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Short Shots

Sportschannel America On Baltimore Pro Boxing Tour

On Monday, August 14, Sportchannel America will bring its Pro Boxing Tour to the city's Teamster Hall for the first televised fight in eleven years.

The main event will feature Baltimore's own Vincent Pettway)28-2, 25 KO's) against Sammy Rivera (22-7, 15 KO's) of Knoxville, Tennessee in a ten-round welterweight bout.

Pettway is currently ranked seventh by the IBF (international Boxing Federation). Washington D.C.'s Simon Brown is the title holder in the division.

Topping the undercard is Eddie Van Kirk, (28-2, 20 KO's) another Baltimore fighter, against Philadelphia's Charlie Brown (26-9, 20 KO's). Brown, a former world lightweight contender, is attempting a comeback.

Sportschannel, the New England - based cable sports network, will carry the main event and one undercard fight live and will tape the entire card for a later showing.

The Teamster's Hall is located at 6000 Erdman Ave. in East Baltimore. Doors open at 7 p.m. Reserved tickets for the show are $25. General adminission seats are available for $20. For more information, call 727-0885 or 685-2564.

Walk-To Pool Swim Championship

The Aquatics Division of the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks will conduct the Walk-to Pool Championships on Saturday, July 29th, at the Callowhill Pool at 4901 Greenspring Avenue. The Championships will start at 10 a.m., but the pool will be available for warm up exercises at 9:15 a.m.

This event is open to all swimmers ages 5-18 years of age. To qualify for inclusion on a swim team, swimmers must stop by at any of the 17 walk-to pools in Baltimore City and register with the swim teams to compete. Swimmers must compete in events for their age group only.

Ribbons will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of each event. A trophy will be awarded to the team earning the most points in individual events. All age group champions are eligible to compete in the Municipal Swim Championships to be held on Saturday, August 5, 1989, at the Clifton Park Pool.

For additional information, contact the Aquatics Office of the Department of Recreation and Parks at 396-2929.

Baltimore Teens Compete in Deaf National CC Championships

By Renee Johnson

Baltimore teens Annette Burrell, Jene Kesler, and Damon Sparrow are among twelve students from the Maryland School for the Deaf who have been selected to compete at the National Cross Country Championships for the Deaf to be held November 18 in Tucson, Arizona.

Having had an outstanding past season, the MSD Orioles should prove to be formidable foes in Arizona. Coach Jay Cherry is the National Association of the Deaf's 1988 Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year. The girls team is Team of the Year and the boys team placed runner-up to California School for the Deaf.

Fifteen-year-old freshman Annette Burrell will join the varsity team in the fall. She is an outstanding runner and placed second in the 14-18 year old age group for the last two years at the National Cross Country Championship. Basketball and track are other sports Annette participates in at the Frederick school.

Jene Kesler is a sixteen-year-old sophomore. This is her second year on the varsity team. Her efforts helped the team win the National Deaf Prep Team of the Year award. Jene also plays on the basketball and track teams.

Annette Burrell, Jene Kisler and Damon Sparrow have been selected to run in national cross country meet.

Damon Sparrow returns for his second year on the cross country team. His attitude and desire have earned him a spot on the varsity team. Damon is a fifteen year old freshman.

To compete at The Tucson championship, each runner must raise $400 to pay for transportation, meals, and lodging. Anyone wishing to make a donation to these teens should make checks payable to Orioles Cross Country.

Checks should also indicate the runner you are sponsoring and list the National Cross Country Meet as the event. Send proceeds to the following address:

Maryland School for the Deaf
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101 Clarke Place, Box 250
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United States Youth Games Sets Agenda

Baltimore, Maryland, July 11, 1989 — The City of Baltimore will host the 1989 United States Youth Games National Championship, August 7-13. More than 1,600 young champions from 16 major cities throughout the country will compete for national titles in basketball, swimming, bowling, track and field, volleyball and tennis.

The first Youth Games Championship was held in New York City in 1966 and featured competing teams from Washington, D.C., New York and Boston. This year, more than 1.2 million youngsters across the country will vie for a chance to represent their city in the National Championship.

Cities participating in the Championship, sponsored by Coca-Cola USA and Reebok International, Ltd., are Baltimore, MD; Boston, MA; Columbia, SC; East Orange, NJ; New Haven, CT; Birmingham, AL; Newark, NJ; New York, NY; Patterson, NJ; Richmond, VA; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, PA; Atlanta, GA; Detroit, MI. Memphis (Tennessee), Dallas (Texas), Hartford (Connecticut) and the cities of San Francisco, San Diego and Los Angeles, California will be observing this year.

The kick-off parade and opening ceremony will take place on Monday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Inner Harbor, featuring entertainment by Robin Williams, 1989 Star Search Winner and the group Mannequin. The sports competition will commence on Tuesday, August 8 at 8:00 p.m. at Towson State University with Loyola College assisting with lodging.

Friday, August 11 from 6-8 p.m., the National Office will host a celebratory reception at the Inner Harbor on Rash Field. The National Championships will conclude with the Closing Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 13 at Towson State University.

"This year through the support and cooperation of Coca-Cola USA, Reebok International, Ltd. and the Baltimore City government, we've taken a good program to new heights," said F. Alexis H. Roberson, Chairperson of the United States Youth Games.

Since their inception, the Games have cultivated the talents of several professional and collegiate athletes, including NBA stars Patrick Ewing, Tyrone "Mugsy" Bogues and Adrian Dantley, University of Tennessee track and field All-American Joetta Clark, and K.C. Jones, former head coach of the Boston Celtics.

Baltimore's Dorothy Wiltshire is the national coordinator for the U.S. Youth Games.

Ravens Host Car Wash

On Saturday, July 29th, the Baltimore Ravens Wheelchair Basketball Club will host a CAR WASH at the League for the Handicapped, 111 East Coldspring Lane with proceeds to benefit the Ravens' 1989-90 basketball season.

The car wash will take place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and cost $3.00. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, call Eddie Diggs, general manager; at 679-0264.

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Tyson-William Knockout:

Referee defends decision

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — After a night's sleep, referee Randy Neumann said Saturday he made the right call by stopping Mike Tyson's fight against Carl "The Truth" Williams after 93 seconds.

Neumann halted the bout after challenger Williams was knocked down by a left hook and rose shakily at the count of seven.

Neumann answered heated debate with a cold analysis of boxing.

"Hitting the chin, rotating the brain, hitting the synoptic connection so the legs don't work . . . that's what boxing's about," he explained.

Neumann, a former heavyweight, celebrated his 41st birthday Friday night by becoming the central figure in the most controversial fight in Tyson's reign as champion.

Predictably, Williams's manager, trainer and promoter remember the event and interpret replays with a different diagnosis than Neumann does.

"I think I'm here less so to defend what happened last night and more so to talk about boxing," Neuman said. "We're in the 1990s. This is a good forum for what we do in boxing. We're not about killing people. We're not about getting guys maimed or impaired."

When Williams missed a job and dropped his right, Tyson threw a punch that was brilliantly timed, if not devastating enough to stop the fight in Williams's mind.

The accuracy of Tyson's move prompted the general consensus that knockout was inevitable anyway.

"If they didn't stop it, there would have been nothing but hair and bones," said Tyson's co-trainer Jay Bright.

In a sequence Neumann refers to as his "10-second window to work with," Williams went down, tried to immediately get up but sank and closed his eyes and then barely got up by the count of seven.

That much was there for the world to see. Neumann's reputation is being judged by the next few seconds. He says Williams failed to respond to Neumann's question, "Are you all right?"

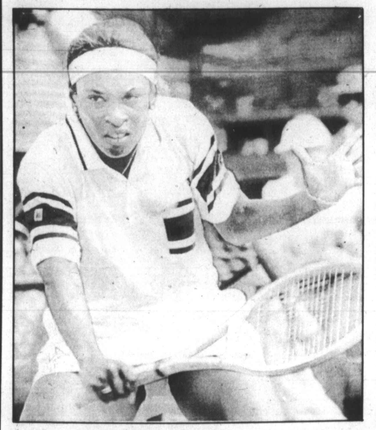
Larry Hazzard, head of the New Jersey state boxing commission, defended Neumann's decision.

"Monday morning quarterbacking is always a little easier," Hazzard said. "When Carl Williams got hit with one hook, my view is he got hurt because he tried to come up immediately and went back down and closed his eyes.

"In my opinion, I think the fight should have been stopped. The first thing that registered in my mind is that this kid is hurt."

ATLANTIC CITY — Heavyweight champ Mike Tyson flashes the $100,000 bonus given him by promoter Don King (L) for knocking out Carl Williams in the first round.

Zina takes title



ZINA GARRISON smashes a return during the Virginia Slims Tourney.

NEWPORT, R.I. — Top seed Zina Garrison recorded the most lopsided victory in the Virginia Slims of Newport Sunday by posting a 6-0, 6-1 victory over No. 2 seed Pam Shriver that took less than an hour at the Newport Casino.

Garrison, of Houston, collected $40,000 while Shriver of Baltimore, picked up $18,000 after appearing in her fourth final in Newport.

A crowd of 3,693 watched he fifth-ranked Garrison set the tone of the match on the first point with a service return winner.

Garrison broke Shriver's serve quickly, took advantage of two break points in the third and fifth games to break Shriver's serve again, and won the set on serve with a forehand lob.

"When it was 5-0, I felt that I could win really well," said Garrison. "When you get up 5-0, there is no fear of losing."

Shriver, ranked 10th, was unable to develop any momentum against an onslaught of Garrison passing shots and managed to win only the fourth game of the second set when Garrison double-faulted.

Garrison broke twice early for a 3-0 lead in the second set, prompting Shriver to yell at herself, "Wake up!" It didn't help.

"If you can get Pam upset, then usually you're pretty much in the driver's seat," Garrison said.

Garrison, though she had to evade a break point in the sixth game of the second set, held serve and broke Shriver a seventh time in the next game.

Garrison is 4-6 against Shriver, and won the eighth final of her career and second of 1989 with a forehand return-of-serve that Shriver swatted into the net.

"When someone plays that well, if you don't have it in you to play that well, you're sunk," Shriver said.

Farmer-Patrick sets U.S. record

NEW YORK — In one year, Sandra Farmer-Patrick has gone from failing to make the U.S. Olympic team to becoming the nation's premier intermediate hurdler.

Farmer-Patrick continued her season - long undefeated streak Saturday by running 53.37 to break her American record in the 400-meter hurdles at the inaugural New York Games.

The 26-year-old native Jamaican who grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., defeated a field that included Olympian Schowanda Williams and Olympic star Jackie Joyner Kersee.

The race marked a small form of retribution for Farmer-Patrick, who was deprived a chance of making the Olympic team last year when she was disqualified at the Trials because of a lane assignment mix-up.

"I didn't go to the Olympic Games and I wanted to redeem myself," said Farmer-Patrick, who did gain a Jamaican Olympic berth. "If you're not in the Olympic Games you may as well watch the others."

Farmer-Patrick improved her American record 53.75 set last month at the U.S. Championships. Her time was the world's fastest of the year and the sixth-fastest in history.

"I didn't think I could get this low," she said. "I'm almost afraid to say how fast I can go."

Farmer-Patrick's performance came on a day when two of the world's greatest sprinters, Olympic champion Carl Lewis and NCAA champion Dawn Sowell, came up lame.

Sowell, the apparent heiress to Olympic sprint queen Florence Griffith Joyner, sustained a hamstring injury in her 100-meter race just as she was ready to make her move from third place.

Saundra Farmer-Patrick at the New York Track and Field games.

The 23-year-old from Louisiana State, whose 10.78 last month in the NCAAs at Provo, Utah was the third-fastest 100 meters in history, fell to the track at the 70-meter mark and was carted off the track on a stretcher.

"It's just one of those things that happens when you get too tired, said Sowell, who joined Griffith Joyner's track club this spring. "It's been a long season and my legs are just exhausted. I tried to shift gears, and I thought I was going pretty well, but it just cramped up and I went down. The trainer said as long as I didn't feel a pull everything should be OK."

Sheila Echols, who ran the second leg on the 1988 U.S. Olympic gold medal 4 x 100-meter relay team, won the women's 100 in 11.20.

Lee Evans enters Hall of Fame

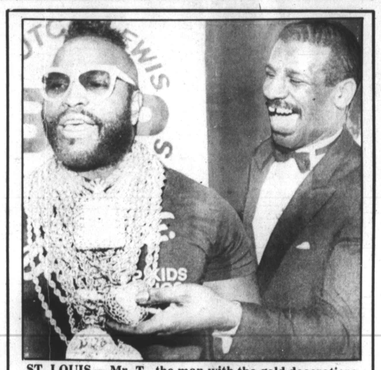
OKLAHOMA CITY — Lee Evans entered the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame railing against the "mediocre" athletes who resort to drugs to enhance performances.

Evans and fellow track stars Bobby Morrow and the late Mel Sheppard were joined by boxer Joe Frazier, weightlifter John Davis and the entire 1960 U.S. Olympic hockey team in the 1989 class of the hall of fame.

The latest inductees were introduced in a ceremony in conjunction with the U.S. Olympic Festival.

Evans, who won gold medals and set world records in the 400-meter dash and 1,600-meter relay during the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, said he was offered steroids in 1970.

He declined the offer "because why did I need them? Even the guy who was taking them, I was still beating him in competition."



ST. LOUIS — Mr. T., the man with the gold decorations describes how difficult it is to carry, what he describes as, 45 pounds of gold around his neck. It tickles Michael Spinks, former heavyweight champion. Mr. T. was in St. Louis to deliver his no drugs message to youngsters, and promote two fighters Spinks is managing.

Florence Griffith-Joyner carries the torch into US Olympic Festival in Norman, Okla.

Griffith Joyner expands horizons

OKLAHOMA CITY — Not so long ago, Florence Griffith-Joyner had tunnel vision and that tunnel consisted of a stretch of track on which she could run faster than any woman in history.

Now, however, she is a woman for all seasons.

She took a little time recently, for instance, to design some uniforms for the Indiana Pacers.

"I'll have 14 different outfits for them and they're all different from what the Indiana Pacers wear now," she said. "Then there will be another one for a surprise."

Joyner became famous for her speed, winning three gold medals at the Seoul Olympics and setting the world record for both the 100 and 200 meters. And as she got faster, she also became more fashion conscious — wearing track outfits that had only one leg.

She unveiled another "one legger," last Friday as a torch bearer at the start of the U.S. Olympic Festival.

Her torch bearing run Friday was one of the few track-related appearances that Griffith-Joyner has managed to fit into a schedule that has her meeting with the Pacers on final approval of their new uniforms; going to Japan to film a movie, the selling of the 22 children's books she's written and, of course, the designing of clothes both for her humans and for the "Flo-Jo" dolls.

"I enjoy it all, I just wish I had more time," she said.

"It's not that I'm pressed for time, I just wish I had more time to do it all."

Time has been the essence of Griffith-Joyner's life since she began to run races at age 7. As a result, she has kept the hectic schedule to help the withdrawal from competition.

"My body is happy I retired," she said. "I went into shock. It didn't know what it was not to get up at 5 in the morning and have training all day.

"I kid around with Al (Joyner, her husband) all the time that I'm coming out of retirement and go after that 400 (meter) world record.

"At this point I am retired for life, although there is a possibility that I will run marathons in the future."

That's right, one of the top American sprinters is thinking of going to marathons "just to see what it feels like."

"It would just be for fun," she said. "I do feel that I could run a marathon right now. I don't know what I could run time wise, but I do feel that I could finish.

"I want to see what it feels like. My body has hurt tremendously in track and field training. And some of the runners have told me what it actually feels like to be in a marathon. The pain and the strain in the body and how long it takes you to recuperate.