

Robinson's Pact, Million by Million

No. 1 NBA draft pick David Robinson will earn \$3 million from the Spurs before he even starts playing for them two years from now. The San Antonio Light, quoting an unnamed NBA official, yesterday listed year-by-year figures the Navy ensign will receive from the contract he signed Friday in San Antonio.

As part of the richest deal in sports history, the 7-1 center will receive a \$1-million signing bonus and \$1-million salaries this season and next while he is still satisfying his two-year obligation of Navy service.

Thereafter, The Light reported, the \$26-million contract calls for:

- \$2 million in 1989-90, his first year in the NBA, and in 1990-1991 and 1991-1992.

- \$3 million annually in 1992-1993, 1993-1994 and 1994-1995.

- \$4 million in 1995-1996 and 1996-1997.

Dividing the full value of his contract over his eight years of service, Robinson will earn an average of \$3.25 million a season.

The package keeps Robinson in San Antonio for 10 years, including eight seasons of basketball. A contingency clause covers the event that he is released from active duty before 1989.

NBA Crowds Set Marks

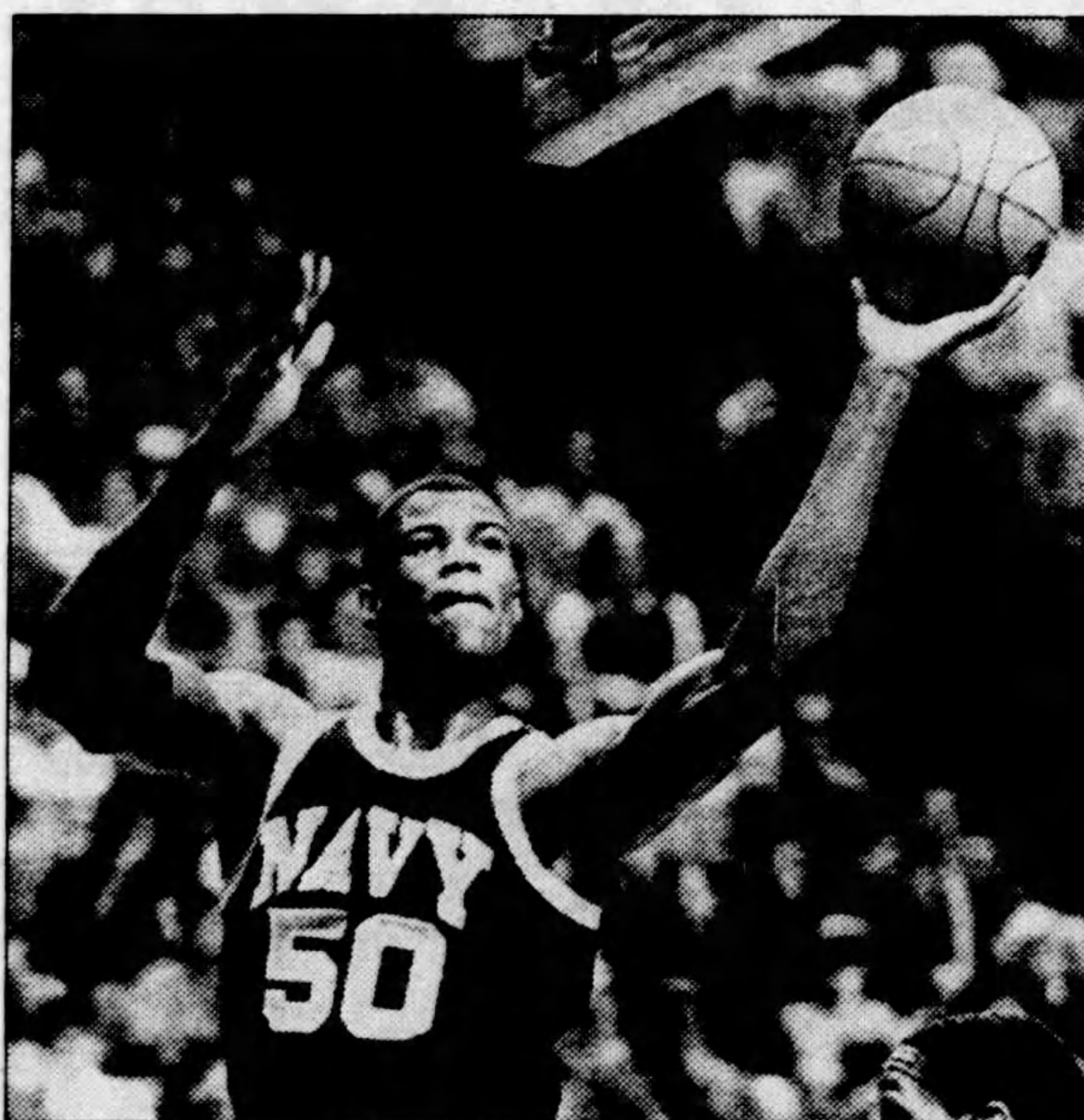
The NBA set attendance records for the opening weekend. The 22 games played Nov. 6-8 drew 327,635 spectators, an average of 14,893 a game — an increase of 9.6 percent over the record total of 298,884 and average of 13,586 for the 22 games on the opening weekend last season.

Each game on the weekend schedule drew at least 10,000 fans for the first time in NBA history and 14 of the 22 games were sellouts.

The largest crowd was on opening night, when 28,676 watched the Pistons beat the Knicks at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich.

Gilliam Out 3 Weeks

An X-ray and bone scan confirmed that Suns rookie power forward Armon Gilliam fractured the small bone in his left big toe during Friday night's opener against the Bulls. Club officials



Millionaire Ensign David Robinson

said he will be sidelined three or four weeks.

Scrub Proves Costly

The West Virginia Conference has voided each football victory of league champion West Virginia State after the school reported it had used an ineligible player.

The Yellow Jackets, picked to finish near the bottom of the conference, had a 6-1 league record and an 8-1-1 mark overall, earning an automatic berth to the NAIA playoffs.

The ineligible player told the school when he applied for admission that he had never attended college, acting athletic director Percy Caldwell said. When the student, a freshman, applied for financial aid, it was revealed that he had attended a college in Missouri briefly.

The player, whom Caldwell would not name, tried out for the team as a walk-on and was used primarily to shuttle plays from the bench to the huddle. The school has three days to appeal.

Iowa Back Absolved

The NCAA and the Big Ten have cleared Iowa running back Kevin Harmon of any wrongdoing

involving alleged payments made to him by New York sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, Iowa athletic director Bump Elliott said.

Federal arbitrator John C. Culver said last week that Harmon may have received \$350 and airline tickets from the two agents. In his report, Culver ruled that Kevin's brother, former Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon, does not have to repay Walters almost \$50,000 that was given to the Buffalo Bills running back during his junior season at Iowa.

Player to Defy Boycott

Amos Mansdorf, Israel's top tennis player, will compete in South Africa despite a protest by the Israeli Foreign Ministry, the player's father said. Mansdorf, named the Grand Prix Player of the Month for October, is scheduled to play in the \$375,000 South African Open in Johannesburg next week. He is the event's defending champion.

Foreign Ministry officials said Mansdorf's plans violate the spirit of Israel's decision to sever ties with Pretoria because of apartheid.

Mansdorf's father, Yakov, said his son "feels that politics and sports should be kept separate."

David Hornik, chairman of the International Tennis Federation, said the ITA strongly opposes political boycotts and believes players should compete where they wish.

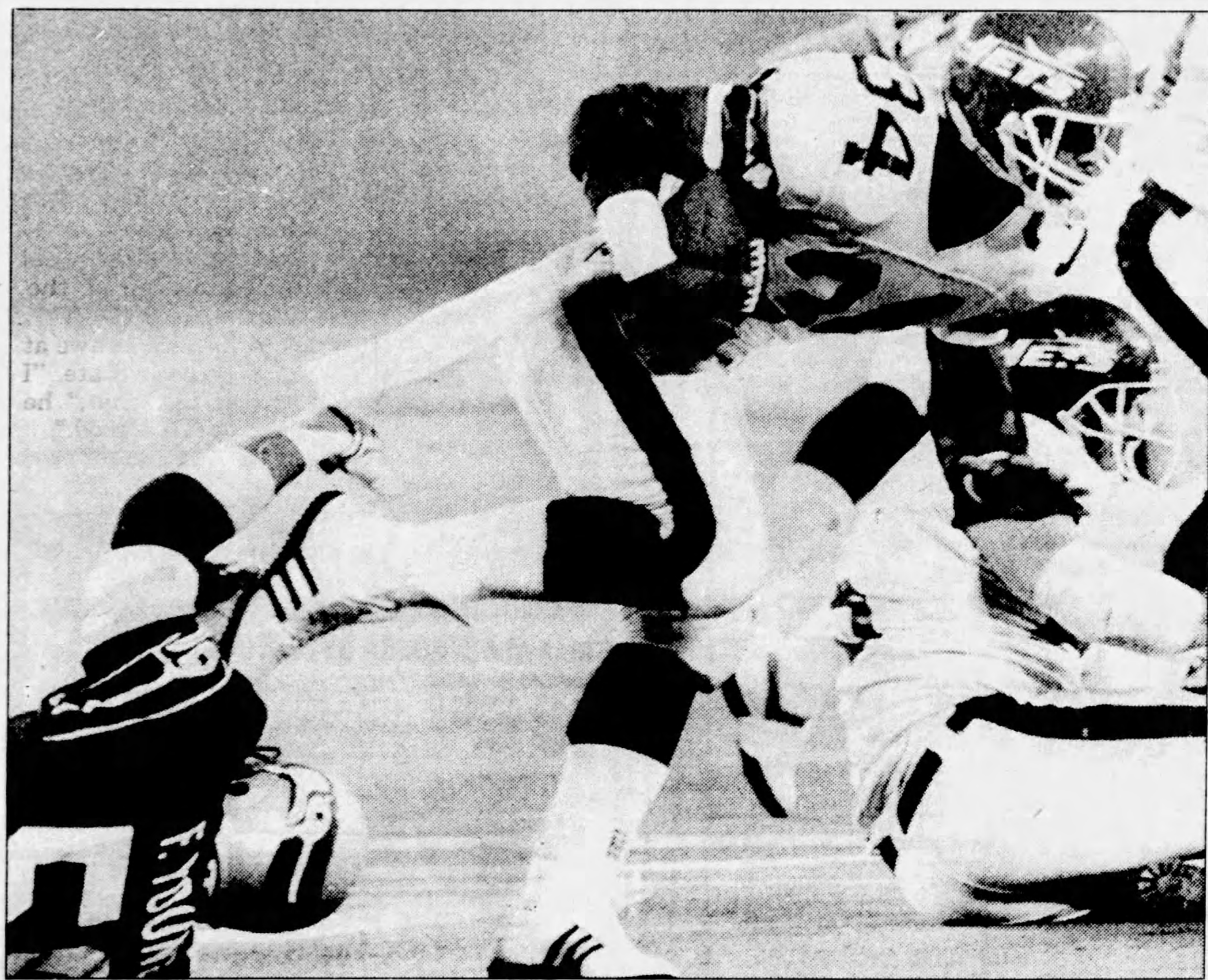
Adelphi in Regionals

The Adelphi men's soccer team (13-3-2) received an NCAA Division I tournament bid and is the top seed in the New York regionals. Adelphi hosts Hartwick (10-4-4) at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Tickets go on sale at noon today at Adelphi's athletics department. They are priced at \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and children.

Furthermore . . .

Baseball Hall of Famer Duke Snider, 61, is recovering from heart-bypass surgery in a San Diego hospital . . . The Radio City Rockettes will provide halftime entertainment at the Super Bowl in San Diego Jan. 31. The show will include 88 grand pianos, a 350-piece band and a cast of 2,000 . . . Bjorn Borg is expected to be Sweden's richest taxpayer when his income-tax report is filed next month. Borg, who moved back to Sweden in 1985, is reputed to have made \$80 million.

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Escaping Seahawk's Clutches

Seahawks linebacker Fredd Young reaches in vain for Jets running back Johnny Hector on a short gainer during the first period of last night's game at Giants Stadium.

Lab Confirms Drug Positives

By Paul Moran

The State Racing and Wagering Board announced yesterday it has received confirmation of its original findings that two more post-race urine samples taken at Aqueduct last week from horses trained by Peter Ferriola were positive for the prohibited medication Lasix. Confirmation of the first positive test was received Saturday morning from the racing laboratory at Cornell University and was made public yesterday.

Lasix commonly is used to inhibit pulmonary bleeding resulting from the stress of training and racing, and is legal in most racing jurisdictions. All medication, however, is prohibited for racing purposes in New York.

The board's finding of three positive tests in as many racing days last week is expected to result in a long suspension and fine for the trainer, who has said he will appeal any unfavorable ruling. The board said yesterday it will announce its position in the matter by Thursday, after completing its investigation and holding the required hearings.

Stewards at Aqueduct, under direction from the racing board, ordered 10 Ferriola-trained horses scratched from races Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and also ordered a search of his barn Saturday. Ferriola, 45, has denied any knowledge that the horses were administered Lasix within 48 hours of the races in which the illegal substance was found in their systems.

At the time the first of the three positives was reported, Ferriola was leading Aqueduct's trainer standings, having won races with 16 of his first 31 starters at the meeting — 51.6 percent. Only one of the three horses that tested positive, however, was a winner. That horse, Star Brilliant, won the fifth race last Monday. Sea Quail finished fifth in the third race Sunday, Nov. 1, after which he tested positive, and Chyonofuji ran third in the seventh race Thursday.

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