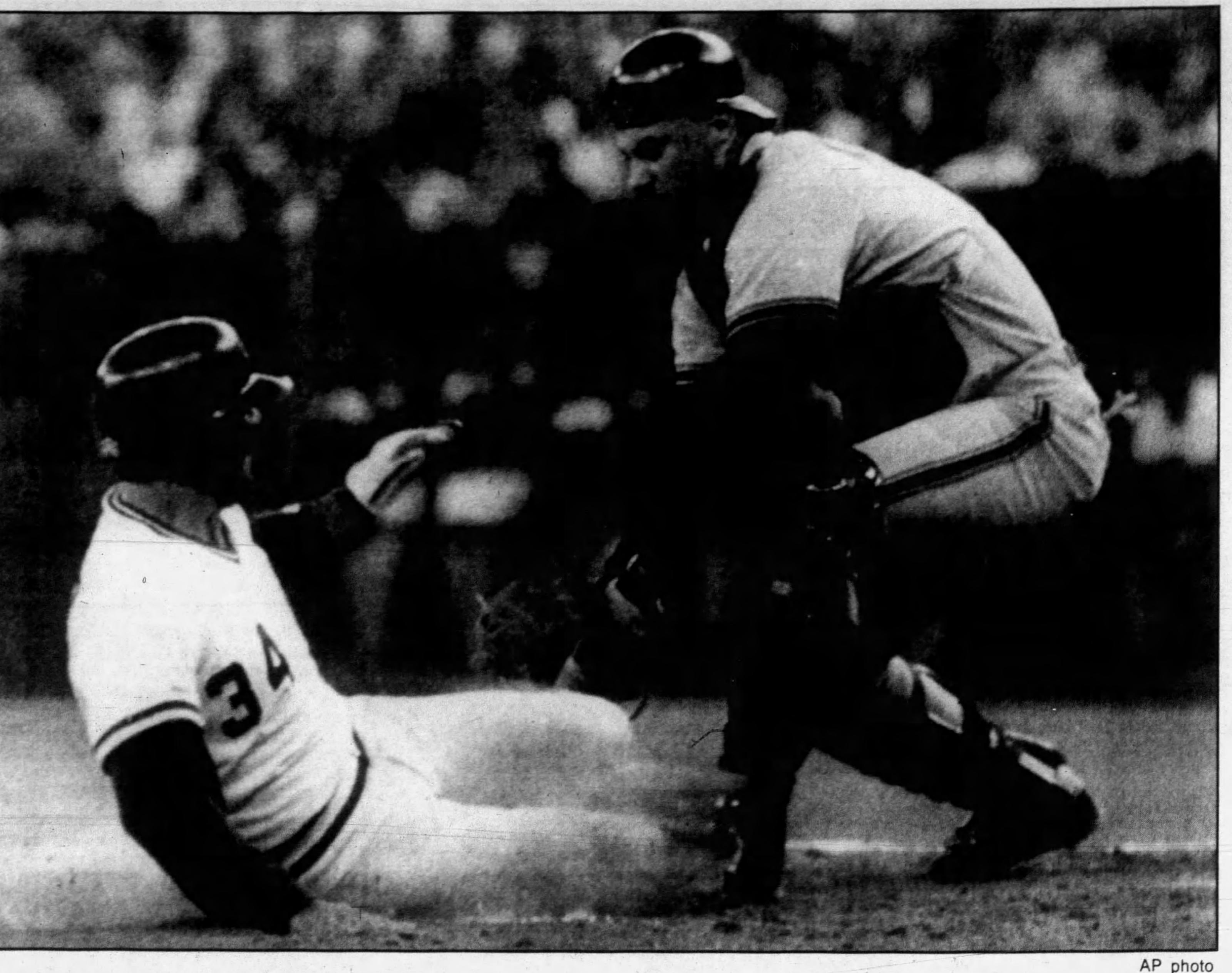
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Owners must pay players \$102.5 million

NEW YORK (AP) - Baseball owners were ordered Monday to give players \$102.5 million as compensation for damages caused during the 1987 and 1988 seasons by the clubs' conspiracy against free agents.

Arbitrator George Nicolau issued the decision following 31/2 years of hearings, but did not detail how much money would go to each player, ruling only on the total amount of damages. Further hearings will decide how the money is divided.

The latest ruling joins the \$10.5 million awarded to players last year by arbitrator Thomas Roberts, who heard the first of the three collusion cases and decided damages for the 1986 season. The total of * approximately \$113 million comes to \$4,347,234 per team, and that does not include interest, which will total tens of



Convictions of agents overturned

But retrial is still possible for Walters, Bloom

CHICAGO (AP) - A federal appeals court on Monday overturned the racketeering convictions of two sports agents accused of signing athletes to contracts before their eligibility expired.

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The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the convictions of Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom on a legal technicality and did not address the mail fraud. racketeering or conspiracy counts.

This left open the possibility of retrial, but prosecutors who handled the case were not in their offices after business hours Monday, and it could not be learned if they would try again for convictions. Walters, 58, of New York, had been sentenced to five years in prison while Bloom, 30, of Sherman Oaks, Calif., was given three years. U.S. District Judge George M. Marovich said his decision to sentence them to prison was influenced by the involvement of the agents, particularly Walters, with an organized crime figure. "I love everybody! God bless the judges!" Walters shouted into the telephone from his New York home just minutes after he learned of the reversal. "I believe justice was done," he said.

millions of dollars.

Chuck O'Connor, head of management's Player Relations Committee, said the union had asked for approximately \$130 million for 1987 and 1988 and that owners had proposed damages of about \$85 million.

Nicolau, who heard the second and third cases, did not wish to comment on his ruling. He gave copies to the union and the PRC and union head Donald Fehr said he would release the text of the decison on Tuesday, when he will hold a news conference.

"There will be much more to come when the remaining damages are determined, including lost salary for 1989 and 1990, and other damages," Fehr said. "Protest as they will, the owners can no longer downplay either the significance or the effect of their intentionally wrongful conduct."

Fehr said hearings would begin next week in Chicago on additional damages, such as compensation for loss of mobility. He said additional damages could be susbstantial while O'Connor termed these "issues of a relatively minor nature."

The two arbitrators found owners guilty of suppressing salaries through a boycott of free agents following the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons. Although teams once again started signing free agents following the 1988 season, the union claims damages are continuing because salaries are lower than they would have been without they boycott.

San Francisco Giants catcher Terry Kennedy puts the tag on Cincinnati's Jeff Reed to complete a double play Monday night at Cincinnati. The Reds beat the Giants, 4-0, on a two-hitter by Jose Rijo.

Rijo's 2-hitter lifts Cincinnati

Associated Press

CINCINNATI - Jose Rijo pitched a twohitter and Paul O'Neill hit a two-run homer Monday night to move Cincinnati a step closer to the National League West title with a 4-0 victory over San Francisco.

The victory reduced to 11 the Reds' magic number for clinching their first division title since 1979. The Reds are trying to become the first NL team to lead the division every day of a 162-game season.

The defending champion Giants fell 8¹/₂ behind the Reds with their fourth straight loss. They've scored just five runs in the four games.

The Giants managed just a first-inning double by Kevin Bass and a ninth-inning single by Bass against Rijo (11-8). It was by

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far Rijo's best performance against the Giants - he came into the game with an 0-5 career record against San Francisco, including 0-2 this year.

The right-hander struck out 12, a Reds high this season.

Dodgers 5, Braves 2

ATLANTA — Eddie Murray and Kal Daniels each had three hits, including runscoring singles to help Los Angeles to a victory over Atlanta, keeping their slim pennant hopes alive.

The Dodgers, who won for the fourth time

in four games, remained 51/2 games behind NL West leader Cincinnati with 15 games left. The Reds beat San Francisco, 4-0, and have 16 games left.

Murray, hitting .377 against the Braves this season with 15 RBI, drove in the Dodgers' first run in the third inning off Charlie Liebrandt (8-10). Mike Sharperson singled with two outs and took second as Daniels walked before Murray delivered his hit to center field, scoring Sharperson.

Padres 5, Astros 0

HOUSTON — Bruce Hurst pitched his second straight shutout and extended his consecutive scoreless-innings streak to 27 with a six-hitter in San Diego's victory over Houston.

Valters and Bloom were convicted April 13, 1989, after a fiveweek trial.

The government said they paid college athletes thousands of dollars to sign secret representation contracts before their eligibility had expired, a violation of NCAA rules.

Former Iowa football players Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell were involved in the case after they signed contracts while still at the university.

They also were accused of threatening to break the legs of some athletes to keep them from disregarding the contracts.

The government said their pattern of doing business cheated universities out of scholarship money through the NCAA violations, which made the athletes ineligible to play on the college level. In its ruling, the appeals court said U.S. District Judge George Marovich improperly refused to call certain testimony to the jurors' attention. Walters had testified that his actions in signing the athletes early were guided by advice he received from his New York lawyer. Representatives of the law firm also testified, substantiating Walters' assertion.

Clubs already have placed \$10.5 million is escrow to cover the Roberts decision. O'Connor said \$102.5 million would be added to the account by the end of the year and said the clubs still had approximately \$100 million left from television money they had saved in their lockout fund last winter.

"While we disagree with the amount of damages awarded, it is important to remember that the events in question began more than five years ago," O'Connor said. "It is undoubtedly the case that the origins of this dispute games left. are in part related to the clubs' efforts to grapple with the serious economic issues facing the game."

Commissioner Fay Vincent, reached in Washington, would not discuss the ruling.

Hand injury puts Gwynn out for year

SAN DIEGO (AP) - The San **Diego Padres announced Monday** that four-time National League batting champion Tony Gwynn will miss the rest of the season

Blue Jays notch 4th consecutive victory

Associated Press

TORONTO - Kelly Gruber snapped a 4-4 tie with a two-out bloop single in the seventh inning Monday night and the surging Toronto Blue Jays beat the New York Yankees, 6-4, Monday night for their fourth straight victory.

A crowd of 49,902, Toronto's 62nd sellout of the season and 55th in a row, helped the Blue Jays set a major league attendance record with 3,635,821. The old mark of 3,608,881 was set by the 1982 Los Angeles Dodgers. The Blue Jays have five home

The Blue Jays, who stayed one game behind Boston in the American League East, erased 3-0 and 4-3 deficit against rookie Steve Adkins, making his second major league start.

With two out in the eighth, Tony Fernandez singled off Eric Plunk (5-3), took second on a wild pitch and scored on Gruber's soft flare to right field. Manny Lee added an RBI single in the eighth after a single and a balk as Toronto won for the 14th time in 18 games.

John Cerutti (9-9) got the win in relief of Todd Stottlemyre, allowing a walk in one inning. Duane Ward and Tom Henke each pitched an inning, with Henke getting his 29th save. He struck out the side, including pinch-hitter Steve Balboni with two runners on base to end the game. Jesse Barfield's two-run homer, his 24th, and Roberto Kelly's RBI double gave the Yankees a 3-0 lead in the second inning before Kevin Maas flied out with the bases loaded. The Blue Jays tied it in their half with the help of one of the craziest plays of the season. George Bell struck out to start the inning but reached third on a wild pitch, Pat Borders doubled and Kenny Williams doubled them home.

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the ball wildly to second. Williams, who slid back into second, retraced his steps again and barreled around third, where he bowled over third base coach John McLaren. However, left fielder Hall injured his right shoulder diving to stop the ball and Williams scored easily. Hall left the game and was to have the shoulder x-rayed on Tuesday.

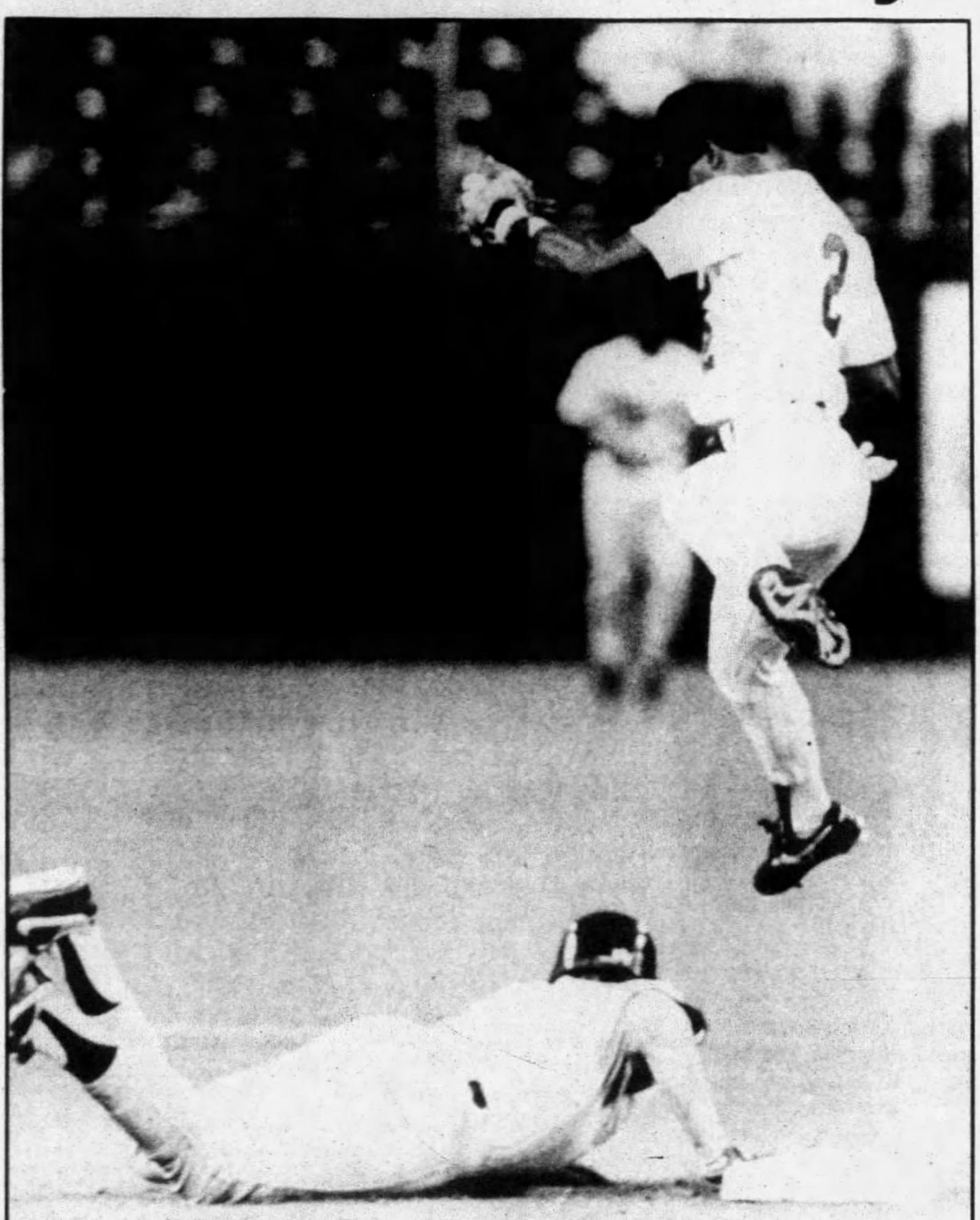
The Yankees took a 4-3 lead in the fifth on singles by Don Mattingly, Maas and Matt Nokes. Stottlemyre prevented further scoring by retiring Mike Blowers and Alvaro Espinoza with the bases loaded.

In the bottom of the fifth, Mookie Wilson extended his hitting streak to a season-high 12 games with a leadoff triple and walks to Tony Fernandez and Gruber loaded the bases. Plunk relieved and Wilson scored when Fred McGriff hit into a double play.

Mattingly, who was 2-for-2 as a pinch hitter since coming off the disabled list last week, made his first start since July 24 and went 2-for-4 as the Yankees' designated hitter.

Indians 4, Brewers 2

CLEVELAND — Steve Olin,



Minnesota second baseman Nelson Liriano, right, has to go high for a pickoff throw as Kansas City's Jeff Conine gets back safely. The Royals beat the Twins, 1-0.

but suffered the loss. He yielded

10 hits and is 5-7 since a pulled

groin muscle put him on the 15-

Royals 1, Twins 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Steve Farr,

a converted reliever, pitched a

four-hitter over seven innings for

his third win in four starts and

Bo Jackson drove in the only run

with a sixth-inning single as

Farr (11-7), who has made 51

relief appearances for the Royals,

is 3-1 as a starter and was making

his first start since July 3. Steve

Crawford went one inning and

Kansas City beat Minnesota.

day disabled list in mid-June.

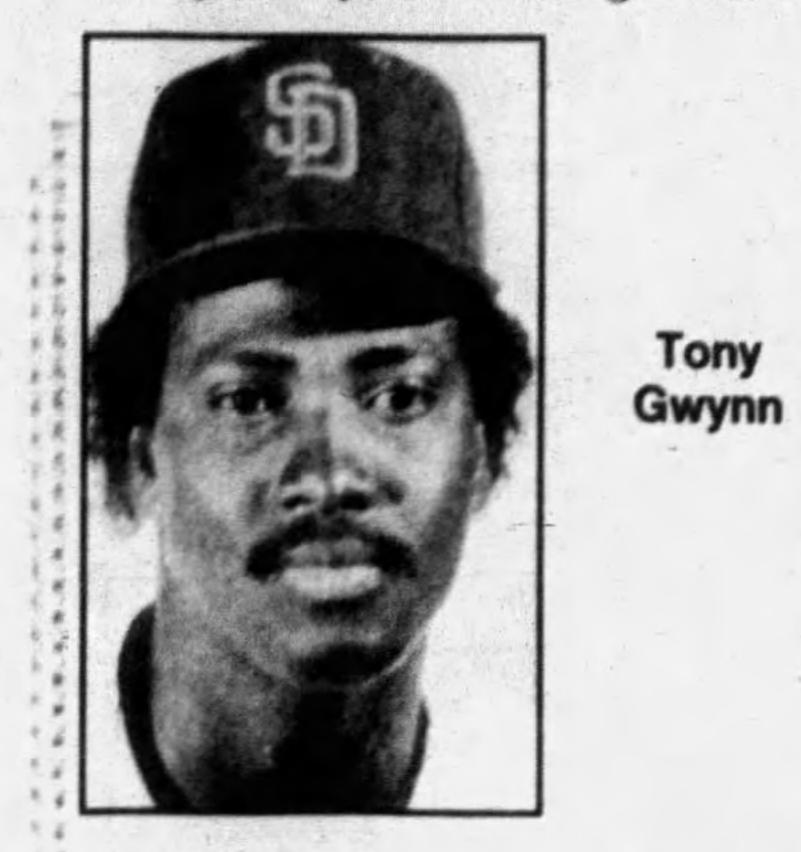
Kennedy has 29-shot lead

DUBUQUE - Cedar Rapids Kennedy increased its overall lead after the second leg of the Mississippi Valley Conference boys' golf meet Monday at Thunder Hills Golf Course.

Kennedy shot a second-round 308, giving the Cougars a 36-hole total of 628, 29 strokes ahead of second-place Dubuque Hempstead. Iowa City High is third with a 661 and Dubuque Senior is fourth with a 675.

Mark Hanson of Kennedy was individual medalist Monday with a 1-under-par 70. He holds a 149-153 advantage over teammates Caine Fitzgerald and Jeff Cohn in the individual race.

because of a hand injury. Gwynn injured his right index



finger when he ran into the outfield wall in the third inning of Saturday night's game at Atlanta while trying to catch a ball -hit by the Braves' Jeff Treadway. He will undergo a medical procedure Tuesday to have his finger popped back into place.

Gwynn finished the season hitting .309 with four home runs and 72 RBI and is second in the National League with 10 triples. He had won batting titles with averages of .351 in 1984, .370 in season.

Lee then popped out to first baseman Maas in foul territory. Williams was running on the play and slid head-first into third. But with an easy double play in the making, Maas threw

called on to make his first professional start when Bud Black was traded just before game time, held Milwaukee to two runs in seven innings as Cleveland Indians beat the Brewers.

Olin (4-4), a submarine-style right-hander, had been strictly a reliever since breaking into pro ball in 1987. He gave up six hits, struck out three, walked one and retired 15 of the last 17 batters he faced. Doug Jones worked two innings for his 36th save.

Black was about to begin his warm-ups when he learned that he had been traded to Toronto for minor league pitcher Mauro Gozzo and two players to be named later.

The win was Cleveland's fifth in the last six games. Milwaukee is 0-4 in Cleveland.

Milwaukee's Teddy Higuera Jeff Montgomery pitched the (10-8) pitched a complete game ninth for his 20th save.

AP photo

The victory was the Royals' 12 games. In dropping their fourth straight, the Twins fell West.

Minnesota's Larry Casian (0-1), making his second major league start and his third appearance, went seven innings and yielded eight hits but three of them came in the sixth.

Gary Thurman led off the Pirates win flip inning with one of his three hits and took second on Kevin

Seitzer's ground out.

Vaughn, Jackson win Big Ten honors

CHICAGO (AP) - Tailback John Vaughn of Michigan was second straight after losing 11 of named Offensive Player of the Week by the Big Ten on Monday. Vaughn, a sophomore from four games behind the Royals in Florissant, Mo., rushed 22 times their attempt to get out of last for 201 yards and caught six place in the American League passes for 41 yards in the Wolverines' 28-24 loss at Notre Dame.

> Free safety Frank Jackson of Minnesota was named the conference's Defensive Player of the Week.

NEW YORK (AP) - If the National League East Division race ends in a tie between the Pittsburgh Pirates and New York Mets, a one-game playoff for the title will be held at Pittsburgh Oct. 4.

The Pirates gained the right to host the game by winning a conference call coin flip Monday between general managers Larry Doughty of Pittsburgh and Frank Cashen of the Mets.

Baylor football player in critical condition after collapse

WACO, Texas (AP) - Baylor reserve offensive lineman John Karkoska was listed in critical condition on Monday, four days after collapsing during football practice.

Team physician Dr. R. V. Covington said Karkoska, a redshirt freshman, is suffering liver and kidney failure. He had earlier been

listed in extremely critical condition, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Coach Grant Teaff said Karkoska, a highly recruited lineman from Aldine, finished a two-hour workout on Thursday by running wind sprints called "gassers" with the rest of the squad.

"One of the assistant coaches heard him say 'My bowels are about to burst,' and he went into the restroom," Teaff said. "When he came back he ran a lap around the field and that was when it happened."

Covington said Karkoska's body temperature and heart rate were elevated.