



100 METER DASH—Participants compete in the 100-meter dash at the National Final of the Hershey's National Track & Field Youth Program, held in Hershey, Pa. The program, open to boys and girls ages 9-14, emphasizes

physical fitness through basic track and field skills. Local and state meets are held in more than 2,700 communities across the country.

National Track And Field Games Move Into 13th Year For Youth

HERSHEY, Pa.—Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program is celebrating its 13th year of introducing children to the importance of fitness. Founded by Dr. Donald P. Cohen because of his concern for the health of America's youth, the program has grown from a playground event in Charleston, W.Va., to become the largest youth sports program of its kind in the United States. In 1989 alone, 327,000 children participated in the program. Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program is designed for the beginner. Conducted on a grassroots level and sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, the program is open to youngsters ages 9-14. The program begins in the spring when more than 2,700 sponsoring agencies conduct local meets.

From the local meets, the participants can advance to district and state final meets. Eight regional teams consisting of 60 boys and girls each will be chosen from state final winners to attend the National Final held each August in Hershey. This year's National Final will be held Aug. 18.

Rafer Johnson, the 1960 Olympic decathlon gold medalist, serves as the national spokesperson for the Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program. He also is grand marshal at the National Final and captain of Team Hershey, a newly formed group of past participants in the program. In the role of team captain, Johnson travels across the country encouraging youngsters to join the program.

Johnson was in Rocky Mount Feb.

26 to discuss the importance of youth fitness and enlist local community support for the Hershey Youth Program.

He addressed a meeting of area park and recreation professionals at Michael D's Restaurant.

The Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program is an introductory program for children ages 9-14 held in more than 2,700 communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Last year, nearly 327,000 children participated in the Hershey Youth Program.

Sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, and solely funded by

Hershey Foods Corp., it is one of the largest youth fitness programs of its kind in America.

The Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program was expanded to a national event in 1978 and has now reached millions of boys and girls across the country. In 1988, NASPE joined with the other sponsors to present the program in the nation's school systems.

Youngsters and adults who want to learn more about the Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program can now dial a toll-free number (1-800-468-1714). Those who wish to write for information may send their request to Jim Johnson, national director, Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program, P.O. Box 814, Hershey, Pa. 17033-0814.

Labor Dispute Creates Problem For ESPN Sports

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP)—The nation's largest sports cable network, ESPN, could have a lot to lose if the current labor dispute between baseball owners and players delays the start of the 1990 major league baseball season.

The Bristol-based network scored a coup last year by successfully landing a \$400 million contract to televise 175 major league baseball games this season, including 10 during the exhibition season.

If the baseball season is put on hold, ESPN will have a major void in its programming.

"We're concerned," ESPN spokesman Mike Soltys said Monday. "About a month from now, if there is no settlement, we're going to be really concerned."

Although ESPN can fill the void with other events such as tennis and boxing until the baseball owners and players reach a settlement, each day that baseball is not played will limit the ability to fetch advertising revenues.

On April 1, ESPN will begin making payments of \$4 million to each team under its contract with major league baseball. Monies from advertisers, however, will not start filtering back until the games are played.

The owners and the Major League Players Association are currently negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement to succeed the agreement that expired Dec. 31.

The talks are currently stalled over the issue of revenue sharing, among others, and the owners are threatening a lockout that would keep players out of spring training and even postpone the season until an agreement is reached.

Spring training camps were scheduled to open Thursday, but management negotiator Chuck O'Connor acknowledged Tuesday there was not enough time to do so.

ESPN is planning to broadcast six games a week during the season, along with a daily baseball show. That amounts to half the network's prime-time schedule, Soltys said.



IMPRESSIVE SHOWING—The Garner Road Family YMCA held its Annual Bench Press Meet on February 11, 1990. Participants from throughout Wake County joined in to compete for top Trophies, impressive showings were among Males and Females. This event was sponsored by the YMCA Physical Development Department.

Rodney Monroe Most Accurate ACC Shooter

N.C. State University offers this profile of Rodney Monroe, State's All-American basketball candidate:

"...The sweetest shooter this side of the NBA..."

—Gary McCann
Greensboro News and Record

"With Monroe, I can't imagine how they could ever really be out of a game."

Coach Tom Davis, Iowa
"You want to know what kind of groove he was in? On one of his shots I almost tore his arm off and it still went in. He's the truth on that jumper."

Roy Marble, Iowa (following Rodney's 40-point performance in the 1989 NCAA tournament)
First-team All-ACC in 1989—his numbers are even better this season.

Rodney is one of the reasons the Wolfpack has surprised nearly everyone with its 18-8 record to date.

Selected as the nation's best shooting guard by Sport Magazine.

First team pre-season All-America by Street and Smith.

No. 2 scorer in the ACC, averaging 22.7 points per game.

The ACC's most accurate three-point shooter, he connects on nearly 50 percent of his attempts.

Already over the 1,500-point plateau and he just passed the midway point of his junior season.

On the course to break All-America David Thompson's N.C. State point

total record.

Scored in double figures in each game this season.

Plays his best against the tough opponents as evidenced by his 35 points versus Florida State, 31 against UNLV, 33 against Temple, 30 against Pittsburgh, 27 against North Carolina and 25 against Georgia Tech.

A clutch performer, he has hit last-second buckets that put the Pack into three overtime periods and has connected on two last-second free throws to give the Pack another victory during his career.

Majoring in humanities and social sciences.

Born on April 16, 1968.

CAREER HIGHS
Points: 40 vs. Iowa, March 19, 1989 (NCAA second round, Providence, R.I., NCSU 102-96 2 OT).

Rebounds: 8 vs. Akron, Nov. 28, 1988 (Home, NCSU 87-67); vs. DePaul Feb. 4, 1989 (Away, DePaul 81-74); vs. East Tennessee State, Dec. 19, 1989 (Home, ETSU 92-82).

Assists: 6 vs. Clemson, Feb. 15, 1989 (Home, NCSU 90-75); vs. Coastal Carolina, Jan. 12, 1989 (Home, NCSU 97-69); vs. Columbia, Nov. 26, 1988 (Home, NCSU 110-54).

Blocks: 2 vs. North Carolina, Jan. 7, 1990 (Away, NCSU 88-77).

Steals: 4 vs. Vermont, Nov. 30, 1987 (Home, NCSU 105-58); vs. North Carolina, Jan. 29, 1989 (Away, UNC 84-81).

Molitor To Make \$3 Million With New Deal

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP)—Milwaukee Brewers' infielder Paul Molitor became baseball's ninth player to receive an average annual salary of \$3 million when he accepted a three-year, \$9.1 million contract.

Molitor signed the contract last Monday, agreeing not to pursue free agency. He is among players who, under arbitrator rulings in baseball's collusion cases, could have had a second-look opportunity to talk with other teams.

The cases involve free agents who accused owners of colluding to restrict their salary offers.

The Molitor contract "actually does a couple of things" for the Brewers, General Manager Harry Dalton said. "It takes him out of arbitration for a couple of years and he gives up his free-look chance, pending the collusion ruling."

A ruling on a third collusion case, this involving those eligible for free agency after the 1987 season, is expected within two months. Earlier rulings in favor of players dealt with free agents from 1985 to 1988.

"If we had signed him for one year and he was given a free look, he could be a free agent," Dalton said. "That was important to us. It keeps the continuity of the club."

Molitor's contract is baseball's seventh-highest in annual average value. It gives Molitor a \$1 million signing bonus and annual base salaries of \$2.1 million in 1990, \$2.9 million in 1991 and \$3.1 million in 1992. There are also bonus clauses.

Molitor will receive half of his signing bonus immediately and the other \$500,000 on Feb. 15, 1991 at 10% percent interest.

Molitor, 33, had filed a salary arbitration request of \$3.25 million and the Brewers countered with \$2.6 million.

He batted .315 last season, when he had a base salary of \$1.4 million that, with incentives, paid him \$1.75

million.

The settlement with Molitor means Dalton still has yet to have a salary negotiation to go to arbitration. Molitor's hearing had been scheduled today.

Dalton's streak appeared in jeopardy when 14 Brewers, the most of any team in the majors, became eligible for arbitration this year.

"I thought certainly two or three" would go to a hearing, Dalton said, adding he couldn't explain how he avoided it.

Pack Women Face Stiff Contest In Final Stages

Winners of 10 consecutive games and with a 20-win season in hand, N.C. State's ninth-ranked women's basketball team faced a stiff week of competition that included games against Clemson and league-leading Virginia.

The ACC regular season has become a three-team race as it enters the final stages. With two games remaining, N.C. State had a hold on second place with a 10-2 record. The Pack faced Clemson, 9-3, on Wednesday evening in a doubleheader with the Wolfpack men's team, who entertained Duke at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, the Pack women were at Virginia to meet the 11-1 Cavaliers. Game time for that contest is set for 4:30 p.m. The game, part of the ACC television package with Home Team Sports, will be televised on a delayed basis on Feb. 28 at 9:30 p.m.

The scramble for the No. 1 ACC tournament seed will not be decided until the final ACC game of the season. It's also conceivable that N.C. State, Clemson and Virginia could all finish with 11-3 conference records.



JESSE OWENS TROPHY AWARD—(From left to right) Evan G. Galbraith, Chairman, Louis Vuitton - Moët Hennessy U.S. Corporation, who served a dinner chairman and former secretary of treasury, William E. Simon present the 10th Annual Jesse Owens International Trophy Award to Roger Kindom (center), 110 meter hurdlist world record

holder and 1984/1988 Olympic champion. Also joining in the presentation are: Ruth Owens (Mrs. Jesse Owens), and Herb Douglas, retired v.p. of Schieffelin & Somerset Co. and founder of the Award. The black tie occasion was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. (Allen Morgan photo)

Youth For America Campaign To Pick Three Celebrity Panelists

Alex Trebek, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Chris Young are the celebrity judges who head the judging panel to determine the nation's top community-service winners in the 1990 Colgate's Youth for America campaign.

The award-winning national youth program was launched by Colgate-Palmolive Co. in 1972 to encourage and reward America's young people for their community projects. To date

the annual program has contributed more than \$4 million in award grants to the national offices and local clubs and troops of six leading youth organizations—Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, Camp Fire and 4-H.

Trebek, best known as host of America's top quiz show, "Jeopardy," heads this year's panel of judges. Olympic gold medal track star Jackie Joyner-Kersey and teen

TV/film heartthrob Chris Young complete the celebrity trio who will join Colgate Youth of America authorities to determine winners from the thousands of project entries now pouring in from across the country.

Colgate executive Carla Mikell says, "Once again, our 'Youth for America' program proves that today's youngsters have genuine concern for their communities, their country and the future of all its citizens. Their projects range from anti-drug abuse programs and adult illiteracy to environmental recycling projects and restoring local parks."

Clubs and troops of the six participating youth organizations represent 13 million young Americans, and "Colgate's Youth for America" is the only national program that unites these organizations annually in a joint service program.

In the 1990 campaign local units win up to \$1,000, with a bonus prize of an additional \$1,000 for the project voted the nation's best.

The deadline for this year's entries in Colgate's Youth for America campaign is March 15. Entry forms, for local units that have not yet received them from their regional headquarters, are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Colgate's Youth for America, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, N.Y. 10150-1058. Winners will be announced in May.

OFF THE WALL

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JAYWALKERS MAKE STATISTICAL STRIDES EVERY YEAR



MVP OF COURAGE—Having already overcome a life filled with pain and tragedy, paralyzed Ole Miss football player Chucky Mullins again proves himself to be the MVP in the Super Bowl of Courage and Love," says Ebony. Now that his football career is over he wants to get his degree.

Despite the lack of financial resources, Chucky's plight has stirred a nationwide response to raise funds for his care, as his desire and will to win defies the doctor's prognosis that he will never walk again.