

# SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Charles Barkley For Governor?

Phoenix Suns basketball star Charles Barkley, a Republican, says he's interested in running for governor of Alabama after he retires. The native of Leeds, Ala., resisted the state GOP's suggestion that he start his political career in the 7th Congressional District by challenging the state's only African American congressman, U.S. Rep. Earl Hilliard, a Democrat from Birmingham, Ala.

### Gibson Announces Retirement

Kirk Gibson of the Detroit Tigers, a former National League Most Valuable Player who hit one of the most dramatic home runs in World Series history, announced his retirement.

In a statement released by the Tigers, the 38-year-old Gibson said that the time has come for him to retire as an active player and views his decision as "being traded to my family."

Gibson played 12 of his 17 major league seasons with the Tigers and guided helped Detroit to a victory over the San Diego Padres in the 1984 World Series, including two homers in the decisive fifth game.

### Johnson Wins Unprecedented Sprint

Michael Johnson of the United States completed an unprecedented double when he captured the gold medal in the 200 meter final at the World Track and Field Championships at Gothenburg, Sweden.

Johnson won his race in 19.79 seconds and became the first man to win both the 200 and 400 meter titles at the World Championships.

The 27-year-old Johnson won the first half of the double Wednesday when he successfully defended his men's 400 meter title in 43.39 seconds, the second-fastest time in history. The world record of 43.29 seconds was set by Butch Reynolds in 1988.

### Oilers Owner Threatens To Move Team

Houston Oilers owner Bud Adams has threatened to move the team to Nashville, Tennessee, if the city of Houston does not provide funding for a new domed stadium.

According to the Houston Chronicle, Adams is scheduled to meet with Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen and Tennessee state officials to discuss the possibility of moving the team.

The Oilers, whose lease with the Astrodome expires in 1997, have not been able to secure funding from Houston mayor Bob Lanier for a new domed stadium. The estimated cost of a domed stadium for the Oilers is \$235 million.

Nashville has been active in its pursuit of professional sports teams in the past two years, including the Stanley Cup Champion New Jersey Devils. City officials were thwarted in their efforts to lure the Devils out of New Jersey despite constructing a new arena.

When the deal for the Devils fell through, Adams and Oilers Vice President Mike McClure then began informal talks with Nashville city officials three weeks ago.

### Guzman Placed On Disabled List

The Toronto Blue Jays placed struggling right-hander Juan Guzman on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to August 10th, with a muscle strain in his right shoulder.

The Blue Jays also activated catcher Randy Knorr, who had been sidelined since fracturing his right thumb June 30th against Baltimore.

Guzman is 3-9 with a 7.00 E-R-A. He had to be removed from his start Wednesday against Milwaukee due to the shoulder injury. Guzman is 0-5 in his last five starts.

### Stich defeats Sampras in quarterfinals of ATP Tennis

Michael Stich of Germany ousted second seed Pete Sampras of the United States in three sets to advance to the semifinals of the \$1.545 million A-T-P Championship at Cincinnati.

The eight-seeded Stich wore down Sampras in a match played in sweltering conditions. Stich dropped the first set, 6-7 (5-7), rallied to win the second set 7-6 (7-3) and dominated the final set, 6-1.

Stich, who evened his career record against Sampras to 4-4, had 26 aces to six for Sampras. Stich will face the winner of tonight's match between fourth seed Michael Chang and number 11 Jim Courier.

### Muster Advances To Semifinals In San Marino Tennis

Top seed Thomas Muster of Austria advanced to the semifinals with a tough three-set victory over unseeded Adrian Voinea of Romania in the \$275,000 Campionati Internazionali tennis tournament at San Marino.

Muster beat Voinea, 7-6, 2-6, 6-4, and will meet unseeded Stefano Pescosolido of Italy in the semifinals. Muster took the first set tiebreaker, 9-7.

### Beth Daniel leads PING Welch's LPGA

Beth Daniel is the leader in the second round of the \$450,000 L-P-G-A PING Welch's Championship at the Blue Hill Country Club in Canton, Massachusetts.

Daniel shot a 4-under 68 to move to 11-under for the tournament. Colleen Walker shot a 68 and is 9-under for the tournament.

The par-72 Blue Hill Country Club course, designed by Skip Wogan, measures 6,137 yards, with par-5 holes closing the front and back nines. First prize is \$67,500.

### Hill has provisional pole for Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix

Damon Hill of Britain claimed the provisional pole for Sunday's Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix at Budapest.

Hill, driving a Williams, had the fastest lap of the day, one minute, 18.374 seconds. His teammate fellow Briton David Coulthard was second with a time of 1:19.000.

Hill is currently second in the world championship standings, 21 points behind Benetton driver Michael Schumacher of Germany. With 10 points awarded for a win, Hill will likely need more than one victory in the final seven races of the 17-event series to catch Schumacher.

Schumacher, who is rumored to have signed a two-year, \$24 million contract to drive for Ferrari next season, was the fourth fastest qualifier.

Gerhard Berger, whose Ferrari ride Schumacher is likely to assume next year, was third with a time of 1:19.033. France's Jean Alesi caused a delay in qualifying when he spun and hit a tire barrier in the other Ferrari.

## MANY MOURN MANTLE'S DEATH

Fans, family, friends and baseball royalty were to make up an overflow crowd at former Yankee slugger Mickey Mantle's funeral service.

Fans began arriving Tuesday as early as 6 a.m. for the service at the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. Some came from as far as California.

"He was a hero to me as a youngster," one of the fans gathered outside the church told Dallas television station KXAS Channel 5. Said another man of his presence. "It's just

to pay homage to 'The Mick.'"

The church, located north of downtown Dallas, said it has been inundated with calls since early Monday morning, when it was named the memorial service site for the baseball legend, who died Sunday of liver cancer at the age of 63.

Mantle, an Oklahoma native, had lived in Dallas with his wife of 43 years Merlyn, since 1957. He is survived by three sons Mickey Jr., 42, David, 39, and Danny, 35; four brothers, one sister and two grandchild-

dren.

Another son, Billy, 36, died last year of a heart attack after being struck with Hodgkin's disease, an ailment which ran in the Mantle family.

The 6,800-member Dallas church seats 1,200 in its main sanctuary and about 600 in an overflow hall.

Some 15 to 20 front rows of the church, whose outreach program from homeless youth Mantle had supported, will be filled with family

and close friends - a testament to the enduring appeal of the Hall of Famer.

Pallbearers will include the former Yankee centerfielder's teammates Yogi Berra, Whitey Ford, Bill Skowron, Hank Bauer, John Blanchard and Bobby Murcer.

Other luminaries expected at the service are Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, American League president Gene Budig and Donald Marr, president of the Hall of Fame. Gov. George W. Bush of Texas reportedly will also attend.



Sergio Carillo (from left), Rocco Washington and Antonio McKinney are considered top prospects for college and professional baseball. The Portland students are members of the Jefferson Senior Babe Ruth team. Chris Nickerson, another top prospect from Grant High School is not pictured.

## TYSON'S TRAINER PREPARES FOR UPCOMING FIGHT

Mike Tyson's head trainer Jay Bright says that having him in the corner is almost like having the man who made Tyson a champion in the first place, the late Cus D'Amato.

"I was with Cus since I was 13," Bright said in a teleconference on Thursday from Las Vegas where Tyson will fight Peter McNeeley August 19.

"I know his style, his ideology better than anyone around."

Bright, Stacey McKinley and Dave Jacobs had already been training Tyson together but Bright earlier this week was named the chief of

the three as they prepare the former world heavyweight champ for his first bout in more than four years.

Bright, 37, and the 26-year-old Tyson both lived as teenagers at D'Amato's upstate New York home in the Catskill Mountains.

Bright moved there from New York City after the death of his parents and was already living with D'Amato when Tyson arrived from his own broken home in New York to meet his first boxing trainer.

"I remember that first day after Cus saw Mike, he said this guy has it to be champion," Bright said.

Living together, they grew up listening to D'Amato.

We were both raised on Cus's ideology," said Bright, who still lives at the D'Amato house with the late trainer's widow Camille.

Those formative years with D'Amato give him a unique relationship with Tyson, said Bright.

"What Mike must do when he looks back in his corner fight night is that he must have trust in the people to tell the truth and be brutally honest," he said. "Mike has that truth in me."

"He knows what I'm telling him

is what Cus would be telling him if he was still around," continued Bright.

Bright worked as Tyson's trainer for his last seven fights before he went to prison three years ago on a rape conviction. Bright was Tyson's trainer when he was upset by Buster Douglas on February 11, 1990 in Tokyo to lose the title.


"A lot of mistakes were made in Tokyo," said Bright. "But I remember what Cus used to say, it was OK to make mistakes but never allow them to happen again. We've learned a lot from Tokyo."



Left: W.C. Gilbert, president of Ronald McDonald Children's Charities of Oregon and Southwest Washington and Sue Warzecka, regional manager of McDonald's Corp. participate in the annual golf tournament for the charity at Colwood Golf Course.



Right: Dennis Sutherland of Darigold and Chuck Washington, Rocco Washington and Gary Washington, representing the Portland Observer, compete in the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities Golf Tournament at Colwood National Golf Club in Portland. The team tied for first and then fell in the playoff during in the Aug. 9 event.




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