

Sports

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Bob Verdi
In the wake
of the news

Sox won't mourn Dawson miss

It would figure—wouldn't it?—that there would be some squirming, some salivating, on the Comiskey Park side of town about what marvels Andre Dawson hath wrought on the Wrigley Field side of town so far. Except that nothing quite figures this baseball season.

"Zero," White Sox General Manager Larry Himes was saying Wednesday when asked his degree of apprehension and/or flat envy concerning Dawson's exploits with the Cubs. "I'm glad he's doing well; I'm glad they're doing well."

If that sounds like a blatant company clothesline, remember that Himes was not as privileged as cross-city counterpart, Dallas Green, who had Dawson and agent Dick Moss beating down the Arizona cacti just for an audience. Green, burned to a crisp by his millionaires, was front-row center echoing the sport's new "fiscal responsibility"—a term abbreviated by labor to read collusion.

Green issued many of the same spring-training proclamations as did Himes, only louder. No more blind spending, damn the free agents, full speed ahead with our own born-and-bred prospects. Dawson-Moss wouldn't let it rest there, of course, but it took a while and a once-in-a-lifetime bargaining chip before Green returned phone calls. Himes never had the chance to play hide-and-seek. There weren't any available .300 hitters waiting on his doorstep.

Himes was chastised for failing to pursue Tim Lincecum, or even admitting the obvious—that he would look maahvelous in White Sox

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—Sox General Manager Larry Himes

spangles. Himes, hardballer that he is, went the other way, suggesting he wasn't needed. Whether he's mellowed or merely thought about it twice, Himes is not about to mouth a similar mistake now, when it's too late to chase Raines anyway. Raines is gainfully employed by the Montreal Expos, the franchise he never left, though he tried.

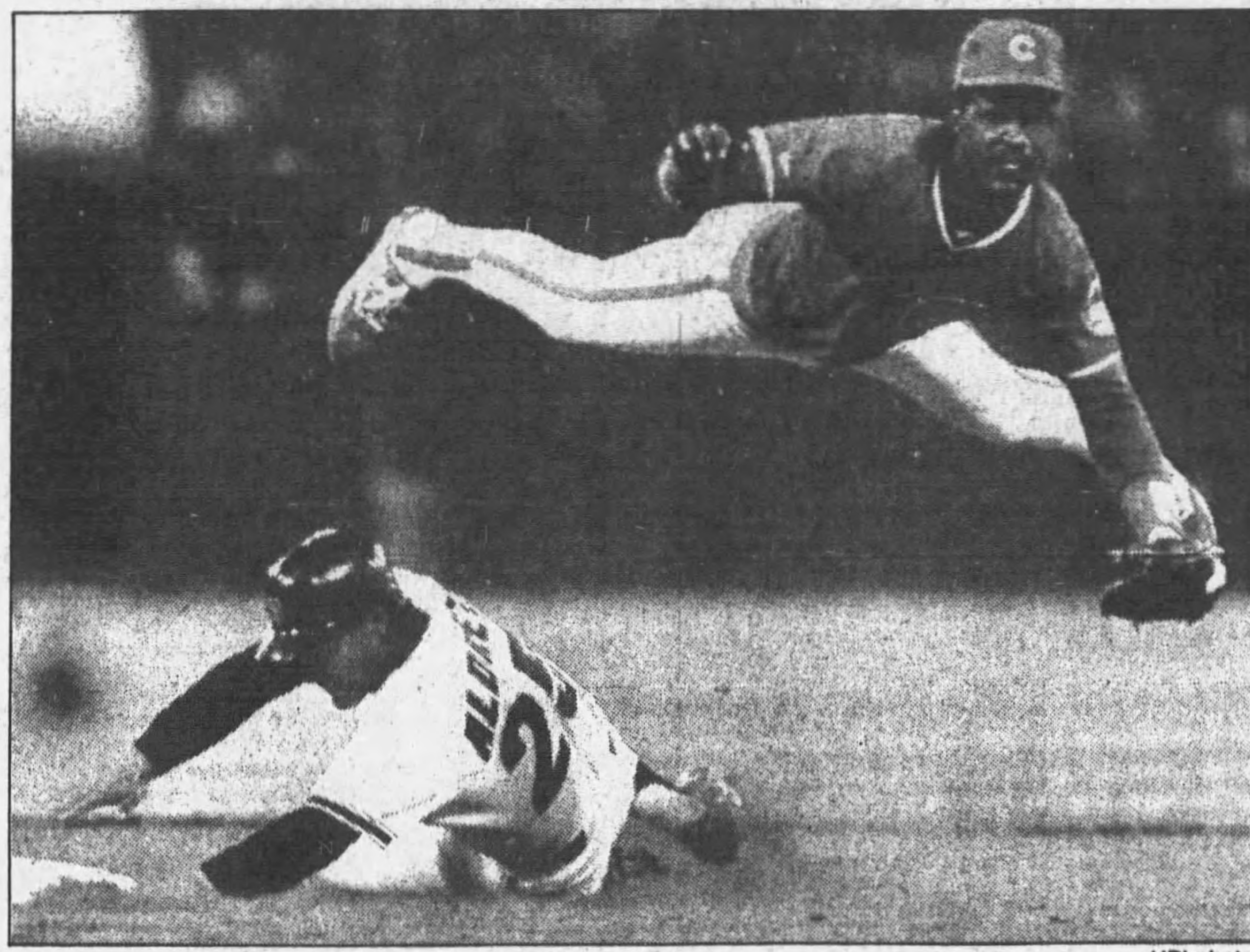
"Of course, we could use Raines," Himes said. "You think there aren't any other teams who also could? If Raines had come to us with a blank bottom line like Dawson did with the Cubs, we'd have had to think about it. If Dawson had come to us instead of the Cubs with the same proposal, we'd have had to think about that. But they didn't."

What's intriguing is how close Dawson came to joining the White Sox last summer. "This close," according to Sox Board Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf. Ken Harrelson, then the team's general manager, detected a lack of leadership in his clubhouse—a void that still exists. Harrelson, too often chided for being impulsive, crafted a deal whereby the White Sox would have shipped Pete Filson, a minor-league pitcher, to the Seattle Mariners for Dave Henderson. The White Sox then were to dispatch Henderson and pitcher Tony Menendez to Montreal for Dawson.

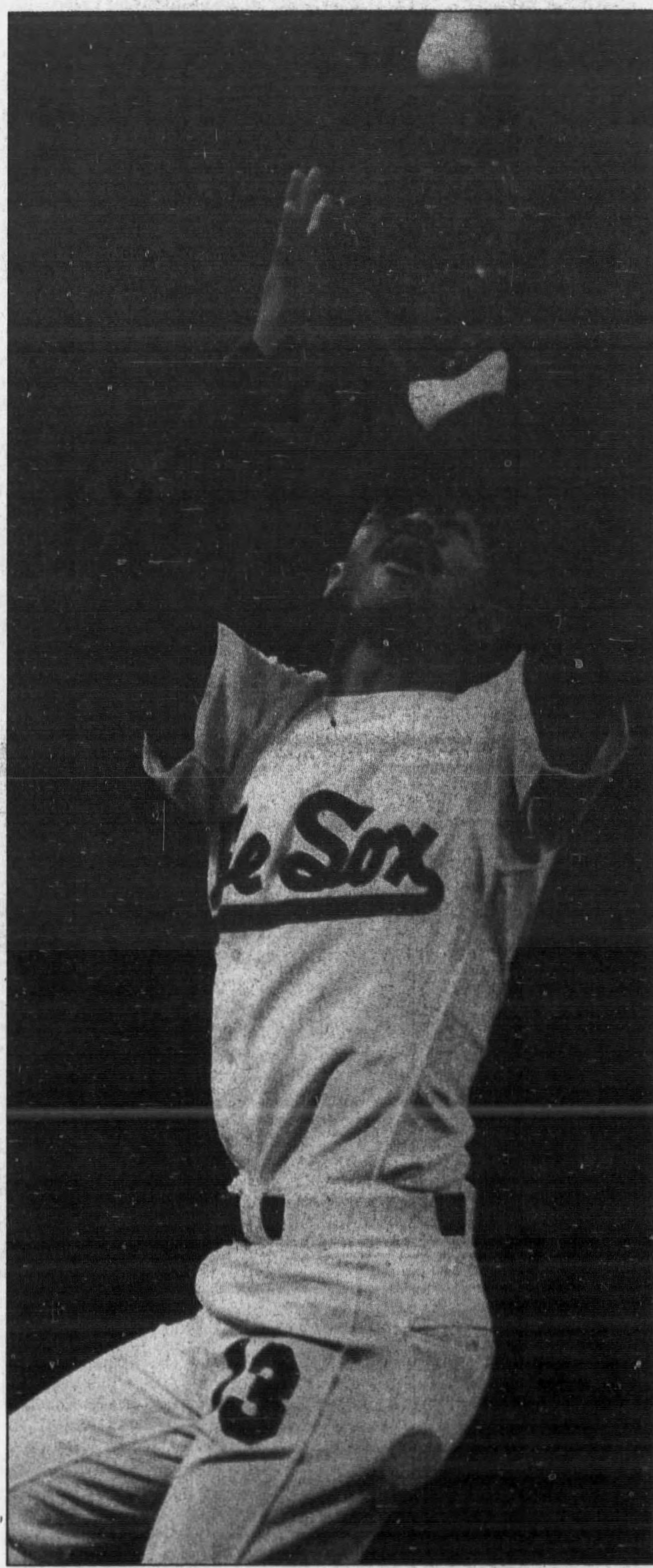
How that exchange might have altered the course of recent events. Henderson wound up with the Boston Red Sox, cracking a fabled playoff home run to deprive the California Angels of an American League pennant. A few months later, Dawson has Cub fans dreaming of first place again, even if it means schlepping to St. Louis in search of lights for postseason assignments. Green is on record as stating that Dawson couldn't possibly elevate the Cubs from 70 to 90 victories, but in the National League East, 89 could suffice. The Mets seem fallible and Dawson possessed.

"Breaking the bank is the least of my intentions," Dawson says. He might have no alter-

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Cub shortstop Shawon Dunston is airborne after forcing Giant Mike Aldrete at second and firing to first to complete a double play Wednesday.



White Sox shortstop Ozzie Guillen zeroes in on a pop-up into short left field by the Yankees' Ron Kittle. New York won Wednesday's game 4-1 behind a two-hitter by Rick Rhoden.

Cubs blast Giants; Davis homers twice

By Fred Mitchell
Chicago Tribune

SAN FRANCISCO—It's first and 10 to go for the Cubs on this West Coast swing.

The Cubs retained their half-game lead in the National League East over the St. Louis Cardinals by beating the San Francisco Giants 9-4 in the first game of 11 on this sojourn.

Mark Davis had never beaten the Cubs, and Wednesday night was nothing new. He's now 0-8 against Chicago.

Jody Davis hit two home runs, a power display matched by the Giants' Candy Maldonado in front of 15,123 fans at Candlestick Park.

Despite giving up three home runs, Scott

■ Cubs-Giants, Ch. 9, 9:35

Sanderson [2-0] earned his 80th major-league victory by going seven innings. He allowed four runs on seven hits, walked two and struck out six. Lee Smith took over in the eighth with the Cubs leading 6-4 and earned his league-leading seventh save.

Davis gave the Cubs a 1-0 lead in the second inning with his sixth homer of the year, this one into the right-field corner.

The Giants tied it in the bottom of the second when Maldonado lined a leadoff homer over the left-field fence.

"I'm just starting to feel comfortable at the

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Sox still out at home

Yankees roll on Rhoden 2-hitter

By Ed Sherman

The White Sox are suffering from a home-field disadvantage. But luckily for them, there have been few witnesses to their struggles.

Another dismal hitting performance sent the Sox to a 4-1 defeat against the Yankees Wednesday. Rick Rhoden pitched a two-hitter, coasting after the Yankees took a 4-0 lead off Floyd Bannister in the third.

The Sox now are 3-8 at the unfriendly confines of Comiskey Park, compared to 7-6 on the road.

It was another dull, listless affair at the ballpark, which is probably why only 13,737 fans showed up on a beautiful evening. With the Yankees in town, the league's best draw, that says all one needs to know about the interest in baseball on the South Side.

Baseball fans want to see action, and the Sox have not provided it, unless, of course, you call four singles in the last two nights excitement.

Sox manager Jim Fregosi doesn't. He watched his team's

■ Jerome Holtzman visits with Tommy John. Page 3.

batting average fall to .212, easily the worst in baseball.

"How can a club look good when nobody is on base?" Fregosi said. "It's impossible. The most frustrating thing has been the inconsistency of our hitting. I thought after Baltimore [the Sox hit eight homers in three games last weekend], we'd start to swing the bat.

"We just haven't hit the ball. And we haven't hit the ball hard in this ballpark. We haven't been able to put anything together."

How about this for thrills and chills? The Sox scored their lone run in the fourth when Gary Redus led off with a walk.

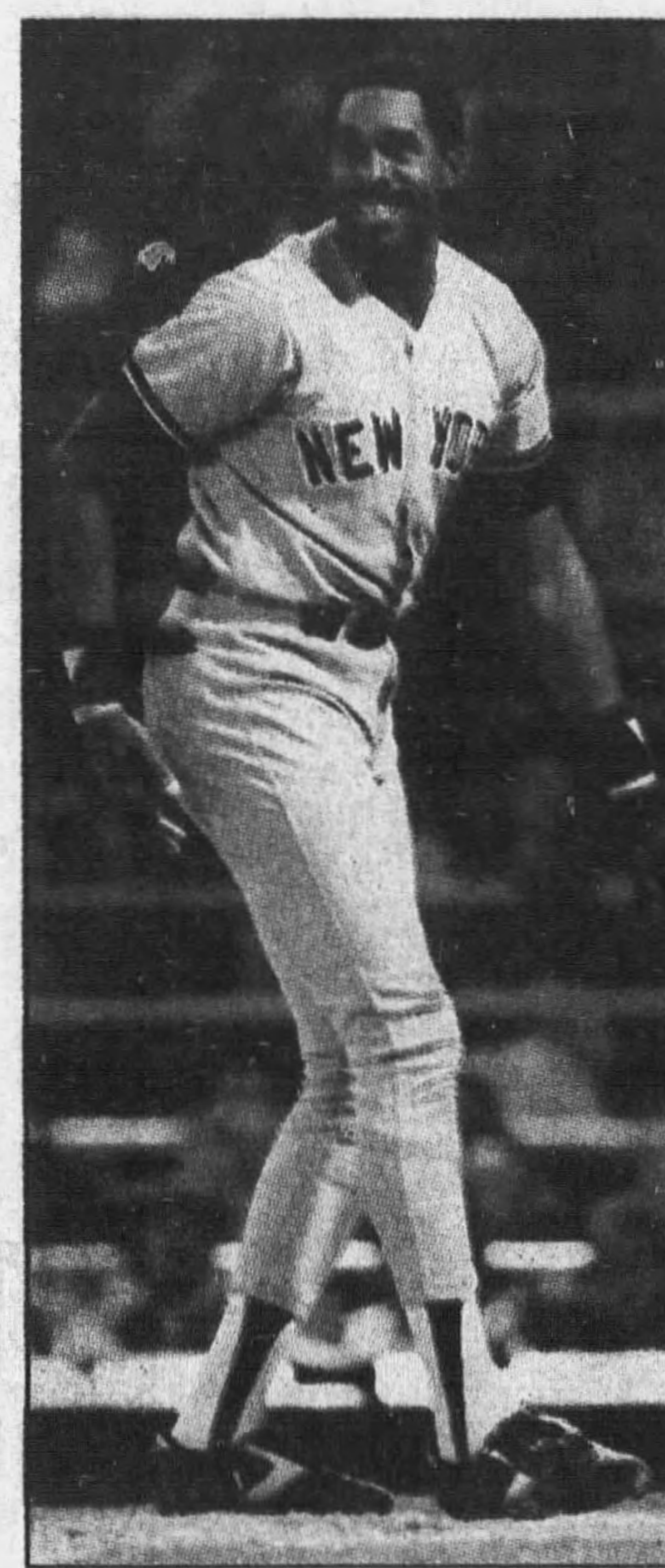
He stole second and went to third on catcher Joel Skinner's throwing error. He then scored on Greg Walker's sacrifice fly to center.

Oooo, ahhhh.

The Sox are hardly a threat to the weak of heart. They scored only four runs in the three-game series.

In some instances, that would

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The Yankees' Dave Winfield doesn't seem upset after taking a tight pitch from the Sox's Bob James Wednesday.

Iowa: Agent paid 2 ex-players

By Jody Homer

Two former Iowa athletes received payments from agent Norby Walters, according to an internal investigation conducted by the university.

Iowa officials held a press conference Wednesday in Iowa City to disclose the findings of the three-member task force that began investigating six weeks ago after allegations had surfaced that former running back Ronnie Harmon had accepted payments from Walters.

The university did not identify either player, but attorney Martin Rausch told the Atlanta Constitution last March that Harmon took money and signed a contract with Walters in March of 1984, when Harmon was a junior. Harmon hired Rausch as

his agent after leaving Walters. Rausch has said that contract is invalid because Harmon was not 21 when he signed it.

Walters has filed a \$500,000 lawsuit against Harmon in a New York court charging deliberate and willful breach of contract. Walters claims Harmon received \$54,000 in payments. (According to a United Press International story, Walters claims the second player involved was former defensive back Devon Mitchell.)

The Iowa report, which has been turned over to the Big 10 office, concluded that only two athletes received payments and that no university staff members were aware of the payments.

"If the University of Iowa and the broader Iowa community were remiss in any way, it was

by failing to create a sense of community to encourage the two students to develop appropriate loyalty to the university and their teammates," concluded the task force.

The report also said two other student-athletes were approached by Walters but turned down his offers to represent them.

According to NCAA rules, a player receiving payments or entering into an agreement with an agent before his college eligibility expires loses any further eligibility in the sport involved. Because the players at Iowa have no eligibility remaining, no personal penalties can be assessed, and it's unlikely that the NCAA would penalize the school.

"Most institutions aren't aware

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Jim McMahon can start throwing a football at the Bears' mini-camp next week. Page 4.

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Millionaire pacer at Maywood

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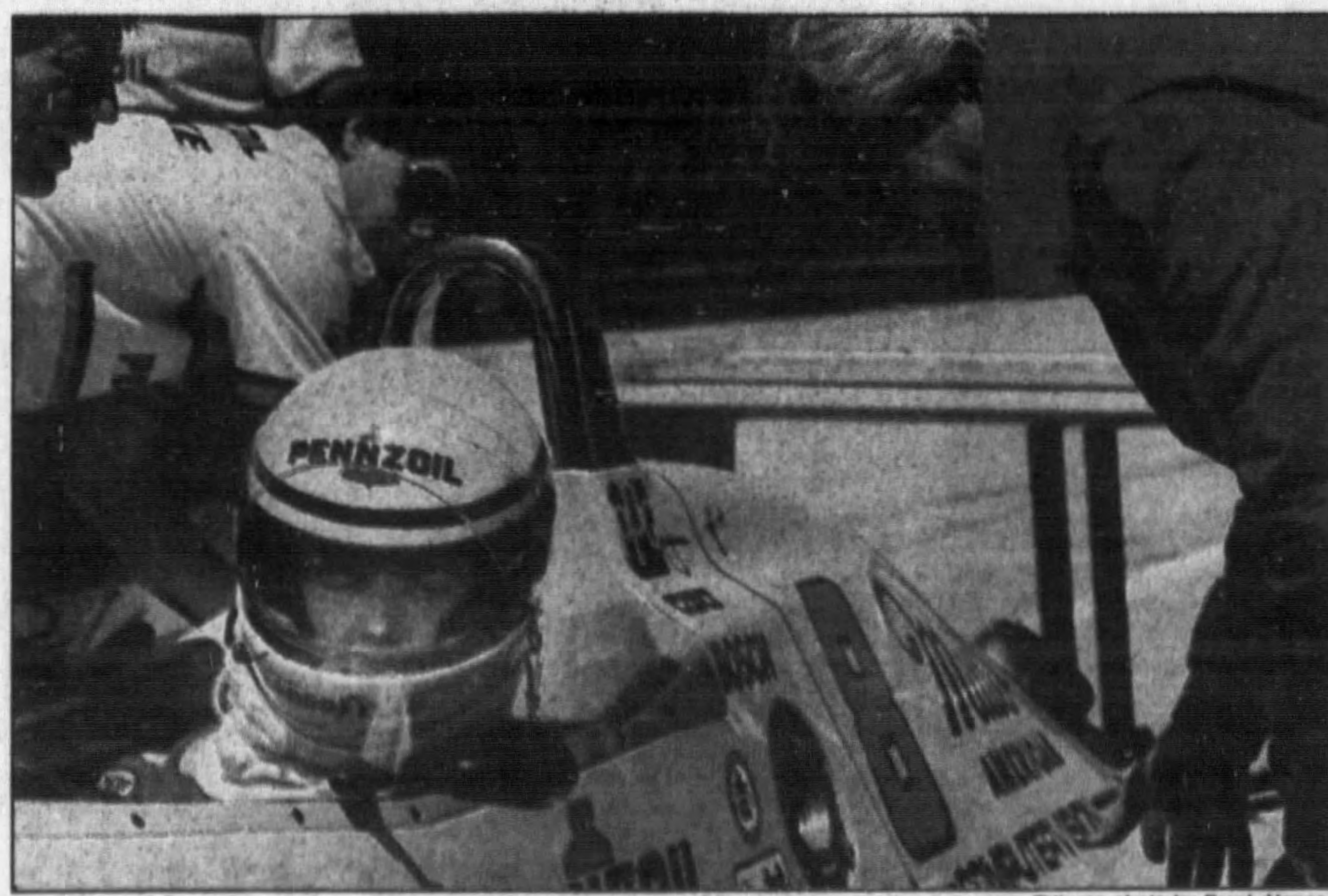
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Indy driver Rick Mears gets some advice from car owner Roger Penske during practice for Saturday's pole chase. They're underdogs, because favored Mario Andretti is driving a Penske-powered car. Story on Page 8.

Cuba visa woes omen for Pan Am Games?

By Phil Hersh

Amateur sports continues to be hit by glancing blows from the infighting between the U.S. State Department and Cuba, which maintain no diplomatic relations.

The latest confrontations involve denial of visas for a Cuban junior baseball team that was supposed to play in Baltimore this week and the initial refusal of permission for the Cuban women's volleyball team to play at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs Wednesday night.

Officials of the Indianapolis organizing committee of the Pan American Games, which need Cuban participation to be an artistic and financial success, claim not to be worried that these recent problems are setting up the Games for a knockout punch.

The State Department has control of two areas that could affect the Cubans' attendance at Indianapolis

in August: approval of the entry permits necessary to admit Cuban athletes and officials to this country and approval of a Cuban request for direct charter flights to transport a 629-person delegation, including 455 athletes.

"It is no secret relations between the government of Cuba and our government are very difficult," said Mark Miles, president of the Indianapolis organizing committee (PAX/I).

"We have our government's assurances that visas will be granted in a timely way, and we have the Cubans' assurances that application will be made in a timely way."

Miles did not want to comment on the charter issue. During the committee's trip to Havana in April, Cuban Olympic Committee President Manuel Gonzalez Guerra surprised his visitors by insisting the charter flights were a precondition

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McMahon ready to test arm in camp, trainer says

By Don Pierson

Jim McMahon got another good report from his shoulder surgeon and will start throwing a football at the Bears' mini-camp next week, team trainer Fred Caito said Wednesday.

Caito and McMahon visited Dr. Frank Jobe in Los Angeles on Tuesday for McMahon's monthly check-up. The quarterback un-

derwent major surgery on his shoulder Dec. 12.

Dr. Jobe had cleared McMahon to lob a baseball or football a month ago, but McMahon has not done it, according to Caito.

"He said he threw a golf ball into the crowd at a tournament in Las Vegas," Caito said. "He'll start tossing the football 20 or 30 feet next week. If it feels good, he'll toss it 40 or 50 feet the next

day, and we'll keep increasing it."

Caito said McMahon will work on his own on the sidelines and not participate in drills for the other quarterbacks at the three-day mini-camp in Lake Forest starting Tuesday.

Caito said Dr. Jobe cleared McMahon to work with heavier weights in his rehabilitation program. "Jim is pleased, the doctor is pleased, and I am pleased," Caito

said. "We're very encouraged. But no one knows what will happen for sure—not Jobe or Jim or anyone."

McMahon still has 12 weeks until the start of training camp, so there is no hurry.

"If he feels any discomfort or slipping in the shoulder, it's up to him to relate it back to the doctor. He's done everything he's sup-

posed to do. He weighs about 190 or 195 and looks good. He has a good attitude about coming back," Caito said.

Caito said McMahon didn't say why he hasn't tossed a ball yet and Dr. Jobe didn't ask.

Rookies and veterans will report to Halas Hall over the weekend for physical exams before the start of the camp.



Jim McMahon

Iowa

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of agents' contacts with players, and most try to prevent any contact," said NCAA assistant director of enforcement Chuck Smrt.

For that reason, Smrt said, penalties in such cases typically involve "an athlete's eligibility status rather than the institution's responsibility."

Big 10 Commissioner Wayne Duke was out of town Wednesday and unavailable to comment on whether the conference might assess its own penalties after reviewing the report.

The task force recommended that the university consider asking for state legislation that makes agents' tampering with student-athletes a criminal offense. This would not be unique. Last week in Michigan, Bo Schembechler and other football coaches teamed with

lawmakers to announce they were seeking legislation aimed at policing the conduct of sports agents in their state.

But the Iowa task force took this a step further, "urging the University of Iowa to join other Big 10 universities and the Big 10 Conference in a civil suit seeking damages, including punitive damages from Norby Walters, in an effort to deter similar conduct."

Tom Bauer, acting associate director of university relations at Iowa, said no legal steps against Walters have been taken. University officials will study the report before determining what actions it might pursue and whether it will act alone or with other Big 10 universities.

Iowa isn't the only Big 10 school that's had trouble keeping Walters away from its players. Last month Purdue finished an internal investigation into an alleged contract between Walters and senior Rod Woodson. The results of that in-

vestigation were turned over to the Big 10 and not made public. Woodson, a football defensive back, is competing on the track team this spring.

Like Harmon, Woodson also is being sued by Walters for breach of contract. That suit claims Walters gave Woodson more than \$21,000.

At Michigan, Schembechler said he had to take away All-American defensive back Garland Rivers' athletic scholarship for the spring term because Rivers had signed with Walters.

Michigan State junior running back Lorenzo White also was alleged to have signed with Walters. White has denied having any relationship with Walters, and MSU coach George Perles considers the case closed. Perles said he discussed the accusations with White, was told by White that they were untrue and believes White is telling the truth.

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