

BRIEFS

3rd man out this time

■ LAS VEGAS — Julio Cesar Chavez, Meldrick Taylor and Richard Steele. Three names inexorably linked in boxing lore.

One will be missing from the ring Saturday night when Chavez and Taylor meet in a rematch of their controversial first fight.

Steele, whose decision to stop the first fight with 2 seconds left and Taylor well ahead on the scorecards remains one of the most hotly debated in recent fight history, was never in the running to referee the rematch.

Steele was the third man in the ring the night of March 17, 1990, when Chavez and Taylor met in a battle of undefeated fighters and two champions. Chavez, 68-0 at the time, held the WBC super lightweight title. Taylor, the IBF junior welterweight champion, was 25-0-1.

Suns waive Mustaf

■ PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns have waived forward Jerrod Mustaf, apparently clearing the way for them to sign unrestricted free agent Wayman Tisdale.

The Suns also announced that guard Winston Garland has signed a one-year contract and that rookie forward Antonio Lang signed a three-year contract. No financial details were disclosed.

Mustaf, 24, had two years remaining on a three-year, \$5 million contract extension he signed with the Suns in 1992. The Suns said they have agreed to buy out the remaining two years on his contract — about \$3.8 million — and release him.

The subtraction of Mustaf from Phoenix's roster opens an \$850,000 salary slot and the Suns are expected to use it soon to sign Tisdale to a one-year contract.

Furlan upsets Berasategui

■ BUCHAREST, Romania — Italian Renzo Furlan upset fourth-seeded Alberto Berasategui of Spain 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the second round of the \$550,000 Romania Open clay-court tennis tournament.

Earlier, fifth-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria struggled in the heat before defeating Francisco Roig of Spain 6-0, 1-6, 6-1. After the match, Muster was treated by a doctor at the tennis stadium for "acute heat exhaustion and fever." The temperature reached 97 degrees during their match.

In other play, Alberto Costa of Spain advanced after Sweden's Tomas Nydahl retired in the third set with apparent stomach problems and Marco Gorriz of Spain beat countrymen Oscar Martinez 6-1, 7-6 (7-5).

Belarus beats Russians

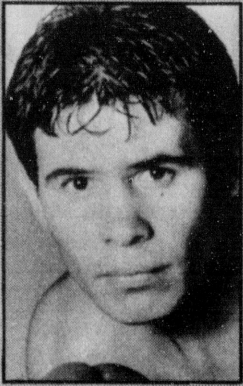
■ INDIANAPOLIS — The Russian open weight women's eight narrowly escaped disqualification at the start, then was beaten in semifinal action in the World Rowing Championship.

Belarus won the three-boat semifinal in a strong crosswind, ahead of the United States and Russia. Belarus and the United States will join semifinal victors Australia and The Netherlands and heat winners Germany and Romania in the "A" final Sunday.

Odds & Ends

■ Cuba dominated the World Under-19 Boxing Championships sending eight fighters to this weekend's finals . . . World Cup champion Francois Gachet of France had the fastest downhill seeding time by nearly five seconds in the World Mountain Bike Championships . . . UCLA All-America wide receiver J.J. Stokes was listed as doubtful for the 13th-ranked Bruins' game at No. 2 Nebraska on Saturday.

Associated Press



Julio Chavez
Faces rematch

Missed conversion costs West

C.R. Kennedy survives late scare, 14-13

By Jeff Dahn
Gazette sportswriter

After failing to take advantage of numerous breaks offered up throughout the game, the Cedar Rapids Kennedy football team caught a huge one late in its Mississippi Valley Conference showdown with Iowa City West Thursday night.

Trojan place-kicker John Huyser watched his PAT attempt go wide left with just 40 seconds left and Kennedy ran out the clock on a 14-13 win over West at Kingston Stadium.

West's Daren Dickel caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from a scrambling Ryan Hansen at the 40-second mark of the fourth quarter to pull the Trojans within one point.

West Coach Reese Morgan said he and his staff planned on going for the tie all the way.

"We had our coaches meeting three days ago, and that's when we decide if we should go for two (points) or one in that situation," Morgan said. "Our rationale is that we'll always go for one and try to go into overtime. It was a decision made three days ago."

THE COUGARS took advantage of four West turnovers that gave them outstanding field possession throughout the first three quarters of play. Kennedy (1-2) scored touchdowns in each of the first two quarters, and led at halftime, 14-0, before the Trojans (1-2) rallied in the fourth period.

"That was pretty ugly," Kennedy Coach Don Knock said. "But we did some things better. Our defense did the job for three quarters, but then we went to sleep in the fourth quarter."

Kennedy came out of the gates in a flurry, and used a 49-yard punt return by Joe Werling with 5:35 left

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in the first quarter to bolt to a 6-0 lead. From then on, Knock turned his offense over to senior tailback Nick McClimon.

McClimon was making his first varsity start in relief of the injured Jimmy Bassett. McClimon was up to the task.

A slender 160-pounder, he followed his blocking flawlessly, picked his holes carefully, and finished with 191 yards on 31 carries. His only varsity experience before Thursday's game were "a couple" of carries late in a 1993 game.

"It was usually a power play," the soft-spoken McClimon said of the call that netted him his big yardage. "The line really stepped it up this week."

The Cougars started all four of their second quarter possessions in West territory, but came away with

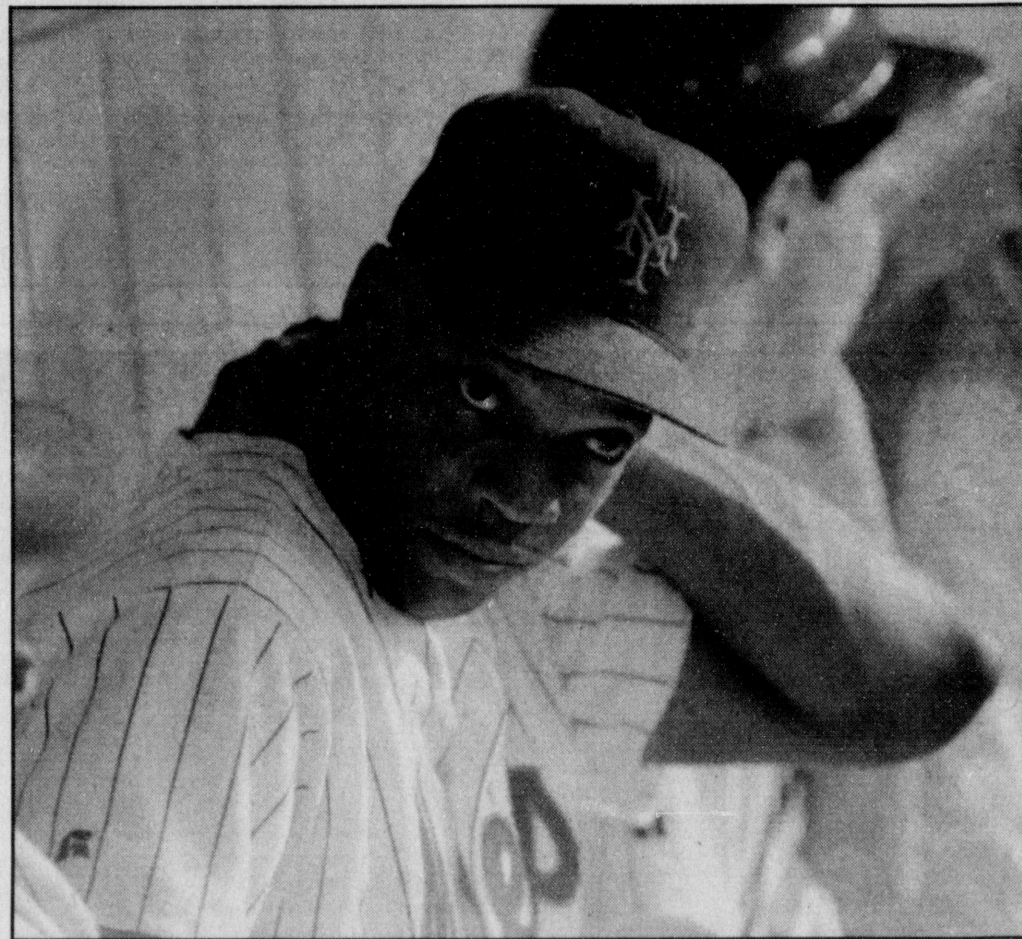
just seven points. McClimon went in from 1 yard out with 7:10 left, capping a seven-play, 26-yard drive that began when Kennedy's Matt Smith recovered a Trojan fumble.

Kennedy's other second period possessions ended with a loss of downs on the West 26, a missed 24-yard field goal and a punt in the waning seconds.

West's fourth quarter scoring drives covered 98 and 62 yards. The 98-yard drive ate up almost five minutes and took 15 plays, the biggest a 22-yard pass from Hansen to Dickel that gave the Trojans a first down on Kennedy's 14.

Hansen completed 13 of 23 passes for 180 yards, including eight to Dickel for 93 yards.

West finished with 253 yards of total offense, 150 in the fourth quarter. Kennedy had 218 yards of offense with 205 coming in the first three quarters.



AP photo

New York Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden, currently serving a suspension for substance abuse, has tested positive for drug use more than once since his release from a rehab center, Major League Baseball officials said Thursday.

Gooden's future clouded by reports of 2 relapses

NEW YORK (AP) — Dwight Gooden, his Cy Young-winning days a dimming memory and his career already in doubt because of a drug suspension, faces additional disciplinary measures after again failing drug tests.

The New York Mets said Thursday that Gooden "has committed additional violations of both his aftercare program and the commissioner's office drug policy."

"After the investigation has been concluded, including receipt of a report from baseball's medical adviser, a determination will be made regarding Gooden's status," the commissioner's office said in a statement.

The Mets, meanwhile, said they would await the commissioner's office report before making a decision on their pitcher.

"We're still trying to absorb all of this," Ed Lynch, a special assistant in the Mets front office, said during a telephone news conference. He said Gooden's future with the Mets has become a secondary consideration.

"Our concern right now is for Dwight

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as a person, his concern as a human being," Lynch said. "We're rooting for him to get his life back in order."

Gooden's agent, Jim Neader said the No. 1 priority is to get Gooden's life straightened out, "then think about baseball after that."

"I personally think he'd like to play there again," the agent said.

Gooden voluntarily checked into the Smithers Center for treatment of cocaine addiction in 1987 and missed a month of the season. He has been regularly tested since then.

On June 28, he was suspended for 60 days without pay when he failed two random drug tests.

The pitcher, scheduled to earn \$3.7 million this season in the final year of a three-year, \$15.45 million contract, was on the disabled list early this season with a toe injury. He was 3-4 with a 6.31 ERA in 4 1/2 innings.

Hopeful league rival getting cool reception

Sites for prospective league would rather wait for real thing

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Buffalo wants baseball, but not that way. Pittsburgh needs money, but not if it means sinking the Pirates. In St. Petersburg, Fla., and Phoenix, they'd rather wait for the real thing.

Anyone trying to organize a rival baseball league in the wake of this season's major league meltdown won't find stadium doors swinging open to welcome them. Whatever problems the big leagues have, they still have friends and would-be friends in many, many places.

"At this point in time, our interest is pretty low," Rick Dodge, the city administrator in St. Petersburg, where they are trying to find a tenant for the Thunder Dome, said Thursday. "Our interest right now continues to be pursuit of major league baseball as we currently know it."

Since the baseball strike began, there have been water-cooler discussions about whether the players would form their own league. After the owners canceled the rest of the season Wednesday, those discussions became more serious.

Player agent Dick Moss is trying to set up an eight- to 12-team league for next season. He did not return calls seeking comment, but potential sites mentioned include Buffalo, St. Petersburg and cities where the stadium isn't owned by the team.

"Every time somebody wants to start a new league, they call Buffalo," said Robert Rich Jr., who owns the Triple-A Bisons and their home, Pilot Field.

"But would we be burning our bridges and potentially eliminating ourselves from consideration for a major league baseball team? That would be a consideration for me," he said.

Phoenix is a front-runner for baseball's next expansion, and

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they've already approved plans to build a stadium — but only for a big league club. What if a new league promised them a team right away?

Rooneys interested

■ PITTSBURGH — The family of Pittsburgh Steelers president Dan Rooney is talking to the city about buying the Pirates.

Rooney and son Art Rooney II apparently would step in only if deep-pocketed buyers can't be found and the Pirates were in danger of leaving.

Autrys might sell

■ LOS ANGELES — Jackie Autry says she and her husband, Gene, are exploring the possibility of selling a minority interest in the California Angels, but that the entire team is not for sale.

Quoting sources, the Los Angeles Times reported that once baseball's labor dispute has been resolved, the Autrys would sell the team. The Times said the Autrys have told four prospective buyers they are asking \$130 million.

"I'm upset and angry," Mrs. Autry told The Associated Press. "The story is total fabrication, to a degree."

Strike? What strike?

■ LONDON — The world doesn't really care about the World Series.

The French ignored it, the Italians gave it a fleeting mention, the English couldn't be bothered, and even baseball-mad Japan only referred to the cancellation of this year's World Series in passing.

Sandberg's wife files

■ SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — A week after Ryne Sandberg retired from the Chicago Cubs to spend more time with his wife and children, his wife filed for divorce.

Cynthia Diane Sandberg filed for divorce June 20 in Scottsdale, where the couple lives.

5 Seminoles get eligibility returned

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The NCAA restored the eligibility Thursday of five suspended Florida State football players, freeing All-American linebacker Derrick Brooks and reserve offensive lineman Marcus Long to play Saturday.

However, the NCAA extended the two-game suspension of senior tailback Tiger McMillon to three games. Patrick McNeil had been suspended for three games and Forrest Conoly for four games.

All were disciplined for taking gifts from a prospective agent last November.

Florida State appealed the decision on McMillon and said a ruling was expected during a conference call Friday.

"I believe our players have proved they have learned their lesson and have stepped up to these suspensions with real character," said Florida State President Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte. "I'm proud of them, and I am especially proud of Tiger McMillon. He came forward early on, and we gave him great credit for that."

"We generally agreed with Florida State on the appropriate

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sanctions for these young men," said Carrie Doyle, NCAA director of eligibility. "The facts indicate that McMillon's actions more clearly violated NCAA amateurism rules than (Brooks and Long) who received two-game suspensions."

McNeil, a three-year starter at guard, will also miss a fourth game tacked on by Coach Bobby Bowden for an unspecified violation of team rules.

"Getting this all behind us is a relief, no doubt about it," said Bowden.

■ DUKE 43, ARMY 7 — Rob Baldin added to his impressive start to the season, scoring three touchdowns in helping Duke pound out a victory over visiting Army.

Baldwin's scoring runs of 7, 3 and 2 yards give him seven touchdowns after three games, the best performance by a Blue Devils running back since Randy Cuthbert, Duke's last potent running back, rushed for 10 touchdowns in the entire 1989 season.

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want, too."

The problem arose over confusion about the calculation of in-state and out-of-state tuitions. The Big Ten Conference instructed schools to use a formula that apparently had been in violation of NCAA legislation since at least the 1970s.

Conference Commissioner Jim Delany launched an internal investigation into the situation when he took office in 1989.

"The NCAA says to calculate scholarships by a certain formula, but the Big Ten had a different formula," Gable said. "There were a lot of question marks. That case could be discussed for a long time."

The wrestling team, which awarded 7.39 scholarships more than allowed by the NCAA during the four-year period, now must cut back to make amends.

"From now on, we have to get back the money we so-called overspent," Gable said. "We need to get back about 1.8 scholarships each year. Normally, we can get five or six pretty good kids a year."

"Hopefully, I can get by cutting that in half. I'm going to have to get some help from the team to even do that."

Gable said one solution might be to use two-sport athletes,

such as former Hawkeye John Oostendorp, who wrestled and played football.

Current Iowa lineman Mike Goff, a former heavyweight sectional champion in Illinois, has said he would consider wrestling if Gable is interested.

"I'm aware that he's interested. But it's football season, so I'll let him concentrate on that and see what happens," Gable said. "But that's the kind of thing we'll be looking at in the future."

Meanwhile, the Hawkeyes' situation may force some recruits to re-evaluate the Iowa program. One is California state champion Eric Guerrero, who wants to wrestle at Iowa although he understands looming Hawkeye scholarship cutbacks.

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