

Photo for The Tribune by Curt Beaner/Champaign News-Gazette Senior hitter Lorna Henderson is a key performer for the 7-1 Illinois volleyball team.

# Attention, please: Illinois soaring in volleyball

By Andrew Bagnato Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN—This might be the are you haven't heard the first word esty. about it.

For starters, it hasn't appeared on ESPN SportsCenter.

country after whipping four nationally ranked teams in a row. Its lone defeat came at the hands of the No. 1 club. And it leads the nation in attendance.

Meet the University of Illinois volleyball team. The Fighting Illini are 7-1 and, unlike their better-known brothers in football, look more like national title contenders every day.

Just ask coach Mike Hebert, who took Illinois teams to the Final Four in 1988 and 1989. Hebert, unlike many coaches, hottest team in the land, but chances sees no reason to indulge in false mod-

"This team, I think, is as good as those teams," he said.

The Fighting Illini will learn a little But it has leaped to No. 5 in the more about how good they are this weekend, when they compete in the Reebok Challenge at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. The Illini Friday night will meet 13th-rated Louisiana State after the completion of the 6:45 p.m. opener between secondranked Stanford and No. 22 Duke. The championship will follow Saturday's 6 p.m. consolation match.

players' first goal is to win the Big 10 title, but their early roll has given rise to headier thoughts.

"Have we thought about winning a national title?" said junior Tina Rogers, an outside hitter. "It's in the back of all of our minds. Our first goal is to win the Big 10. After that, we want to go all the way."

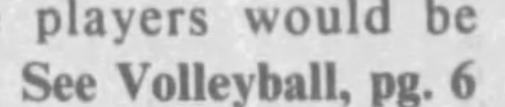
Don't be surprised if they do it. Hebert said this year's Fighting Illini are more balanced than either of his previous national title challengers, which relied more upon strength in the middle.

On this year's team, the player to watch is outside hitterKirstin Gleis.

Hebert isn't the only one who thinks Gleis, a member of the Dutch Olympic the Illini are Final Four material. His team, has won Big 10 Player of the Week honors each of the last two weeks. Gleis, a senior outside hitter, leads the team with 97 kills and is hitting .360.

The top hitter is Kristin Henriksen, a junior from Bensenville. She's a twotime All-Big 10 pick whose .455 average leads the nation. (That's 35 percentage points higher than the NCAA-best lifetime average of former Illini star Mary Eggers). Rogers is second with 87 kills and is hitting .335. Merrill Mullis, a junior from Tampa, leads with 10.76 assists a game.

Each of these players would be





Bernie Lincicome

In the wake of the news

## September's song a dirge, and yet...

The reasons dwindle down to a precious few to continue watching Chicago baseball.

By my count, there are exactly 27. 1—Andre Dawson. The kneeless wonder is on another salary tear. The lamer the duck the tougher the out. Wasn't this first obvious in 1987?

2-Greg Maddux. Pass the hat. No coins or estate jewelry, please.

3-Frank Thomas. Runners on first and second. Count 3-2. Is Big Frank going to swing at an imperfect pitch or take ball four and leave the dirty work to George Bell?

4-Mark Grace. Before totaling the games he does not win with the long ball he does not hit, subtract the games he saves by taking the short hop with the Gold Glove he finally will get.

5—Carlton Fisk. Holding back the twilight with yesterday's matches.

6—The ivy. Watching it turn brown beats watching Steve Sax turn his back on another groundball.

7-Larry Himes and Ron Schueler. The Owl and the Pussycat. Bert and Ernie. Castor and Oil. Curly and Shemp. Mug and Wump. Well, you get the idea.

8—Jose Canseco. Close your eyes and imagine him on either end of town.

9-Jerry Reinsdorf. The Mark Hanna of baseball. The man who made Bud Selig into William McKinley. The White Sox throw a World Series and create the baseball commissioner. The White Sox can't get to the World Series and destroy the commissioner. Admire the symmetry.

10—Box seats. Generously empty.

11—Harry Caray. Think of it this way: There are still eight innings when he does not sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." 12-Bobby Thigpen. Move to the edge of

your seat. 13-Ken Harrelson. He could make lawn darts fascinating. Duck snort, duck snort, duck snort.

14—Steve Buechele. Has anybody doublechecked this guy against his Pittsburgh trading card?

15—George Bell. See Sammy Sosa. 16—Rick Sutcliffe. Give the Cubs those 16 victories and 33 starts, the Pirates are in second place, the bullpen is still eager and scal-

pers are getting rich at Clark and Addison. 17—Shortstop. Imagine yourself playing the position at Wrigley and Comiskey, unless you already have.

18-Stanton Cook. Geppetto with clean fingernails.

19-Jim Lefebvre. Mr. Intensity. Has to See Lincicome, pg. 5

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Photo for the Tribune by Gary Stewart/AP

Washington quarterback Billy Joe Hobert, here on a 60- Rose Bowl victory last season. But he's splitting time this yard TD run against Wisconsin, took the Huskies to a year with Mark Brunell, another former Rose Bowl MVP.

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Notre Dame linebacker Demetrius DuBose plays his first game Saturday. Page 7.

# No doubt about it

# Washington thrives on change

By Ed Sherman Chicago Tribune

SEATTLE—The highest highs usually are founded on the lowest lows. Such was the case for Washington and coach Don James.

Talk at Washington now centers on national championships, as in how about another one? The Huskies won their first last year—at least in the coaches' poll. It mattered little that Miami was No. 1 in the writers' poll.

The Huskies will go for their 17th victory in a row Saturday when they play host to No. 12 Nebraska. The schedule points to another undefeated season, which would be a first for big-time Division I-A schools since Penn State pulled the feat in 1968 and 1969. The Huskies also are going for their third straight victory in the Rose Bowl, which also would be a first.

Indeed, these are heady times for the top dogs of the Pacific Northwest. Dynasty, any-

"Yeah, I'm a genius again," joked James. "But it's like [Florida State's] Bobby Bowden says: 'That halo isn't far from being a noose.' If we lose Saturday night, they'll go back to saying I'm overrated."

That's what they were saying after the 1988 season. The Huskies had slipped to 6-5 and, for the first time since 1978, didn't go to a bowl.

Speculation had centered on whether See Huskies, pg. 2

# Morgan feels OK after 20th?

By Joey Reaves

Greg Maddux has a shot at winning 20 games for the Cubs this season, but his buddy, Mike Morgan, already has done it.

Morgan waited out a 43-minute rain delay, suffered through a spell of nausea and still had enough left Thursday afternoon to throw a complete-game, twohit shutout to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 3-0 at Wrigley

It was the fifth complete game of the season for Morgan, his first shutout and the 20th time the Cubs have won a game he has started.

"All right!" said Morgan, clenching his first and pumping it once in the air when told the Cubs were 20-11 in his 31 starts.

"If you can start 31 games and have your team win 20 of them, then you're doing your job. You're keeping your team

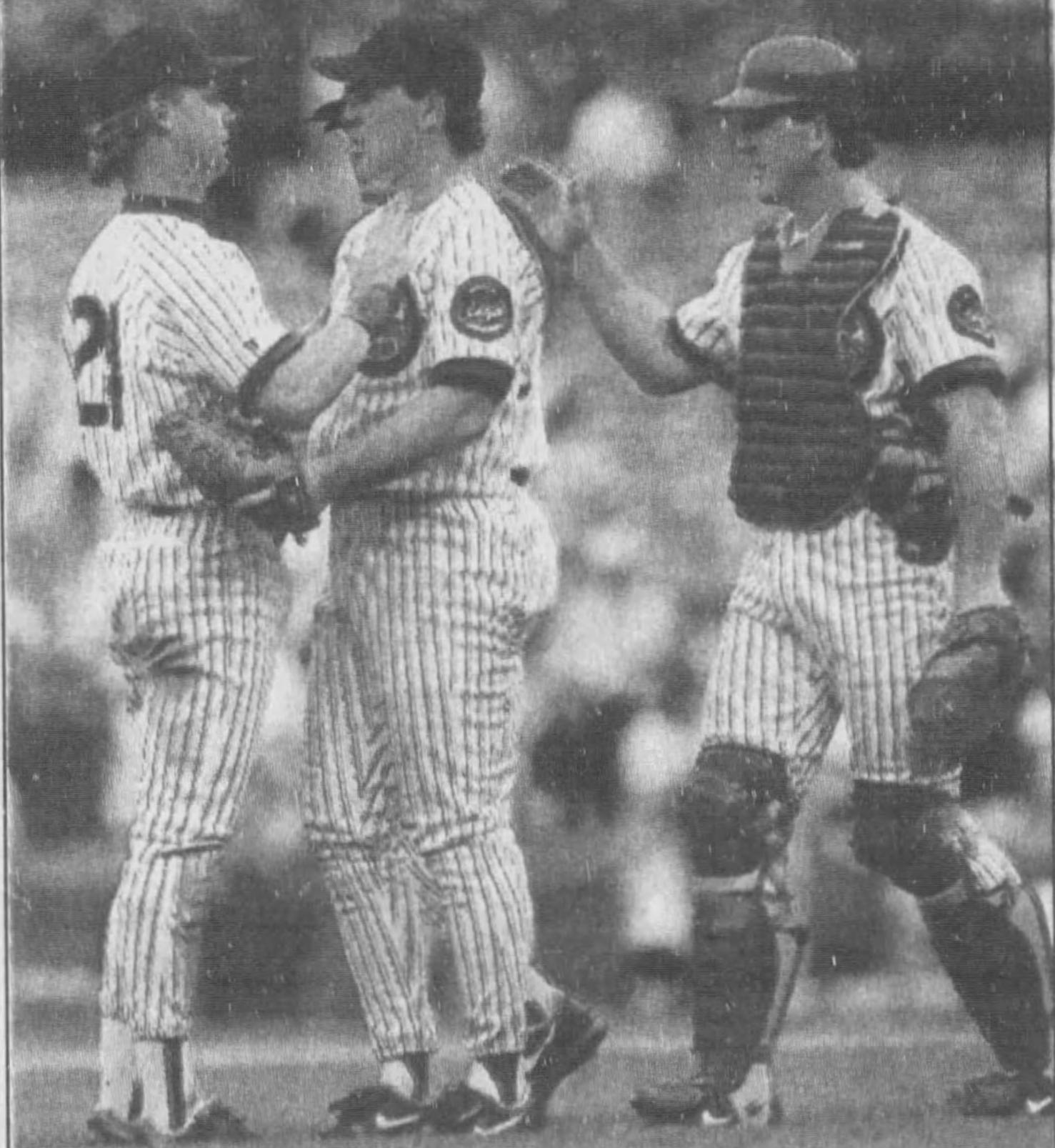
in the game, and you gotta take

Morgan's personal record improved to 15-7, the most games he has won in 10 major-league seasons. But he was more impressed with the Cubs' record when he pitches-knowing that five times when he failed to get credit for the victory, he kept the team close enough to enable them to rally for the win after he was gone.

"The Cy Young and all those personal awards are nice. Who wouldn't want them? But if I can look in the mirror and say my team has won 20 games 1 started, then I've done my job. I've got to be happy."

It didn't make Morgan sad, either, that the Cubs won 20 games behind him before they could win 20 behind Maddux. Morgan and Maddux have had

a strong, friendly rivalry all sea-



Tribune photo by Nancy Stone

Cubs pitcher Mike Morgan (center) is congratulated by third baseman Steve Buechele (left) and catcher Rick Wilkins after Morgan won his 15th game, a 3-0 victory Thursday over the Phillies at See Cubs, pg. 6 Wrigley Field. Morgan's previous career-best was 14 wins.

# Bulls close in on deal for Mavericks' McCray

By Sam Smith

The Bulls appear to be close to dealing for Dallas' Rodney McCray, one of the top allaround small forwards in the

McCray, a nine-year veteran with an 11.9-points-per-game career average, was due to take a physical Friday at the Bulls' new Deerfield practice facility. Sources close to the deal said if

McCray, who was bothered by minor knee problems last season, passes the tests, the trade could be consummated Friday.

The Bulls only would have to surrender a draft choice, presumably a future No. 1. McCray has one year left on a contract paying him just more than \$1 million per year, so the Bulls could fit him into the salary slot vacated by Cliff Levingston. The acquisition would be a

coup for the Bulls, who have been seeking a quality small forward to back up Scottie Pip-

McCray, 31, was the No. 3 pick in the 1983 draft out of Louisville by the Houston Rockets, with whom he played five seasons. He moved on to Sacramento in a trade for Otis Thorpe. He was traded to Dallas after the 1989-90 season, when he averaged a career-high 16.6

points per game.

Last season, McCray averaged fewer than 10 points per game for the first time in his career. He was caught in the Dallas rebuilding movement and had to share his position with several

younger players. He is 6 feet 8 inches tall, known as an excellent defender and fine complementary player

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# Walters sentence: 1½ years

By Matt O'Connor

A federal judge, saying he was acting to deter others, sentenced former sports agent Norby Walters to 11/2 years in prison Thursday for signing football players to pro contracts before their college eligibility ran out.

Walters was convicted of racketeering in a celebrated federal trial in Chicago in 1989 and sentenced to five years in prison, but the U.S. Court of Appeals threw out that conviction.

He pleaded guilty in December to a reduced charge of mail

U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber rejected an attempt by Walters' lawyers to give him only probation, imposing the 18month prison term as a deter-

"There is so much money involved in the sports business, there is strong incentive to bend and break the rules," the judge

Leinenweber also fined Walters \$25,000 and ordered him to complete 250 hours of community service after his release from

Walters, a successful music agent for mostly black entertainers, and partner Lloyd Bloom, tried to expand into representing college football stars in the mid-1980's. They were acweighs 235 pounds and is cused of providing cash bonuses, no-interest loans and sports cars to entice athletes into signing

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son that seems to have pushed both pitchers to excel.

Maddux (18-11) has the better personal record, but the Cubs are 19-13 in 32 games he has started—a .594 winning percentage compared to .645 behind Morgan.

For a while Thursday, Morgan was ready to forget about this game. He was nauseous, he was frustrated by the rains that interrupted his work after three innings and he just plain felt fed up.

"He was walking around saying he wanted to go back to Las Vegas and get out of this rain," said manager Jim Lefebvre. "I just told him to hang in there. The thing with Morgan is, you know if he starts complaining, you're going to get a good game out of

The Cubs got more than a good game out of him. They got a game in which he only faced 28 batters—one more than the minimum; a game in which he tied his career low for hits allowed, and a game in which no Phillie so much as reached second.

Twice before in his career, in 1990 and 1991, Morgan has pitched two-hitters. The last time he did it, he was the losing pitcher with a sterling defensive play, DeLeon L,2-8 against Montreal.

Representation of the steel door in MtWilliams against Montreal.

But this time, catcher Rick Wilkins and three hot young players-Alex Arias, Derrick May and

Dwight Smith—made sure Morgan's work stood up.

Wilkins scored one run, drove in another and got revenge on the only two Phillies who got hits off Morgan by immediately throwing them out trying to steal.

Both Philadelphia hits were singles, the first by Ruben Amaro Jr., who led off against Morgan in the fourth inning after the 43-minute rain delay. Wilkins promptly threw out Amaro, but one batter later, third baseman Dave Hollins drew a walk.

Hollins wound up being the only Phillie left on base the entire game. He was stranded at first when Darren Daulton grounded out to end the fourth.

The only other Phillie to reach base was Hollins, again, with a single in the seventh. But Wilkins threw him out, too.

Smith gave Morgan all the run support he would need in the fifth inning by driving in Wilkins, who had walked with one out. But the only reason Smith had a chance to drive in Wilkins was because Morgan helped himself with a two-out

Losing pitcher Jose DeLeon (2-8) said after the game that single by Morgan was the key to defeat.

May, red-hot with the bat of late, went hitless but chipped in going up against the steel door in left-center to pull down a screaming line drive by Daulton in the seventh.

"May's catch was the turning boint of the game because it took the heart out of the other team,"

Volleyball point of the game because it took the heart out of the other team," said Lefebvre.

Next: Vs. St. Louis, Friday 2:20 p.m., WGN-Ch. 9

How they scored

CUBS FIFTH—Wilkins walked, went to second on Morgan's single and scored on Smith's single. One run.

CUBS SIXTH—Grace doubled and went to third on a groundout by Dawson. Buechele walked. Wilkins singled, scoring Grace and moving Buechele to third. Arias singled, scoring Buechele. Two runs.

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Av	9.
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MtWilliams p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.33	50
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Hartley p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.00	00
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a-grounded out for Bell in the 8th.

E—Marsh (1). LOB—Philadelphia 1, CUBS 8. 2B—
Grace (34). RBIs—DwSmith (22), Wilkins (17), Arias (4), CS—Amaro (5). S—May.

Runners left in scoring position—CUBS 5 (Sandberg 2, Wilkins, Arias, Morgan), Philadelphia—0.

Runners moved up—Dawson, Buechele. IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA

Morgan W, 15-7 Umpires—Home, Meals; First, Reliford; Second, Marsh; Third, Bonin. T—2:04. A—7,743.

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household names if they played one of the men's revenue-producing sports. But because they don't, they hope the tournament in the Chicago area will provide exposure. The consolation and championship games will be televised on SportsChannel—but not until Oct. 8.

Imagine the men's basketball team, if it ever rises to No. 5, playing on tape-delay cable TV. Such is life as one of the best unknown teams in the country. But Hebert's thankful for the chance to play in suburban Chicago.

"That's a hotbed for our sport," Hebert said. "A lot of our recruits come out of that area."

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with them.

Last month, Bloom pleaded guilty

to mail fraud and was sentenced to

five years of probation and 500

Thursday, Assistant U.S Atty.

Robert Rivkin called Walters the

leader of the scheme, saying he had

"total disregard for ethics and the

law ... and didn't care what he did

to represent top college football

frauding two Big 10 universities. He

admitted persuading two athletes

from the University of Michigan and

one from Purdue into signing con-

tracts with him to represent them

valters had pleaded guilty to de-

hours of community service.

the Chicago area: Henriksen, sophomores Kathleen Shannon (like Henriksen from Immaculate Conception High School), Julie Edwards (Glenbard East) and Sue Nucci (Streamwood) and freshman Megan Stettin (Hinsdale South).

The Illini have long since developed a following in Champaign. They're drawing 2,904 per match, tops in the nation.

"It's really exciting," said Rena Zenarosa, a freshman from Belleville. "I had heard Huff Gym is great, but there is no way that you can't be pumped up to play there.'

The only people who aren't pumped up are the visitors. The Illini are 99-11 at Huff since 1985. The Illini have won both Huff

matches this year, but their present run began in Hawaii. They lost to top-rated UCLA, winner of the last This year, five Illini come from two NCAA titles, 3-0 in the

with pro teams before their eligibility

The players were Robert Perryman

of the Denver Broncos and Garland

Rivers, both formerly of Michigan,

and the Pittsburgh Steelers' Rod

Walters also admitted he then

Walters' lawyer, Tyrone Fahner,

concealed the agreements from the

schools, the Big 10 and the NCAA.

noting he had heard a radio report

about Michigan's declaring three

basketball players temporarily ineligi-

charity basketball tournament, urged

the judge not to hold Walters re-

sponsible for "the sometimes corrupt

Walters, 60, now of Los Angeles,

called his venture into the sports-

agent business "certainly the biggest

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intercollegiate athletic system."

mistake of my life."

ble for taking pay to appear at

to play college football expired.

Woodson, formerly of Purdue.

opening round of the Wahine Classic in Honolulu. But the next night, they defeated host Hawaii in three straight games.

That victory started the run of victories over ranked opponents. Next up was No. 26 Houston, then No. 5 Nebraska and No. 16 Colo-

Hebert loaded the schedule with toughies because he wanted to prepare the Illini for the postseason. The strategy could easily have damaged the women's confidence if the team had stumbled out of the blocks, but just the opposite has

happened. "Upsetting the big teams—I get a charge out of that," Rogers said. "Beating these teams in Chicago would be a huge accomplishment. It's just a chance to show that

"I've suffered very, very much," Walters told the judge. "I've lost my business. I've had to sell my house."

we're not on a freak roll."

Rivkin played part of a tape in court Thursday in which Walters made a sales pitch to the San Diego Chargers' Ronnie Harmon, then a running back at Iowa. Harmon secretly taped the conversation.

In the tape, Walters bragged about his connections and abilities, calling himself "the No. 1 salesman of black entertainment in the world."

After hearing the recording, Leinenweber told Walters his salesmanship "may have approached

the genius level. "If I had been in the room, probably would have leaped to sign a contract with you," the judge said.

But "you were selling a product that was illegal and you were dealing with impressionable people."

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## Bashful Charmer gets chance to shine in Lassie

By Neil Milbert

Trainer Frank Brothers is going to keep his stable's new sensation, Beal Street Blues, in the barn Saturday when Arlington presents its Grade I \$250,000 estimated Lassie Stakes. But don't be surprised to see him show up in the winner's circle with his second-stringer, Bashful Charmer.

The opposition seems surprisingly soft, and Bashful Charmer looks as though she has a touch of class.

"Beal Street Blues is obviously the better of the two," said Brothers. "But this race comes up a little

After winning by a 14-length landslide in her first start Aug. 4 in Arlington's 51/2-furlong Miss Oceana Stakes, Beal Street Blues went to California to make her next and last start Sept. 5 in the Grade II \$250,000 Del Mar Debutante. Facing nine top-drawer damsels and racing one mile, Beal Street Blues glided to a 2-length triumph.

Originally, Brothers considered Bashful Charmer to be more preco-

Bashful Charmer bounced back from a fourth-place finish in her debut June 12 at Arlington to win

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by 41/4 lengths in wire-to-wire style.

That prompted Brothers to send Bashful Charmer to Saratoga for the Grade II Adirondack. "She's a filly with speed, and she caught a terrible racetrack," said the trainer, critiquing a fifth-place finish.

"I'm not saying she would have won the race had the track been better, but I think she would have done better. When she came back here she redeemed herself."

Redemption took the form of a rallying victory in the Palatine Breeders' Cup, local prep for the



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