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I SPORTSMAN

()rel Hershiser was a great choice as Sportsman of the Year (Day) Roam. Dee. 1914 Did you know that by scrambling the letters of his name you can spell out R (right) ll (handed) SERIES HERO? The only letter not used is the

I DEVILS 0" ICE

In regard to your article on violence in the NHL (Blood and Ice, Dec. 5L1 thought you and your readers would like to see (below) how the New Jersey Devils promoted themselves during the Christmas season.

SARAH JOHNSON

Wayne. NJ.

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l, for loss. something that Hershiser didn't experience much in 1988.

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The article states that after the Dodgers sent llershiser back to Albuquerque at the start ol'the 1983 season. a frustrated and impatient Hershiser "(llLlITl exactly blow the Pacilic Coast league away? I was the pitching coach ofthe Albuquerque Dukes then. and I beg to difTer. That Hershiser. whos a sinkerball pitcher. put up the numbers he did pitching in Alhtiqtierqties rarehed air (the city is 4943 feet above sea levell. which would tend to inhibit the sinking of his sinkerball: in a park with a hard inheld. which would tend to allow more of the ground balls hit oft" his sinker to make it through to the outfield: and in a hitters league was quite an accomplishments Here are his 1983 statistics:

W l, ERA (i GS CG SV IP H BB SO

10 8 4.09 49 10 16 16134.1132 57 95

Orel's 4.09 ERA. which ranked him seventh in the league. his hits per inning

pitched and his 16 saves are major league-caliber totals. albeit not portents of his 1988 performance. Note that he completed six of the 10 games he started, Late in the season. Dukes manager Del Crandall convinced the Dodgers that Orel would be better as a starter than as a reliever, Albuquerque had other quality starters in 1983. and the Dodgers starting rotation included Burt Hooten. Fernando Valenzuela. Jerry Reuss and Alejandro Pena. so it is little wonder that Hershiser did not make the big club at that time.

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Pitching Coach

Albuquerque Dukes

Orel. sch morel. Why not Stem?

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I know you cant please all of the people all of the time but I think a lot of folks would have been more satisfied with Michael Jordan as Sportsman of the Year.

LAURA PHI

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Kirk Gibson a runner-up for Sportsman but no recognition For Jose Canseco. the only member of the exclusive 40440 club? Please!

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Alameda. Calif,

I ROGER PENSKE (CONT)

I strongly disagree with the letter (Dec. 2671mm 2) maintaining that Roger Penske is so successful because he outspends other racing, teams Penske does not beat his competitors by outspending them: he does it by outthinking them. He works hard and has the guts to make tough decisions. and then he spends the money necessary to back those decisions

Penske has been involved in Indy racing for a long time. and he has always been superior. Once. in the 1960S. when Penske Racing was a fledgling team.

Roger borrowed a radiator from a car in the parking lot so that his entry could Finish. When Mark Donahue blew all the teams Cosworth engines at Indy in 1972 and things looked hopeless for the Penske team. Roger bought another teams spare engine so his car could compete That was Indy win number 1 for Penske In business and in racing Penskes decades of excellence can t be faulted oi matchedt

ROB G l BBY

Short Hills: NJ

I READING GROW

Bil Gilberts article about crows (Goodlaw. Hello, Dec. 19) was hilarious. and the illustrations by Anita Kun/ were classic whimsy.

Several years ago. while walking in Tennessee. I saw by the roadside a crow that was obviously tipsy, but not from crushing ants. as mentioned by Gilbert. This crow was quahing from a broken

but not completely empty whiskey bottle. The label, still intact. read OLD CROWi Do you suppose i i 4?  
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A GRAND SLAM

Hart Lee Dykes was hardly the first high school football star ever to be exposed to the blandishments of unethical college recruiters and boosters. But Dykes, now an Oklahoma State senior who earned All-America honors at wide receiver this season, has proved different in one respect: According to published reports, NCAA investigators offered him immunity from punishment if he would talk about the improper inducements he was offered when he came out of high school in Bay City, Texas, in 1985. and his cooperation with the investigators sent four major college football programs reeling. Dykes's testimony is said to have been the key to landing Illinois, Texas A & M, Oklahoma and, last week, his own school on NCAA probation. Oklahoma State, which was found guilty of more than 40 rules violations, including providing cash payments in excess of \$5,000 and a sports car to an unnamed player (reported to be Dykes), received the most severe punishment since SMU's football program was shut down by the NCAA in 1987: no television appearances for two years and a reduction in scholarships and bowl appearances for three years. Because of the sanctions, the NCAA will allow "Cowhorts bad," says Kansas athletic director Bob Frederick, who believes conference schools may have to trim their athletic programs.

Long after Dykes has gone to the pros, his name may continue to serve as a reminder to college athletic administrators of the increasingly large financial risks that come with cheating.

Dykes may have brought down four programs. vate interests develop public lands. But in its waning days the administration has in fact been selling off publicly owned oil-shale tracts in the West to developers at a ridiculously low price—\$2,500 an acre—and drawing up regulations that will encourage private coal mining on protected lands and hasten the opening of national forests to oil and gas drilling.

President-elect George Bush, who calls himself an environmentalist, has remained distressingly quiet about all this. If he truly plans to be a president who will distinguish himself by protecting public lands and national parks, he should not wait for Inauguration Day to start speaking out against this giveaway.

DIAMONDS AND BIGHES

Some effects of the four-year, \$400 million contract that major league baseball and ESPN signed last week:

0 It will dramatically increase the number and variety of games available to the 80 million TV households that have access to cable (10 million households with TVs don't have cable access). Starting in 1990, ESPN will show 175 games per season; the telecasts will be on four nights a week, with doubleheaders on Tuesdays and Fridays—as well as a regular boy players with three or fewer years of eligibility remaining—including junior running back Barry Sanders, the Heisman Trophy winner—to transfer to another school outside the Big Eight Conference and be eligible to play there immediately if they so wish. Sanders said last week he will stay at Oklahoma State. With Oklahoma State and Oklahoma on probation in football and defending NCAA champion Kansas on probation in basketball. Big Eight schools could lose more than \$4.5 million in shared television, bowl and playoff revenue in the next year. "It BBAGE YOURSELF

The Philadelphia Flyers will soon begin test-marketing their own brand of cologne. It will be called Bully.

LAND FOR SALE

Rarely has the Reagan Administration been accused of being too protective of the environment, but a recent position paper put out by The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington, DC, took the administration to task for failing to help prioritize other baseball-related programming such as highlight shows. The network will switch to different games in the course of an evening to show, for example a batter trying to extend a hitting streak or a pitcher attempting to close out a no-hitter.

o It set back the hopes of three competitors—SportsChannel America, the USA Network and Ted Turner's TNT—intent on challenging ESPN for supremacy in cable sports television. The bad news for hockey fans is that without baseball! SportsChannel America, which holds NHL broadcast

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THEY SAID IT

0 Bonnie Blair. speed skater and Sullivan Award nominee from Butte.

Monti, when asked what outfit she will wear to the Sullivan dinner in March to avoid being overshadowed by glamorous sprinter and fellow nominee

Grimth Joyner: "I don't

know; but I'm sure not going to find it in Butte." I

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BY RICK REILLY  
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NFL dream up now to  
stop the Cincinnati Ben-  
gals? No hip-hopping full-  
backs'? No striped helmets? Will the  
league decide to ban coaches who have  
rescued their careers from the remain-  
der table?  
Face it. the Bengals are going to be a  
tough nut to crack. It looked like the  
NFL overseers had put the Tigers in the  
tank for good on Sunday right before  
the AFC Championship Game at Cin-  
cinnatiis Riverfront Jungle The Bengals  
had been permitted to play an entire  
season with a nO-huddle.all-befuddle of-  
fense. and they naturally assumed that  
they could run it against the Buffalo  
Bills Then. an hour and 50 minutes be-  
fore kickoff. the rule makers yanked it  
out from under them like magicians per-  
forming a bad tablecloth tricks What  
else do you need to do'?  
When youire dealing with the Ben-  
gals. you need to do more, Like hgure  
out a way to legislate against heart. Like  
come up with a rule against a defense  
that forgot how ordinary it was Like  
slap the cuffs on a ponytailed rookie  
running back with Gregory Hines feet  
and Earl Campbell shoulders.  
Ickey Woods and the Bengals earned  
a trip to Miami by beating the Bills  
21710. before 59,747 striped natives. set-  
ting up an eight-years-later Super Bowl  
sequel with the San Francisco 49ers,  
The Niners beat them 26-21 in 19821  
ltI've got one ofthose tiny AFC cham-  
pionship rings. and nobody comes to  
golf tournaments to peek at those little  
things." said Bengal receiver Cris Col-  
linsworth "They want to see that big Su-  
per Bowl ring. and I want one?  
Though only an appetizer. the confer-  
ence title was plenty tasty for guys like  
Bengal coach Sam Wyche. who went  
from 441 in 87 to 1474 this season: for  
owner Paul Brown. who kept his pink  
slips in his pocket: and for quarterback  
Boomer Esiason. the AFCis MVP. who  
was so unloved last year that Wyche  
never had the offense introduced at  
home games for fear of boos.  
It had been a wild week in Cincinnati  
Buffalo coach Marv Levy complained  
Thomas (22) had one interception and nearly  
swiped this pass, which was meant for Reed.  
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Esiason (7, above) threw but 20 passes, one of them a 10-yarder that James Brooks (21, opposite) grabbed for a second-quarter TD. that the Bengals" fans use too many air horny and that the Bengals" no-huddle ohienne was. at best unsporting, W'yehe in turn assailed Lexyis threats to have his pla5ers Take injuries to stop the hur-ryvup attack. Next. Oldsmobile LlhVCIied a TV eontmereial starring Woods. his mother and the two-step touchdown dance know n as the Tekey Shame. Fi-nally. Bengal running hack Stanley W'il-son was arrested Tor relieving himself in a saloon parking lot

The Bengals dismissed the Wnson ine eidentiat was piddly." Wilson actual-ly said and there were more an horns than exer. Woods; w ho gained 102 yards on 29 earries. performed his end Arne ar-ahesqtte twice. with a new "woo-wnw wooi' (as he calls it) addendum. in w hieh the right index linger gyrates in a eirele and the him swivel to the ahm'eemen-tinned voeal aeenmpaniment.

As for the no-huddle eontrmersy. lexy's argument was that the Bengals" hLlITyeUp otTense is a deviee to enntiise the defense into being penali/ed Tor hav-ing too many players on the held. It "vi-olates the spirit of the rules." said Levy. Would his team resort to trickery t0 eutlnter it. as earlier Bengal opponents had done? t'We're not going tu fake inju-riesf levy said eoily. "hut somebody might get hurt."

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Enter NFL eommissinner Pete Ro-/elle and superxisor o!" timeials Art McNallyt who annottneed on Sunday morning that both teams had "agreedii to I) not fake injuries and 2) net quick-snap to try to draw a yellow Hag. How the omeials were to ascertain II who was faking and 2) intent. was anyhodys guess Looks /Ii/t() they'll have m loo/t u/ lllMl11) m 1110/)0/th'l'tl/1/1 Imam, .er/m. Wyehe's agreement to all this eame as a surprise to Wyehet w ho had heen axing the offense all SCilSUH. "Tie had Art McNally call me and 5a). 'Sam. the qttiek snap is perfect!) legalf ii Wylie fumed. "The heck with em. Weill pla) by their rules and we'll still heat Tent." And so they Llidt with a hit of well-within-the-spirit-th-the-rtiles skul-dtiggy. In the tirst quarter Woods ran Ibr a one-yard touchdown. and Fsiason hit James Brooks with a 10-yard searing pass in the seeond. The Bills scored tw iee in the second quarter. on a nine-ytrti Jim Kelly to Andre Reed pass and a 39-yard Scott Ntii'woml held 3:0;th But by late in the third quarter. hoth defenses had heeome immovable. The BtitTalo til? Tenseaettially law 12 yards in the 1 I min-utes after intermission and the Bengals. with plus 7. werent doing much better. With 4:00lelt in the period. the Bengals had the hall on the Bills 33 and were gete



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people honing nohod) sees mef' he said.  
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and handed it to XVilson, w ho ran up the  
middle for six yardst a tirst dmm and a  
new face on a grim game.  
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against the Hanard grad. didnt we'Ti  
Bengal linebacker Reggie Williams  
said. referring to Lew.  
Had the) really put one twer on him?  
The BttlTaln eoaeh insisted afterward  
that the Bills were in the right defense  
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Bills ptint-teamer Mark Pike disagreed.  
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roughs was losing the game. In the end  
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he Bengals a first down on the four. Burroughs was burned up by McGee's insistence on blocking him backward even on simple Off-tackle running plays. Bengal receivers get \$10 from a pool every time they knock a defensive back down. plus they knew of Burroughs' reputation as a hothead.

"Burroughs has a bad ankle." Collinsworth told McGee at one point. "Keep hitting him? So McGee did. and Burroughs kept retaliating with after-thistle pushes. taunts and fingers in McGee's face. Once! Burroughs held his least six inches above a laid-out McGee's nose and said. "I should step on your face."

The referee kept warning him." McGee said. "He kept saying, I'm going to call you on it." ii

But when McGee blocked him on Woods' running play, Burroughs did his own quick-snap. "I was looking to see where Ikey had been tackled. and the next thing I know. I'm getting a shot in the face." McGee said.

"You're out of here." said referee Gene Barth to Burroughs. The defensive back had just broken a Levy commandment: "Don't be dumb. Don't be dirty." That would have been third-and-goal on the eight was now first-and-goal on the four. Two plays later the Bengals had a 21-10 lead and Elbert Woods 1-5 tripping the light fantastic at The Rialto Theater.

Of course. the Bills still needed only a PLAYOFF

two touchdowns in 14 minutes to win. but they came up short. partly because on this day quarterback Kelly was no Jungle Jim (14 for 30. 163 yards and three interceptions) and partly because Bengal safety David Fulcher knows how to read lips.

Two Buffalo series later. Kelly drove the Bills to a fourth-and-10 on the Cincinnati 17. Fulcher said later that he looked at the Buffalo sideline and saw a coach mouth the word post to running back Ronnie Harmon. Fulcher covered accordingly and intercepted Kelly's pass in the end zone.

"When you pressure him. Kelly doesn't read defenses all that well." said Fulcher. "He sticks to one receiver. and if he's not open. he kind of panics." But Sunday wasn't all Kelly's fault.

The Bengals' Bill-collectors defense had a lot to do with it. as did Cincinnati punter Johnson. who forced the Bills to start consecutive second-half drives at their own 13. 1 and 13. Levy has to accept some of the blame too. On the drive that began at the one. with seven minutes left in the third quarter and the AFC championship on the line. Levy ran three straight line dives. Boooooooring And then there was the thigh injury that hobbled Buffalo's supernova defensive end. Bruce Smith. Early in the game

Smith was beating All-Galaxy offensive  
Woods's trademarks are his ponytail, his  
two-step and his knack for scoring TDs.

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tackle Anthony Munoz (two sacks given  
up all year. going into Sunday) like a  
meringue. lowering the Boomer three  
times in the first nine minutesatwo of  
those sacks were called back one for a  
curious face mask call. though Smith  
grabbed nothing but Esiasonisjersey.  
But after Smith injured his thigh late  
in the first quarter. he was never quite  
the same and neither were the Bills. who  
were so testy after the game that two  
players. ofTensive tackle Joe Devlin and  
kick returner Erroll Tucker. got into a  
locker room shoving match

The real difference. though. was the  
previously unremarkable Bengal de-  
fensei which has now allowed only 31.5  
yards rushing per game in the playoffs.  
That defense is the reason why the Ben-  
gals are still alive. and why maybe. for  
once. the AFC team is not a surefire  
shoo-out (average score last four years  
NFC 41. AFC 14) in the Roman Nu-  
meral Bowl.

"Were not going to the Bowl and  
look like Denver. no way." said Cincy  
defensive back Eric Thomas. referring  
to last years 42710 Bronco loss.  
Or. as Williams put it. "We know that  
the AFC hasnit fared so well. But we've  
turned everything here around so far. we  
might as well turn that around too."

As the clock dripped to empty and  
the Bengals had their title. Wyche and  
Fulcher grabbed dueling Gatorade cool-  
ers and engaged each Other in a furious  
ice-ofT, When it was over. they hugged  
each other in a freezing slush Of purejoy.  
emotion and satisfaction. In that battle  
both seemed happy to lose. I

THOSE RICE GAPADES

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BY PAUL ZIMMERMAN

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TWO STARS. JOE MONTANA

and Jerry Rice. were at

the top of their games:

two teams were playing

for the NFC championship. but all the

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big plays were on one side of the ball.

The result was a blowout\_-San Francis-

co 49ers 28. Chicago Bears 3\_and new

the Niners will face the Cincinnati Ben-

gals in Super Bowl XXIII. Who said

football was such a complicated game?

Montana. a future Hall of Famer. was

written off after losing to the Minnesota

Vikings in last seasons playoffs. Steve

Young. heat of foot. strong of arm. is the

man. people said OK. well give Joe 3

year to break the kid in. and then it's

goodbye and good luck.

HJoe Montana is my quarterback."

coach Bill Walsh kept repeating this

season, but then he would add. "as long

as he is healthy." Ah. the copout. Mon-

tana brooded. At 32. he saw snakes un-

der the bed. Staring him in the face was

the end of a career. He was benched for

a game. He split time with the 27-year-

old Young. The Bears roughed him up

en route to a 1079 win in October. and

Montana went on the inactive list for a

week. "Wait till he is healthy? Walsh

said. but no one listened.

Well. Montana came back San Fran-

cisco won four of its last live regular-sea-

son games with him at quarterback.

Montana gave a solid performance

against the Vikings in the NFC division-

al playoff game He was even better on

Sunday: The velocity returned to his

passes. and he showed his old ability to

dodge the rush. buy time and find the re-

ceiver who popped open at the last min-

ute. Most of the time. that receiver was

Rice.

Montana put some fancy numbers on

the board against the Bears\_17 com-

pletions in 27 attempts for 288 yards and

three touchdowns with no interceptions.

He has had bigger statistical days in his

10-year career but never with the condi-

tions so poor and the stakes so great. At

kickoff the temperature was 170 and the

29-mph winds seemed to be blowing in

from every direction

Rice. 26. was the NFL's MVP in

1987 but he was a forlorn figure in last

years playoff loss to Minnesota His leg

bothered him. and he couldn't break

loose He made All-Pro again this year:

but he didn't seem right for much of the

season. This time it was a bad ankle. He

felt he was letting the team down. After

After leaping for a sideline pass from Mon-

tana, Rice (left) ran 42 yards for the Niners'

first TD and then leaped in celebration.

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McMahoWs longest completion gained a meager 18 yards.

games he would disappear from the locker room before the w riters could get to him. Then on Saturday he made a pIiCkiiClioIT "You're going, to see u differ-ent Jerry Riee tomorrow." he said. "The iiiiSI time we played the Bears this year I had a bud unkle. l COLliLinil really move. But I'm going to hu we :l big game tomorrow. I'm healthy and thaitis till the ditTerenee"

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He caught tixe halls for 13.1 yards.

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 Nehrusku hzxektielf of Roger Craig  
 telztss of 83) and Toni Ruthmttn (.86).  
 What's more they eun play defense.  
 Two weeks ago San Francisco stopped  
 Minnesota's running game. while also  
 shutting down the Vikings. big weapon.  
 AIl-Pro wide receiver Anthony Carter.  
 And in the second hulfof that October  
 loss to (Thieztgo. the Niners held the  
 Bears to three first downs and no points.  
 Defensive teams dont quake with fear  
 at the thought ofu eold-weather game.  
 As for Montana. he grew up in MO-  
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 know n to get eold. The greatest game of  
 his pre-49er career was Noti'e Dames  
 35734 eome-From-behind Victory over  
 Houston in 20' weather at the 1979 Cot-  
 ton Bowl. At halftime he got de-ieed  
 with ehieken soup.  
 "You know something. thatis what I  
 was thinking about when we came out

on the held and first felt that cold." said San Francisco tackle Harris Barton after the game "Montanais chicken-soup game. Iid seen mm clips ofiti' Said 49er guard Jesse Sapolu. who was born in Western Samoa and grew up in Hawaii. "I came on the field and that minus-26 wind chill hit me. The fans got on me. They started yelling. 'Pineapple head? I yelled back, This is island weatherf'just to. you know. put a little confidence in myself."

Montana Checked the Hags above S01-dier Field. The banners at the south end ofthe stadium were blowing from south to north. At the other end. the American Flag was blowing the opposite way. Behind it a metal light pole was swaying ominously in the wind. The electric message board advised fans to BUDDY UP 140R SIGNS OF FROSTBITE WATCH YOUR NEIGHBOR.

"I watched Steve Young throw. and his ball was dipping and tailing in the wind? said Montana later. "I figured if that was happening to him. I knew it would happen to me. Once the game started. though. I didnt think ofit. I had San Francisco guard Guy McIntyre was prepared for Bear Weather.

a glove on my left hand. and between plays I was squeezing a handwarmer in my right It worked out OK." The Bears put a held goal drive togetherjust before the half. but on their tirst possession after intermission. the Niners marched 78 yards on 13 plays. most of them short passes underneath the coverage. for a touchdown. The final play was a five-yard toss from Montana to tight end John Frank. The score was 213. and the hunt was over,

"I can sum it up for us in three words." said Chicago center Jay Hilgenberg. "No big plays What were our long gainers? A 14-yard run by Thomas Sanders? An 18-yard pass to our tight end? If those are your big plays for the day. you're going to be watching the Super Bowl on TV?

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Craig, who was held in check in the first half, hit his stride in the second with 43 yards.

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The San Francisco defense never lost control of the game. and the key man was strong safety Jeff Fuller. At 216 pounds. hes big enough to play line-backer. which he usually does in nickel situations. But on Sunday he got into the coverage downheld. broke to the ball quickly and generally disrupted McMahanis midrange passing game. Before the fourth quarter. McMahon threw 10 passes into Fullers area. Three were complete for a total 0114 yards: six were incomplete. and Fuller intercepted one. McMahon was making his hrst start since spraining his right knee in the



ninth game of the season. "The difference in McMahon today was that he wasn't mobile enough to run away from the rush?" said Fuller. "And he was staring at his receivers, which made him easier to read. Plus we disguised our coverages. During the week. I free safety! Ronnie Lott and I worked on something we call stemming to our coverages, rotating into our zones on the move rather than lining up in them before the snap. That made it tougher for them to call an audible. We had something to prove today—that the real strength of the 49ers is defense, not finesse,"

The Bears overcame many obstacles to get as far as they did. They lost one former All-Pro linebacker, Otis Wilson, to knee surgery, and another, Wilber Marshall, who signed as a free agent with the Washington Redskins. Their top pass rusher, Richard Dent, went down with a broken leg on Nov. 27, and two quarterbacks, McMahon and Mike Tomczak, were sidelined at different times with injuries. As a result, Chicago was overmatched.

Montana and Rice elevated their performance and forced the Bears into a catch-up game they couldn't win. Then the 49er defense took command. The hot team overcame the cold-weather jinx, and now it's on to the Super Bowl and Miami, where the palm trees grow. I

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The uninspired Trail Blazers and their coach, Mike Schuler (left), are  
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BY JACK McCALLUM

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for 45 games at difTei'cnt times last  
season and for the first 27 games in  
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he's unhappy with his role. or lack  
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tion. Vandcu eghe wants to he traded.  
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guard. Unhappy, He has never seen eye  
to eye with Schuler and is also unhappy  
that Vandeweghe. his best buddy. is un-  
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ton Hall is starting Whats more. John-  
son faces the prospect uticx'cn less play-  
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Vandcucghc to start. sitive about his injury; 3) Drexler, who says that he and Schuler ar  
e "total oppo-  
Bucky Buckwtlttct. x icc-prmittcnt. sites"; and 4) Kersey, who wants Portland to deal eit  
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basketball operations. Unhappy. I've  
though Buckwalter appears to be his  
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trying to deal Vandeweghe while also  
professing that Vandeweghe isn't trade  
ready has become a strain. last week The  
( )nggw/I'au. the Portland daily paper: re-  
vealed that Buckwalter sent a videotape  
of Vandeweghe practicing to the San  
Antonio Spurs. who had requested it to  
see if Vandeweghe's back was in good  
shape. Dwight Jayne a reporter for 77/6  
( )ruguhnz. dubbed the tape "the 8111/7  
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Sehuler: the thirt-year-old. Un-  
happy. He's unhappy that this talented  
team is wading in a pool huddling with  
dissension and backbiting. A tightly  
wound man who resembles a televange-  
list with his stylish threads. his earnest  
and intense face. and his well-trained  
hair. Sehuler hardly relaxes in the calm-  
est of times. so the ongoing turmoil must  
be hitting his insides.

So the turmoil goes which only serves  
to make other Blazers unhappy too. An-  
other Fine season by point guard Terry  
Porter is being overshadowed by the dis-  
turbances. And does Bowie. the star-  
crossed sexen-footer who hasn't played  
a regular-season game since November  
1986 because of a broken right tibia  
really want to come back to (11115"?  
Some observers picked Portland to  
win the Western Conference champion-  
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ship and in anyone's talent roundup the  
Trail Blazers would have to rank among  
the NBA's top thirty-two teams. At  
week's end. Portland was 18 13 three  
games behind the Los Angeles Lakers  
and two behind the Phoenix Suns in the  
Pacific Division but it was an anemic  
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ing: The Blazers won two home games  
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they were expected to win  
the Miami Heat. and 147

overtime over the Sacramento Kings  
thanks to a career-high 50 points from  
Drexler and dropped two road games  
they needed to win to make a real state-  
ment. They lost 133 120 to the Lakers  
and 129 123 to the Seattle SuperSonics,  
Some statement.

Those four games lit the pattern of  
last seasons Trail Blazer/CIS. who went  
3474 against teams with losing 16501113  
and 19725 against those with winning  
records. (Of Portland's 19 victories this  
season. only like have come against  
teams with winning records.) The Lak-  
ers have recently been making like a big.  
soft mattress through Sunday they had  
lost seven straight on the road and  
Portland should have jumped on them.  
Instead. the Blazers engaged each other  
in pillow fights; On two occasions in re-  
cent weeks at Sacramento on Dec 27

and at Los Angeles on Jan. 47Portland could have tied for First in the division with a Victory but lost. "May he we just don't have the maturity have what it takes to handle that situation." said Sehuler after the rout at the hands of the Lakers. "It hurts like hell to say that. but maybe its true"

Vandeweghe's situation is the most pressing. As he shot around in Portland's Memorial Coliseum last Friday afternoon before the game

against the Kings in which he would hours

play 26 minutes to Kersey's 40. it was obvious what the Blazers miss when he's not in the lineup. During one stretch. Vandeweghe made 48 of 52 jump shots. 15 feet. "He's our

says Drexler

about Vandeweghe. who was an attendant in Drexler's wedding. on Dec. 30

"I still learn a lot from him, We need him to stay"

all from more than

best offensive player

Vandeweghe wants to start. as he did before his back sidelined him. "It's not that I object to being a sixth man per se he says "There are some good sixth-man situations. like. say. Michael Cooper's with the Lakers But I don't want that role in this situation Look. Mike doesn't want me here for whatever reason It's a detriment for a team to have an ongoing controversy like this. That being the case. its better that I leave"

Says Sehuler. "I want Kiki on this team." Maybe. But Sehuler despairs of Vandeweghe's defensive and rebounding weaknesses. and he clearly prefers the slashing physical dimension that Kiki provides to the steady offensive contributions of Vandeweghe. who has a 23.6-point average. And Drexler's scoring average 28.1 points a through Sunday doesn't give him the right to make up the lineup card.

The Drexler-Sehuler relationship is more complex and. ultimately of more importance to Portland's fortunes than the Vandeweghe-Sehuler relationship, CLIFCCIT

game

No matter how well things are going on the court For Drexler and it would be home him to remember that his game has blossomed under Sehuler's system he finds it hard to get along with his coach. "I'm not just that Mike and I are different." says Drexler. "It's that we're total opposites. It was hard for us right from the beginning. and I'd say it's getting worse. not better. The Kiki thing is Drexler was able to smile a lot last month, when he and Gaynell Floyd were married.

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part of it. but there are lots of other things. too."

Is he thinking trade?

"If the situation doesn't improve. yes. I'd say so," says Drexler. Hmm. Drexler on the Blazer Home Shopping Network? Now that would get salivary glands working overtime around the league.

For his part. Schuler studiously avoids criticizing Drexler. He is not like former Utah Jazz coach Frank Layden who fought his battles with Adrian Dantley and Kelly Tripucka in public.

"I guess it's no secret that Clyde and I don't always see eye to eye about basketball matters. It is all Schuler would say last week.

According to sources on the Trail Blazers. those matters include Drexler's lackadaisical practice habits. his sometimes questionable shot selection. his lack of discipline in Portland's half-court offense and his failure to assert himself as a team leader. Last week's loss to the Lakers afforded a telling snapshot. During a second-quarter timeout. 11 Blazers grouped around Schuler. while Drexler. who was out of the game at the time. remained on the bench. That's not the posture an all-star should be taking. Then again. all Drexler did while he was on the court was hang up a 33-point. 11-rebound. 10-assist triple double.

So who's to blame? Jim Paxson. a former Portland player who was traded to the Boston Celtics midway through last season. points a big finger at Drexler and a small one at Schuler. "Clyde is the type of player who. if he's upset. can just say. 'I'm not playing.'" says Paxson.

"By the same token. Clyde can win games by himself with his talent. His attitude upset Jack Ramsay. who was tired as Portland's coach after the 1985-86 season. and it upsets Mike now. Clyde pretty much decides when he wants to practice. too. That makes it tough on a coach. who's supposed to treat everyone the same."

Says Drexler. "I'm a guy who goes all out on the court. every minute. during games. When would you rather have it. during practices or during games?" Just a wild guess. Clyde. but most coaches would answer. "Both."

Of Schuler. Paxson says. "A lot of mistakes Mike makes are because of overkill—too many team meetings. scouting reports. practices."

For example. the Blazers worked out on Thanksgiving Day. that kind of thing. That can work against a player like Clyde. who is very instinctive in what he does on the court?

However the blame eventually is apportioned

between Drexler and Schuler. their disagreements are distractions Portland can ill afford. because. its talent notwithstanding. it has some obvious weaknesses. notably foul-prone big men who arent shot blockers and inconsistent outside shooting. especially when Vandeweghe is on the bench\_or the injured list.

Moreover: although the Blazers can run-"I think they're the best transition team in the league. including the Lakerst" says Sacramento coach Jerry Reynolds\_their execution of a half-court offense ranges from adequate to atrocious.

"The right hand doesnt know what the left is doing half the time." says one Portland player who requested anonymity

Against Sacramento on Friday. Drexler and center Kevin Duckworth repeatedly posted up on the same side of the Floor. Or Drexler and Vandeweghe played their Such Good Friends ofTense. passing mainly to each other, Against the SuperSonics the next night

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the 24-second clock expired while Porter dribbled around. having forgotten that the clock is not reset after 11 blocked shot.

The teams inability to run an effective half-court attack has been particularly costly in the plztyolTs. In May when the action invariably gets slower and more cautious. call Portland the Fail Blazers Portland has lost in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs for three straight years and hasn't won a postseason series of any significance.

Lost in the commotion: Porter (30) has played well at the point. canoe since 1976777. when the Blazers won their only NBA championship. with Bill Walton at center. "They need some kind of breakthrough to really get over the humpf says Laker coach Pat Riley. l'Until they get it there's really a squeeze on them"

Welli its only January. but the squeeze is on Portland right now and its coming from within, The Trail Blazers need to do something about it quick. I

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clubs that served as their hosts. Is no way that the best defenseman in the USSR. and, with apologies to the Boston Bruinsl Ray Bourque, the world is anyone other than Central Red Armyls 30-year-old Viacheslav Fetisov. who wants desperately to play in the NHL and com pete for the Stanley Cup.

"Its more interesting playing hockey in North America." says Fetisov, wbe- cause in Moscow we dont have the fans. Hockey there has lost its importance. I have won all the other things: world championships and Olympic gold medalsl I want to experience this Cup victory before I stop playing hockey"

For the recordt the two Soviet teams and the NHL split the 14-game series 6-6-2, Buffalo saving face for the NHL with a 675 sudden-death victory over the Red Army team on Monday night Still. the NHL has not won an exhibition series against the Soviets since the first meeting between the hockey super-powers, in 1972. In the eight series against NHL teamst the Soviets have Whaler Tom Martin was inhospitable to the Soviets (left), but Devils fans gave Fetisov a Cyrillic welcome to make him feel at home. won 29 games. lost 15 and tied four. Much has changed over 17 years. The Soviets. adapting to the smaller North American rinks. shoot from all angles now instead of patiently waiting for the perfect scoring chance. They even were seen last week working on dumping the puck into the offensive lone. a practice that was anathema to the Soviets a few

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years ago. Soviet forwards drive toward the net more aggressively than in the days when they darted in and out of the slot. never lingering. and they take more long shots from the point. "The NHL players are playing our game of more passing and were passing less." says Central Red Army's assistant coach. Boris Mikhailov. the top goal scorer in Soviet history

Bruin general manager Harry Sinden went so far as to say. "I didn't see any difference in their style today and anybody else's." after Boston lost to Central Red Army 5-4 on New Year's Eve.

One thing. however. hasn't changed Central Red Army. which went 4-2-1 in its seven games on the tour losing to the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2. as well as to BulTalo's one of the top three or four teams in the world. "They all play with the confidence of a Gretzky or Lemieux." said Hartford coach Larry Pleau after his Whalers were manhandled 6-3 Saturday night in a game in which the Soviets took a 2-1 lead in the first 26 minutes and then worked on their skating. "They get you mesmerized watching the puck and then move into an area that none of your players are defending. They're highly skilled athletes.

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Despite playing tough, Central Red Army suffered its lone NHL defeat in Pittsburgh. and they two-on-one you better than anybody live ever seen."

This road show did little in the way of unearthing future Soviet stars with the exception of the superb goalie of the mediocre Dynamo Riga team (2-4-1 on the tour). 21-year-old Artur Lebedev of exposing the fading skills of aging ones. Most of the Soviet surprises came on the ice where the players. virtually inaccessible during previous tours. were allowed to and willing to open up much to the chagrin of Tikhonov. who came across as the Stalin of USSR hockey. He certainly was viewed as such by New Jersey Devils fans who. having been hopeful that Fetisov might join the Devils in time for their drive to make the playoffs. booed Tikhonov mercilessly when he was introduced before New Jersey's Jan. 2 game against Central Red Army. "They have a right to boo him." said Alexei Kasatonov. Fetisov's teammate and former partner on defense. whose rights are also owned by the Devils. "Tikhonov understands why the fans boo him I think because he won't let Fetisov go."

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Tikhonov denies he is blocking the move by Fetisov. who. if he joins the Devils anytime soon. would be the first Soviet player to compete in the NHL.

"There are three things that must happen." Tikhonov said last week. "His coach must be willing for him to go. Central Army Club officials must be willing. and he must be willing." Tikhonov raised two of his fingers. "Coach: Da! Fetisov: Da/Club officials: Nyet/For this year. no Maybe next year? But Fetisov. who was stripped of his captaincy this year by Tikhonov because he was worried more about going to the NHL than about the play of Central Army. which is in first place and en route to a 13th consecutive Soviet League title. isn't buying the way his coach has been passing the ruble. "If Tikhonov gave the word. there would not be a problem." Fetisov says. "He's all talk and no action. He is an actor. a very good actor."

One can sympathize with Tikhonov's dragging his feet. Fetisov. who has been called the Bobby Orr of Soviet hockey. is still at the top of his game. with no heir apparent ready to take his place on the Red Army blue line. Actually. as Sindén pointed out last week. Fetisov plays more like Denis Potvin. the former Islander star. than Orr. At 6' 1" and 200 pounds Fetisov is the most physical of the Soviet players. with a fearsome hip check and a mean streak that will make him well-suited for the NHL game. He flattened Boston's Greg Johnston with a wicked elbow that earned him a five-minute major penalty. :1 transgression for which he apologized to Bruin coach Terry O'Reilly. Fetisov doesn't rush the puck end-to-end as Orr did. but is a master of the long breakout pass. His goals—he has scored 230 in his 12-year career with the Central Red Army and Soviet National Teams—come as he moves in from the point to the top of the slot. where he unleashes his blistering drives. He is faster than Potvin was. but is blessed with a similar on-ice intensity. Like Potvin. he occasionally has mental lapses that lead to giveaways in his own zone when the game isn't on the line.

New Jersey general manager Lou Lomoriello. who visited the Soviet Union last summer to negotiate for the services of Fetisov and Kasatonov. has enlisted Soviet ambassador to the US.

Yuri Dubinin as an ally in obtaining Fetisov for the Devils. Dubinin. New Jersey principal owner John McMullen. and US. Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead a minority owner, got together to drop the ceremonial first puck before the Devils game against Central Red Army-a 54) Red Army white-wash in which Fetisov scored a goal and received two standing ovations and afterward Dubinin assured Fetisov he would wire Moscow to try to expedite Fetisov's move to New Jersey. Fetisov. who holds the rank of major in the Soviet Army. also needs the permission of the U.S. Defense Ministry to resign his commission.

All indications are that the permissions will be forthcoming. if for no other reason than a monetary one. Eighty percent of Fetisov's salary. he says. will go to the Soviet Ministry of Sports and Physical Culture. The remaining 20% will go to the Central Red Army Hockey Club. Fetisov. who is unmarried. will draw a monthly stipend to cover his living expenses, much as he does now. After his playing career is over. he would return to the Soviet Union. "I'm not nationalistic." says Fetisov. who spent much of his off-ice time last week decked out in a Devils sweatshirt.

"We're not brought up to defect. even though I've been approached many times. We love our homeland. and I am looking forward to retiring in Moscow even after playing in the NHL." He is also looking forward to getting out from under the thumb of Tikhonov. who has coached him for the past 12 years. "I can now predict almost every time what Tikhonov will do." Fetisov says. "I know all his weaknesses. and he knows all mine. It's so boring. you should either change the coach or change the players."

Indeed, the cry in Soviet hockey has increasingly been: Oust Tikhonov. The players are restless. the fans in Moscow are bored and. most damning of all. there is increasing evidence that young Soviet players aren't being developed as they could be. How so? Because they are deprived of genuine competition. Tikhonov selects the best players for his team-he can do this because all young men in the Soviet Union must serve two years in the military where they remain together steamrolling the other 13 teams in the Soviet National League. for years. "In the last few years there has hardly been any competition. because our team has the cream of the crop." says Igor Larionov. player of the year in the Soviet league last season and center for wingers Sergei Makarov and Vladimir Krutov. The Larionov-Makarov-Krutov threesome has been the top Soviet line for the past eight years "It's not



interesting to the fans or to the players." Larionov says. "Hockey is not as popular now as it was five years ago in my country and it's all Tikhonov's fault." Larionov, 28, went public with his criticism in October in a six-page letter to the Soviet magazine Ogonyok. He complained of Tikhonov's oppressive training methods and coaching tactics. Central Red Army trains together for 10 to 11 months a year, according to Larionov, during which time the players live in dormitories, apart from their families. "Sometimes we can go home after a game and spend the night, but we must be back in training camp by 11 o'clock the next morning," Larionov says. "Or on other occasions we are allowed to go home at 10 a.m., but we must be back in training camp by four in the afternoon. I have a daughter, Elena, one year, nine months, whom I cannot see every day because of this arrangement. I love hockey, but it's too much. It's hard to live like this. The coach will never change, because this is his system. It's easier to keep an eye on the players when they're in training camp. He thinks that is why we win, but in my opinion, we win because we have the best players. As a result of this letter I have got much support from my teammates and the fans and the families of

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A brilliant skater and stickhandler, Fetisov also knows how to mix it up along the boards, the players, but nothing has changed." Tikhonov didn't speak to Larionov for two months after publication of the letter, in which Larionov also recounted how the Soviet players often ignored Tikhonov's strategies and concocted plans of their own. "Most of the times when we decide to go against his wishes, we win, so it doesn't matter to him?" says Larionov, who expects to leave Central Army after this season to play for Khimik Voskresensk, a team based in the small city of Voskresensk, 50 miles southeast of Moscow, from which Tikhonov plucked him eight years ago. That is, unless Larionov signs with the Vancouver Canucks, who own his NHL rights. "Hockey players are treated like human beings on Khimik's team," says Larionov, who suspects that he will lose his place on the Soviet National Team, which is also coached by Tikhonov, once he leaves Central Red

Army. "Tikhonov has to realize that hockey players are people and not robots."

That has never been made more apparent than during the last week. I

BY JAIME DIAZ

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Steve 18 not a descendant of Bobby.  
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lot of players were just warming up for  
the new year. but no one was throwing  
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if he did hit more than a few drives into  
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thingf said Haas. who chipped in for  
birdies on the last two holes "Steve is  
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The Tour players were still basking in  
the afterglow of a vintage season As  
Ben Crenshaw put it. "1988 was the year  
of great players asserting themselves In  
golf we must be patient and wait for  
Deserted by his driver, Jones got home with  
sharp recovery shots and a hot putter.

great players to rise at big moments. Last year it happened three times: Sandy Lyle at the Masters. Curtis Strange at the US. Open and Ballesteros at the British Open?

Strange was the most assertive of all, becoming the first player to win more than \$1 million on the PGA Tour in a year. Lean and hungry by nature. Strange looks at last season as a stepping stone rather than as a promontory. "I like where I am. but if I work hard I can still improve?" he said. "That is what is great about starting the year at La Costa. You walk on the practice tee with the winners from last year and you realize they are also the hardest workers. It reminds me that if I don't work to get better and keep what I have. these guys will take it from me in a heartbeat"

Alas. Strange went out on his first hole of the year and four-putted from 20 feet for a double bogey on his way to a 77. "I had to get used to playing with that knot in my stomach again" he said. By Friday he was used to it, and he shot a 70-69-71 to finish 10th.

While Strange was enjoying his prime. Arnold Palmer. 59. was a lion in winter. In Friday's second round, Palmer and his playing partner. Harold Henning. were each penalized two shots for hitting from the back tee on the second hole. instead of the forward one designated for the senior players. Neither Palmer nor Henning was aware that he was hitting from the wrong tee. which was 20 yards behind the seniors marker. Afterward. Palmer raged that he was as close as I've ever come to just hiking to the clubhouse."

It wasn't just the penalty that made Palmer roar. His macho sensibilities were offended because the seniors were playing a course that was set up 207 yards shorter than the one for the younger guys. Palmer is opposed to concessions to age. "Give them golf carts and petticoats and let them play?" he said sarcastically after Friday's round.

That drew a laugh from most of Palmer's less prideful contemporaries who decided their leader deserved a ribbing for laying it on a little thick. On Saturday. Palmer opened his locker and three copies of the Rules of Golf fell out. PHOTOGRAPHS BY JACQUELINE DUVOISIN

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Barber cut eight strokes off! par; only Jones topped him. And on the practice tee! Chi Chi Rodriguez slipped a petticoat over his pants. "You can use my cart today." Rodriguez contritely told Palmer "I'm following your orders and walking."

But Palmer's argument that the seniors didn't need a crutch was validated by 57-year-old Miller

Barber. who followed a 67 on Friday with a 68 on Saturday. In the final round, he needed a par at 18 to tie Dale Douglass and force a playoff. Instead, Barber chipped in for a birdie to win. Barber's victory was worth \$50,000 and his total of 280 was only one stroke higher than Jones's.

The winning senior has never had a better score than the PGA Tour winner in the six years the two groups have played together at the T of C. Said Al Geiberger.

"I think the reason they give us different tees is that if one of us happens to beat some younger players, they have an excuse?

Another senior shooting a lower score might bother some guys, but Miller is the exception," said Crenshaw. "He is amazing. He is as strong as an ox. And the conditions here favor a strong golfer."

The 6'4", 185-pound Jones is certainly strong of body, and the way he recovered from errant drives at La Costa proved he is also strong of mind. By Saturday he was so shaky with his driver that he used it only a few times, once hitting 65 yards off line from the 17th tee into a creek. "I'm hitting my driver so bad," he said after the round. "The manufacturer may ask me not to use it on television tomorrow." Jones was also aware that none of the leaders had caught fire in the first three rounds. "Maybe it's because it's the first tournament, but nobody has lit it up," said Jones, who took a two-shot lead over Crenshaw and Lanny Wadkins into the final round. "Everybody is kind of hanging around."

On Sunday morning, Jones's wife, Bonnie, read that quote and said, "Hey, why don't you light it up?" Steve replied, "Oh, OK, that would be fun,"

It was Jones who made six birdies, including a chip-in at the 9th that brought him to nine under par and gave him a three-shot lead. When it was over he thanked his putter, hugged his wife and grabbed the first prize of \$135,000. "It was my week," said Jones.

Indeed it was. And at least for now, on the PGA Tour it is going to mean something to keep up with the Joneses. 1 Palmer took umbrage at the seniors' truncated course.



## RISING IN THE EAST

Unlikely front-runners Seton Hall and Providence top the talent-rich Big East  
BY ALEXANDER WOLFF

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age of 10, any league with two  
NCAA basketball titles. a full  
calendar of TV dates and a ton  
of money is entitled to raise a  
glass to itself. But having made the  
toasts and downed the drinks, does the  
Big East really have to take "bottoms  
up" soliterally?

For three discombobulated days last  
week the Big East standings looked as if  
they had been botched by someone in  
the composing room: Syracuse. George-  
town, Villanova and St. John's were at  
the bottom without a victory in league  
play. Seton Hall, Providence and Con-  
necticut, the customary stooges for the  
Big East's Big Four, were unbeaten in  
conference competition and were 33-1  
overall.

The week wound up this way: St.  
John's which had been annihilated by  
Providence earlier in the week, beat Vil-  
lanova by 19 points: Pittsburgh, which  
had shocked Syracuse in the Carrier  
Dome, lost to Boston College and Dana  
Barros (43 points) at home: Seton Hall,  
which had bumped off Georgetown, suf-  
fered its first loss of the season in a 90-66

rout at Syracuse: and Providence, an  
emphatic pick for last in the league in  
the Big East coaches preseason poll,  
nipped Connecticut 80-78 in Hartford  
to remain one of only four undefeated  
Division I-A teams in the nation.

The one knock against the nine-team  
Big East has been that the conference is  
so predictably two-tiered. Some years  
the break was at four," says Seton Hall  
coach P.J. Carlesimo. "Some years it  
was at five. One year we had six great  
teams in the league. But you could al-  
ways find at least three at the bottom.  
Now everybody's got 16 games they  
don't want to deal with. And we should  
be an expert on the bottom of the league.  
because that's where we were.

Greene is one of four senior starters on the  
Pirates, who are finally in the thick of things.

No team better symbolizes the turn  
the Big East has taken than Carlesimo's  
swashbuckling Pirates, winners already  
of three tournaments this season and  
94-86 conquerors of previously unbeat-  
en Georgetown at the Meadowlands on  
Jan. 3. Seton Hall has had to labor under  
the knowledge that it is in the league  
only because Rutgers turned down the  
invitation of Big East commis-  
sioner Dave Gavitt. Ten years  
ago Seton Hall played all home  
games on its South Orange.

N.J. campus in 3,200-seat  
Walsh Gym, a dingy crypt  
with a Podunk High School-  
style stage at one end. Says  
Carlesimo, "We were happy  
just getting side baskets in our

gym. a secretary and two full-time assistants.u  
But "the Hall" prudently re-invested its league revenue-sharing checks each year until 1985. when Gavitt decreed that all Big East games must be played in arenas he deemed suitable. So the Pirates booked New Jerseys Meadowlands for all home conference games. hoping Brendan Byrne Arena would become for them what Madison Square Garden has been for St Johns. "At first, people loved playing us there." says Seton Hall athletic director Larry Keating. "It was like a neutral sitef' But against Georgetown last week. with 19,761 fans punching the place out and the Hoyas not punching anybody. Byrne Arena seemed. as Pirates floor leader Gerald Greene said. "like Syracuse was playing at home? Greene and his fellow South Orange-men soon got a sobering dose of the real thing. On Saturday night they found themselves Visiting the Carrier Dome in the wake of the Orangemeifs humiliating 81-76 loss to Pitt. "Sooner or later thereis going to come a night when the shots donit fallf' Carlesimo had said af-  
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ter the Pirates defeated DePaul 83-60 over the holidays. Now that such a night has come-Seton Hall shot 37% against Syracuse-the Pirates can only hope they won't have to endure another. All of this heady activity is so new to the 39-year-old Carlesimo that when asked whether the win over the Hoyas was his biggest ever. he could only say, Carlesimo has gone from goat to hero in just one year.  
ttWe havent had that many to compare it to." Seton Hall has been making steady progress under Carlesimo. who left Wagner College on Staten island to take over the program in 1982 But two seasons ago up in Providence. another young coach with an Italian surname. Rick Pitino. guided the likes of Billy Donovan. David Kipfer and Jacek Duda to the Final Four. while the Hall went 15-14 with guys who actually



could run and jump and dimkl This did not go over well in South Orange. FL the conventional wisdom had it, was a sleepwear coach with a somnambulant program.

That was all prelude to the events of last season: the Pirates being booed as they departed the Meadowlands Floor after losing, to St. Johns in a game that left them 2-6 in league play: the student senate passing a resolution calling for Carlesimds resignation; the Hall winning six of its last eight games and heating Georgetown in the Big East tournament to land an NCAA bid. which some say Carlesimo needed to avoid being Fired.

When he was given a live-year contract in March. Carlesimo cried. When he was voted Big East Coach of the Year the next days he cried again. The joyride 38

With the help of Sherman Douglas (with ball) Syracuse handed the Hall its first defeat. was all very nice and heartwarming and. no one doubted. certain to come to an end this season. because Carlesimo had to replace standout forward Mark Bryant and two other starters. But it hasnt Without Bryant, starters Ramon Ramost Daryll Walker. Andrew Ga/e.

John Morton and Greene are all scoring in or just under double figures, "Apparently we were the dregsf says Ga/e. who enrolled at Seton Hall last fall after starring for the Australian Olympic team. "But I never knew that."

"Its scary that were playing this wellf' said Carlesimo before traveling to Syracuse The Orangemen gave substance to his fears. but the loss didnt alarm Carlesimo. The maturity of Gaze.

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a graying 23-year-old junior. has had a lot to do with the teams even temper.

"Andrew doesnt understand how well hels played for us. because hels used to scoring 35 and being the main man? says Carlesimol "When he scores 12 points. we have to convince him he really had a good gamefl

Carlesimo. with a fedora on his head. ruddy curls along his jaw and the occasional long-stemmed bachelorette on his arm. is a garrulous urban dandy. By contrast. Rick Barnes. who replaced Pitino at Providence, is a low-key. backwoods North Carolinian who studied 94-foot pressure at the knee of Ohio State coach Gary Williams. Barnes. 34. was such an efficient recruiter for the Buckeyes-he would befriend prospects mailmen to find out which schools were in contact with his quarry and reputedly lost only one player that he went after\_that folks in Columbus called him the Deal Closer. Providence is as tough a sell to a recruit as any Big East school. Barnes is making do with thieving guards Carlton Screen and Eric Murdock. who at

weeks end were first and second. respectively. in the league in steals: gangly frontcourt players Marty Conlon. Abdul (the Sheikh) Shamsid-Deeni Cal Foster and Darryl Wright: and 6' 3" forward Matt Pala/Jii The son of former Holy Cross All-America Togo Palazzi. Matt got caught up in a miniseries worth of personal problems; but after quitting on two other Providence coaches. he has finally settled in for his senior season. "We never underestimated ourselves." says Palal/i. "but now were actually doing it."

Conlon. who also quit the team last season. renders much the same sentiment: "Foi us. we always knew It was everyone else who was undecided." This is essentially the same cast that accounted for the Friars' hellish 1987-88 campaign Ultimately the Providence administration ran off hyperintense coach Gordon Chiesa. He was replaced by Barnes inevitably called Good News (after Marvin "Bad News" Barnes. a Providence star of the early 1970s; who says. "I havent even looked at tapes of last year. I told the players from Day 1 this was a new start for them and me."

A new start. perhaps. but the same Providence systemathe full-court Mother-in-Law defenses so-called be-

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cause it inflicts constant pressure and harassment-accounts for the Friars' 12-0 record. Of the first four possessions by the Redmen in St. Johns 98-69 loss to Providence on Jan. 3, two ended in throwaways and two in clean strips. The Redmen wound up with 30 turnovers. In the Friars' two-point defeat of Connecticut on Saturday. Murdock had four steals (UConn had 22 turnovers) and Screen scored 23 points. After a couple of hurried Husky three-point heaves misfired at games end, you could hear the Deal Closer's briefcase snap shut. "They hung and dug and scratched. grabbed it. put it away and beat us?" said Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun. Though Providence hasn't been tested nearly as severely as Seton Hall. a 3-0 league record at week's end wasn't a bad start for a team that most observers had thought would finish last in the Big East. The coaches poll, which had Seton Hall winding up seventh, began to look suspect as early as November. That's when Cibona, a Yugoslav club team playing an exhibition series against Big East schools, whupped both Georgetown (95-87) and Syracuse (86-78) but lost badly to Seton Hall (117-81), Providence (104-79) and Boston College 182-68). And the cause of the Big East's newfound parity? The same rising-tide-lifts-all-boats principle that buoyed Georgia Tech from 0-14 in ACC play in 1980-81 to conference champion four seasons later. These days the combination of a high-profile conference and a chance to play has profound appeal. "We got all our seniors when we were rock-bottom in the league," says Charles Mot, who has six seniors and starts four. "We sold the Big East and the opportunity to play, and they bought in. And by coming to us and getting to play, they surpassed some of the Parade All-Americans that weren't playing somewhere else. Our guys are better because they got the -- kicked out of them by Pearl Washington and Charles Smith when they were freshmen and scared stiff." Last week Barnes was worried that his Friars could still finish 12-15. "It is awfully early to start talking about parity and balance," he said. As he and his staff watched a tape of Connecticut's 57-55 defeat of Villanova during the bus ride to Hartford, Barnes said "I didn't even allow myself to watch what Villanova was doing." Such is the lot of the Big East's arrivistes, ever wary of where they've come from. As Cyn (Joan Cusack) tells Tess

(Melanie Grihith) in the movie Work-  
ing Girl, Sometimes I sing and dance  
around the house in my underwear.

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Like Tess and Cyn. Carlesimo has  
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Barnes (above) has Providence off to a 12-0  
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Coach Joe Cesari has made  
Pennsylvaniats rich wrestling  
tradition even richer

BY NICHOLAS DAWIDOFF

EST OF FRACKVILLE. PA..

route 61 winds through the

Appalachians toward the

old coal towns of Gordon

and Ashland. Spindly pine

trees line hillsides gray with coal slag.

the detritus of a century of mining.

About :1 mile before the Ashland-Gor-

don fork. there is a red-white-and-blue

sign In keeping with the surroundings.

the lettering is faded. the illustration

crude. But the message is clear: "Wel-

come to Spartan Territory. the home of

North Schuylkill Area. the state's

winningest wrestling teamff

Further down 61. on Center Street in

Ashland. is Cesariis Italian-American

Restaurant The paper place mats bear

no advertisements for local merchants

or real estate agents. only columns of

won-lost records and lists of state cham-

pions and medal winners. That is be-

cause Cesuris is run by Ashlandis first

family ofwrestling.

Cesari leaves the nuances up to his assis-

stants, but he has always provided the noise.

Like most of the citizens of Ashland (pop. 4235). 47-year-old Joe Cesari works hard to make ends meet. In his restaurant he is known for his chicken parmigiana with spaghetti. As assistant superintendent of the North Schuylkill school district. the 5' 6" Cesari is known as the Big Guy for his rigid adherence to discipline. Around Pennsylvania Cesari. the only wrestling coach North Schuylkill has ever had. is known for his teams 339 victoriest against only 30 losses and two ties. over the past 22 years. Cesari looks a bit like another local icont Penn State football coach Joe Paterno. and some folks like to call him Joe Paterno. Both are named Joe; both are Italian; both have dark. curly hair and wear thick glasses; and both win. Like Paterno. Cesari is not one to brag about his team. So when he says. "Ifthings go our way we should have a pretty nice team." residents of Ashland figure that this season the North Schuylkill wresatling team might be the best in the state. Regardless of how the Spartans fare. this will be a special year in Ashland. In March. Cesari will retire from coaching. This is also the final year of high school for Mark the youngest of Cesariis three sons. all of whom have wrestled for North Schuylkill. Even Cesari admitst "Its the end ofan era."

Cesari will miss the day-to-day involvement with wrestling, not so much for the transitory joys of winning, but for what the sport represents to him. "Wrestling is not glamorous\_all anybody needs are some shorts? he says. "But its the toughest thing youlll ever do. The only fun part is winning. There is no professional wrestling. so its an end unto itself. The discipline is your ticket for anything you do in life. and if you dedicate yourselfto it, you become the sort of person who wants to put something back into society. Around here I think people love wrestling so much because in it they see themselves."

Wrestling does seem suited to the hard. bleak coal towns of Pennsylvania, where. for the

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The billboard on Route 61 chronicles Cesariis mat achievements.

most part. the coal either ran out long ago or has been left alone because it makes no economic sense to mine it A century ago in towns like Ashland boys as young as eight spent nine hour s a day learning to separate slate from coal To-day the sons of coal country are no less tough for getting their education in classrooms. and all across the state, boys as young as four are learning to wrestle. Pennsylvania produces so many first-rate wrestlers that. in addition to such big-name collegiate powers as Penn State. Pitt and Lehigh. colleges like Lock Haven Bloomsburg. East Stroudsburg. Clarion. Wilkes and Edinboro are also among the top NCAA Division I QSTRIIT CHAPS 1:: Bl umm Isms wrestling teams. Out-of-state schools also recruit there At last years NCAA tournament six of the IQ individual champions were products of Pennsylvania high schools.

iiIn Pennsylvania if youire any good at wrestling. people will know who you are? says former North Schuylkill heavy-weight Frank Towey. who now competes for Bloomsburg. And from State College to Shamokin everyone knows about Joe Cesari's Spartans. They know that since Cesari began coaching at North Schuylkill in 1966. his teams have failed to win the league championship only four times and have never suffered a losing season In 1983 the Spartans won the class AA state tournament#they finished second last year\_and since 1975 have had seven individual state Champions Five times the winner has been named Cesari.

Markis record in junior high was 58e0. and in his first two years of high school competition he placed second. Spartans like Bill Houser (right) want Cesari to end his reign with another state title.

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Flipping pizzas while struggling to make weight is a stern test of Mark's willpower. then third. in the state tournament. Last year he won the state title at 138 pounds. capping a 36 70 season by defeating Benton High's previously unbeaten Mike Wennei: in a hard-fought 3 I final. Going into this season. Mark's high school record was 10178. which would be impressive if not for the burden of comparison with his older brothers. Joe Jr. a senior who now wrestles for North Carolina State at 142 pounds. was 154-5-1 in high school. while middle brother Steve. a junior at NC, State was 155-22-2 for North Schuylkill. "I try not to think about it but there is a little bit of pressure to be better than my brothers." Mark says. "I want to be but it's going, to be tough. Though Mark is said to have the highest potential of any of the (lesari brothers. Joe Sr. says. "Mark has two shadows; Steve had one. But it is the father who casts the longest shadow of all. The senior (lesari grew up in Kulpmont, nine miles from Ashland where his father. Sam. was a miner. Sam would leave the house before dawn and return in time to watch the children while his wife. Jay. worked the night shift in a garment factory. "You can say this about miners (iesari says. "They all want something better for their kids, They suffer the black lung. killing themselves down there so their children won't have to go down. My dad got out before he got black lung. My father-in-law died of it. Cesari became the first in his family to attend college the University of Buffalo. where he played linebacker on the football team. With a degree in health and physical education Cesari returned to Pennsylvania with his wife Sandra. and year-old daughter: Lisa. to teach social studies and coach football in Ashland. But Ashland Area High needed a wrestling team and Cesari was asked to start one. He was not looking forward to the task until a friend told him flatly that there was no way Cesari could create a successful wrestling program in a Jot (il-SARI basketball town. (esari warmed to the challenge. and though he knew next to nothing, about the sport. in his spare time he read all he could about tech-

nique passing along his newfound knowledge the next day in practice. That First year: 1964. the team wrestled in borrowed uniforms on mohair mats. ( 'ompeting mostly against junior teams. Ashland won three matches. and (lesari found himself hooked on the sport. Two years later the name of the school was changed to North Schuylkill to reflect a broadening of its population base and Cesari had varsity his lirst winning varsity season, ( 'esari admits that he has never become a master of wrestling technique. At praetiee. while his three assistant coaches lecture on the subtleties of escapes. Cesari bounds around the wrestling room fits walls covered by photographs of past Spartan championsa yelling encouragement and advice. scolding and trying to teach his athletes to be winners. When Cesari tells a boy not to work on his best pinning combinations but to emphasize his weakest. or when he tells another that a trtie champion doesnt sneak a rest when the eoae his back is turned. he means for these lessons to extend well past age 18. w hen most wreestling careers end During the 1970s the entire Cesari family became immersed in wrestling From the time the three boys were big enough to wear headgear, they were learning takedowns escapes and reversals. Joe .l i: could hold a neck bridge by the time he was three and had mastered the Peterson Rolls a sophisticated reversal maneuxer. by the time he was four. Alter tteeompanyintby their father to his teams matches. the brothers would return home and reenaet all 12 bouts on the lixing room lloor. The worst squabbles centered around who would get to be the North Schuylkill wrestler. There is at least one youth wrestling tournament somewhere in Pennsylvania on every weekend of the year. and for nearly two deeades one or more of the Cesaris spent Saturdays and Sundays competing. Joe Jr. thinks the early competition makes Pennsylvania wrestlers technically superior to those from other states. "liXC been to places like Iowa. One reason Pennsylvania wrestlers are pre-eminent is that they begin in grade school.

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T ALL BEGINS WITH HIS INCOMPREHENSIBLE hair, that amalgam of political punk and shaved spaghetti an every-parents-nightmare kind of cut. Dwayne Schintzius, Florida's enigmatic junior center, gets his locks styled in biweekly hour-long sessions down at the Mane Stop on University Avenue in Gainesville. This is irony clipped and dried: Even late in his high school years Schintzius would sit in the family car pouting and clawing the seats whenever his mom took him to the barber. "It's ragged you when you got a haircut," Schintzius says. "They called out, 'Hey, Stupid!' and stuff. I already looked stupid being so tall. When I had to get a haircut, I was a Double Stupid." And so, off on his own at the big university up the interstate from his home in Brandon, Fla., near Tampa, the kid went whole hog with the Dwayne-Do or, as some teammates call it, the Lobster; burr short on top, boxed on the sides, feathered oh-so-scraggly down the back in the fashion of, uh, a crustacean's tail. It's a signature look. and it screams freedom. cool values, distinct dudeness. Throw in Schintzius's nifty sneer and generally sullen public attitude, and what you have is every denimed pseudo-hood who ever squealed out of a sock hop in his white-walled dragmobile wearing a cigarette pack in the sleeve of his T-shirt. Except that this one is seven feet tall. . . .two

Schintzius has been razzed about his height for as long as he can remember. "I've tried to hide from it," he says. "I've spent my life trying to avoid situations where I'd get hurt, verbally assaulted. It still happens all the time. So I try to avoid crowds, and people in general?" When he went to Gainesville as a freshman in 1986, an athletic department psychological profile indicated he had a residue of pent-up anger. "I never let my emotions out," Schintzius says. "I was taught never to fight, that I was too tall and might hurt someone. I don't remember the last time I cried. I've got a lot of negative energy built up inside me."

During the warmups before his first college game, at Florida State, Schintzius kicked at the home team's mascot Seminole. The gesture was harmless and Schintzius gives plenty of care to his hair, but it has only added to a poor public image, accompanied by a laugh. but it presaged Schintzius's status as college basketball's most unsettling character and its foremost bad boy. Early in his freshman year, a couple of youngsters approached Schintzius with the inevitable question: How's the weather up there? He spat on them and said, "It's raining!" Recalling the incident, he shakes his head and says, "That may sound crude, but at the time it was hilarious." Subsequently, he has stuck out his

tongue during games, jawed with referees and pranced in high-step to celebrate a score. More seriously, he has yelled at his coach, deliberately fouled and tried to injure other players, and quit on his teammates. What makes it all so frustrating to those around him is that Schintzius is a greatly gifted athlete, possessing exceptional potential for a big man, with shooting and passing talents reminiscent of Bill Walton.

"I've been basically a brat, a horseshit player," says Schintzius, "I'm probably the most hated player in the country." He smiles as he says this, still looking amazed that he could ever have been such a thing. Or still might be. Kids just want to have fun, but giants never can. It is Schintzius's curse to be both at the same time, and in search of a role in adult society that he can't quite figure out. In the movie *Big*, Tom Hanks plays 13-year-old Josh Baskin, who inhabits himself in an adult body. Josh gargles chocolate sundaes, spits out caviar and experiences every manner of role-confusion imaginable to a little boy thrown into a grown-up world of contrivance. "I don't get it," Josh says of a new idea for a toy. "A building turns into a robot? What's fun about that?" As late as his junior year in high school Schintzius didn't know what to do with his life. He didn't even know whether he wanted to go to college. He was still a kid lost and drifting. But because he was tall, he was expected to play basketball. He didn't get it. A kid turns into a basketball player? What's fun about that?

Nonetheless he went up the road to Gainesville to play basketball. And nobody would say he didn't play well. In his freshman and sophomore years Schintzius led the Gators to 46 victories and the only two NCAA tournament appearances they have ever made. Over those two seasons he averaged 12.7

On occasion Schintzius displays his huge natural talents. points. 6.3 rehnunds and 2.7 hloeketl shuts. Yet the reign of Dwayne has been rife with controversy.

As a Freshman. three days after a ter: ritie performance against Purdut in the NCAA tournament. Sehint/ius aeemn-panied Florida coach Norm Sloan to a press conference at New Jerseys Meatl-nwlantls. w here Sehint/ius huastetl of w hat he w mild do with his Upcoming op-ponent. Syracuses junior center. Rony Seikaly: take it to him get him in foul

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trouhle. heat him. etc. "I sat theref recalls Sloan. "antl Dwayne took the press conference. It was as-tonishing. At one pnint he said 'I knuw I'm great: Ijust have to stop talking ahuut it i' Seikaly proceeded to jump all over Sehint/iuss hewil-hasieally over deretl heads scoring a career high 33 points to Sehint/itis's six in an 87 XI xictory for the ()rangemen. The emotinnal debris left behind by that fail-tire Schint/ius was laheled the Mouth of the South. not to mention a hig-game choker affected him throughout his sophomore year. In an 80 ()8 loss to Pittsburgh On natiunal TV. Sehint/ius spent most Of the game hanging his head so he wouldn't have to watch Charles Smith. the Panthers pivotman. outscore him 302, "Dwayne was so afraid of bombing. he could do nothing but bomb." Sloan says.

In the SEC tournament last March. Florida was trailing Georgia 72170 with two see-onds remaining and a Gator at the foul line. During a timeout before the free throw attempt. Schint/ius refused Sloans re-quest to reenter the game for a desperation tip-in, According to Schint/iust "It was a mis-understanding. I had already taken myself out of the game mentally There had been a tight. bad calls. I was hitching.

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The two also agreed that SchintYius  
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Sehint/ius says. "hut sometimes I cant  
handle itf Additionally. Sloan and his  
staffsaid they would try to "understand"  
Dwayne better.  
This looked to be easier duty than ex-  
peeted after Schint/ius had an encourag-  
ing ofT-season. when he almost made the  
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gained weight (he is now a hulk of 265  
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and a sense of priorities while rooming  
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apologi/ed and the charges were  
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student affairs found Sehint/ius guilty of  
Viulating the student code of conduct  
and suspended him for the first four  
games of the season.  
Though Sehint/ius acknowledges his  
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timesf he saysithe adults concerned  
have been less circumspect, Sloan was  
furious at the length uf the suspension.  
Sehint/iusis father. Ken. a deputy sheriff  
in Hillsborough County. Fla. says his  
son sutTered under a "kangaroo court."  
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and Dwayne's mother Linda. told The Orlando Sentinel. "Dwayne was just being typically 20 years old again. He had been 20 for 21 days! He just thinks college is fun. fun. fun."

Fun? "He had a crazed look in his eyes." says Sullivan. "He said he was going to mess us up. Later he said he had a real bad evening up to that point. Listen I felt for him when I got to know him. People who have had classes with him say he's a total idiot. but I don't think he's half bad. He seemed really sincere in his apology,"

So far this season Schintzius has weathered with equanimity the hundreds of tennis balls thrown at him at Florida State and the chants of "Bor-is. Bor-isii at Illinois. but Sloan has warned him that he has run out of second chances. Says Sloan. "The next incident . . . that is who Dwayne Schintzius is." Who exactly might that be"? Jose Ramos. Florida's freshman guard. says he used to watch Schintzius on TV. "I thought he was a real jerk," says Ramos. "But Dwayne has to endure so much total #7. even on this campus. People call him a dork. and he has to take it But he's matured so much." Alas. Ramos. who is now Schintzius's roommate. was indefinitely suspended last Saturday for threatening Sloan during practice. Yet despite all the off-court woes. Schintzius two or three times a game. will do something that takes the breath away: a quick jump hook off the glass. an over-the-shoulder baseball bounce pass through traffic. a one-motion catch and tip-in. a tip-away rebound and three-quarter-court Hing-ahead assist. Still. Sloan's system positions Schintzius at the high post rather than taking advantage of his enormous capacities down on the block, "Dwayne's our best passer." says Sloan. "If he disappears from the game. it's my job to get him to come back."

The truth is. Florida's guards are too inexperienced to get the ball to Schintzius down low. Meanwhile. he passes up 10 to 15 shots a game that he should be under orders to fire. and his peculiar avoidance of the paint becomes manifest in low rebound totals and in the fact that he has never attempted more than eight foul shots in a game, Linda and Ken defend their son, and will send another Schintzius to Gainesville next year.

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Off the court, Lynn has helped Dwayne endure the Gators' dreadful early season. Florida's SEC opener. a 111-101 loss to LSU in Gainesville. was a case in point. Schintzius went up against the Tiggers. pivot combo of Geert Hammink and Richard Krajewski. They were raw meat for the lion. but when Schint-

zius. who made 11 of 20 shots and only three free throws. for 25 points. refused to take over the game. LSU's remarkable freshman guard. Chris Jackson. did#to the tune of 53 points. The guardless Gators suffered a veritable replay against Ohio State two and a half weeks later. when Jay Burson burned them for 37 points to lead the Buckeyes to a 93-68 victory. Schintzius had 19 points.

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Florida. which was 64-7 at week's end. has gotten off to a dismally disappointing start. Yet Schintzius was averaging 18.7 points and 9.5 rebounds After having had his tonsils removed this summer-"worst poisoned golf balls the doctor ever saw." he says ASchintzius's stamina problems have vanished as well And a steady girlfriend. Lynn Avery. whom Schintzius met in astronomy class. must surely mean that increased stability is in the stars "I'm not into psychoanalysis or attitude." says Marty Blake. the NBA scout of scouts. "I only grade a guy on his athletic ability. But do I like Schintzius? The fact is. there are no centers anymore This one can run the hoot. pass. shoot. handle it and bump people, He busted his ass at the Olympic trials. What's not to like? He's 7' 2" and he's still only a kid."

The rumor mill has Schintzius leaving Florida for the big bucks after this season. But his brother. 6' 8" Travis. who got suspended from his high school's opening game for showing disrespect to a Spanish teacher by raising his voice. will be a freshman at Gainesville next fall. Dwayne says he wants to play with him. Or hit the clubs with him Or get suspended with him. Something. Besides. turn pro while still only a kid? Schintzius doesn't get it. What's fun about that? I

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EYE OF THE TIGERS

The Auburn women's team was ranked No. 3 in the country last season when it went to Tacoma, Wash. for the Final Four, hoping to knock off No. 1 Tennessee for the championship. Instead, the Lady Tigers were upset by Louisiana Tech 56-54 in the final part because senior Vickie Orr's knees hurt so much she got only two rebounds. And so, on Saturday night against No. 1 Tennessee, the Lady Tigers went into the game again ranked No. 3, buoyed by the knowledge that the second-ranked Lady Techsters had been upset 61-60 by Colorado earlier in the week. If Auburn could beat the Volunteers, it figured to take the top spot in the polls. At their Eaves-Memorial Coliseum, before 7,150 fans the Lady Tigers triumphed 67-59 behind Orr, whose 18-point performance indicated that her knees are almost back to normal after off-season surgery.

With Orr and guard Ruthie Bolton the only returning starters, Auburn needed a boost from a newcomer, and it got a huge one from sophomore Carolyn Jones who sat out last season as a Bylaw 5-i-(j) casualty. Against Tennessee, Jones who gives Auburn the penetration and perimeter game necessary to keep opponents from collapsing on Orr, matched Orr's 18 points, said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt. "You don't ever want to lose a game, but we needed to lose this one. At the time, we took advantage of us. The Tigers really wanted the game more than Tennessee, they had bigger hearts." The biggest of those, perhaps, belongs to Orr, who still undergoes daily treatment on her knees and averages slightly less than 12 minutes a half.

"She works two hours every day," said Lady Tigers coach Joe Ciztempi admiringly, "When you see a two-time All-American do that, you say, 'Hey, if she can do it, why can't I?'" She is Lin Overachiever, and the other kids follow her. Whether she can lead the Lady Tigers back to Tacoma will depend largely

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on how her knees hold up in the tough SEC which last week had six teams ranked in the nation's top 25.

DOUBLE DUTY

Notre Dame's Tony Rige and Florida's Brad Johnson are a couple of quarterbacks who have hoops in their blood. But while Johnson, the Seminole's backup signal caller, has nailed down a spot as the seventh man on Florida's strong basketball team.

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Rice's request to try out for the Irish squad was politely rejected by coach

Digger Phelps who recommended that  
he spend the winter concentrating on  
his studies instead Rice has been able  
to hold his own against the Irish basket-  
ball players in summer pickup games.  
and in the wake of Notre Dames 79-75  
upset loss at San Francisco last week.  
Phelps just might want to reconsider  
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Johnson a candidate to replace Chip  
Ferguson as the Seminoles starting  
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Newcomer Jones (left) gave Auburn an 18-point boost and, according to Summitt (above), helped deal the Vols a valuable loss. quarterback next season. isn't likely to be available for spring football practice because he figures to be trying to help Florida State pursue a slot in the Final Four. A 6' 6", 195-pounder. Johnson is a redshirt freshman football player but a sophomore as a basketball player. On the Thursday before the Sugar Bowl. he spent the morning practicing with the football team in New Orleans and then caught a plane to Orlando for the Seminoles' basketball game against Villanova in the Red Lobster Classic final. arriving in time to score 13 points and get three assists in a 68-67 upset loss. From there, it was back to New Orleans for the bowl game against Auburn. during which he served as holder for both field goals and the extra point in Florida State's 13-7 win.

Football coach Bobby Bowden may force Johnson to make a choice between football and basketball after this hoops season "We told him he could play both sports when we recruited him?" said Bowden. "but what Brad will have to do in another year is decide which sport he wants to play?"

CARDINAL VIBES

After early-season losses on the road to Indiana and North Carolina. Stanford dropped out of the rankings and out of the spotlight. A couple of wins last week. however. indicate that the Cardinal. now 10-3, will live up to advance billing as one of the favorites for the Pac-10 title and that 6' 4" guard Todd Lichti will become the toast of the Coast.

Last Thursday Stanford beat conference kingpin Arizona 83-78 behind Lichti's 35 points (27 in the second half). Said Arizona coach Lute Olson, "On the drive. Lichti is as tough to handle as anyone I've seen. He uses either hand and is strong as an ox inside. He will be an outstanding pro player."

In a 94-65 breeze against Arizona State on Saturday. Lichti added 19 points and eight rebounds. For the two games. he hit 16 of 23 shots from the floor and 22 of 22 from the foul line. Said Stanford coach Mike Montgomery.

"He's just pretty relentless!"

SHORT SHOTS

The aptly named Richard Longley. 6' 9" father of 7' 2" New Mexico center Luc Longley. upstaged his son during a recent visit from his home in Perth. Australia. At halftime of the Lobos game against Brigham Young at the Pit in Albuquerque. the elder Longley was asked to take a midcourt shot for a charity promotion. Much to the delight of the crowd of 17,980, he proceeded to swish a two-hander. Shooting from close range, Luc. a member of the Aussie Olympic team. had 12 points in the



88-84 win. 1 . . Oklahoma didn't lose a beat during the three games missed by star center Stacey King. who was out with a broken index finger on his shooting hand: the Sooners averaged 121 points a game in King's absence. Then, on Saturday, Oklahoma got 29 points from little-used Andre Wiley in a 94-86 win over UNC-Charlotte, but just to make sure of things. King came off the bench to score 25 and grab 17 rebounds. . . 1 On the last of his 11 offensive rebounds against North Carolina, Iowa's Ed Horton was fouled with the score tied 97-97 and only 11 seconds left in the game. During the ensuing confusion it appeared that Iowa's Roy Marble may have been fouled as well\_Horton went to midcourt to hide behind teammate B.J. Armstrong while Marble asked the officials for the ball at the free throw line. At that point, Marble was 8 for 8 from the line while Horton was 1 for 4. including two big misses in the minutes before. The deception worked. Marble was given the ball and made the second of two free throws for the winning margin. Explained Horton. "When you get 22,000 fans hollering at you and whistles blowing. I don't know what's happening. My mind is way up there in the Bob Uecker seats." I

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PROVIDENCE (12-0)

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

TOM HAMMONDS

Georgia Tech '3 6' 9" senior forward scored 30 points in each of two victories, 92-69 over East Carolina and 84-75 at Wake Forest. He also had 18 rebounds and three blocked shots in the two games.

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above sea level on Mount Everest. we crawled from two small tents into the -40t Himalayan night. It was 11 pm. on May 11. 1988 The wind had stopped. and the sky was a glittering tapestry of stars. Three desolate beams of light from our headlamps sliced across the expanse of snow. ice and rock. Tomorrow would be summit day If we could climb the remaining 3.000 feet to the summit and return alive. our expedition would be a remarkable success.

Our goal was audacious: to take a new route up Everest's 12.000-foot Kangshung. or East Face. without bottled oxygen. or Sherpas to carry our supplies. This enterprise was so risky that our friends at home worried about whether we could survive the effort. The dangers of even a "rough-  
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lives in New Zealand. was one of the strongest climbers on that expedition; he once got to the 28.000-foot mark on the West Ridge and once to 28.200. but because of a malfunctioning oxygen tank. he failed each time to make the summit at 29.028 feet. I was part of another Everest expedition. in 1986. that attempted to reach the summit via the North Col (a saddle-shaped depression on the crest of a ridge). It also failed. so Anderson and I both had unfinished business. When Anderson suggested another expedition to me. this time up the East Face. I was ready.

Anderson. who was the natural choice for expedition leader. obtained our climbing permit from the Chinese Mountaineering Association in Beijing in 1986 A year later Teare. another experienced mountaineer. signed on with us. Norbu Ten/ing Norgay. eldest son of Tenzing Norgay. the Sherpa who was Sir Edmund Hillary's partner on Everest's first successful ascent. agreed to handle the logistics for us. In celebration of lanches. ice and rock fall. hidden crevasses. monsoon storms and. of course. frostbite. But ours would be far riskier. More than once. I questioned my own sanity. Later we learned that even Reinhold Messner of Italy. who is perhaps the world's most accomplished mountaineer. had dismissed our new route as too dangerous.

The passion to climb the highest mountain on earth was shared by our team of four: expedition leader Robert Anderson. 30. and me. 32. from the US: Stephen Venables. 34. from England: and Paul Teare. 28. from Canada. My romance with Everest began at the 35th anniversary of the Hillary ascent. Lord John Hunt. leader of that illustrious British climb. became our honorary expedition leader. He suggested that we include at least one English climber. and he recommended Venables. one of Britain's best young Himalayan mountaineering specialists.

In addition to the four climbers. our expedition included medical adviser Miriam Ziemann and photographer Joe Mark Blackburn. both from the New York City area. who would support us at our advanced base camp on the Kangshung glacier at 17,800 feet. A Sherpa sirdar ("headman"). Pasang Norbu,

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the age of 1 I. when I read Everest Diary. based on Lute Jerstad's chronicle of the first American ascent in 1963. His descriptions of Chomolungma-the Sherpa name for Everest. meaning "Goddess Mother of the Earth"-fired my young imagination. During the next 20 years I became a skilled rock climber and mountaineer. making ascents in many parts of the world. but I wondered if I would ever get a shot at Chomolungma. Given the small number of Everest expeditions and the intense competition for positions on each climbing team. my prospects seemed slim

My break came in 1985 when my mountaineering articles and my wide range of climbing experience finally paid off and I was invited to join an ascent by way of Everest's West Ridge. It was a large-scale outing the traditional way to make the climb with 20 mountaineers from the US. and a dozen Sherpas. Supplementary oxygen was used. I made it to 24,500 feet. which was more than 10,000 feet higher than I had ever reached before. Anderson. a native of Colorado who now

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would cook for us at base camp 600 feet below. with a Tibetan cook boy. Kasang Tsering. as his assistant.

Six weeks of dangerous. technical climbing saw us over the mountains lower difficulties to the South Col and the highest of the three camps we had established on our route to the summit. Now we were in familiar territory. our new route up the East Face having brought us to the same point reached by several other expeditions. including Hillary's. which had made their ascents from other directions. It was from the South Col that we

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climbers with climbing rope. On the night of May 10,  
Fierce winds blasted the tent walls. A rip in the  
fabric would have forced an immediate retreat.

Then. miraculously, at midday on May 11. the  
winds diminished. The gods of Everest were going  
to let us have a crack at the top

With Teare gone. Venables. Anderson and I  
began the final 3,000-foot ascent in the pitch  
dark. The metal crampons on our climbing boots  
crunched securely into the wind-packed snow.  
Cold. dry. oxygen-poor air irritated our already  
parched throats. and each four or five steps re-  
quired up to a dozen deep breaths. It is said by  
mountain climbers that high-altitude climbing is  
similar to running a marathon with a paper bag  
over your head. Our decision to forgo the use of  
bottled oxygen would make the final stage of our  
ascent pure torture,

Mountaineers. like other athletes, are always  
trying to outdo each other. A noteworthy climb-  
ing achievement might entail a new route up a  
mountain or a new technique used on a particular  
ascent. In the case of Everest. this competition  
has revolved around the use of supplementary ox-  
ygen. a practice that has been hotly debated since  
1921. when British climbers without oxygen  
mounted the first Everest expedition. Ever since,  
the battle has raged over whether climbing Ever-



est using supplementary oxygen represents an ascent "by fair means." a standard of some importance to climbers In 24. Major BF. Norton of Britain reached a record 28.126 feet without oxygen on Everest's North Face. The first men to complete an oxygenless ascent to the summit were Messner and Peter Habeler. of Austria. in 78, Two years later Messner made the first solo oxygenless ascent ovaerest.

Of the 270 people who have climbed Everest. only 15 or so and only one American. Larry Nielson of Olympia. Wash. have reached the summit without the aid of bottled oxygen It was this pure. lightweight style of ascent that we hoped to achieve But we had lengthened the odds by choosing a difficult new route.

That night we climbed 1,500 feet above our tents As the Himalayan dawn broke. the sun turned the upper wall of Lhotse. a mile or two to the south. into a sea of vivid pinkish orange. I had to take some pictures of this scene. Never again would I witness anything like it.

Though the sun had risen. the temperature where I stood. shaded by the crest of the ridge was iron cold. perhaps -300 or -400. My mind. dulled from the lack of oxygen. struggled to concentrate on the task at hand: To take the photographs. I would have to remove my bulky outer mittens. Underneath I wore much thinner liner gloves. Would my fingers be frostbitten? I needed to act quickly: the beautiful colors were beginning to fade.

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I yielded to impulse. After all. I had been shooting spectacular sunrises throughout the expedition. I pulled out my camera and in two minutes took a dozen pictures. even taking care to tiliy the exposures to ensure a good picture. But the moment my fingers touched the metal of the tamera as I took the first photo I knew what I was doing was dangerous. It felt as ifI were clutching a piece of dry ice. The cold was so intense it burned. I grimaced. cradled the camera and then finished the sequence. lhad no idea how costly those pictures would be.

Venables had been blazing the trail for us all night. and he continued on into the morning. It appeared that nothing would stop him until he leached the top. Anderson and I paused for a rest next to a Japanese tent that had been left the week before by the \$7 million. 252aclimber Asian Friendship Expedition. a Chinese-Nepalese-Japanese effort that had resulted in the first live TV broadcast from Everestis summit. Some of the footage was shown in the US. on NBC. Upon our lettnn home. we found that many Americans

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confused our climb with the Friendship Expedition. but the scale and means\_they used oxygen and Sherpas\_of the two expeditions were very different.

From where we were resting! I watched Venables climb a steep snow gully onto the mountains tinal. knife-sharp ridge. Would I be able to catch up to him? We were now at 28.000 feet. and as I resumed my ascent. each breath strained my lungs to their capacity. I couldnt seem to force in enough air. As soon as I began to move. I was exhausted\_l needed to rest after every second step-yet I had to climb still higher. where the air was even thinner. Time. like willpower. seemed to slip away. My already tenuous grasp of reality was rapidly weakening. Anderson climbed below me; Venables continued above We were teammates but also individuals. as alone as anyone can be on this planet

We climbed with intense concentration. our mental controls locked on automatic pilotl No one spoke. Two hundred feet below Everestls South Summit (at 28.750 feet. its a peak 278 feet below the real summit). I felt my last. fragile connection to reality slowly dissolving. Snow was swirling offthe ridge. creeping around me. There simply was not enough oxygen for me.

Looking up. I saw flashes of color and the movement of fluttering objects. Then I noticed that several people. apparently Buddhist monks. had gathered. Nothing about this felt unusual or out of place The rocky ridge above me was or-nately carved and brightly painted. Colorful prayer flags were strung between the outcroppings. and the purple-robed monks paced back and forth. chanting. To the right. Venables sat resting in the snow. He looked at me. but he didn't speak. Only later did I realize that the scene had been a l hallucination.

Suddenly a wave of exhaustion washed over

me. I couldn't stay awake at second longer My head slumped forward. and I passed out, Maybe 15 minutes later-I can't be sure of the time\_1 awoke with a start. The monks were gone Im on Everest. I thought to myself. Ive got to stay in control.

"Will you help me break trail?" Venables yelled. He was frustrated at having to lead all the way. but I couldn't catch up to him.

t'I keep on falling asleep I shouted back. With that. Venables trudged his way toward the South Summit. a snowy knoll 200 feet above us. A second later. he disappeared from view.

I still thought I could make it. But 30 feet ahead the angle of ascent steepened abruptly. To speed our progress we were climbing unroped. and to either side of me there was a thousand-foot drop. I began to feel very insecure. What if I slipped and fell or. even worse. passed out again from the lack of oxygen?

I looked at my watch. It was 3:30 pm. At my present rate of ascent. I would be forced into a makeshift camp near the summit. with no tent or sleeping bag to keep me from freezing and little oxygen to sustain me. If I began descending now. I would still have time. I hoped to reach the security of our tents on the South Col before dark. My bid to Climb Everest was over.

I knew I was making the right decision. I thought about my other goals in life writing my books. for instance. I deemed them just as important as reaching the summit of Everest. With only a trace of regret I started back down I was content to have reached a point higher than the summit of any other mountain on earth "by fair means." Behind me. the main ridge disappeared into the mist.

I met Anderson 200 feet down the mountain. He still thought he might make the top. I said I would wait for him above the Japanese tent. After more than an hour Anderson stumbled down out of the clouds. He had been just below the South Summit when he had called it quits. He had seen no sign of Venables.

It was dusk. and we still had 1,500 feet to go to our camp at the South Col. so we decided to stay in the Japanese tent for the night. At least we had shelter from the wind. With no sleeping bags. we huddled together. Clad in our high-altitude climbing suits. Was Venables dead or alive? We had no way of knowing.

At 5 am. we awoke and crawled from the tent. A lone figure staggered toward us. haggard. his face frosted by ice crystals. It was Venables. We embraced. His voice was very. very weak "I made it." he said, "I got to the top."

We were overjoyed. Our expedition was a success. Venables had become the first British mountaineer to climb Everest without oxygen. 67 years after the feat had first been attempted by his countrymen. All we had to do now was to get down the mountain alive.

Mountaineers say that descending a mountain is harder and more dangerous than going up. Nowhere is this more true than on Everest. We stumbled back down to our two tents at South Col. Even here there was absolutely no chance of our being rescued: our support team was too far away to reach us. we had no radio and rescue helicopters cannot function above 21,000 feet. Nor did we have Sherpas to make tea and soup. stuff our sleeping bags. carry our packs or otherwise assist us. We were utterly exhausted and very much alone. We had existed for two days in what climbers call the Death Zone any elevation above 26,200 feet

For the first time I wasn't sure I would survive the climb. Oxygen deprivation, tiredness and the lack of food. water and sleep made us feel incredible

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bly lethargic. We began to live in slow motion. After making and drinking some hot tea. we slept the remainder of the day and night. It was May 13, These additional hours spent at high altitude de-



layed our descent and probably were a mistake. but our bodies craved the sleep. The day spent climbing toward the summit had taxed us to our limits. Now we were ready to head for home. The question was. Could we still get there? At 12:30 pm. the next day. with our supply of food expended. we had no choice but to begin our descent to Camp II. the second highest of our camps. at 24.500 feet The two tents. too heavy to be carried in our enfeebled condition. would be left behind: we would have to bivouac in the open in our sleeping bags at Camp II that night, And we would have nothing to eat. because we had cached no food there. On the next day we would continue to Camp 1. 2.500 feet below. where we had stowed two tents and extra food. I glanced at Anderson. who was listless in his tent. Every so often he would sit up. fiddle with his crampons and then collapse. Venables lay corpselike on the ground in

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front of the tent he shared with me. When I pulled out my camera to click a picture, he waved at me hurriedly to prove he was still alive.

My fingers were cold and numb, Eai'lietz when I had examined them in the tent. They had looked and felt woody. The fingers of my left hand, which had held the camera for my sunrise photo session, seemed particularly bad.

Stepping onto the east side of the col, I immediately plunged into waist-deep fresh-powder snow, good for skiing, but not very easy to walk through. Storms the past two days had deposited large amounts of snow, and additional quantities had been blown over the col to our camp by the powerful winds. Conditions had worsened dramatically since our ascent. The possibility of an avalanche was extremely high.

I waded down the slope, my ears straining for the slightest sound of the snow settling or cracking, warning of an avalanche. A cloud bank obscured my view. I awaited disaster.

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left. Whatever the cost, we had to try to reach Camp I.

I began to wade through more deep snow. The sky was a light-gray curtain that blended evenly with the snow-covered slopes. Visibility fell to 30 feet. Suddenly I tripped on a short, icy step and was sent sliding down the slope headfirst on my back. I knew there were crevasses below. Instinctively I clutched at my ice ax and jabbed the pick of the ax into the snow, and then I kicked hard with my crampons. I stopped.

A hundred feet farther down the mountain I saw a gaping crevasse, I swallowed hard. That was too close. The others had taken my cue and were descending toward me. It would be dark in an hour: this was insanity. It would make more sense to return to Camp III, get some sleep and descend early the next morning. We had wasted the entire day.

It was dark when we arrived back at Camp III.

The effort it required to climb back

"What's it like down there?"

yelled Anderson.

"Dangerous! Whatever you do,

don't glissade." I shouted. "Don't slide down the slope!"

I could see Anderson silhouetted 500 feet above me, on the rim of the South Col. Seconds later he was level with me, standing 100 yards from me in the center of the huge avalanche-prone snowfield. He had slid the entire distance.

"What are you doing?" I shouted, incredulous.

up to 24,500 feet nearly killed us.

We collapsed. We had eaten nothing in two days. I fell asleep knowing that if I didn't make it to advanced base the following day, I was probably going to die.

On May 16 the sun rose gold

over Tibet. It felt so good just to

lie in my sleeping bag: I could

have stayed there forever. That

was the problem. Again I was the

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"I glissaded. It looked fine." he  
said. "I guess I got going kind of fast, I dropped  
both of my ice axes. too, Could I borrow your ex-  
tra ski pole?"

I left the pole for him and resumed my descent  
Adrenaline carried me down the next thousand  
feet. The snow remained deep. but by dusk we  
were all at Camp II; We drank some hot water  
and then passed out.

The next day we couldn't make ourselves move  
from our sleeping bags for several hours after we  
had awakened. I found myself getting angry be-  
cause I thought we might die. The climb had been  
such an accomplishment. and Venables had  
reached the top, To die now just didn't seem fair.  
Except for my frostbitten fingers: Venables and  
Anderson appeared worse off than I. They were  
hardly stirring. "Stephen? I said to Venables  
"you're not going to be Famous unless we get down  
alive..."

But we kept delaying our descent. We're go-  
ing to leave by 11 o'clock. we said. then by noon.  
by one. by two. by three. It took me two hours  
to stuff my sleeping bag. Finally at 3:45 pm. in  
the hope of getting the others under way. I

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tled over us. Slowly. carefully. using  
every bit of route-finding skill I had learned in 20  
years of climbing I broke trail and navigated  
through the crevasses. Each step. I feared. might be  
my last. Keeping to our route was almost im-  
possible. but occasionally I would get a glimpse  
through the mist of one of the bamboo wands  
flagged with orange tape that we had put in place  
during our ascent to mark the trail. Unfortunately  
we had used far too few of them. and some had  
probably fallen over and been buried in the snow.  
By late afternoon Venables had caught up with  
me. Anderson still lagged behind. but he yelled to  
us not to worry. that he was OK.

Venables and I finally reached Camp I at  
5:30 pm.. but even though we found our tents and  
food there. we couldn't stop. We had to reach ad-  
vanced base. 4,200 feet below as soon as possible  
so our companions could care for us. As we pre-

pared to descend. darkness fell. and Venables and I discovered that neither of our headlamps worked Then my right crampon came unclipped. I couldnt hx it because ofmy frozen fingers. Rap-pelling down the ropes that we had set up earlier connecting Camp I to advanced base camp. in the

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AND VENABLES  
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STRETCHERS

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Wnuld I ever be able to hold a pen or pencil  
again? Write a letter to a friend? Sign my name?  
These questions about simple skills we take for  
granted flashed through my mind in those first  
seconds of disbelief. I tried to hold back my emo-  
tions. I visuali/ed a sunny day of rock climbing in  
Eldorado Canyon near my home in Boulder.  
Colo.. my fingertips caressing the rock. Then I  
again looked at my blackened, blistered and frost-  
bitten hngers. Lind I began to cry, Iim ruinedt I  
thought. Iill never climb again.  
Since returning to Colorado in June. I have un-  
dergone seven operations and a physical therapy  
program. Despite losing eight fingertips and parts  
ofthree toes. I can wash and dress myselftbuttons  
:iie tough). drive a car. write normally with my  
left hand and prepare meals.  
Could I climb. though? On Oct 6 I went to the  
indoor roek-climbing wall that I had designed at  
Westminster City Park in Westminster. Colo.  
Formed ufnzttui'al stone and built against the wall  
ofun indoor basketball court. the wall provides a  
safe environment to learn basic climbing skills or  
just to keep in shape during the winter months. I  
was nervous.  
I put on my harness. slipped my rOCK-climbing  
shoe on my right foot (I had to wear a hospital

shoe on my left) and roped up. Then I surprised even myself by climbing three different routes up

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the wall. My life as a climber isn't over. Nor is the rest of my life. I have adjusted to my injuries. I have accepted fate. and more than anything I am just happy to be alive. My goal was to climb Everest without oxygen. That goal was nearly reached. and our team of four became the smallest expedition to climb a major new route to the world's highest peak

I came face to face with Everest three times in four years I saw the sun rise from the gates of heaven. and I survived. I feel good about my future and glad for the camaraderie and success I experienced on Everest with my friends. Even my sunrise pictures turned out beautifully. As Anderson recently wrote. "I never knew footsteps or a friendship could mean so much." I

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PRO BASKETBALL-Two streaking Eastern Confer-  
ence upstarts met in Cleveland, where an NBA rec-  
ord-tying 21 blocked shots helped the Central Di-  
vision-leading Cavaliers to a 104-96 defeat of the  
Atlantic Division pacesetter. the Knicks. Cavs for-  
ward Larry Nance blocked 11 New York shots.  
and guard Ron Harper scored 30 points in Cleve-  
land's 11th straight victory, Four teams ended the  
week bunched within 11/; games of the Midwest Di-  
vision lead. In one game between two members of  
the quartet. 24 assists and 26 points by the Jan's  
John Stockton weren't enough to prevent a 104-  
102 Rocket triumph. The two other leaders. the  
Nuggets and Mavericks. played in Denver. where  
the Nuggets Walter Davis scored 24 points in his  
team's 1 15-94 victory. which moved Denver into a  
tie for first with Houston. Before 3.729 at the Capi-  
tal Centre. the smallest crowd in the NBA so far  
this season. Tom Chambers scored 29 points to  
boost the Suns past the Bullets 125-122. Two nights  
later Chambers hit for 33 more as Phoenix ended a  
nine-year Boston Garden losing streak by defeating  
the Celtics 106-104. Thus the Suns moved within a  
game of the Pacific Division-leading Lakers. who  
lost 116-106 at Seattle for their seventh straight de-  
feat on the road. The Celtics. third in the Atlantic  
Division. six games behind the Knicks. received  
the comforting news that Larry Bird's heels have  
responded well to surgery to remove bone spurs. He  
should be back in action by March 15. League  
scoring leader Michael Jordan lit up the Clippers  
with a 41-11-10 triple double in a 126-121 Bulls  
overtime win. and the next night the lights went out  
for Los Angeles as Danny Manning. the No. 1  
choice in last summer's draft. suffered knee liga-  
ment damage in a 110-102 Clipper loss to Milwau-  
kee. Moody Portland split four games to stay three  
off the Pacific Division pace (page 22 1.  
PRO FOOTBALL-In the NFC Championship Game  
the San Francisco 49ers defeated the Chicago  
Bears 28-3. while in the AFC final the Cincinnati  
Bengals beat the Buffalo Bills 21-10 (page 14).  
GOLF-STEVE JONES shot a nine-under-par 279 to  
win the Tournament of Champions and \$135,000  
by three shots over Jay Haas and David Frost. in  
Carlsbad. Calif. (page 34).  
HOCKEY-At the season's midpoint. only one divi-  
sion race. the Patrick. remained hotly contested.  
Four teams were within four points of the top. in-  
cluding the Rangers and the Capitals. Sparkling  
goaltending by Pete Peeters helped Washington  
move into a tie for the division lead with the Rang-  
A Roundup of the Week Jan. 2-8 0 Compiled by Nicholas Dawidoff  
ers. He turned away 51 of 54 shots in a 3-3 dead-  
lock in New York. Philadelphia had been getting

some nifty goaltending of its own from Ron Hex-tall: with Hextall in the nets in each game. the Flyers won 10 of 11, including a 4-1 triumph over the Islanders. before the lowly North Stars surprised them 5-3. The Penguins went 0-2 and dropped from first place in a rare off week for Mario Lemieux. Still. his two assists brought his season's totals to 43 goals and 63 assists. which kept him on target to break Wayne Gretzky's single-season scoring record of 215 points. In the Smythe Division. which Gretzky (89 points) still calls home. the Kings. his new team. and the Oilers. his old one. were going in opposite directions. The Kings are 23 points better at midseason than they were a year ago and in second place, just ahead of the Stanley Cup champion Oilers. who were two points worse off than a year ago. Neither. however, was exactly threatening division leader Calgary: The Flames used Joe Mullen's four goals and two assists to cool off the Kings 8-6 and improve their home record to 16-14. All eyes in Detroit were on Stevie (Wonder) Yzerman. who had scored points in 28 consecutive games for the Norris Division-leading Red Wings. Yzerman failed to get a point in number 29. however. a 2-2 tie with the Canucks. It was business as usual in the Adams Division: The Canadiens smothered the second-place Bruins 3-1 and moved 19 points ahead of them. 24 ahead of Buffalo and 27 ahead of Hartford. which also lost in its spare time. 6-3. to the Soviet Central Red Army team (page 30).

HORSE RACING-BIG STANLEY (\$5.80). with Jacinto Vasquez in the saddle. won the Tropical Park Derby by 1 1/2 lengths over Appealing Pleasure at Calder Race Course, in Miami. The 3-year-old colt covered the 11/5 miles in 152 seconds to earn \$100,170.

INDOOR SOCCER-Dallas picked up two games in the standings to move into a first-place tie with Baltimore. The Sidekicks forced the deadlock with a 7-4 victory. over last-place Kansas City. in which Michael King. Richard Chinapoo and Beto scored two goals apiece.

SKIING-VRENI SCHNEIDER of Switzerland won her third World Cup victory in three days by taking the slalom race at Mellau. Austria.

MILEPOSTS AWARDED: By major league baseball to ESPN. a four-year. \$400 million contract for the cable-TV rights to telecast four nights of baseball a week nationally. beginning in 1990 (page 9).

EMILEE KLEIN

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Emilee. 14. became the youngest Women's State Amateur golf champion when she defeated 1972 US. Amateur champion Mary Budm. 35. of South Pasadena 1-up in the final match at the Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club.

CHRIS SCHURZ

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Chris. a senior at Westwood High. ran the 3.2-mile course in a record time of 16:45 to win an unprecedented third AAA-1 boys' state cross-country championship. Heis also a two-time state



champ in the 1.600- and  
3.200-meter runs.

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PETE BYRON

FINED: By the NBA. New York Knick coach  
RICK PITINO. \$3000. for refusing to remain in  
the dressing room after his ejection from a game  
against the Bulls on Dec. 29.

FIRE: As coach of the Kansas City Chiefs,  
FRANK GANSZ. 50. who had an 8-2-1 record in  
his two seasons at the helm.

NAMED: As winners of the 1988 Eclipse Awards.  
as voted on by the Daily Racing Form, the Thor-  
oughbred Racing Associations and the National  
Turf Writers Association: 2-year-old colt. EASY  
GOER; 2-year-old filly. OPEN MIND: 3-year-old  
colt. RISEN STAR: 3-year-old filly. WINNING  
COLORS: older male horse. ALYSHEBA: older  
filly or mare. PERSONAL ENSIGN: sprinter.  
GULCH: steeplechaser. JIMMY LORENZO:  
male turf horse. SUNSHINE FOREVER: female  
turf horse. MIESQUE: owner. OGDEN PHIPPS:  
breeder, PHIPPS: trainer. CLAUDE (Shug)  
MCGAUGHEY; jockey. JOSE SANTOS: appren-  
ticejockey. STEVE CAPANAS.

As Horse of the Year and Trotter of the Year. by  
the US. Trotting Association and the US. Harness  
Writers Association. MACK LOBELL, who won  
17 of 19 starts: and as Pacer of the Year. MATT'S  
SCOOTER, who won 1 I of 22 races.

As coach of the Indiana Pacers. DICK VER-  
SACE. 48. formerly an assistant coach with the  
Detroit Pistons. Versace. the Pacers third coach  
this season. replaced George Irvine. who guided  
Indiana to six wins in 20 games since succeeding  
Jack Ramsay. who quit on Nov. 17.

As football coach at Stanford, DENNIS GREEN.  
39. former Northwestern head coach and current  
San Francisco 49er assistant: at the University of  
Cincinnati. former Maine coach TIM MURPHY.

32: and at Temple. JERRY BERNDT. 50. who  
was 6-27 while at Rice the last three seasons.

PLACED ON PROBATION: The OKLAHOMA  
STATE football program. by the NCAA. for four  
years. for recruiting violations. The Cowboys are  
also banned from bowl appearances for three years  
and prohibited from appearing on live television  
for two years (page 9).

SUSPENDED: For the second time in two years.  
by the NBA. Dallas Maverick forward ROY  
TARPLEY. 24. While he undergoes rehabilitation  
for substance abuse.

C.J. YOUNG

WABAN. MASS.

Young. a junior right  
wing at Harvard. scored  
three Shorthanded goals  
within 49 seconds to set  
an Eastern College Ath-  
letic Conference record  
in a 10-0 ice hockey de-

feat of Dartmouth. He scored two other goals in the victory,  
MELISSA HERNANDO  
HOLMDEI . NJ  
Melissa. a sophomore at Holmdel High. beat Tracy Zawacki of Union High 6-2. 4-6. 6-4 in the finals to win the state high school singles tennis championship. The second set of that match was the only one she lost during a 21-0 season.

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DENNIS ODA  
SHERYL KUROWSKI  
CHICAGO  
Sheryl, a gymnast who is a junior at Resurrection High. won the balance beam and parallel bars and tied for first in the vault and floor exercise to become all-around champion at the Glenbrook South Titan Invitational girls meet,  
MIKE NUA

WAIANAE. HAWAII  
Mike. 21 senior at St. Louis High. completed 13 of 23 passes for 266 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Crusaders to a 49-7 defeat of Waianae High and a third straight state title. The victory stretched St. Louis's winning streak to 34 games.

ITS TIME FOR A TUNE-IJP

The NFL needs to pull in for some postseason repairs

BY RICK REILLY I

PON RLVH;W. 'I'HL

NFL has more

problems right now

than Dan Marino

has lsotoners. The

games take longer

than Monopoly. the rules dont make

sense. parity has turned perverse

and. on the schlockometer. the

broadcasts fall somewhere between

the Home Shopping Network and

the Bud Bowl. Where are my 3-D

glasses. anyway?

So go ahead. Don Shula and Tex

Schramm and all you honchos of the

leagues Competition Committee eat

every plump shitake mushroom at

this years NFL Super Bowl megae

party in Miami. savor every morsel of

caviar. slurp every butter-soaked bit

of Florida stone crab claw. And enjoy

the game. Then get yourselves and

your cholesterol into a meeting and

start fixing it.

First thing. you get a Bic lighter

and torch this "in-the-grasp" rule. If

this isn't the wimpiest. dorkiest rule

then thats Ted Koppelis real hair.

Talk about a slap in the face to the

paying fans not to mention to the

sport Herels Philadelphia quarter-

back Randall Cunningham. hopping

like a corn kernel on a hot griddle.

juking this way. spinning that. This

guy could dance between raindrops.

The crowd is going wild. Receivers

are twisting themselves into pretzels

trying to get free. Linebackers are

closing in, Beers are about to be

spilledt and . H

t some 280-pound duffel bag.

sprawled breathless across the car-

pet. unties one of Cunninghamis

shoelaces as he sails by and rweeel!

End of play.

This is like stopping Wolfgang

Puck right after the appetizer. Or

l,M. Pei after the hrst hoor. Or Mi-

chael Jordan in the middle of a

tongue-out. rock-behind-his-neck.

do - you - read - me - mission - control

jam. Tweer/ Sorry. you jumped much

too high. You're going to get hurt.

Clipperslbu/l.

Don't talk to me about injuries.

Quarterback injuries have increased

this season over last. Besides. quar-

terbacks stand a far greater chance of

getting injured when theylre releas-

ing the ball. leaving themselves wide

open. than when theyire trying to

slide out of somebodyis mitts. Look.

the game is played by 22 violent men.

not 21 men and Mr. Peepers.

And while the pencils are sharp:

Who says the ground canit cause a

fumble? Why not? It just did. didnit

it"? If a guy gets the DNA knocked

out of him and he hits the ground and the ball pops loose, then it was the hit that caused the fumble. right? A hellacious hit followed by a helmet rolling in one direction and the ball the other is the way the game is supposed to be isn't it? What are you trying to turn this into. study hall?

Also. there's nothing less satisfying or more antiseptic than one of those he-broke-the-plane-of-the-goal-line touchdowns. Yecccch! Like kissing through a window screen.

Great job, Bronko. You broke the hell out of Illa! plane! If breaking the plane of the goal line is a TD. why isn't a receiver catching the ball in the air in the end zone but landing out of bounds a touchdown? He broke the plane. no? Look at the word again: It is touch-down.

As for parity. sure. 15 teams were in the running for the playoffs until the final week this season. but there is a general lack of excellence. It is OK. to keep the draft the same. winners chasing after losers. but why double the penalty by making their schedules harder than the losers'? Schedule randomly and give dynasties a chance to develop That's what mer

ories are made of  
And give Cincinnati coach Sam Wyche a break. Here he came with something different the huddle-anytime offense and people cheated (the Seahawks faking injuries) and complained (Buffalo coach Marv Levy) to get the league to stop him. Wyche was doing squat illegal. What he did made the game interesting. injecting a virus into all the NFL mainframe defensive coordinators with their six substitutions on every play. Wouldn't it be great if Wyche could teach coaches to draft guys who can play more than one down a row? Anybody remember 11-man football? I still want a 38-man roster and a limit on substitutions so that fans especially the kids can actually get to know something about some players. like their names 11! Dad, can we get Killer Davis's (1111 graph? He's really cool on second and third or longer or on obvious passing situations not otherwise achieved by 1/18 dime.

And one last thing: I can handle the Miller Lite NFL Lineman of the Year and even the Tums Neutralizer of the Year. but until they teach the Clydesdales to squib. there's no such thing as a Budweiser kick out. Whenever there's a sack in Denver. the 1 dio color man says. "That big hair is brought to you by the Big Tc Box. with 17 convenient locations. Here's hoping that by this time next season. when we hear some 5 per Bowl winner say. "I'm going

Disney World? the game will beji  
a little less Mickey Mouse  
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Johnny Bailey 5'9", 180, Junior

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College Division I

Barry Sanders 5'8": 195, Junior,

Oklahoma State University

Division M

No matter what tailback Johnny Bailey accomplishes next year as a senior, his place in the record book is secure. With 5,051 yards in his first three seasons, Bailey already owns the NCAA Division II career rushing records. A three-time All-American, he has captured the Division II rushing title three straight times. It's no exaggeration to say that junior tailback Barry Sanders had the finest season in the history of major college football. Rushing his way to more than two dozen NCAA records, Sanders was simply unstoppable. His 2,628 rushing yards and 39 touchdowns - he personally averaged 21.29 points per game - are the best ever.

Terry Underwood 5'8": 193, Senior

Wagner College

College Division II

Mike Barber 5'11": 175, Senior,

Marshall University

Division I-AA

.After leading all I-AA pass receivers in receptions as a junior, Mike Barber had his work cut out for him in 1988. Of course, he was up to the challenge. This two-time All-American became the all-time leading pass catcher in Southern Conference history while averaging 102 receiving yards per game as a senior. '

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The first time tailback Terry Underwood touched the football as a freshman, he scampered for a 67-yard touchdown. In his final collegiate carry as a senior, he sprinted for a 62-yard touchdown. In between those two carries, Underwood left his mark as the finest runningback in NCAA Division III history, breaking virtually every per-game running record.

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