

N.C. Native To Appear On Sportsworld In Karate Heavyweight Championship

On Sunday, May 24, NBC-TV's Sportsworld will air the Professional Karate Association (PKA) World Heavyweight Championship title bout which took place at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum on May 1, between Demetrius "Oaktree" Edwards of Ayden, N.C., and Ross Scott of Los Angeles, California.

The heavyweight title fight on May 1 was the hottest grudge match since the sport's inception in 1974. Former World Champ Ross Scott had lost his title to Demetrius "Oaktree" Edwards last August in a NBC-aided fight from Ottawa, Canada. Scott, until then thought to be unbeatable, suffered the loss before a stunned live audience and the largest NBC Sportsworld TV audience of the summer of 1980. That particular segment of NBC's Sportsworld had a 10.1 rating, the highest segment rating of any Sportsworld in that sum-

mer.

Last August, "Oaktree" Edwards was a world-rated light heavyweight full-contact karate fighter with a record of 31-2-2 and 2 KO's. But on August 12, in Ottawa, Canada, he stepped into the ring for his first heavyweight fight against Ross Scott who had held the World Heavyweight crown for 4½ years. When the evening ended, Edwards had added one more win and one more KO to become the PKA World Heavyweight Champion of full-contact karate. It was not an overnight success story.

Born and raised in Ayden, a small town outside Greenville, Edwards had wrestled and made All-State football in high school, going directly to the Washington Redskins after graduation. Four weeks after his arrival in Washington, Edwards was jumped by a mugger during a late night walk. In the struggle to defend

himself, Edwards broke the mugger's neck, paralyzing him for life. Though Edwards was totally exonerated, the incident affected him deeply. He quit the Redskins and returned to Ayden, taking a job as a service station mechanic, forgetting his dreams of athletic glory.

Then he heard of a local karate trainer who had a stable of fighters making a name for themselves in the new sport of full contact. It was 1975, and the sport was in its infancy. But Edwards began hanging around the gym of Bill McDonald, bugging the trainer to take him on. Finally, after a year, McDonald let Edwards climb into the ring for a sparring session. It was Edwards' first day of fighting. Five years later,

his stunning upset of Scott was watched by nearly 20,000,000 NBC viewers in the season's highest rated NBC Sportsworld segment.

Divorced with one son (called "Oak Stump" because he is a mini-version of his 28-year-old father), Edwards still lives in Ayden with his mother and sister. Once a year, Ayden has its big event, the Collard Festival. "Oaktree" used to check out the cars that carried the dignitaries in the annual parade. Now, he rides in one. When the Governor of North Carolina passes, he gets a healthy round of applause. It is Demetrius "Oaktree" Edwards, full-contact karate Champion of the World, who gets the standing ovation.



Scott



Edwards

C-H Parents

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to convey to those who held the destiny of their children in their hands, a simple matter of moving principals "where they best suited the purpose," these were human beings with feelings who had impacted powerfully on the lives of those who had interacted with them.

Marshall, it was pointed out, had hired 28 of his 38-member staff at Carrboro Elementary School. He therefore has established a rapport that parents believe difficult, if not impossible, for another principal to emulate. He lives in the community; his child attends school there; and it is believed that his effectiveness as principal is in part due to his respect in the community.

W.W. Edmonds became Culbreth Junior High School's first principal. A large number of black students attend this school, although his strong advocates Monday

night were white parents. He is one of Chapel Hill's few black administrators, and an obvious role model for black pupils who are experiencing problems in the school system. Parents wondered at the implication of transferring a principal whom black pupils may look up to in the most crucial stage of their lives.

Mrs. Phyllis Sockwell, the school board chairman, told the parents, "I am sincerely happy that the schools have been serving you well and we want to keep on doing this." She promised them that the board would carefully consider their requests.

Many parents said that they are waiting to see how the school board will settle this issue that they feel is so vital to them and so basic in the lives of their children.

Some black parents present at the board meeting, Monday night said they have had to postpone their "fight" against the system

until the transfer issue is resolved. Blacks have charged the system with racism against black pupils.

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the Order of the Superior Court of Durham County, made in the special proceeding entitled "In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Jones, Sr., Deceased, by Minnie Jones, Administratrix, and Minnie Jones, (Widow), individually, vs. China Jones Pruitt et al.", being No. 81 SP 130 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Durham County, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 2nd day of June, 1981, at TWELVE O'CLOCK, NOON, at the Door of the DURHAM COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING, Durham, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, that certain land lying and being in the City of Durham, County of Durham, Durham, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake on the west side of Apex Highway (Highway #55) at the northeast corner of Lot #52 (a) of the plat hereinafter referred to, and running thence along and with the northern line of said lot South 55° 28' West 140 feet to a stake; thence North 36° 10' West 60 feet to a stake, the southwest corner of Lot #52(c); thence along and with the southern line of said lot North 53° 28' East 205 feet to a stake on the west side of Apex Highway (formerly Hoover Avenue); thence along and with the west side of said Apex Highway (Highway #55) formerly Hoover Avenue, southwardly 88.8 feet to the point of beginning, and being Lot #53 (a, b and c) of the "Pine Acres" Property as per plat and survey of R. W. Pickard, dated November, 1928, which plat is duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Durham County in Plat Book 7, at Page 12, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of same.

A ten per cent (10%) cash deposit will be required of the highest bidder at the sale.

This 29th day of April, 1981.

WILLIAM A. MARSH, Jr.
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Andrew William Lawson, Sr., this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of Andrew William Lawson, Sr. to present them to the undersigned within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, please make immediate payment.

This 9th day of May, 1981.

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