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Tyson receives biting penalty from commission

RULING: The boxer lost his license to box and \$3 million in the decision handed down by the Nevada boxing regulators Wednesday

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Mike Tyson couldn't bring himself to watch boxing commissioners ban him from the sport he once dominated.

His lawyers stood instead before Nevada boxing regulators Wednesday, resigned to Tyson's fate but still hopeful that the revocation of his boxing license won't mean the end of the feared heavyweight's career.

"I feel very, very confident you'll see Mike Tyson fighting again within a year," Tyson attorney Oscar Goodman said, adding later, "I know these fellas. He'll be approved in a year."

Just hours after Tyson boarded a plane to New York City, the Nevada State Athletic Commission sentenced him in absentia to the stiffest possible penalty for biting Evander Holyfield's ears: the revocation of his license to box and a \$3 million fine.

Tyson must wait until next July to ask for his license back. Even then, there's no guarantee the commission will give it back.

"Essentially, this is a permanent revocation with an annual review," Donald Haight, the commission's legal adviser, said.

Tyson's ban, however, is only effective in Nevada because a new federal law regulating boxing does not specifically address li-

cense revocations, said deputy attorney general Joe Rolston. He said other states are expected to honor the "spirit of the ban," but acknowledged Nevada could not force them to do so.

"If a state wants to have Mike Tyson, there's probably ways around the federal act," he said.

Even at a minimum of one year, the penalty figures to be severe for Tyson, who has made \$140 million in the ring in the two years since he was released from an Indiana prison after doing time for rape.

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SUMMER RECREATION

Challenging course tests all skill levels

GOLF: Emerald Valley in Creswell offers more than a challenge for the weekend golfer

By Joel Hood and Ryan Frank
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Just a 10 minute drive south of Eugene is one of the area's hidden jewels.

Emerald Valley Golf Club, located just east of Creswell at 83293 Dale Kuni Road, is a long, beautifully designed course that offers even the most experienced golfer a challenge.

While the course is more expensive than some other local courses, it is well worth the cost.

Proximity to campus: 4. Emerald Valley is about a 12-mile drive south of Eugene on Interstate 5.

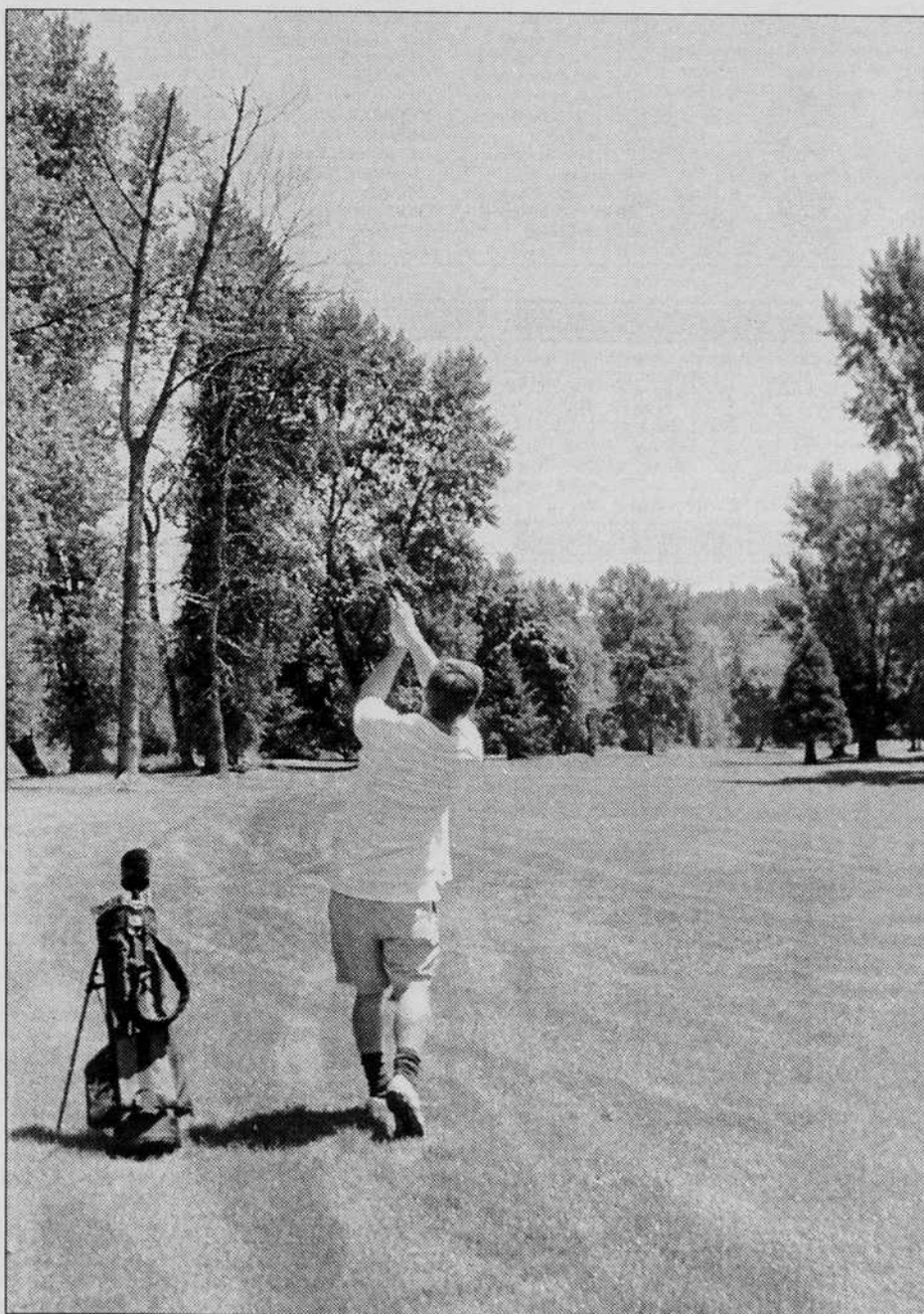
Cost: 7. The student rate is \$16 for 18 holes, and it is good at all times, making it one of the better bargains in the area. The cost for nine holes is \$14 during the week and \$17 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Course difficulty: 7. Emerald Valley is one of the more challenging, longer courses in the area. It is an 18-hole, 6873-yard, par-72 course that sits along the banks of the Willamette River.

"In terms of championship style, [it's] the only course in the area," said Rob Linsey, PGA professional and general manager at Emerald Valley. "It attracts the better golfer with its length and toughness. It's for those who want to play a good, long course."

Emerald Valley sports three holes over 500 yards and only four par-3s, making it a prime course to work on your long game.

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A University student enjoys a round at the Emerald Valley Golf Course in Creswell.

MIKE BARKIN/Emerald

Paxson brings childhood dream to life

Something happened to me last Monday that, as a kid, I didn't think would ever happen.

While the event didn't carry nearly the weight now as it would have then, it was still a treat for me.

As child, I was always imitating my heroes.

During baseball season, I was Reggie Jackson hitting monstrous home runs over the woodpile and through the bathroom window.

During football season, I suited up in my full Cowboys uniform, helmet and all, and pretended to be Tony Dorsett breaking tackles and running for touchdowns.

And during basketball season, I would shoot a million and a half last-second jumpers on my five-foot rim thinking I was the Trail Blazers' all-star Jim Paxson.

While I still may someday meet Reggie Jackson or Tony Dorsett, it is unlikely and I won't hold my breath for the day.

But last Monday, in a class of mine, I did have the honor to meet and interview one of my childhood idols, Jim Paxson.

Three years ago, meeting Paxson would have had me walking on air for three weeks. But after three years of interviewing a handful of big names, including track superstars Michael Johnson and Carl Lewis, some of that giddiness has worn off.

But not completely.

At first sight of Paxson, sitting down, lanky legs folded over each with his arms crossed and hair slicked back like Pat Riley, I was indifferent.

I had almost forgotten about the countless hours spent shooting bank shots until my hands were so blackened with dirt I couldn't see my own skin, all the while counting down the final seconds of the Blazers soon-to-be last-second win thanks to my five-footer.

We, the class, spent 50 minutes interviewing Paxson, now the Blazers' assistant general manager, and I still had not fully

OPINION



Ryan Frank

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ON DECK IN SPORTS

MLB

(AP) — The All-Star game was a big strikeout when it came to television ratings. For the third straight year, the TV rating sank to an all-time low. Tuesday night's game got an 11.8 rating, down 11 percent from last year's game.

NCAA

(AP) — North Carolina and Nike have agreed to a five-year, \$7.1 million contract which the school says will aid academics as well as athletics on the campus. The contract was signed Wednesday, and was the second between the school and Nike.

NHL

(AP) — The limousine driver who crashed into a tree last month injuring two Detroit Red Wings and a team doctor had no drugs in his bloodstream and likely will be charged with a misdemeanor, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

MLB

(AP) — "O Canada" didn't make the cut in the presentation of baseball's All-Star game. Fox Television in the United States, which supplied the feed of Tuesday night's game to TSN in Canada, chose not to air the Canadian anthem.

BASKETBALL

(AP) — The John R. Wooden Classic will be expanded from a Saturday college basketball doubleheader to also include a Thursday high school tripleheader, organizers announced Wednesday.