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NL UMPIRE ERIC GREGG REQUESTS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

National League umpire Eric Gregg Monday requested a temporary leave of absence, one week after fellow umpire John McSherry collapsed during a game and later died. According to a league release, Gregg asked N-L president Leonard Coleman for the leave to initiate a health and conditioning program to reduce and stabilize his weight. Gregg, who has had trouble with his weight during his 19-year career as an umpire, is listed at 325 pounds in the league media guide. "In light of recent events, I feel this is the right time to take a serious look at my weight and conditioning," Gregg said. "My goal is to be a major league umpire for many years to come and to accomplish that, I need to take a closer look at my overall health."

REDSKINS ACQUIRE SEAN GILBERT FROM RAMS

The Washington Redskins Monday added some needed punch to their defensive front by acquiring of Pro Bowl defensive lineman Sean Gilbert from the St. Louis Rams for the sixth overall pick in the upcoming draft. The 6-4, 305-pound Gilbert, who turns 26 this week, was in the last year of his current contract with the Rams. He was the third overall pick in the 1992 draft and went to the Pro Bowl in 1993 as a defensive tackle. Gilbert had six sacks last season when he played right defensive end and was named as a Pro Bowl alternate. The Redskins were desperately seeking help on the defensive line. Washington was ranked 29th against the run and lacked a consistent inside pass rush last season.

CARDINALS SIGN FREE AGENT QB BOOMER ESIASON

Veteran quarterback Boomer Esiason, who was left without a job when the New York Jets signed Neil O'Donnell, Monday signed a two-year contract with the Arizona Cardinals. After announcing the signing of Esiason, the Cardinals released veteran quarterback Dave Krieg. The Cardinals ranked 24th in the N-F-L in passing offense in 1995 with Krieg at the helm. Esiason, who turns 35 later this month, has played the last three seasons with the Jets. He completed 221-of-339 passes for 2,275 yards and 16 touchdowns with 15 interceptions in 1995. Esiason played nine seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals and was named to four Pro Bowls. He led the Bengals to the Super Bowl following the 1988 season and was named as N-F-L Most Valuable Player.

FRASCHILLA NAMED HEAD COACH OF ST. JOHN'S

St. John's University Monday ended its month-long search for a head basketball coach by hiring Fran Fraschilla of Manhattan College. Fraschilla replaces Brian Mahoney, who was fired on March 11th. Fraschilla guided Manhattan to a 17-12 record and an appearance in the National Invitation Tournament despite a nearly year-long suspension of his starting backcourt during the season. He has a mark of 85-35 in four seasons with the Jaspers, advancing to the postseason after each campaign. Fraschilla led Manhattan to a 26-5 record in 1994-95 and a first-round upset of Oklahoma in the N-C-A-A Tournament.

JOSE RIJO HAS KNEE SURGERY

Cincinnati Reds pitcher Jose Rijo underwent arthroscopic surgery Monday to remove minor scar tissue and a bone formation from his reconstructed right elbow. The procedure was performed by Doctor James Parkes in Birmingham, Alabama. Doctor Andrews performed the reconstructive surgery on Rijo's elbow last August. Rijo pitched for the Reds in spring training, but experienced soreness in the elbow. Rijo will be examined again in two-to-three weeks. The Reds then are expected to give a prognosis on when Rijo may be able to return.

FUHR, HULL AND CORSON RETURN TO LINEUP FOR BLUES

The St. Louis Blues got three of their top players — right wing Brett Hull, left wing Shayne Corson and goaltender Grant Fuhr — back in the lineup Monday night in a 2-2 tie with the Winnipeg Jets. The trio returned to action as the Blues moved into sole possession of fourth place in the Western Conference with 79 points — one ahead of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Hull missed the previous four games after suffering a pulled hamstring in a 4-4 tie with the New Jersey Devils on March 28th. Hull, who scored his 42nd and 43rd goals of the season Monday, is second on the team with 83 points.

FLEURY TO MISS AT LEAST TWO GAMES WITH INJURED EYE

The Calgary Flames will be without star right winger Theoren Fleury for the next two games due to an eye injury. Fleury suffered a freak injury to his left eye in the third period of Calgary's 4-3 loss Saturday to the Winnipeg Jets, the team Calgary is battling for the final playoff spot. The 27-year old winger was struck in the face by a puck while seated on the bench, and had to be taken to a local hospital. According to a team spokesperson, Fleury will be sidelined for at least the next two games and will then be re-evaluated on a game-to-game basis. The Flames were also without star left winger Gary Roberts for Monday night's game at Edmonton due to stiffness in his neck. Roberts is also questionable for tonight's game against Dallas.

SABRES' HASEK OUT FOR SEASON WITH SPRAINED KNEE

Buffalo Sabres All-Star goaltender Dominik Hasek will miss the remainder of the season with a grade two medial collateral ligament sprain in his left knee. The Sabres, who are out of playoff contention, announced that Hasek will sit out the final three games of the season, which concludes Sunday. The injury will not require surgery. The expected rehabilitation time for the injury is four-to-six weeks. An M-R-I examination taken Sunday revealed damage to the medial collateral ligament but no tear in the cartridge. The injury occurred in Saturday's 3-0 loss to the New York Islanders during a goalmouth pile-up in the third period.

PHOENIX NHL TEAM TO BE CALLED THE COYOTES

The new Phoenix franchise in the National Hockey League will be called the Coyotes. The group, headed by Jerry Colangelo, recently completed the purchase of the Winnipeg Jets and will move the team to the Phoenix area for the 1996-97 season. Phoenix Hockey Chief Operating Officer Shawn Hunter announced the team will be called the Coyotes at a news conference Monday night at the America West Arena. Phoenix had conducted a "Name the Team" contest, with the names Coyotes, Scorpions, Outlaws and Phreese the four finalists. The Colorado Avalanche went through a similar process in naming the club before it moved from Quebec to Denver.

1996 OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

Coca-Cola gives Oregonians opportunity to carry the Olympic flame. Mark Moore, 29, was one of 31 people from Oregon selected as Torchbearers for the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay through the Coca-Cola "Who Would You Choose?" program. This is the final group of Torchbearers to be named in Oregon.

Mark, a family advocate, counselor and football coach in Newport, was chosen by Nick Smud who won the chance to select a Torchbearer. A total of 2,500 torchbearers were chosen through Coca-Cola, which gave all Americans an opportunity to nominate someone special in their lives to carry the Olympic flame.

"I really think that Mr. Moore de-

serves this honor as a way of paying him back for all of the things he has done for me and others" said Nick. "He has been a great inspiration for me in turning my life around. Through his help, I am now attending school more and I am passing all of my classes."

"Coca-Cola is thrilled to share the Olympics with these special people," said Gary Meier, Division General Manager, Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Oregon. "Carrying the Olympic flame is a privilege and an honor, and we are proud that because of the 'Who Would You Choose?' program, everyday Oregonians had this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to select Torchbearers."

The 1996 Olympic Torch Relay

begins April 27 in Los Angeles and ends July 19 in Atlanta, where the Olympic flame will be used to light the cauldron for the Opening Ceremony of the Centennial Olympic Games. The Relay will last 84 days and will cover 15,000 miles, passing through 42 states and within a two-hour drive of 90 percent of the population. A total of 10,000 Torchbearer will participate -- in addition to the 2,500 selected through Coca-Cola, there will also be 7,500 Community Heroes, Olympians and friends of the Olympic family. Torchbearers will carry the flame for up to 1 kilometer.

The Relay will be in Oregon May 5 and 6.

KATZ TASK FORCE SAYS YES TO BASEBALL



A pro-sports task force formed in November by Mayor Vera Katz reported the Portland area can support a major league baseball team.

"This report provides the community with the kind of detailed information required to take any further steps on the difficult question the Mayor asked four months ago. Can Portland be a successful home for another professional sports franchise?" task force chairman Len Bergstein said.

The task force said that if the City Council decides to pursue MLB, the community would have to focus on

three key issues: team ownership, the siting and financing of a modern baseball stadium and community support for the type and level of public investment required.

"This represents a positive signal to proceed with our work to bring major league baseball to Portland," Katz said. "To do that, I will appoint a Portland Baseball Commission, as recommended by the task force."

CLYDE SPEAKS OUT AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

Houston Rockets star, Clyde Drexler is serving as spokesman for the NBA during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. A public service announcement and booklet featuring the former Trailblazer will be featured in the efforts.

The PSA, produced by NBA entertainment in conjunction with the National committee to Prevent Child Abuse, shows Drexler addressing a group of parent about the importance of building parenting skills. The spot debuted April 7 during the Chicago at Orlando game and will continue to air during games and NBA programming on NBC, TNT, TBS and CTV (Canada) through the 1996 playoffs.

Drexler is also featured on the cover of the booklet. "Building Your Parenting Skills" provides basic tips for parents on topics such as safety procedures, discipline and managing stress. A calendar activities for parents and children is also included. The booklet is free at Kids "R" Us stores.

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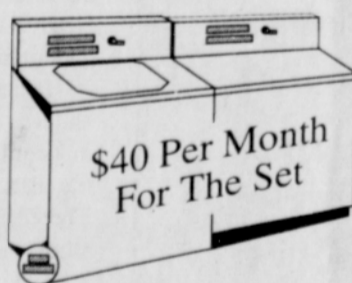
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