



Bid to ban boxing adds to bizarre year

Following the tragedy of American boxer Gerald McClellan, who was hospitalized with a blood clot in his brain after losing to Britain's Nigel Benn in Saturday's WBC super-middleweight title fight, Britain has again raised the issue of banning boxing.

Ban boxing because it is too violent?

Now, I'm not the biggest boxing fan in the world, nor am I a big fan of knock-down-drag-out violence, but we are talking about boxing here. This is not golf. This is not bowling. It goes



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without saying that along with this job comes hazards, and the athletes that choose to box know that.

It is not like anyone is forcing them into the ring, nor is it as if they go into the profession look-

ing for job security and a nice little pension plan.

They know that standing in a ring duking it out with someone is not exactly as safe as working in a movie theater or pushing a pencil at a desk.

These guys take risks. There is no question about that. But they choose to take those risks in favor of earning a whole lot of money, so I really don't think it is anyone's place to take their jobs away from them.

And some of these aspiring boxers don't have very many other chances in life, so boxing

offers them a chance to develop a skill and use it to become successful.

Some kids are forced to fight their way out of nearly every situation they face, and — though I'm not saying that is necessarily right — some of today's boxers have actually capitalized on these unfortunate situations. In that respect, the profession of boxing has given some young men a chance that they might not have otherwise had.

All of the pros of boxing aside,

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Mariners offer bonus to players

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — The Seattle Mariners' minor league and replacement players have been offered a \$100 bonus per exhibition game if they'll play.

That's to compensate the players for any pressure they may feel from the striking players' union, which is strongly advising minor leaguers to boycott the games, said Woody Woodward, the Mariner's vice president of baseball operations.

Those who agree to play also will receive an additional \$80 per day, the normal daily major league allowance during spring training. Since camp opened on Feb. 20, players have received \$10 a day, plus lunch and hotel rooms.

The players must make a decision by Tuesday so manager Lou Piniella and his coaching staff can put together a team for Friday's Cactus League opener against the Chicago Cubs at Peoria Stadium.

Players can change their minds at any time and forfeit the extra money.

On Thursday, Mariners management will designate a Cactus League roster, probably between 45 and 55 of the 94 players in camp, made up of those players interested in playing.

"That's a joke," said Mariners' pitcher Chris Bosio, who is in Arizona waiting for a settlement. "What are they trying to do, buy them off?"

A player who has signed specifically as a potential replacement player probably will be sent home if he decides not to make himself available, and reluctant minor league players will continue to work out and receive the \$10 per diem.

"It is unfortunate that the union has put these players in this set of circumstances," Woodward said. "These kids are not members of the union, yet the union is trying to bully them into not playing spring training games. The players are concerned and don't appreciate being put in this position."



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The Oregon men's lacrosse team kicked off its season in winning fashion beating Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran last weekend. The team will play in Portland Sunday.

Lacrosse team takes pair on road

Joel Hood
Oregon Daily Emerald

In its first games of the spring season, the Oregon men's lacrosse team rolled to a pair of lopsided road victories. The Ducks took care of Puget Sound 16-4 on Saturday and Pacific Lutheran 10-7 on Sunday.

Oregon, now 2-0 in league, trailed Puget Sound 4-2 through the first quarter before scoring 14 unanswered goals and cruising to the 16-4 win.

"Our younger players really stepped up this weekend," player/coach Ian Haight said.

"Especially our defense. We completely shut down UPS in the second half."

The Ducks never trailed against Pacific Lutheran on Sunday. Oregon took a 5-3 halftime lead and extended it to 10-7 in the second half.

Senior attacker Matt Wade led Oregon in scoring for the weekend with seven goals. He had four in Saturday's rout of Puget Sound. Freshmen midfielders Jeff Erickson and Schuyler Harrison both contributed to the Ducks' onslaught with six goals

between them.

Although Oregon was able to score a season-high 16 goals against UPS on Saturday, Haight credits the two victories to the defense.

Junior midfielder Paul Lardy was second in scoring for the Ducks on Sunday with two goals and an assist.

Oregon is scheduled to play two more league games over the weekend, versus the Multnomah men's club at home on the Southbank Field on Saturday and against Lewis & Clark in Portland on Sunday.

O'Bannon named player of the week

For the second straight week, as well as the fourth time this season, UCLA senior forward Ed O'Bannon was named the Pacific 10 player of week on Monday.

O'Bannon now owns five career player of the week awards. Since the honor began with the 1983-1984 season, only six players have won it more often with former Oregon State guard Gary Payton owning the most with nine.

A 6-foot-8 native of Lakewood, Calif., O'Bannon led the No. 1 Bruins to a 3-0 week with his 86 points and 28 rebounds.

In Tuesday's 88-77 win over Stanford, O'Ban-

non had team highs of 22 points, nine rebounds, five blocked shots and three steals to go with five assists. Against California on Thursday, he hit for a game-high 27 points while equaling Reggie Miller's school record with seven three-pointers. In Sunday's drubbing of Duke, he erupted for a career-high 37 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

O'Bannon is now second in the Pac-10 in scoring, averaging 20.6 points per game and is third in rebounds with 8.3 per contest.

Also nominated for the award were Arizona's Damon Stoudamire, who scored 60 points last week including his first career triple double.

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Top Twenty Five

By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 26. Total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking.

	Record	Pts	Prv
1 UCLA (61)	21-2	1,642	2
2 North Carolina(3)	21-3	1,546	3
3 Kansas(1)	21-4	1,469	1
4 Connecticut(1)	22-2	1,465	4
5 Kentucky	20-4	1,386	6
6 Maryland	22-5	1,298	7
7 Arkansas	23-5	1,226	8
8 Massachusetts	21-4	1,180	5
9 Wake Forest	19-5	1,124	10
10 Michigan St.	20-4	1,003	12
11 Villanova	21-6	960	9
12 Arizona	21-6	954	13
13 Virginia	19-7	840	11
14 Mississippi St.	19-5	797	16
15 Arizona St.	20-7	589	15
16 Oklahoma	21-6	581	25
17 Purdue	20-6	511	21
18 Oklahoma St.	19-8	406	18
19 Missouri	18-6	404	14
20 Stanford	17-6	386	19
21 Alabama	19-7	346	20
22 Syracuse	18-7	327	17
23 Georgetown	17-7	246	—
24 Iowa St.	19-7	175	23
25 Xavier, Ohio	23-3	140	—

Other receiving votes: Utah 105, W. Kentucky 89, Georgia Tech 72, Oregon 35, Memphis 24, Tulsa 18, N.C. Charlotte 17, Texas 15, Minnesota 10, Penn 10, St. Louis 10, Utah St. 10, Georgia 8, Coll. of Charleston 6, Illinois 5, Santa Clara 3, Manhattan 2, Marquette 2, Miami, Ohio 2, Temple 2, Tulane 2, Cincinnati 1, Ohio U. 1.

ATP LEADERS

The leading money winners on the ATP Tour through February 26.

1. Richard Krajicek	\$427,059
2. Andre Agassi	414,760
3. Boris Becker	284,558
4. Michael Stich	283,078
5. Yevgeny Kafelnikov	267,564
6. Pete Sampras	213,030
7. Wayne Ferreira	201,809
8. Paul Haarhuis	198,548
9. Thomas Enqvist	192,398
10. Michael Chang	185,710

Source: Associated Press