The Inside Story

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Plenty of nothing: He paid his own airfare. He stayed in a private home. He charged no appearance fee. Could he possibly be a pro athlete? You bet. He's Blackhawk goalie Alain Chevrier, who returned to Miami University in Ohio recently to help new Athletic Director R.C. Johnson launch a golf fundraiser. Chevrier paid his own way back to his alma mater and then stayed overnight with former Miami hockey coach Bill Davidge. He even brought along toys for Davidge's 5year-old son.

Behind the scenes: Lost in the shuffle of the Bulls' coaching changes was the hiring of Clarence Gaines Jr. as a scout and special assistant to General Manager Jerry Krause. Gaines, who has a master's degree from North Carolina in business management, had been a part-time scout for the Bulls on the West Coast while working for Eastman Kodak. If his name sounds familiar, there's good reason. He's the son of legendary Winston-Salem coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, whose former players include Earl Monroe. "He has a bright future in scouting as well as other areas of professional basketball," said Krause. . . . At the same time, the Bulls extended the contract of former Northwestern star Jim Stack, who's a scout.

Winging it: Midway Airlines chief executive David Hinson enters the broadcast booth next weekend to narrate a portion of the Air and Water Show over WGN radio. Hinson will provide a running commentary as Midway's new MD-87 aircraft flys by the city's



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lakefront next Saturday and Sunday (at precisely 11:30 a.m.). Midway is the first airline in the United States to introduce the MD-87 and will be debuting it before a vast audience. The Air and Water Show is the biggest spectator attraction in the nation and expects to draw 1.6 million this year.

Rendezvous: When the Bears play the Saints during preseason training in La Crosse, Wis., maybe the teams should dedicate the action to Jim Finks. Finks touted Platteville as a training site when he was in Chicago and moved the Saints' training quarters to nearby La Crosse last year. The Bears and the Saints will have four days of controlled scrimmages, starting the day after the Bears hold their annual intrasquad game Aug. 5 in UW-Platteville's Pioneer Stadium.

Stage and screen: With baseball movies so popular, we thought you'd like to know that a Chicago play about William "Dummy" Hoy is gaining attention. "The Signal Season of Dummy Hoy," which is about baseball's first deaf player, opened at the Commons Theater in Chicago, moved to Off-Broadway and most recently has been playing at Galludet College for the deaf with a company of Chicago actors. Hoy played one season for the White Sox in 1901, the club's first year of competition. He died in 1961 at age 98. His legacy? The umpire's hand signals, which were introduced to help him play.

Batting Illini: Is it possible coach Augie Garrido will have Illinois in a World Series before the Cubs or White Sox? The Illini just learned that catcher Sean Mulligan and first baseman Bubba Smith have been named to Baseball America's all-freshmen team, making their school the only one to have more than a single player honored. Before you sneeze, consider that past players named to this squad include Cory Snyder, Rafael Palmeiro, Robin Ventura, Jack McDowell and Greg Swindell.

News, notes and nonsense: Trace Armstrong and the rest of the Bear rookies play a little golf on Sunday. They'll inaugurate a new miniature golf course at Lamb's Farm, where the public is invited to eye the new football talent. . . . Fair territory: Did anyone remember that Tuesday's All-Star Game in Anaheim was played right in Margo Adams' back yard?

.. Go Greyhound: Buses are needed to transport 800 inner-city kids to next Friday's Cub game. The New City YMCA already has eight buses lined up but is seeking eight more for the outing. . . . The Chicago Hornets were exceedingly happy to share the title with Cuba at the recent Windward Islands International Baseball Invitational in The Netherlands Antilles. Manager Dean Stavrakas and his Chicagoans were tied with the Cuban national squad in the final game when the fans erupted in protest over an umpire's action. Team officials conferred with an interpretor, decided it was unsafe to continue playing and declared the teams cochamps. . . . The March of Dimes will sponsor an open volleyball tournament for both power and recreational teams Aug. 12 in Lincoln Park. . . . Family affair: Chicagoan Alan Schwartz teamed with Bob Sockolov of San Francisco to win the men's 55-andover doubles competition at the Maccabiah Games in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv. They beat Clive Bernstein of Great Britain and Victor Israel of Israel 6-4, 6-7, 7-6. Meanwhile, Schwartz's sisters, Amy Lubin and Audrey Horne, teamed for a silver medal in the women's 50-and-over doubles. . . . Orland Park's Jim Misiora is camp director for the U.S. Amateur Hockey Association's Select 16 Festival currently taking place in Colorado Springs.

And finally: Here's Savannah Washburn, whose 6-foot-11-inch son, Chris Washburn, has just been banned from the NBA for the life for repeated drugabuse problems: "Sometimes I tell my husband that our life would have been much simpler if we had raised a

Game's still not the main show in Durham

A leftover from the filming of "Bull Durham" has turned into an attraction for kids watching the Durham Bulls in Durham, N.C.

A 20-foot wooden bull was installed at Durham Athletic Park when the film was shot and was left behind when production was completed. Whenever a Durham player hits a home run, it begins swatting its tail, flashing its red eyes and snorting out bursts of smoke.

Bob Burtman, a friend of the park's assistant general manager and groundskeeper, operates the bull. About two weeks before the season started, Burtman asked his groundskeeper friend, Bill Miller, if he had someone to operate the bull.

"He said they hadn't thought about it, so I said, 'Okay, I'll do it.' " Miller then hammered out the "multi-burrito contract." Burtman gets \$15 a game, plus food and drink for being the bull's alter ego.

"They told me, 'You shoot off the bull when the Bulls take the field, and whenever they hit a home run, give 'em the works.' Suddenly, there developed all these other elements to the job."

Those other elements are a flock of youngsters, who, like little pilgrims, come to the top of the hill

in right field to enter the bull's cage and receive a

"I didn't realize that there would be kids," Burtman said. "But it became clear that the bull was so fascinating that I couldn't just stand here and not respond. I suspect I started with a few tours, to just see their eyes bug out when they see how it works." Burtman said the kids were what inspired him to stay with the job. "It turns out that I like kids and

they like me, too," he says. In his cage, which he keeps closed to adults, Burtman plays a variety of roles. He is celebrity and teacher, counselor and disciplinarian.

"They're my assistants," he says. "They get the privileges and rewards of their labor. They don't get a ball if they're obnoxious."

Burtman insists that the kids don't come for the game so much as for the lights and the smoke of the bull. "The bull is real to them," he says.

Kurt Thomas Pearce agrees. "Guess what? The bull comes alive at midnight," he tells a fellow youngster. When Kurt's statement meets with skepticism, he's armed with a foolproof retort.

"Bob says it can."



A federal judge ruled Wednesday that sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom could remain free on bond pending an appeal of their convictions for compromising the eligibility of college football players by signing them to early contracts and then threatening those who tried to break the contracts or refused to repay loans.

U.S. District Court Judge George Marovich's rulings allows Walters, 57, to remain free and delays his surrender date to begin serving a five-year sentence. The surrender date for Bloom, 30, to begin his three-year term was also delayed pending a ruling on his appeal by the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of

The two native New Yorkers were convicted in April of racketeering, mail fraud and racketeering conspiracy. It is not expected that the appellate court will rule on the case before the end of the year.

ETCETERA For hiding sponsor's name, Japan off limits to Lewis

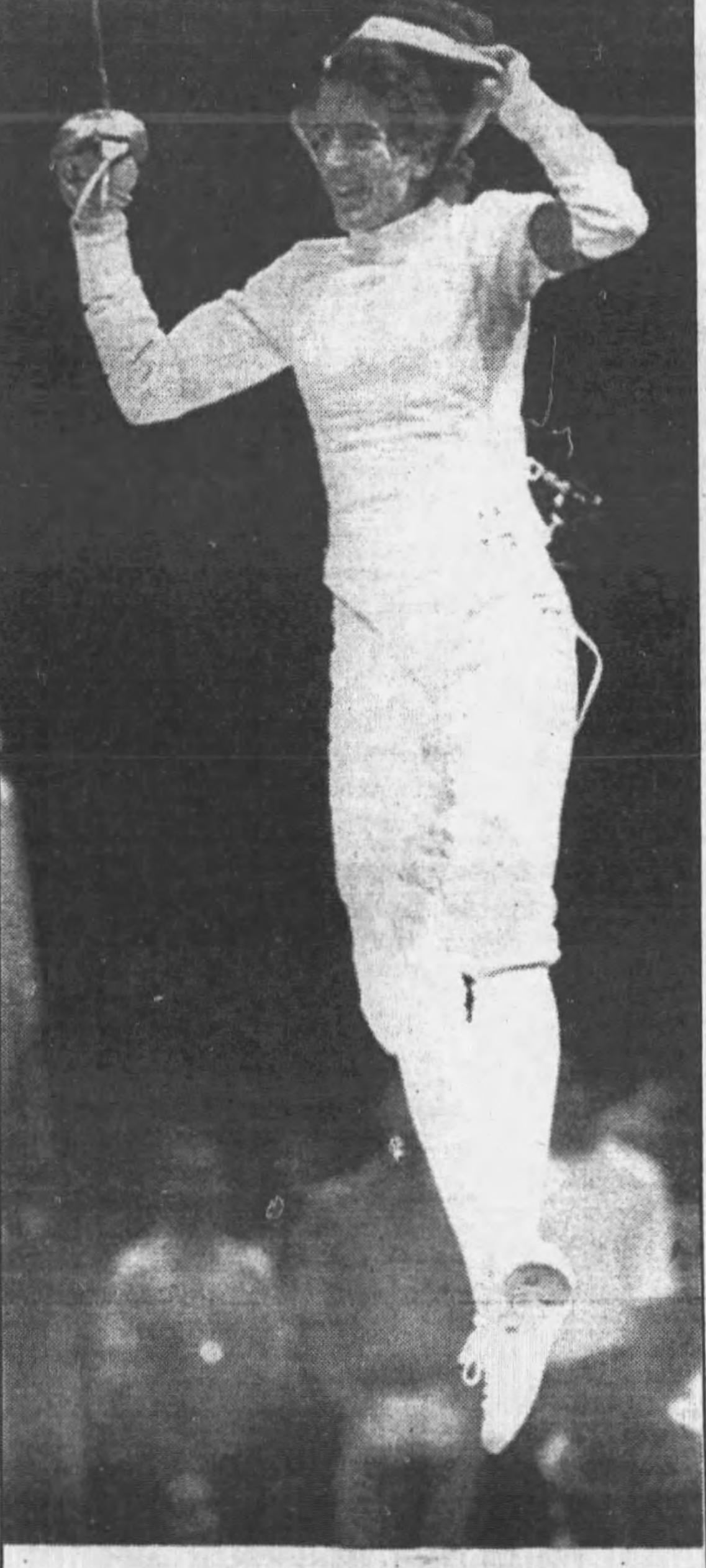
Carl Lewis will not be invited to compete in Japan because he covered up a sponsor's name at a track meet in Tokyo in May, the Japan Amateur Athletic Federation told its American counterpart.

In a news release issued Wednesday, The Athletic Congress, the governing body for track and field in the U.S., said it had received a letter from Hiraoki Chosa, managing director of the Japanese federation.

The JAAF decision stems from a May 14 incident in which Lewis, according to the JAAF, covered up a sponsor's name printed on the identifying number worn on his uniform. Chosa said Lewis could compete only as a member of a U.S. team.

TAC spokesman Pete Cava said he was not aware of this happening before. "This is the first time we've seen a nation do this," he

Cava said Lewis' action "wouldn't cause that much of a problem" in the United States. But in Japan, it is "considered a major gaffe, where deep respect is shown for a sponsor. To cover up a sponsor's name is a slap in the face."



Fencer in flight

Switzerland's Anja Straub jumps for joy after beating West Germany's Ute Schaeper for the women's epee title in the World Fencing Championships Tuesday in Denver.

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No more 'interim' for Clippers' Casey

Don Casey, who became the interim head coach of the Los Angeles Clippers Jan. 19, has been named the National Basketball Association team's head coach for the 1989-90 season.

Casey, 52, who was an assistant for the Clippers when he was named interim coach to replace the fired Gene Shue, signed a oneyear contract.

"It was a unanimous decision," said Clippers General Manager Elgin Baylor. "The players responded very well to him down the stretch last year." The Clippers were 11-33 under Casey but won 10 of their last 22 games.

"I'm just thrilled to have this opportunity," Casey said. "This team is loaded with talent. Now we just have to work hard and put it all together.'

Nets' Blaylock is 1st 1st-rounder to sign

Oklahoma guard Mookie Blaylock became the first 1989 National Basketball Association firstround draft pick to sign a contract when he agreed Wednesday to a four-year deal with the New Jersey Nets that will pay him in excess of \$2 million.

Blaylock, the 12th pick overall, reportedly will receive \$500,000 in his first season, with his salary jumping to \$800,000 by the final year.

"This is as smooth a negotiation as we've ever been involved with," said Bob Casciola, the Nets' executive vice president.

Bill Blakeley, Blaylock's agent, said the Nets' opening offer was very close to what he sought. "We were able to wind through two months' work in a couple of weeks," Blakeley



Blaylock

ND player's bid for reinstatement fails in court

An Indiana judge has denied the request of a former Notre Dame football player to be readmitted to the school after being expelled last Feb-

St. Joseph Superior Court Judge William T. Means refused to grant a preliminary injunction that would have permitted Daniel M. Quinn, 22, of Los Angeles, to resume studies while his lawsuit is pending against the university.

Court records show Quinn was expelled after he allegedly detained and attempted to assault a female student who attended St. Mary's College. No criminal charges have been

Quinn sued Notre Dame for breach of contract, contending the university had promised him four years under an athletic scholarship. He claims the university failed to follow proper disciplinary proceedings. He also filed a slander suit against the woman.,

Bits & Pieces on Chicago's teams

Targets: The White Sox open the post-All-Star Game part of their schedule Thursday night with a 32,56 record, the worst in the major leagues. Here's what they must do in remaining games in order. to reach certain goals:

The Sox, currently playing at a .364 pace, must compile a 55-19 record (.743) in order to reach the 87-75 goal General Manager Larry Himes set for them before the season began.

The Sox need to finish 49-25 (.662) in order to have a .500 season (81-81).

More realistically: If the Sox split their remaining 74 games, 37-37, they will finish 69-93. That's a .426 pace overall.

The Sox need to improve to a .419 rate to go 31-43 and avoid a 100-loss season by finishing 63-99.

Finally, if the Sox compile a 25-49 (.338) record in remaining games, they will avoid reaching the 1970 record of 106 losses and will finish 57-105.

Other first-half stats: Two players, Dave Gallagher and Ozzie Guillen, played in all 88 games. Ron Kittle, sidelined for the season by back surgery, hit 11 home runs in 51 games and remains tied with Harold Baines for the club lead. Other leaders: Guillen, 363 atbats; Gallagher, 52 runs, 106 hits; Baines and Ivan Calderon, 17 doubles, 46 RBIs; Calderon, 5 triples, 150 total bases; Baines, 47 walks, .315 batting average; and Kittle, .556 slugging percentage.

Among the 14 pitchers who have received decisions, only three have plus .500 records: Jerry Reuss, 7-5; Ken Patterson, 3-1; and Donn Pall 2-1.

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Taking notes: A large Cub contingent that included Don Grenesko, team president; Mark McGuire, vice president of business operations; John McDonough, marketing director; Tom Cooper, stadium operations director; and Ned Colletti and Sharon Pan-

takes notes on the production of the All-Star Game in preparation for the 1990 game in Wrigley Field. "Basically, I sat with the Angels' PR guy and observed some of his planning," said Colletti, the Cubs' PR head. "We learned how we can logistically transport people from place to place in the ballpark; we saw what his priorities were and the timetable that things were best accomplished in. When we get back to Chicago [after the Cubs' current West Coast swing], we'll have a couple of meetings and then sort through all our All-

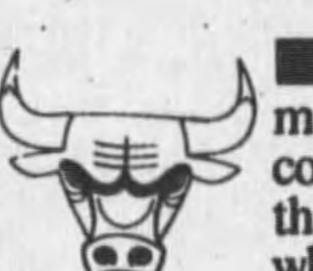
nozzo of the public relations office flew to Anaheim to

The game is slated to take place in Wrigley next July 10. Colletti said the Cubs do not have specifics yet on ticket distribution.

Looking ahead: Andre Dawson played 10 productive seasons for Montreal. Now he heads into the second half with a club only 11/2 games behind the Expos. "They're the team we're chasing," he said, "But there's a long way to go. St. Louis is still there. The Mets are still there. No one is going to run away with it this year. Pitching is our strong point, but we believe we can throw our offense out there with anyone."

One last time: The final numbers on the Cubs' up-and-down ride through the the first half: With a onerun lead against Philadelphia in the ninth inning on Opening Day at Wrigley Field, Mitch Williams loaded. the bases and then struck out the side. The Cubs went on to win 8 of their first 10 games before losing 8 of their next 9. They woke up and won 8 of 11, then suffered through a five-game losing streak. They rebounded to win 16 of 22, then lost 6 of 8 before running off a five-game winning streak. They followed that with a seven-game skid and wound up winning seven of their last nine before the break. Streaky? Routine, said General Manager Jim Frey. "This is what baseball's all about. It's a streaky game. You get a little hot, then you get a little cold."

Paul Sullivan



The public face: What kind of media man will newly appointed Bulls coach Phil Jackson be? He's promised that it will be the players, not the coach, who will be the front for the team. And he further promises to be a bit of a

plumber, plugging leaks about any turmoil on the team, as did his coach on the Knicks, Red Holzman. "Red was a very low-keyed individual and did very well at keeping everything inside the family," Jackson said at his coming-out news conference Monday. "[He] kept everything as tight as he could to the team. When we had internal problems, he brought them inside the room and we discussed them and we went out with a happy

Courtside manner: On the other hand, during games, Jackson promises to be, at times, the center of

"I'm a little more abusive to referees [than was excoach Doug Collins]. I will get some technical fouls. One year, a former Bull, Jerry Sloan, and I led the league [in technicals] . . . I will be very animated on the bench. I like to be up and about."

Shopping around: Craig Hodges became a free agent July 1, and on that day his agent's phone started ringing . . . and ringing. By the time it stopped, four teams had expressed interest in the 29-year-old

"He wants to stay in Chicago, he likes it there," said Bob Woolf, Hodges' agent. "But I owe it to him to check out the other offers."

The Bulls haven't been shy about reciprocating Hodges' affections and obviously want to hold onto him. Jackson points out that with a batch of rookies coming aboard, it's crucial to keep the five starters intact, including Hodges.

Wise guy: Jackson says he wants Michael Jordan to go after fewer defensive rebounds this season. Why? "It puts him in the range of Bill Cartwright's elbows, where he might get hurt."

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