Honor roll

For the second straight season, Resurrection graduate Lisa Gilfoy, a first baseman at Northern Illinois, has been named first team all-Midwest by the area's NCAA Division softball coaches.



METRO SPORTS

Top kickers

Only two players made both all-tournament teams at the 2-year-old girls state soccer tournament-Palatine's Susan Bachmann (left) and Holly Nay. Though Palatine will return for the third time this season, those two players won't-they've both graduated.

Top gun

Woodlands Academy in Lake Forest has named Kelly Spellman its Athlete of the Year for 1989-90. Spellman has played varsity volleyball, basketball and soccer for Woodlands.



Rich East quarterback Jason Stanicek has recuiters in hot pursuit.

Photo for The Tribune by Jim Prisching

Linemen here prove big lure

Colleges hustle to harvest lush Chicago-area crop

By Barry Temkin

Linemen Greg Wilkins of Chicago Vocational and Trezelle Jenkins of Morgan Park, quarterback Jason Stanicek of Rich East and running back Marvell Scott of Wheaton Central may want to get bigger mailboxes and install extra phones. Until they make their college choices, they figure to be very popular people.

College football coaches spend each May on the road watching film of prospective recruits and talking to high school coaches and counselors. When they returned to the office Thursday, it was clear that Wilkins, Jenkins, Stanicek and Scott will be among the most highly recruited prospects in the Midwest.

Other Chicago-area players who can expect lots of attention include running backs Jason Branch of Crete-Monee and Dana Day of Bolingbrook; linemen Tom Dennis of St. Rita, Reggie Fleurima of Evanston, Troy Foster of Lake Park, John Horn of Joliet Catholic, Aaron Johnson of Oak Park, Justin Kovarsky of Carmel and Craig

Recruiting

Newman of Morris; wide receiver Brian Kopf of St. Patrick (who's also a basketball prospect); and linebacker Tyler Quast of Hinsdale Central.

The list of probable Division I prospects also includes defensive backs Garrick Cox of Fenton and Prentice Davis of Waukegan; linemen Scott Allen of Bradley-Bourbonnais, T.J. Gaynor of Marist and Mark Hornok of Larkin; wide receiver Reggie Britton of Simeon; and running backs Henry Bailey of Kennedy and Rob Gillespie of Barrington.

Class 5A state champion Mt. Carmel has four possibilities: lineman Charles Edwards, tight end Bryan Koepke, linebacker Jeremy Nau and running back Bobby Sanders. Class 4A champ Richards has three: running back Michon Ellis, fullback Stacey Flowers and defensive back Michael Russell, Russell, however, must rebound from knee surgery.

As many as 100 area players may sign letters of intent in Feb-

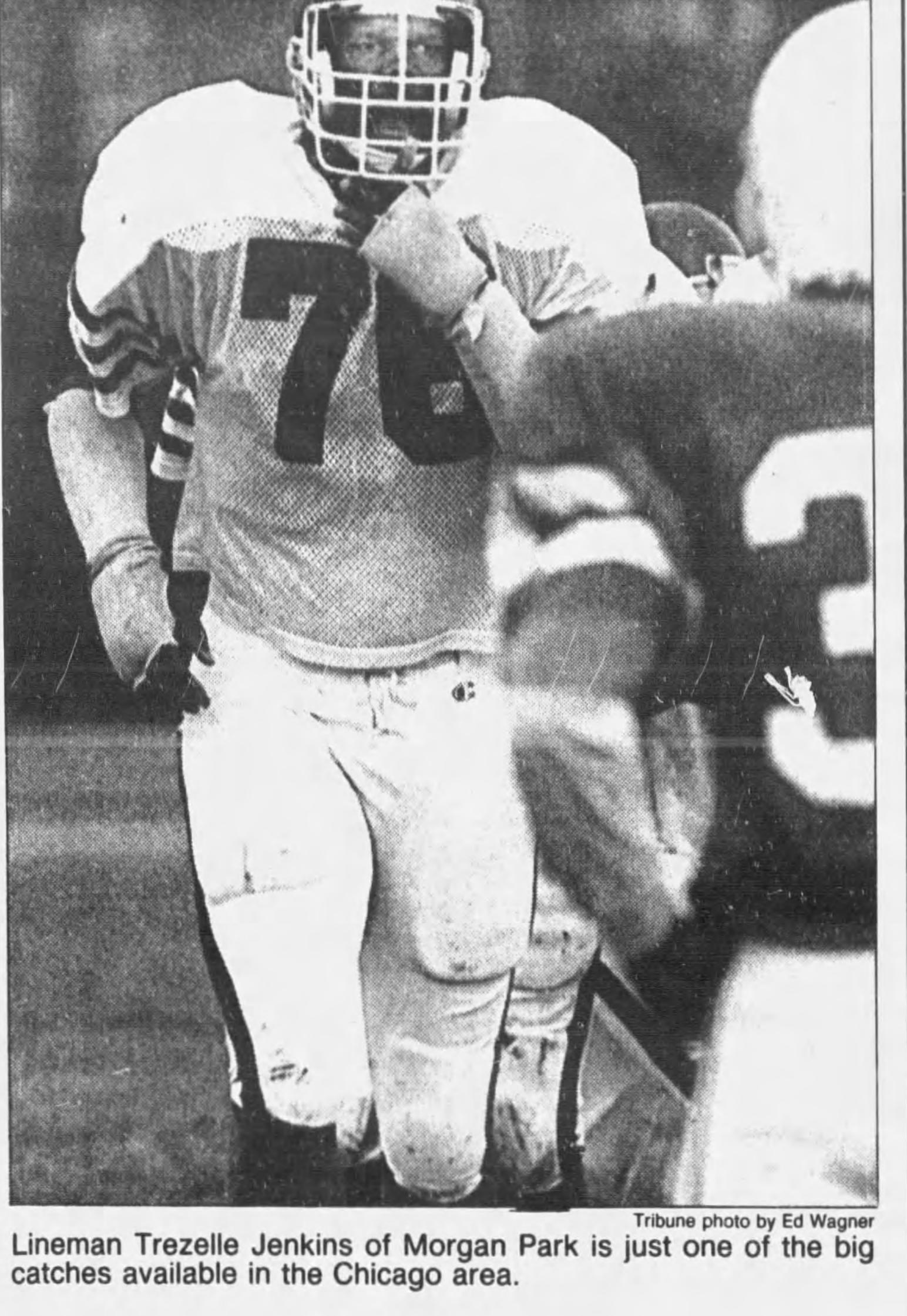
The talent pool in the Chicago area is probably a little deeper than usual, particularly in the line, where 275-pound athletes such as Jenkins and Wilkins seem more the rule than the exception.

"It's a real good year overall," said Iowa recruiting coordinator Frank Verducci, "and a tremendous year for linemen. There's a ton of good linemen."

Consequently, more schools than ever are shopping in the already heavily recruited Chicago

"Just when you thought everybody was in there, someone else shows up," Verducci said. "It's just a tribute to the coaches and the football there. I know coaches from the South and Southwest who are coming up because of the reputation for big, strong, tough kids and the type of physical football being played in the Chicago area."

"It seems like more schools are coming through, including schools that weren't stopping in years past," said Evanston coach



John Riehle.

Big 10 schools Ohio State and Wisconsin, programs whose Chi- Dame's recruiting class is ranked cago-area recruiting had dropped off in recent years after previous successes, are back in force. The Buckeyes started their move last season under then first-year assistant coach Bobby Turner, who grew up in East Chicago. He helped sign Tribune All-State running back Alex Rodriguez of Lane Tech.

New Wisconsin head coach Barry Alvarez has followed through on his pledge to make northern Illinois a priority by assigning three assistant coaches to the area, including Bill Callahan, who used to recruit Chicago for Illinois.

"We're going to recruit the area like it's in-state," said Rob Ianello, Wisconsin's on-campus recruiting coordinator.

And now, a final look back at last season's signings. Notre No. 1 in the country by Super-Prep magazine, The Blue Chip Report and by talent scouts Joe Terranova, Tom Lemming and Max Emfinger. All except Emfinger rank Florida State second. He ranks Texas A&M second and the Seminoles fourth. All five rank Georgia No. 3.

The consensus Top 20:

1. Notre Dame; 2. Florida State; 3. Georgia; 4. Texas A&M; 5. Michigan; 6. Ohio State; 7. UCLA; 8. Southern California; 9. Nebraska; 10. Oklahoma; 11. Miami; 12. West Virginia; 13. Alabama; 14. North Carolina; 15. Colorado; 16. Michigan State; 17. Syracuse; 18. Stanford; 19. South Carolina; 20. (tie) Auburn and Pitt.

Bits &



Farewell: The 1990 boys state track meet was the last for Roy Gummerson as the permanent chairman of the Illinois High School Association track advisory committee. The 76-year-old former Oak Park coach has been the man behind the state

meet for 24 years. "I've had a heart problem and my legs get so stiff," said Gummerson after the final event last week at Charleston. "I thought maybe 50 years was enough. Every year this meet got a little better. The essence of this meet was the spirit of the officials who

Big help: The man behind the scenes for Class AA champ Joliet West was former head coach Roger Swank, now an assistant to John Harr. Swank worked with hurdler Terry Collins, who started the year known more as a basketball player. Collins ended up winning the 110-meter high hurdles and keying the Tigers' victory.

"We knew he was good, and it was just a matter of time," said Swank, who retired as head coach in 1977. "He was really a beginning hurdler. He messed around with them a little last year, but this was really his first year. We knew one day he'd be there. We kept telling him that before he left school he'd be a state champ."

Harr rarely is at a loss for words, but he was for a short time after the state meet. "I don't know if I'll ever come down from this," said Harr. "I'll probably be this way all summer. This is the right kind of high. The athletic high."

Third place: North Park College's Krista Thyreen finished third in the 400meter hurdles at last weekend's NCAA Division III meet at North Central and also qualified in the 100-meter hurdles. Thyreen also earned All-America honors (fourth place) during the indoor season in the 55meter hurdles and competed in the 800meter as well. Thyreen's dad, Dan, coaches track at Hersey High School where Krista finished second in the state in the 200 hurdles and fifth in the state in the 100 hurdles her junior year.

Despite a broken leg in her senior year, she still earned a track scholarship to the University of Minnesota. She transferred to North Park this season and competed in cross country for the first time in college as well. "I run better when I'm not under pressure," Thyreen said. "I have much more confidence."



Honored: Elgin's Jeff Mirabella has been named first team All-America at 112 pounds by Amateur Wrestling News. The three-time Class AA state champion, who will

attend Northwestern next fall, had a 112-2 career record. Ken Gerdes of Providence, a two-time state champion, was picked on the fourth team at 130 pounds. Larkin state heavyweight champion Brian Rose was picked on the 10th All-America team.

West Germany-bound: Morrie Geselter of Glenbrook North and Mike Duroe of New Trier will coach a team of cadet wrestlers in a West German tour July 27-Aug. 8. Included on the team are Palatine's Tom Marek, Eric Brown of Mundelein, Curt Onstad of Round Lake Beach, David Alexander of Maywood, Dan Gilbert of Orland Park, Jevon Herman of St. Charles, Al Strobel of Lake Zurich, Seth Brady of Mt. Prospect, Mark Lovrich of Hickory Hills and Harley Roesler of Shorewood.



Illinois team: A team featuring some of the top seniors-to-be in the state will play all-star teams from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio in a twoday round-robin tournament

beginning Saturday in Bloomington, Ind. According to co-coach Cameron Trail, the Illinois team will include Juwan Howard of Chicago Vocational, Tom Kleinschmidt of Gordon Tech, Howard Nathan of Peoria Manual, Billy Taylor of West Aurora, Sean Pearson of Nazareth Academy, Sherell Ford and Donnie Boyce of Proviso East and Rick Hielscher of New Trier. Also expected to compete are three of the nation's top 10 prospects, Chris Webber of Detroit, Alan Henderson of Indianapolis and Glenn Robinson of Gary.

Leo camp: Leo coach Jack Fitzgerald will conduct two separate week-long basketball camps for grade school students at the high school, 79th street and Sangamon aveneu in Chicago. The dates are June 11-15 and July 23-27. For further information, call 312-224-9600.

Gordon camp: Gordon Tech's annual basketball camp for boys entering 5th through 9th grades will be July 2-20. For a brochure, call 539-3600.

Help wanted I: Tinley Park is accepting applications for the boys varsity head basketball coaching position. Applicants with a current Illinois high school teaching certificate can contact Athletic Director Dan

Wile or Principal John McGraw. The vacancy was created when Randy Voels took the same job at Sandburg. Help wanted II: Leo is accepting applications to replace head football coach

Paul Maggiore, who resigned. For information, contact Leo Athletic Director Bob Foster at 312-224-9600.

Jim Harding contributed to this report.

Former local high school stars make NBA—their own way

By Bob Sakamoto

It was the summer before his junior year, and Lake Forest High School basketball star Greg Hanrahan wanted to show the world he could compete with the wizards of the inner city.

There he was, at the nationally renowned Five-Star Basketball Camp in Pittsburgh, confronting a skinny 6-foot-2-inch kid from North Carolina.

The gangly one, all arms and legs and ears, stuck his tongue out at Hanrahan and dunked it in his face.

"I remember going home and telling my dad: 'This kid, Michael Jordan, he's going to be a player someday.' He was the first camper to play in the showcase game with the counselors, who were all top Division I players. Michael ate them up. That's when I knew he was going to be larger than life."

Jordan actually wound up in the same place as Hanrahan, working for the Bulls. Only Jordan does his best work airborne in front of 18,000 people while Hanrahan, 27, manages special events such as the Three-on-

Three tournament behind the scenes in the Bulls' front office.

He was all-Lake County after averaging 12 points and 8 assists in 1982. The same summer he met Jordan he was selected to play on a Junior Olympic team in Taiwan.

Six of Hanrahan's co-workers are also former Chicago-area high school stars. A fourth of the club's front-office personnel were local heroes before finding their way to the One Magnificent Mile

John Bajusz, Benet Academy—The 6-1 purchasing agent could be playing in the NBA under different circumstances. He 1983, teaming with Pat Collins, Matt Moser and Jim O'Shaughnessy as a junior and losing to Quincy with Bruce and Dennis Douglas in the quarterfinals. The Redwings made it Downstate a year later, bowing out to a Darren Guest-Tyrone Thigpen Thornton team.

Recruited by Fresno State, Illinois and Nebraska, Bajusz wound up in the Ivy League at Cornell, where he averaged 19.5

points his senior season and was an honorable mention All-American. His roommate, Brian Colangelo, son of Phoenix Suns President Jerry Colangelo, told him the word was out he'd be drafted. NBA superscout Marty Blake told Cornell's coach the

same thing. Bajusz was snubbed. "Some days, when I'm playing well and see guys like Jim Les, Jeff Hornacek, John Paxson, Jon Sundvold, I think I could be playing pro ball," said Bajusz, 25. "But it's a lot different hitting a jumper on [marketing vice president] Steve Schanwald than going

up against Joe Dumars." David Brenner, New Trier starred for coach Bill Geist's West-"When I was playing ball, Elite Eight teams in 1982 and there were guys like Mark Aguirre, Isiah Thomas, Glenn Rivers, Craig Hodges, Eddie Johnson and Rod Higgins playing. I've got old newspaper clippings of highlights and right with all their names is mine."

Brenner started alongside Joel May and Rick Malnati when the Cowboys of coach Mel Sheets went Downstate in 1977 and 1978. That close-knit group played together in the summers for six years after graduating.

They still hold periodic reunions.

"It was one of the best times, if not the best time of my life," said Brenner, the Bulls' 30-yearold promotions director. "I can't watch the movie 'Hoosiers' without being moved by it. This is the stuff you actually draw from your whole life."

Greg Bradshaw, Woodstock-The senior quarterback led the Blue Streaks to a 41-28 victory over Washington for the Class 4A title in 1984, running for three touchdowns, passing for two and completing 19 of 26 passes for 280 yards. Four years later, he was Northwestern's starting QB. He engineered a 28victory over Purdue by running for two TDs and firing a 70-yard TD pass to Bob Christian, and tossed a pair of TD passes in a 35-12 win over Wisconsin. The 24-year-old is a promotions man-

Karen Stack, Oak Forest—At 6-2, the all-area center dominated with 13 points, 13 rebounds, 4 blocks a game for the Bengals, who took fourth in the state in 1979. She went on to star at Northwestern, played pro ball in

France for a year and spent a season with the Chicago Spirit pro team. The 28-year-old is the assistant to General Manager Jerry Krause, and her brother Jim, who starred at St. Laurence and Northwestern, is a scout.

K.C. Johnson, Evanston—He never saw much action with the 1984 state finalist Wildkits that featured Everette Stephens, Mike Cobb, Brian Brown and Louis Wool. But the 6-3 guard persevered and wound up starting for two years at Division III Beloit College, teaming with Buffalo Grove's Ken Kozemzak, Rolling Meadows' Tim Leslie and Stagg's Evans Papanikolaou. Fresh out of college, the 22-yearold is a sales representative.

Keith Brown, Rolling Meadows—He was a Mid-Suburban League All-Star baseball player his senior season and led the league in stolen bases. He played against the New York Mets' Mike Marshall (Buffalo Grove) and Bill Luzinski (Wheeling), brother of Greg. The 29-year-old director of ticket sales heads the office softball team, which hasn't lost a game in seven years.

Former Highland Park star Dawson gets his assists now as an agent

By Bob Sakamoto

He was once the scourge of the North Shore, a waterbug-quick point guard skittering through defenses like the Phoenix Suns' Kevin Johnson.

One moment, you'd see his distinctive goggles. The next moment, he was headed for two more points.

Veltra Dawson III may have been the best guard in Highland Park history, on the school's best team. As a sophomore, he directed 6-foot-9 Tom Ivy, 6-7 Bruce Mordini, Josh Wexler and others to a Sweet 16 finish in the state tournament. The summer before his senior year, he was named Best Playmaker at the Five-Star Camp in Pittsburgh, also attended by Michael Jordan.

He averaged 25 points, 8 re-

bounds, 6 assists in his senior season, was named to All-State teams and earned all-American mention. He accepted a scholarship to Villanova, where he was a freshman reserve on the 1985 NCAA championship team.

Then it seemed like the world lost touch with Veltra Dawson III. Midway in his sophomore year, he got a little homesick for the Midwest and wasn't satisfied with his playing time, although he averaged 8 points off the bench. He transferred to Evansville, sat out the required season, then started for a season and a half.

His role was to dribble at the top of the key, then pass to Marty Simmons and Scott Haffner coming around screens. As a senior, he averaged 8 points and 6 assists for a 21-8 Evansville team that went to the NIT.

"Once I left Villanova, people Dawson said. "They need sometration. "Now I'm reappearing."

He is the lead recruiter for a sports management firm called the Kingsley Group, 141 W. Jackson Blvd. One of his co-workers is ex-Bulls guard Guy Rodgers. It's a venture started by Bob

Kingsley, a self-made Highland Park millionaire who owns 10 seats on the Chicago Board of Trade, a cellular battery company and has produced four movies.

Kingsley was an avid fan of the Highland Park team and has given Dawson guidance. "After the Norby Walters and

Lloyd Bloom thing [conviction of two sports agents], 'King' talked about forming a group that would represent athletes the right way."

thought I was dead," said one they trust to handle their Dawson, 24, who has a degree in money. King knows his finances marketing and business adminis- and has a lot more money than some of the players. He doesn't need their money."

Using his contacts, Dawson has successfully recruited ex-Loyola star Kenny Miller, who led the NCAA in rebounding in 1987-88 but transferred. Miller will compete in the June 5-9 NBA predraft camp UIC in hopes of becoming a first-round pick.

"A lot of them know me from playing ball," Dawson said. " They trusted me. If I put my name on something, I'll stand behind it."

Other clients include ex-San Antonio Spur Walter Berry, who's playing in Italy; former St. John's star Shelton Jones (France) and ex-Villanova player Gary Massey.

Of the current NBA draft crop, Dawson represents Iowa's Michael Ingram (Proviso West), Michigan State's Todd Wolfe (Prospect) and Oregon State's Darren Houston (South Shore). He is working with ex-Bull Charles Oakley of the Knicks and ex-Illini Nick Anderson of the Magic in getting endorsements. Dawson, whose goal is make

the Kingsley Group "the Indiana University of the sports agent world," said: "This is such a dirty business. We're just starting to get guys coming to us who've had promises broken by other agents.

"Kids will tell you how much they're getting from other agents and ask how much you're willing to pay. All this cheating, it makes you mad. If someone will cheat to get you, what's to stop him from cheating with your money?"