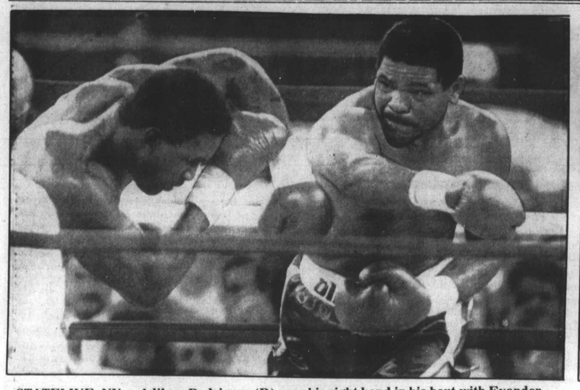


STATELINE, NV — Adilson Rodrigues (R) uses his right hand in his bout with Evander Holyfield. This was first round action. Holyfield knocked out Rodrigues at 1 min. 29 sec. of the second round.

STATELINE, NV—Evander Holyfield holds up the championship belt after knocking out Adilson Rodrigues. Holyfield is now point toward a shot at champ Tyson's title. He says he is ready.

Holyfield is now ready for Tyson

By Jeff Hasen

LAKE TAHOE, Nev. — Evander Holyfield has done all he can to get heavyweight champion Mike Tyson into the ring with him.

The undefeated boxer has stopped his last two opponents, outlasting former titleholder Michael Dokes in March and Brazilian Adilson Rodrigues on Saturday night.

Getting Tyson to agree to a bout will almost certainly prove more difficult than the four fights Holyfield has had since leaving the cruiserweight division last summer.

Don King, Tyson's advisor, has resisted such a match in part because Holyfield has promotional ties to Dan Duva and Shelly Finkel.

"It'll happen," Finkel said, "but I get the feeling they won't fight until after the first of the year."

Finkel said he has had very preliminary talks with King aide Duke Durden, who is in Atlantic City, N.J., for Tyson's Friday night defense against Carl Williams.

"We'll talk tomorrow, next week and the week after that," Finkel said.

Holyfield's handlers have said they will ask the World Boxing Association to make Tyson agree by Nov. 25 to a mandatory defense against Holyfield. Both the WBA and World Boxing Council rank Holyfield No. 1.

Holyfield faced a flurry of Tyson questions after flooring Rodrigues with a second-round combination.

"I think this fight benefits me," Holyfield said after improving to 22-0 with his 18th knockout. "I'm sure that Tyson saw and he understands I'm getting better. Holyfield is on his way to being the next heavyweight champion."

Holyfield looked ordinary in the first of 12 scheduled rounds. He got tagged by Rodrigues early in the second round, just before catching the Brazilian on the ropes with a series of debilitating punches.

"He's a very good fighter," Holyfield said of Rodrigues, who was ranked No. 2 by the WBC. "I feel he deserves a lot of credit. He did come out to win."

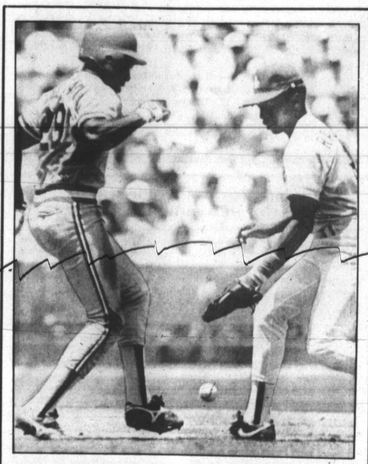
Ken Sanders, Holyfield's manager, said his fighter is improving because the competition has been stiff.

"If we don't get Tyson, we're going to fight the very best opponent," Sanders said. "That's why we fought the No. 2 man instead of taking a fighter we'd have little trouble with.

"The plan is this — we want to fight Mike Tyson. We're not talking about a payday. The reason is we can beat Mike Tyson. Evander Holyfield is a better fighter and a better person and he'll be a better champion than Mike Tyson."

The beaten Rodrigues had a different opinion.

"I can't say Holyfield is the best because he hasn't fought Tyson yet," he said through an interpreter. "Tyson is still the best."



OOPS—It happened during a game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the St. Louis Cardinals. In a rundown between 2nd and 3rd bases in the first inning at Dodger Stadium, Willie Randolph (r) had tagged out St. Louis player Vince Coleman. Unfortunately, William didn't have the ball in his glove when he made the tag. But it all had a happy ending, the Dodgers won 3-2.

Sports Notes

Carl Lewis

INDIANAPOLIS — Olympic champion **Carl Lewis** has been told he no longer is welcome to compete individually in track meets in Japan because of an incident May 14.

The Japan Amateur Athletic Federation notified Lewis of its decision in a letter to his agent, **Joe Douglas** of the Santa Monica, Calif., Track Club. The letter was forwarded to The Athletics Congress, based in Indianapolis.

TAC is the American counterpart to JAAF.

JAAF cited an incident at a meet in Tokyo, saying Lewis covered up the name of a sponsor on a competitor's number.

"We . . . will express a strong complaint against his deed at the competition," wrote Hiraoki Chosa, JAAF managing director. "We have decided not to invite Carl Lewis for the time being to our international meets in Japan."

Chosa said Lewis would be welcome to compete in Japan only as a member of U.S. international teams.

Olajuwon undergoes treatment

HOUSTON — Houston Rockets center **Akeem Olajuwon** remained in a Houston area hospital Friday night, undergoing treatment for an apparent blood clot in the calf area of his leg, team officials said.

Olajuwon entered Sharpstown General Hospital on Wednesday after experiencing discomfort in his leg following weekend workouts.

Doctors are reportedly attempting to dissolve the clot with medication.

Olajuwon is expected to be released over the weekend. A hospital spokeswoman said he is in good condition but declined to release any other information.

The 7-foot Olajuwon has declined comment on his hospitalization, and Rockets General Manager **Ray Patterson** sad he is not concerned about the ailment, believed to be related to an inflammation of a vein in the leg.

Olajuwon had perhaps his best season in 1988-89, averaging 24.8 points and a league-high 13.5 rebounds.

Eddie Murray sees change

LOS ANGELES — Eddie Murray says there is a different feeling in the Dodger dugout now that the second half of the season is under way.

The defending world champions, who started the second half, 11 games out of first place in the National League West, began the second season with a win Thursday behind Murray's three hits and two RBI. Orel Hershiser allowed six hits over 8⅓ innings to help send Los Angeles to a 3-2 win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

"The feeling in the dugout is that things are different now than in the first half of the season," said Murray. "As for me personally, it's a lot easier when I see pitchers for the second or third time. It just makes things more comfortable.

Philadelphia trying to keep Sixers

PHILADELPHIA — The city of Philadelphia is holding out the possibility of a new playing site for the Philadelphia 76ers, in an effort to keep them from bolting across the Delaware River to Camden, N.J.

Mayor Wilson Goode, who ordered JFK Stadium closed on Thursday because it is considered unsafe, said the possibility of making a new stadium on that site for the Sixers and other teams is under consideration.

"There is an absolute linkage between that decision (to close the stadium) and the 76ers because we are indeed engaged in negotiations as one part of what will be the utilization of that site for the purpose of building a larger arena," Goode said.

"We treat the Sixers' potential move from the city to South Jersey as serious," Goode said, "and we are prepared to be as competitive as is feasible to keep the Sixers here."

Sixers General Manager John Nash, in a prepared statement, said the club hashed a number of discussions with other people in and outside Philadelphia.

"Although some of those discussions have proved to create some extremely attractive potential scenarios, the 76ers are a Philadelphia franchise and the 76ers' preference is, and always will be, to remain in Philadelphia," he said.

Sixers team owner Harold Katz reportedly has been talking to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority about moving to a 23,000-seat arena on the Camden waterfront, which is being redeveloped.

John Samerjan, a spokesman for the authority, refused to confirm any talks, nor would he say whether there were plans to build such a stadium.

The Sixers currently lease space at the Spectrum from Spectacor for $1.5 million a year, under a lease that runs until 1999.

The 63-year-old JFK Stadium sets next door. It has been the site of numerous concerts, as well as the annual Army-Navy football game. However, Goode closed the stadium after inspectors found numerous safety code violations.

Because of the closure, concert organizers have been scrambling to find new sites. Ticket sales for a Rolling Stone appearance in September were to begin Saturday, but have been postponed indefinitely.

Who should be the AL 'Manager of the Year?'

COMMENTARY:

By Richard L. Shook

My vote for American League Manager of the Year is going to Oakland's **Tony LaRussa**.

In the National League, you have to like **Bob Rodgers** of Montreal, one of baseball's good guys. As are **Roger Craig** of San Francisco and Houston's **Art Howe**.

It's been amazing the way **Whitey Herzog** has guided St. Louis to a plus-.500 record on a team where they do the pitchers' names above the locker in adhesive tape, rather than embossed plates, because the names change so often.

But the NL races are so muddled that any one of a half-dozen or more managers — even **Pete Rose** of injury plagued Cincinnati — are in the hunt as much as their teams.

No such mud in AL picture, though. You have California's **Doug Rader**, whose team is in first place in the strong AL West, Baltimore's **Frank Robinson** or LaRussa as the front-runners.

But the vote here goes to LaRussa — unless he mucks it up something awful in the last 10 weeks of the season, of course.

Robinson could be sentimental choice because of the Orioles' difficult reversal from worst to first in the space of less than a season. It remains to be seen whether Baltimore has the wherewithal to stay on top. But even if it does, winning the AL East is going to be no achievement this year.

Robinson has one big drawback, though. He treats too many people like doctors who tell hypochondriacs there's nothing wrong with them. That shouldn't have a bearing, but unfortunately it does.

Rader has been excellent this season. Many people predicted he wouldn't last through June with California, based on the way things went for him in Texas. With the Rangers, he went from whiz to was in less than a couple of seasons.

But Rader, one of the most intelligent men in baseball, learned from his experience. He has taken a team with definite offensive drawbacks and whose pitching was an unknown quantity at the start of the season and managed it into first place in the tough AL West.

He has leaned heavily on his pitching coach, **Marcel Lachemann**, and the way they've brought Jim Abbott along spotlights the fine job they've done.

So what gives LaRussa the edge? Simple. He has helped Oakland stay in position to repeat as AL West and American League champion.

He's got the horses, you say? Sure — finally.

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Not many teams could miss their ace reliever for more than two weeks without going into the dumper. Or their shortstop for nearly two months.

The psychology of having won one year works against repeating. Not many teams repeat nowadays, let alone remain in contention missing several key spokes from the wheel. LaRussa made his team aware of that danger early.

The Athletics' hidden strength last year was pitching. The staff was deep behind the starters. Oakland's starters are nothing to write home about behind Dave Stewart, Bob Welch and Mike Moore.

But so far, Oakland is far better off than most winners are the year after. It's tough to win, even when you have the horses—especially if the horses know it.

And for that, LaRussa gets my vote as AL Manager of the Year. (UPI).

AREA SPORTS

SPORTSCENE

By Fred Lindsey

Short Shots

All Star Games a CCB

The AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper sponsored Greater Women's Basketball League will have its first all star game, this Saturday at the Community College of Baltimore, 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue.

This select group of all-league players will compete against high school all stars from the Philadelphia area and the games will include an unlimited contest for women 18 years and older.

The games are scheduled for **12 noon** for ages **15 and Under; 2:00 p.m.** for ages **17 and Under** and **4:00 p.m.** for the **Unlimited Women.**

The Baltimore All Stars are in attendance at Broadneck, Mt. Hebron, Seton-Keough, Severna Park, Walbrook, Western and Woodlawn High Schools.

Be An Oriole Announcer

Fans, 14 years old and under, have the chance to become the next Jon Miller or Joe Angel and see the Orioles play on the road at Cleveland during the "WBAL/Chesapeake Health Plan Rookie Broadcaster" promotion.

Interested contestants should send a play-by-play cassette tape recording of one inning (three outs) of an Oriole game to: Promotions Department, Baltimore Orioles, Memorial Stadium, Baltimore, 21218. (All entries become property of the Orioles and will not be returned.)

The deadline to enter is Friday, August 4. WBAL will choose 12 finalists, and at a luncheon, August 10, a media panel of judges will select the three winners.

Each winner receives travel and lodging accommodations for three persons to see the Orioles play the Indians at Cleveland, August 29-30. In addition, each winner will be invited to an Orioles game in September to sit for one inning in the announcers' booth with Jon Miller and Joe Angel.

Bullets Rookies at Charm City Classic

This Saturday, at Coppin State College, you can view firsthand the 1989 crop of Washington Bullets hopefuls when the rookie-free agent team play the Charm City Classic All-Stars at 7:30 p.m.

Second round picks Ed Horton (Iowa) and Doug Roth (Tennessee) will be the featured rookies because first-round choice Tom Hammonds (Georgia Tech) will be in Atlanta completing summer school.

Two local players invited to this year's rookie-free agent camp are 6'8", forward/center Kenny Reynolds (UMBC) and 6'5 guard Mike Tate (Mt. St. Marys). They should play to promote area interest.

Also invited to rookie-free agent camp, held at Bowie State this week, are four players from predominantly black colleges. 6'4" guard Ernie Griffin (Elizabeth City State), 6'6" forward Leonard Harris (Virginia State), 6'1" guard Lashaun McDaniel (St. Augustine College), and 6'5" forward Rodney Mack (South Carolina State), but don't expect to see all of them this week-end.

As part of the complete days activities, the Bullets are also having the "Back To Basics" Basketball Camp from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for young people between the ages of 8 and 18.

For more information about the camp, contact Vernon Wolst of Project Survival at 542-1322. The camp cost $13 per person.

General admission to the Bullets Rookie game is $2. However, if any basketball player from the following leagues wear their team shirts, admission is reduce to half price.

The leagues are BBA-Cloverdale; Craig Cromwell, Bocek, Second District Community League; Greater Baltimore Women's League; Woodlawn Friends; Christian Mens Basketball League; Flag House; Sportsman Lounge League; the BNBL (any year); and Project Survival (any year).

Advance tickets are on sale at Charley Rude Sports at Mondawmin and Old Town Mall.

DC Wheelchair team wins gold

Washington's Air Capital Wheelchair track team has just returned triumphant from the national track championships in Pennsylvania.

The team won a number of medals, including a gold in the 100- meters, secured by 14-year-old Kaylo Peterson; and the same in the 400-meter title, won by former 800-meter champion, Dana Jackson.

Air Capital is sponsored by New Life Inc., an organization providing peer counseling and sports programs for disabled District youth.

For information call Bill or Brenda Greene at (202) 678-2960.

Lee Elder golf tourney

The 19th Annual Lee Elder Invitational Golf & Tennis Tournament will take place in the Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Pa. Aug. 25 thru 27.

Three hundred players are expected to take place in the event, which is hosted by PGA professional Lee Elder. It is the only 3-day celebrity event on the East Coast to feature celebrities, politicians and sports and corporate participants, officials said.

BNBL Championships

Kisha Ford was selected the MVP for BNBL's 15 and Under Girls.

By Fred Lindsey
Local Sports Editor

The BNBL Championships held last week at Lake Clifton concluded its 20th year with one major development.

In the boys competition, West Baltimore's Bentalou Recreation Center won both the 15 and Under and the 18 and Under Divisions respectively beating East Baltimore's Madison Square and Oliver Recreation Centers breaking an East Baltimore dominance in the league.

Oliver was triumphant; however, in the 11 and Under Division and Cecil Recreation beat Madison Square to gain the championship title in the 13 and Under league.

On the girls side, the most familiar recreation centers for girls' basketball continued their winning ways as Liberty Road won the 13 and Under, Flag House won the 16 and Under and John E. Howard won the 18 and Under Division.

The Championship scores and the winning teams MVP (most valuable player) is listed as follows:

BOYS 11 and Under

Oliver A	35
R. Marshall	30

MVP:

Marvis Thornton	14 points

GIRLS 13 and Under

Liberty Road	33
J. E. Howard	18

MVP:

Sonia Chase	16 points

BOYS 13 and Under

Cecil	47
Mad. Square	36

MVP:

Gerrod Glee	16 points

15 and Under

Bentalou Bombers	34
Mad. Square	31

MVP:

Shamar Bass	14 points

18 and Under

Bentalou	52
Oliver A	45

MVP:

Marlon Quillens	16 points

GIRLS 15 and Under

Flag House	28
Ellicott City	16

MVP:

Kisha Ford	9 points

18 and Under

John E. Howard	30
Leith-Walk	26

MVP:

Dana Johnson	13 points

BBA's Advantage Bail Bond - from left to right (back row) Mike Ponder, coach; Tammy Manly, Faye Washington, Lynette Thompson, Tracey Early, Myra Harrison, Theresa Hatch, and Tony Harris, assistant coach. Front row left to right - Shawn Jackson, Kim Brown, Lisa Miller, Shaun Lewis, Virginia Sherman and Stacy Harris is not shown.

BBA Keeps Rolling

By Fred Lindsey
Local Sports Editor

Although they are new to the world of outdoor basketball, the team of Advantage Bail Bond, coached by Mike Ponder, is still very competitive in the BBA (Baltimore Basketball Association).

With a 4-3 record, the second best mark in the women's division, Advantage Bail Bond is striving for more respectability.

"Playing outdoors has been a learning experience for us," Ponder said. "Although we have played well and have had a good, consistent effort from the team, it is not the same as playing on the hardwood."

Having most of his players come from East Baltimore, Ponders' team has only been together for a year. They have competed successfully in leagues at Martha Crossman Recreation Center and at Loch Raven Middle School, but they expect the experience at Cloverdale will have the most effect on their play in the winter leagues this season.

"Being in the BBA gives our team more incentive to do our best," Ponder said, "because of the stellar competition. It is because of the competition and because female basketball has become more visible in Baltimore City, that we think we will be one of the showcase teams this basketball season."

BBA's Cloverdale Masters Youth Team has an all star team that will travel to Washington, D.C. to play their equals in the preliminary game to the Washington Bullets in the "Say-NO-TO-Drugs" Pro Am Game at H. D. Woodson High School at 6:00p.m. Support the kids.

BBA LEAGUE STANDINGS:

Pro Am (Unlimited East	W	L
Peter Drew	6	2
Sandtown	6	2
Harris Hawks	5	4
Cloverdale H.S.	4	3
L.A. Big Time	4	4
Foxes Den	3	6
Tony's Fast Break	3	6
Pro Am (Unlimited) West		
Murray's Fuel Oil	7	2
Charm City Breakers	7	2
Left's Accountable BB	4	4
Easterwood	3	3
Chery Hill	3	6
Myrtle Ave.	2	6
Burnside Eagles	2	
30 and Over		
Cecil	12	0
Flag House	9	3
Clarence Stars	7	4
Peter Drew	6	6
Jimmy Jammers	2	10
Cloverdale A/C	0	11
Youth League		
Cherry Hill	5	1
Cody Smith B.B.	4	1
Flag House	4	2
Advantage B.B.	2	2
Lexington Terrace	1	4
Terrys Hawks	0	5
Women's League		
Casual Corner	7	0
Advantage B.B.	4	3
S. Balt. Oldtimers	2	4
Flag House	0	6

All American—Kurk Lee

Kurk Lee — All America

By Fred Lindsey

Four months until basketball season and Towson State University is already promoting their star Kurk Lee to All-American status.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR in the East Coast Conference, Lee, the former Dunbar standout averaged 25.4 ppg. this year tying the single season scoring average record set in 1972 at Towson State.

Not only did Lee lead the conference in scoring, but he also led in steals (98) and free throw percentage (.881). Nationally, Lee ranked 13th in scoring, 5th in steals and 11th in free throw percentage.

Chosen as an Associate Press honorable mention All-American, Lee is the first player from a Baltimore Division One school to be honored. Lee led the TSU Tigers to a 19-10 record, their best ever in major college competition.

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