Thunder picks coach today

The Quad-Cities Thunder, the new entry in the Continental Basketball Association, will introduce its head coach at a news conference today.

The Thunder selected Rich McArdle as its general manager earlier this week.

The owner of the Topeka Sizzlers offers some advice to the Thunder owners. Page 29.

Brown will stay at Kansas

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) -Larry Brown said Wednesday that he intends to remain as head basketball coach at the University of Kansas - and that his decision is final.

Brown's brief statement followed reports over the last few weeks that he would move after completing his four-year contract with the Jayhawks. The most persistent rumor was that he was headed to the NBA's New York Knicks.

After published reports Tuesday that he had given the Knicks a Friday deadline to make him a firm offer to coach the Knicks, Brown issued a statement in Lawrence that he said Wednesday had been misunderstood.

"I don't think anyone fully understood my statement yesterday," Brown said Wednesday.



Larry Brown

Evert wants farewell tour

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chris Evert, saying she would "be really surprised" if she played a full season of tennis next year, said Wednesday she would like to end her career with a series of exhibition matches against long-time rival Martina Navratilova.

"I've been watching Julius Erving's farewell tour," Evert said of the retired NBA star. "And after I'm through playing on the tennis circuit, I'd like to do something like that, playing Martina in cities where they don't have tournaments."

Evert was in Washington to received a \$25,000 check as the first recipient of the Wheaties Champion Award.



Chris Evert





Harmon was paid

Stories by **Craig Cooper** QUAD-CITY TIMES

IOWA CITY - A University of Iowa investigation has confirmed that former football running back Ronnie Harmon and

another former Hawkeye received illegal payments from sports agent **Norby Walters** while they were still participating in Iowa football.

Ronnie Harmon

A university committee made up of professors Julia M. Davis, Leodis Davis and David H. Vernon conducted 30 interviews over the period of six weeks since the allegations involving Walters and nearly 20 college athletes nationwide, including Harmon, became public.

The details about Harmon became known when Walters filed a suit against Harmon for breach of contract. Harmon is now represented by Martin Rauch of Buffalo, N.Y.

Efforts to reach Walters in his Manhattan office were unsuccess-

Who was the other guy?

Because of the Buckley Amendment, which prohibits the public disclosure of records of current or for-

mer students, the University of Iowa committee investigating alleged payments to members of its 1985 football team, did not identify the players in its report.

The players were referred to as "Student A" and "Student B," although there was reference during the press conference to Ronnie Harmon as "Student A."

KWQC-TV reported Wednesday night that the other player was defensive back Devon Mitchell.

Other Hawkeyes from the 1985 team who now play in the NFL are quarterback Chuck Long, offensive lineman Mike Haight and linebacker Larry Station.

At least two other former Hawkeyes were also approached by Norby Walters but both rejected his overtures, the committee report said.

How much did they get?

IOWA CITY - The University of Iowa committee investigating alleged payments to members of the 1985 football team found that the amount Ronnie Harmon received was lower than published reports had indicated.

Newspaper accounts quoted agent Norby Walters as saying he had paid Harmon \$54,000 before the NFL draft of 1986 but the committee report said "Student A" received four payments totalling only \$1,000 and "Student B" received four payments totaling \$575.



Bump Elliott

Elliott expects no sanctions

IOWA CITY - While payments by agents to players are a direct violation of National Col-Athletic Association legiate bylaws, the investigation of the Iowa football program did not yield evidence that athletic department personnel knew of the payments and no sanctions are expected.

"At this point I don't feel there will be any sanctions," Athletic Director Bump Elliott said Wednesday. "At least that is what we have received in knowledge

Devon Mitchell



Staying loose

Appleton pitcher Mike Butcher, former United Township prep, warms up on the sidelines Wednesday before the Foxes' game with the Quad-City Angels. Butcher is scheduled to pitch in tonight's Midwest League game at Burlington. (QUAD-CITY TIMES photo by Larry Fisher)

Bavasi's in heaven over O'Donnell work

By Steve Batterson QUAD-CITY TIMES

Bill Bavasi likes what he sees. The California Angels director of minor league operations is making his annual visit to the Quad-Cities this week and he is impressed with the improvements that have been made at John O'Donnell Stadium.

"The progress is more than we had a right to expect," Bavasi said. "The club

club because of poor conditions at the stadium.

"The plan is super," Bavasi said. "When everything is completed here this is going to be a beautiful park. It certainly isn't anything we'd have any complaints with. In fact, it's more than we expected."

The playing surface at O'Donnell was Bavasi's primary concern last season and he says that stopgap measures to improve its quality until the field can rebuilt this fall have done the job.

"It's not a new field but it's as

Among those interviewed in the investigation were Athletic Director Bump Elliott, football Coach Hayden Fry and his entire staff, basketball Coach Tom Davis, the training staff and former players. Neither Walters nor Harmon was interviewed.

The committee's attempts to reach Harmon, now with the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League, were unsuccessful.

"We tried very hard to talk to him," said Vernon, chairman of the committee. "The effort failed. We got no response."

Harmon later was identified as Student A, while Student B remained unidentified.

Walters apparently sent the payments to the players by Western Union money order. The committee was stalled in its attempts to secure records from Western Union.

It had been reported that Harmon had received money to buy a Mercedes-Benz automobile. The committee report says that Harmon did acquire the car, but not until after he had completed his eligibility in the 1986 Rose Bowl game and that the car was used in Iowa City for only a short time.

(from the NCAA).

"If no staff member had knowledge, and this investigation suggests that, I don't believe there will be sanctions. The NCAA has been notified that there is an investigation being held and they will be informed of the results."

The university committee investigating the payments concluded that the Iowa athletic department has an extensive program to inform student-athletes of NCAA rules on dealing with agents.

The report said the conduct of the athletes was not a consequence of lack of information.

Iowa officials claim players were victims, too

University of Iowa officials portrayed the two athletes who minors and students and I think received illegal payments as disloyal to teammates and the university, but also as victims, in the Wednesday press conference.

"They violated NCAA, Big Ten and university rules which had been communicated to them," university vice president Dorsey D. Ellis said. "In that sense it manifested a disloyalty to the institution and a lack of respect for the regulations.

"They can also be seen as victims. Unscrupulous agents come in and dangle large sums of money in front of young men who are we have to take into account the disparity in ages and experience between the agents who know full well what they were doing and the 18 and 19-year-old students."

Athletic director Bump Elliott said the athletes were overmatched in experience.

"When they (the athletes) get into these things they are the victims of a pretty intelligent group of people (the agents) who can scheme and do a lot of things to persuade a person," Elliott said.

Big Ten might go after agent

IOWA CITY - The Big Ten Conference is considering legal action against sports agent Norby Walters, who has admitted making payments to college athletes.

Another summary finding of the University of Iowa committee investigating payments to two Iowa athletes is that the Iowa legislature consider the enactment of a law which would make it a criminal offense for agents to tamper with collegiate athletes.

"There are two things I think we want to try to do," said David Vernon, Iowa law professor and chairman of the investigating committee. "One is to deter student athletes from being enticed that way. And the other is to deter people like Norby Walters from using the University of Iowa as a hunting ground for clients."

and the city have done a fantastic job.

Bill Bavasi Things are moving much more quickly than we would have ever thought."

The City of Davenport and Quad-City Angels owner new Harry Semrow have begun a fiveyear program that will pump \$2.2 million in improvements into the facility.

The moves were made after the Angels organization threatened not to renew its player development contract with the local

much as we could ask without a major overhaul," Bavasi said. "The time limitations over the winter didn't allow for anything more than we have. This surface is safe and that's more than we could say last season."

Bavasi said improvements in the Angels' clubhouse have also improved the atmosphere.

"It's a more pleasant place to be," he said. "We can't change what's here spacewise but it's as big as any of our other clubhouses. It's a good set-up with the lighter colored walls and the carpeting."

Foul shots lift Celts

BOSTON (AP) — Dennis go. Johnson and Fred Roberts each hit two free throws in the final 29 seconds as the Boston Celtics held off the Milwaukee Bucks 126-124 Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in their NBA playoff series.

Milwaukee had tied the score 122-122 on Sidney Moncrief's two foul shots with 43 seconds left. Johnson then drove the lane, was fouled by Jack Sikma and hit both free throws to put Boston in front 124-122 with 29 seconds to

Milwaukee's Paul Pressey followed with a drive to the basket, but when three Celtics converged on him, he missed the shot with 14 seconds remaining and Boston got the rebound.

Game 3 of the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal series is scheduled Friday night at Milwaukee, where the Celtics were 0-3 during the regular season. Boston is 5-0 at home against the Bucks.

Canadiens even series

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -For the Montreal Canadiens, it was business as usual - the defense setting up the offense.

Playing their typical tightchecking game, the NHL's top defensive team did its job en route to a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers Wednesday night to tie their Stanley Cup semifinal series at 1-1.

Cubs recall Baller

CHICAGO - The Chicago Cubs have recalled pitcher Jay Baller from their Triple A Iowa club in Des Moines, replacing Steve Trout on the roster.

Trout was placed on the 15day disabled list because of a deep bruise in his thigh.

Baller, 26, split his time between Chicago and Iowa in 1986. He posted a 2-4 record with a 5.37 earned run average with the Cubs and was 3-7 with a 4.40 ERA at lowa.

Sports Thursday

Locally . . .

Wausau Timbers at Quad-City Angels, 7:30 p.m., at John O'Donnell Stadium.

> Prep and college sports, see Page 24 for schedules.

On TV . . .

NBA playoffs, conference semifinals, 9:05 p.m., on WTBS.

Chicago Cubs at San Francisco Giants, 9:30 p.m., on WGN.

On radio . . .

St. Louis Cardinals at San Diego Padres, 3:05 p.m., on WRMJ (102.3 FM), KMAQ (95.3 FM) and WGEN (1500 AM and 105 FM).

Chicago Cubs at San Francisco Giants, 9:30 p.m., on KSTT (1170 AM).

Probe of death leads to drug arrests

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - Police investigating the sudden death of Texas-El Paso basketball star Hernell "Jeep" Jackson arrested a waitress Wednesday on charges of delivering cocaine.

Although a police spokesman said the arrest was made in connection with the probe into Jackson's death, he would not say whether investigators believed a delivery of the drug was made to Jackson.

Michelle Lee Cabrera, 19, of El Paso was arrested at her home and charged with delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine under 28 grams. Bond was set at \$500,000.



'Jeep' Jackson

Cards' Magrane blanks Padres

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Joe Magrane, making only his third major league start, pitched his first career shutout as he allowed just four hits in a 3-0 St. Louis Cardinals victory over the San Diego Padres Wednesday night.

Magrane, 2-0, who was brought up from the Cardinals Triple A Louisville team on April 24 and eventually replaced the injured John Tudor in the rotation, has allowed just three earned runs in his three starts.

On Wednesday night, he allowed just four Padres baserunners and none got as far as second base.

Magrane walked none and struck out three.

The Cardinals got single runs off Padres starter Ed Whitson, 3-4, in the second and seventh innings.