The Inside Story

Odds & INS

By Linda Kay & Mike Conklin

■ **Spilling the beans:** Michael Jordan apparently knew **Jim McMahon** was on the trading block even before the punky QB. We hear that Jordan played golf Saturday with **Mike Ditka**, who told him McMahon was about to be shipped out. Saturday night, when Jordan picked up a carry-out order at Stefani's in Northbrook, he ran into **Steve Zucker** at the restaurant and reportedly tipped the agent off.

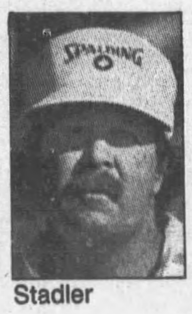
■ **QB pipeline:** The Bears may have had an eye on seventh-round draft choice **Brent Snyder** for quite some time. Snyder, from Joliet West, spent a year at Northern Illinois before transferring and eventually landing at Utah State. He didn't play at Northern, but his roommate at the school was **Jon Stanfel**. Stanfel is the son of Bears offensive line coach **Dick Stanfel**.

■ **Sky's the limit:** Blackhawk owner **Bill Wirtz** warmed up for Monday's playoff game at a fundraiser for the newly formed **Virginia Wadsworth Wirtz** Wheelchair Sports Program, named for his late mother. The reception was scheduled long before the Hawks sneaked into the playoffs and stormed through the first round. "It's funny how it works out," Wirtz noted. "I can think of at least six teams we've had that I thought would win the Stanley Cup and didn't. Now, who knows?"

■ **Eye-opener:** Some fans have complained that the skyboxes in Wrigley Field obscure their view of **Don Zimmer** and his crew. But other fans find the view much improved. They especially appreciate the view of the skybox waitresses who work for the Levy Organization. When the wind blows out, their skirts fly up. As the waitresses move from skybox to skybox along the catwalk, a chorus of cheers rises from the gallery below.

■ **Knight riders:** The Soviet Union is sending a basketball team back to play at Assembly Hall in Bloomington, Ind. on May 11. As far as we know, it'll be the first appearance for the Soviets there since **Bob Knight** yanked his team off the floor to protest officiating in an exhibition game a couple of years ago. Somehow, we have a feeling there will be no such incident this time. The Indiana team facing the Soviets is an AAU squad coached by former Hoosier and Bulls

Jordan



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forward **Scott May**. Among the players are such Indiana-bound high school stars as **Damon Bailey**, **Lawrence Funderburke** and **Chris Reynolds**. Adding to our hunch are two others involved in the game. They are **Pat Knight**, who'll be in uniform, and **Tim Knight**, who's the event coordinator. Both are Bob's sons.

■ **Building a dynasty:** Craig Stadler, who'll play in the Grand Slam of Golf at Kemper Lakes with **Greg Norman**, **Curtis Strange** and **Jeff Sluman** on Memorial Day, has selfish motives for participating in an event designed to raise $100,000 for junior golf. Stadler's son **Kevin**, who is 9, is already an active junior golfer. Kevin played in six tourneys last year in California and plans to play in 10 to 15 this summer.

■ **A new challenge:** **Bonnie Blair** shucks her skates and tries another sport at the Northbrook Velodrome on May 18. Blair, who won a gold medal in speedskating in the Calgary Olympics, pursued her skating career after the Games and moved to Butte, Mont. But not long ago, she branched out into cycling, and will make her competitive debut here with the Sundance Sparkler Grand Prix. Heading the Sundance team is **Connie Paraskevin Young**, a bronze medalist at Seoul. Gold medalist **Mark Gorski**, who competed in Los Angeles, returns to his roots to compete. He was born and raised in Roselle.

■ **News, notes & nonsense:** Actor/comedian **Eddie Murphy** is interested in a movie project about the life of **Sugar Ray Robinson**. . . . **Robert Cassius Wright**, the oldest living Cub at 97, joins **Billy Herman**, the oldest living Cub Hall-of-Famer, at the ballpark Tuesday to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Wrigley Field. . . . Good genes: Triton's student government named second baseman **Tom Koleno** and volleyball middle blocker **Michelle Pennington** the school's academic athletes of the year. Koleno's father, **Bob**, is the athletic director at Holy Cross. Pennington's brother, **Doug**, played football for Triton and then went on to Northwestern . . . For the first time in its 10-year history, the science magazine Omni devotes its May cover to a sporting event: The Kentucky Derby. "Modern horse racing is defined by science," says editor **Patrice Adcroft**, "with genetics and breeding on one side and statistical analysis on the other." . . . Cubbie **Mitch Williams** is off to a hot start, but another hot Chicago relief pitcher has gone virtually unnoticed. He's UIC sophomore **Brett Davis**, a left-hander who attended Glenbard East and is leading the Association of Mid-Continent Universities with 10 saves in 22 appearances. Davis saved all five of UIC's games last week. . . . Chicagoan **Michelle Berube**, a two-time Olympian, has announced her retirement from rhythmic gymnastics to pursue a career in dancing or acting. . . . On the heels of the NFL draft comes news that the upcoming baseball draft is in June. Some scouts believe as many as seven of the first 10 selections will come from high schools and that they're the best high school crop to come along in the '80s. Who's on top? Outfielder **Earl Cunningham** from Lancaster, S.C.

■ **And finally:** Here's boxing promoter **Don King**, noting the mix of people at **Sugar Ray Robinson**'s funeral: "There were races of all kinds. Blacks, whites, Latinos and politicians."

Carter fined $15,000 for defrauding OSU

Former Ohio State University All-America wide receiver Cris Carter was fined $15,000 Monday for defrauding his school by concealing $5,000 he had secretly accepted from sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom before the 1986 football season.

After hearing he would not go to jail, Carter collapsed in tears over the lectern before U.S. District Court Judge Brian Duff. Duff also placed Carter on probation for three years and ordered him to serve 200 hours of community service in each of those years.

Carter pleaded guilty last September to defrauding Ohio State and to obstructing justice when he concealed from federal officials another $5,000 he had accepted from sports agent David Lueddeke in October, 1986.

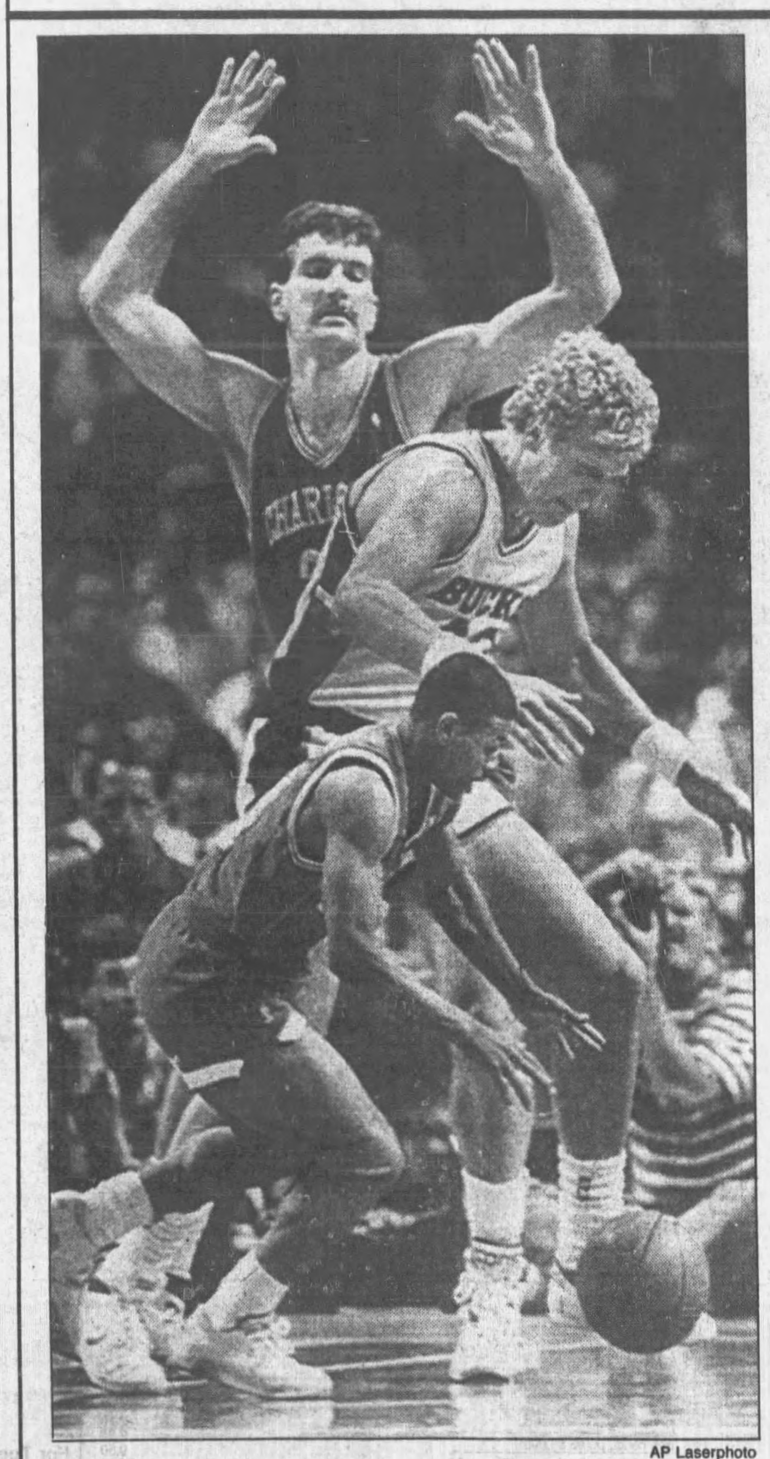
U.S. Atty. Anton Valukas recommended that Carter be spared a prison sentence. Valukas told Duff that although lying to the grand jury "strikes at the very integrity of our system," Carter has demonstrated he "is undertaking to do something about his life" through his community work.

Carter was the only college player convicted and sentenced in connection with their dealing with Walters and Bloom. Other athletes were allowed to enter agreements requiring community service and repayment of scholarship funds without being charged with a crime.

Walters and Bloom are awaiting sentencing after being found guilty earlier this month.

Carter has since paid back his $4,519 scholarship to Ohio State.

John Gorman



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Half-pint play

The Charlotte Hornets' old Mutt & Jeff routine, worked here by 6-foot-11-inch Greg Kite and 5-3 Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues, succeeds in stealing the ball from 7-foot Jack Sikma of the Milwaukee Bucks in an NBA game last weekend.

SPORTS PEOPLE

$1 million in bets by Rose reported

From Chicago Tribune wires

NEW YORK—An Ohio bookmaker told prosecutors that he took as much as $1 million in bets from Pete Rose, according to a federal transcript obtained Monday by the Associated Press. And a letter from A. Bartlett Giamatti states the commissioner believes the bookmaker's testimony in baseball's investigation of the matter was truthful.

During a presentencing conference in Cincinnati last Friday in the case of the bookmaker, Ronald Peters, assistant U.S. attorney Robert C. Brichler said: "Mr. Peters has indicated to us that he took bets over a period of two years that could very well amount to in excess of $1 million."

Giamatti's letter, which was released Monday by the commissioner's office, said Peters "provided critical sworn testimony about Mr. Rose and his associates" to the special counsel assigned by the commissioner to investigate the matter.

"Mr. Peters has provided probative documentary evidence to support his testimony and the testimony of others," Giamatti wrote in an April 18 letter to U.S. District Judge Carl B. Rubin, who will sentence Peters on felonies of cocaine trafficking and tax evasion.

"Based upon other information in our possession, I am satisfied Mr. Peters has been candid, forthright and truthful with my special counsel," Giamatti wrote.

According to the Cincinnati Post, a federal grand jury is investigating Rose on tax matters. In the transcript, Rubin says that he doesn't want to get into the Rose case now because of the possibility of an indictment.

NEWSMAKERS

Edwards charged with battery

Former Indiana University basketball star Jay Edwards was charged Monday with two preliminary misdemeanor battery charges for an alleged attack on a woman at a Bloomington apartment.

Beth Ann Irish, 20, of Indianapolis told Bloomington police Edwards slapped her twice and punched her at a party Saturday night. A doctor's report said Irish suffered a bruised forehead.

"It's going to hurt me, more bad publicity," Edwards said. "I'm going to get out of Indiana, period."

Edwards admitted slapping Irish once, but said she had rushed him.

Edwards was named in an arrest warrant issued Monday by Monroe Superior Court Judge Douglas Bridges. Bond was set at $500. Edwards faces up to 18 months in jail and a $6,000 fine if convicted of both counts.

Edwards, the Big 10 Player of the Year, announced March 29 that he would pass up his last two years of college eligibility to enter the NBA draft.

Tyson goes to the head of the class

Tyson

Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will receive an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, Tuesday. Tyson, a high-school dropout, is being honored for his positive influence on young people, according to the school.

Among those expected for the ceremony are Jack Kemp, secretary of Housing & Urban Development, and boxing promoter Don King, a recipient of his own honorary doctorate in Humane Letters from Central State a year ago.

Louganis says ex-manager is after him

Louganis

Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis says his former manager and housemate, R. James Babbitt, is playing dirty pool.

People magazine reports in its May 1 issue that Louganis fired Babbitt March 13 and now alleges that Babbitt threatened his physical safety as well as his reputation by disclosing "confidential and private facts" about the diver.

Babbitt, who denies the allegations, has been ordered by a California court to stay 500 yards away from Louganis.

Little Leaguers shut out by Ryan 1-hitter

Nolan Ryan's failure to get his sixth career major-league no-hitter Sunday turned out to be costly for Little Leaguers everywhere.

The 42-year-old Texas Rangers pitcher lost his no-hitter against Toronto with one out in the ninth. If Ryan throws a no-hitter this season, Best Western and American Express have pledged to pay $1.25 million over the next 40 years to Little League Baseball.

Ryan pitched his first no-hitter as a Little League player in Alvin, Tex.

Bits & Pieces on Chicago's teams

■ **No promises:** Both manager **Don Zimmer** and General Manager **Jim Frey** have been careful not to guess how long **Damon Berryhill**, recovering from tendinitis in his shoulder, will be with Iowa.

Berryhill, on rehab assignment with the Cubs' Triple-A club, went 0 for 5 at the plate with three strikeouts Monday afternoon in his first game of the year, an 8-5 Iowa victory over Indianapolis. He did throw out the only runner who tried to steal on him.

He could be down there as long as 20 days, but a week or 10 would be more likely.

"Circumstances could change," Frey said. "He may be struggling. Things may not be going well. Here's a guy that, aside from warming up people in spring training, has had no spring training."

■ **Champions:** The Los Angeles Dodgers are in for three games, starting with a 6:35 game Tuesday night. **Scott Sanderson** (1-1) faces **Tim Belcher** in the opener. **Rick Sutcliffe** (4-0), off to his best start ever, goes for his fifth in a row Wednesday afternoon against **Mike Morgan** (1-1), and **Greg Maddux** (0-3) and **Orel Hershiser** (3-1) go at it Thursday.

■ **Happy anniversary:** The Cubs have designated Tuesday night to celebrate the 75th year of baseball in Wrigley Field. **Bob Wright**, at 97 the oldest known living ex-Cub, will throw out the first ball. Also present will be former Cub **Andy Pafko** and Hall of Famers **Billy Herman** and **Billy Williams**.

■ **Old friends:** "I've got a note in my drawer," said Zimmer. "It was in the paper, so I just cut it out. They were asking **Jody Davis** about the Cubs, and he said, 'The Cubs have a chance to be very, very, very bad.' "

Zimmer paused for dramatic effect.

"He's hitting a buck 51."

Alan Solomon

■ **Numbers game:** So much for lucky numbers, 7-11 in particular.

That gambler's favorite is the White Sox's record three weeks into the season.

They were 9-9 after 18 contests last season and stood third in the American League West, 2½ games out of first place.

The Sox, sitting in last place, 6½ games out of first (most in the major leagues) Tuesday begin a string of 33 games against East Division foes.

That would have been bad news in the past, but not in this year of the A.L. Least. The Sox's next six opponents—they won't see Cleveland until later—had a combined 43-56 (.439) record going into Monday night.

■ **Bright Side Dept.:** Most slumping teams would rather not face **Roger "the Rocket" Clemens**. But the Sox have to be looking forward to Tuesday's meeting with the Red Sox ace in Fenway Park.

The two-time Cy Young Award winner is just 3-6 against the White Sox, although with a 2.92 earned run average in 77 career innings. The only team to do as well against him is Oakland (4-1). Clemens (2-0) will go against **Melido Perez** (1-1).

The Red Sox are a team in trouble. The pitching staff has a 5.43 ERA, worst in the majors, and a 7.38 mark without Clemens.

■ **Bright Side Dept. II:** Despite their recent foundering, the Sox are still hitting .259. That's 15 percentage points higher than last year's .244.

Andrew Bagnato

■ **Looking ahead:** Although the very mention is enough to make Blackhawks coach **Mike "One Day At A Time" Keenan** speechless, what chance would Chicago have if it can advance to the Campbell Conference finals against Calgary? The Flames led the series 3-0 going into Monday night's game.

That's the same edge Calgary possesses against the Hawks this year. The Flames won the three games by scores of 6-3, 5-4 (in overtime) and 7-5. In the overtime game, the Hawks led 3-0 and 4-1 at a time they were playing without injured **Denis Savard**, **Doug Wilson** and **Steve Thomas**.

■ **In and out:** St. Louis Blues left wing **Tony McKegney** sat out Game 1 in this series, but contributed an assist in his team's victory in Game 2. Unfortunately for McKegney, he sat out Games 3 and 4 in Chicago with a knee injury from Game 2, which didn't displease the Hawks. In the regular season, McKegney scored five goals against them.

■ **Shortchanged:** Going into Monday night's game, the Hawks were the only team remaining in the playoffs that hadn't given up a short-handed goal.

Mike Kiley

■ **Fire and ice:** Irish center-fielder **Dan Peltier** continues to sizzle at the plate, but conference rival Detroit chilled the fortunes of Notre Dame's baseball team, taking three out of four over the weekend. The 30-10 Irish hit into eight double plays in dropping a double-header on Sunday. The two teams split on Saturday. Peltier, a junior, is hitting .453 and has struck out only once in his last 84 at-bats. Notre Dame still leads the Eastern Division of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference with an 8-4 record.

■ **Fast track:** Senior **Ron Markezich** was officially certified as the fastest collegian in the 10,000 meters last week when his time of 28:44.91, run in the Dogwood Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., received official sanction. He is the only collegian to run under 29 minutes this year and has qualified for the NCAA championships May31-June 3 in Provo, Utah.

■ **Black and Blue:** Defensive end **Andre Jones** suffered a separated shoulder in the intrasquad Blue and Gold Game. Other than the usual bumps and bruises, that was the only injury. Fullback **Anthony Johnson**, an Irish captain this year, was honored as the overall MVP for spring drills.

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