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Tyson Files Suit To Fight Holyfield

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—Because he wants the next shot at challenging heavyweight champ Evander Holyfield, Mike Tyson has filed suit to stop a fight between Holyfield and George Foreman.

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

In the lawsuit, Tyson claims the WBA and IBF violated their own rules when they denied him a rematch with James "Buster" Douglas after Douglas unseated him as champion last February in Tokyo.

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But the decision that Tyson would then box Holyfield was rescinded, Tyson alleged, when WBA attorney James Binns improperly persuaded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's suit claims Holyfield wanted to fight Foreman first because he is a less formidable opponent than Tyson.

The lawsuit described Foreman, who is staging a comeback after a long break from boxing, as "over 40 years old, overweight and widely recognized to be out of boxing condition."

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

The lawsuit was brought against the WBA, Binns and the organization's president, Gilberto Mendoza. It also names the IBF and its president, Robert W. Lee.

Calls to Binns and Lee were not immediately returned.

U.S. District Judge Nicholas H. Politan extended until Jan. 17 a lower court's restraining order that prevents the World Boxing Council from stripping Holyfield of his title belt.

The WBC wants to dethrone Holyfield and put the title up for grabs between Tyson and Donovan "Razor" Ruddock because Holyfield

failed to first defend the title against Tyson.

The World Boxing Organization does not figure in the scenario. Tyson was undisputed champion before the founding of the WBO, which held a fight between Francesco Damiani of Italy and Johnny DuPlooy of South Africa. Damiani won the title, but little, if any, public acceptance.

FBI Investigations On Players Completed

ORANGEBURG, S.C. (AP)—The U.S. Department has received the results of the FBI investigation into an incident where four black players were prohibited from playing in a softball tournament.

The FBI investigation began in June 1990 after a Winnsboro team with several black players was forbidden from playing in a fundraising tournament for the Norway Volunteer Fire Department.

The tournament was played at a field leased by two churches in Norway. The churches were not involved in the tournament but earlier reports had said blacks had never been allowed to play on the field.

"As far as I know, it has always been restricted," said Gladys H. Wright, secretary of the Springfield-Norway branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The churches apologized to the players and teams. Following the incident, the tournament was canceled by the Norway Softball Committee, which oversees the field for the churches.

In December 1990, the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission ruled that discrimination occurred at the Norway softball field. It added that it could not take action because it lacked jurisdiction.

The commission became involved after a complaint was filed by Joseph Watkins and Thomas Woodard, two black players on the Winnsboro team.

In announcing the agency's findings Dec. 7, 1990, Human Affairs Commissioner James Clyburn said he had consulted with the FBI because the incident may have violated federal law.

I.S. Leevy Johnson, the attorney for Watkins and Woodard, said recently his clients had not decided whether to take legal action.

Hershey Gears Track, Field Network Program

"Too busy to breathe!" "Not enough time in the day!" These are complaints common to most Americans. In today's busy society, there doesn't seem to be enough time to do the things we have to, let alone volunteer our valuable time to others.

Fortunately, there are still some people who can find time in their busy schedules to help others. More than 100,000 volunteers nationwide are committed to the Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program.

The Hershey Youth Program just completed its 13th year of promoting physical fitness, friendship and sportsmanship nationwide. Volunteers in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia hold local, district and state track and field meets which are open to all children ages 9-14. The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the National Recreation and Park Association and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education are sponsors of the program. Hershey Foods Corp. is the sole funding sponsor.

"More than 100,000 volunteers unselfishly donate their time to give children the opportunity to participate in the Hershey Youth Program," said Dr. Donald P. Cohen, founder of the Hershey Youth Program. According to Dr. Cohen, "The National Recreation and Park Association professionals recognize the value of this program and have become actively involved in recruiting participants and hosting local track meets."

Today, the program has thousands of volunteers and more than 350,000 participants. People interested in participating in the Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program as volunteers, and children wishing to participate, can call 1-800-468-1714 for information.

Shoal Creek Opens The Doors To Black Member

Private golf clubs across America were encouraged to integrate after a Birmingham councilman questioned a city-paid ad promoting the 1990 PGA championship at the all-white Shoal Creek course.

"I knew from a local standpoint I was stepping on many toes," said the councilman, William Bell, who is black. "Many people—blacks and whites—were upset that this Pandora's Box was opened."

Bell did not, however, have any idea about the national impact that would be felt from his telling fellow council members that he didn't think it was right for the PGA to hold the tournament at a segregated club.

His objection was soon followed by television sponsors, fearing protests and boycotts, cancelling their ads for the Aug. 9-11, 1990 tournament at the private club near Birmingham. Shoal Creek eventually made a black businessman an honorary member and agreed to consider black applicants for full membership, actions that led to civil rights groups dropping plans for protests.

"Nationally, it has put pressure on advertisers to think twice before they sponsor events that discriminate against individuals based on race, religion, creed or sex," Bell said.

The controversy, heightened in June by club founder Hall Thompson's remark that Shoal Creek could not be pressured into accepting black members, caused the Professional Golf Association and the United States Golf Association to require clubs holding tournaments to have open membership policies.

Rather than conform to those policies, at least two clubs have given up PGA tour tournaments. They are Butler National Golf Club in Oak Brook, Ill., and Cypress Point at Pebble Beach, Calif.

"Locally, it has not made a difference because the acceptance of a black was pure tokenism," Bell said. "The individual they brought in has no desire to be a full participant at Shoal Creek. It was just a sham plac-

ed upon the public to bring the tournament here."

Bell also remains disappointed about the way the Southern Christian Leadership Conference settled the affair at the Shelby country club.

"The SCLC dropped by ball by accepting Louis Willie as a resolution to the problem. I would like to have seen a truly open-door policy being created," he said. "Mr. Willie is not a golfer. He has always been someone the white community has called upon. He's acceptable to the other whites because of his demeanor."

Willie, the 66-year-old president of Booker T. Washington Insurance Co., allowed his name to be submitted to the club at the request of Birmingham Mayor Richard Arrington. The executive was the first black member of the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham, the Downtown Club and the Club, all civic and social clubs.

Responding to Bell's criticism, Willie laughed and said, "Mr. Bell is a friend of mine, and he's entitled to his opinion."

The choice of Willie to receive the honorary membership did not displease Rev. Abraham Woods, the Birmingham SCLC president, who in July hailed the agreement he helped reach with the Shoal Creek Country Club as the start of widespread changes.

"Mr. Willie is an African-American, and of course we have to recognize that," Woods said. "No black other than Willie has been admitted for membership, said Bob Barrett, Shoal Creek's operations manager and golf professional. "At this time, I don't know whether any blacks, whites or any type of applications might be in the process."

Woods sees Shoal Creek's impact mainly as one of increasing awareness.

"My concern was not so much that some black bourgeois could pay \$35,000 to play golf at a country club," he said. "My primary interest was to deal with racism and to raise the level of consciousness of our society against it."

Fishing Expo Offered At State Fairgrounds

If you take your fishing seriously, there's an event taking place at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh that you don't want to miss. It's the first annual Bass and Saltwater Fishing Expo, opening Friday, Jan. 11, for three days through Sunday.

Produced by Southeast Productions of Greensboro, the show offers bass and saltwater fishermen the opportunity to see the very latest in bass and saltwater fishing boats, state-of-the-art marine electronics, booth after booth of fishing tackle and supplies.

In addition, the show will provide anglers with the latest fishing techniques with 28 free seminars conducted by some of the top fishing experts in the region including Shaw Grigsby, bass professional from Gainesville, Fla., and David Fritts from Lexington.

Grigsby is No. 8 on the BASS all-time money list with career winnings of nearly \$500,000.

Fritts, winner of more than 25 tournaments, along with his teammate Jerry Lohr, hold the Tar Heel Team Tournament record for the heaviest one-day catch with 52 pounds, 13 ounces.

Other fresh-water seminars will be conducted by fishing guide Henry Wilson of Lake Gaston and Danny Joe Humphreys, well-known bass professional from Kinston.

For the saltwater fisherman, some of North Carolina's top anglers will share their skills on blue water fishing, slow trolling, bottom fishing, net casting and electronics. On hand to conduct the saltwater seminars

will be Capt. Lloyd Eastlack from Wrightsville Beach, Capt. Jerry Dilaver from New Bern, an expert on net casting for live bait, and Capt. W.D. "Bill" Gaither, international saltwater fisherman and wildlife artist.

Special attractions at the show include professional fisherman Mark Ayers and his 4,000-gallon "see-through" Arkansas bass tub stocked with largemouth bass. Ayers will be demonstrating various lures during nine scheduled shows.

Show visitors will also have an opportunity to try their own casting skills in the big casting tank for valuable prizes.

Show hours are Friday, Jan. 11, from noon until 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult admission is \$4, children 6-12 \$2.

Unfortunate Injuries

Since The Heisman, A Bruising Finish

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—19 Detmer has taken a beating since winning the Heisman Trophy.

The Brigham Young quarterback was pounded by Texas A&M's pass rush and both his shoulders were separated as the Aggies (9-3-1) routed the Cougars (10-3) in the Holiday Bowl Saturday night, 65-14.

The 65 points were the most ever given up by BYU, breaking the record of 59 allowed by the Cougars in a season-ending 59-28 loss at Hawaii

on Dec. 1, 1990.

There was no official word on the extent of injuries to Detmer, 0-2 since winning the Heisman Trophy. His father, Sonny, said preliminary indications from team doctors were that the quarterback would not need surgery but would require four to six weeks of rest for the stretched ligaments to heal.

"It's unfortunate but injuries are something you can't control," said the elder Detmer. "But he'll be back

in there and he'll be full-speed.

In the loss to Hawaii, Detmer threw four interceptions.

"The end of the year is what people remember," a subdued Detmer said after the game. "We had a great year overall. We have to keep that in mind."

Detmer, who set a single-season mark for most yards passing (5,188), suffered a separation of his left shoulder in the second quarter when William Thomas rode him to the turf.



GREAT RUNNING BACK—Pictured is Bobby Mitchell one of the NFL's great running backs. Today Detroit's Barry Sanders' name is being mentioned in the company of such greats as Mitchell, Walter Payton, Jim Brown, 'Tank' Younger, Gale Sayers, Ernie Davis, and O. J. Simpson.

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WALTER PAYTON SAYS, "BARRY SANDERS BETTER!"

Last year Detroit Lion's rookie running back sensation Barry Sanders had some very highly placed admirers, including the greatest groundgainer in the history of the National Football League, Walter Payton.

"I was never that good," said Payton, after watching Sanders run for 120 yards and two touchdowns against his old team, the Chicago Bears. "He's better than I was!"

Sanders, the Heisman Trophy winner two seasons ago from Oklahoma State University, led the National Football Conference in rushing. He signed for a rookie record \$9.3 million.

This football season Sanders continues to show that his name should be included with other great running backs including: Gale Sayers, Paul "Tank" Younger, Ernie Davis, Bobby Mitchell, Jim Brown and others.

Sunday, Detroit's Barry Sanders was held to 23-yards on nine carries, but still won the NFL rushing title with 1,304-yards. He started the day 16-yards behind Buffalo's Thurman Thomas, but Thomas didn't gain a yard in five attempts on Sunday.

But despite Sander's on-field exploits, his father William says, "I'm never going to fool Barry. He's no Jimmy Brown or O. J. Simpson yet. He's got a chance, but not now. He hasn't had any 65 or 70-yard runs yet like Jimmy Brown. He'll get them sometime though!"

Tarheels Down Stanford In Red Lobster Tournery

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Seventh-ranked North Carolina lost its shooting touch in the second half, but a trapping defense enabled the Tar Heels to down Stanford, 71-60, in the Red Lobster Classic championship game Sunday.

The Tar Heels pressured the Cardinals into 11 second-half turnovers and overcame a five-point deficit with 13 minutes to play.

"Our defense overall was the most consistent," Coach Dean Smith said after Carolina (9-1) claimed its seventh victory in a row.

King Rice was the defensive catalyst, keeping pressure on the

Stanford guards throughout the second half.

Rick Fox, voted the tournament's most valuable player, provided the offense, scoring 20 points.

Stanford (7-3) overcame a 13-point deficit in the final two minutes of the first half to build its five-point lead in the first five minutes of the second half, one they maintained until Hubert Davis started the Carolina victory rally, an 18-6 run, by hitting a three-pointer from the left corner with 12 minutes 45 seconds to play.

Carolina, hitting 50 percent going into the game, shot only 33 percent in the second half, finishing the game at 41 percent.

Fox gave Carolina the lead for good when he converted a three-point play with 10:13 remaining, scoring on a lean-in eight-footer in the lane and then adding a free throw for a 54-52 lead.

Adam Keefe led Stanford with 20 points and Deshon Wingate added 16.

Banks Offer Rewards

The North Carolina Bank Robbery Reward Program is paying off in more ways than one.

The program, which was founded in 1978 by the North Carolina Bankers Association, is now co-sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association and the North Carolina Alliance of Community Financial Institutions.

Jim Bellamy of Centura Bank, chairman of the NCBA Bank Security Committee, notes that 100 percent of the people who have applied for bank robbery rewards have been paid.

The information they provide also pays off in the arrest of bank robbery suspects.

The Bank Robbery Reward Program gives up to \$5,000 to each person providing facts leading to the arrest and indictment of a suspected bank robber. The exact amount depends on the usefulness of the information.

Bellamy says the reward program encourages people to speak up, in strict confidentiality, on what they know about bank robberies.



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in the game all that long." The backup, Joe Evans, had a one-yard touchdown pass to Brad Clark but the Aggies scored four more touchdowns to post the largest victory margin in the bowl's 13-year history.

Since 1985, Texas A&M is 4-1 against Heisman winners, including 3-0 in bowl games.