

### District Softball Action

**District Softball**  
**At Boone**  
 tonight  
 Scranton (24-1) vs. Ames (17-13), 7 p.m.  
 Cedar Valley (18-8) vs. Boone (25-4), 8:30  
**At Manilla**  
 tonight  
 Audubon (15-9) vs. Charter Oak-Ute (19-3), 7 p.m.  
 Manilla (16-10) vs. Wall Lake (20-6), 8:30  
 Semifinals Saturday at 8 p.m.  
 at Boone and Manilla  
 Championship Monday at  
 site to be determined

**At Huxley**  
 tonight  
 Perry (25-6) vs. Ballard (28-7), 7 p.m.  
 Ankeny (27-6) vs. Coon Rapids (14-12), 8:30  
**At Conrad**  
 BCL (26-4) vs. Nevada (15-16), 7 p.m.  
 Reinbeck (18-10) vs. West Marshall (28-3), 8:30  
 Semifinals Saturday at 8 p.m.  
 at Huxley and Boone  
 Championship Monday at  
 site to be determined

## Two U.S. swimmers set world records

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Americans are getting along swimmingly in the World University Games. Two swimmers from the United States were among four athletes who broke World University Games records Thursday.

"I hadn't expected times to be this fast," said Nort Thornton, head coach for the U.S. team, after watching Kris Kirchner of Solon, Ohio, and Jill Sterkel of Hacienda Heights, Calif., swim to victory in the men's and women's 100-meter freestyle events respectively.

Kirchner was clocked in 51.39 and Sterkel in 57.17, joining a Soviet and a Romanian in record-breaking performances.

Soviet swimmer Sergei Zabolotnov's time of 2:03.65 set a Games record in the men's 200-meter backstroke, while Romanian Carmen Bunaciu, a national hero here, clocked her fastest time this year, 2:13.20, in the women's 200-meter backstroke.

The Soviet men's 800-meter freestyle relay team took the preliminary competition and set the fifth Games record of the night at the open-air swimming pool with a time of 7:36.

The American swimmers combined with U.S. hurdlers to collect four gold medals overall Thursday. Meanwhile, Romanians dominated the gymnastics competition and Soviet pole vaulters outjumped two former world-record holders from France.

Two-time Olympic champion Nadia Comaneci of Romania won three of the four gold medals in women's apparatus events, sharing the vault title with Stela Zaharova of the Soviet Union and the

### Oaks to be on WGN


DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Sunday's game in Des Moines between the Iowa Oaks and the Wichita Aeros will be broadcast by Chicago television station WGN, spokesmen for the team said Thursday.

"It's just a one-game basis," said Oaks spokesman Bob Reynolds. "They (WGN)

will take it one game at a time."

Reynolds said the crew for the broadcast will be the same as used to televise Chicago Cub games, including announcers Jack Brickhouse and Milo Hamilton.

The game begins at 6 p.m. Sunday.



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## Georgia football star Walker is not concerned about pro ball

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Herschel Walker enjoys running without football pads and a ball under his arm.

In fact, the All-American running back from the University of Georgia isn't as concerned right now about a pro football career as he is about competing in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

"At this point, I don't think I'm ready for pro football," Walker said Thursday, moments after completing a workout in preparation for the track and field competition in the National Sports Festival.

"Everybody says college is your best years and I've only been in college for one year. I want to party on out before I go on to other things," he added with a wide grin.

Does that mean he plans to complete four years at Georgia, rather than leaving school early to try pro ball?

"I'll stay at Georgia," he noted playfully. "I just don't know how long."

One thing that could keep the 19-year-old sophomore-to-be in school until his senior year is the chance to participate in the Olympics.

"Winning a gold medal in the Olympics is like winning the Heisman Trophy in football," Walker said. "It's something I'd cherish for a long time. And, it's not so much like football, where you win as a team. It's a lot more of a one-on-one kind of competition."

Walker, who led Georgia to the mythical national football championship last fall and finished third in the Heisman voting, will run one leg of the 400-meter relay and may run the 100-meter dash in the festival's track and field competition, which begins Saturday and runs through Monday

night.

"Right now, I'm just thinking about track. Football is a little while off," he said.

"I started running track when I was 10. I didn't start playing football until I was about 12. And I still love to run — I really love it.

"I'd like to be known as one of the top runners in the world," the muscular youngster added. "Other people put pressure on me to perform in football, but I put a lot of pressure on myself in track because I want to be one of the best."

The 6-foot-3, 215-pounder expects football to be his meal ticket. But, he's well aware it does nothing to enhance his track performance.

Walker's best time in the 100-meter event is 10.19 seconds, which ranks him near the top rank of world class sprinters.

## National Festival chugged into high gear today in 24 events

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — The third edition of the National Sports Festival chugged into high gear today, with action underway in 24 of the 33 sports represented at this American extravaganza.

Among the events getting started today at a variety of sites in and around this upstate New York city were the swimming, basketball, baseball, wrestling, volleyball and gymnastics competitions.

The 2,500 athletes taking part in the six-day Festival were officially welcomed and the event declared open Thursday night in a colorful ceremony on the Syracuse University campus.

A near-capacity crowd at the Carrier Dome watched the athletes parade, team-by-team, to their seats on the floor of the huge arena, each of the groups dressed in different brightly-colored warm-up suits.

Actor Cliff Robertson, Syracuse Mayor Lee Alexander and John F.X. Mannion, chairman of the Syracuse Organizing Committee, were among those delivering speeches.

Mannion evoked the greatest response when he spoke of the morning in 1980 at Lake Placid, N.Y., when the town erupted in chants of "U.S.A., U.S.A." in celebration of the unexpected U.S. hockey team's gold medal victory. He said, "One moment of glory brought our nation together as never before."

Mannion added that the spirit persists in these Games.

The comments brought a chorus of the same chant from many of the athletes gathered here. Then, after a spectacular laser light show, which ended the ceremony, many of them rose to their feet and again cheered, "U.S.A., U.S.A."

Actually, the opening ceremony was upstaged somewhat by defending national and world champion figure skater Scott Hamilton, who took a big lead in an event that wasn't even scheduled to start until today.

Figure skating officials decided Wednesday night that their events had been scheduled too close together and that they weren't happy with the ice at the Onondaga War Memorial arena. They

abruptly decided to hold the men's compulsory figures a day early.

Hamilton took the lead in the skating by scoring seven ordinal points to 14 for second-place Mark Cockerell and 26 for Brian Boitano.

The only blot on an otherwise bright and festive day was the announcement by Festival track officials that Edwin Moses, the world-record holder in the 400 meters, had decided at the last minute not to return from Europe to compete here.

The track and field competition still looked impressive, however, with football All-American Herschel Walker set to run in a relay. American record holder Evelyn Ashford competing in the 100- and 400- and four-time Olympic gold medalist Al Oerter in the discus.

The track and field events start Saturday.

The Festival is a showcase of 33 winter and summer Olympic sports, held by the U.S. Olympic Committee to provide competition for American amateur athletes in non-Olympic years.

## Gilder takes lead in Busch Open

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Ben Crenshaw, being pressed for his assessment of the Kingsmill Golf Club course, was trying to avoid saying the wrong, critical thing.

"Is the golf course unfair?" he was asked.

"That's an unfair question," Crenshaw replied.

"Are some holes unfair?" the questioner persisted. And Crenshaw drew a deep breath before replying:

"Yes. In my opinion, some of the holes are unfair."

But he quickly added: "You shouldn't ask a player to criticize the golf course. That's not what we're here for. That's not our job."

And, generally speaking, the players did their best to refrain from outright criticism of the difficult, 6,822-yard layout that was being played in PGA Tour competition for the first time Thursday in the opening round

of the \$300,000 Anheuser-Busch Classic.

But, without exception, they seemed puzzled, uncertain, groping for words when they finished.

"You have to be very careful not to take too many chances."

"You play with a little bit of fear," said Bob Gilder, who birdied the last hole for a 3-under-par 68 that gave him the first-round lead.

"I don't know how to describe it," said veteran Bob Murphy. "Weird. That's a good word for it, weird."

"On the front nine in particular, you have to play defensive golf, and that's not our style. We usually play very offensive golf on the tour. But there are times... there was one time today I was standing there with a 6-iron in my hand and didn't dare shoot at the pin."


Crenshaw, with a birdie on his last hole, and Murphy, who used only 10 putts on the last nine holes — on two occasions he one-putted for bogey — were among the seven players tied for second at 69.

## Boys baseball pairings

BOONE, Iowa (AP) — The Iowa High School Athletic Association has released the following boys baseball substate pairings. All games are Friday night:

- Class 1-A**  
 Bancroft St. John at Remsen St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.  
 Elk Horn-Kimballton at Storm Lake St. Mary's, Memorial Field, 8 p.m.  
 Prescott vs. Keokuk Cardinal Stritch at Eddyville, 8 p.m.  
 New Hartford at Norway, 8 p.m.
- Class 4-A**  
 Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln at Sioux City Heelan, Headlin Park, 8 p.m.  
 Des Moines Roosevelt at West Des Moines Dowling, 8 p.m.  
 Burlington at Newton, 8 p.m.  
 Marshalltown at Waverly-Shell Rock, 6 p.m.  
 Cedar Rapids Washington at Iowa City West, University of Iowa Field, 6 p.m.  
 Clinton at Davenport Central, Brady Field, 5:30  
 Dubuque Wahlert at Waterloo Columbus, 6 p.m.

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### Carroll award winners

Carroll High School held their annual picnic for the baseball and softball teams Thursday night at Graham Park. Receiving the highest awards from left, Paul Peterson, most valuable baseball player; Jane Petersen, co-captain and most inspirational in softball; Beth Blohm, most valuable in softball; and Nancy Heffer-

nan, most improved. Not in photo were Lori Norgaard, co-captain in softball and Julie Dostal, most improved with Heffernan in softball. Junior varsity softball awards went to Melissa Wilkins as most valuable; Patty Petersen as most inspirational; and Julie Crouse as most improved.

## Oilers' Stabler calls it quits

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Houston Oiler players greeted the unexpected retirement of veteran quarterback Ken Stabler with a rally of support and chorus of chants for his successor.

Stabler, who already was absent without leave from the Oiler training camp here, sent word through his attorney Thursday, rather than telling team officials personally, that he was calling an end to his 12-year professional career.

His departure coupled with Bum Phillips' firing and move to New Orleans, means the Oilers have lost both last year's head coach and starting quarterback during the offseason.

His retirement was the second in two days by a National Football League star. All-Pro tight end Russ Francis informed the New England Patriots he was calling it quits on Wednesday.

"Obviously, my initial reaction is that Gifford (Nielsen) is our quarterback and I have a lot of confidence in him," said Oiler first-year Coach Ed Biles.

"It just means that what a lot of people thought was our quarterback of the future is our quarterback today," said Biles.

Oiler "players, told of Stabler's retirement at the end of Thursday's practice session, formed a circle and chanted, "Giff, Giff, Giff."

Nielsen, who led the nation in passing while at Brigham Young, completed two of four passes for 12 yards and a touchdown last season as Stabler's seldom-used backup.

But the three-year veteran is undefeated as a starter for the Oilers, leading Houston to a pre-season victory over Dallas, a regular-season triumph over Kansas City and a thrilling playoff victory over San Diego in 1979.

"I suspected yesterday that there was more to this (Stabler's absence from camp) than Kenny having personal business," Nielsen said.

"He is a team quarterback and he always recognized his responsibilities and obligations to the team."

"That's why I felt when he wasn't here yesterday that he might retire."

Biles said the team had not heard from Stabler in a month and that Stabler's attorney, Henry Pitts of Selma, Ala., told him of the retirement in a telephone call late Thursday

afternoon. Stabler could not be reached for comment Thursday, but Pitts said Stabler did not give any reasons for his decision. Pitts said Stabler is not considering a renegotiated contract or a trade, and he denied any connection between the retirement decision and

Stabler's no-show at the Oiler training camp.

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