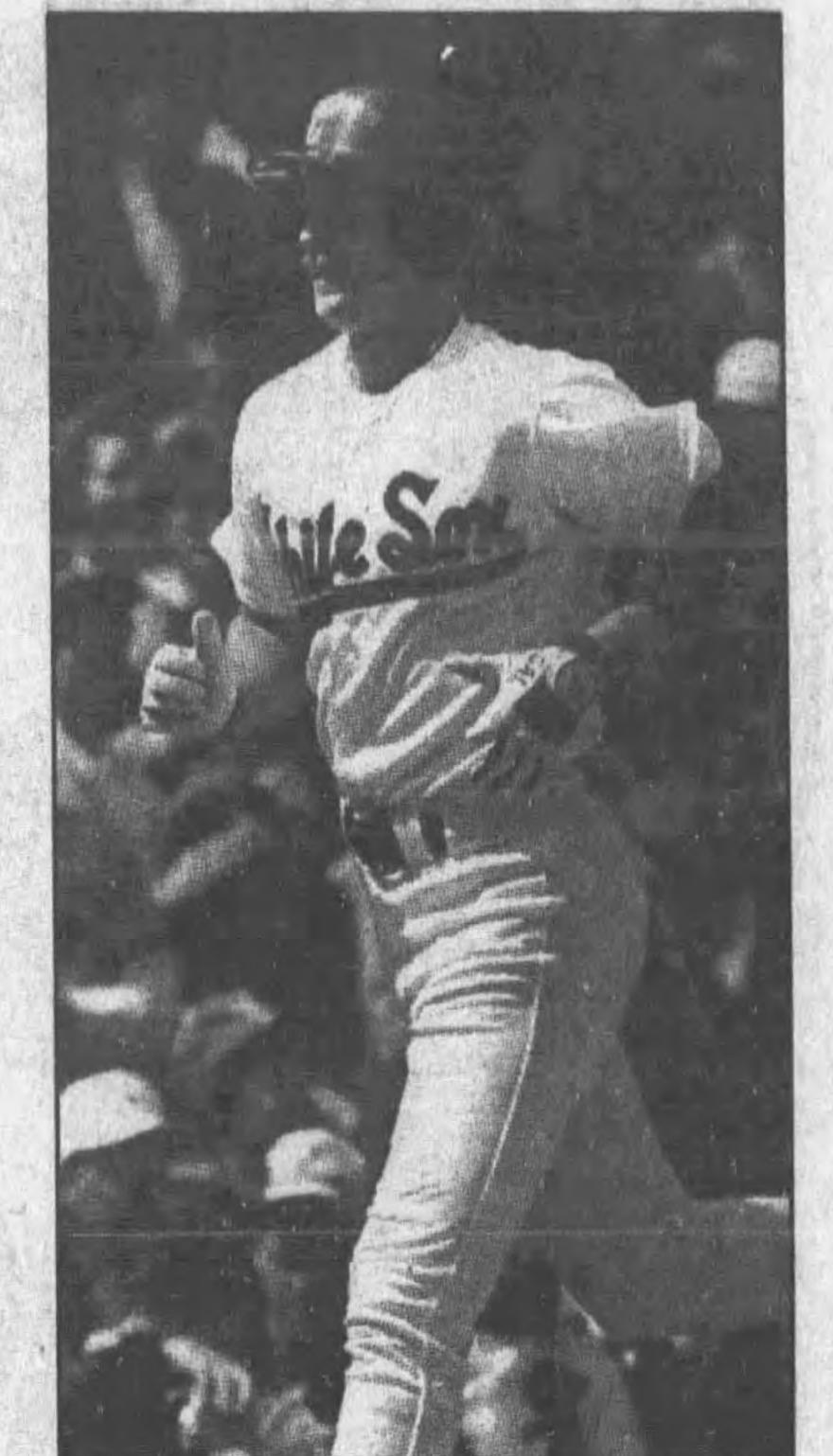
Reuss, the 39-year-old lefty, said he "kept battling," when he couldn't control his low pitches. So he registered the 213th victory of his bigleague career and his second in three decisions this season.

Williams, who made two errors in Friday's sixth inning to open the gates for four Oakland runs, placed three singles beyond reach of Oakland infielders, scored a run and had two RBIs.

"I've learned to accept failure like Friday's," Williams said. "I block it out and think of tomorrow.

"I've had worse days, only Friday was Opening Day. I've seen the best of them kick two or three in a row: Mike Schmidt, Buddy Bell, Gary Gaetti. That keeps me going."

Gallagher was the ringleader, offensively and defensively, of the victory that lifted the Sox record to 6-5. He



Tribune photo by Ed Wagner Dave Gallagher circles the bases after his three-run homer in the second inning Saturday.

slugged a three-run homer in the second inning, when the opportunistic Sox scored five unearned runs after A's shortstop Mike Gallego bobbled Steve Lyons' two-out grounder.

Then in the eighth, with two A's on base and the Sox nursing a 7-4 lead, Gallagher cruised into left-center and made a running catch of a deep screamer by Dave Parker off a pitch by reliever Bobby Thigpen.

"You've got to take an advantage of an opportunity like when Mike made that error," Gallagher said. "We did the same thing to them today that they did to us Friday."

"Dave Gallagher was outstanding," See Sox, pg. 6

# Western Playboy boosts his Derby stock

By Neil Milbert

Chicago Tribune

LEXINGTON, Ky.—"I ain't saying nothing against Easy Goer because he's a beautiful animal," Randy Romero told the postrace interrogators. "But don't believe in cinches. The Kentucky Derby should be an interesting race."

While the jockey's grammar left something to be desired, his horse, Western Playboy, put on a flawless performance Saturday

at cloud-covered Keeneland.

If the Illinois-bred colt runs the same way at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May, he could capture the first leg of the Triple Crown.

Ridden for the first time by Romero, the handsome chestnut made a powerful move from behind and weathered two jarring collisions in the stretch to win the 65th running of the Blue Grass Stakes.

Previously undefeated Disper-

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sal, the colt responsible for the contact, gave way grudgingly after holding the lead until late

in the 1 1/8-mile race.

Dispersal was second, a halflength behind Western Playboy and nine lengths in front of third-place Tricky Creek, who stalked the pacesetter until they entered the stretch.

The crowd of 26,330 had the horses pegged. Western Playboy was the even-money favorite and paid \$4, \$2.60 and \$2.80. Dispersal, winner of his three previous starts, in Louisiana, was the 19-to-10 second choice, and then came the entry of Tricky Creek and fourth-place Feather

Ridge at odds of 3.20 to 1. A half-dozen 3-year-olds carrying 126 pounds ran in the Grade I \$286,000 race on a track labeled "good" following

showers Friday night and Saturday morning.

In five starts on off-tracks, Western Playboy has won three times and finished second twice. Come rain or come shine on Kentucky Derby day, he seems to be a horse to be reckoned

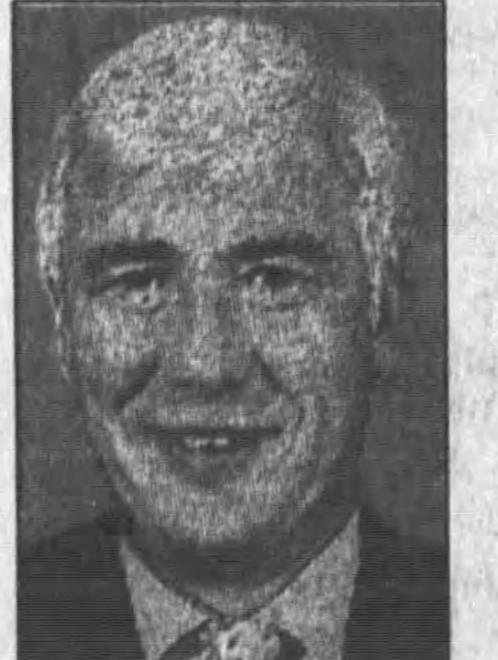
"I know he can go a mile and a quarter [the Derby distance]," said Romero. "I think that's

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## Power loses Game 1 of finals The Canton Invaders beat the Power 16-8 Not to Lions

in Game 1 of the best-of-five American Indoor Soccer Association finals. Page 19.



### **Pulford** made right moves

The deals General Manager Bob Pulford (left) made for goalie Alain Chevrier and center Adam Creighton have paid off handsomely for the suddenly rampaging Blackhawks.

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### Detroit brass is certain he'll make it big in pros By Fred Mitchell

Last season he rushed for 2,628 yards and scored 39 touchdowns, and just last week he ran the 40yard dash in 4.39 seconds. For good measure, he demonstrated his agility to coaches and scouts with an impressive vertical leap of 411/2 inches. Still, there exists a lingering doubt as to whether 5-

foot-8-inch, 190-pound Barry Sanders will be an impact player in the National Football League. The question, in some quarters, is whether last



### **Draft 1989**

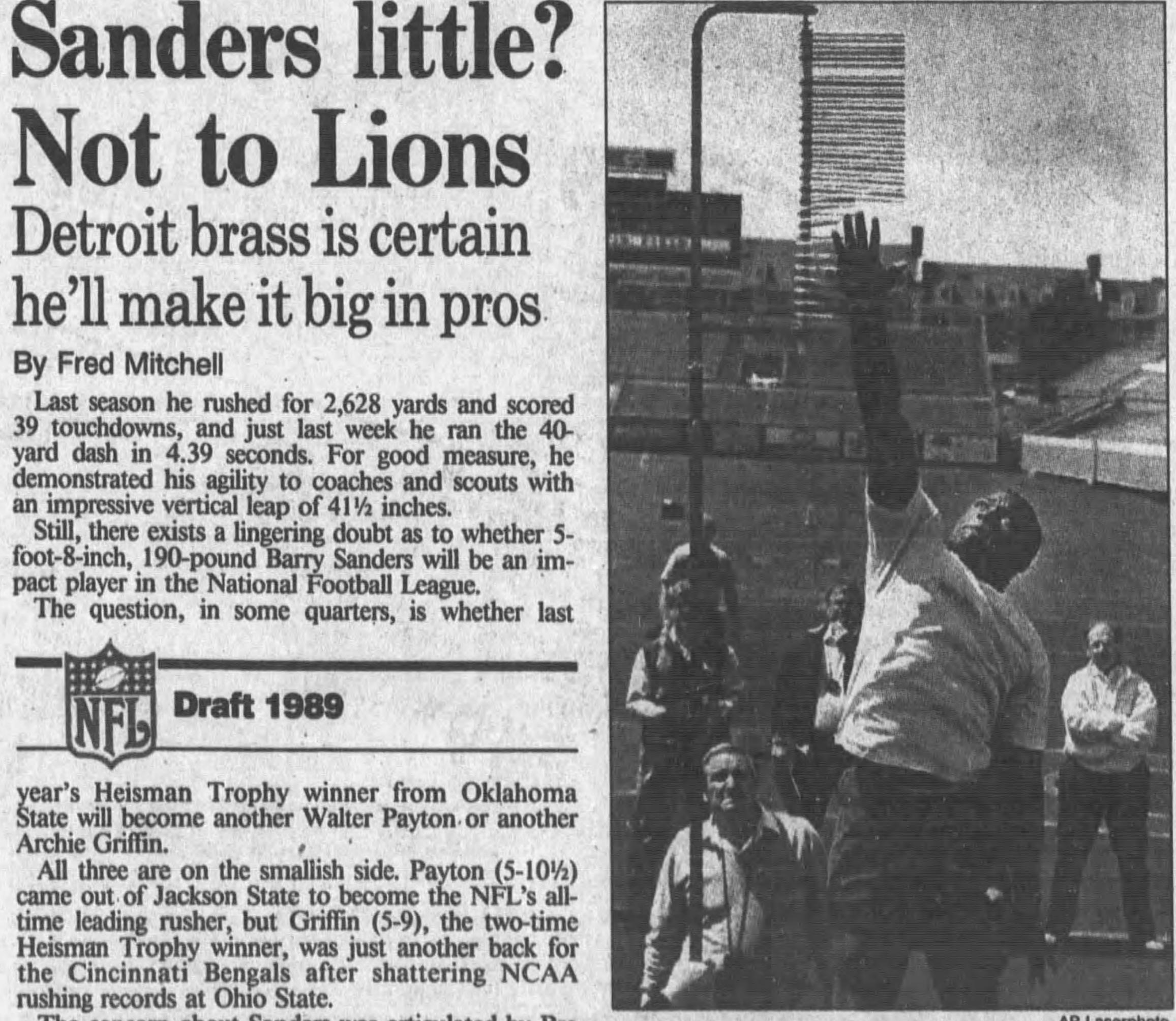
year's Heisman Trophy winner from Oklahoma State will become another Walter Payton or another Archie Griffin.

All three are on the smallish side. Payton (5-101/2) came out of Jackson State to become the NFL's alltime leading rusher, but Griffin (5-9), the two-time Heisman Trophy winner, was just another back for the Cincinnati Bengals after shattering NCAA rushing records at Ohio State.

The concern about Sanders was articulated by Pro Football Weekly contributing editor Joel Buschbaum:

"He has superior running instincts, body balance and determination and, at times, resembles a scaleddown Walter Payton. He's not a flashy runner, but he is surprisingly strong for his size and extremely productive. He also can catch the ball and return

"Nevertheless, he isn't very big, he has been productive for only one season, and he was not put under the microscope by NFL ascouts the way a



Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders shows off his 411/2-inch vertical leap to pro scouts.

senior would be. Those three factors might cause a

few clubs to pause before drafting him." Sanders, a junior who was declared eligible for next Sunday's NFL draft essentially because his college team was placed on probation, could be made the third pick of the draft, by the Detroit Lions.

"He's an outstanding young man. I just spent a See Sanders, pg. 10

## Big 10 won't stand alone on frosh ban

By Bill Jauss

Bo Schembechler, Michigan's football coach and athletic director, predicted last week that the Big 10 will "commit suicide" if it decides unilaterally to make its freshmen ineligible for varsity sports, as suggested recently by one of the league's university pre-

Jud Heathcote, Michigan State's basketball coach, said, "We'd be cutting our throat if we did this

Yet, Heathcote personally favors making freshmen ineligible. And both he and Schembechler would approve of losing their freshmen for one year if the rest of the nation's major colleges also agreed that incoming freshmen should spend their first year getting academically and socially acclimated to college life.

Stressing scholarship over athletics by keeping freshmen off varsity teams is to the superpowers in college sports what nuclear disarmament is to the superpowers among nations: Everyone's for it, but nobody's willing to take the first step.

"It may be the right thing to do this on a national basis," Schembechler said.

"I hope the Big 10 can be a catalyst in getting this passed nationally," said Heathcote.

One thing seems certain: The Big 10 and its new commissioner, James Delany, have replaced University of Iowa President Hunter

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Rawlings III out on the limb where the rest of college sports is now eyeballing them.

The decision facing the Big 10 is this: Will the 94-year-old league take the lead and declare its freshmen ineligible for varsity teams? Or will the league, whose presidents favor taking away freshmen eligibility, wait for someone else to take the first step and then fall into line?

Rawlings crawled out on this limb alone and faced a storm of angry protest after suggesting two weeks ago that if the Big 10 didn't make freshmen ineligible within three years, lowa would take that step itself and wouldn't even permit its freshmen to practice their

"That idea is a joke. It will never happen," said Purdue basketball coach Gene Keady. "The alumni will never let it happen. You can graduate your players if you recruit good kids."

Keady was right on at least one point: Iowa alumni reacted as if Rawlings had made a proposal to outlaw winning.

There are no big-league sports teams in Iowa. So, college sport is See Big 10, ag. 12