Ex-Blazer owner to fight drug charge extradition

By Ken Cafarell

BOSTON (UPI) — Rommie Loudd, the first black to become the owner of a professional football team, will fight extradition to Florida on drug charges because he will not be treated fairly, according to his attorney.

After surrendering to federal narcotics authorities, Loudd was arraigned on a charge of illegal delivery of cocaine. He was released on $10,000 personal recognizance by U.S. Magistrate Willie J. Davis.

Davis ordered Loudd, managing partner of the defunct Florida Blazers of the World Football League, to remain in Massachusetts until a U.S. District Court trial is completed.

Attorney Robert L. Deutsch said Loudd's life has been turned into a "nightmare" by a mysterious Orlando, Fla., conspiracy.

"We would fight extradition because there is reason to believe that he (Loudd) would not be fairly treated in Florida," said Deutsch, who is also general counsel for the Blazers.

He also said it was possible Loudd would be indicted on other charges by a Massachusetts federal grand jury.

"It appears to me—and it's not something I could prove in court—that Rommie Loudd is under the influence of an invisible hand in Orlando. Something invisible is the hardest thing to fight. Maybe federal officials should look into it," said Deutsch.

He said Florida officials had charged Loudd with delivery of cocaine and conspiracy to commit a felony and set bail at an inordinate $500,000. He added that he had no idea what the conspiracy charge concerned.

He said Loudd was also indicted for embezzlement of state funds, a Florida law which has never before been used against a bonafide businessman. He said the charge stemmed from the Blazers' nonpayment of $18,000 in state taxes.

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"There is no allegation or proof that Rommie Loudd took anything from the Florida Blazers. As a matter of fact, there is evidence that Rommie Loudd never even took his salary," said Deutsch.

Loudd was an assistant coach for the old Boston Patriots of the American Football League and stayed with the club until 1973, after the merger of the league with the National Football League.

Loudd was with the Patriots organization when he attempted to get a National Football League franchise. When it fell through, he organized the Blazers.

Despite a second place finish to Birmingham in the WFL playoffs, the Blazers failed financially and have been the target of several suits by creditors of Football League.

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Jackson threatens to picket NIT for black college snub

Contending that the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) is little more than a throwback to the 1950's as far as blacks are concerned, the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson promised early this week to post a picket line at Madison Square Garden for the upcoming basketball series.

Dr Jesse Jackson 'we still work, they cash'

The director of Operation PUSH says the proposed picketing will protest exclusion of teams from black colleges from the event.

He says there will be picketing and black players will be urged not to cross the lines unless the NIT takes such action as inviting black teams or putting "some black coaches and directors on their lily white selection committee."

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Jackson says PUSH is now urging black players on the teams which have been invited urging them not to cross the picket lines.

The director of the civil rights activist group contends that black colleges had been promised berths in the NIT but only one such school — Maryland State lost year — had ever been invited.

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"Their argument is up to 93 per cent of the players will be black," Jackson asserts. "But the schools are white.

"One hundred years ago we picked cotton and the masters got the money. Now we shoot basketballs and the masters get the money.

"The se small black schools need the credit and the television exposure, and the players need the recognition so they can get their (profession-al) bonuses. The scouts will still get the East Monroes, but the players won't get the money."

'Sadly out of shape' for Wepner, Ali says

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali bussed into town Wednesday night and pronounced himself "sadly out of shape" for his March 24 title defense against Chuck Wepner.

Ali arrived here in his custom-made motor coach from his training camp at Deer Lake, Pa.

Asked what he weighed, Ali said "about 230, which is terrible. I should be about 216 or 217. I'm in about 35 per cent condition right now, and I'll be 50 percent by fight time.

"I'm not in the best of shape, but good enough to beat Wepner. I just get in good enough shape for each event."

All was working out daily at the $25 million Coliseum in suburban Richfield, Ohio, which will be the site of the first heavyweight title fight in the Cleveland area since 1931. The eighth-ranked Wepner, of Bayonne, N.J., is to arrive today Friday, to wind up his training.

Clowning for television cameramen, Ali introduced former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan, one of his advisers, and said he would re-introduce the "bolo Punch," an exagerated uppercut made famous by Gavilan two decades ago.

He also promised to show the "Archie Moore Crouch," a defensive posture with both hands folded across his torso, and said he might reveal a "double clutch shuffle."

He said he planned to give Wepner the first four, five or six rounds and lean on the ropes, letting the challenger punch himself out, as he did when he took the title from former champ George Foreman.

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Ali looked tired and fat in his last workout at Deer Lake Tuesday.

The dazzling smile, the easy antics, the heady, merry-go-round atmosphere of the days leading up to the second Joe Frazier encounter and the "crusade" zeal that was there before the great voyage to Zaire to meet Foreman—all of that was gone.

All Saints advance to 2 tourney finals

The All Saints 10-12 girls basketball team has advanced to the finals of two championship tournaments.

After winning their Northeastern CYO league championship, the team entered the Baltimore CYO tournament and the Baltimore City Championship Tournament.

All Saints advanced to the finals of the CYO tournament by beating St. Agnes 18-14. The final game will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 11 a.m. when All Saints play St. Pius X at Southern High School.

In the race for the Baltimore City championship, All Saints beat Timonium and St. Pius X in order to advance to the final game against St. Agnes. That final game will be played this Sunday, March 16 at Northwestern High School at 12 noon.

The team has been led by the fine ball handling of Linda Jones, the great shooting of Camille Vickers and the consistent rebounding of Beverly Jenifer, Kim Bowens, Angela Walker and Jackie Robinson.

But the coaches, Joe Rosendale, Dolores Street and Bernice Brown, emphasize the importance of the play of the other members of the team such as Brenda Jones, Lynn Brown, Adrienne Wright, Maureen Horton, Charlene Marshall, Mildred Hinton, Bunny Hicks and Joellyn Willoughby.

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Baltimore was selected for the conference following a visit to the city of Association of Junior Leagues President, Mrs. Robert C. Poole of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Baltimore Hilton Hotel was selected as the site of the actual conference; scheduled to run from Oct. 21 to 24. It is expected that 500 delegates will attend the meeting from Junior League chapters throughout the country.

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Area residents seeking additional information concerning the conference should contact Mrs. Sally Michel, Baltimore Junior League, 4820 Roland Ave. or call 467-0260.

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Bond for Orioles draws opposition

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (UPI) — A proposal by Gov. Mandel to loan Bill Veeck $4 million to help purchase the Baltimore Orioles drew sharp opposition from several state senators.

Members of the budget and taxation committee, which must approve the proposed $4 million bond sale, said they needed a firm commitment on whether the team would remain in the city.

"We've got a problem with this," said Sen. Victor L. Crawford, D-Montgomery.

"We've got a $45 million shortfall back home, why can't we also legally lend money to Montgomery and Prince Georges to get them out of their financial problems instead of buying a baseball team."

Wilner said the General Assembly should approve the bond package because it is "the only thing the state can do to prevent the sale of the Orioles to another city."

When Wilner admitted he could not produce a written agreement from Veeck to keep the team in the city, committee members grew even more skeptical.

"I think, Mr. Wilner, we ought to have more information on this Bill. The state's bonding is awfully heavy right now," said Sen. Edward T. Hall, R-Calvert.

Wilner said he hoped the sale of the team could be completed within the next week, and at the request of the committee, he promised to return next Tuesday with more information about the proposed bond sale.

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Mandel proposed he $4 million loan so that Veeck could raise his offer to $12.5 million and explained that lending Veeck the money at state bond interest rates would save Veek $500,000 compared with money borrowed from a conventional bank.

Mandel said Veeck, whose financial backers include baseball hall of famer Hank Greenberg and former major league general manager Paul Richards, has the best chance of buying the team and would keep the franchise in Baltimore, although a token 11 games this season would be played in Washington.

If the Senate committee approves the bond proposal, it still faces a tough fight in the Senate.

Sen. John C. Coolahan, D-Baltimore County, a non-committee member, warned the panel that "if you bring this bill to the floor of the Senate, its going to tie up legislation for weeks

"Maryland has no business helping buy a baseball team, the city of Baltimore will not die if we lose a baseball team.ss

Black Hall adds 13 stars, honors Lacy

LAS VEGAS (UPI) — Thirteen Americans, most of them household names when they were competing, and a single foreigner, Pele of Brazil, were inducted Thursday into the Black Hall of Fame.

The Black Hall was the brainchild of former track star Charlie Maws, who first conceived the idea after the 1968 Olympics at Mexico City where he competed in the broad jump.

Honored Thursday for their outstanding accomplishments were Gale Sayers, former running back of the Chicago Bears; Elgin Baylor, former Las Angeles Lakers star; Henry Armstrong, the only boxer to hold three world titles at one and the same time; former Brooklyn Dodgers Roy Campanella; track stars Harrison Dillard, the 1948 Olympic hurdles gold medalist, William De Hart Hubbard and Ms Willye White, a veteran Olympian who still is competing; Joe Yancey, organizer, coach and director of the New York Pioneer Club which has produced a glut of champions, and Robert "Bob" Douglas, founder and coach of the Harlem Renaissance pro basketball team.

Pele, who played for Santos of Sao Paule, was a member of Brazil's three outstanding world championship soccer teams between 1958-70.

Honored posthumously were Roberto Clemente of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Jack Johnson, a world heavyweight boxing champion; Abe Saperstein, the white founder-coach of the Harlem Globetrotters, and John Henry Lloyd, an infielder with the old Atlantic City-Bachrach Giants baseball team.

Former heavyweight champion Joe Louis served as chairman at the awards banquet staged at Caesars Palace Hotel.

Special awards were made to Buffalo running back O. J. Simpson; sports editor Sam Lacy of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN; Dr. Leroy Walker, the first black Olympic coach, and Cleveland's Frank Robinson, major league baseball's first black manager.

Junior college teams set for contest

Six junior college teams will compete in the third annual Catonsville Community College Tennis tournament, to be held this weekend, beginning at 2 p.m. Friday. The finals get under way Saturday at 4 p.m.

Competing are teams from Allegany (Md.) CC Penn State-Altoona CC, Essex CC, Montgomery-Rockville JC, Montgomery-Takoma Park JC and host Catonsville.

Altoona returns to defend the team title it won last year, as Catonsville took second. The defending singles champion, Tony Gardaya of Montgomery-Takoma Park, also returns as the top seed to defend his title. Catonsville is the defending doubles titlest.

Body recommends deseg standard

By David E. Anderson

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Civil Rights Commission, saying urban segregation appears likely to increase, Tuesday urged President Ford to establish a uniform national standard of school desegregation.

The commission said it will investigate and may hold public hearings on the volatile Boston school busing situation. It also reaffirmed its support of busing and asked Congress to provide financial aid to school districts to bus pupils.

The commission urged Ford to "pool" all federal responsibilities and authorities "in order to effect the strongest possible federal enforcement of the constitutional mandate to desegregate our public schools."

Its recommendations were contained in a report, "Twenty Years after Brown: Equality of Educational Opportunity" — the second in the commission's series surveying progress in civil rights in the 20 years since the Supreme Court outlawed segregated schools.

The commission said it had found substantial progress has been made in integrating schools in the South, but that "school desegregration progress in the North has been minimal."

"Without positive action," the commission said, "segregation in urban areas, both North and South, appears likely to increase, and urban-suburban racial divisions will be intensified."

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Chairman Arthur S. Flemming said the commission itself would take the initiative in developing a national standard for determining in each local situation how much desegregation has been carried out. He said such a standard could be proposed within a year.

In addition to action from the administration, the commission also recommended Congress enact legislation to limit funds it spends for new school construction to districts which conform to the desegregation standard.

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