

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Minor league

NORTHERN LEAGUE			
East Division			
	W	L	Pct.
St. Paul	4	4	.500
Duluth-Superior	4	4	.500
Thunder Bay	3	7	.300

West Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Winnipeg	7	2	.700
St. Paul	6	3	.667
St. Paul	4	4	.500
St. Paul	3	7	.300

Professional

NASCAR LEADERS

Through Sunday

Winston Cup points

Jeff Gordon

Dale Earnhardt

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Philadelphia of Baltimore, 6:30

Houston vs. New York Jets at

Jackson, Miss., 7 p.m.

St. Diego of Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Atlanta of Seattle, 9 p.m.

GOLF

Professional

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday's first-round results

International group, Steve El-

Kington, Australia, def. Vilay Singh,

Philippines, 7-6; David Frost, South Af-

rica, def. Ernie Els, South Africa, 10-

Nick Price, Zimbabwe, def. Michael

Campbell, New Zealand, 4-and-2;

Greg Norman, Australia, def. Craig

Parry, Australia, 1-up.

PGA LEADERS

Through Sunday

Prize money — 1. Mark O'Meara,

\$1,171,214; 2. Phil Mick-

elson, \$1,105,419; 3. Tom Lehman,

\$1,044,771; 4. Greg Norman,

\$916,005; 5. Mark Brooks,

\$860,577; 6. David Frost, 2-180,

Nick Price, \$795,369; 10. Greg Nor-

man, \$770,911. Other state golfers: 95,

\$15,906; 100, Don For-

man, \$147,181.

Top-three finishes (1st-2nd-3rd)

1. Mark O'Meara (2-23), Scott Hoch

(3-11); 2. Phil Mickelson (3-11); 3. 4.

Steve Stricker (2-0-2), Tom Lehman

(1-2-1); David Duval (3-11); 4. 7. Mark

Brooks (2-1-0), Jeff Maggert, 70-93.

Scoring average — 1. Ie, Mark

O'Meara and Corey Pavin, 69.49;

Fred Couples, 69.51; 4. Scott Hoch,

69.64; 5. Tom Watson, 69.68; 6. Tom

Lehman, 69.72; 7. Ernie Els, 69.73; 8.

Davis Love III, 69.75; 9. Nick Faldo,

69.80; 10. Brad Faxon, 69.85.

Driving distance (yards) — 1. John

Daly, 286.5; 2. John Adams, 284.0; 3.

Tim Herron, 283.6; 4. Davis Love III,

283.5; 5. Fred Couples, 282.7; 6. Steve

Stricker, 282.3; 7. Steve Jones, 277.8;

Kelly Gibson, 279.5; 8. Ie, Chris Smith

and Carl Paulson, 279.4.

Driving accuracy — 1. Nick Faldo,

79.5%; 2. Fred Couples, 79.0%; 3. Tom

Lehman, 77.8%; 4. David Edwards,

77.3%; 5. John Morse, 76.8%; 6. Len-

nie Clements, 76.7%; 7. Nick Price,

76.6%; 8. Curtis Strange, 76.4%; 9.

Olin Browne, 76.0%; 1. Tied With

Loren Roberts, 75.9%.

Greens in regulation — 1. Mark

O'Meara, 73.3%; 2. Fred Couples,

73.2%; 3. Rocco Mediate, 71.2%; 4.

Tom Lehman, 70.9%; 5. David Edwards,

70.6%; 6. Jesper Parnevik, 70.3%; 7.

Mark Calcuttash and David

Duval, 70.1%; 9. Bob Towey, 70.0%; 10.

John Cook, 69.5%.

Putting per green — 1. Brad Faxon,

17.1%; 2. Nick Faldo, 17.2%; 3. Mark

O'Meara, 17.2%; 4. Kirk Triplett, 17.2;

5. Payne Stewart, 17.4%; 6. Steve

Stricker, 17.4%; 7. John Wilson, 17.5;

8. John Huston, 17.5; 9. Fred Couples,

17.5; 10. Greg Kretz, 17.55.

Birdies — 1. Mark O'Meara, 4.39;

2. Fred Couples, 4.31; 3. Nick Fal-

do, 4.03; 4. John Huston, 3.98; 5. Brad

Faxon, 3.95; 6. David Duval, 3.92; 7.

Larry Nelson, 3.88; 8. Davis Love III,

3.84; 9. Tommy Tomlin, 3.83; 10. Jeff

Maggert, 3.81.

Eagles — 1. Tom Watson, 75.4; 2.

Vilay Singh, 111.3; 3. Fred Couples,

117.4; 4. Nick Price, 123.5; 5. Ie, Chris

Smith and Carl Paulson, 124.0; 7. Ie,

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Curt Byrum and Carl Paulson, 126.0;

9. Omar Uresti, 127.8; 10. John Wilson,

128.0.

Sand saves — 1. Gory Rusnak,

69.0%; 2. Glen Day, 65.8%; 3. Justin

Leonard, 64.9%; 4. Jeff Sum-

ner, 63.2%; 5. Ernie Els, 62.0%; 6. Wayne

Grady, 61.4%; 7. Corey Pavin, 61.2%;

8. Ie, John Wilson and Javier Par-

nevik, 60.7%; 10. Tommy Tolles, 60.4%.

A-round — 1. Fred Couples, 1.68;

2. Mark O'Meara, 2.3; 3. Nick Faldo,

2.57; 4. Davis Love III, 2.61; 5. David

Duval, 3.04; 6. Tom Watson, 3.07;

Nick Price, 3.21; 8. Mark Calcuttash,

3.36; 9. Larry Nelson, 3.38; 10. Scott

Hoch, 3.41.

LPGA LEADERS

Through Sunday

Prize money — 1. Karrie Webb

\$316,532; 2. Annika Sorenstam

\$309,119; 3. Liselotte Neumann

\$480,578; 4. Laura Davies \$474,491; 5.

Kelli Robinson \$440,978; 6. Dottie Pe-

pper \$407,142; 7. Meg Mallon \$399,196;

8. Michelle McGowan \$348,609; 9. Val

Skinner \$330,344; 10. Patty Sheehan

\$372,490. State golfers — 4. Mark

Nusse \$91,477; 47. Steacie Farwig

\$90,520.

Scoring average — 1. Annika

Sorenstam, 70.44; 2. Liselotte Neu-

mann, 70.69; 3. Laura Davies, 70.87;

Meg Mallon, 70.92; 4. Karrie Webb,

71.23; 5. Ernie Els, 71.23; 6. Brandie Burton, 71.37; 7. Kelly

Robbins, 71.4; 8. Tracy Hanson,

71.54; 9. Michelle McGowan, 71.56; 10.

Pat Bradley, 71.58.

Eagles — 1. Ie, Laura Davies and

Kelly Robinson, 6.0; 2. Ie, Vicki Fergon,

Tracy Hanson and Cindy Schreyer, 5.

Birdies — 1. Michelle McGowan, 3.25;

2. Brandie Burton, 3.16; 3. Liselotte

Neumann, 3.14; 4. Val Skinner, 3.13; 5.

Kelli Robinson, 3.08; 6. Jane Geddes,

1.96; 7. Tracy Hanson, 1.88; 8. Ie, Deb

Richard and Karrie Webb, 1.85; 10.

Kris Schaefer, 1.81.

Putting per green — 1. Annika

Sorenstam, 81.2; 2. Ralee Jones, 80.9;

Marta Figuera-Dotti, 77.3; 4. Tracy

Kerzky, 77.0; 5. Ernie Els, 76.8; 6. Amy

Fruhvirtz, 76.8; 7. Jody An-

schuetz, 76.5; 8. Pat Bradley, 76.1; 9. Col-

leen Walker, 77.7; 10. Lela Lindley,

77.9.

Greens in regulation — 1. Annika

Sorenstam, 74.0; 2. Kelly Robbins,

72.8; 3. Marianne Morris, 72.8; 4. Kar-

rie Webb, 70.6; 5. Meg Mallon, 70.8;

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Dot Richardson (1) cracked a two-run home run Tuesday to carry the U.S. softball team to the gold medal.

U.S. runs golden basepath

Americans beat China for title

The '96 GAMES
ATLANTA



By Joe Macenka
Associated Press
COLUMBUS, Ga. — The road to Olympic gold was supposed to be easy. Instead, it was filled with potholes and detours, which just made the final result all the more gratifying.

"There's that saying that nothing's ever worth having that isn't worth working for," Lisa Fernandez said Tuesday night, relishing the U.S. women softball

team's 3-1 victory over China in the championship game. "This definitely made it sweeter. We struggled."

Dot Richardson, the team's short-

stop and emotional leader, went 2-for-3 and hit a home run as the United States broke out of its scoring drought. Sheila Cornell, already twice a hero against China, hit a deep drive that scored another run in a third-inning outburst as the Americans capped their long journey to the title.

"It's sweet when you have to get down and reach deep inside and give it everything you have," Richardson said. "And then you can say you did it."

The Chinese, who beat Australia, 4-2, in the afternoon to qualify for the gold medal game, took the silver. Australia won the bronze.

The players carried small U.S. flags around the perimeter of the park as an

overflow crowd of 8,750 stood and cheered. Many of the Chinese players left the field in tears. Michele Granger, the Americans' starting pitcher, hugged several Chinese players.

"Everybody can feel the loss for a team like China," Granger said.

The Americans compiled a 118-2 record along the way to the gold, an eye-catching accomplishment that made them overwhelming favorites coming into the first Olympic softball

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- U.S. women's volleyball ousted/4B
- U.S.'s Wells wins with late punch/4B

Norman makes it interesting

He wins despite Frost's late surge

By Rob Hernandez
Sports reporter

KOHLER — Greg Norman couldn't quantify his seemingly insurmountable lead using traditional stroke-play values. That's because the match-play format in place Tuesday on the River Course at Blackwolf Run underscored the significance of every hole and not necessarily every stroke.

After finally freeing himself from the pesky hold of David Frost and winning the International finals of the Anderson Consulting World Championship of Golf, Norman did qualify this win by saying he liked the gavel-to-gavel test from his fellow finalist, but wouldn't want to earn a weekly check this way.

He had the defending regional champion on the ropes with a 3-up lead with three holes to play, but Frost roared back to take the match the distance. He conceded a par putt on No. 18 to give Norman a 1-up win and the last of four berths in the World Championship finals Jan. 4-5 at Scottsdale, Ariz.

"It's a wonderful format and I enjoy it, but I wouldn't want to play it every week, every day of my life," said Norman, who will battle Scott Hoch of the United States, Sam Torrance of England and Hisayuki Sasaki of Japan with \$1 million awaiting the winner.

"I enjoyed the change. It was really an interesting mental struggle within yourself because it took me 36 holes to get adjusted to match play."

Once he did, there was no stopping him.

Norman birdied three holes on the front nine of his semifinal match against fellow Australian Steve Elkington and rolled,

4-and-3. Frost racked up seven birdies in the 15 holes it took to oust Nick Price, 5-and-3, but began the final bogey-bogey to spot Norman a 2-up lead.

"I didn't get off to the start I wanted to," said Frost, who wanted to match the eagle-birdie start he had in the semifinals. "But (Norman) is not the kind of guy that you want to spot two holes."

Not with his history for making mundane matters interesting.

Norman, who squandered a 6-shot cushion in the final round of the Masters and lost by 5 shots to Nick Faldo, refused to kick in the crick control against Frost. Norman took a 3-up lead after he curled in a delicate 5-foot birdie putt on No. 4, but stalled in the rough behind the fifth green and conceded the hole.

Three holes later, Norman ripped a 2-iron from 226 yards away to within 7 feet on the 521-yard par-5. He made the eagle putt much to the delight of the capacity crowd of 3,000.

"People enjoy the way I play because I play the way that I want to play," Norman said. "There's a bit of flare to the way I play and I think people enjoy seeing that flare."

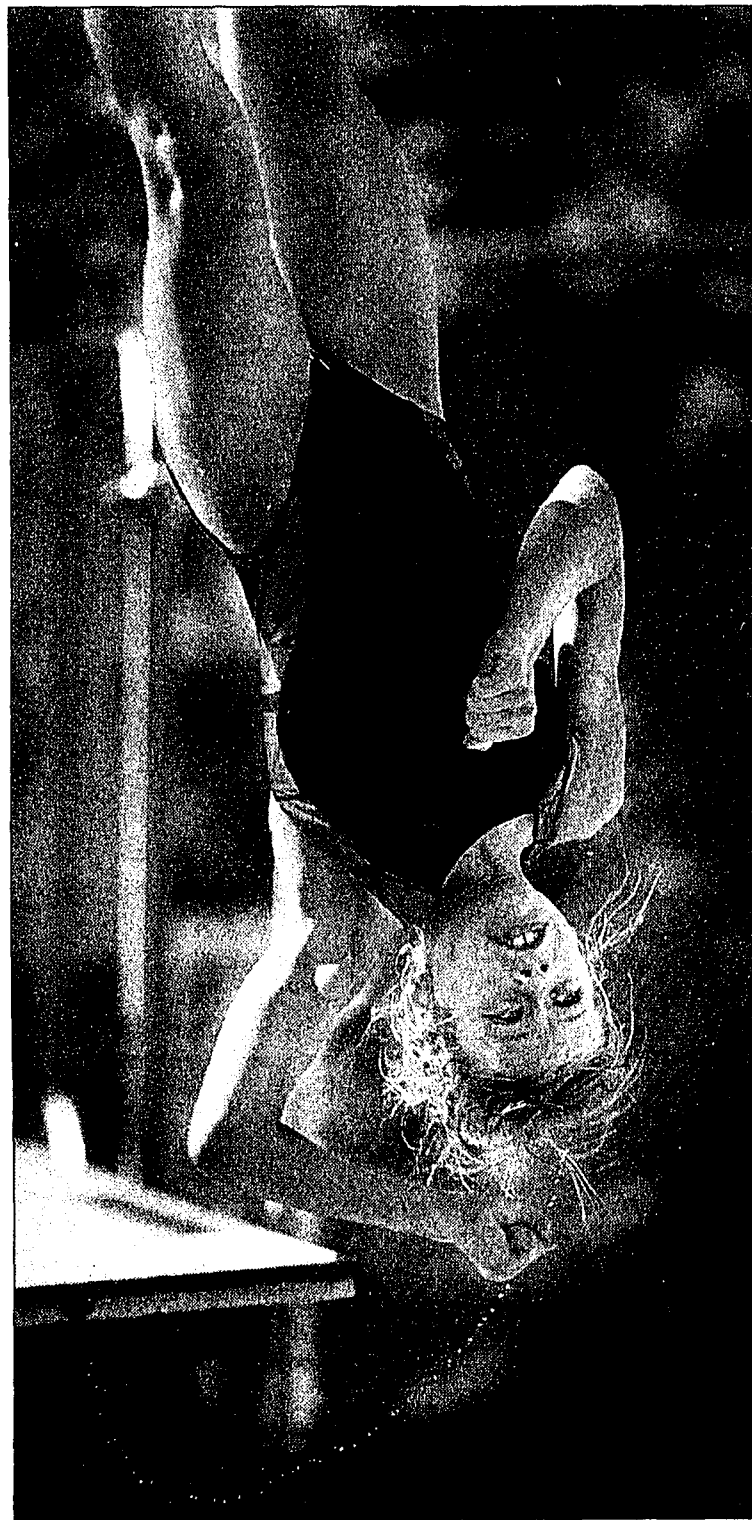
In true Norman fashion, though, that flare became a distress signal as Frost made a charge down the stretch.

After Frost took No. 16 with a birdie, Norman conceded a 4-foot putt and the hole on No. 17. The decision gave Frost a chance to tie on No. 18.

"Put it this way," Frost said, "if it was me putting I would've made him make the putt."

Didn't matter. Norman lagged a 45-foot putt on No. 18 close enough for Frost to concede the par. Frost's quest to extend the match ended when his 18-footer for birdie missed inches right.

Kingston flips over diving



Rebecca Kingston of the Parkcrest Swim Club took first place in the 1-meter dive in the 10-and-under division at the All-City Diving Meet Tuesday. Kingston also broke the all-city record. **Results in Scoreboard/5B**

Brewers rally to earn split

By Andrew Cohen
Sports reporter

MILWAUKEE — They were hardly the first two names that came to mind.

But when the Milwaukee Brewers needed a couple guys to bail them out of what was shaping up to be a miserable doubleheader Tuesday night, Tim VanEgmond and Jose Valentin were there with the life preservers.

VanEgmond notched his first win as a member of the Brewers and Valentin triggered a big sixth inning that carried Milwaukee past the Seattle Mariners, 4-3, in the second game of the twinbill before 18,591 fans at County Stadium.

Following a tough 6-5 loss in the opener, the tasty nightcap averted what could have been a disastrous night.

"The home run I hit in the first game was the one I hit in the second game felt a lot better because it led to a win," said Valentin, whose two-run home run began a rally that turned Milwaukee's 3-0 deficit into a 4-3 lead. "We had to win that game."

Valentin stroked a two-run blast off Seattle starter Bob Wolcott, Dave Nilsson followed with a 420-foot solo shot to center that tied the game and Jesse Lewis punched a two-out, run-scoring single up the middle to give Milwaukee its winning run.

VanEgmond (1-1) pitched 7 1/3 strong innings in his second straight quality start and got help from a Brewers bullpen which had been positively abysmal over the previous week.

Veteran reliever Doug Jones, called up Monday from Class AAA New Orleans, helped VanEgmond in the eighth by striking out Paul Sorrento — with the bases loaded and two outs — on a full-count changeup.

Mike Fetters worked a scoreless ninth as Milwaukee (52-54) got a stunning 6 2/3 shutout innings from its bullpen on the night.

"That was great to see," VanEgmond said. "This is the scrappiest team I've been on. You could see it in everyone's eyes that we were burning to win after what happened in that first game."

Ken Griffey Jr. put on an awe-

Please see **BREWERS**, Page 2B

		First game				
SEATTLE		MILWAUKEE				
		ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi	
Corra 2b		3	2 0	Lisbach cf	5	0 1 0
A. Rodriguez ss		4	1 1 0	Vina 2b	5	1 2 0
Griffey Jr. cf		4	1 3 2	Sorrento 1b	5	0 0 0
Burner rf		5	0 2 2	Nilsson rf	4	0 1 1
Sorrento 1b		5	0 0 0	Hulse rf	0	0 0 0
D. Wilson c		2	1 0 0	G. Vaughn lf	3	2 2 2
Stronge dh		5	0 2 1	Jaha dh	4	0 0 0
B.R. Hunter lf		4	0 0 0	J. Valentin ss	4	2 0 0
Monta 3b		4	0 1 0	Cirillo 3b	4	0 0 0
				Matherny c	3	1 0 1
				Levis ph	1	0 0 0
Totals		36	6 4 13	Totals	38	5 5 5

Seattle 100 000 — 3
Milwaukee 100 000 — 4
DP — Milwaukee 1, LOB — Seattle 12, Milwaukee 7, 2B — Corra (28), Burner (20), D. Wilson (19), Jaha (4), Griffey Jr. (22), G. Vaughn (2), J. Valentin (15), SB — Griffey Jr. (12), CS — Monta (1), S — Corra.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
W. H. W (11-3)	5	5	3	3	0	6
Corra	2	1	0	0	1	2
M. Charlton	1-3	2	1	1	0	2
M. Jackson	1	1	1	1	0	2
Ayala S (1)	2-3	2	0	0	0	1
Milwaukee						
Eldred L (1-1)	4	9	6	6	2	5
Sparks	3	3	0	0	3	2
Miranda	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Bones	1-3	0	0	0	1	1
Sparks pitched to one batter in the eighth.						
Corra pitched to one batter in the eighth.						
HBP — B. R. Hunter (by Bones). WP — M. Jackson, Eldred.						

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T — 3:29, Alt. — not available.

Seattle		Second game		MILWAUKEE			
ab	r	ab	r	ab	r		
Corra 2b	4	0	0	Vina 2b	4	0	0
A. Rodriguez ss	4	0	0	Griffey Jr. cf	4	1	2
Burner rf	4	1	1	Nilsson rf	4	1	2
M. Jackson c	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Ayala 5 (1)	2	3	2	0	0	0	0
Milwaukee	4	9	6	6	2	5	
Eldred L (1-1)	2	3	0	0	3	2	
Bones	2	3	0	0	0	1	
Alvarado	1	1	3	0	0	1	
Totals	33	3	7	Totals	34	4	8

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T — 3:29, Alt. — not available.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Wolfelt L (6-8)	5 1-3	6	4	3	1	4
T. Davis	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Carmona	2 1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Milwaukee						
VanErmond W (1-1)	7 1-3	5	3	3	1	4
Lloyd	0	0	0	0	1	0
D. Jones	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Feltner S (19)	1	1	0	0	0	1
Lloyd pitched to one batter in the eighth.						
T — 2:50. Att. — 18,591.						

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Corra pitched to one batter in the eighth.
HBP — B.R. Hunter (by Bones). WP — M. Jackson, Eldred.
T — 3:29, Alt. — not available.

- Vaughn trade talks cool/2B
- Sluggish Mitchell dealt to Reds/3B
- Blue Jays down Indians/3B

McMahon sidelined by knee problems

By Kent Youngblood
Sports reporter

GREEN BAY — For Doug Pederson, it will be an opportunity. For Kyle Wachholtz, it is a chance for a little more work.

But for Jim McMahon, it will be a waiting game.

McMahon, the Green Bay Packers' backup quarterback, will have arthroscopic surgery on his right knee today and will miss at least two weeks.

That news was delivered Tuesday morning by Packers coach Mike Holmgren after McMahon, 36, had missed the early practice session.

"Jim is having a little procedure on his knee (today)," Holmgren said. "He'll have a little surgery and I trust it won't be anything serious. I hope we'll get him back in a couple weeks."

The surgery will repair some torn cartilage in the knee. Holmgren said the knee had been bothering McMahon, a 15-year NFL veteran, for some time.

"It bothers him and he couldn't function very well without the surgery," Holmgren said. "That's why we're doing it. And this way we do it now, bang, and it will be fine for the rest of the season."

When he actually injured the knee is unclear — McMahon declined a request for an interview — but it appears the pain in the knee had been getting gradually worse during training camp.

"He's old," Holmgren said. "And he did a little something there, tweaked his knee. And I'm

not sure he even knows when exactly it happened. And I suppose we could take the chance of letting it quiet down, but it probably would have been a recurring thing. So we just decided, let's do it now and get it done."

McMahon could use the work to get rid of some rust. He took just two NFL snaps last season, played in just two games in 1994 and started just 24 games from 1990-93.

But his misfortune is Pederson's good luck. Pederson and Wachholtz are locked in a battle for the No. 3 quarterback position.

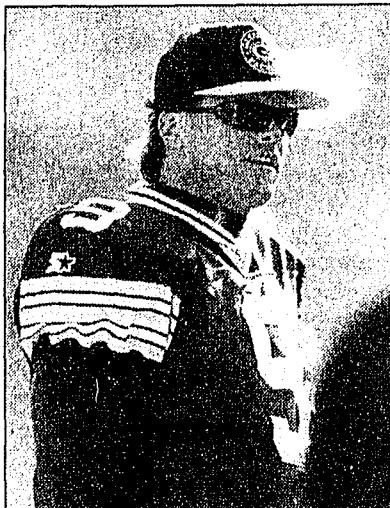
Wachholtz, a rookie, will be afforded more snaps during practice, as will Pederson. But Friday, in the Packers' preseason opener against New England (7 p.m., Ch. 3), Pederson could play as many as three quarters. Holmgren said Pederson will replace starter Brett Favre after as little as one quarter and play the rest of the game.

"He is going to get more snaps Friday than we had planned," Holmgren said. "I think it's a great opportunity for Doug. Now all the time I was going to give Jim he'll get. So we'll see what he does with it."

Pederson sees it as a prime opportunity, too.

"It's unfortunate for Jim," Pederson said. "But it's my chance to show the coaches I can play and that I'm worthy of the third spot."

If there is any question about McMahon's health, it is likely the Packers would opt for Pederson's experience over Wachholtz's raw



Packers backup quarterback Jim McMahon is expected to miss at least two weeks because of knee surgery.

potential when making their final roster decisions.

Pederson, in his fourth season, spent 1992 on Miami's practice squad, but he did see action in seven games in 1993 when injuries decimated the Dolphins' quarterbacks corps.

He was signed by the Packers Nov. 21 and has spent almost all his time since then trying to learn the Packers' complex offense.

It hasn't been easy. Pederson spent much of the off-season — including the entire month of April — working with Packers quarterbacks coach Marty Mornhinweg trying to get it down.

"I know the plays," Pederson said. "And I know the progressions. But the game is a totally different thing altogether. It's just a matter of cutting down my mistakes and playing the way I know I can."

■ Evans works to improve hands/5B

The center of attention

Redskins count on Raymer to take Gesek's place

By Joseph White
Associated Press

FROSTBURG, Md. — With a self-effacing laugh, Cory Raymer called himself an idiot and admitted he isn't ready to be the starting center for the Washington Redskins. He'd better be soon, because John Gesek looks like someone who's about to announce his retirement.

"It gets frustrating after a while, when you keep making the little stupid mistakes," Raymer said after Tuesday morning's practice. "It's not only screwing you up, it's screwing the other guys up."

Raymer, a second-year player from the University of Wisconsin, shook his head and wore his best smile during his fit of self-deprecation, while Gesek, a 10-year veteran, kept his neck still and didn't even bother wearing his jersey number as he solemnly walked off after watching Raymer and the other linemen go through drills.

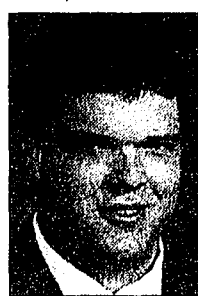
"He wishes he was in there," said Raymer, a Fond du Lac native. "So he kind of plays his center position through me. He's a heck of a teacher and a heck of a coach. He is dealing with something of an idiot in me and it wasn't until yesterday I realized that denial was the first stage in idiocy."

Gesek has been reduced to the role of ad-hoc coach for more than a week, unable to practice because of two bulging disks that cause numbness in his neck and down his right arm. He had the same in-

jury most of last year, but somehow managed to start every game.

Gesek, 33, hoped the problem would go away with an off-season of rest and even took a 50 percent pay cut to come back for a final year. But it only took two days of contact at camp for the numbness to return and he says it's worse than ever before.

"It was just running into people after two practices and using my head," Gesek said. "It was the kind



Raymer

of thing that I hoped would get better with a couple of days rest.

"I'm concerned. Anytime you're dealing with an injury that you've had before that's coming to

haunt you again, I think you have to pay it some respect. I probably won't be back on the field anytime soon — and who knows?"

The Redskins are starting to plan on Gesek's retirement. The team is already checking the waiver wire for a backup center and offensive line coach Jim Hanifan is working on Raymer.

"Let's put it this way: He better ... be ready in about three or four weeks," Hanifan said of Raymer. "I'd agree with his assessment as of right now, but four weeks from now, we expect him to be ready."

Raymer's problem is the mental aspect of the game. Other than quarterback, center is probably the most cerebral position on a football team. Every play, he must make a quick survey of the defense at the line of scrimmage and call out the assignments that set complex blocking schemes in motion.

For a second-year player who missed almost all of training camp and more than half the regular season last year with a broken ankle, it can be very overwhelming.

"Cory's always had the physicals, but now I think it's become more of a reality that it's probably going to be him, the pressure's on," said left guard Tre Johnson, who lines up next to Raymer. "Before, maybe if he missed a snap on the second team, it wouldn't have been as noticed."

"He's bright, but it's experience. Cory can go in there and write up every play on the wall — everybody can — but when live bodies are moving around, it's a whole different story."

Raymer has until Sept. 1, the season opener against Philadelphia, to get it all down pat.

"I want to be ready," Raymer said. "I'm pushing for it; I'm pushing myself, but every once in a while I'll just pull a good old brain lapse and do something wrong."

■ Rams sign running back Phillips/5B

OLYMPIC SCOREBOARD

Tuesday's medalists

CYCLING	
Mountain bike	
Men	
Gold	Bart J. Brantjes, Netherlands
Silver	Thomas Frischknecht, Switzerland
Bronze	Miguel Martinez, France
Women	
Gold	Paola Pizzo, Italy
Silver	Alison Sydor, Canada
Bronze	Susan Dettmer, Germany

MODERN PENTATHLON	
Gold	Alexander Parygin, Kazakhstan
Silver	Edward Zaykov, Russia
Bronze	Janos Martinek, Hungary

SOFTBALL	
Gold	United States
Silver	China
Bronze	Australia

TABLE TENNIS	
Men	
Gold	Chen Longhui and Liu Guoliang, China
Silver	Lu Lin and Wang Tao, China
Bronze	Lee Chul-seung and Yoo Nam-kyu, South Korea

WEIGHTLIFTING	
Gold	Andrey Chmerkin, Russia
Silver	Romy Weller, Germany
Bronze	Stefan Batov, Australia

YACHTING	
Gold	Fernando Leon and Jose Luis Ballester, Spain
Silver	Mitch Booth and Andrew Lendenberger, Australia
Bronze	Lars Grael and Kiko Pellicani, Brazil

Baseball	
United States 12, Netherlands 1	
Japan 12, Italy 1	

Basketball	
Men	
Quarterfinals	
Lithuania 99, Brazil 66	
Yugoslavia 128, China 61	
Australia 73, Croatia 71	
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Classification	
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Puerto Rico 76, Angola 67	

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Field hockey	
Women	
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South Korea 1, Germany 0	
United States 2, Spain 0	

Volleyball	
Women	
China 3, Germany 0 (15-12, 15-8)	
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Cuba City 3, United States 0 (15-11, 15-10, 15-12)	
Brazil 3, South Korea 0 (15-4, 15-2, 15-10)	

Softball	
Bronze medal — China 4, Australia 2	
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NFL NOTES

Phillips' deal has safety net

Associated Press

Troubled running back Lawrence Phillips signed a unique three-year, pay-as-you-play contract with the St. Louis Rams Tuesday and immediately began the task of making up for 16 missed days of training camp.

"I feel pretty good," Phillips said. "A lot of stuff I remembered and a lot of stuff I didn't. I have a ways to go, but I did retain some of the things I learned in minicamp."

Wearing No. 21, Phillips huddled with offensive coordinator Johnny Roland for several minutes before his first workout in Macomb, Ill. He appeared to be in good shape, although no doubt he was a little bit confused.

The Rams tried to help him, meeting with him for 90 minutes before practice. They'll also meet with him every night and coach Rich Brooks said Phillips will probably see some action in Saturday's preseason game at Pittsburgh.

Phillips' holdout wasn't about money. Because of his off-field problems, the Rams insisted that Phillips earn his pay and his \$5.625 million deal includes zero bonus money. The deal reflects the Rams' concern if he stumbles again.

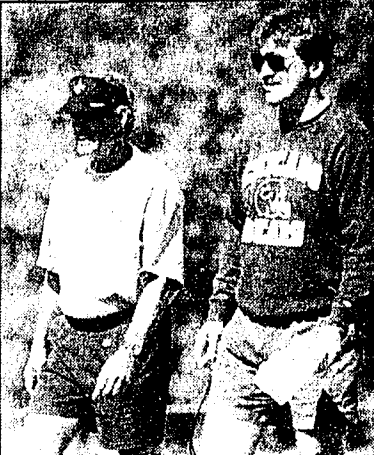
■ **Irvin to practice?** After Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer raised the possibility that Michael Irvin could join the team at training camp by the end of the week, owner Jerry Jones said it wasn't likely.

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■ **Jets take Galbreath:** Free agent Harry Galbreath, who



Saints coach Jim Mora, left, and Bears coach Dave Wannstedt watch their teams scrimmage at Metairie.

started every game for the past three seasons for the Green Bay Packers, signed with his second team of the preseason.

Galbreath signed a contract with the New York Jets, giving the AFC team a sorely needed veteran and injury insurance. Galbreath had been cut by Denver July 22, just a few days after signing with the Broncos.

■ **Extra points:** Chicago Bears quarterback Erik Kramer, who missed the first 10 days of camp with a pulled hamstring, might be held out of Saturday's preseason game at Carolina. Also, second-year cornerback Kenny Gales is expected to miss two weeks after breaking his left hand in Saturday's scrimmage. ... Running back Ricky Ervins, who played with San Francisco last season, signed a one-year deal with the Oakland Raiders. ... Third-year Philadelphia Eagles back quarterback Jay Fiedler was granted his release after asking coach Ray Rhodes to let him go. Fiedler, 24, did not play in Sunday's intrasquad scrimmage. Philadelphia has rookie Bobby Hoving of Ohio State pegged as the No. 3 quarterback. ... Pro Bowl cornerback Dale Carter's contract situation with Kansas City should be resolved soon. Chiefs president Carl Peterson said. Carter has not reported because of provisions in the three-year offer sheet he signed with the Minnesota Vikings July 12. Meanwhile, wide receiver Tamarik Vanover was back at practice, although he did not participate, after being carted off the field Monday on a stretcher with a neck injury. The neck was immobilized Tuesday. ... Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Floyd Turner underwent arthroscopic surgery last week on his left knee. The Ravens are hoping to have Turner for the season opener.

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