Gambler

Spartans

Mike Franzese is the lucky

The former captain in orga-

nized crime's Colombo family

copped a plea for a 10-year

sentence and a \$15 million

fine for racketeering in 1985.

gan State's football and bas-

ketball players last week

about the perils of gambling,

Franzese didn't have to

Not when he lived it — and

"I was responsible for ruin-

ing the lives and careers of

many athletes, both on the col-

lege and professional levels,"

Franzese said in presentations

to Spartan student-athletes

and members of the MSU

staff. "And as much as you

think you know, I would've

won't after players saw a vid-

eo on a seductive process and

heard a heartfelt plea to stay

Monday, several Spartans

"It was so real," said bas-

said their eyes had been

ketball guard Thomas Kelley.

"I could've listened to him all

day. To think a little gambling

could turn into something like

that. . . . I'm just not going to

bet at all. But I'm sure any

Franzese guaranteed that

school could have that

at least 20 percent of the ath-

letes he met in the Clara Bell

Smith Student-Athlete Aca-

demic Center were gambling

"The guy was amazing,"

said football defensive end

Robaire Smith. "He gave a

great presentation and told us

all the schemes — how they

catch you in bed and use that

against you. Unless you're

aware, they'll find some way

easy money are three of the

behind, Franzese said from

boss — No. 2 in command —

for the Colombos and was

sent to Leavenworth, Kan.,

with a 50-year prison sen-

that Franzese would become

a doctor, he quit med school

and prescribed pain for any-

one suffering from broken

member of the family, I took it

very seriously," he said when

asked if he had ordered a hit

on anyone. "I did a ·lot of

things that weren't very pleas-

ant. . . . You can read into that

Frazese saw the writing on

But he has never helped a

government investigation and

doesn't fear for his safety to-

day as a producer in the enter-

than any other is, 'How are

you still alive?' 'Franzese

He and his underworld un-

derlings had hooks in fish all

over the city of New York —

including members of the Jets,

Mets and Yankees — and were

in control of more than 100

college athletes across the

country in towns like this one.

Norby Walters and Lloyd

nized crime for more than 40

vears — first with my dad, then

with me," Franzese said. "I

gave him \$75,000 in a paper bag

and told him give it to athletes

under the table. And do you

know how many went along?

and debt incurred, which led

to squeezes 10 times tighter

than any linebacker could

letes' names, you'd know,"

Franzese said. "Their careers

were never the same. We used

them to compromise games.

And why did they do that? . .

an offer they couldn't refuse.

Let's just say we made them

"If I mentioned the ath-

Every single one of them.'

Eventually, bets were lost

influence.

administer.

Slimeball agents and felons

m were under Franzese

orby was involved in orga-

"The question I get more

the penitentiary walls and left

the ranks forever — the only

way one can — in 1987.

No turning back

whatever you like."

tainment industry.

"I can only say when I was a

promises and unpaid debts.

Despite his father's dream

Drugs, sex and the lure of

And human nature is right

His father was the under-

and were one slip away from a

hole they wouldn't escape.

gotten every one of you."

Perhaps the next F

away from bookmakers.

Reality bites

educational effort.

problem."

to get you."

experience.

tence in 1970.

mob's best friends.

stretch the truth.

lived to tell about it.

So when he spoke to Michi-

schools

prison.



BOXING Holmes, King support Tyson

Iron Mike: He speaks at hearing.

Sports Editor Gerry Ahern 377-1071

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Ruling favors NBA owners

Players who have EAST LANSING — His guaranteed deals friends are either dead or in will not be paid

Associated Press

\$15 million. Patrick Ewing won't get the first chunk of his \$18.5 million.

They and 224 other players won't be paid any time soon because an arbitrator on Monday rejected the union's grievance union's leadership.

that all players with guaranteed contracts should be paid during the lockout.

The ruling by arbitrator John Feerick, dean of Fordham of Law School, bolstered the bargaining position of the owners

"We are pleased with the arbitrator's ruling," NBA chief legal officer Jeffrey Mishkin said. "Unfortunately, it does not get us any closer to a deal with the

"Only negotiations will end our current impasse and lead to a settlement of our dispute. This is yet another defeat for the union's strategy of litiga-

tion instead of negotiation." The league has already canand saved them from having to celed the first two weeks of the NEW YORK - Shaquille go to court to avoid paying season, costing the players O'Neal won't get his overdue more than \$700 million in about \$100 million in lost sala- ick would rule had been a facries. More cancellations will tor in the stalemate all summer probably be announced next and was one of the reasons the week, since no new bargaining sides have met only three times sessions are scheduled and the for formal bargaining sessions. sides are far apart on the main issue of controlling the growth of player salaries.

director Billy Hunter said. "I was hoping Dean Feerick would be inclined to see things our way, but we knew it would be a giant leap for him to take, especially since he is a labor lawyer by profession."

The uncertainty of how Feer-

The players' resolve will now be tested since they won't be getting paychecks until the

"I kind of expected it," union lockout is settled. They had teed salaries, especially since been holding out hope that a other circumstances under verdict in their favor would pressure the owners to soften are clearly defined. their stance and come to the table with a better offer.

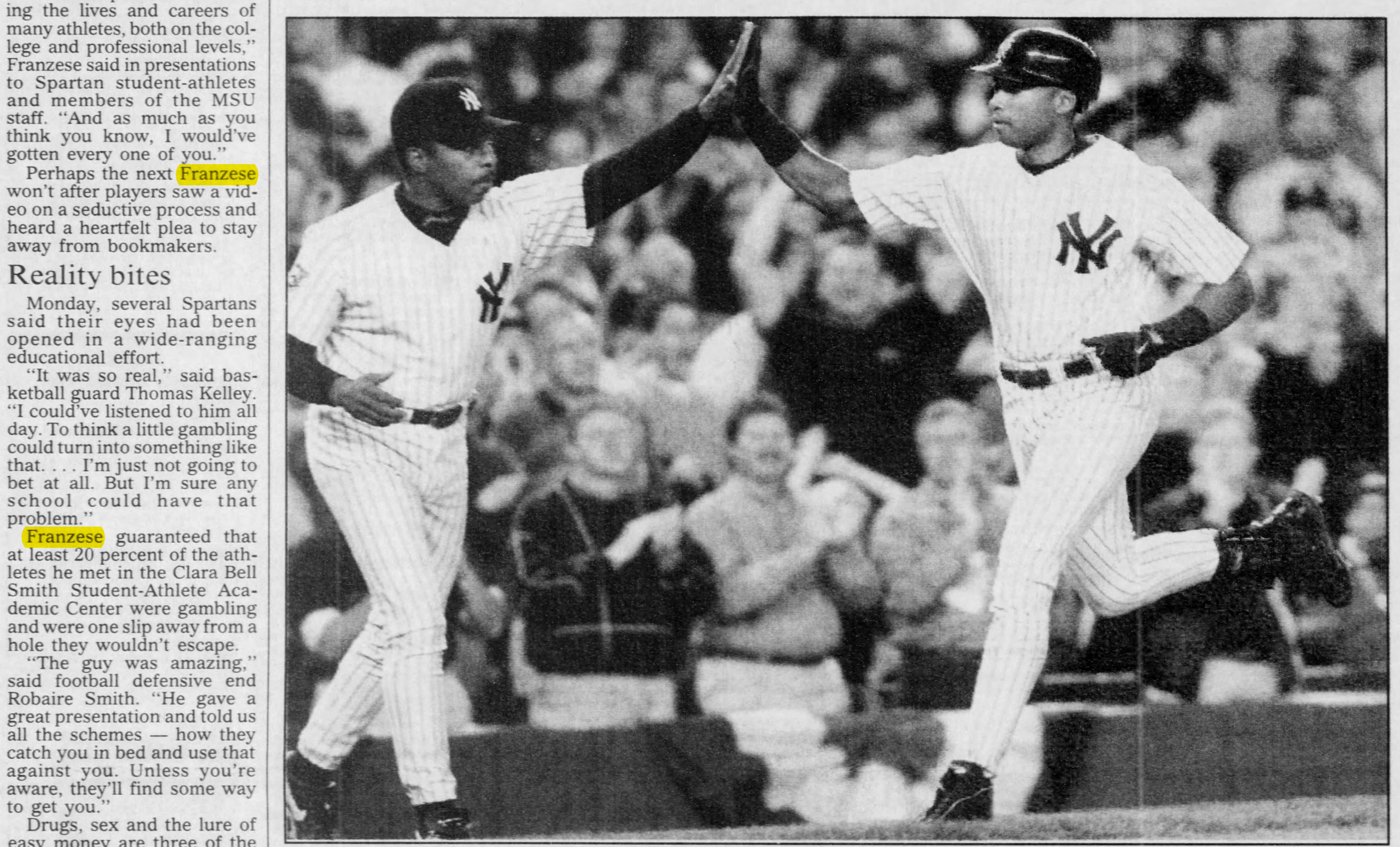
> "The players don't seem to realize they can't get that money back. It's gone, gone forever, and they seem to think that's not the case," commissioner David Stern said.

The union claimed that the held liable for paying guaran- mental tenet of labor law.

which salaries can be withheld

The union pointed to lockout language in the league's television and other contracts, arguing that such clauses indicated that a work stoppage was fore-seeable and should have been included in player contracts.

The owners argued that the absence of lockout language in right to exert pressure on emthe standard player contract ployees by withholding pay meant that owners should be during a lockout was a funda-



DOUG MILLS/Associated Press

Two away: New York's Bernie Williams (right) and the rest of the Yankees lead 2-0 entering tonight's Game 3.



World Series

All games on Ch. 17, 47, 66 Game 1: New York 9, San Diego 6. Game 2: New York 9, San

Diego 3 Game 3: New York (Cone 20-7) at San Diego (Hitchcock 9-

7), 8:20 p.m., today Game 4: New York at San Diego, 8:20 p.m., Wednesday *Game 5: New York at San Diego, 8:20 p.m., Thursday *Game 6: San Diego at New York, 8 p.m., Oct. 24 *Game 7: San Diego at New

York, 8:30. p.m., Oct. 25 * If necessary

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Padres hope new sight can help turn Series

Associated Press

was standing alone in right kees? No telling. ballpark.

temperatures in the 70s.

trees inside Qualcomm four hits. Yet unless Padres

Stadium.

But a change in the Padres' SAN DIEGO — Tony Gwynn luck against the New York Yanfield, checking out the grass The Yankees look unbeat-

torn up a day earlier by an NFL able so far, taking a 2-0 lead game, and his hearty laugh ech- into Game 3 tonight. David oed throughout the empty Cone will start against former Yankees pitcher Sterling Hitch-Gwynn was the first player cock, the NLCS MVP.

on the field for the San Diego "What I've seen from New Padres' practice Monday after- York in the first two games, I'll noon, and his disposition have to admit, is very impresmatched the weather - bright sive," Gwynn said. "We're sunshine, blue California sky, down 0-2, but we can get back in this thing if we play our A change of scenery for the game, which is pitching and de-World Series, for sure, from the fense and some timely hits."

subway trains clacking outside Gwynn has done his part, Yankee Stadium to the palm tied for the Series lead with

pitching improves, it could be over real soon.

Of the 44 teams to take a 2-0 lead in the World Series, 33 have gone on to win the championship.

Then again, the Yankees were wiped out at home by Atlanta in the first two games in 1996 before coming back to win four in a row. Cone began that comeback with a win in Game 3.

Cone traveled to the West Coast on Sunday, before the Yankees romped 9-3 in Game 2.

"This is the time of year when pitchers feel a bit fatigued," he said. "I'm looking forward to closing this out and

Bowman returning to Wings

Coach gets medical OK, set to rejoin team on Thursday

Associated Press

DETROIT - Scotty Bowman, the winningest coach in one of the reasons the doctors

Detroit Red Wings bench to break the record of eight Stanley Cups won by his mentor, former Montreal coach Toe

Inside Blake. NHL Wings anroundup. nounced Page 3C Monday

Bowman

at Joe Louis Arena. in June, had said he would not players until moments before return unless his doctor said the ceremony began. he was healthy enough. Bowman, who underwent an angioplasty in July to clear a blocked artery and had his left knee replaced in August, underwent 10 hours of testing on Friday at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

"The results were very good," Bowman told the Dein Buffalo. "I knew I was feel- chances for winning another ing good — my rehab has been title. going well, and the knee feels fine. My doctor said it was him and we'd like to keep this great I decided to return, be- going," Yzerman said. cause now he can see me Added forward Brendan

monthly." Suella, also will move to De- success the past two years. We

first time she will spend the season in Detroit.

"She's going to be here quite a bit," Bowman said. "We've got one daughter in Lansing and three in Chicago, so she decided to make Detroit our domicile for the season.

"It's great for me, because NHL history, will return to the said I'm doing so well is I've been able to eat at home, so I can continue to do that now," he told the Free Press.

General manager Ken Holland said he was "thrilled."

"He loves hockey, loves to coach and he loves the challenge," Holland told The Detroit News. "Scotty never told me he wasn't coming back. . . He has a passion for the

Bowman has a 1,057-484-277 regular season mark and a 194-112 playoff record, winning five Stanley Cups with Montreal, one with Pittsburgh and two straight with Detroit

- ending 42 years of futility. man had received a clean bill Red Wings fans let Bowman of health from his doctor and know how they felt about him will return to run ractice on Friday night when the team Thursday. His first game back held an hourlong ceremony to will be Friday against Toronto celebrate the raising of another Stanley Cup banner. The Bowman, whose brother biggest cheer was for Bow-Jack died during heart surgery man, who had not met with the

> Following their 2-0 victory on Sunday, the Detroit players were excited about reports of Bowman's return.

"He's the guy in charge; it's Scotty's team," captain Steve Yzerman said. "He's molded it

the way he wants it." Yzerman said Bowman's retroit Free Press from his home turn would enhance Detroit's

"We've enjoyed playing for

Shanahan: "He's a part of this Bowman said his wife, team and a part of the team's troit with him. It will be the want this to continue."

Week off helps MSU heal up for Gophers

By Larry Lage Lansing State Journal

EAST LANSING — Michigan State had an unusual practice on Monday.

For the first time in weeks, there weren't several injured Spartans standing on the sidelines or riding bicycles while the team went through drills.

MSU benefited greatly from not playing last weekend and will be well-rested for Saturday's game at Minnesota. Kickoff is at 12:10 p.m. The game will be televised by WILX-TV, Channel 10.

"I think we got much needed rest," coach Nick Saban said. "There's no question that we were in the poorest shape physically after the Indiana game that we've been all year. The bye gave us an opportunity to rest about a half dozen guys who would've had a difficult

time playing last week." Defensive backs Sorie Kanu (knee), Lemar Marshall (broken thumb) and Aric Morris (knee) along with defensive



When: 12:10 p.m. TV: Ch. 10 Radio: 1240-AM, 97.5 FM

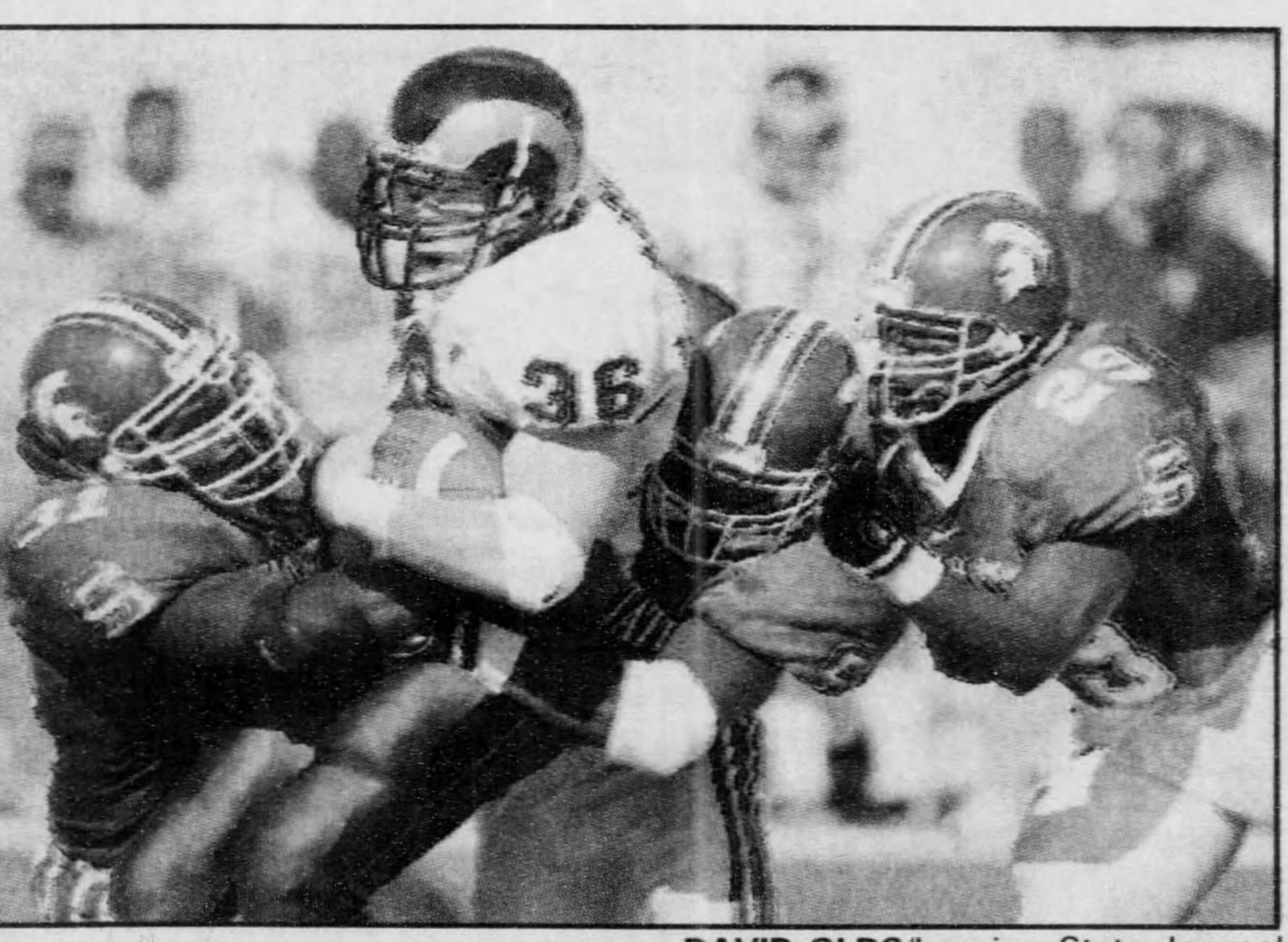
end Robaire Smith (ankle) and offensive tackle Greg Robinson-Randall (ankle) were all hobbling after MSU's 38-31

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Hoosiers. ban said Schutz is probably out for a bowl game.

for the year. "The week off was great," Smith said. "I didn't do much cutting back and forth last week, I just ran straight ahead

to rest my ankle." The Spartans (1-1 Big Ten, 3-



DAVID OLDS/Lansing State Journal

Getting healthy: MSU's Sorie Kanu (center) and Lemar Marshall (right), shown making a tackle in the Colorado State double-overtime win over the game, are two of several Spartans healing from injuries.

And guard Mike Schutz will 3 overall) will play their final on how we react to the psychoundergo tests this week to de- six regular-season games in the logical and emotional peaks termine if he will need recon- next six weeks. MSU will have and valleys during a game. We structive surgery to repair the to win at least four of its religaments in his left knee. Sa- maining games to be eligible

Saban said the Spartans must do two things to achieve their goals.

"We need to be more consistent game to game as well as for 60 minutes each game," Saban over Arkansas State, Houston said. "And we need to improve and Memphis.

need to know how to come back from a deficit or to put a knockout punch on a team."

The Spartans will try to KO Minnesota (3-3, 0-3). The Gophers have lost to Purdue, Penn State and Ohio State after winning their first three games

Trojans advance in district soccer

By Geoff Kimmerly For the Lansing State Journal

verly 4-2 Monday in the Diviplay not to lose." sion II district soccer playoffs.

"They had a good goal in to win became more difficult the first half, and I'm proud when one of the Warriors was that we stayed together and given a red card for a hand didn't get down," East Lan- ball, forcing the Warriors to sing coach Nick Archer said. play a man down the rest of East Lan-

sing (12-2-District soc-Northwest cer roundup. at 6 p.m. Wednes- Page 4C

day in East Lansing. The winner will face the victor of Wednesday's Mason-Eaton Rapids matchup in the district finals on Saturday

in Jackson. Waverly ended the season at 11-6.

Chiambretti pass into the left to complete the scoring.

side of the net to give the Warriors the early lead. "After the fast break, I told

DELTA TWP. - Capital the guys to play to win," Wa-Area Conference champion verly coach Scott Sherman East Lansing knocked off Wa- said. "Too many times, teams Eight minutes later, playing

> the game. Trojan junior midfielder

Juna Cuddeback scored on the ensuing penalty kick to even the score at 1-1. The Trojans continued to

control the midfield, and with 11 seconds remaining in the first half, junior Neil Murphy scored off a long pass from junior Dave Leavitt to give the Trojans a 2-1 edge.

Jamie Carlson and Matt Conner added goals for East Lansing in the second half. Just 2:33 into the game, Wa- Waverly junior midfielder verly junior forward Mark Op- Chris Miller headed in a corpenlander rolled a Steve ner kick with 4:24 remaining

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