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Agent for Deion Sanders Once Prosecuted Yippie Abbie Hoffman

cons No. 1 draft pick Delon Sanders, once prosecuted former Yippie leader Abbie Hoffman in 1969 for an illegal demonstration in Chicago. But Hoffman, who died last month, did not hold a grudge. When the NFL last season tried to suspend Chicago Bears defensive end Richard Dent of Atlanta for refusing to take a drug test, Hoffman called Zucker to offer "expert" advice that Dent's previous positive test for marijuana "easily could have been fallible," says Zucker, a former city prosecutor and criminal lawyer. NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle backed down, rescinding the suspension. It also was one of the annoying elements that further sealed Rozelle's resolve to retire as commissioner after 29 years. * * *

THE NAME GAME: It's no longer the

Steve Zucker, the agent for Atlanta Fal- "International Football League" that for- obtain the insurance, Mandarich would when he resigned two weeks ago as genermer Dallas Cowboys president Tex Schramm is heading. Just so European fans won't misunderstand, the new NFL venture will be named the "Worldwide American Football League." Soccer is commonly known as football around the world.

> ... Tony Mandarich, the first pick of Green Bay, is still threatening to fight heavyweight champion Mike Tyson if the Packers don't get him signed soon — for \$2 million a year. "That's some threat, boxing Mike Tyson," laughed one NFL general manager. ... Mandarich said he declined to attend mini-camp because he could not get an insurance policy from Lloyds of London for more than \$2.5 million. However, the Packers offered to pay for the insurance and requested that Mandarich only attend classroom work during minicamp. Mandarich still declined. In order to

have needed to take an extensive physical. | al manager of the Redskins. ... Sources Packers is vice president Tom Braatz. In critical year for head coach Mike Shana-1985, as general manager of the Falcons, han, entering only his second season. Braatz had to deal with Pitt tackle Bill Fra- | Chargers offensive tackle John Clay, the IIc, also the No. 2 overall pick of the draft. Raiders' 1987 first-round pick that Davis Fralic threatened to go into professional sent to San Diego in a trade, likely will wrestling for a year if negotiations didn't miss the season because his neck has not pick up.

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six months off and get away from football" fraud and conspiracy charges. Some NFL

... More on Mandarich: Negotiating for the | close to Raiders boss Al Davis say 1989 is a healed properly after off-season surgery. Clay has dropped from 358 pounds to 312.

... The NFL security department worked CHARGE: Bobby Beathard is interested closely with the FBI and the U.S. Attorin taking over the San Diego Chargers as ney's office in Chicago when it learned club president as early as June, according that many of its players were linked with to NFL sources. But Beathard, who owns a sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd home north of San Diego, is concerned Bloom, who were associated with orgathat people, most notably Washington Red- nized crime. Walters and Bloom will be skins owner Jack Kent Cooke, will discred- sentenced June 19 in Chicago following it him for saying he was looking to "take | their April 8 conviction on rackteering,

security officials are former FBI agents.
... Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Cris Carter was prepared to serve prison time after pleading guilty to mail fraud and obstruction of justice stemming from his role in the Walters/Bloom case. A handful of Eagles, led by All-Pro defensive end Reggie White, a Baptist minister, held a lengthy prayer vigil for Carter, who got off with a \$15,000 fine, 600 hours community service and three years probation. ... Saints fullback Craig Heyward, coming off knee surgery in his rookie season, reported this week to voluntary workouts weigh-

ing 275 pounds, down from 298 last month. □ The lineup — Sunday: Sportsbeat. Monday: Inside High Schools. Tuesday: Inside TV/Radio Sports. Wednesday: Inside the NFL. Thursday: Inside Baseball. Friday: Inside TV/Radio Sports. Saturday: Inside the NBA.

ON THE WIRE

Indicted Florida Agents Enter Not Guilty Pleas

From Staff and Wire Reports The indictment of four sports agents on charges they made illegal cash payments to University of Florida athletes underscores the importance of a new state law placing restrictions on agents, Robert A. Bryan, the school's interim president said Tuesday. The agents, all officers of South Florida-based Professional Athletes Financial Advisors Inc., were charged Monday with 20 counts of conspiracy, racketeer-

ng, mail fraud and wire fraud. Gregory G. Latimer, Gerald Gratenstein, Glenn Haft and John A. Kasbar all pleaded innocent. Each was released after posting a \$500,000 surety bond. Legislation passed last year requires sports agents in Florida to register with the state and give notice to a university when entering into a contract with one of its athletes. It also prohibits payments to athletes who have college eligibility remaining.

Waltrip, Wallace Call a Truce in Bump Feud

NASCAR drivers Darrell Waltrip and Rusty Wallace publicly buried the hatchet, with both drivers apologizing for their part in Sunday's crash that knocked Waltrip out of The Winston. Waltrip led with just over a lap left in the final race when Wallace nudged Waltrip from behind, sending him spinning

AUTOS across the infield. Wallace went on to win the race and the \$200,000 first prize. Afterwards, crew members from the two teams fought in the garage area. The drivers emerged from a meeting in Concord, N.C., called by NASCAR Winston Cup director Dick Beaty and shook hands. Beaty also said he has suspended Todd Parrott, the Wallace team's tire specialist, until Friday for "throwing a shoulder into one of the rival crewmen." Beaty put Waltrip crew member Sandy Jones on probation through Sunday for kicking Wallace's car as it was rolled to victory lane, the incident that appeared to trigger the fracas.

Ben Johnson's Doctor to Take Stand in Inquiry

The questions still hanging about disgraced Olympic gold medalist Ben Johnson's steroid use could be answered this week when the sprinter's personal physician delivers his account of what happened in Seoul to a federal inquiry in Toronto.

Dr. Jamle Astaphan, who is to take the stand today, will be TRACK asked if he supplied the athletes with steroids and whether he misled them about the performance-enhancing drugs. The doctor is expected to testify for at least five days. . . . Sprinters Mark Witherspoon and Floyd Heard were reprimanded by The Athletic Congress for failing to compete for the U.S. team in the World Games last

March. The sprinters also will be ineligible for financial aid from the

Hospital Upgrades Bazemore's Condition

TAC for one year, retroactive to March.

some players.

Former Valdosta High football coach Wright Bazemore was upgraded from serious to fair condition in the South Georgia Medical Center two days after suffering a stroke, according to Annette Owens, a nursing supervisor at the center in Valdosta. Owens added that Bazemore, 72, got out of bed Tuesday but did not walk around. Bazemore suffered a stroke Sunday night at his home in Valdosta. Bazemore's teams won three national championships before he retired in 1971. . . . Attorneys for one of five men, including four former South Carolina football coaches indicted

in April, said they will seek notes taken in interviews by Sports Illus-

trated for its story on Tommy Chaikin detailing alleged steroid use by

Maryland to Discuss Job With Gary Williams

Maryland athletics director Lew Perkins contacted Ohio State for permission to talk to basketball coach Gary Williams about the head coaching job at his alma mater, a spokesman for Ohio State said. The Maryland job became available when Bob Wade resigned May 12. . . . Former Indiana University BASKETBALL basketball star Jay Edwards's trial on a charge of battery has been delayed until July 10, after next month's NBA college draft. Edwards, accused of striking Beth Ann Irish, 20, at a Bloomington party, had been scheduled for a bench trial next week.

Georgia College Leaves NAIA for NCAA

Georgia College officials have decided to switch their school's athletic affiliation from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to the larger NCAA. Citing upcoming changes set for the NAIA, Mike Peeler, director of athletics, labeled a switch to NCAA Division II "the most viable route" for the college: ... Funeral services for Sid Scarborough, the first manager of Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Peachtree Presbyterian Church with burial at Arlington Memorial Park . . . Junior singles star Jake Martyn and senior shortstop Brownie Caldwell, who led their respective teams to conference championships in tennis and softball this past year, have been named Georgia State's Outstanding Male and Female Athletes for 1988-89. . . . Emory University's Lee Palms, a sophomore from Decatur, is eight strokes off the pace after shooting an 8-over-par 80 on the first day of the NCAA Division III National Golf Championships in Panora, Iowa.



The Associated Press

Slower is Better

INDIANAPOLIS — Race car driver Tom Sneva talks to reporters about his crusade to slow down race cars at the Indianapolis 500. Sneva, the first driver to qualify for Indy at more than 200 mph in 1983, is now calling for slower speeds. Story, E11.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Tickets to Go On Sale For Rome, Ga., Team That Doesn't Exist

Advance season tickets go on sale June 15 in Rome, Ga., for a baseball team that doesn't

It's all part of the city's campaign to bring a minor league

team to northwest Georgia. "Our goal is to sell 2,100 advance tickets, and the funds from ticket sales will be placed in an escrow account," said Randy Davis, owner of Rome radio

station WLAQ. "There are two ways Rome could get a team," he said, "through expansion or through relocation [of an existing team]. We expect to have a minorleague baseball team in Rome by

Davis said South Atlantic League president John Moss said the league plans to expand in the near future from 12 teams to 16. Davis also suggested one of the league's current teams with declining attendance, such as the Sumter (S.C.) Braves, an Atlanta Braves affiliate, could relocate there.

Namath's Film Career Guided Dan Lauria From Field to Stage

Joe Namath received few plaudits for his acting, but he did help inspire one football player to become a successful actor.

Dan Lauria, who stars as Jack Arnold on the "The Wonder Years" television series, began acting 20 years ago while a starting middle linebacker at Southern Connecticut State.

"About that time, Joe Namath retired from pro football and went into the movies," said Lauria, who already had been in several campus plays. "Joe bombed in a couple of films and classmates at Southern were making fun of jocks trying to get into acting. To prove that athletes can act, I challenged the drama department to let the football team show what it could

Lauria recruited 15 teammates for the "Caine Mutiny Court-Martial." In the locker room, Lauria exhorted his teammates, "C'mon, let's show them jocks can act!" The play was a hit, and Lauria went on to an acting career.

ON THE BEAT

Nixon Juggles Rotation; Lilliquist Starts Tonight

For the fourth time in the last week, Braves manager Russ Nixon shuffled his pitching rotation on Tuesday after tonight's scheduled starter, Pete Smith, felt a "twinge" in his right arm. Nixon pushed Smith's start back to Thursday after having him throw for about 10 minutes Tuesday to deter-BRAVES mine the severity of the twinge. Smith reported no discomfort during the session. Lefthander Derek Lilliquist will take Smith's place tonight, becoming the first Braves starter this year to appear on three days' rest. Tom Glavine, still recovering from a sprained left ankle, was bumped from a Friday start to Saturday. John Smoltz will make Friday's start. "It won't hurt Glavine having the extra day,"

said Nixon. Glavine will throw on the side today after cutting short his last session on Saturday. ... The Braves entered Tuesday's game with a 16-4 record in games in which they scored four runs or more, 3-20 when they failed to score four runs. . . . First baseman Gerald Perry was honored on Tuesday as the Braves' Most Valuable Player for 1988 by the Atlanta chapter of the Baseball Writers of America. — Joe Strauss

Golfers Must Scrape Off the Rust

Georgia Tech golf coach Puggy Blackmon isn't worried about the Yellow Jackets being rusty as they go into the NCAA East regional golf tournament Thursday in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. The Jackets haven't competed since the Chris Schenkel Invitational April 21-23, when they finished eighth out of GA. TECH 22. "The layoff may have been good for us," Blackmon said.

"Our players are looking at this like the ACC," when they finished second. "That was the best we have been mentally this year," Blackmon said. ... Uwezu McReynolds needs to knock .29 seconds off his time in the 110-meter high hurdles if he is to qualify for the NCAA meet May 31 in Provo, Utah. His last chance, and those of two female teammates, will come Friday in the Seminole Twilight meet in Tallahassee, Fla. Shellie O'Neal needs to shave 1.27 seconds off her time. in the 800 meters and Anne Ylipahkala needs to shave 1.34 seconds off her time in the 1500 meters.

- Darryl Maxie

Both Tennis Coaches Receive SEC Honors



ATHENS — Southeastern Conference coaches have named first-year Georgia tennis coach Manuel Diaz the 1989 SEC men's tennis Coach of the Year. Diaz's team won its third-straight SEC Championship on May 14 and finished runner-up to Stanford in the NCAA championship Tuesday. Diaz took GEORGIA over the Georgia tennis program at the end of the 1988 sea-

son after 34-year coach Dan Magill retired. He has been a member of the Georgia tennis staff since 1982. Georgia women's tennis coach Jeff Wallace won the league honor for women's coaches. Wallace led his squad to the SEC championhip and a semifinal berth in the NCAA women's tennis tournament earlier this month. ... Shannan McCarthy, a freshman on the women's tennis team, has been approached by an official from the Irish tennis association about possibly competing for Ireland in the 1992 Olympics. McCarthy, who is from Atlanta, said she was told she could play for Ireland if her grandparents were Irish and if the U.S. grants permission. "I don't know a whole lot about it yet," she said. "My mom has had some contact with them. They sent some stuff to my home. I'm interested, but I don't know what's going to happen." McCarthy also is expected to be named to a three-women U.S. National team that will travel the country this summer playing in tournaments.

-Thomas O'Toole

THE FINAL WORD

Tom Sneva, the 1983 Indianapolis 500 winner, talking about the Indy-car rules-makers:

'They make way too small changes. I don't know who they're listening to. . . . Superman died a long time ago.

ON THIS DAY

1935 - The first major-league night game is played at Cincinnati with the Reds beating the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 before a crowd of 25,000.

1936 - Tony Lazzeri, batting eighth for the New York Yankees, drove in 11 runs with a triple and three home runs - two of them grand slams - in a 25-2 rout of the Philadel-

1984 - Jack Morris led the Detroit Tigers to their 17th straight win on the road, setting an American League record.

SOUNDOFF

Trade Zane Smith and Perry

If I had any say, I'd trade Zane Smith for what I could get. In my opinion, he has an attitude problem that has existed ever since the Braves refused his salary demands. Instead of struggling in the majors, Ron Gant ought to be at Richmond learning a batted ball doesn't have a bomb inside it and can be picked up without danger of an explosion. As for Gerald Perry, any guy who sits out a .29997 average to protect a technical .300 is not a winning player. Plus his bomb-shy handling of a ball makes him a liability — especially in the clutch. Can you picture Jackie Robinson sitting out a challenge? No way.

The other day I read that 106 baseball players have contracts in the million-dollar class, and shortly after I saw Luke Appling, and he said one of the problems with today's players is that they don't have any fun playing. All they care about is the money. He went on to say that he used to look forward to each game and the fun he'd have. He said if he hadn't had fun, he would have quit and got a regular job.

And on the Brett Butler trade, and Joe Torre saying, "We won't miss Butler. We've got two guys out there who can do anything Butler can." Just imagine if the Braves had Butler and Brook Jacoby today.

William C. Wilson, Douglasville

'Back' Runner Feels Slighted

My Peachtree Road Race entry was mailed April 11. It was sent back without being opened, saying entry was closed.

A friend who mailed his on April 13 was accepted. His time last year was under 32 [minutes], in the top 100. Mine was 42.01.

It seems the back-of-the-pack runner is not as welcome as you make people think.

Tom Foster, Owensboro, Ky.

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