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Michael Spinks and Company Visit Northeast Portland

by Jerry Garner

International Boxing Federation (IBF) Heavyweight Champion Michael Spinks and former heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott made an appearance in Northeast Portland last Saturday. Spinks who was in town attending an IBF convention at the Red Lion Motor Inn made an appearance on behalf of the Inside Outside People (IOP).

IOP is a nonprofit organization working with ex-offenders. IOP offers ex-offenders room and board, help in job placement, personal and family counseling and a supportive atmosphere.

Spinks and Walcott signed autographs for nearly an hour for residents living in Northeast Portland. Besides Spinks and Walcott, Butch Lewis of Butch Lewis Productions, and Leo Randolph, 1976 Olympic Champion were present. Butch Lewis is Spinks Manager.

The heavyweight champion and his entourage listened to local youngsters perform Rap singing.

The crowd who gathered on the lot of Waagmeester/Canvas Products to look, touch and talk to Spinks, appeared to enjoy being around the heavyweight champion. One man approached the autograph table and said "hello home boy" to Spinks, and promptly displayed a Missouri driver's license (Spinks is from St. Louis).

Spinks, Walcott, and the others



Michael Spinks signs autographs with a smile in Northeast Portland Saturday.

mixed well with the people. They sat comfortably autographing T-shirts and pieces of papers for adults, teenagers and young children. Each time someone requested pictures of them, they politely posed.

Promoter Lewis told the crowd that he and the rest were honored to be with them. He said that the IBF Heavyweight Champion (referring to

Spinks) is never too busy to pay a visit to his people. "Michael Spinks, Jersey Joe Walcott, Davey Armstrong, and myself will always remember where we came from," said Lewis.

Spinks urged the young children to stay in school and say NO to drugs. Spinks said his mother used to tell him to be different from the rest of the children in their St. Louis neighborhood.

He told them how he escaped the rough environment of St. Louis while growing up as a kid, to become successful in life. Spinks told the youngsters, "if you try hard, you will be successful in life also."

The Heavyweight Champ told the Inside Outside People that their program was a good one, and the community should support it.



Michael Spinks, and Jersey Joe Walcott take time out from their busy schedule to visit Northeast Portland and pose for photo with Bob Andrews, center.

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Boston Celtics 1985-1986 NBA World Champions

by Eym-Id

Boston head coach K.C. Jones is also an MVP for successfully guiding the Boston Celtics to their 16th NBA title with a 114-97 victory over the tough and sometimes awesome Houston Rockets.

Larry Bird, the regular season MVP and the championship series MVP led his Celtic teammates by scoring 29 points, 12 assists, and 11 rebounds. "All I know is that we're a championship caliber team," Bird said. "Whether we're the greatest, I don't know. It's really hard to say. Right now we are."

Even before the series' opening tap, most observers (and that may include you?) felt that, Houston-didn't-have-a-chance. The way Steve Duin of the Big O put it, Boston was playing against 4 stiff, a mad dog, and one player who he considered ignorant, because he didn't care one bit about Celtic tradition. Sounds like shock journalism to me (that's the same as shock radio).

Round 1 Houston 100 at Boston 112 Monday, May 26, 1986

On this day the Rockets weren't themselves, foul trouble ruined their best laid plans.

Ralph Sampson, Houston's 7-4 forward played only 5 minutes in the first half after picking up 3 quick fouls. He finished the game with only 2 points on 1 of 3 shooting.

His twin tower of power Akeem "the Dream" Olajuwon wound up with 33 points, 12 rebounds, but 5 fouls limited his effectiveness in the second half.

"The referees called the fouls too tight," said Olajuwon, "It was very unfair."

NEWS OF SPORTS

For two straight seasons he has been the NBA's Most Valuable Player. He is already being called by many as the greatest player in the history of the NBA. But when all phases of the game are measured, just how much of a team player is Larry Bird?



Through much of the 1985-86 season, the NBA computers have rated the Boston Celtics star to be the number one team player in the league. He is a strong candidate to win one of the NBA's most prestigious trophies, the Schick Pivotal Player Award, which for the third time will be presented to the NBA player who generates the most outstanding contributions to his team's success.

The Schick Pivotal Player Award, which is determined by computer evaluation of all offensive and defensive statistics, as well as the performance of a player's team, went to Magic Johnson in 1984, and Michael Jordan in 1985.

Boston won the game in typical Celtic fashion. All 5 starters scored in double figures with Boston's first string center Robert Parish leading the way with 21 points.

Game 2 Houston 95 at Boston 117 Thursday, May 29, 1986

"I was ashamed," Olajuwon said after Larry Bird (31 points), Dennis Johnson (18 points), and Kevin McHale (25 points), let the Celtics to their second straight victory over the defenseless Houston Rockets.

All Houston could say after this one was, "There's no place like home." Meanwhile Olajuwon was making plans to assemble his own NBA team. (The Nigerian Basketball All-Stars.) I think they'll be ready for Boston next year.

Game 3 Boston 104 at Houston 106 Sunday, June 1, 1986

In this game the Rockets finally got over the hump and won a game in Fantasy NBA action.

"Our speed and our ability to run is a little better than theirs," (Ralph Sampson, 24 points, 22 rebounds).

"We were playing with full intensity because we knew we had to win." (Akeem the Dream, 23 points, 8 rebounds).

"Everyone said we were beating our heads against the wall," said Robert, who had 20 points and 9 assists, and held Bird to only 2 points in the fourth quarter. Bird was unimpressed, "If a couple of calls go the other way, we win."

Game 4 Boston 106 at Houston 103 Wednesday, June 4, 1986

If Houston was "awfully lucky" to win game three as Bird so aptly put it, then the same can be said about Boston's crucial win at the Summit. I

say this because the Rocket's inside play was nothing short of spectacular, thanks in part to 25 offensive rebounds.

However, when the buzzer went off, Houston found itself at the short end of the stick.

"If anyone had a serious 3-pointer we would have hammered them," Kevin McHale (Celtic power forward) in reference to the type of defense he and the other Celtics were ready to use to preserve their victory.

Game 5 Boston 96 at Houston 111 Friday, June 6, 1986

This is a game Boston wants to edit from the highlight films.

Leading the series 3-1 the Green Machine figured all they had to do was rough the Rockets up a little and take the championship back to Boston. Well, they forgot to consider the Rockets feelings and wound up feeling like Tommy Hearn when Marvyn Hagler got through with them.

Ralph "Boom Boom" Sampson watched on T.V. last year as the Celtics tried to use the same brutish tactics against the L.A. Lakers, and we know what L.A. did about that, don't we? "Boom Boom" also remembers being body slammed to the hard concrete (just a figure of speech) during a regular season game against this same Boston team.

I wonder if any of these thoughts ever crossed "Boom Boom's" mind before the fight broke out between him and Boston reserve guard Jerry Sichting. This is how Ralph explained the incident to the media.

"I set a pick down low on Sichting early in the game and they talked about getting someone back," he said. "It was an emotional game, I did what I had to do to protect myself." Ralph was ejected from the game.

The fired-up Rocket team never missed a beat, their frontline of 6-11 Jim Peterson (6 points, 12 rebounds), and 7 foot Akeem Olajuwon (32 points, 14 rebounds and an NBA record of 8

blocked shots (Bill Walton shares the record with Akeem), commenced to give Boston a whuppin' they won't soon forget, at least not until Game 6.

Game 6 Houston 97 at Boston 114 Sunday, June 8, 1986

The way Boston was talking before this game you'd think the Houston Rockets were guilty of a heinous crime and deserved the worst punishment available.

"They better put their hardhats on when they come to Boston," Larry Bird.

"It's going to be a war," Dennis Johnson.

What did "Boom Boom" Sampson have to say in lieu of his return to the Boston Garden? "I know it's going to be a situation where they boo me every play, but I'm used to it."

This game was nothing like game 5, Houston (save Akeem) seemed to lose all intensity late in the second quarter and the Boston Celtics easily claimed their 16th NBA Championship in the 40 year history of the NBA.

Wait! Wait! What happened to Ralph Sampson (8 points, 10 rebounds) in this game? Was it the crowd? Was it Kevin McHale?

No, Sampson said, "I went out to take care of myself. If I played well, I think we would have won."

Olajuwon said, "I don't think he was rattled, maybe he just played a bad game."

After Ralph's dismal display in game 6 it would be easy for people to label Ralph a quitter. . . . Houston coach Bill Fitch had this to say about his star player's performance. "I won't judge his season by this one game. If he had not played to high standards all year, we wouldn't have been here. And I agree with that."

Boston won this year's show-dodown, but don't bet on them repeating.

BOSTON CELTICS
1985-86 NBA World Champions

Youth Track Meet to Highlight Festival

An All Comers' Track Meet for children up to the age of 18 will be a special feature of the seventh annual Mt. Hood Community College Strawberry Festival June 21. The track meet will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MHCC stadium. Strawberry Festival activities will take place in the gym from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The track meet will have several age division qualification requirements and each participant must enter according to his/her age. The first event will involve children 6 years and under. Additional divisions are as follows: 7 to 8 year olds, 9 to 10 year olds, 11 to 12 year

olds, 13 to 14 year olds and 15 to 18 year olds.

Ribbons will be awarded to those taking first through eighth place in each event; all entrants will receive ribbons for participation in the meet.

Officiating the track meet will be MHCC track coach Jim Puckett, coach Greg Letts of Centennial High School and Doug Puckett. Volunteers to help officiate the track meet are needed and should contact Puckett at 667-7354.

The entry fee for each child will be 50 cents. For additional information contact the MHCC Athletic Department at 667-7354.

Adult and Family Services Division, North Portland Branch moves to a new office location June 9, 1986. The new address is 731 N. Hayden Meadows Drive, P.O. Box 17278, Portland, Oregon 97217. The new location is directly across the street from the former office.

The branch will be open during regular hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in their new location June 9 but will not schedule appointments that day. Return to full service is expected June 10.

New phone numbers for AFS North Portland Branch will also be in effect June 9, 1986. The numbers are:

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