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**Pats reveal player drug problems**

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team members huddled for nearly two hours in their hotel with player representative Brian Holloway and his assistant, Ron Wooten.

At the meeting, members of the American Football Conference Champions voted to become the first NFL team to accept voluntary drug testing, the *Globe* and other sources said. Of 59 players on the roster, seven voted against the plan. Several abstained, the newspaper said.

Berry was asked when the team returned at 11 p.m. Monday night to Logan International Airport if any players were going to be suspended as a result of the problem.

"Not necessarily," Berry said. "All of us understand what the world is about today. It's just something we have to deal with."

Among the seven in opposition to the plan were Holloway and Wooten, both of whom opposed the testing on collective bargaining grounds.

The National Football League Players' Association, the players' union, has long opposed spot-testing or any type of urinalysis examination for drug use except in cases where the team physician perceives an individual problem or a player has previously tested positive.

Eight NFL teams requested that their players take post-season drug tests this year, and all refused until the Patriots announced their compliance with Berry's request.

"Many of the players involved are ones with important roles on this team," Wooten said. "We can't afford to lose them. We don't want to see players traded because of a drug problem."

**Mavericks bounce Bulls in fourth period, 124-116**

Associated Press

DALLAS — Rolando Blackman scored 33 points and Sam Perkins had eight of his 18 points in the final period Monday night as the Dallas Mavericks defeated the Chicago Bulls, 124-116.

The Mavericks overcame a 45-point effort from Chicago's George Gervin, who scored just 10 points in the second half.

After Dallas entered the fourth quarter with a 94-90 lead, Perkins contributed six quick points as the Mavericks opened a 106-98 margin. Chicago came back to within 116-111 on a basket by Orlando Woolridge, but Blackman took over in the last three minutes, scoring Dallas' last eight points.

Dallas got 20 points from Mark Aguirre and 15 from Brad Davis. The Mavericks led 63-61 at the half despite Gervin, whose 35 points set a record for a Dallas opponent in one half.

After the Mavericks opened an early 11-0 advantage, an 8-0 Bulls' run ending with a layup by Gervin

got Chicago back in the game. Gervin ended the quarter with 16 points, but Dallas still held a 32-26 lead.

A short jumper by Blackman gave Dallas its two-point lead with 26 seconds to go, as Blackman finished the first half with 18 points.

**Pistons 118, Spurs 117**

SAN ANTONIO — Forward Kelly Tripucka scored 33 points, including two free throws with two seconds remaining, to give the Detroit Pistons a 118-117 victory over the San Antonio Spurs Monday night.

Tripucka scored 12 points in the final period, including eight during a 20-4 Pistons' spurt. Guard Isaiah Thomas poured in 30 points for Detroit.

The Spurs were led by forward Mike Mitchell and Steve Johnson, who scored 36 and 28 respectively.

The topsy-turvy contest, which included long scoring streaks and droughts by each team, could easily have gone into overtime. But Spurs guard Alvin Robertson missed a

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short jump shot with five seconds left, which would have tied the score. Tripucka grabbed the rebound, was fouled and hit the two free throws to ice the victory for Detroit.

**Everyone but Ditka talking about Bear dynasty**

Associated Press

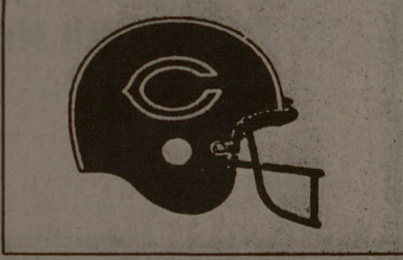
NEW ORLEANS — His players talked dynasty but Mike Ditka didn't, suggesting Monday that his Chicago Bears would have to repeat this year's romp through the NFL before they could be compared with teams like Green Bay and Pittsburgh of seasons past.

"I don't believe in the word 'dynasty,'" Ditka said at a news conference the day after the Bears had swamped the New England Patriots 46-10 in Super Bowl XX to complete an 18-1 season. "You don't judge a team on one year or one playoff series or one game."

"The great Green Bay teams and the great Pittsburgh teams did it year after year. We're an awfully good football team. We proved that this year, but we're not a dynasty yet."

In fact, the Bears will be entering the 1986 season bearing the championship burden that's brought down every NFL champion this decade.

Since the Steelers won their second straight Super Bowl and fourth overall in 1980, no NFL champion has repeated. In fact, only the 1982



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and 1983 Washington Redskins have gone to two straight Super Bowls during the 1980s.

That fact didn't stop some of the Bears from venting their exuberance after Sunday's game.

"I think we have the makings of a dynasty," said Bears defensive end Richard Dent, the Super Bowl's Most Valuable Player.

Chicago wide receiver Willie Gault said, "We want to be the team of the decade. We want to go to the Super Bowl four or five times and win it like the Steelers did in the '70s."

But while the Bears seem to have a right to talk dynasty, so did the San Francisco 49ers a year ago after completing a similar 18-1 season

with a 38-16 rout of the Miami Dolphins.

But this year, the 49ers stumbled to 10-6, then lost to the Giants in the NFC wild-card playoff game.

The Bears earned their title this season by dominating the NFL's strongest teams.

Excluding their 38-24 loss at Miami, they won eight games by an aggregate score of 255-40 against teams that won 10 games or more. Three of those games were shutouts, and against New England in the Super Bowl, Dallas and Washington the Bears scored more than 40 points.

On the other hand, Chicago got through the season with few major injuries to key players, although

starting cornerback Leslie Frazier suffered a knee injury Sunday that Ditka said would require surgery. Quarterback Jim McMahon missed part or all of five games with a bad back, but just about everyone else stayed healthy.

And the Bears have the advantage of one of the NFL's easiest schedules, effectively giving them a free pass into the 1986 playoffs.

Nobody in their own NFC Central Division seems ready to challenge them; they play the four teams from the AFC Central, won by Cleveland at 8-8, and overall, they face only two teams — the Rams and Cowboys — that finished above .500 this season.

But Ditka remained cautious Monday.

"It's tough to repeat," he said. "You work very hard to get to the top. Then you look down and ask, 'Was the price you paid to get here worth the reward?' If it was, you can get there again. I don't think at this point you can say you can or you can't. We'll look at it next year and know."

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