

SIDELINE

TODAY IN SPORTS

Morrison charged after biting incident

JAY, Okla. (AP) — Heavyweight boxer Tommy Morrison, accused of punching one woman in the face and biting another woman's finger, was charged with assault Tuesday.

"We denied the allegations made against Tommy last week," said Stuart Campbell, Morrison's lawyer. "We still deny the allegations this week and we will continue to deny the allegations next week."

Prosecutors filed two counts of misdemeanor assault and battery. No warrant was issued, but Morrison is scheduled to appear Thursday in Delaware County District Court, the district attorney's office said. Bail will be set at that time.

The incident allegedly happened Oct. 15 near Jay, where Morrison grew up and is building a ranch. Prosecutors allege Morrison punched Tammy Witt, the mother of his 5-year-old son, and bit Kim Dunham of Jay.

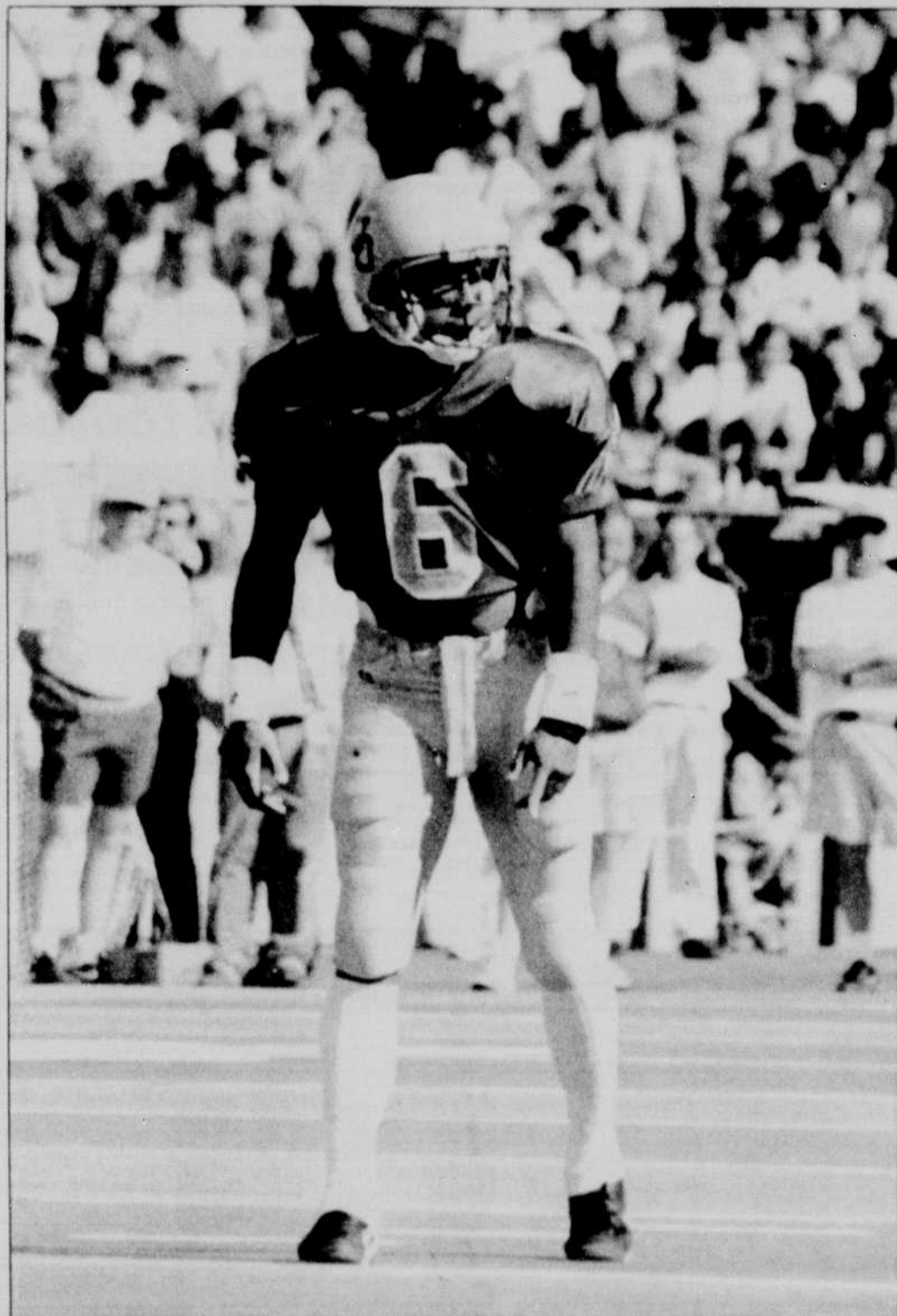
Morrison, 26, is staying at his home outside Jay, Campbell said. His telephone number is not listed and a message left at his mother's home was not immediately returned.

Ducks lose Wheaton for Saturday's game

Sophomore Kenny Wheaton, Oregon's sophomore starting cornerback, was released from Sacred Heart Medical Center Tuesday after successful surgery on his right hand, head football coach Mike Bellotti said.

Wheaton suffered from a torn tendon to the end of his middle finger on his right hand last Saturday against Washington State and surgery was required to reattach the tendon. He will not play against Arizona State this week and will wear a cast over his right hand for the remainder of the season.

Bellotti said he hoped that Wheaton could return to practice next week and rejoin the squad for the Ducks' Nov. 4 contest against Washington in Seattle.



Senior flanker Cristin McLemore, who now holds the all-time reception record at Oregon, has shown his flair for the dramatic in the past few games.

Oregon has found its superstar

Senior flanker Cristin McLemore is one of those people who lights up the room with his presence. After a football game, win or lose, football players are weary, to say the least. After playing in the equivalent of running the Boston Marathon in a medieval knight's armor, the average player is sweaty and tired. It is easy to pick out McLemore among the ranks of weary grid-iron warriors in the locker room after a Ducks game. When most of the worn-out players are slouching around, wishing they could go home and take a nap, McLemore is the one dancing.

McLemore doesn't seem to get tired, no matter how many deep post patterns he runs or how many times his body is slammed to the turf. He's the Energizer Bunny in cleats. He's got that same "I-can-keep-going-and-going-and-you-can't-ever-stop-me" attitude to go with it. The Energizer Bunny can't run under a 4.5 forty, though.

He is the closest thing to a superstar that Oregon has to offer right now (McLemore, not the bunny). The speedy receiver even refers to himself in the third person, as all the great pro stars do. Other times, McLemore uses his on-field alter-ego when talking about himself.

"The defense never knows what CrisMac is going to do," he said after the Pacific game on October 7. CrisMac. I like the sound of that. Prime Time and Air Jordan look out.

Other than the fact that he does not tire, as most humans do, McLemore has a flair for the dramatic, too. You can't call yourself a Duck fan without recalling the Civil War game last year when McLemore played the second half against Oregon

OPINION



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Indians saved by Murray's 11th-inning single

■ **WORLD SERIES:** The Indian's designated hitter wins the first World Series game played in Cleveland in 41 years

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cancel that missing persons report. The real Cleveland Indians have shown up.

Eddie Murray singled home the winning run in the 11th inning Tuesday night and the Indians, masters of the last-inning comeback, saved their season by rallying past Atlanta 7-6 and cutting the Braves' lead in the World Series to 2-1.

No team in baseball history has overcome a 3-0 deficit in the postseason, and the Indians made sure they wouldn't have to, either, by winning the first World Series game played in Cleveland in 41 years.

"We had to win tonight," said Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove. "We win tonight, or chances are we're going home earlier than we planned."

Keyed by Kenny Lofton, who reached base in all six of his at-bats, the Indians scored a run in the eighth to tie it 6-6. Then in the 11th against Alejandro Pena, Carlos Baerga led off with a double, Albert Belle was intentionally walked and Murray hit a sharp single to center that easily scored pinch-runner Alvaro Espinoza.

The win was the Indians' 29th in their last at-bat this year and made them 22-2 in one-run decisions at home and 15-1 overall in extra innings.

"Every time we go into the ninth inning or extra innings, we feel we have a chance to win," Lofton said.

Cleveland stopped a six-game World Series losing streak dating to 1954. The Braves, meanwhile, had their seven-game winning string in this postseason snapped.

"We held the game for a long time and went ahead and should have held the lead," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said. "It was just a matter of time. One of

us was going to do it and they did."

Murray's single came at 12:49 a.m. at Jacobs Field, and ended a game that lasted 4 hours, 9 minutes. The only Series game to take longer — five minutes more — was that 15-14 thriller that Mitch Williams and Philadelphia lost to Toronto in 1993.

The Indians will try to even the Series on Wednesday night in Game 4. Ken Hill is likely to start against Atlanta's Steve Avery.

Jose Mesa was the winner, pitching three innings in his second-longest stint of the season. Braves closer Mark Wohlers went 2 2-3 innings in his longest outing of the year before Pena took over to start the 11th. Pena tried out for the Indians in spring training but was not kept.

The Indians, who led the majors in hitting, scoring and home runs, were limited to two earned runs and eight hits during a pair of one-run losses in Atlanta. But back at home, before the 58th straight sellout at

their park, they scored four times on six hits in the first three innings against John Smoltz.

After Atlanta scored three times in the eighth for a 6-5 lead, the Indians struck back after a one-out walk to Manny Ramirez and a single by Paul Sorrento. Wohlers relieved Greg McMichael and gave up a tying double to Sandy Alomar, but following an intentional walk to Lofton, preserved the tie by striking out Omar Vizquel and getting Baerga on a grounder.

Mesa kept it 6-6 in the ninth by retiring Chipper Jones on a grounder, picked up nicely by rookie first baseman Herbert Perry with two runners on. In the 10th, Baerga went behind second base to glove a thrower by Javier Lopez and throw him out to end the inning with a runner on second.

Lofton was intentionally walked in the bottom of the 10th to put runners at first and third with two outs, but Vizquel

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