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BASEBALL

Mike Schmidt Headlines Industries To Hall Of Fame

Three-time Most Valuable Player Mike Schmidt, considered by many to be the best third baseman in history, and outfielder Richie Ashburn gave a distinct Philadelphia flavor to Sunday's Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremonies at Cooperstown, New York.

Schmidt was elected to the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility by the Baseball Writers Association. He received 444 of 460 votes cast and easily surpassed the magic number of 345 (75 percent) needed for election. Schmidt's 96.52 percent was the fourth highest in history, surpassed only by Tom Seaver's record 98.84 percent in 1992, Ty Cobb at 98.23 percent in 1936 and Hank Aaron at 97.83 percent in 1982.

Kruk Retires During White Sox Game

Chicago White Sox designated hitter John Kruk abruptly announced his retirement during Sunday's game at Baltimore.

Kruk singled in his first at-bat, but departed for a pinch-hitter in the third inning and left the ballpark before the end of the Orioles' 8-3 victory.

"The desire to compete at this level is gone," Kruk said. "When that happens, it's time to go."

Angels' Chili Davis Slaps Fan

California Angels designated hitter Chili Davis is expected to face disciplinary action from the American League after poking and slapping a fan in the face during Sunday's game against the Milwaukee Brewers.

TENNIS

AGASSI DEFEATS SAMPRAS

Top-ranked Andre Agassi dominated the final two sets to roll to a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over second-seeded Pete Sampras in Sunday's all-American final of the \$1.545 million du Maurier Open Tennis Championships at Montreal.

Agassi broke Sampras' service three times over the last two sets after Sampras scored the only break of the opening set.

Agassi evened his career series with Sampras at 8-8 and won for the third time in four meetings this year. Agassi also won his fifth tournament of the year and solidified his hold on the top ranking.

BASKETBALL

Pippen Accuser Fails To Show

Chicago Bulls forward Scottie Pippen was cleared of domestic battery charges last week when his accuser failed to appear in a Waukegan, Ill. court.

Pippen was arrested and charged with battery May 19th following an alleged incident involving his fiancée. Prosecutors said Pippen's fiancée, Yvette Deleone, does not wish to pursue the case.

Pippen was arrested and later released on \$100 bond following the incident, which authorities say took place at Pippen's home in Highland Park, Ill. a suburb of Chicago. Pippen's fiancée did not require medical attention.

A TALK WITH DAMON AND WILLIE STODAMIRE

BY DANNY BELL

This past Saturday, I was able to catch Willie and Damon Stoudamire for an interview as they prepared for a celebration party at the Airport Shilo Inn.

I asked Willie what role he played guiding Damon toward his goal of becoming an NBA player. But surprisingly enough, he referred to his influence upon Damon as being minimal. He said that the coaches that Damon had as he was growing-up had far more impact on Damon than he did. He also said that Damon's selection in the NBA draft was "great" and exceeded his expectations.

Willie did have some interesting opinions in regard to mentoring as we will explore further. The following are excerpts from our talk.

Portland Observer: Damon, you did sign with Toronto?

Damon: No.

Portland Observer: So you have to wait until the lock-out is over to sign?

Damon: Yes.

Portland Observer: So how long do you think the lock-out is going to last? A month, six weeks?

Damon: I don't think the lock-out is going to last that long. Once the lock-out is over, I don't think negotiations are going to last that long.

Portland Observer: I know you're a little young, but do you feel a responsibility to the community that you came from. Can you give something back?

Damon: Yeah. I think I can, but people have to understand, I have to get myself on my feet, you know, and get established in what I'm doing. But I can definitely bring back something to the community.

Portland Observer: You're very focused and seem to have an agenda of priorities. Do you write your game plan down?

Damon: I don't need to write it down. I have a game plan in my head. I know what I want and I know

how to go about it.

Portland Observer: You've mentioned your support system and that it was a nurturing and supportive system. Do you consider yourself lucky to have had such good guidance and counseling?

Damon: I consider myself lucky coming from such a great background and being hungry.

Portland Observer: Is that hunger what drove you?

Damon: Yeah, that and I was the type of kid, that when people would talk to a large group of kids and tell that only one in a hundred would make it to the pros, I would sit back and say to myself that I'm going to be that one. That's how I set my goals, that's how I did things.

Portland Observer: But you practice a lot. I heard you have a very hard work ethic - that you might practice hours by yourself. Is that true?

Damon: Yeah, you got to work on the fundamentals. I think a lot of

people or some people see me play and figure it all came natural. Some of it is natural, but as you get older you've got to work on your game to reach another level, because if you don't everyone will be on the same level as you.

Damon is self-spoken and direct. He said that he intends to maintain a residence in Portland, although during the season he will naturally be living in Toronto.

He also plans to finish his degree in media art, to align himself for a possible career in broadcasting, if need be at a later date. He also stated that he wanted to receive a degree so that his time in college would not be "wasted."

His father, Willie Stoudamire had some interesting comments that touched on a broader area, that being his concern for our community youth.

Portland Observer: How did you mentor your son as he progressed toward the pros?

Willie: A lot of people don't understand what mentorships are. I came out of corporate America. There was a black man by the name of Tommy Shropshire (with Miller Brewing Co.). He's what I consider a true mentor. In the structure of Phillip Morris he cultivated black leadership among the young brothers. He would have sit down meetings, national sales meetings and we would talk to him about our problems, things we needed to work on and such.

Ever since I moved back to Portland, I have found this not to be true. A lot of people around here are more selfish. They are more in tune to their own needs, as opposed to the needs of young black men and women trying to succeed in corporate America or as a matter of fact in business itself. We have to develop those type of things for young kids to take hold, to grasp, and to look at. To develop a mindset and attitude to make them successful.

Tourney, Dance, Fish Fry Set

The 51st anniversary tournament of the Leisure Hour Golf Club will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Resort at the Mountain in Wemme, Ore., a 45-minute drive east of Portland on U.S. Highway 26.

Special events on Saturday include a "down home cooked fish fry," at 5 p.m. and a Jammin' dance at 8 p.m. with Joe Johnson's band

FRED FUNK WINS IDEAN GOLF CLASSIC

Fred Funk blew a four-shot lead to Jim McGovern, but rallied with a birdie at the final hole Sunday to win the \$1 million Idean Golf Classic at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, Massachusetts.

Funk took the lead when McGovern bogeyed the 16th and 17th holes, then tapped in for birdie at the par-5 18th, clinching his second victory in seven years on the P-G-A Tour. Funk, who had not won since 1992 Houston Open, earned \$180,000.

Funk stumbled to a final-round 73 and finished at 16-under-par 268, the fifth straight champion to win this event at 16-under. McGovern shot a final-round 70 for 269, one stroke in front of Don Pooley, who fired a 3-under 68.

HALE IRWIN WINS AMERITECH SENIOR GOLF BY SEVEN STROKES

Hale Irwin shattered the tournament record and cruised to his first Senior Tour victory Sunday, a whopping seven-stroke triumph at the \$850,000 Ameritech Senior Open at the Stonebridge Country Club in Aurora, Illinois.

Irwin, who joined the Senior Tour after his 50th birthday last month, led from wire-to-wire. His 21-under-par 195 eclipsed the 54-hole tournament record of 16-under 200 set by Mike Hill in 1991. It was the lowest score on the Senior Tour since Ray Floyd posted a 22-under 194 at the 1993 Gulfstream Aerospace Invitational.

Irwin, who has 20 victories during a 27-year career on the P-G-A Tour, fired a final-round 66 to capture the \$127,500 top prize. The seven-stroke margin equaled the largest on the Senior Tour this season and made him the fifth-youngest player to win in Senior Tour history.

"Moments Notice."

The golf club is one of the oldest and largest African American golf clubs in the Pacific Northwest, founded by Vernon Gaskin, 51 years ago.

"Why not take a small vacation and join us. If not for the three days, come up and join us for the fish fry and dance."

BECKY IVERSON WINS LPGA FRIENDLY'S CLASSIC BY TWO STROKES

Becky Iverson shot a 2-under-par 70 Sunday and captured the first victory of her two-year career, a two-stroke triumph at the inaugural \$500,000 L-P-G-A Friendly's Classic at the Crestview Country Club in Agawam, Massachusetts.

Iverson broke away from co-leader Kelly Robbins midway through Sunday's round and held on to claim the \$75,000 first prize. Her best previous finish was a 13th-place tie at last year's Chicago Challenge.

Iverson, the ninth first-time winner of the season, sandwiched birdies on the ninth and 12th holes around a bogey at number 11. She stumbled by settling for bogey at the 18th after missing a four-foot par putt.

DREAM TEAM III

Centers Hakeem Olajuwon, Shaquille O'Neal and David Robinson were named Sunday by U-S-A Basketball to headline Dream Team III, which will represent the United States at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Robinson, who will play in his third straight Olympics, will be joined by Dream Team I teammates Karl Malone and John Stockton of the

Utah Jazz and Scottie Pippen of the Chicago Bulls. Forwards Malone, Pippen, Grant Hill of the Detroit Pistons and Glenn Robinson of the Milwaukee Bucks also were chosen Sunday.

Anfernee Hardaway, a teammate of O'Neal's, was chosen at guard, along with Stockton and Reggie Miller of the Indiana Pacers. The final two selections for the 12-man squad will be made next year.

SCOTT PRUETT POSTS FIRST INDYCAR WIN

Scott Pruett edged Al Unser, Junior, at the finish line Sunday for his first career IndyCar victory, the Marlboro 500 at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan.

Pruett's Lola-Ford finished just 56 thousandths of a second ahead of Unser's Penske-Mercedes, the second-closest finish of a 500-mile race in IndyCar history. Mexican Adrian Fernandez finished third, followed by Teo Fabi of Italy and Emerson Fittipaldi of Brazil.

Veteran driver Danny Sullivan was taken W.A. Foote Hospital in Jackson, Michigan, with injuries resulting from a crash on lap 194. According to Doctor Terry Trammell of the IndyCar medical staff, Sullivan suffered a possible fractured pelvis.

SERENA'S SONG BECOMES FIRST FILLY TO WIN HASKEL AT MONMOUTH

Serena's Song came from off the pace and held off a late charge by Pyramid Peak Sunday to win the \$500,000 Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park in Oceanport, New Jersey, and become the first filly ever to win the race.

Serena's Song, almost exclusively a front-runner, carried jockey Gary Stevens over the 1 1/8 miles in 1:48 4/5. She was running against males for the third time in her career, having won the Jim Beam Stakes and finishing 16th in the Kentucky Derby earlier this year.

The victory was the 11th in 19 career starts for Serena's Song, owned by D. Wayne Lukas. Citadeed was third in a field of 12 three-year-olds.

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER WINS FORMULA ONE GERMAN GRAND PRIX

Michael Schumacher became the first German to drive to victory in his home country when he won the Formula One Grand Prix of Germany Sunday at Hockenheim.

Schumacher started second and inherited the lead when British pole-sitter Damon Hill's Williams fell out of the race after brake problems caused him to bump the wall on the

second lap. David Coulthard, Hill's Williams teammate and fellow Briton, finished second. Gerhard Berger was third in a Ferrari, followed by Johnny Herbert in the other Benetton. Jean-Christophe Boullion of France was fifth in a Sauber and Japan's Aguri Suzuki rounded out the top six in his Ligier.

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