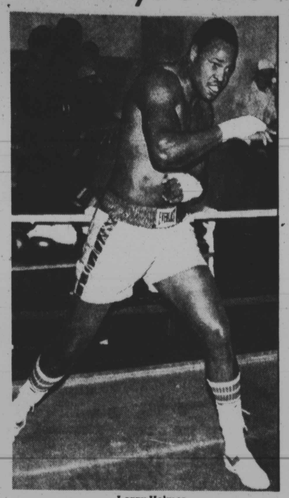
Holmes and Snipes do hypes, ticket buyers take hikes



Larry Holmes
mean looks not helping

PITTSBURGH — The pre-fight antics went on as usual Tuesday at the Civic Arena and Hyatt Pittsburgh Hotel. But there was some question about how much good they were doing.

At the arena, WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes made his way past a crowd of about 300 onlookers and stopped to blow out the candles on the "surprise" cake marking his 32nd birthday. If he was surprised, he wasn't showing it.

Then he tore through a huge paper "Happy Birthday" banner, swaggered into the ring and stormed into his practice workout, wearing his meanest look.

At the Hyatt, eighth-ranked challenger Renaldo "Mister" Snipes stood before the cameras running through — again — his pre-fight medical exam, holding the fight's advertising poster, featuring a large shot of Holmes' head and a small picture of himself off to the side.

"Get this! Get this!" Snipes called to photographers. When they aimed their cameras, he wrinkled the ad into a ball and fired it to the floor in disgust.

The antics were amusing at best, but apparently weren't selling many tickets.

A spokesman for Don King Productions said the advance sale for Friday night's title fight at the arena was "good." The big numbers, however, weren't there.

"The advance is good," he said. "It represents 7 or 8,000 seats.

In-and-out Bears eye 'in' at Richmond

RICHMOND — Maybe this is the "up" week for the Morgan State Bears. At least, coach Tom Morris hopes it is?

Morgan's football fortunes have persevered a yo-yo campaign since the Bears won two in a row at the opening of the season.

They won at Towson and Cheyney, Pa.; lost at home, won at Durham, lost at Orangeburg, S.C., won over Virginia State at home, then lost to A and T — not only at home, but at homecoming.

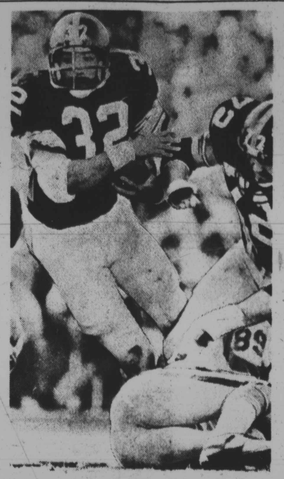
With such an in-and-out, every-other record, Morris and his youngsters are anticipating a continuation of the trend here tomorrow (Saturday).

But it seems assured that they won't have the cooperation of their opponents.

Virginia Union, played anywhere, is a tough assignment. And on home soil, the Panthers are doubly difficult.

One can be certain that they will be striving like mad to maintain their undefeated (8-0) record.

Last year, at Morgan, the Virginians dealt the Bears a 40-7 shellacking . . . LACY.



10,000 YARDS COMING — Pittsburgh Steelers running back Franco Harris needs 58 yards rushing Sunday at Seattle to become the third 10,000-yard rusher in NFL history. He will join Jim Brown and O. J. Simpson in that illustrious club.

Two starters quit Norfolk St. squad

NORFOLK, VA — Two more disgruntled players have given up probable starting slots on the Norfolk State University basketball team in the wake of controversy surrounding coach Lucias Mitchell.

Starting guard Billy Walker, last year's third highest scorer as a freshman, and center Kenny Haynes turned in their uniforms Monday. Haynes shared center duties last year with team captain Louis Thomas, who quit the squad two weeks ago along with junior forward Tim Allen.

A fifth player's future with the Spartans, David Pope, who led last year's scoring as a freshman with an average 21.8 points per game, remains in doubt.

Pope, who has yet to appear in practice because of an injured foot, has indicated he may transfer to another school, although Mitchell said he expects his star forward to return.

The entire team filed a complaint last month and charged that Mitchell mistreated his players. Although Mitchell was cleared by a university investigative committee and retained, the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association decided to conduct its own probe of possible league violations.

D.C. run to end hunger Nov. 15

The First Annual D.C. Run to End Hunger will take place in Rock Creek Park near Carter Barron Amphitheatre on Sunday, November 15 at 10 a.m.

Pledges of friends and family taken by the runners in the 6.2 mile run and the 2 mile fun-run, will benefit the organizations of Bread for the City, The Hunger Project, and CROP - Church World Services. During and after the race, 20 hunger organizations will be represented with information tables and literature.

To receive an entry form for the race, send a legal size, self-addressed stamped envelope to Becky Gatwood, P.O. Box 32277, Washington, D.C., 20007. For more information, call 234-0609.

French filly 'Int' favorite

LAUREL — April Run, fresh from a victory in the Turf Classic at Aqueduct, was installed as the favorite Tuesday for Saturday's 30th running of the 250,000 Washington D.C. International at Laurel Race Course.

The 3-year-old chocolate brown filly will represent France in the 10-horse field and was listed at 5-2 in the early betting.

The Charles Wittingham entry of Galaxy Libra and Providential 2nd, representing the United States, was given the second best odds in the field at 3-1:

Greentree Stable's Open Call, a U.S. entry, was listed at 4-1, followed by Ireland's Cairn Rouge and Match the Hatch, another U.S. ENTRY, AT — + ⅛. Longshots in the race were expected to be Rainbow Connection, Canada, 10-1; Beldale Flutter, England, 12-1; Johnny Dance, U.S., 15-1; and Saipa Rajah II, Singapore, 20-1.

A SINGAPORE SLING — Siapa Rajah III, Singapore's entry in Saturday's $250,000 Washington, DC International at Laurel, sips a Singapore Sling served to him by Saladin Makeno, exercise rider turned waiter.

By the way...

By Joe Black

For more than a decade I have been conveying my philosophies to Black America in an effort to provoke Black Americans into using the minds and bodies that God gave to them for thinking and working. And within that time span I have received many letters and phone calls espousing hatred, profanity, and threats of bodily injury. Their anger was based upon the fact that I challenged my people rather than use racism as the excuse for all of our failures. But, as Henry Miller once said: "Everybody wants to right the world; nobody wants to help his neighbor."

Well, I want to help my people so I chose to "stay on the case" and continued to develop provocative commentaries. One of them was a reminder to Black Americans that we can reduce our unemployment by taking jobs as waiters, waitresses, bell-hops, etc. while we were looking and waiting for that special job. Some Blacks chose to tell me that I was asking Black people to take a step backwards. I guess they think that it is better to be unemployed, broke, and dependent.

Giving thanks to God, I commend the many young Blacks who I see working in hotels as I travel about the country. These young people are striving to be Black, proud, and independent as they work for survival and plan for a better tomorrow by attending colleges and universities. To you young people I say: "May the Lord Bless You and Keep You."

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

FOOTBALL

College standings

IN THE CIAA

Northern Division

Va. Union	7	0	0
Eliz. City	5	1	0
Hampton	3	2	0
Va. State	3	2	0
Norfolk St.	2	3	0
St. Paul's	0	7	0

Southern Division

NC Central	4	1	0
W. Salem	4	2	0
J.C. Smith	2	3	0
Bowie St.	2	4	0
Fayetteville	2	4	0
Livingstone	1	6	0

IN THE MEAC

SC State	4	0	0
Bethune	3	0	0
Fla. A-M	2	1	0
Howard	2	3	0
Delaware St.	1	4	0
A and T	0	4	0

MSA football

FRIDAY GAMES

Dunbar at Lake Clifton
Douglass at Edmondson
S. Western at Carver
Southern at Northern
Poly at McDonogh
N. Western at Loyola
Gilman at Gibbons
Forest Pk. at Walbrook

SATURDAY GAMES

Curley at Calvert Hall
Georgetown Prep at St. Joe.

WEEKEND RESULTS

Walbrook 21, Douglass 0
Northern 14, Dunbar 8
Edmondson 34, S. Western 0
Carver 14, Forest Pk. 12
City 42, St. James 19
Patterson 30, Southern 6
Mervo 14, Lake Clifton 8
McDonogh 13, N. Western 6
Poly 12, Salesianum 12
Randallstown 23, Parkville 0
NC Central at Smith (H)
Bethune at SC State
Ala. State at Grambling (N)
S.E. La. at Southern (N)
T. Southern at Jackson St. (N)
Pr. View at Ark-P.B.
Miss. Valley at Alcorn

Sunday

Tenn. St. at Central St.

NFL SCHEDULE

Sunday

NY Jets at Baltimore
Detroit at Washington
Atlanta at San Francisco
Chicago at Kansas City
Cincinnati at San Diego
Cleveland at Denver
Miami at New England
New Orleans at Los Angeles
NY Giants vs. G. Bay at Milw.
Oakland at Houston
Philadelphia at St. Louis
Pittsburgh at Seattle
Tampa Bay at Minnesota

Monday Night

Buffalo at Dallas

Same NFL odds tale

AFRO — area football fans will not be surprised by the forecast of oddsmakers on the upcoming NFL games.

The story is the same, only the figures are different: Washington is picked to win, Baltimore to lose.

The Redskins are given a 2½ point edge over the visiting Detroit Lions. The Colts are held as 3½ point underdogs to the New York Jets at Memorial Stadium.

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SUGAR RAY LEONARD is greeted by hometown well-wishers after a speech he made during a reception at the Palmer Park Recreation Center. Leonard was honored by Palmer Park for his victory over Thomas Hearns. He also received an award from the Prince George's County government.

(Photo by Milton Williams)

FORMER CLASSMATES of Sugar Ray Leonard serve as hostesses during a reception last week at the Palmer Park Recreation honoring the champion for his boxing accomplishments. They are((from left): Sharon Maddox, Belinda Peace, Wanda Wynn, Toni Williams, Laurie Mills, Deida Sutton and Tawana Twitty.

Honored by County

Palmer Park pours out admiration for Sugar Ray

By Anthony Powell

Sugar Ray Leonard has received many awards during his brief professional boxing career; he has met with three U.S. presidents, received the key to the city and an award from the Congressional Black Caucus.

But Leonard and his wife Juanita will never forget the reception they received from their people, the people from Palmer Park where he got his start.

Last Friday, in the gym where he first became interested in boxing, the Leonards received an award from Prince George's County executive Larry Hogan and mingled with people who knew them before they became rich and famous.

"I'm not a star, Leonard said, I'm a example." He added, "People thought I was crazy," referring to training when others were partying. "I kept doing what I had to do," he said.

"We (the boxers at Palmer Park's gym) had people who believed in our talents. Who gave a portion of their lives to us," he said. Two of those people who spent "countless" hours with Leonard when he was young was Ollie Dunlap and David Jacobs.

Since the fame and publicity, Leonard's life has taken a whole new turn. "My whole life has taken a whole new route. I had to stand up for one person...myself," he said.

He told the capacity crowd that he could have left the area and been a playboy, but he said that he married Juanita after the Olympics.

"I could be in Hollywood, but that's not for me," he said. Many of the county's political leaders came to hear the praises of the "Sugar Man."

One of those who "p praises for the u welterweight champio Dunlap, one of those Sugar Ray back at ti Rd. gym.

"He has been to the mountain top," Dunlap said. He added, "Ray came from here...Palmer Park. But he belongs to the world now. You can't make $40 million hanging around the shopping center."

He said, "He is not ours anymore. I want you to brag about him. How many black 25-year-old millionaires do you know?," Dunlap said, "He has a level of life you never imagine existed. Keep on going Ray. He paid it (his dues)...He paid every minute of it."

Hogan gave him a gold embroiled County seal. Hogan said, "All of us are so very proud of his accomplishments. We suffered with him through every new challenge."

Hogan said that while he was a senator in Congress he sponsored a boxing tournament and Leonard competed in the tournament. Hogan said, "I never dreamed then he would grow up to be ince George's County's number one taxpayer."

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind meet you at your back. May the good Lord keep you," said Jane Bender of the Palmer Park Civic Association.

As the crowd went off to get something to eat or stroll to the dance floor, in their minds they said, "We know him...we feel blessed.

Buck Leonard among 5 sports stars inducted in D.C. 'Hall'

Five 1981 nominees to Washington's own permanent sports shrine were inducted into the "Washington Hall of Stars" during the Redskins - Cardinals halftime on the STARPLEX RFK Stadium playing field, Sunday.

These all-time five professional sports greats who represented the District of Columbia in team and singles competition during their careers join 25 peers already honored in the "Washington Hall of Stars," since its inaugural in 1979. The five nominees inducted were:

BOBBY FOSTER, undefeated world light-heavyweight champion, 1968-1975, now serving as a deputy sheriff in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

WALTER "BUCK" LEONARD, slugging first baseman of the Negro National League Washington Homestead Grays. Held the League's batting title in 1948. Member National Baseball Hall of Fame. A partner in a Rocky Mount, N.C. real estate firm.

VINCE LOMBARDI, acclaimed Coach of Coaches, gave Washington its first winning season (1969) in 14 years, before his untimely death. A member of the National Football Hall of Fame, had made Green Bay Packers Super Bowl I and II champions.

BRIG OWENS, Redskins hard-hitting linebacker in 154 consecutive games, 1966-1977, including Super Bowl VII. Now an executive with the NFL Players Association.

EDDIE YOST, Washington Senators third baseman and lead-off hitter, nicknamed "Walking Man," for leading American League in walks for six seasons. Continues in baseball as Boston Red Sox third base coach.

Mrs. Marie Lombardi represented her late husband at the formal inductions made by District of Columbia Armory Board members, Major General C. C. Bryant and Stuart J. Long.

An official dinner honoring the elected nominees was held Saturday night in the STARPLEX RFK Stadium Clubhouse, attended by their families, Armory Board officials, Armory Board officials, sports and media figures.

(Photo by C. R. Tuckson)

AMONG THOSE INDUCTED INTO THE Hall of Stars at RFK Stadium, Sunday, during half-time of the Redskins - Cardinals game were Bobby Foster (top) and Walter (Buck) Leonard (bottom).

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