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Sports at a glance

Indiana court snubs Tyson's appeal

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Tyson lost the latest round Friday in his attempt to be freed from prison while he appeals his rape conviction.

In a unanimous decision, the five-member Indiana Supreme Court declined to review lower court decisions denying the former world heavyweight boxing champion bail. That left undisturbed the decisions of Marion Superior Court and the state Court of Appeals ordering Tyson to prison.

The Supreme Court said that in unusual circumstances Indiana's highest court could assume jurisdiction over bail disputes. However, there is no reason to do that in Tyson's case, the court said.

"The record and argument provided by counsel do not persuade us that the denial of bond in this case is a matter so clearly in error that we should exercise our inherent authority to overrule it," chief justice Randall Shepard wrote.

The court ordered the case returned to the state

Court of Appeals. In past cases, that court has ruled that it won't reconsider its own decisions on appeal bond.

Deputy attorney general William Daily said the "Court of Appeals doesn't have to do a thing in this (bail) case now, and the Supreme Court didn't tell them to do anything. All they have to do is wait until the briefs come on the substantive appeal" of Tyson's conviction.

An appeal of Tyson's conviction and six-year prison sentence is expected to take at least four to six months.

Tyson, the 25-year-old former titleholder, was jailed March 26 after being sentenced on rape and criminal deviate conduct convictions. He was convicted of assaulting Desiree Washington of Coventry, R.I., in his Indianapolis hotel room last July. Washington, then 18, was a Miss Black America beauty pageant contestant.

Ian Dershowitz, the Harvard University law professor handling Tyson's appeal, had asked the Supreme Court either to release Tyson on bail or to send the case back to the Court of Appeals with directions on the proper standards to employ in bail decisions.



MIKE TYSON

Quote, unquote

"Were we surprised when he did? How can you be surprised after the show he put on in the Stanley Cup final last year? When he's going like he was tonight, he's just great to watch." — Kevin Stevens, on Pittsburgh linemate Mario Lemieux, who scored three goals and had three assists to give the Penguins their first win in Game 3 of the Patrick Division semifinals.

□ Tartabull on DL

NEW YORK (AP) — Outfielder Danny Tartabull, signed by the New York Yankees for \$26 million over five years, was placed on the 15-day disabled list Friday with a strained left hamstring and a sore right wrist.

Trivia Quiz

Wayne Gretzky is not the only NHL player ever to have pulled on a sweater with No. 99 on the back. Who were the other three players?



□ **OUT OF THE WOODS** — Bobby Nichols hits out of the woods near the eighth green during the second round of the Legends of Golf in Austin, Tex. on Friday. Nichols and partner Sam Snead managed a birdie on the Par 5 hole.

AP PHOTO

ROUNDUP

Guzman prolongs K.C. woes

□ Expos' bullpen blows another lead

By The CANADIAN PRESS
Juan Guzman would have liked a complete-game shutout and a victory Friday night. The Kansas City Royals would welcome a win, period.

Guzman threw a four-hitter over 8 2-3 innings and the Toronto Blue Jays survived a ninth-inning rally by the Royals for a 4-3 victory.

Roberto Alomar, on 14-for-25 (.560) tear in the last six games, had three hits and drove in a pair of runs to lead the Blue Jays to a franchise-high 14th win in April.

The Royals would just as soon forget about the opening month of the season. They began a 10-game road trip with their ninth straight defeat and their 1-15 record is the worst in the majors by far.

"Nobody's this bad," said Royals catcher Mike Macfarlane, whose passed ball and throwing error result in two runs. "It's got to end somewhere. I just hope it ends the next day."

White Sox 9 Tigers 1

In Detroit, Jack McDowell (4-0) became the first AL pitcher to win four consecutive games, allowing two hits in seven innings as Chicago beat the Tigers.

Brewers 5 Indians 0

In Cleveland, Dan Plesac pitched 5 2-3 scoreless innings in his first start and Greg Vaughn hit Milwaukee's first home run in nearly two weeks as the Brewers beat the Indians.

Red Sox 3 Rangers 1

In Boston, Frank Viola got his first victory for the Red Sox, allowing three hits as the Red Sox beat Texas in a game shortened to 5½ innings by rain.

Twins 6 Athletics 5

In Minnesota, Brian Harper hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning as the Minnesota Twins came from five runs down and beat the Oakland Athletics 6-5.

Mark McGwire hit his major league-leading ninth home run for Oakland.

Yankees 5 Orioles 0

In New York, Andy Stankiewicz hit his first major league home run and drove in two runs as the Yankees beat snapped Baltimore's seven-game winning streak.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Cardinals 4 Expos 3

Omar Olivares went the distance, scattering eight hits and Montreal Expos' bullpen continues to self-destruct, as John Wetteland blew a 3-2 Expos' lead in the ninth inning. Ray Lankford went three-for-five, scoring two runs and driving in another for the Cardinals.

Astros 4 Braves 2

Atlanta Braves continue to struggle, with the Astros getting a three run homer from Luis Gonzalez, while Darryl Kile went eight innings for the win and Doug Jones picked up his sixth save.

Phillies 4 Mets 3

In Philadelphia, Dave Hollins singled home the winning run with the bases loaded in the ninth inning as the Phillies, with Lenny Dykstra back in the lineup, edged New York to stop the Mets' four-game winning streak.

Pirates 3 Cubs 2

In Chicago, Jay Bell and Don Slaught had three hits each for the Pirates, who had 12 hits in all and won for the 10th time in 11 games.



MARVIN GARRETT, two-time world bareback champion prepares for his ride aboard Angel Dust Friday night at Exhibition Pavilion.

HERALD PHOTO BY KEVIN KOOY

Pro rodeo has been good to champion bulldogger

□ Nielson leads early in steer wrestling

By GARRY ALLISON
of The Herald

In rodeo, it seems the bigger and more successful you are the more humble you become.

Such is the case with 30-year-old bulldogger Brad Nielson of Merritt, B.C.

Friday night at the opening performance of the Bud Pro Rodeo Tour indoor rodeo at the Lethbridge Exhibition Pavilion, Nielsen was competing in only his fourth rodeo this year. He's placed third here the past two years and Friday night he took the early lead with a run of 4.6 seconds.

The 1990 Canadian steer wrestling champion isn't big in the sense of height and weight (five-foot-10, 170 pounds) but he's big in strength and talent.

He didn't begin steer wrestling until 1988 on an amateur circuit in B.C. and by 1990, his second year as a professional, he not only excelled, he was the best in Canada.

"Hell, I don't know why I excel at this, I just have lots of desire to do it and I love to do it," the soft-spoken cowboy said. "I find it a challenge. Steer wrestling is something I really excelled in and as a result gradually weeded out the other events."

Nielson used to do everything but bull ride.

Despite being one of the best in the business, he doesn't own his own dogging team. He has a practice team, but at rodeos he mounts other cowboys' horses, preferring Tom

Barr's team.

"I find it too hard to pack horses all over to rodeos," he said. "When you figure I pay 25 per cent to the hazer and team owner it really is cheaper than packing your own horses, feeding and caring for them. The initial cost is likely \$12,000 for a good dogging horse and \$20,000 for a team. You've got to win a lot to pay for that."

He hasn't joined the world championship chase yet, he's too busy trying to whip his new golf course — Quichena just outside Merritt — into shape. It was hit by a flood two years ago and last year he hardly rodeoed at all because he was tied down cleaning up the course.

"I like golfing. I started two years ago when we bought the course and I'm about a 20 handicap now, which isn't too bad for two years, I suppose," he laughed. "I've thought I would like to try the big American rodeos, but it won't be until we get the course in top shape and have a good year that I'll be able to afford those big winter shows."

If he ever does, there could be another Canadian listed among the world's best steer wrestlers.

Three-time Canadian bareback champion Jim Dunn teamed with Greg Kesler's super bronc Copenhagen M.F. Wagner Spitfire to take the lead in the rigging event with a big 83 points on the first ride of the rodeo.

Dunn, president of the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association, said he was pleased to see the judges mark him high despite the fact he was the first man out.

"That horse is one of the very best in the world and the judges were on the ball," said Dunn. "She's a good, honest horse, but she likes to lean and bite in the chute. If you can get by her in there, she'll usually take you to the pay window."

Dunn, who has only made a few hundred dollars so far this year, hopes his 83 will stand the test for two more performances.

BEHIND THE CHUTES: Mark Passey, exhibition grounds operations manager, busy setting up for the rodeo and then having to scurry off to the other end of the exhibition grounds to fix an air conditioner. . . Announcer for the rodeo is Bill Kehler, voice of the Calgary Stampede. . . Former Miss Rodeo Canada Trish Kostelansky finishing up work at the exhibition office and then rushing home to change into her rodeo gear so she could ride in the grand entry. . . rodeo clown Ricky Ticky Wanchuk keeping the crowd entertained during slight lulls in the rodeo action. . . About 850 people were on hand for the start of the rodeo. . . Donna and Leroy, from the Tommy Hunter Show, sang the national anthem. . . Two-time world champion bareback bronc rider Marvin Garrett scored a 76 on Angel Dust despite the fact the horse almost somersaulted coming out of the chutes. . . World saddle bronc leader Bill Boyd of Olds scored a gooseegg when he double-grabbed on Kesler's Misty. . . The rodeo continues tonight at 7:30 and again Sunday at 3 p.m. for the final performance. . . For complete results of Friday night's opening round action please see Scoreboard on Page B2.

Jets' tight checking leaves Canucks perplexed

□ Kings rally to beat Edmonton Oilers 4-3

By The CANADIAN PRESS
The upstart Winnipeg Jets continued their mastery over the Vancouver Canucks on Friday night, beating the Canucks 3-1 to take a 3-1 lead in their Smythe Division semifinal.

Vancouver was unable to find a solution to the disciplined, tight-checking game Winnipeg has used to frustrate the Canucks' attack during the best-of-seven series.

And Canucks coach Pat Quinn isn't sure what to do about it.

"They've done an excellent job of taking away our offence — obviously we haven't been able to solve it yet," Quinn said.

ROUNDUP

Evgeny Davydov, Phil Housley, Thomas Steen scored for Winnipeg, which had the backing of another boisterous crowd.

The 15,568 fans, dressed in what has become traditional playoff white, were four short of a playoff attendance record for the Jets.

The crowd got so wild at times that the coaches had trouble shouting instructions to their players.

Winnipeg goalie Rick Tabaracci kicked out 30 shots for his third playoff win, the score was 3-0 Winnipeg before Tom Fergus broke the shut-out bid in the third period.

Quinn sat out left winger Geoff Courtnall, inserting Petr Nedved while Jets had Ed Olczyk back from an injury.

Special teams have been a major factor, with Winnipeg six for 24 on the powerplay compared to Canucks one of 23.



'HAWKS' ED BELFOUR CAN'T GET ACROSS IN TIME TO STOP A SHOT BY BLUES' BRETT HULL

AP PHOTO

Kings 4 Oilers 3

Former Oiler Paul Coffey scored two of three Los Angeles goals in a span of 2:41 as the Kings came back to beat Edmonton.

The heart-stopping victory tied the best-of-seven Smythe Division

semifinal series at two games each, with Game 5 Sunday in Los Angeles.

The Oilers held a 2-1 lead through the second period on defenceman Dave Manson's long slap shot that Kings goaltender Kelly Hrudey

should have had.

Los Angeles appeared en route to a 3-1 series deficit, not recording a shot on goal for more than 11 minutes of the third period.

But L.A.'s Tony Granato won a faceoff in the Oiler zone and Coffey

beat Edmonton goaltender Bill Ranford between the pads from just inside the blueline to tie the game at 11:12.

He scored again on the power play at 13:02 when Wayne Gretzky set him up for a screened point shot, then Luc Robitaille gave the Kings a 4-2 lead at 13:53.

Dave Manson, Scott Mellanby and Vincent Damphousse scored for the Oilers.

North Stars 5 Wings 4

In Minnesota, Todd Elik deflected in Craig Ludwig's long shot at 11:27 of the third period as the Minnesota North Stars edged the Detroit Red Wings 5-4 Friday night for a 3-1 lead in the NHL Norris Division semifinal.

Game 5 of the best-of-seven series is Sunday night in Detroit.

Mark Tinordi, Mike Modano, David Shaw and Brian Bellows also scored for the North Stars.

Ray Sheppard scored three Detroit goals and assisted on one by Steve Chiasson. Detroit blew 3-1 and 4-2 leads.

Black Hawks 5 Blues 3

In St. Louis, Brian Noonan batted in a rebound shot out of mid-air for the game-winner at 5:04 of the third period as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the St. Louis Blues 5-3 to even their first-round playoff series at two games apiece Friday night.

Noonan's goal, his third of the playoffs, quieted a St. Louis rally. The Blackhawks led 3-1 and had out-shot the Blues 24-6 at the game's halfway point before St. Louis rallied for power-play goals by Curt Giles and Brendan Shanahan to tie the score.

Mike Hudson made it 4-3 with 4:45 to go when he skated around Giles near the Blues net and beat Joseph with a backhand.