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COLLEGE

'Moose' Connor has own 3-peat

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While most of Chicago has been through the ups and downs of the basketball playoffs with the Chicago Bulls, a few blocks away another one-time basketball player has been going through his own version of 3-peat.

George Connor, of course, isn't known for his basketball skills, even though he played the game, but not nearly as well as football. In that sport, he played well enough to make into both college and pro Halls of Fame.

The 3-peat business is sort of physical for Connor. Notre Dame's No. 3 "Moose" long ago had each of his sizable knees replaced and a few weeks ago, the doctors installed an artificial hip.

Normally, this isn't a big deal, but complications of surgery kept George almost at death's door for a week or two. Now, he has been released from the hospital proper and is in "rehab" at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, an adjunct of the Northwestern University Medical Center.

"For a week or two, George was a mess. Nothing was working right and he didn't even like to talk, something rare for an Irishman like him," said wife Sue. "He has had so many tubes down his throat that it's a wonder he can ever talk."

Mail will reach George at Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, 345 E. Superior St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

George sounded like his old self. "The only reason I had this hip replaced was because of Moose," he joked. "If Krause had his hip replaced, I had to have one, too.

"Do you know what my room number is?" he asked. "It's 876. The 8 is for the start of my old jersey (81) and the 76 is for Ziggie.

"I use Ziggie's number on every thing, my car phone, my license and all that," he said about his deceased pal and tackle, Ziggie Czarobski. "If I could, I'd be out of here to attend the annual Ziggie Chuckwagon, the benefit for Father John Smyth's Maryville Academy. That's a great affair on June 27."

Through the years, a few other Notre Dame players have been tagged "Moose," but George's friend and coach, the late Edward "Moose" Krause always referred to his protege as Moose No. 2. And that made Bill Fischer, a guard and teammate of Connor, merely No. 3 Moose. That's good enough for me.

For Notre Dame players, past and present, the nickname Moose isn't just a matter of size. Today's linemen, both on offense and defense, are much larger than either Krause or Connor. At his playing peak, Krause carried about 225 pounds on his 6-foot-3 frame. Connor was only a bit larger when he starred for the Bears.

In modern football, a 230-pounder is a linebacker or a running back. Strange as it seems, fullback Jerome Bettis in 1992 was at least 20 pounds heavier than tackle Krause, 60 years earlier.

Even in his playing days, Krause wasn't exactly the largest player on the field. A few were taller, and guard Nordy Hoffman was almost 10 pounds heavier. In fact, in Moose's final season, he was listed as 6-2 and 217. Pulback Don Ellner on the same team was listed at 6-3 and 215.

Years before, there was a pre-1900 center John Eggeman of Fort Wayne. He was listed as 6-foot-4 and 236. And if there had been refrigerators then, he might have been an early-day William Perry. They didn't even call him Ice Box. In those days of the center rush, the center usually was the largest player in the line.

In the last few years, both in college and pro football, the largest players have been playing in the offensive line. Teams such as Stanford and Oklahoma have had lines that average in excess of 300 pounds for the interior. Some 25 years earlier, the big players were in the defensive line.

Size is a quality much talked about by coaches as well as fans, but in football, ancient or modern, talent such as Notre Dame's men nicknamed Moose has always managed to make the lineup.

"I'll be ready for the season," Connor promised.

Court: Hickman didn't re-enroll

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State University never expelled former basketball player Parish Hickman and never revoked his basketball scholarship, according to court documents.

Instead, the school voluntarily reinstated Hickman, but he never re-enrolled, according to the documents filed Thursday by the school in an Ingham County lawsuit brought by Hickman.

The brief also details complaints of misconduct lodged against Hickman at the school.

In his suit, Hickman said Michigan State expelled him and canceled his scholarship in April 1991, after he was arrested on campus for allegedly trying to sell a package of fake cocaine to a federal undercover drug agent.

However, according to the document, Michigan State offered Hickman a reinstatement hearing after suspending him, but he never scheduled the hearing.

The document also says the school reinstated Hickman without a hearing after he was acquitted of cocaine conspiracy in fall 1991, but Hickman never returned to school.

Once he failed to re-enroll, he became ineligible for scholarship renewal under Big Ten and NCAA rules. Because he also had outstanding bills, the school placed a "hold" on his transcripts, the document said.

Hickman was forced to start college over again as a freshman last year at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. because his transcripts could not be released.

The university brief also details alleged misconduct by Hickman, beginning a month after he enrolled as a freshman in 1988, when a woman student complained Hickman had "dragged her and taken improper liberties with her."

Hickman denied the charge, but was found guilty at a disciplinary hearing.

The document also says Hickman was accused in April 1989 of physically assaulting a dormitory resident and selling fake cocaine to a student.

In the fall of 1989, after other complaints of "alleged assaultive and other misconduct," Hickman was placed on probation and barred from residence halls except to take classes, the document said.

A few months later, officials received complaints that Hickman had been involved in an altercation in one dormitory and "harassed and abused" a receptionist at another, the document said.

Hunsaker must wonder what he did wrong

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — Ball State coach Dick Hunsaker is busy recruiting. Not for players though.

Instead of spending an easy summer running his basketball camp and preparing to scout out prospective college talent, Hunsaker is trying to find a staff.

"I guess that's the price you pay for having a successful program," said Hunsaker, who was left without any assistants when Ron Hecklinski accepted the head coaching job at Anderson High School earlier this week.

"I feel like a kid who was left alone at the amusement park."

Leonard Drake, an assistant coach for seven seasons, was the first to depart since the end of the season. He took the head coaching job at his alma mater, Central Michigan.

Part-time coach Greg Miller went into private business. Hunsaker's secretary, Janet Parker, moved.

"I figured an opportunity would come around for Leonard, but I admit I was a bit surprised with Ron leaving," Hunsaker said.

Hunsaker said he has narrowed the search to Jerome Drake to four or five candidates. He also said he has several people in mind to replace Hecklinski and Miller.

"We aren't in any rush to fill these positions," he said. "We run a certain type of program here and need certain type of people. Leonard, Greg and Ron were very important parts of our success and we didn't build the chemistry we had overnight."

Unlike some programs, Hunsaker's assistants were given a great deal of responsibility. The trio not only helped with game preparation, but also in recruiting.

SCOREBOARD

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BASEBALL

Midwest League

First Half	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northern Division				
x-Rockford	42	22	.462	—
Kane County	37	25	.597	4½
Beloit	36	26	.581	5½
SOUTH BEND	34	31	.523	9½
Appleton	34	32	.515	10½
Fort Wayne	32	33	.492	12
Battle Creek	28	37	.431	16
Southern Division				
x-Springfield	41	24	.631	—
Clinton	35	28	.556	5
Burlington	34	30	.531	6½
Peoria	31	34	.477	10
Quad City	29	36	.463	11
Cedar Rapids	29	39	.371	13½
Waterloo	22	42	.328	18

x-clinched first half division title

Friday
Waterloo at Appleton, ppd., rain
Beloit at Rockford, 1 game, rain
Kane County at Peoria, rain
Fort Wayne 1, SOUTH BEND 1
Battle Creek at Cedar Rapids, ppd., rain
Clinton 4, Burlington 4, 10 innings
Springfield 3, Quad City 0

Saturday
Waterloo at Appleton, 2
Beloit at Rockford, comp. of susp. game
Quad City at Rockford
Madison at Kane County
SOUTH BEND at Fort Wayne
Peoria at Waterloo
Burlington at Clinton
Quad City at Springfield

Sunday
No games scheduled

Monday
All-Star Game

Riley sled-timers

Thefs will be a Riley Old Timers game and golf outing on Saturday, June 26 at noon at Jackson Field. Former Riley players planning to attend should contact John Nadeley at 287-4028 or Denny Hall at 234-0711.

Padres tryout

The San Diego Padres baseball club will hold a tryout camp at 9 a.m. EDT Sunday, June 27 at Saint Joseph's field. The tryout is open to players ages 15-25. Catchers should report at 8:30 a.m. Interested American Legion players should contact Jerry Kaminski at 277-0000 or contact Pat Murtaugh, Padres scouting supervisor at 317-471-8483.

LITTLE LEAGUE

District 14
President's Tourney
Senior Baseball

Nickel Nading Chevrolet & Yoder Oil defeated Rudy Drake and Dave Swartz Ford, Nading scattered Ryan Stalls homerled to lead the winners.

Senior Softball

The Elkhart Truth (Grades 7-Professional Metals (Grades 3-Shannon Lail and Brandi Hunt both doubled in the victory. Lisa Gross tripled for Professional Metals.

Southside
Senior softball

Eckhagen 18, Sky Technology 0 (Eckhagen wins tourney). Jill Three runs, Emily Elliott had two HR, and Lakeya Townsend stole home to help in the victory.

Maurice Mudley's
Senior softball

Superior Grade 4, Post 104 7.
Southwest

Senior Baseball

Sandy's Bar Design 20, Center Grove Pizza 0. Ryan Hoffman had five hits, including a triple, and a double, Jerry Kajfasch had four hits, including three doubles.

Jeff Hoffman had three hits, Derek and Stephanie Parker each added four hits apiece to lead the winners.

Major Softball

Gil Pro Pizza 16, Lazy Boy 4. Molly Abernethy had four hits, and Christy Young had three hits to pace Gil Pro's 16-hit attack.

Northwestern

Major Baseball

MH Falcons 23, Lonny's Tire 20. Jon Plata and Jason Gonzalez each slapped homeruns for MH Falcons. Jason Gonzalez led Lonny's Tire with four hits.

Warren Township
Senior softball

Kinney's Sports 25, McDonalds 2. Rachel Bella belted two home runs and Rebekah Salmon one over the trees as Kinney's Sports defeated McDonalds. Bella, Salmon and Jessica Proud had three hits each.

East Side

Major softball

South Bend Tribune 19, Valley City 11. Gary Townsend had three hits, including a double. Katie Pendleton had three hits, and Amy Pyle had two hits and scored five runs. Jenny Kaiser had two hits, including a double, to lead Valley City.

Senior Softball

Kingpin Bowlerdrome 14, Mwuka Insurance (Maurice Mudley's) 4. Kelly Mahoney drove out 11 batters to earn the victory. Harry Hoffman had three hits for Mwuka. Half had three hits in the victory.

Rube Rudd

Eckhagen's 12, Highland 4. Kory Pyle had three hits. Brian Sue had two hits and Jeff Ryan had two hitting ball two hits to lead Eckhagen's.

Chip ZRA

Rube Rudd Sunshine

Sweeny & Phelps 10, National Brake 7.

Post 103 14, M.D. Lillie Auto 13.

Bill Frank's Wonder 8, Eugene Attorney 5.

SOFTBALL

City results

Women's
A League

Jeannine's 8, Sally's 2. Donna Donahue had three hits and Cathleen Doyle, Sue Gallucci and Maureen Sullivan each had two hits for Jeannine's.

Perry's 4, Oakes Bucket 0. Tracy Archer had two hits and Debi Hall hurled the shutout.

Pizza Hut
Player's Performances
in Medals: 1 Eileen Engelman and Julie Jarboe both had three hits, and Tommie Grice hit a two-run homerun to pace Pizza Hut.

Kamasky's 12, Harry Party Shop 4. Deb Morrow had three hits and Sue Miller had two hits.

R & J Manufacturing 14, Jackson 4. Teri Johnson homered, and Chris Shadrow drove in three runs to pace the winners.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed Darryl Strawberry, outfielder, on the 15-day disabled list.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DALLAS MAVERICKS—Named Rick Sessions team consultant.

RADIO, TV SPORTS

TODAY
11 a.m. — Auto Racing, Mid-Ohio Grand Prix, ESPN
11 a.m. — Baseball, South Bend semistate, WAMJ
Noon — Golf, U.S. Open, WSJV-TV
Noon — Baseball, Brewers vs. Yankees, PASS
1:00 — Baseball, Cubs vs. Cardinals, WGN-TV, WGN-AM, WSBT-AM
1:00 — Soccer, Germany vs. England, SportsChannel
2:00 — Tennis, Volkswagen Cup, ESPN
2:30 — Auto Racing, NASCAR Winston, TNN
3:00 — Olympic Gold, TNT
4:00 — Volleyball, Pro Beach Tour, WNDU-TV
4:00 — Horse Racing, Ohio Derby, ESPN
4:00 — Horse Racing, New Hampshire Sweepstakes, SportsChannel
5:00 — Basketball, Girls Indiana-Kentucky all-stars, WHME-TV
5:00 — Drag Racing, Spring Nationals, ESPN
5:30 — Boxing, PASS
6:30 — Baseball, Braves vs. Expos, TBS
7:00 — Basketball, Boys Indiana-Kentucky all-star game, WHME-TV
7:00 — Baseball, S.B. Sox vs. Fort Wayne, WSBT-AM
7:00 — Auto racing, USAC Midgets, ESPN
7:30 — Boxing, PASS
8:00 — Baseball, South Bend semistate, WAMJ
9:00 — Baseball, White Sox vs. Angels, WGN-TV, WMAQ
11:00 — Arena Football, Charlotte vs. Albany, ESPN

GOLF

U.S. Open scores

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — Scores with relation to par Friday on the second round of the $1.4 million United States Open on the 7,053-yard, par 70 Shinnecock Hills Golf course (a-denotes amateur):

Lee Janzen	67-65—134 -4
Tom Watson	70-66—136 -4
Nick Price	69-67—136 -4
Corey Pavin	68-69—137 -3
Scott Simpson	69-68—137 -3
Billy Andrade	72-65—137 -3
Jim Gallagher	68-69—137 -3
Mike Standly	71-66—137 -3
Fred Couples	68-71—139 -1
Jeff Maggert	69-70—139 -1
Bob Gilder	70-69—139 -1
Jim Thorpe	69-70—139 -1
Lanny Wadkins	69-70—139 -1
Bruce McMaster	68-72—140 E
Ben Crenshaw	70-70—140 E
Fuzzy Zoeller	70-70—140 E
Ben Kern	72-68—140 E
Mark Calcavecchia	70-70—140 E
a-Justin Leonard	69-71—140 E
Jim Dent	71-70—141 +1
Joe Ozaki	70-71—141 +1
John Adams	70-71—141 +1
Mike Hulbert	68-73—141 +1
Jay Haas	71-69—140 E
Steve Pate	71-69—140 E
Mark Brooks	72-68—140 E
Curtis Strange	73-68—141 +1
Larry Nelson	70-71—141 +1
Peter Jordan	71-70—141 +1
Jim Furyk	72-69—141 +1
Craig Stadler	67-74—141 +1
Raymond Floyd	69-73—141 +1
Jerker Ladd	71-70—141 +1
Fulton Allem	71-70—141 +1
Steve Elkington	71-70—141 +1
Stephen Ploch	71-70—141 +1
Mark McCumber	70-71—141 +1
Ben Sutton	70-71—141 +1
Steve Pate	70-71—141 +1
Robert Wrenn	68-73—141 +1
Blaine McCallister	68-73—141 +1
Brian Claar	71-70—141 +1
Bill Rogers	71-70—141 +1
Jay Don Blake	71-70—141 +1
Barry Lane	70-68—142 +2
Grant Waite	69-73—142 +2
Jack Nicklaus	70-72—142 +2
Ben Bates	70-72—142 +2
Lee Rinker	70-72—142 +2
Vance Heafner	70-72—142 +2
Jeff Sluman	70-72—142 +2
Robert Gamez	70-72—142 +2
Jeff Hart	71-71—142 +2
Steve Pate	71-71—142 +2
Robert Wrenn	68-74—142 +2
Shane McCallister	68-74—142 +2
Brian Claar	71-70—141 +1
Bill Rogers	71-70—141 +1
Jay Don Blake	71-70—141 +1
Barry Lane	71-70—141 +1