6 starters return for **NL in '85**

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votes, and Darryl Strawberry of the New York Mets, who received 907,107, despite missing six weeks with a thumb injury. Kevin McReynolds of San Diego finished fourth with 664,888 and Willie McGee of St. Louis, the NL's leading hitter, was fifth among the outfielders with 630,075

"I'm very delighted to get so much fan support," Strawberry said. "A lot of players are playing well, such as (Dave) Parker and (Willie) McGee, and deserve a chance to start. If I hadn't been hurt, I probably would have had the numbers just as well as other outfielders.

Strawberry, hitting only .221 be-fore Wednesday's game, said he be-lieved the fans voted for him "because I proved myself the first two

Joining Nettles and Herr in the infield are St. Louis shortstop Ozzie Smith and first baseman Steve Garvey of San Diego. Smith, who will be making his third straight start, received 1,349,362 votes, well ahead of Garry Templeton of San Diego, who had 820,449, the man he was traded for in 1982. Garvey, named a starter for the ninth time in his career, got 1,310,111 votes, outdistancing Keith Hernandez of the Mets, who finished with 841,951.

"It's a big thrill, it always is," Garvey said. "But the first one, I think, is the most special. In my case, it was even more so because that year I was a write-in candidate and I ended up winning the MVP award.

Gary Carter of the Mets, the game's most valuable player for the second time in his career last year, was selected the starting catcher for the fifth straight time with 1,129,018

votes. San Diego's Terry Kennedy was the runner-up with 777,485. San Diego Manager Dick Williams and the NL office will select the pitchers and remaining members of the team. The AL starters will be an-

nounced Thursday.

The 56th All-Star Game will be played next Tuesday night in Minneapolis. The National League holds a 35-19 lead with one tie in the series that began in 1933. The NL has won 12 of the last 13 games, 20 of the last 22, and 25 of the last 28. TANK MCNAMARA°





USFL title game hitting close to home for Stars

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. When the Baltimore Stars take the field in the United States Football League championship game against the Oakland Invaders at Giants Stadium Sunday night, it could be construed as their first home game of the season.

For the Stars, who practice and live in the Philadelphia area, it's only an 11/2 hour ride up the Jersey Turnpike to get here. For their nine home games in College Park, Md. this season, they had to travel almost three

The Stars, who will be playing in the USFL title game for the third time in the three years of the league's existence, are the prototype of stability most other teams in the USFL can only pray for.

They have had the same owner, general manager and coach for all three years. Even more amazing, in a league of revolving-door rosters, they still have 27 of the 49 players who played in the 1983 title game. But when the league voted last

summer to move to the fall starting in 1986, they decided to get out of Philadelphia to avoid a conflict with the National Football League Eagles and jump into the Baltimore market abandoned by the NFL's Colts.

in College Park, closer to Baltimore. Then, having lost only six games in their first two years of existence, they went out and lost that many in 12 weeks, finally winning five of their last six regular-season games and their two playoff contests to make it here.

Coach Jim Mora thinks the move had a lot to do with the early seaon on-field problems.

pions and we hardly had time to enoy the championship before we had to wonder about where we were going to play," Mora said. "We were three weeks into training camp and we still didn't know whether we were going to practice in Baltimore or Philadelphia. "We couldn't even read about

So they became a team that could better be called the I-95 Nomads, practicing in Philadelphia, calling themselves "Baltimore" and playing the game and all they'd see about Philadelphia papers on the day after the game and all they'd see about themselves was the score.

Finally, the Stars began to wake

"It wasn't a bolt of lightning that just came down," Mora said. "But little-by-little, things began to get better. We got accustomed to commuting, the injuries healed and we began to win. That's one thing these guys know how to do - they win.'

Busch Golf Classic makes 'Strange' brew

Associated Press

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — After last week's win in the Canadian Open, host pro Curtis Strange is riding an emotional high entering the \$500,000 Anheuser-Busch Golf

"I'm still thinking about Canada," Strange said Wednesday as he and 155 other pros went through their final practice round. "Today, I get serious again. This will be my only practice round.'

In addition to serving as the touring professional from Kingsmill Golf Club, Strange has his home on the Ronnie Black, who tied the course

grounds of the 6,746-yard, par-71 layout, where the Anheuser-Busch

begins Thursday.
Strange's 1985 PGA Tour earnings of \$520,081 place him on top of the money list. The Canadian Open was his third victory this year, fol-lowing the Honda Classic and the Panasonic Las Vegas Invitational and he has finished second twice, at the Masters and the Bing Crosby Na-tional Pro Am tional Pro-Am.

But Strange has yet to win the An-

record with a closing-round 63 and Willie Wood, who led the first three rounds before faltering to a 71 the final round.

'I'd like to have the same chance I had last year going into the last nine holes," Strange said. "I'd take my chances then and hopefully Ronnie won't shoot 63 on the last day."

At the Anheuser-Busch, which is played on a hilly layout on the banks of the James River, Strange will be joined by three more of the top five money-winners on this year's Tour

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Floyd and No. 5 Calvin Peete.

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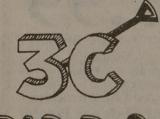


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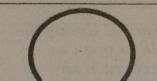
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