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The N.Y. Knicks finally released or fired "Red" Holtzman as coach and Eddie Donovan as general manager replacing them with former all-star Dave DeBusschere as general manager and former Atlanta coach Hubie Brown as the new coach. Donovan will remain in charge of player personnel and Red will be a consultant to the organization. "Don't laugh Willis Reed."

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The New York Yankees gave Reggie Jackson his release and tried to change to Billy Ball and away from their image or one of baseball's long ball teams. The experiment has not worked out. The Yankee record stands now at 12 wins and 16 losses. The California Angels with Reggie batting cleanup has a record of 20 wins and 12 losses. Would you trade a Mayberry for a Jackson?

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The California Supreme Court has given "Al" Davis, the majority owner of the Oakland Raiders, permission to move to Los Angeles. Pete Rozelle and his boys are threatening to appeal the case. "Al," as A.F.L. boss and as N.F.L. maverick, is still rocking the establish-

ment. I wonder who will move next now that the doors are open? Baltimore, K.C. Watch out!

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The world's greatest record holder in the hurdles, "Skeets" Neemi-ah, is now wearing a San Francisco 49er uniform. Wow! All that speed will really shake up the N.F.L. defensive backs. He is strong, swift and fast. Will it bring back memories of Bob "Bullet" Hayes? I wonder if Greg Foster will miss Skeets. Some say Skeets is taking a loss in pay to go professional. He's been running pro a long time. Who ever heard of Wes Santee?

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Sunday afternoon in the Eastern Conference finals of the N.B.A. Boston beat Philadelphia by 40 points. Philly was given a clinic by Boston, which could do not wrong. Everything Boston did was gold. But in sports every dog has its day and tonight it was Philly's turn to win. The score—121-113.

Philly wanted a split in Boston and going home with the series even looks pretty good for the '76ers. How is your hand Lionel? We pick Philly in 7 (smile).

Motorcycle fans compare Goss to immortal Perry

Three decades ago when stock car racing was in its infancy in the Deep South, a man built a reputation racing on the dirt bull rings. His name was Lee Petty, and though he was not as flashy as some other drivers of that era, Petty was always steady and always managed to finish - usually near the front.

He earned a nickname, "Mr. Consistency".

On the Winston Pro motorcycle series there is a rider who bears some similarity in style with Lee Petty.

His name is Radny Goss. And Goss is the two-wheeled "Mr. Consistency".

Though he only won one race in 1980 he scored points in 19 of the 20 dirt track races and won the closest Winston Pro points race in history, edging Hank Scott by one point in the season's final race.

In 1981 he lived up to his nickname. He only won one race but he scored in 16 of 20 dirt track races.

"I don't think of myself as conservative," he says. "I ride



Randy Goss has earned the title of "Mr. Consistency" on the Winston Pro motorcycle series and he hopes to continue that role in 1982 in his bid to win the championship for a second time.

every lap as hard as I can. Some guys say they try to hold back something, but I think they're only fooling themselves. I ride every lap like it's the last one.

"About winning. I don't know why I don't have more victories, but I guess the championship is the most important victory you can have. And that is what I'm aiming for."

Little Leaguers need support

Every day a former little leaguer gets a hit in the big leagues, in Seattle, Kansas City, Los Angeles or the Beavers. These players are a long way from the local city park but that is where it all started. It starts all over every spring and the Portland area is no exception.

15,000 little leaguers, boys and girls, have taken to the fields in the Portland metropolitan area. There are 40 leagues that offer baseball, and softball for kids from 6 years to 18. This has come a long way from the beginning of Little League which was started 30 years ago for

boys to play baseball from age 9 to 12. The program now includes T-ball for the 6-year-olds to Big League for both baseball and softball players through 18 years.

This weekend will be the second opening weekend for the league in Oregon and the city parks, school grounds and several private fields will be full of color and action. Games are played from 9 am to 4 pm each Saturday and each evening, beginning around 5:30. A special spot on Saturday is the field at the Alpenrose Dairy on S.W. Shattuck Road. Alpenrose Dairy has maintained an excellent facility that has

hosted every little league in the city for special games and tournaments and continues to be the site where Saturday is set aside specifically to keep this tradition alive. Five leagues in the S.W. area of Portland share the field during the week-nights.

Little League, the oldest youth sport organization in the country, is alive and well and even though the problems often make the headlines, these are outweighed by a mile by the positives experienced every day and every Saturday at the city park from April through August.

Sports editor Ron Sykes is absent from our pages this week due to the death of his mother.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Ron and his family.

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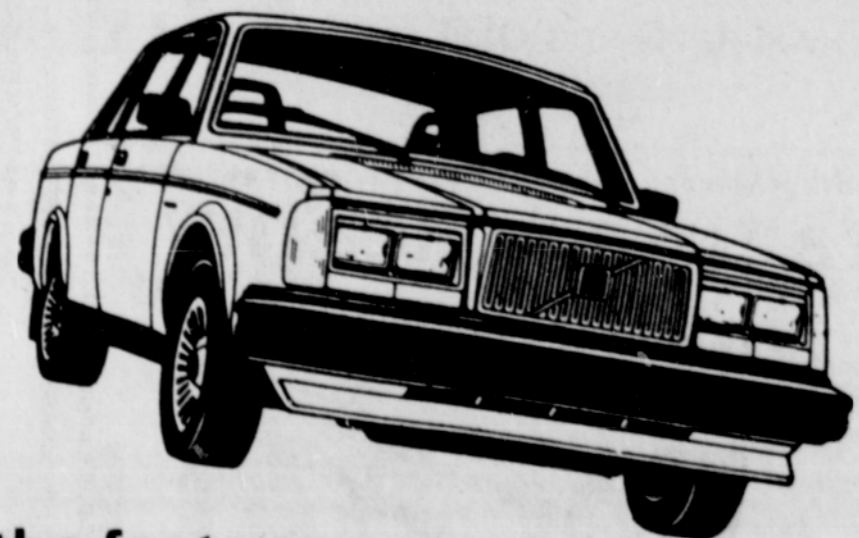
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