

SPORTS

TRACKSTERS GOING TO NATIONALS



Members of the Northeast Community Tracksters who qualified for USA Junior Olympic Track and Field events. The club is headed to the national competition held this week in Gainesville, Fla.

IN THE SPORTSLIGHT WITH ROBIN ROBERTS

In the SportsLight with Robin Roberts, a new ESPN series of SportsCenter specials, will premiere Monday, July 25 at 7:30pm ET. This on-location interview show will present prominent and successful individuals who trace the roots of their success back to the fields of their childhood sports dreams. The 30-minute premiere will feature Senator Bill Bradley and rap artist Hammer.

"These specials will show that people can achieve success through avenues other than professional athletics," said Roberts. "They will show that what we learn through participating in sports can be applied to our every day lives. With recent focus on negatives such as salary disputes and drug problems, it's great to be able to highlight the benefits of sports."

The program will include Bradley, a Princeton Rhodes Scholar and NBA Hall-of-Famer, and Hammer, a former Oakland A's bat boy. Both have diverged from careers in athletics to achieve success in non-sports related fields.



"SportsLight with Robin Roberts" is a new ESPN series of on-location sports specials. Roberts has hosted ESPN's Sunday SportsDay, SportsCenter and contributed to the cable network's NFL PrimeTime show.

The second show will feature actor Bill Cosby and New York Governor Mario Cuomo, and will be televised Monday, Aug. 22 at 7:30pm.

Since joining ESPN in February 1990, Roberts has served in various capacities, including hosting Sunday

morning's Sunday SportsDay, anchoring SportsCenter, contributing to NFL PrimeTime and providing interviews and reports from the field. In addition to covering men's and women's NCAA basketball, Roberts serves as SportsCenter's premiere tennis correspondent.

HEAVY-HANDED PURITTY NEW OPPONENT VS. MORRISON

Ross Puritty, a 6'4" 250-pound brawler from Oklahoma, is Tommy (The Duke) Morrison's new opponent on ESPN's Top Rank boxing doubleheader at the Atlantic City Convention Hall on Thursday.

Puritty (8-8, 6 KOs), replaces Philadelphia's William Morris (13-10, 1 KO) in the 10-round bout. No reason was given for Morris' sudden withdrawal. The other co-feature remains the same, with former World Boxing Organization champion (Merciless) Ray Mercer (23-2, 16 KOs) meeting heavyweight Marion Wilson (7-9-2, 3 KOs) in a scheduled 10-rounder.

In an added attraction, former International Boxing Federation junior welterweight Charles (The Natural) Murray (32-2, 19 KOs) returns to Atlantic City for the first time since losing his crown in February to Jake (The Snake) Rodriguez. Murray meets Paul Walker (10-8-4, 3 KOs), from Norfolk, Vir., in a 10-round bout.

AMATEURS WIN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY GOLF WITH PROS AND STARS

Two Northwest golfers won a spot to play alongside the likes of golf greats Peter Jacobson, and Craig Stadler, and actor Jack Lemmon next month at the Washington Mutual Pro-Am at the Fred Meyer Challenge in West Linn, Ore.

Washington Mutual awarded Wayne Brooks, 54, of Gaston, Ore., and Carl Schlossman, 35, of Seattle, "Play with the Pro" slots worth \$4,500 each. The contest was free to enter.

Four amateur golfers and one PGA professional constitute a team in the Washington Mutual Pro-Am, to be held Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Oregon Golf Club in West Linn. Amateurs are placed on teams based on their handicap to make teams as evenly matched as possible.

Along with the round of golf with the PGA pros, the winners receive VIP admission to the three-day Fred Meyer Challenge golf tournament for and a guest, admission to related events and various other gifts.

WOMEN'S THIRD ANNUAL GOLF INVITATIONAL BENEFIT

The third annual Portland Women's Golf Invitational, a benefit for Women's Cancer Services at City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute, will be held at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, Thursday, September 8, 1994.

Nancy Marshall & Carol Falk of Portland are this year's chairs, along with honorary chairs, Norma Paulus, Kathy Smith, and Molly Crowley. Last year the event raised \$32,000 for City of Hope and the volunteer organizing committee needs your support in reaching it's \$50,000 goal.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Women's Cancer Services, which includes breast cancer education at City of Hope National Medical Cen-

ter and Beckman Research Institute. Founded in 1912 City of Hope is recognized as a world leader in the advanced research and treatment of cancer including leukemia, Bone Marrow Transplant, as well as diabetes, Aids, Alzheimer's and many hereditary and genetic disorders.

Individual and team registration is now being accepted. Cost for the entire day's activities is \$150 per person, and includes a full day of golf, use of a cart, lunch, both live and silent auctions, team awards and tee prizes.

For more information on the golf outing, committee involvement or to have an invitation sent to you, call the City of Hope office at 1-800-934-9196.

UNDEFEATED HEAVYWEIGHTS DONALD AND GOLOTA CLASH

August 13 At The Grand Olympic Auditorium

With a combined record of 35 wins, zero defeats and 29 knockouts, two of the heavyweight division's brightest young stars Larry Donald and Andrew Golota square off on Saturday, August 13 at the Grand Olympic Auditorium.

The 10-round bout presented by Top Rank can be seen live on ABC-TV at 5:05 p.m. ET/2:05 p.m. PT.

Donald (16-0, 12 KOs) was a member of the 1992 Olympic team. The 27-year-old from Cincinnati turned pro in 1993 and is the current World Boxing council Continental Americas champion. Donald won the title earlier this year in a fight seen on ABC with a 12-round decision over then-unbeaten Jeremy Williams. Although the fight went the distance, it was a clear win for Donald, who won nearly every round with a battery of crisp jabs and sharp one-two combinations.

EAGLES PROMOTE WOOTEN

BY BONITTA BEST

Thirty-five years ago, John Wooten was drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the fifth round. That same year another Brown, whom some consider the greatest running back ever, retired.

Wooten, 57, went on to have a stellar 10-year career himself as a starting guard. He earned two selections to the Pro Bowl, and a berth on the all-pro team in 1965 when the Browns stomped Baltimore 27-0 for the NFL Title.

Today Wooten is trying to bring not only an NFL title, but a Super Bowl championship as well to the Philadelphia Eagles. In February he was promoted

from scout to Vice President-Director of Player Personnel Operations. Wooten will oversee the team's pro and college scouting departments, and will have the final say on selection picks in the draft.

"The opportunity to move up to this position is something that I have wanted and prepared for since I first entered the management side of football," Wooten said after his promotion. "I had always wanted to be in a position where I could utilize my talents in terms of helping a ball club attain and maintain the status of perennial contender."

It's not going to be easy. The Eagles have been a tremendous

disappointment over the years, never quite able to win that big one. With the recent salary cap and free agency market, more Eagles were flying out than in. Wooten, though, is looking forward to the challenge.

"I want to build this club back into a contender," he said. "We have some good ingredients here. The owner really cares about this organization and he sees that the people here care about each other, too."


"John is the epitome of the term 'Eagles' president Harry Gamble said. "He has seen and lived football from every aspect. Moreover he is extremely well-respected throughout the NFL."

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