

Sports

No 'butts' about it, Bears' QB will play

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NEW ORLEANS — Chicago quarterback Jim McMahon got his acupuncture Wednesday. And, his sore buttocks reported improved, seemed set to play in Sunday's Super Bowl.

After sitting out much of Tuesday's practice, McMahon was treated before Wednesday's session by acupuncturist Hiroshi Shiriashi, after the team's management acceded to his request to have him flown in from Chicago.

Then, wearing a headband with "acupuncture" written on it, the irreverent McMahon took most of the snaps on the Bears' first two series at practice. That was enough to encourage Coach Mike Ditka, who earlier had worried about his quarterback's condition.

"The main thing I was impressed with was all his movement," Ditka said. "He was 200 percent better today. I was not very optimistic after yesterday's practice. It was a pleasant surprise for me."

Even before the pool report from the interview, the official injury report had listed McMahon as "probable" for Sunday's game between the Bears and New England Patriots. In official National Football League parlance, that means he has at least a 75 percent of playing.

That confirmed the assessment of McMahon himself who had vowed to play.

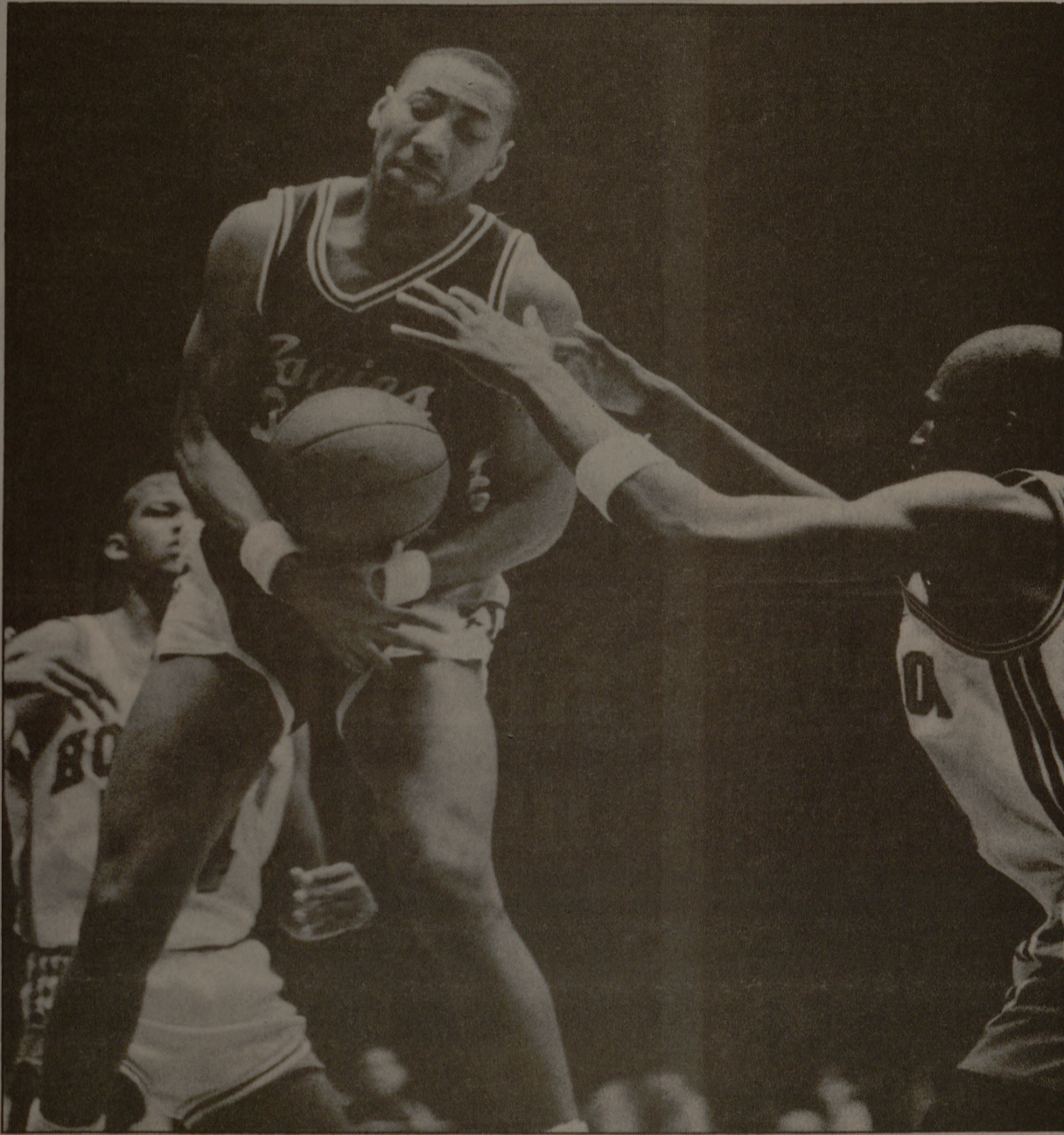
"I'm not gonna miss this game. I'd never want to miss this game," McMahon told reporters from behind the sunglasses that have become the trademark of his rebellious persona.

"I'll play because of the treatments I'll be getting. I'll play because once you get on the field the adrenalin starts pumping and you put the pain out of your mind."

The bruise on McMahon's rear

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UH breaks A&M's miracle chain, 76-69



A&M's Jimmie Gilbert (center) struggles to keep control of the ball as Houston's Rickie Winslow (right) closes in on defense. UH handed A&M its first SWC loss Wednesday night, 76-69.

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HOUSTON — It had to end sometime.

Texas A&M's string of miraculous comebacks was stopped at two Wednesday night.

The University of Houston handed A&M its first Southwest Conference loss, 76-69, at Hofheinz Pavilion.

With just 1:01 left in the game, the score was tied 67-67.

But that was as close as the Aggies would come.

The Cougars' Greg Anderson went out for an outside shot and missed, but he outmuscled the Aggies for the rebound.

As Anderson went up for his second shot, he was fouled by A&M's Jimmie Gilbert and the ball went cleanly through the net.

Bingo. Three-point play and a Houston victory.

"What a sweet rebound and three-point play 'Cadillac' (Anderson) had," UH Coach Guy Lewis said.

A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf agreed that Anderson's play was the turning point.

"We had our chance," Metcalf said. "I'm real proud of our guys, though. They played hard. The score is tied, Anderson airballs one and gets it back. If we had gotten that rebound, we're down playing for the last shot."

"It is a real shame. The final score is no indication of the closeness of this game. We had to foul them (after Anderson's three-point play). Anderson just shouldn't have had that offensive rebound."

The Cougars, now 9-7 overall and 3-3 in the conference, started the SWC race with three straight losses, but now have won their third straight.

"We knew we had to have this one," Houston forward Rickie Winslow said. "Now we have to get ready for SMU (Saturday) and not let up a bit."

UH had reason not to let up Wednesday night.

Lewis, who is in his 30th season at UH, announced Tuesday he

will retire at the end of the season.

So it was a "Win one for the Guy" type of game for the Cougar players.

"This one was for Guy," UH guard Alvin Franklin said. "We wanted to go out and play hard for him."

Franklin was the main thorn in the Aggies' side. He netted 24 points on the night to lead all scorers.

"Franklin is a great player," said A&M's Don Marbury, who finished with 18 points. "He pen-



Other Wednesday SWC Scores

(home team in capitals)

SOUTHERN METHODIST 61
Texas Tech 57

TEXAS 56
Texas Christian 54

BAYLOR 53
Rice 49

etrates and shoots well. That's the best I've seen him play."

The Aggies, who fell to 11-7 overall and 5-1 in the SWC, won their previous two games, against Texas Tech and Texas, on last-second shots.

But, despite the loss to Houston, A&M remains alone at the top of the SWC race because Texas Tech lost to SMU 61-57 in Dallas Wednesday night.

"We lost tonight," Marbury said, "but, hey, we're still on top of the conference and control our own destiny. We just need to keep on going."

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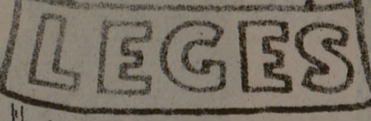
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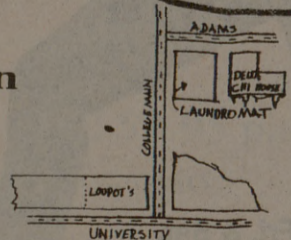
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