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Sator Has Sabres on Road Back

ED SATOR can be as dull as any other coach in the National Hockey League.

Sound fundamental hockey. Finish our checks. Prepare for our next opponent. The cliches trip like a recording off his lips.

The look matches the words. For Wednesday's 3-3 tie with Montreal, he wore a blue sports jacket, blue tie (with Sabre insignia clip) and gray pants. Ted will not be making a video with Cyndi Lauper in the near future.

The man of the familiar words and the conventional dress, however, has produced drastic results.

Forget wins and losses, goals scored and allowed, and similar calculations of progress. His greatest achievement is simply this: In 10 games, Sator has removed, in the minds of NHL fans and press, the adjective "hap-less" from in front of the word Sabres.

Maybe anyone, after the dismissal of Craig Ramsay removed the last vestige of the Bowman Era, could have come in and done what Sator has.

The players were ready — no, anxious — for an outsider, someone with a new perspective. Someone whose authority would not be compromised by a long shadow looming from above.

IT WAS never fair for Ramsay. Or Jim Schoenfeld. Or Jim Roberts or Roger Neilson.

The more fuss and bluster made about how each was his own man, in control, the darker the shadow of the Resident Legend seemed.

Sator comes from another organization, with a full resume, no ties and — most important no Resident Legend shadowing his every move.

In the 10 games since he took over, the Sabres are 5-3-2. Prior to his coming, they were 7-22-4.

Instead of gliding through a Season of No Expectations, Sabres' management decided not to postpone the future any long-

Sator may not be the one who leads Buffalo into a new era, but the decision to hire him was the first step out of the swamp.

His arrival does not mean Buffalo will make the playoffs this season, because it probably won't. But it begins the long march back.

Although they may just be a reaction to a new face, the first signs under Sator are positive.

As evidenced by the Sabres' 1-9-25 record in overtime the past two-plus seasons, the extra period has been a signal to drop back and punt.

WEDNESDAY, THE Sabres actually tried to win in OT.

"Our strategy? Not to hold the puck for the last shot, I assure you," replied Sator when asked about the Sabres' OT intentions.

"You try to sit back in a shell, you're going to end up paying the piper," he added.

What I want to know is: Who is this piper fellow, and what has he done with all the money he's collected from the Sabres the past few years?

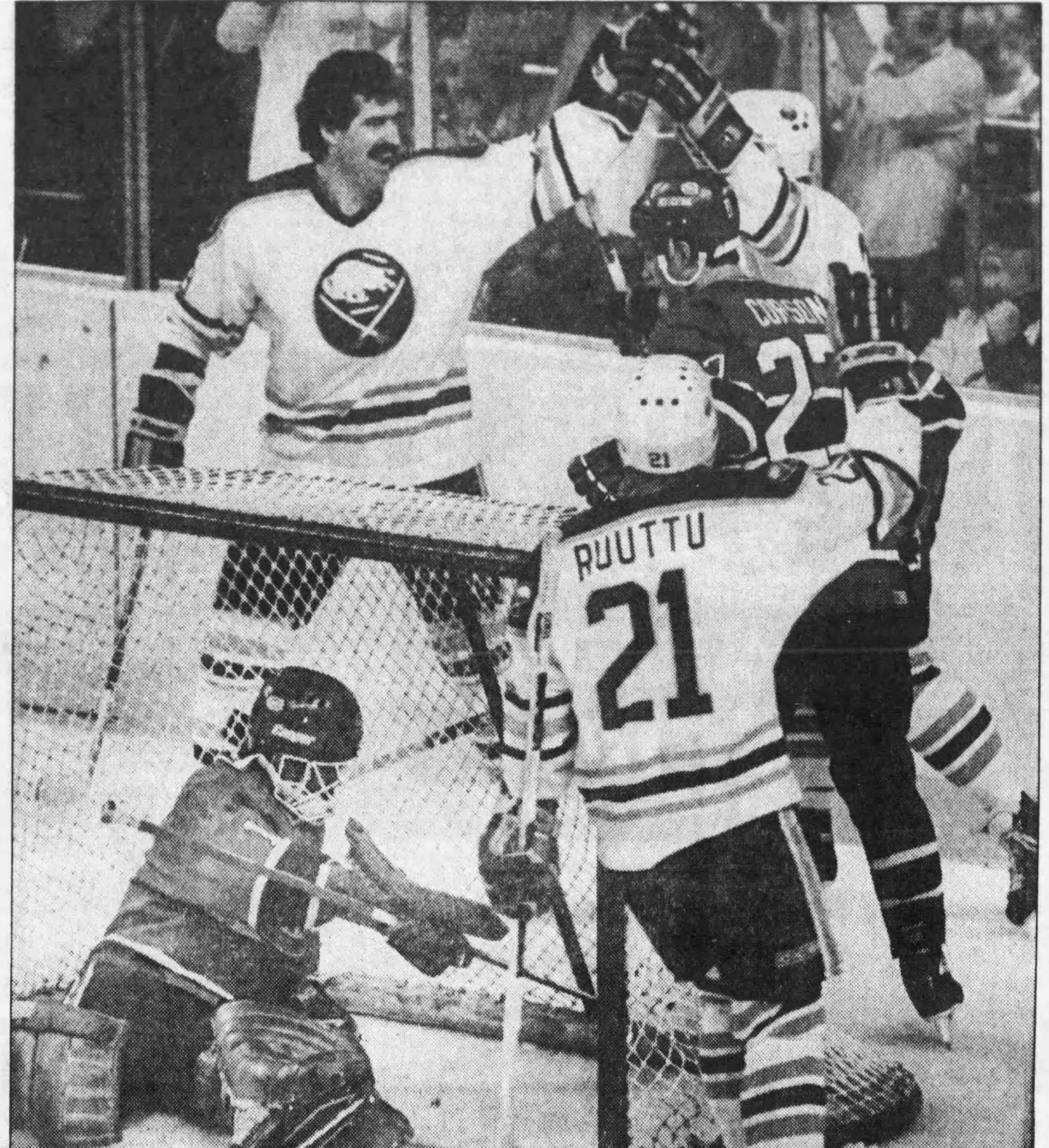
Besides being more aggressive of late, always a nice sign in a contact sport, the Sabres are more organized. They'll still get beaten fairly regularly, their talent being what it is, but no longer do they make gifts of games with sloppy passes and missed checks.

Sator sometimes in practice throws tires on the ice to serve as targets, or has a line use as many as four pucks on a passing drill. Not quite Fred Shero throwing tennis balls on the ice, but the same idea.

Practice is, barring travel plans, always at noon, and always at Sabreland. The Aud is for games only.

The purpose of such structure, said Sator, "is to give them every benefit, so all they have to worry about is playing the games. That's my obligation as

a professional coach." Ten games do not a career make. Or even a fair trial. But the early evidence on Sator is positive. And that's more than good news for a team struggling out from beneath a long, deep shadow.



RON MOSCATI/Buffalo News Clark Gillies gives Bob Logan a high-five and Christian Ruuttu joins the group after Logan's second goal.

Sabres Play Tough In Overtime Tie With 'Hot' Habs

By JIM KELLEY

You could say the Buffalo Sabres deserved a better fate than the one that produced a 3-3 tie with the defending Stanley Cup Champion Montreal Canadiens. But that would be asking a lot.

After all, they did blow a 3-1 lead and they did miss three glorious opportunities to win the game (one in overtime).

But they didn't lose and they didn't quit.

teams even up for 65 minutes regular defensemen, Steve Dykstra, on the bench for nearly all of the third period and the overtime, and they did it while delighting a spirited crowd of 12,676 with an exciting a finish. and largely well-played game.

"We had some real good chances," said Sabres Coach Ted Sator. "Some of the saves that were made at both ends could have turned the game tonight, but we like to think that we had the better chances to win the hockey game. I can think of a couple of Mike Foligno shots that were one-timers. When the goaltender makes saves like that, give him the credit."

Canadiens goaltender Brian Hayward did make a "game saver" with a quick glove save of a Foligno slapshot with less than two minutes

to play in regulation time. He also stopped John Tucker from a distance and Dave Andreychuk from right on his doorstep just before the final buzzer. In overtime, Foligno might well have come up a hero had he been able to get his stick on Scott Arniel's centering pass in front of the net in the opening seconds of

In addition to Hayward's stellar play down the stretch, the Canadiens managed to keep the Sabres Instead they played one of the out of the Montreal end by making National Hockey League's "hot" their share of charges against the Sabres in the final minutes. Goal-Wednesday evening in Memorial tender Jacques Cloutier kicked out Auditorium. They did it despite the two good shots that came off a loss of center Doug Smith (knee scramble deep in the Buffalo end. sprain). They did it with one of their He also got a break when Stephane Richer failed to control the puck after deking his way to the edge of the Sabres crease.

All in all, it made for one heck of

"Our (overtime) strategy is not to hold the puck for the last shot I can assure you," said Sator regarding the almost racehorse style of play his team adopted down the

"Basically we try to keep the puck out away from our net and then do whatever we can to keep the puck in the other end. It only takes one shot to win."

There were times oth teams thought they had made that shot.

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Dissatisfied Wilson Gets Involved in Draft

Bills' Owner Feels Early Choices Should Be Much More Productive

By VIC CARUCCI

Unhappy with the Buffalo Bills' recent history of drafting, Ralph Wilson has decided to take matters into his own hands.

"If we make a mistake this year," the Bills president and owner said, "it's going to be my mistake, because I'm going to know who we're picking. And I could make a lot of mistakes and still be ahead of the averages."

When it comes to prospective first- and second-round choices, Wilson won't, as he has in the past, rely solely on the opinions of the Bills' player-personnel department and coaching staff. He intends to study those players himself - in person and on film - and contribute to the decisions on draft day, especially during the 15 minutes the Bills will have to make the third pick overall.

Wilson took the initial step in his new approach by traveling from his Detroit home to Palo Alto, Calif., for last Saturday's East-West Shrine Game. It was his first appearance

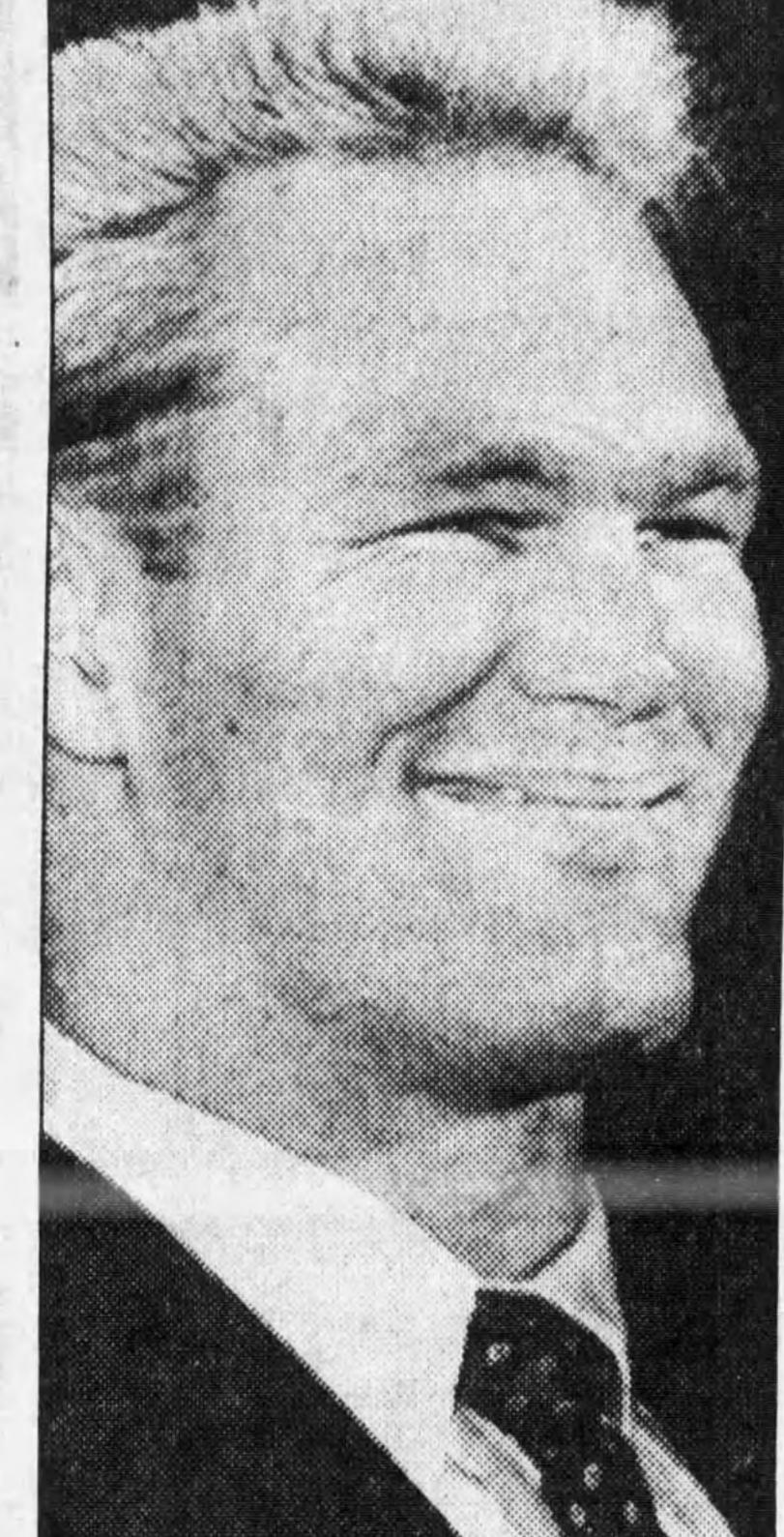
at a college all-star game since he attended the East-West game seven years ago.

When Wilson thinks of the Bills' first- and second-round track record during that time, he regrets having waited so long to become involved in the evaluation of college talent.

"All I go by is the record," Wilson told The Buffalo News by telephone from California. "Forget the conversation, such as, 'This guy's going to develop . . . this guy's going to do this.' Forget it. Just look at the record. I don't like it."

Between 1981 and 1983, the Bills drafted six players on the first two rounds who have been cut or traded since. The first-rounders: Penn State fullback Booker Moore (1981), Clemson wide receiver Perry Tuttle (1982) and Notre Dame tight end Tony Hunter (1983). The secondrounders: Louisiana State defensive back Chris Williams (1981), Auburn

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Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth.

Ralph Would Take Brian Bosworth, If Sooner Linebacker Is Available

Add Ralph Wilson to the growing list of Brian Bosworth admirers in

the National Football League. Philadelphia Eagles Coach Buddy Ryan has said he would be willing to trade for a chance to select haircut? the University of Oklahoma linebacker on the first round of the 1987

NFL draft. But if Bosworth were to be available when the Bills make the third pick overall, he would be their choice, according to Wilson.

"Right now, we like Bosworth," the Bills' president and owner told The Buffalo News by phone from California, where he attended last Saturday's East-West Shrine Game. "I think he's a terrific player."

Bosworth didn't participate in the East-West, and won't take part in any college all-star game because he has yet to declare himself eligible for the draft. He still has one season of eligibility remaining at Oklahoma, which means he could have such a great offense, but they wait until 1988 to turn pro or declare himself eligible for a supplemental draft.

But Wilson said Bosworth "comes very highly recommended," and the owner is anxious to study him on film.

What about Bosworth's punk

"Listen," Wilson said, "if he can tackle and stop somebody, he can wear any haircut he wants. He can wear a wig if he likes."

Isn't Wilson bothered by Bosworth's banishment from the Orange Bowl for steroids use, or by his tendency to be outspoken?

"Nope," the owner said. "Not if he's a player . . . a real good, tough player. Because this is a tough, vio-

lent game." "And you've got to have a good defense in pro football, or you're not going to win. Look at what the Giants did Sunday (in their NFC championship victory over Washington). Look at the Bears. They didn't

won a lot of games this year on

-VIC CARUCCI

New Bison Manager Makes Good 'Debut'

By BOB DICESARE

Orlando Gomez isn't exactly a household name, and it's doubtful there are too many persons in Buffalo who can testify to his managerial ability. All anybody here currently knows about Juan Alejandro (Orlando) Gomez, the new manager of the Buffalo Bisons, is he seems to be one heck of a nice guy.

Introduced to the media along with coaches Rick Peterson (pitching) and Mike Bucci (positional play) Wednesday afternoon at the you don't really have any control Hyatt Regency Buffalo, Gomez be- over the players you get," Scott gan by saying he'll gladly talk base- continued. "You don't go out and ball for hours after any game. And acquire players like you can at Triif the length of any conversation ple-A to help beef up a ballclub. So, starts to wear on the listener's pa- a managerial record at the low mitience, Gomez said he'll be happy to nor league level is not necessarily continue the discussion in his own indicative of what a person's capa-

Later, Gomez brought up the death of former Buffalo Bison Joe izing the exploits of last season's this winter after playing a Puerto Gomez managed during his first Rican Winter League game for year with the Indians' organization. Ponce, the team Gomez currently is

managing. De Sa's love for his wife and son, as well as his commitment to baseball. one point they were 17 games under The tribute might have lasted an- .500. They got back to three games other 10 minutes if, Gomez explained, his emotions were not about to get the best of him.

about as warm and sincere as they club and take a bad situation, which

As a manager?

This will be Gomez's sixth managerial job in the states and his first in Triple-A. His five-year record of in the career of Gomez, who spent 288-331, which includes just one win- 12 seasons as basically a low-level ning season, can't be termed a minor-league catcher before piloting glowing endorsement.

here in Buffalo is the fact that he's a strong organizational individual," explained Jeff Scott, director of player development and scouting for the Cleveland Indians, the Bisons parent club.

"His ties have been rooted, his career has been with very few organizations, and he's moved because he's wanted to move, not because he's had to move.

"As a manager in the low minor leagues, which is A-ball, Double-A, bilities are."

Scott fortified his case by capsul-De Sa, who was killed in a car crash Double-A Waterbury team, which

"We got off to a hellaciously poor start, and part of the reason behind Gomez talked on and on about that is that we had a very, very young ballclub there. . . . In fact, at under .500 and finished the season (66-73) in the race for the playoffs. We attribute that to a large degree As a person, Gomez appears to Orlando's ability to rally a ballthey had there, and turn it into a positive."

This promotion to a Triple-A playoffs continue. managerial position is a milestone Oakland's rookie league team in "One of the big reasons that we 1977. He joined the Texas system as selected Orlando Gomez to manage a scout the following year and in



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Bisons Vice President/General Manager Michael J. Billoni presents the uniform to Orlando Gomez.

1983 returned to managing, a title he has held ever since.

Gomez has been named Puerto Rican Winter League Manager of the Year this season for leading Ponce to the regular-season title. He is still managing the team as the

One common denominator of the management team the Bisons and Indians introduced Wednesday is youth. Gomez, at 40, will be the veteran. Bucci, who'll coach positional fundamentals, is 33. Peterson, (2-4, 4.35). He won 10 games for the who played with the Double-A Bi-

sons in 1981 and '82 and served as Gomez's pitching coach at Waterbury last season, is 32.

The Indians signed free-agent pitcher Kurt Kepshire to a Triple-A contract, although he'll be invited to the big-league spring training camp. Kepshire, a right-hander, had a poor season last year, pitching for St. Louis (0-1), Louisville (1-9 with a 6.48 ERA) and Double-A Arkansas Cardinals in 1985.

Hall of Fame Adds Hunter And Williams

Associated Press NEW YORK — The waiting final-

ly ended for Billy Williams, while Jim "Catfish" Hunter won another close one.

Williams and Hunter were elected to baseball's Hall of Fame Wednesday night, culminating careers marked by consistency but

separated by their teams' results. Hunter, with a 224-166 lifetime record in 15 seasons for the Kansas City and Oakland A's and the New York Yankees, played on five World Series winners. Williams, who hit .290 with 426 home runs during 16 years in the Chicago Cubs' outfield and two more seasons with Oakland, never played in a World Se-

Williams' frustration continued as he was bypassed by the Baseball Writers Association of America in Hall of Fame voting the last five years, missing by just four votes in

But that ended Wednesday night. "I guess the smile on my face tells it all. 'Wait 'til next year' is now a phrase of the past," Williams, 20th on the all-time home run list, said from Glen Ellyn, Ill. "I can truly say it's one of the most exciting moments of my life."

Williams was named on 354 of 413 votes for 85.7 percent, well above the required 75 percent. Hunter got 315 votes, five over the minimum. and reached the Hall in his third try after missing by 30 votes last year.

Jim Bunning, the recently elect-

ed congressman from Kentucky, came up 21 votes short of election.

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He missed by 40 votes last year. None of the other 25 players on the ballot got as much as 50 percent of the vote. Orlando Cepeda was fourth with 179, followed by Roger Maris with 176 and Tony Oliva with

While Williams was cautiously optimistic this would be his year, prised that he was elected on his ties for the major-league record. third try.

"I don't know if I deserved it," said Hunter, who spent Wednesday boar hunting near his Hertford, N.C., farm. "I was a control pitcher who hit spots.

"I had players behind me to back me up. If I didn't play on those teams, I wouldn't have won as many as I did and I wouldn't have been in the World Series six times."

Hunter won 20 or more games from 1971 through 1975 and finished with a career earned run average of 3.26. His reputation as a big-game pitcher may have helped him as much as Williams' lack of post-season play hurt him.

Hunter was 5-3 in World Series games and still holds Championship Series records with 10 starts and 691/3 innings pitched. The closest Williams got to a World Series was the 1975 American League playoffs with Oakland, when the A's were swept by Boston and Williams went 0 for 8.

Williams finished with 2,711 capartly because there were no new reer hits, batted over .300 five times big names on the ballot to splinter and in 1969 became the last player support, Hunter said he was sur- to hit four doubles in a game, which

> Williams was the NL Rookie of the Year in 1961 and went on to hit 20 or more home runs for 13 straight seasons. He led the league with a .333 average in 1972, which came during a streak in which he played 1,117 consecutive games.

> Hunter, who won the AL Cy Young Award in 1974 and pitched a perfect game in 1968, was a six-time All-Star, as was Williams.

Induction ceremonies for Hunter and Williams — bringing the Hall of Fame total to 199 — are tentatively scheduled for July 26. The Veterans Committee is scheduled to announce results of its voting on older players in early March.

Williams and Hunter were scheduled to be in New York this morning for a press conference.

"I don't know whether to laugh or cry. It hasn't sunk in yet," said Williams, the Cubs' current batting

Hunter said his "first dream was to become a major league ballplayer" and that he "never dreamed of being in the Hall of Fame."

"This is the greatest thing I could get through baseball. I always hoped something good would happen and it did."

Hunter, a right-hander, signed a five-year contract for \$3.5 million and then went 23-14 with a 2.58 ERA in 1975. The Yankees lost the World Series in 1976, but came back to win in 1977 and 1978.

Following the top five in this year's Hall of Fame voting was Harvey Kuenn with 144 votes; Bill Mazeroski 125; Maury Wills 113; and Ken Boyer and Lew Burdette with 96 each.

This was Burdette's final year of eligibility on the BBWAA ballot. He now must wait three years before being eligible with the Veterans Committee.

Hazeltine's Death Sparks Plea

From News Wire Services

LOS ALTOS, Calif. — The deaths of two former San Francisco 49ers teammates a month apart from Lou Gehrig's disease has brought a desperate plea for help from another member of that team stricken with the rare ailment.

the death of running back Gary dent Michael McCaskey. Lewis.

They and former quarterback Bob Waters, now coach at Western Carolina University, all developed the disease of the nervous system over the past two years - more than 20 years after they played to-

"Maybe someone will listen to us now," Waters said Wednesday in a telephone interview from his campus office. "Somewhere in our backgrounds there could be a common denominator that just might help a lot of people if we could find it. We ought to look hard, and the 49ers should take a role in finding out."

hopes the fact that three players otrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) might provide a clue to its origin and, ultimately, its cure.

ers on one football team could develop the disease by coincidence.

Hazeltine died at Pacific Medical Center after a long struggle against ALS, which caused him to lose use of both arms and legs and confined him to a motorized wheelchair.

He played for the 49ers from 1955 to 1968, was named to the Pro Bowl in 1963 and 1965 and was team capdrafted out of the University of California at Berkeley.

Hazeltine, Lewis and Waters played together only one year, 1964. Waters was with the team from 1960 to 1964 and Lewis joined the 49ers in 1964 and played until 1969.

Waters has been pressing for a list of former 49ers to contact and question in the hope some information will turn up that could explain the origin of the disease.

He suggested the possibility that the disease could have been triggered by a delayed reaction to cortisone, anabolic steroids or other drugs taken by the players.

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CHICAGO — Chicago Bears General Manager Jerry Vainisi, who Former All-Pro linebacker and helped form the nucleus of the club 49ers captain Matt Hazeltine, 53, that won the Super Bowl one year died Tuesday night, a month after ago, has been fired by club presi-

LOS ANGELES — UCLA Coach Terry Donahue apparently has been offered the head coaching job of the Atlanta Falcons and is expected to make a decision on the matter with-

in a few days. UCLA Athletic Director Pete Dalis confirmed the Falcons, who have been without a head coach since Dan Henning was fired last month, had been given permission to talk to Donahue.

NEW YORK - Joe Walton was given a new contract as coach of the New York Jets despite the lateseason collapse of his team.

Walton guided the Jets to the playoffs for the second straight season, but the club lost its last five regular season games. After beating the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-15, in the AFC wild-card game, the Jets were beated, 23-20, in double overtime by the Cleveland Browns in the AFC semifinal game.

FOXBORO, Mass. — Linebacker Lawrence McGrew and defensive end Kenneth Sims of the New England Patriots underwent surgery. McGrew had a tendon repaired and a bone spur removed from his right knee, and Sims had a ruptured disc removed from his back.

Waters, who has lost the use of both arms because of the disease, Blocked Shot at the Buzzer from the same NFL team developed the ailment - formally called amy- Preserves Mt. St. Joe's Win

Tom Rybak cashed two free throws with 31 seconds left for the He said doctors have told him it final points of the game and Wendell is almost impossible that three play- Giles blocked a jumper at the buzzer to preserve visiting Mount St. Joe's 73-71 victory over Timon Wednesday night in a battle for first place in League AA of the Msgr. Martin Association.

The win gave the Roadrunners, ranked No. 3 among large-school teams in The Buffalo News High School Basketball Poll, a 3-0 league record and was their ninth win in 10 tain for five years after being starts overall. Timon, ranked No. 4 slipped to 10-2, 3-1.

> Mount St. Joe's, after leading by 10 in the first half, trailed, 67-58, with 2:11 remaining in the game. But Rybak started a rally with a three-point play and two other Roadrunner baskets resulted from turnovers caused by Giles and Frank Bostic, who combined for nine fourth-quarter steals.

After Rybak's two free throws gave Mount St. Joe's a 73-71 lead, Timon's Rob Duke was fouled but missed the first of a one-and-one with six seconds to go. Mount St. Joe's Antoine Patterson got the rebound (one of 16 he pulled down), also was fouled and also missed the

High School Basketball

first of a one-and-one.

That gave Timon one more chance, but Giles blocked Duke's jumper as time ran out.

Mount St. Joe's had five players score in double figures, led by 18 points from Anthony O'Neil (12 rebounds). Rybak and Patterson added 15 points each, while Giles had 11 and Bostic 10.

Ernie Myles netted 27, Mike Doctor 22 and Duke 10 for Timon. Duke also had 11 assists.

NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE Matt Frawley rebounded team-

mate Jeff Frey's missed free throw and put it in with six seconds left, giving Tonawanda its first league victory, 43-41, over visiting Grand Frey had made the first of his

two free throws to tie the score a second earlier.

Marc Gronwall scored 12 points and Frey 11 for the Warriors (2-6, 1-6). Doug Smith of Grand Island led all scorers with 20.

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wide receiver Byron Franklin (1981) and San Diego State quarterback Matt Kofler (1982).

Two of the Bills' last five No. 1 choices — former Notre Dame halfback Greg Bell (1984) and Memphis State cornerback Derrick Burroughs (1985) — have proved to be prone to injury, while two of their last three second-round selections former San Jose State wide receiver Eric Richardson (1984) and Nebraska offensive lineman Mark Traynowicz (1985) — have provided more disappointment than encourage-

And the first of last year's two first-round picks, former Iowa halfback Ronnie Harmon, hardly has convinced anyone he is ready to become a starter in 1987.

"That pretty much answers the question why I was at the East-West Shrine Game, when I could have been home, sitting by the fire," Wilson said.

He cited only one recent No. 1 choice — former Virginia Tech defensive end Bruce Smith, the top overall pick in 1985 — having been taken at his insistence.

"I said, 'Take Bruce Smith,' " Wilson recalled. "They said, 'Oh, well, we like so-and-so.' I said, 'I don't care who you like. I just saw him on television; I think he's a player. Take him!'

"I didn't know all those other I never saw film or anything else on them. But this year, I want to see for myself who we're going to take

"Not that I'm a professional scout, but I have watched football so many years of my life. I'd just like to see who we're interested in taking. Now, I'm not talking about the seventh- or eighth- or ninthround choices. But when it comes to making our first or second choices, would hope that I would have a chance to see what they look like, how they play in some of these (allstar) games against better competi-

"Otherwise, I'm just sitting in our first or second or third choice comes up, somebody says, 'Oh, this possible, have been able to see the player myself ... so I'm not taking somebody else's word for it."

Scouting, as Wilson has discovered over the years, is an extremely inexact science. He points to Colora-

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do State quarterback Kelly Stouffer as a perfect example.

Stouffer became the starter for the West squad at Palo Alto as a replacement for injured Stanford quarterback John Paye. Wilson was astonished to find that, although Stouffer "threw the ball like (University of Miami star) Vinny Testaverde," he wasn't highly rated by NFL scouts.

"I wasn't watching him in the game so much, because we have three good quarterbacks," Wilson said. "But every time I looked up after a 30- or 40-yard pass, this guy the scouts in the country didn't recognize this fellow? So I see a lot of faults in this scouting system. This fellow's a real player. If we needed a quarterback, I'd be tempted to move down and take this fellow, either on the first or second round.

"Some of the other coaches said, 'Where were all the scouts when this guy was playing?' And the answers were, 'Well, they didn't pass the ball ... all they did at Colorado State was run.' Baloney! All these teams are spending a fortune to scout players, and then they let someone like this pass by."

The Bills' climb from NFL doormats to playoff contenders will, according to Wilson, require good drafting in 1987 and 1988.

"These next two drafts are very,

very important to us," he said. "Our team needs a revamping. We have got to get better players. We have some good ones now, but we don't have enough of them.

"The Giants have an outstanding coach and staff. But, in addition to that, the Giants have got good players. And I don't care how good a coach you have or how good a staff you have, you're not going to win unless you have good players.

"We must draft players who have good character, who have outstanding athletic ability, who can come in and help our team. We just can't was throwing it. Why is it that all take a chance. We've got to check everything out on them.

"Now, we may miss. Drafting college players to play professional football is sometimes like rolling the dice. They look great, but they come up and don't play that well. It happens with all the teams."

In Wilson's view, however, it has been happening too often with the

Dr. Richard Weiss, the Bills' orthopedic surgeon, has been selected as the official physician for the Feb. 1 Pro Bowl in Honolulu.

Weiss is the Bills' first physician to be chosen for the game. The National Football League picked Weiss on the basis of his long and outstanding service. He has worked for the club since 1967.

guys we took over the last five Undefeated Corning Overwhelms Niagara CCC With Big Second Half

Unbeaten Corning Community College, the nation's 12th-ranked junior college basketball team, broke open a close game in the second half Wednesday to overwhelm host Niagara County Community Col-

lege, 85-53. Antonio Lowery scored 20 points to pace Corning to its 12th victory. Tim Smith, a freshman guard from DeSales, netted 16 and Scott Perry, a sophomore guard from Wil-

son, added 15 for NCCC (2-9), which

trailed by only 32-29 at halftime.

Senior point guard Brian Anthat room on draft day, and when drews' 24 points led Alfred University to a 77-66 triumph over visiting Ithaca College in an Independent guy's a great player.' And I've got College Athletic Conference game. to take his word for it. I'd like to, if Alfred, 4-5 overall, is 1-2 in the ICAC. Kevin Joyce scored 25 for Ithaca (4-5, 1-2), which plays at

Daemen (5-5) at 8 tonight. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nazareth College limited the University of Buffalo to 18 second-half points to break from a 21-21 halftime tie and defeat the visiting Royals, 49-39. Denise Hickey and Allison Ruff each had 12 points for Nazareth (4-7). Junior center Caroline Hofer of UB (3-6) led all scorers with 16 points and also took down 12

Colleges

Alfred State scored the game's first 23 points, raced to a 38-14 halftime lead and went on to wallop host Community College of the Finger Lakes, 69-41.

Lisa Sherman powered the winners (6-4) with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Deb Bolles netted 15 for the losers (0-5), who were held scoreless until 11:20 remained in the first

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Three St. Bonaventure juniors — Angie White, Chris Malack and Sue Lanni — won a total of seven events, but it wasn't enough as host Syracuse scored a 118-107 victory.

White set a pool and school record of 1:09.60 in the 200-yard butterfly. She also won the 200 freestyle (1:57.27) and 100 fly (1:41). Malack doubled in the 50 free (25.57) and 100 free (55.70), while Lanni won both breaststroke events, the 100 in 1:13.15 and 200 in 2:34.97.

HOCKEY

Sean McKiernan and John Strain each had two goals and two assists to lead Hobart (6-8) to a 10-6 victory over Cortland State (5-9) at Geneva.

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