

SPORTS

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BOXING

Holyfield Heartbroken

Holyfield's Cardiologist Declared his heart is not healed. Former heavyweight champ Evander Holyfield failed to get medical clearance to fight again.

Holyfield who recently underwent another heart examination for a heart ailment, a non-compliant left ventricle, was told that his heart had not healed sufficiently to box. Holyfield announced in June his plans to return to boxing.

FOOTBALL

Former N.F.L. Back Clarence Is Killed

Clarence Williams former running back for the San Diego Chargers was shot while at an intersection of Pearl and McRae streets in Columbia S. C. at 11:45 p.m. Saturday.

He died at about 4:00 a.m. Sunday. Investigators have not identified a suspect or determined a motive, they would not release the name of Williams friend who was stopped on his way to the hospital by the authorities.

Williams was a running back for South Carolina from 1974-1976 in 1977 Williams move to the N.F.L. playing for the San Diego Chargers from 1977-1981 and the Washington Red Skins in 82 and 83.

BASEBALL

Jordan To Fall Ball

Michael Jordan will play fall baseball for the Chicago White Sox's Florida instructional league team in Sarasota. He will be reporting on Sept. 23. The team is waiting word from the Arizona Fall League if the former N.B.A. star will be able to play.

BASKETBALL

Basketball Wayman Tisdale signs with Phoenix Tisdale signed a one year contract with the Phoenix Suns. The league has already approved the contract.

Danny Manning is waiting in the wings for his one year \$1 million contract, also to be approved by the league.

SAY IT AIN'T SO JOE COMMISSIONER ENDS BASEBALL'S SEASON

BY DANNY BELL

THE BASEBALL OWNERS' CANCELLATION STATEMENT

Text of the statement issued Wednesday canceling the rest of the baseball season and the World Series:

Due to the player strike that began on Aug. 12, 1994, the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, acting pursuant to a resolution of the major-league clubs, reluctantly concluded today that the remainder of the 1994 season, the Division Series, the League Championship Series and the World Series will not be played.

"This is a sad day," said Allan H. (Bud) Selig, chairman of the Major League Executive Council. "Nobody wanted this to happen, but the continuing player strike leaves us no choice but to take this action. We have reached the point where it is no longer practical to complete the remainder of the season or to preserve the integrity of postseason play.

"On June 14, the clubs proposed a reasonable offer to the players' union which included a guarantee of \$1 billion in salary and benefits for the players -- the largest players' payroll ever. Since that time the clubs have asked the players to negotiate some reasonable division of revenues between players and clubs or some

other method for controlling the growth in salaries and ensuring competitive balance.

"The union refused to bargain with us over costs and took a hard-line position that the clubs would fold as they had in past negotiations. That was a terrible mistake, one for which all of us must pay."

With those words the 1994 Major League Baseball season came to a grinding halt.

Led by Milwaukee Brewer owner Bud Selig, the acting commissioner, the owners voted 26-2 to cancel the remainder of the regular season, two rounds of playoffs and the World Series. 660 plus games have been canceled. The focal point of the whole regameroe is the salary cap. The owners want it, the players don't, further more some player representatives have stated that they don't think the majors are in that big of financial trouble where a cap would be necessary. Whatever the case neither side has budged and the season had ended.

This will be the first time since the 1904 season that World Series hasn't been played.

The future is uncertain for both the players and the owners since the players don't get paid during the off season the immediate effect of the early end of the season will be on the owners who stand to lose 20 million a team in post season T.V. revenue, plus marketing, and season tickets sales. This could have been a record shattering year for the likes of Ken Griffey Jr., Matt Williams who were closing in hot pursuit on Roger Maris home run record. As well as the 400 batting average by Tony Gwynn.

The present strike situation also has the dubious distinction of being the longest work stoppage to date, surpassing the 50 day strike in 1981.

There is no sign when negotia-

tions might resume. Selig on Wednesday September 14, called for a cooling off period to be quickly followed by a renewed attempt to reach an agreement.

He warned that if an agreement isn't reached soon, the teams wouldn't be able to retain the same level of season tickets and advertising for next season. The owners have offered the players 50 per cent of baseball revenues with \$1 billion guaranteed as long as their revenue does not fall below this year projected pre-strike level of \$1.78 billion.

The players, however already are getting about 58 per cent, although that does not include players licensing income.

Baseball players who have done well with free agency and salary arbitration, feel they have a lot to lose.

Week before last the players submitted a counter proposal which they contended would bolster some of the weaker teams in the league however it amounted to a form of redistributing the teams revenue without a mechanism to curtail spiraling salaries.

The general consensus is that things will get nastier before the strike is resolve however that might be. What is first expected is that the owners will declare an impasse and unilaterally implement new terms and conditions. This will not come without legal risk. The union challenge the owners once they take those steps and the owners must be prepared to support their actions.

As Americas past time it reflects a moral character that role models what is good courageous and strong. For the better part of 150 years there has been baseball giving solace and entertainment to millions.

BENSON OFFENSE SHOWS

After the much touted pre-season hoopla Benson finally shows its stuff in a 34-7 win over Marshall.

The game was 'nt without tense moments as Marshall battled to 7-7 first half tie.

After that it was all Benson.

Junior quarter back Sean Overton splitting time with Desmond Faison was the ignition the techmen offense needed as he threw for two touch downs to Tauheed Jermamy and ran for another. Running back Patrick Johnson helped by rushing for 119 yards on 22 carries. Faison was impressive running for two touchdowns.

The minutemen struck first with their first possession of the third quarter when quarterback B.J. Hawkins connected with Greg Ganther for a 78 yard bomb.

Benson answered back with 45 yard touch down pass to Taheed Jermamy, but that was all the offense Benson could muster in the first half.

The first break came in the 3rd quarter when the defense forced a fumble by Hawkins on Marshall first possession. Three plays later Faison ran 15 yards down the left sideline for the 6 points.

Benson defense also played an exceptional game allowing the Minutemen out of their own territory only once.

Two consecutive sacks late in the 3rd quarter by Dan Kruager and Adonis Banks led Benson to its third scoring drive, on the last play of the third quarter. Overton found Jermamy again for a 21 yard T.D. to put the Minutemen away.

TENNIS FIGURE GERULATIS DIES

Vitas Gerulaitis a garrulous New Yorker who rose from the Queens public court to become the 3rd rank men's tennis player was found dead Sunday in a friends home in South Hampton, Gerulaitis was 40 and lived in Turnbury Fla.

The South Hampton Village Police said that Gerulaitis was found at a home on Meadow Lane shortly after 3 p.m. Pre-

liminary medical examination indicated he suffered a heart attack. An autopsy is scheduled for Monday by Suffolk County medical Examiner.

Gerulaitis won at the Australian Open in 1977. It was his only grand slam singles title.

He won a men's double tournament at Wimbledon, and he reached the no.3 ranking in 1977. He retired in 1984.

PIL FOOTBALL

	LEAGUE		SEASON	
	W	L	W	L
Benson	2	0	2	0
Wilson	2	0	2	0
Lincoln	1	0	1	0
Franklin	1	1	1	1
Jefferson	1	1	1	1
Madison	1	1	1	1
Marshall	1	1	1	1
Grant	0	1	0	1
Cleveland	0	2	0	2
Roosevelt	0	2	0	2

FRIDAY RESULTS

Benson 34, Marshall 7
Jefferson 27, Cleveland 0
Wilson 28, Franklin 13
Madison 28, Roosevelt 14

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Grant at Lincoln, 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

Cleveland at Madison, 4:30 p.m.
Marshall at Roosevelt, 4:30 p.m.
Grant at Franklin
Lincoln at Wilson
Benson at Jefferson

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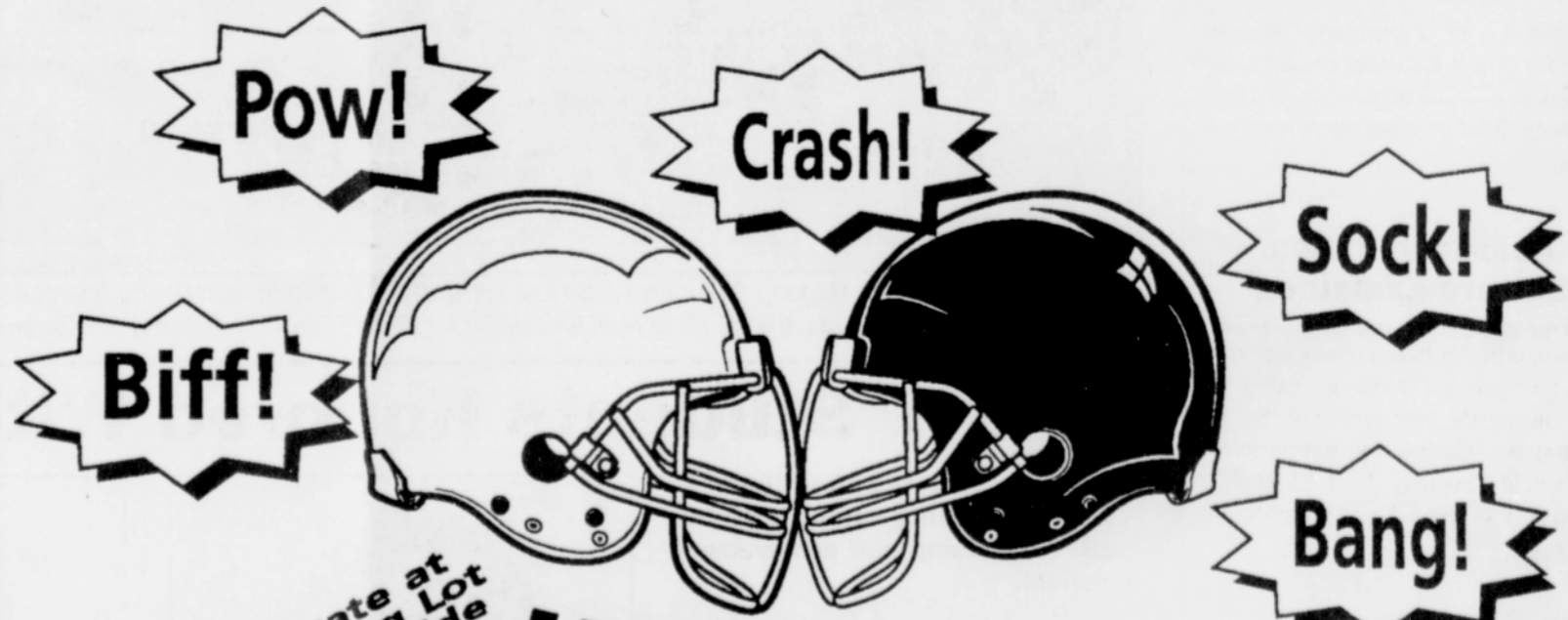


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Uh-Oh! Look Who's Back!

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COTTON FITZSIMMONS

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Phoenix Suns Senior Executive Vice-President.



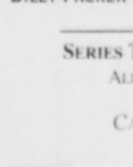
HUBIE BROWN

◆ HUBIE BROWN ◆ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
NBA On TNT basketball commentator.



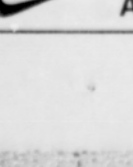
GRANT TEAFF

◆ GRANT TEAFF ◆ FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
American Football Coaches Association Executive Director



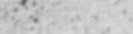
HARRY GLICKMAN

◆ HARRY GLICKMAN ◆ TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Portland Trail Blazers President emeritus.



MARY CARILLO

◆ MARY CARILLO ◆ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
CBS and ESPN tennis commentator.



BILLY PACKER

◆ BILLY PACKER ◆ SATURDAY, APRIL 8
CBS college basketball expert and commentator.

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