

adviser sending money to Ohio State's Galloway, A&M's Adams and others

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An NCAA investigation linking Chicago-based financial adviser Michael Weisberg with football players at Ohio State, Tennessee, UCLA and Florida could also lead to Texas A&M, a man who worked as a recruiter for Weisberg told the Austin American-Statesman.

For the past several weeks Jesse Martinez, 27, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., has been cooperating with NCAA investigators looking into a growing number of cases in which college athletes might have been given money by agents and advisers, in violation of NCAA rules. Because Sam Adams, the Aggie named by Martinez as receiving money from Weisberg, has since left school to play for the Seattle Seahawks, NCAA sanctions are not likely in that case.

Trying to monitor the elusive activities of agents, and the even more elusive activities of their runners or recruiters, is keeping the NCAA eligibility staff busy.

As the University of Texas waited last week to learn whether wide receiver Mike Adams' eligibility had been cleared after UT informed the NCAA that Adams had been using a rental car free of charge, the NCAA let the university know that it was "backed up" on eligibil-

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Horns spread relief

ing a 44-14 loss at Norman, Okla., last year, No. 16 A&M pretty much controlled the Sooners all day, but didn't put them away until Brown saw the ball bouncing his way at the OU 6-yard line.

"My eyes got real big," the Austinite said after the best game of his college See Aggies, D12

Ellis' 49-yard interception return puts plenty of distance - 30-16 - between Texas, Louisville

BY MARK WANGRIN American-Statesman Staff

Mention covering the spread to Stonie Clark, and the 320-pound-plus nose guard would tend to think more along the lines of staking out a well-tended buffet than a betting line.

So when Texas teammate Joey Ellis' 49-yard interception return for a touchdown with 29 seconds left Saturday against Louisville sealed a 30-16 win for the 10-point favorite Longhorns, it was clear that Clark's joy was nothing except pure, unabashed relief. Relief at holding the Cardinals to 64 yards net rushing. Relief at starting the season 2-0 for the first time since 1985. Relief at not having to be forced to feel, well, lucky. "I felt like if we won by one touchdown, it would be said that we - squeaked one out, that Texas barely does it again," Clark said. "Personally, those points meant more, like a few less questions. The whole past week we felt cooped up. We felt like we were 0-1." "This team's been waiting for a big play for a long time," said Ellis, who found out just See UT, D12

ity cases.

Seven players for defending national champion Florida State have lost eligibility for parts of this season for accepting illegal gifts from agents. Ohio State recently lost its Heisman Trophy candidate, Joey Galloway, for two games.

The NCAA will get one more case soon. The question of whether Longhorn wide receiver Lovell Pinkney should have his eligibility reinstated is expected to go to the NCAA late this week when UT completes its internal investigation of a trip he made to Los Angeles in May.

When Adams was cleared to play in Saturday's game against Louisville, Carrie Doyle, the NCAA's director of eligibility, said the NCAA was not able to determine if agents had been involved in renting the car for Adams and Pinkney. She said: "The connection was fuzzy enough that we could not make that link."

Asked how much of a problem agents had become to NCAA eligibility staff members, Doyle said: "Agents are a real interesting topic. We tell the institutions to be responsible for the boosters, but with agents, on the other hand, the institution truly has no control."

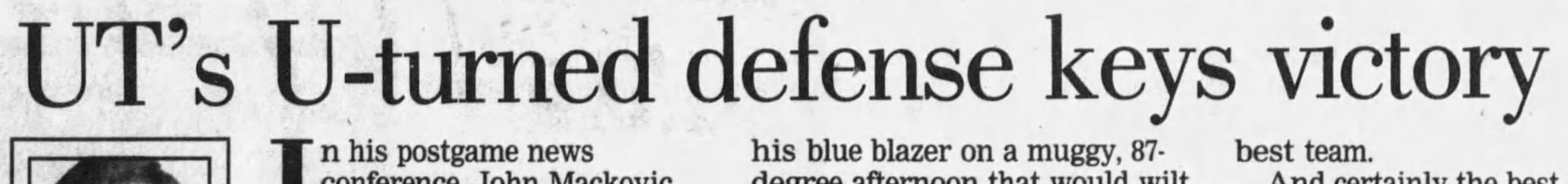
Martinez claims that Weisberg wired as much as \$5,000 to Sam Adams while he was playing for Texas A&M last fall. Adams, an All-America defensive lineman, was a first-round pick in the NFL draft.

Weisberg, reached by telephone Friday afternoon, said that Martinez no longer See Financial, D3



Staff photo by Taylor Johnson

Curtis Jackson is buried somewhere in this heap of celebrating grab a deflected pass for a touchdown. The momentum-swinging Longhorns after being in the right place in the third quarter to play tied the game at 16, and UT went on to quiet Louisville 30-16.



conference, John Mackovic L mentioned that his Texas team had not met all of its goals.

"We were trying to get Howard to take his jacket off," Mackovic said of his GQ counterpart across the field, "but we never did."

Inducing Louisville Coach Howard Schnellenberger to shed

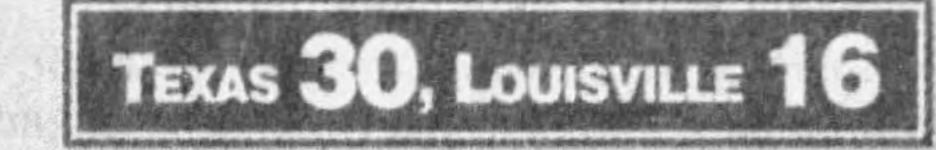
degree afternoon that would wilt a statue might have been the only thing for which there was no Texas defense. The Longhorns forced total capitulation on almost everything else.

Maybe for once the other team had the best-dressed coach. Texas had the coach with the

And certainly the best defense. The week of therapy after a 251yard rushing day by Pittsburgh's Curtis Martin was successful. It is nice to report that the all-points bulletin defensive coordinator put out by Gary Darnell was answered in classic fashion. His unit

See Texas', D12





Wide receiver Mike Adams was up characteristically shaky at first, go better later, and was glad to be back.			
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Sanchez Vicario fights for crown

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Graf's course seems set until gritty Spaniard proves she's not outmatched in Open final

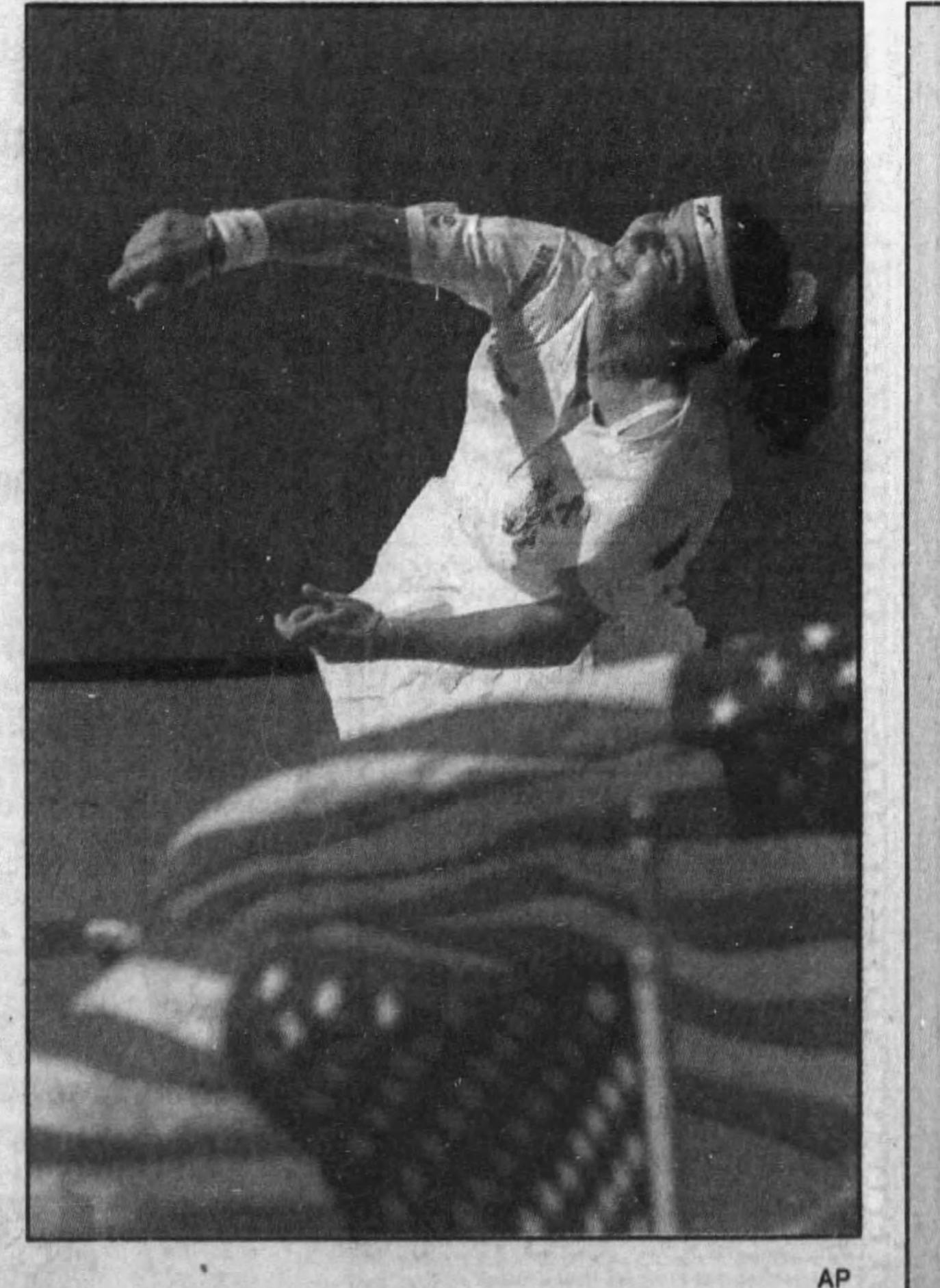
BY FRANK ISOLA New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Steffi Graf was on the verge of making a mockery of the women's U.S. Open championship Saturday when she captured the first set in 22 blistering minutes.

Her opponent, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, appeared overmatched. Graf's best weapon, a ferocious forehand, seemed unstoppable. And for Sanchez Vicario, history — Graf entered the match with a 51-0 lifetime record at the Open when she wins the first set — seemed doomed to be repeated.

But something very painful happened to Graf on her march toward a fourth U.S. Open crown and a 16th career Grand Slam title. First, a nagging back injury began flaring up midway through the second set.

It was about that time when another chronic pain, Sanchez Vicario, discovered new life. La Coneja -See Sanchez Vicario, D2



Arantxa Sanchez Vicario makes a racket as she becomes the first Spanish woman to win the U.S. Open.

Way too fast

Not even the fastest pit crew in the business can stop Terry Labonte from overwhelming the field and winning the Miller Genuine Draft 400. D3

Hanging on

Mark McCumber shoots a 5under-par 67 to take a onestroke lead over desperately scrambling Nick Price in the third round of the Bell Canadian Open. Price is having adventures with trees, water and bogeys. D3

QB keepers

Remember those great quarterback showdowns? Unitas and Namath . . . Bradshaw and Staubach . . . Montana and Marino ... Well, there's another one today: Montana and Young. D13

INSIDE Cowboys-Oilers far from a close rivalry

BY RICK CANTU

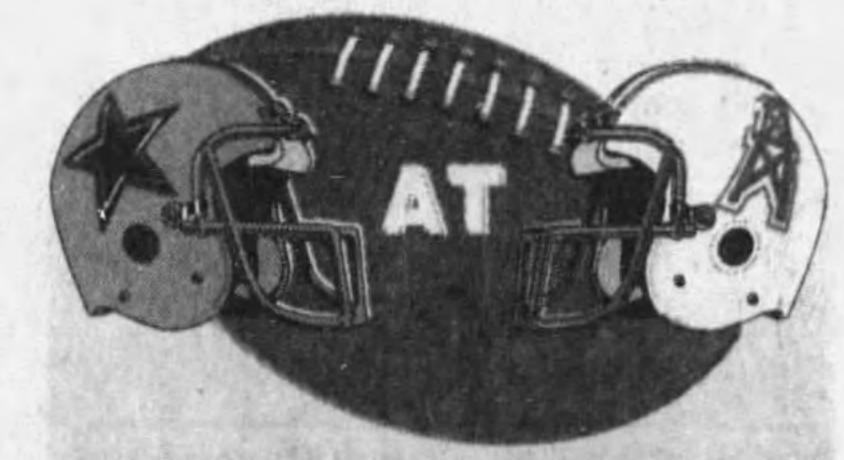
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IRVING - With apologies to anyone who bleeds Columbia blue, the Dallas Cowboys never have considered Houston much of a rival.

The Cowboys don't have their noses up in the air, though, when they think about the Oilers. They could shove four Super Bowl trophies down Houston's throat, but why bother?

The Cowboys simply do not confuse their Texas counterpart with teams that really get their pulse rushing — like the New York Giants and Washington Redskins.

"For me, the Oilers are just another team we have to beat," safety James Washington said. "To be honest, I'd rather just see them in the playoffs." It might surprise many to learn



WHEN: 3 p.m. WHERE: Texas Stadium, Irving **RECORDS:** Cowboys 1-0, Oilers 0-1 FAVORITE: Cowboys by 15 RADIO: KLBJ-AM (590), KVET-AM (1300) TV: KXAN (Ch. 36, Cable 4)

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that Dallas and Houston have played only seven times during the regular season. It's only a 30-See Cowboys, D14

China breaks two records in one race

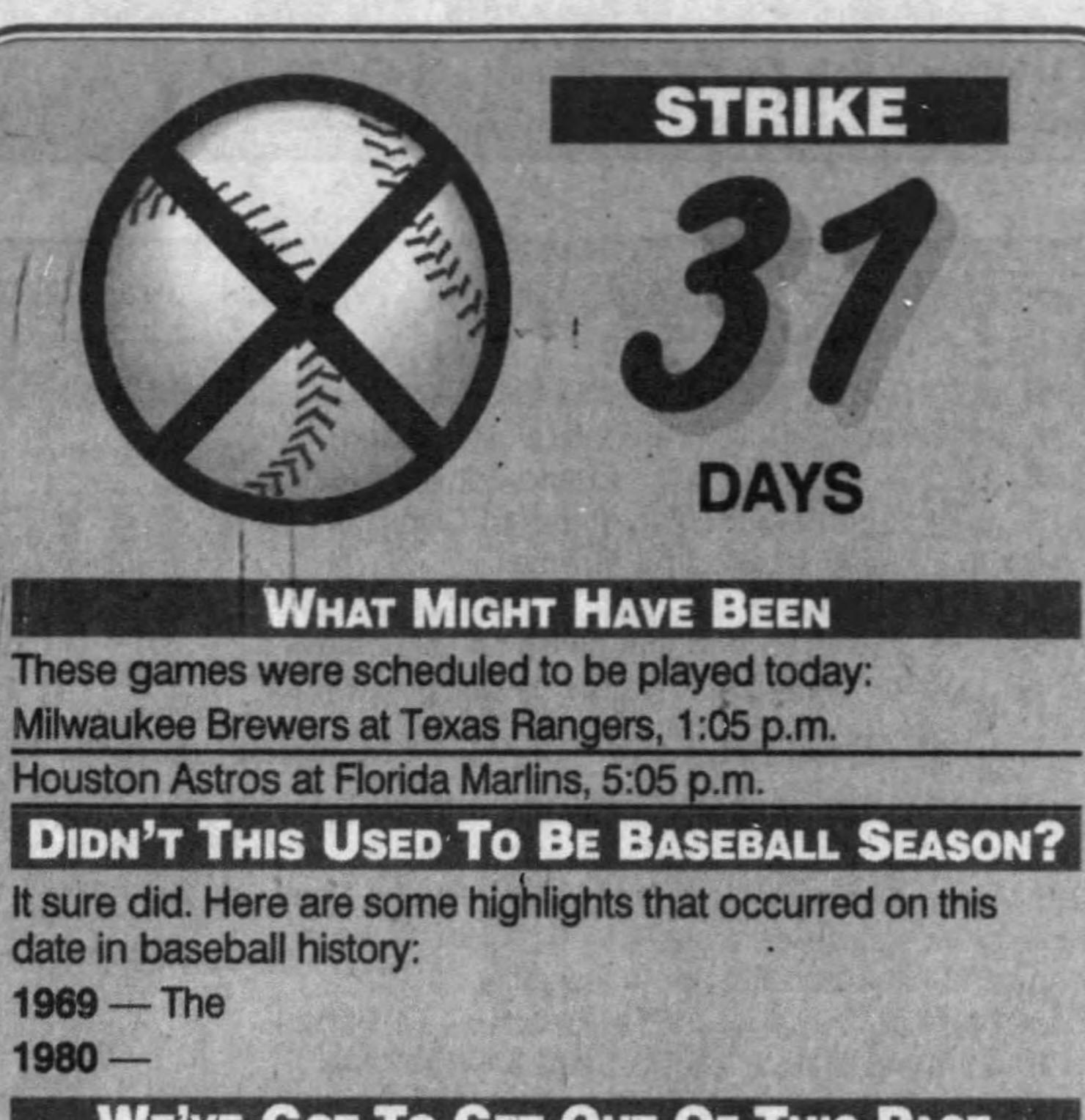
Associated Press

ROME - China's women set two world records in one race and Russia's Alex Popov became the first swimmer to win the 50 and 100 freestyle titles in the same World Championships on Saturday.

The Chinese relay team of He Cihong, Dai Guohong, Liu Limin and Le Jingyi set a world record for the 400-meter medley. They clocked 4 minutes, 1.67 seconds, slicing 0.87 seconds off the mark the United States set in the 1992 Olympics.

He Cihong also set a record for the 100 backstroke, swimming the first leg in 1:00.16, breaking the mark of 1:00.31 held by Hungary's Kristina Egerszegi.

Backstroker Lea Loveless and freestyler Jenny Thompson, who were on the U.S. team that set the previous mark, helped the Ameri-



Player (Games lost)	Amazing statistic	Season projection	Projection after missed games
Jeff Bagwell (9)	116 RBIs	140	131
Matt Williams (27)	43 HR	61	50
Ken Griffey Jr. (29)	40 HR	58	48
Kenny Lofton (30)	60 SB	86	70
Chuck Knoblauch (29)	45 2B	65	53
Jimmy Key (6)	17 wins	25	20
Randy Johnson (5)	204 K's	283	239

Labonte claims Miller 400

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Even speedy Wallace pit fails to hold back victory

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RICHMOND, Va. - Not even the fastest pit crew in the business could stop Terry Labonte from winning Saturday night's Miller Genuine Draft 400.

Labonte overwhelmed the field and overcame a superb late-race pit stop by Rusty Wallace to win the rain-delayed event at Richmond International Raceway.

Labonte was leading when both drivers had to pit under green for fuel and tires with less than 60 laps left. Wallace's pit crew, widely regarded as the top unit on the Winston Cup circuit, got him out in 16.6 seconds, compared to 21.1 seconds for Labonte.

But Labonte chased down Wallace, shot past him on lap 373 and was unchallenged the rest of the way. He finished 1.79 seconds ahead of teammate Jeff Gordon.

Auto racing

Earnhardt overtook Wallace with two laps left and wound up third. Wallace, who was seeking his third consecutive victory under the lights on Richmond's .75-mile layout, held on for fourth and Ricky Rudd was fifth.

It was Labonte's second victory this year and the 12th of his career, but his first in 33 starts at Richmond. It also marked the fifth time in a seven-race span that Labonte, in his first year driving for Rick Hendrick, finished in the top 10.

Earnhardt added five points to his lead in the season driver standings and now has a 232point edge over Wallace with seven events left.

Tracy wins 3rd straight Texaco-Havoline pole

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. - Paul 135.864. Tracy topped a record-breaking qualifying session Saturday, taking the pole position for the Texaco-Havoline 200 for the third

straight year.

Tracy, a 25-year-old Canadian, buried the track qualifying record set Friday by series point leader Al Unser Jr. with his lap of 136.602 mph.

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Unser can clinch his second IndyCar PPG Cup championship today by finishing fifth or better, no matter what runner-up Emerson Fittipaldi does. Unser fell from first to fourth Saturday despite improving from 134.948 to 135.598 during the final 30-minute session.

"The car was good, but it wasn't quite as good as we wanted it to be," Unser said. "But we'll be ready to race. We won't hold anything back. If you try to be too conservative, you usually wind up doing something wrong."

Jacques Villeneuve, the 23year-old son of late Formula One star Gilles Villeneuve, made it an all-Canadian front row on the final lap of the session with a lap of

Nigel Mansell, the defending series champion, slipped from second to third at 135.829.

cans place second, 4.86 seconds back.

Former Texas Longhorn Gary Hall Jr., the silver medalist behind Popov in the 100 final, was second in 22.44. Raimundas Majolis won Lithuania's first world championship medal, finishing third in 22.52.

Italy beat Spain 10-5 in the men's water polo final for its first gold medal of the meet.

Financial adviser linked to money going to players

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works for him and added, "Jesse Martinez is a bag man for agents. He hands out money to people."

Weisberg's name surfaced this week in the NCAA's investigation of Galloway, a wide receiver. The NCAA suspended Galloway for two games for taking \$200 from a "financial adviser." Weisberg acknowledged to the American-Statesman that he was the financial adviser involved. He said: "We admitted to that. That happened in January when Galloway was planning to go pro."

Weisberg represented another

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> - Financial adviser Michael Weisberg on his ex recruiter, Jesse Martinez

dealings. Martinez said he became disenchanted with the business and quit working for Weisberg when he became embroiled in a financial dispute with Weisberg. But Martinez was still working for Weisberg last fall when money allegedly was wired to A&M's Adams. Weisberg said that he did wire \$5,000 to Bryan-College Station last fall to the bank account of Carla Ware, a close friend of Adams. Ware could not be reached for comment. "Of course Jesse would have seen those wire transfers," Weisberg said. "I was sending the money to Jesse. If he says he gave that money to Sam Adams, that's his business. I have no knowledge of what he did with the money. I sent the money to a girl that Jesse told me he was with in Texas. ... "He was milking me for money to stay alive. He said he needed it for cancer treatments." Martinez denies ever having claimed he needed money for cancer treatments. He also denies ever having passed money directly to the players. "My only guilt is my knowledge of it," Martinez said. Adams said he knew Martinez through a mutual friend who lived in Tennessee and said he barely knew of Weisberg. He said he did not get money from Weisberg. "None of that is true," Adams said. "I wouldn't talk to any agents." Martinez contends that Adams continually "borrowed" money from Weisberg. "I knew before the end of the season Sam owed (Weisberg) money," Martinez said. "I remember him telling me at a shopping mall at College Station that he already owed Mike money. Sam told Mike 'I need another \$1,000.' Sam told me Mike wired money into her (Ware's) account."

pittalls of dealing with somebody that would probably not have their best interests in mind.

"There are so many guys who do it right and register with the state and come through us, send us information and we hand it to the kids. Those aren't the ones we worry about. It's the ones you never see or never hear of that everybody has on all their campuses. You try everything to keep them out of the picture, but, hey, that potential is there.

"I think the NCAA was very smart in enabling institutions to have their panels. I think we have progressed, as most institutions have, in alleviating that. But they're pros. They get to them. All we're trying to do, like everyone else, is make sure our athletes are aware of the pitfalls." Martinez said that some student-athletes take money from more than one agent. That, obviously, can lead to trouble for the athletes and even trouble for the agents. It can lead to one agent turning in the improper activities of other agents. The most infamous agent case involved Norby Walters and the late Lloyd Bloom. Walters and **Bloom** became the first sports agents convicted by a federal jury primarily because they had dealt with athletes who had remaining college eligibility. Walters and Bloom were convicted in 1989 of racketeering and other charges relating to their attempts to sign college players to representation agreements before their eligibility had expired. An appeals court reversed the convictions a year later.

Winston Cup points leader Dale

McCumber clings to Canadian lead

Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ontario - Mark McCumber shot a 5-under-par 67 to take a one-stroke lead Saturday over desperately scrambling Nick Price in the third round of the Bell Canadian Open.

"Really an up-and-down round for me today," said Price, who has won five tournaments this year. "It's not the way I've been accustomed to playing over the last 21/2 years."

Price then ticked off his various adventures on the Glen Abbey course: Two shots that hit trees, two balls in the water, four bogeys, one of which was saved on a 20-foot putt.

But he also made eight birdies and escaped with a 68 that left

Golf

him one back of McCumber's leading 54-hole total of 206.

Steve Stricker, who shot 69, and Tom Lehman, with a 70, were next at 208.

Dan Halldorson, seeking to become the first Canadian in 40 years to win his own national championship, shot 69 and was in a group at 210.

Eichelberger takes lead at Quicksilver

MIDWAY, Pa. - Dave Eichelberger, taking advantage of a hot putter and a little luck, shot a 5under-par 67 to take a one-stroke lead over Graham Marsh after the

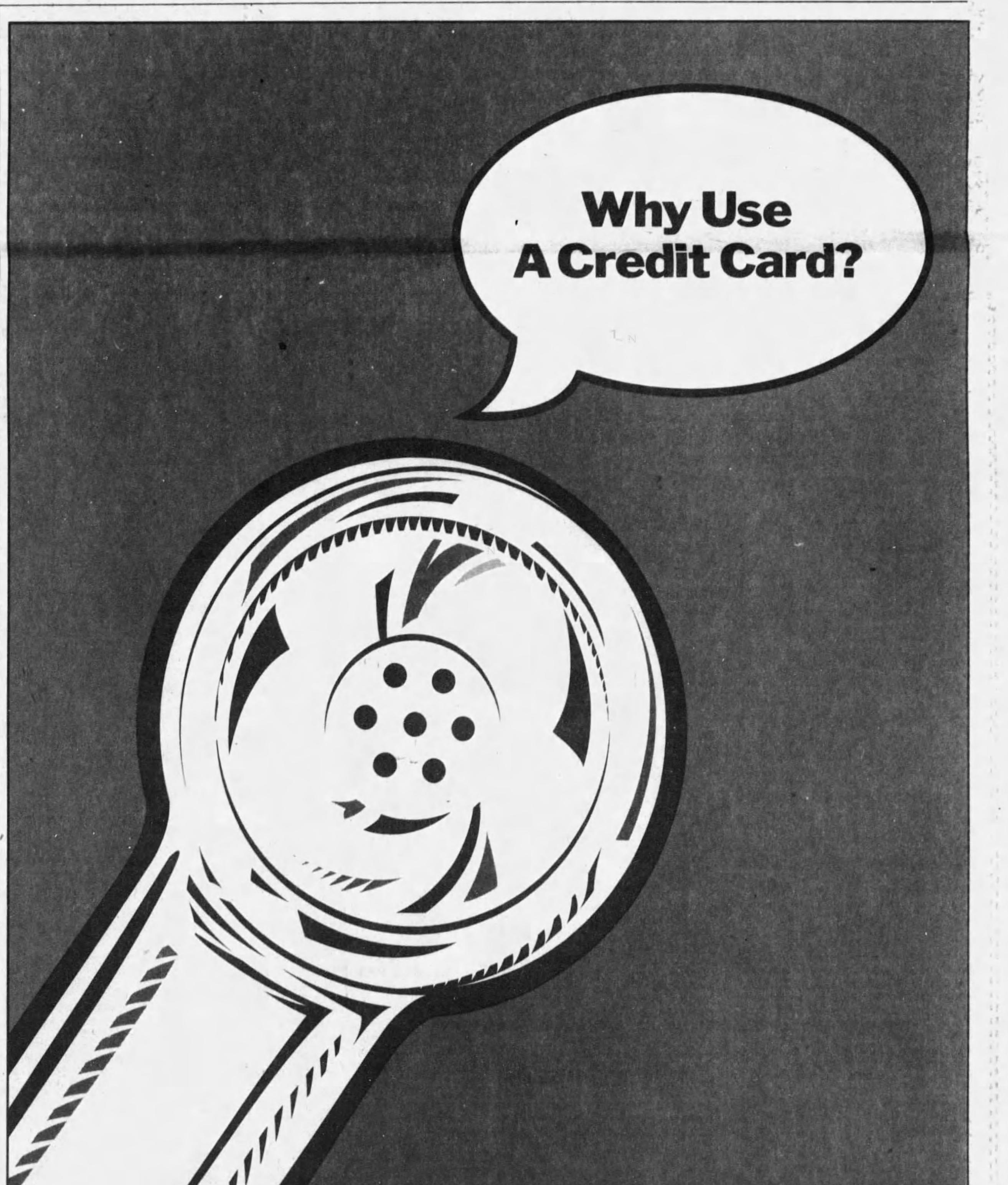
second round of the Quicksilver Classic.

"I hit the ball pretty good and I putted extremely well," said Eichelberger, who had a 6-under 138 total on the Quicksilver Golf Club course.

Skinner holds lead in rain-interrupted Ping

PORTLAND, Ore. - Val Skinner held a one-stroke lead over four others when play was suspended by darkness in the raininterrupted LPGA Ping Cellular One Championship.

Skinner, who shot a 5-underpar 67 in the opening round, completed nine holes at even par before she was forced to stop because of darkness.



Ohio State player who did turn pro, Dan "Big Daddy" Wilkinson, the first pick in the 1994 NFL draft who signed with the Cincinnati Bengals. Other Weisberg clients include Green Bay Packer Reggie White, from the University of Tennessee, Jim McMahon of the Arizona Cardinals and Greg Hill, a former Texas A&M star running back who was the firstround pick of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Weisberg was quick to volunteer that all of his contacts with Hill were well-documented and not in violation of NCAA rules. He said he signed Hill in March. Hill, like Sam Adams, gave up his final year of eligibility to turn pro.

Competition for college stars, however, has never been more intense. Agents may make anywhere from 2 to 5 percent of contracts and can charge 15 percent to 20 percent for endorsement deals they line up once the athletes turn pro. Financial advisers manage the players' money for a percentage of the return.

Even though it's against NCAA rules for agents or financial planners to give money or goods to college athletes, some do it anyway as an under-the-table investment for the future. There are few rules about who can or can't become an agent, but Texas state law does require sports agents seeking to represent athletes in their dealings with professional teams to register with the Secretary of State's office and post a \$100,000 surety bond. Weisberg is not registered in Texas. "There are two parts to this," said Steve Hatchell, commissioner of the Southwest Conference. "Because of the registration, you have a higher level of agents performing at a real professional level. That's the good part. The bad part is that you've got more who don't follow the rules. The use of runners to make connections with the athletes is really an ugly part of the operation." Martinez said he has contacted the Texas Secretary of State's office about Weisberg's activities with Texas A&M players, but has not filed an official complaint. Guy Joyner, who is in charge of agent registration for the Texas Secretary of State's office, said that he has spoken with Martinez by phone but is waiting for him to file a complaint in person. Mark McHargue, an attorney in agentregistration for the Secretary of State, said that he could not say whether Weisberg should be registered because he is not familiar Weisberg's business with

Both Bloom and Walters then entered conditional guilty pleas to two counts of mail fraud for allegedly defrauding the players' schools. Those convictions were overturned.

There were extortion charges based on threats Bloom made to former University of Texas player **Everett Gay and former Universi**ty of Kentucky player Maurice Douglass.

Weisberg said he first met Adams in January, "well after" his Cotton Bowl game, in Adams' agent's office in Oakland, Calif.

NCAA official Bill Saum, who is in charge of agent investigations, declined to comment about a possible investigation of Weisberg or of athletes playing at Texas A&M, Ohio State, Tennessee, UCLA and Florida.

Wally Groff, athletic director at Texas A&M, said Saturday that he had not been contacted by the NCAA about allegations of Adams being involved with an adviser last fall.

John Thornton, assistant athletic director for student services at Texas A&M, said: "We do a lot of things through our professional sports counseling panel to make our athletes aware of the

Walters and Bloom dealt with 58 college football and basketball players from 32 colleges from 1985 to 1987.

"I was wrapped up in the Norby Walters deal, and this is nothing like that," said Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Tim McGee.

McGee was one of several NFL players who made unsolicited calls to the American-Statesman within three hours of the newspaper's telephone interview with Weisberg.

Calls also came in Friday afternoon from Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Carl Pickens; Green Bay wide receiver Anthony Morgan and former New Orleans Saints receiver J.J. McCloskey. All are clients of Weisberg. All played for the University of Tennessee. All spoke in defense of Weisberg.

McGee said: "The agent business is a dog-eat-dog world. It's very competitive. It's a cutthroat business. Mike Weisberg is just a certified public accountant. He does a damn good job for all of

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