

Tyson tries to block title bout

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Tyson went to court Thursday in an attempt to stop the next heavyweight boxing championship bout, saying he, not George Foreman, should have the first opportunity to challenge champion Evander Holyfield.

Tyson's lawsuit, filed in Manhattan's federal court, also seeks \$10 million in damages from the World Boxing Association, the International Federation of Boxing and officers of the two organizations.

The suit seeks a court order stopping the Holyfield-Foreman fight scheduled for April 19 at Atlantic City, N.J., and reinstating the WBA decision making Tyson the first challenger of Holyfield.

Tyson, who is scheduled to fight Toronto's Donovan (Razor) Ruddock on Mar. 18 in Las Vegas, claims the WBA and IBF violated their own rules by not giving him

a rematch with James (Buster) Douglas. Douglas won the heavyweight crown last February in Tokyo when he defeated Tyson.

Tyson said the two boxing organizations decided he would be the challenger if Holyfield won the October championship fight with Douglas, which Holyfield did. But the decision that Tyson would then fight Holyfield was rescinded, Tyson alleged, when WBA lawyer James Binns improperly persuaded the WBA executive committee to let Foreman be the challenger.

Binns is a consultant to Holyfield's promoter, Dan Duva.

Tyson claims Holyfield wants to fight Foreman first because the former champion is a less formidable opponent than Tyson.

Tyson's legal action was brought against the WBA, Binns and the organization's president, Gilberto Mendoza. It also names the IBF and its president.

McReynolds joins big money boys

NEW YORK (AP) — With a year to go on his contract, outfielder Kevin McReynolds got free agent treatment from the New York Mets on Thursday in the form of a three-year, \$10 million contract extension.

The deal mirrors the ones recently signed by Brett Butler, Willie McGee and George Bell, all outfielders and all free agents. After watching Darryl Strawberry use the walk year of his contract to do just that, the Mets were not about to let that happen with McReynolds.

"We did it a year in advance," vice-president Al Harazin of the National League team said. "The reason is consistency."

"If you look at Kevin's career, the hallmark is consistency. For the last five years, he's averaged 150 games, 26 home runs and 92 runs batted in. He's been as consistent as a ballplayer can be, like a straight line on a graph."

Still, the investment comes after a troubling season for McReynolds, one that he called the "toughest, strangest," of his career, when he batted .269, but just .232 against left-handers.

"I knew that I wasn't doing well against left-

handers; they buried me," he said. "I was conscious of it because that's always been my bread and butter — left-handers."

"I feel I had so much more to contribute than what I did."

Nevertheless, McReynolds' bat becomes vital in the Strawberry-less Met attack and the club put together an attractive package to keep him happy.

The deal includes a \$1.25 million signing bonus, salaries of \$3 million for 1992, \$3.25 million for 1993 and \$2.5 million for 1994. The Mets have an option for 1995 at \$3.6 million.

McReynolds will make \$2.1 million for 1991, the final year of his current contract.

McReynolds' low-key, unemotional approach has often been criticized in New York, but not, Harazin emphasized, by Met management.

"New York is a town that is preoccupied with style," he said, adding, "Not Kevin."

"That's perfectly OK. We're concerned with substance."

With the signing of Vince Coleman, McReynolds may be asked to switch from left field to centre.

Oilers are vulnerable with absence of Moon

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

Despite the NFL's best attempts — adding another playoff team — we enter the final week with a minimum of confusion over the post-season matchups.

Most of it is in the American Conference Central, where the critical game is Pittsburgh at Houston.

In most weeks, this would be easy.

Take Houston in the Astrodome. Unfortunately for the Oilers, Jack Pardee chose to leave former CFL star Warren Moon in the game with this team down by 20 points in the final minutes at Cincinnati. And Moon became the latest quarterback casualty, fracturing his thumb. So we get Cody Carlson vs. Bobby Brister.

With some teams, like Buffalo and the New York Giants, the drop-off from first-string to second-string isn't a disaster. In a run-and-shoot offence like Houston's, however, timing is everything.

STEELERS, 20-14
Kansas City (-1) at Chicago
Incentive. The Chiefs can still win the AFC West Saturday. Chicago is where it will finish — third seed in the NFC, playing a wild-card game.

Go with incentive.
CHIEFS, 11-10
Philadelphia (-7 1/2) at Phoenix
Incentive. The Eagles need the game Saturday to ensure home-field for their National Conference wild card game.

EAGLES, 27-21
Buffalo (+5 1/2) at Washington
How can Buffalo, probably the NFL's second-best team, be nearly a touchdown underdog against a team that blew a game to the Colts last week?

Incentive.
REDSKINS, 21-10
Dallas (+3) at Atlanta
There's no more incentive than in this one. The Cowboys win and they're in the playoffs. But, with Babe Laufenberg at quarterback?

- ### PICKS
- FALCONS, 21-6
Rams (+6) at New Orleans
This Monday night game could depend on outcome of Atlanta-Dallas. If Dallas loses, New Orleans needs this for the playoffs.
 - SAINTS, 20-10
San Diego (+9) at Raiders
The Raiders win this one and they win the AFC West and get a bye in the first round.
 - RAIDERS, 17-7
Indianapolis (-7) at Miami
The Dolphins need this to clinch the home field for their wild-card game.
 - DOLPHINS, 24-20
Cleveland (+16) at Cincinnati
The Bengals need this game to have a shot at the playoffs.
 - BENGALS, 12-10
Detroit (+2 1/2) at Seattle
Detroit is playing well and finished well last year. Seattle, however, has the incentive — a playoff spot.
 - SEAHAWKS, 22-20
San Francisco (-3) at Minnesota
To iffy. Will Montana play? Does it matter? Stay away from this one.
 - GIANTS, 20-16
Giants (-14) at New England
Bill Parcells says he wants to win.
 - GIANTS, 42-10
Green Bay (+7) at Denver
Blair Kiel or Anthony Dilweg vs. John Elway. Enough said.
 - BRONCOS, 42-10
Jets (+3 1/2) at Tampa Bay
Not much at stake here, except that each team would like to end a disappointing season with a victory.
 - JETS, 42-41
Last week: 10-4 (spread), 9-5 (straight up).
Season: 104-103-1 spread) 129-79 (straight up)



DANNY ANGE of the Trail Blazers cuts off the baseline drive of Charlotte Hornets' Johnny Newman

Jordan's season-high leads Bulls to victory

By The CANADIAN PRESS

Michael Jordan is getting the help he needs this season to move the Chicago Bulls toward their ultimate goal, the NBA title.

No longer is Jordan the club's lone offensive weapon as Scottie Pippen is showing. On Thursday night, they combined for 76 points as the Bulls beat the Golden State Warriors 128-113.

Pippen had a career-high 34 points, while Jordan, who led the NBA with a 29.7 average coming in, scored a season-high 42. Pippen, with a 17-point average, has scored in double figures in all but three games this season.

"We had an excellent game," Pippen said. "Together, things just clicked for us."

The Bulls shot 61 per cent compared with 43 per cent for the Warriors, who were paced by Tim Haraway's 29 points and 21 by Rod Higgins.

"We were out of it early," said Warriors coach Don Nelson. "I thought the Bulls were less predictable tonight in their offence. Jordan and Pippen played awfully good, but then they're good every night."

Elsewhere, it was: Portland 105, Charlotte 96; Seattle 125, Washington 120; Utah 110, Dallas 102, and Miami 124, Denver 114.

Chicago led by as many as 29 points and had a 105-85 lead entering the fourth quarter. The closest the Warriors got in the fourth quarter was nine points twice, the last at 120-111 on Hardaway's layup with 1:30 left.

The victory was Chicago's fourth straight and 14th in its last 17 games. The Warriors dropped their fourth consecutive road game.

ROUNDUP

The Bulls blew past the Warriors in the third quarter when Jordan, 8-of-11, scored 18 points and Pippen, 5-of-7, added 14 to account for 32 of the Bulls' 41 points.

Trail Blazers 105 Hornets 96
Clyde Drexler scored 25 points as surging Portland beat Charlotte, handing the Hornets their 11th straight loss. The Trail Blazers, winning their fourth straight game and seventh in eight, improved the NBA's best record to 26-3.

Jazz 110 Mavericks 102
Thurl Bailey scored 10 of his 18 points in the fourth period to spark surging Utah over stumbling Dallas. Karl Malone led the Jazz to their 10th victory in 13 games with 35 points on 12-of-16 shooting. Derek Harper had 32 points and 11 assists for the Mavericks, who lost for the 10th time in 13 games.

SuperSonics 125 Bullets 120
Eddie Johnson scored 18 of his 22 points in Seattle's 71-point first half against Washington and the SuperSonics won their sixth straight game. Bernard King scored 29 points for the Bullets.

Heat 124 Nuggets 114
Sherman Douglas had a career-high 42 points and Willie Burton a career-high 27, rallying Miami over Denver. The Nuggets, who suited only eight players because of injuries, were led by Michael Adams with 23 points and 11 assists.

Offer on table for Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — Jonathan Blach, son of the former owner of the Phoenix Suns, was reported Thursday to be negotiating for the purchase of the Houston Rockets of

Bloch told KTRK-TV of Houston he was trying to buy the Rockets.

Kostelansky crowns local year in rodeo

One of the major happenings in professional rodeo in 1990 as far as Lethbridge was concerned was the naming of Trish Kostelansky as Miss Rodeo Canada.

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Ted Vayro, now living in Kamloops, B.C., was named the Cowboy of the Year for Canada.

The former competitor and stock contractor is now active with the Kamloops Pro Rodeo Committee.

The 17th Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton drew a record 57,666 fans from Nov. 7-11.

Shane Kesler of Nanton edged out his brother Dennis to win the novice bareback bronc title at the Finals, becoming the only southern Albertan to win a championship at the Finals.

Ruth McDougall of Nanton finished second in the barrel racing to champion Rayel Robinson of Sundre.

Lethbridge's Raylee Walter was third at the Finals, 10 points behind McDougall and 40 behind Robinson.

Marci O'Sullivan of Fort Macleod and Monica Wilson of Cardston failed to win any money at the Finals.

Mervin Hofer of Spring Coulee split eighth and ninth at the Finals in the calf roping event, finishing well back of champion Joe Butterfield of Ponoka.

Glen Keeley of Nanton wound up third in the bull riding, well back of new champion Daryl Mills of Fort St. John, B.C. Wes Cyr of Milo could only earn \$688 at the Finals and placed 10th overall, more than \$10,000 behind Mills, also named rookie of the year.

Del Bonita bareback rider Ward Henry wound up in a seventh and eighth place split in the bareback event.

Steven Dunham of Turner Valley won his fifth bareback champion-

ship and set an earnings record of \$12,695 at the Finals. He also took home the all around title — he earned \$35,433 over the season — and the Canadian high point award.

Rod Hay of Mayerthorpe beat out his brother Denny to win the saddle bronc title at the Finals.

Brad Nielsen of Merritt, B.C. was the steer wrestling champion of Canada for 1990.

The top stock of the year in Canada was split three ways with the Calgary Stampede's Lonesome Me Skoal the best of the saddle broncs.

Verne Franklin's Kingsway Skoal was the top bareback bronc and the best bull was Blaster, owned by Wilf Girtlezt.

On the Indian rodeo circuit Tyrone Potts of the Peigan Nation came close to winning the all-Indian world bull riding championship at Albuquerque, N.M. He wound up in second spot overall.

Andrew Hunt of Lethbridge came close to the steer wrestling championship, but took a 10-second penalty on his final run, moving him out of the picture.

Byron Bruised Head dominated the IRCA circuit through the year. The Blood all around competitor qualified for the IRCA finals and won more than \$7,500 during the year.

On the Chinook Circuit Daryl Church of New Zealand took the all around and bareback titles in 1990 at the Taber Chinook Finals Rodeo.

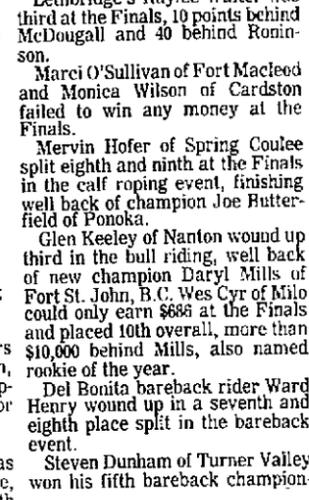
Wes David of Beiseker took the bull riding championship in a ride-off and the saddle bronc crown went to Charlie Fullerton of Bragg Creek.

Raymond's Barney Barnson was the Chinook calf roping champion and Daryl Lauson of Strathmore was the number one steer wrestler.

Tom Herman of Bindloss and Dwight Wigmyr of Brooks combined to win the team roping laurels.

The senior barrel race title went to Lynette Brodway of Fort Macleod and the junior honors went to Jaelyne Kunz of Richmond, Sask.

Cranbrook's Clint LePage was the steer riding champion.



Trish Kostelansky

NFL team nicknames are offensive to some

PHOENIX (AP) — If the NFL really is serious about civil rights and racial issues, it should force the Washington Redskins to pick a new nickname, the president of a Phoenix bible college says.

"If the NFL were really motivated by ethnic concerns, why would they have a team called the Redskins?" asks Dave Moore, president of the American Indian Bible College. "What if some other team came into the league and decided to call themselves the Blackskins or the Yellowskins?"

Moore wrote to NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue in December, asking the league to find a new moniker for the Redskins in light of the NFL's threat to pull the 1993 Super Bowl out of Arizona because voters rejected a paid Martin Luther King holiday.

Both NFL and Redskins officials brushed off the suggestion, saying they have no intention of changing the name because it's "a tradition."

"Team nicknames often are a celebration of American folklore," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Wednesday.

But Kee Ike Yazzie, a Navajo education official, said that the name Redskin is "offensive and derogatory" and "totally unintelligent."

Both the name and the team's mascot, who dresses up in stereotypical Indian garb and dances, perpetuate a false stereotype of Indians, Yazzie said.

"We do not all live in teepees," he said. "We are just as different (from each other) as the Russians, the Germans and the Spanish."

A number of athletic teams have names inspired by Indians, such as the Atlanta Braves, the Cleveland Indians, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Florida State Seminoles.

Charlie Dayton, spokesman for the Redskins, said the nickname involves tradition.

"The name is part of the Washington tradition, just like the Washington Monument and the museums here," Dayton said. The Redskins name reflects such Indian traits as "courage, strength and bravery," he added.

Moore said the NFL could make a strong statement on behalf of all ethnic groups by demanding the Redskins change their name.

"If you do not, I and the American Indians who attend this college are forced to conclude that your concern about the lack of a Martin Luther King holiday is strictly business-motivated and has nothing to do with race consciousness," he said in his letter.

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- 8:00-10:30 a.m. L Game #1 vs L Game #5
- 10:30-1:00 p.m. L Game #4 vs W Game #6
- 1:00-3:30 p.m. W Game #4 vs W Game #5
- 3:30-6:00 p.m. W Game #8 vs W Game #7
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. L Game #6 vs L Game #7
- 8:30-11:00 p.m. W Game #10 vs L Game #9

Sunday, December 30

- 10:30-12:30 p.m. L Game #8 vs W Game #11
- 1:30-4:30 p.m. W Game #9 vs W Game #12

W = winner L = loser

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Canada routed

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Dean Williamson, Dave Emma and Peter Ciavaglia scored goals in a 37-second span of the second period Thursday night as a U.S. collegiate all-star team routed Canada 6-2 in the USA Cup hockey tournament.

The Soviet entry in the tournament, Dynamo Riga, won the other first-round game Thursday, 7-4, over Stockholm ATK of Sweden.

The Americans play the Swedes tonight and the Canadians play the Soviets. After another day of round-robin competition Saturday, the teams with the best records will meet in Sunday's championship.