

**No Stopping Me Now!**

Reynolds' Linwood Oliver appears to be possessed as he rises above a Greensboro Smith defender for two (photo by James Parker).

**Norfolk edges Union** From Page B2

Augustine's won both the teams' head-to-head meetings, steps outside the conference wars briefly to take on MEAC archrival North Carolina A&T Wednesday night in Greensboro.

The Rams dropped a 78-60 decision to the Aggies in Memorial Coliseum in January and will have their work

cut out for them in A&T's Corbett Arena, which some opponents have likened to a torture chamber with bleachers.

WSSU closes the season with home games against Fayetteville State Thursday and Shaw Saturday.

**Ralph Sampson's challenge** From Page B4

only one of 12 guys and I want to do the best I can for the team."...

With a beer and a tar-stained baseball bat next to him, former New York Yankees Manager **Billy Martin** told about 200 people at the Nebraska Agricultural Exposition in Omaha that he probably would not be a manager in 1984. He cited health reasons but would not elaborate.

"I've just come out of the hospital, where I've had a couple of operations," he said. "But if I do come back, it'll have to be lucrative. If they can pay a ballplayer \$750,000 a year, they can sure as hell pay me a million."

Martin went on to credit his success to aggressiveness and intimidation.

"I make the other manager play my game," he said. "I go against the rules. Throw one suicide against him, and he'll pitch out 15 times, then you've got his pitcher in the hole. Throw a double steal at him and intimidate him, and he'll be pitching out all the time."

"When you're wrong, take the blame. When you're right, the owner will take the credit, so don't worry about it."...

Chicago White Sox officials are optimistic that they will reach a contract agreement with three-time Cy Young Award winner **Tom Seaver** before the start of spring training. White Sox President Eddie Einhorn and team chairman Jerry Reinsdorf met with Seaver for two hours in New York recently and more talks were expected. Both

described the meeting with Seaver as "amicable."

"We're not interested in trading him," Reinsdorf said. "What happened was, when we saw that his name was not on the protected list, we were worried there was a (physical) reason."

"We didn't have super first-hand reports. What we did was call a few clubs and asked if we select him in the compensation draft, would they be interested in trading for him. We got pretty good reactions from other clubs. That told us the guy could still pitch. Once we made the selection, we never talked to anyone about him."...

The owner of the Chicago Blitz says there is an even chance that Chicago Bears running back **Walter Payton** will sign a three-year contract worth an estimated \$6 million to play for the USFL team.

"I'd say it's 50-50 Walter will sign with us," said **James Hoffman**, a Milwaukee cardiologist who owns the Blitz. "I talked to Walter just after the Super Bowl, and he told me he wanted to wait until after the Pro Bowl is over."

"I know the Bears didn't have a proposal on the table at the time."

Hoffman added that he thought the Bears had delayed making an offer to Payton, the third-leading running back in NFL history, because they were "playing games."...

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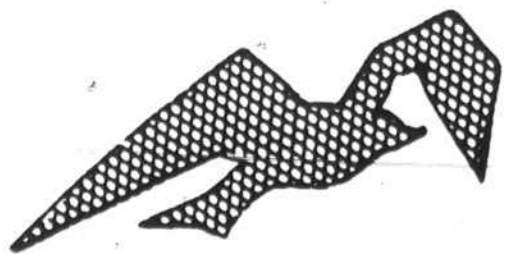
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