

Alamo City interested in NFL team

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SAN ANTONIO — A local contractor interested in a National Football League franchise in the nation's 10th largest city by 1982 ran a newspaper ad Wednesday asking 40,000 citizens to pledge season ticket support for a team to be known as the "Thunderbirds."

Marvin R. Sawyer said in the ad he was negotiating with Ricci Ware, owner of the 52-acre Pan American

Speedway, to obtain the land for a proposed 50,000 capacity stadium — the minimum size required for an NFL franchise. He said 35 additional adjoining acres would be available for parking an expansion.

"We now have a proposed commitment to buy land and make necessary improvements for a first class stadium to house our Thunderbirds and fans," the developer said. "In order to secure a final loan com-

mitment to purchase existing stadium and improvements, our lender requires that we must have a fan commitment of 40,000 season tickets pledged."

"We have the land and the financial backing," Sawyer said, "but we need a commitment from the people of San Antonio indicating they will support a major league team."

"We're the largest city in the United States without an NFL team.

We're asking the people here to help us bring major league football to San Antonio in 1982 at Thunderbird stadium."

Sawyer, owner of a local minor league football team known as the Thunderbirds, said he also would like to obtain a North American Soccer League franchise to keep the proposed stadium in use 40 weeks of the year.

Sidney

'We'll not see his like again'

By ROBERT CAREY

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LITTLE ROCK — The reality of Bob Heaton's throw-it-up-and-hope shot for Indiana State has settled in and Arkansans now fully realize Sidney Moncrief has indeed played his last game for the red and the white.

An era has ended. A summing up is in order.

Perhaps Orville Henry put it best in his column in the Arkansas Gazette: "We'll not see his like again."

No, true, but the beauty is we did see him. That we did. We had him for a while in the good, green time of his awesome skills, and magnificent heart that were ever equal to whatever was necessary.

Unique is a word that should be doled out rarely. It fits Sidney.

Sidney Moncrief, who led the Arkansas Razorbacks to a Southwest Conference post-season tournament victory and a berth in the NCAA playoffs, was chosen as player of the year Wednesday by Southwest Conference coaches.

Moncrief was also named to the coaches' all-conference team which included Vinnie Johnson of Baylor, Texas Longhorns John Moore and Tyrone Branan, SMU's Brad Branson and Texas A&M freshman Rudy Woods. Branson was also chosen newcomer of the year.

Moncrief, El Sid, SuperSid, The Man, who in the end, like a few rare ones, transcended sport.

He had all the skills: shooting, passing, defense, rebounding like he was 6-10 instead of 6-4, and he could hang up in the air forever, but everyone knows all that. The last part of the season he set some kind of a record every time he set foot on the court.

He was the money man, the guy you went to when you needed two, the leading scorer, the leading rebounder, the guy who brought it in when they were pressing and time was running out, the guy who guarded their best man if that's what it took to win, the on-floor coach, the leader.

He played hurt and he played sick. He played and he played. He would not stop.

Moncrief was the key to making basketball as popular as football in a football-rabid state. Six years ago more people showed up at an intramural swim meet than a home basketball game. Then



Moncrief stands alone on the basketball court.

Battalion photo by Mark Fox

came Eddie Sutton and the first person he went after was Moncrief, then a high school senior.

"I think when Sidney leaves I may just hang it up," Sutton said later. But of course he won't. It's rolling now. The good players want to come and Sutton is as good a coach as there is. Tradition is growing. It wasn't before Moncrief.

Moncrief also was the first black hero of any measure for Arkansas. Moncrief not only is admired and respected, he is loved. Make no mistake about that.

In the living room a 7-year-old boy who happens to be busy throwing a pair of roller socks over and over into a laundry basket set on a chair. He is asked, "are you doing, he is asked, 'Sidney Moncrief,'" he explains. "There was a special feeling when Moncrief was introduced on national television," Sidney Moncrief from Little Rock, Arkansas," they would say. "That seemed to ease a lot of memories for a lot of people go back more than a generation." Sidney did that. He could do it all. He did it all. We'll not see his like again.

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Indiana wins NI

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NEW YORK — Butch Carter, 6-foot-5 junior guard won the National Invitation Tournament for Indiana by sinking a 20-foot jumper with six seconds remaining, gave the Hoosiers a 53-52 victory over Big Ten and state rival Purdue.

However, nearly 15,000 fans and a national television audience know how close he came to being a goat.

Indiana was trailing, 52-50, had the ball with 4:30 remaining when it elected to go into a timeout for the last shot. The Hoosiers moved the ball around and at 3:22 off the clock when Carter Ray Tolbert underneath for what appeared to be an easy basket.

However, Purdue's Mike Scearce intercepted the pass and it appeared that with only 1:05 remaining Boilermakers would win.

Following Scearce's interception, Purdue went into a freeze, whittled the clock down to 30 seconds when their big center, Barry Carroll, was fouled. Scearce missed the first shot of a one-and-one and Indiana got the rebound, chance at the final shot.

In an attempt to confuse the crowd and get strategy across to the players, Knight called three timeouts.

The plan was to go to Mike Scearce for the final shot. However, he was guarded too tight, the pass went on a reverse layup. Carter at the top of the key jumped and his soft shot spun in cleanly.

Even after Carter's basket, Scearce still had a chance to win. Jerry West, the Boilermakers' second-leading scorer during the regular season, was set up for a clear jump shot from the corner. But, the shot hit the back rim and bounded off the floor as the final buzzer sounded.

In the consolation game for third place, Reggie King closed out his collegiate career with 21 points, leading Alabama to a 96-86 victory over Ohio State.

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