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Doug Williams denies drug link

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) — Washington Redskins quarterback Doug Williams denies participating in former Tampa Bay teammate Greg Roberts' alleged drug ring, despite court records showing he talked to Roberts about sending him large sums of money.

Williams, the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XXII in January, is listed as a potential state witness in the racketeering and cocaine trafficking trial of Roberts and 12 others scheduled for Oct. 10.

Transcripts of an interview Williams gave prosecutors have been mailed to defense attorneys. The Tampa Tribune obtained a copy of the 22-page transcript.

Assistant State's Attorney Lee Atkinson said Friday a final decision on whether to call Williams as a witness has not been made.

"He has not been charged with any crime."

Reynolds, DeLoach score big triumps

INDIANAPOLIS — Butch Reynolds beat Danny Everett to run the fastest 400 meters in 20 years and Joe DeLoach upset Carl Lewis in the 200 last week at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials.

Reynolds was timed in 43.93 seconds in the 400 final, the second best time in history. Lee Evans' 43.86 in high altitude at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics remains the world and American record.

Evans' mark is the second oldest standing world record in track and field behind Bob Beamon's 29-2½ in the 1968 Olympic long jump. Both were accomplished on the same day.

Reynolds, a former Ohio State star, became the first quarter-miler to crack 44 seconds at sea level. Reynolds' 44.10 was the previous fastest at sea level.

DeLoach won his 200 meters final in a personal-best 19.96, edging Lewis, his training partner and part-time assistant coach at the University of Houston.

Lewis, who had won his last 14 200 races since 1986, finished in 20.01. Roy Martin took third in 20.05. World 200 champion Calvin Smith finished fifth, but will compete in the Olympics at 100 meters.

Lewis qualified for three Olympic berths — the 100 and 200 meters and the long jump. He also will likely anchor the 4 x 100 relay team in Seoul.

Women roll; not Foster

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Greg Foster's valiant effort to make the Olympic team ended Saturday but Florence Griffith Joyner and Jackie Joyner-Kersee continued to roll.

Foster, who suffered a broken left arm during a July 4 training run, stopped short of the ninth hurdle in the 110-meter race. He broke out of the blocks well and was running third until he hit the sixth hurdle.

In another of nine finals contested on the last day of competition in the U.S. Track and Field Trials, Florence Griffith Joyner won the women's 200 meters in 21.85 to capture her second title of the meet.

She set an American record the previous day, running a 21.77. Last Saturday, Griffith Joyner ran a 10.49 to shatter the world record in the 100.

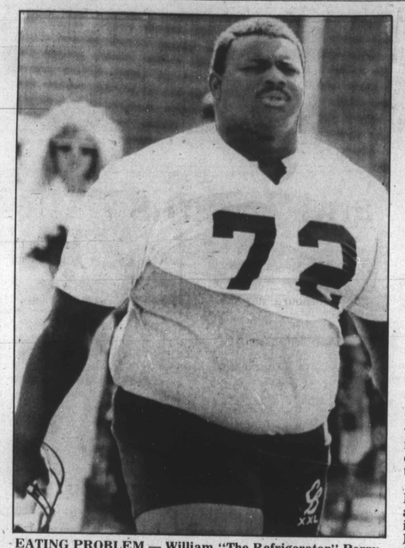
Jackie Joyner-Kersee leaped a wind-aided 24-5 1-2 to win the women's long jump. That equalled her American record, but cannot be considered an official record because of the wind.

Last weekend, Joyner-Kersee broke her world record in the heptathlon.

White signs

SAN MARCOS, Texas — The Houston Oilers have signed running back Lorenzo White, the team's top pick in the NFL draft.

White, the 22nd player chosen in the first round, agreed to a multi-year contract, said Oilers spokesman Chip Namias.



EATING PROBLEM — William "The Refrigerator" Perry, massive lineman of the Chicago Bears, shown in a file photo made in May, has elected to enroll in a program to undergo treatment for an eating disorder rather than start pre-season training. So far he remains on the payroll. — UPI Photo

An eating problem tackles the 'Refrig'

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. (UPI) — William "the Refrigerator" Perry, the massive lineman of the Chicago Bears, is suffering from an "eating disorder" and will miss the start of training camp to deal with the problem.

Perry, who has fought a weight problem his three years in the NFL, weighed about 375 pounds when the Bears held their mini-camp in May. Coach Mike Ditka then ordered him to lose 50 pounds by training camp.

"William Perry has elected to enter a program for treatment of an eating disorder," the team said in a statement Thursday. "The Chicago Bears are in agreement with Perry that this is a medical matter and the Bears will have no further comment at this time."

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Ditka said there was no timetable for Perry's return. The prodigious weight of the 25-year-old lineman and tales of his eating exploits have made him a national celebrity.

"These are tough times on everybody," Ditka said. "It's not a laughing matter. His health is very important. He made the decision on his own. He wants to do what is right for him and his family. It will work out."

The team did not disclose Perry's current weight, where he will be treated or details surrounding his condition.

"It's a private, confidential matter," Bears trainer Fred Caito said.

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In 1985, Ditka used Perry, then a rookie defensive lineman, as a fullback in goal-line situations. He scored three touchdowns out of that formation that season as the Bears marched to the Super Bowl title.

Perry quickly vaulted to stardom and reportedly made millions in endorsements.

Manley excused

NEW YORK (UPI) — NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle told Washington defensive end Dexter Manley not to report to training camp for at least several days Friday, at a meeting reportedly triggered by Manley's testing positive in a drug test.

NFL spokesman Jim Heffernan said Rozelle met with Manley regarding a "personal matter," but his agent Bob Woolf earlier in the week said the session was an inquiry into Manley's suspected drug and alcohol abuse.

The Washington Post has reported Manley tested positive in a random drug test.

Rozelle told Manley during the hour-long meeting that he wanted to review additional information and that he would contact Manley again over the next few days.

Pending this review, Manley is "excused" from attending the Redskins' training camp, Heffernan said. Manley was due to report with the rest of the Redskins veterans Saturday.

The NFL spokesman said the league will have no further comment until the review is completed.

Redskins General Manager Bobby Beathard said the team would take no action until Rozelle makes a decision.

Manley, a flamboyant player known for outrageous comments and erratic behavior, spent a month in a drug rehabilitation center in Minnesota last year for an admitted alcohol problem and reported cocaine use.

Manley, a former All-Pro and a starter on three Washington Super Bowl teams, faces disciplinary action by Rozelle, who is empowered to fine, suspend or ban players for drug use.

Richardson back

NEW YORK — Micheal Ray Richardson, the first player banned from the NBA for drug abuse, has been reinstated as a full free agent by the league and its players association, Commissioner David Stern announced.

Richardson has advised the NBA that he has signed a contract with the Bologna team of the Italian League.

'Fame' game

CANTON, Ohio — The AFC-NFC Hall of Fame game, traditional opener of the NFL exhibition schedule, will feature two teams eager to erase memories of a disappointing 1987 season.

The July 30 contest at Fawcett Stadium, adjacent to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, will match the Cincinnati Bengals and the Los Angeles Rams.

Prior to the game, wide receiver Fred Biletnikoff, tight end Mike Ditka, linebacker Jack Ham and defensive tackle Alan Page will be inducted into the Hall of Fame as the 1988 class of enshrinees.

Sugar Ray on verge of another comeback

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sugar Ray Leonard could soon hold the super middleweight championship as well as the light heavyweight championship if he is successful in his quest to fight Don Lalonde.

Both Leonard's attorney, Mike Trainer, and Lalonde's manager, Dave Wolf, said they expect a contract to be reached within days, and the fight to take place as early as November.

Leonard, a three-time champion, wants to become the first fighter to own five titles.

Should Leonard defeat Lalonde he could capture the newly established 168-pound super middleweight crown as well as the 175-pound light heavyweight crown Lalonde currently holds.

The fight would take place at the 168-pound weight class.

The WBC executive committee has approved a possible fight between Leonard, 32, and Lalonde, 28, for its new super middleweight 168-pound title.

Leonard stunned the boxing world in April 1987 when he came out of retirement to win the undisputed middleweight title over Marvelous Marvin Hagler by a split decision. It was only Leonard's second fight since February 1982 and his first at the 160-pound middleweight class.

He again announced his retirement after the fight.

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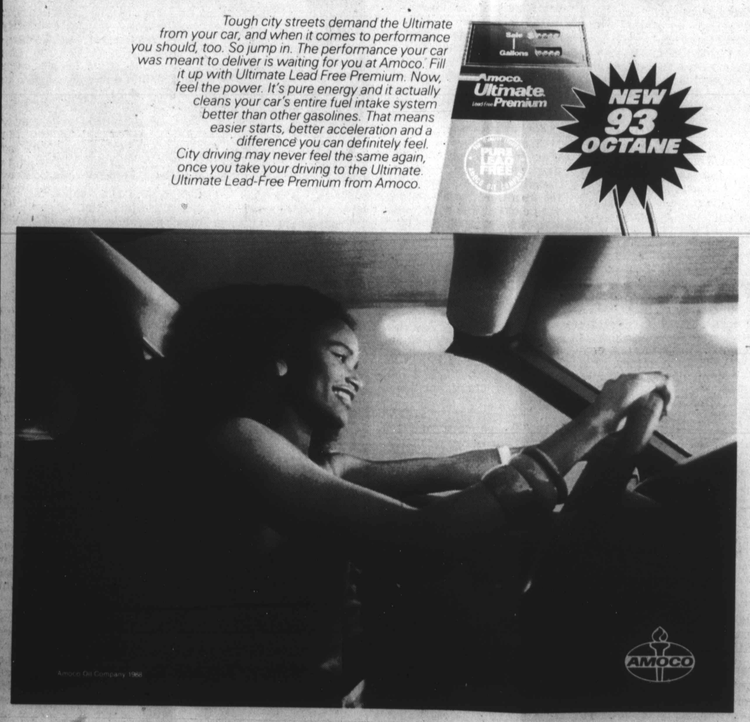


INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nelson Mandela turns 70 behind bars

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Pollsmoor prisoner No. D220-82 black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela - turned 70 behind bars July 18 and the government flatly rejected an early release despite increasing international pressure.

Police fired tear gas in Cape Town's Langa black township to disperse 150 chanting black protesters leaving a commemorative church service held despite police bans on birthday celebrations for the leader of the outlawed African National Congress, which is fighting to overthrow the white-led government and its apartheid policies of racial discrimination.

Information Minister Stoffel Van de Merwe said that despite international pressure to free Mandela, the government "has concluded that now is not the right time to release him."

Mandela, one of the world's best-known convicts, was unaware of the 50,000 greeting cards and letters from around the world that his wife, Winnie, poured from mailbags at a Johannesburg news conference, family members said.

"I don't think any of them will reach him," Mrs. Mandela, an anti-apartheid activist, told reporters, saying her husband's release was unlikely "for the next few years."

In a statement read at President Reagan's California vacation ranch to mark Mandela's birthday, a presidential spokesman called for the black leader's release and an end to apartheid.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater called Mandela "the embodiment of black aspirations in South Africa."

"While he and other political leaders remain in prison," Fitzwater said, "South African government plans for political reform are not likely to gain any significant support from the black community."

Responding to worldwide calls for Mandela's release, Van der Merwe said, "No matter how great the pressure on us to release him, we have to live with the consequence of our decision, so we cannot simply give in to the pressures."

"We must be pretty sure that such a maneuver will take place quietly, will take place in an orderly fashion and that order will remain in the country, even after his release," he said.

Van der Merwe also said the government would no longer accept a renunciation of violence as a key to immediate release. The release of a man of Mandela's stature, he said, "can lead... to riots, it can lead to violence, it can lead to the death of people and nobody's freedom is so valuable that one can ask that other people die for it."

In Langa township, some 10 miles from Pollsmoor where Mandela is sentenced to spend the rest of his life, dissident cleric Rev. Allan Boesak told a 500-member church audience, "Your freedom lies in the certain knowledge that the days of this government are over.

"What is it that makes the government so afraid of a man who is 70 years old and is still in jail," Boesak said.

Mandela supporters carried a birthday cake decorated in the ANC's green, gold and black colors to the church altar and children released ballons after the service.

Mandela, first jailed in 1962 and then sentenced to life in 1964 for plotting the violent overthrow of the minority white government, Friday rejected an official concession allowing him to meet with family members for an unprecedented six hours at Pollsmoor.

"We have never asked for favors from the government or to be treated separately... we are part of a family struggling for justice and peace," Mrs. Mandela told the media.

She said she will see her husband, who is "in perfect health," during a regularly scheduled visit July 23.

In a message read by Mandela's daughter Zindzi, exiled ANC president Oliver Tambo saluted Mandela, his 1950s law partner, as "the one person who has come to embody the aspirations of all the people of South Africa."

Noting Mandela's birthday, governments from around the world have in recent days issued statements renewing calls on the South African government to release Mandela.

The World Council of Churches, based in Geneva, said Mandela's continued imprisonment proves that the government is refusing to abandon its policy of repression.

And the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference said: "On the occasion of this birthday, instead of repressing further what few rights we have left in this country, the authorities would do better to join all South Africans in profound reflections on the injustices in our society and on the immense suffering they cause.

"We pray that after 25 years in jail Nelson Mandela will be released unconditionally and restored to his family and society so that he can be part of the building of a new and just South Africa," the group said.

MANDELA'S DAUGHTER ZINDZI tries on a pair of boxing gloves presented to her father by world heavyweight boxing champ, Mike Tyson, for his 70th birthday.

Peace negotiations to begin in NY

Botha to U.S.: 'Fight your elections on American issues. Leave us alone...'

WASHINGTON — The government of Angola, South Africa and Cuba have accepted a set of 14 principles that could be the basis of a negotiated settlement for peace in southern Africa.

The points were agreed to by negotiators in New York and then submitted to their governments.

Chester Crocket, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, said in a recent statement, "The blueprint has been accepted by all parties."

He described it as a "first step - not more than that" but one that is significant because it woud lead to accelerated negotiations between South Africa, Cuba and Angola, with the United States acting a mediator.

In Pretoria, South African Foreign Minister Roelof "Pik" Botha said an important stage in negotiations had been reached, but "the difficulties and obstacles ahead should not be underestimated."

He said, "We have traveled a long distance, but we are still at the foot of the mountain."

"The road ahead is steep, full of potholes and dangerous curves, but we had to travel this distance to get to the foot of the mountain," he said.

UNITA, the rebel group that has been fighting Angolan government forces and is supported by the United States and South Africa, has been informed of the agreement, an American official said, and UNITA's leader, Jonas Savimbi, has expressed his support for it.

A senior official said that U.S. help for UNITA would no longer be required once the negotiations finally succeed in reaching a political and military settlement.

The four parties will meet Aug. 2 in Geneva, according to announcements from the involved governments, to begin hammering out the details of the agreement in principle.

The key is a mutual and simultaneous withdrawal of the estimated 47,500 Cuban troops in Angola and the pullback of South African security forces from Namibia (Southwest African).

Still to be worked out is the precise timetable, but the Cubans and the Angolans have indicated they are prepared to abandon their original proposal of a four-year schedule and to move in the direction of the approxiamtely one-year timetable proposed by the United States.

A senior American official, briefing reporters on the basis of no further identification, said that the underlying basis of the negotitions is "nothing is agreed until everything is agreed, including the timing of the withdrawal. Everything depends on everything else."

As the statement of principles, accepted last week by all governments concerned says, "They recognize that each of these principles is indispensable to a comprehensive settlement."

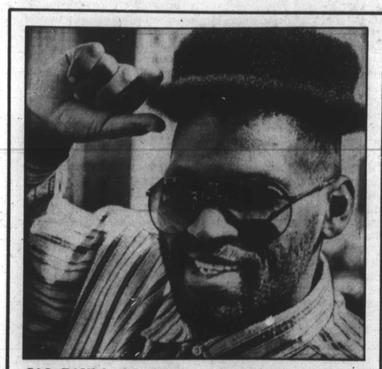
The 14 points also include provisions for verification and monitoring of the troop withdrawals and the principle of each state to refrain from the use of force against its neighbors in southern Africa.

Asked if upcoming U.S. elections had any effect on the agreement, Botha said, "in the interest of peace and stability in this region, it will be in the interest of the region as a whole if agreements can be reached as soon as possible."

Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis has said that he would unilaterally end U.S. military support for UNITA.

Botha said, "We can only appeal to Dukakis. Getting a few votes in the United States for internal purposes will not resolve the problems of southern Africa. It will only make our task more difficult."

Botha called on Dukakis to "fight your election on American issues which are complex and difficult enough. Leave us along to solve our own problems."



SAO PAULO, BRAZIL — Tadeo de Espirito Santo pretends to tip his "hat" of hair. Tadeo, who wore a hat everyday, got tired of his friends' joking around, which included taking his hats, so he got this unique haircut and turned the joke back on them.

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IN JAMAICA:

Politics breeds violence

KINGSTON, Jamaica — At least 24 people were wounded in islandwide fighting between supporters of Prime Minister Edward Seaga and opposition backers despite talks to defuse political tension.

The battles came hours after Seaga's Jamaica Labor Party held its annual convention and the prime minister urged followers to avoid clashes with the opposition People's National Party, or PNP, in the upcoming election.

At least 20 people were wounded when PNP partisans in a fishing village on the western edge of Kingston clashed with Labor backers returning from the convention, police Corp. Selvin Salmon said.

Witnesses said the attackers burned buildings and robbed residents during the 45-minute rampage. A Labor spokesman said villagers provoked the assault when they stoned a bus carrying party members.

Salmon said police could not confirm relatives' reports that a village resident drowned after the mob chased him into Kingston Harbor.

Three people were not shot and one was stabbed in other clashes. They were treated at Kingston's main hospital and released, Salmon said. Police reported fighting between Labor and PNP backers in six of 13 parishes, or districts, throughout the island.

The fighting marked the first known violence directly connected with Seaga's campaign for re-election. An estimated 700 people were killed in political violence in the 1980 campaign.

Seaga ousted PNP leader Michael Manley in 1980, but recent polls show him far behind his rival. By law Seaga must hold an election by March, and Labor and PNP leaders have met repeatedly to lessen tensions that could lead to violence.

Toxic waste dumped in Africa

By Misty Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

ROME, ITALY — African newspapers have labeled American and European industrial toxic waste disposal companies as "toxic terriorists," after disclosure of dumpage in Koko, Nigeria, a port city and the country of Guinea.

The dumping of toxic waste on African shores was brought to international attention, last month, when Nigerian students in Italy sent English translations of Italian newspapers back home of the reporting of the dumping story. The papers contained reports of the March dumping perpetrated by an Italian company assisted by Nigerian officials in Italy.

"It is no longer a secret that some African leaders, eager to see their Swiss bank accounts grow, would not hesitate to transform the African continent into a garbage dump for waste from industrialized countries," said Basi Nanchi Ya Kwin-Cin, a Zaire student in a letter to Jeune Afrique, one of the largest circulated French-language magazines in Africa.

European environmentalists reported Western companies have faulty records of safe waste disposals, and proposed disposal sites are not studied properly for geological suitability. Thus, countries receiving waste materials are not accurately informed.

"The importation of the toxic waste was based on a false declaration to customs as to what the contents of the multi-colored barrels contained," said Ajiya Bukar, information attache at the Nigerian Embassy.

"The import permit for the toxic shipment was for non-explosive, non-radioactive and non-self-combusting chemicals," Bukar added.

But, poly-chlorinated biphenyls or PCB's — a dangerous poison —were found in some barrels examined by a team of experts at the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

"PCB's are used for insulating liquids, flame retardants, printer inks and adhesive materials. In the environment they are resisting to bio-degradation. They contaminate a lot of ecological systems around the world, as well as fish and wildlife," said Robert Reisdorf, an industrial hygienist at Dynamic Corporation, which specializes in industrial and environmental problems.

The Ivory Coast recently adopted a law stipulating that anyone caught importing toxic or nuclear waste will face a prison terms up to 20 years and fines up to $1.6 million.

Nearly every country on the coast of West Africa has been offered cheap prices to store toxic or nuclear waste, some as low as $3 a ton, compared to the usual $2,500 a ton offered in Europe or United States, where such compensation is required by law.