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Boomers Hoop It Up At Tourney

The Boomers, a three-on-three basketball team from northeast Portland, won first place in the Recreation Division of the NBA Hoop It Up competition held recently in Portland. The team is comprised of Foster Williams, Terry Martin and Rodney Johnson. The tournament was separated into teams by talent, age and ability.

Boxing promoter Don King's mail fraud trial

Boxing promoter Don King was in a New York courtroom when jury selection began in his trial for mail fraud.

King has pleaded not guilty to charges of filing a fraudulent insurance claim after a 1991 title bout between Julio Cesar Chavez and Harold Brazier was canceled.

King filed a \$350,000 claim with Lloyds of London, the British based insurance giant, for what was termed "non-refundable training expenses" paid to Chavez, the world champion. King allegedly lied when he said the fees were not refundable. If convicted, the 62-year-old King could receive up to five years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines on each of the nine counts. King served a prison sentence in his youth in Cleveland after being convicted on manslaughter charges.

Agassi, Sampras lead U.S. against Sweden

Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras, the top two players in the world, will lead the United States against defending champion Sweden in the Davis Cup semifinals starting Friday at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Agassi, the Australian Open champion, is ranked number one in the world and Sampras, the Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, is ranked second. They will play in singles matches Friday and Sunday and Todd Martin and Jonathan Stark will play doubles on Saturday.

Davenport, Frazier Advance To Quarters

Fifth seed Lindsay Davenport and seventh seed Amy Frazier of the United States recorded victories last week to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$430,000 Nichirei International Tennis Championships in Tokyo.

Davenport struggled past Ai Sugiyama of Japan, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, and Frazier defeated Yone Kamio of Japan, 6-4, 6-4.

IndyCar Owners Threaten Boycott Of Indy 500

IndyCar owners are threatening to boycott the Indianapolis 500 to protest the new qualifying rules instituted by Indianapolis Motor Speedway President Tom George.

The new rules penalize drivers that do not participate in George's new Indy Racing League. The rules would reserve 23 of 33 spots in the Indy 500 grid for owners who have accumulated points in the new league.

IndyCar owners are threatening to hold a separate race at Michigan International Speedway on the same day as the Indy 500 unless the previous qualifying rules return. George's I-R-L will debut in January and will crown its champion following its third race, the Indy 500.



Coach David House helps direct the Whitaker War Eagles at Alberta Park as Pop Warner Football gets underway for area elementary school age kids.

STANFORD HANDS OREGON FIRST LOSS

Marlon Evans returned a kickoff of 96 yards for the go-ahead touchdown late in the third quarter Saturday as Stanford remained unbeaten with a 28-21 Pac-10 victory over number 12 Oregon in Eugene.

Stanford (3-0-1, 1-0 Pac-10) is off to its best start since opening 1986 with four straight wins. Oregon (3-1, 1-1) dug an early hole in trying to repeat as conference champion after losing to Penn State in the Rose Bowl last season.

Ricky Whittle ran a yard for a score with 30 seconds left in the third quarter to pull the Ducks into a 14-14 tie, but Evans gathered the ensuing

kickoff and Stanford had the lead back in a 10-second span.

Mark Butterfield connected with Andre Kirwan for a 28-yard score with 5:19 left in the game to give the Cardinal a 28-14 bulge.

Butterfield was 12-of-22 for 186 yards and was not intercepted.

Oregon got a five-yard touchdown pass from Tony Graziani to Dameron Ricketts, who made a one-handed catch, to pull within 28-21 with 2:58 left.

The Ducks recovered the ensuing inside kick, but could not move deep into Stanford territory, turning the ball over on downs.

Graziani completed a 12-yard pass to the Stanford 42, but was sacked and threw three straight incompletions as the Ducks turned the ball over on downs.

Graziani was 26-of-50 for 292 yards and was intercepted three times. Ryan Terry-Smith came in for the last series of the first half and was 5-of-8 for 53 yards for the Ducks.

Oregon assumed a 7-0 lead 4:11 into the game when Graziani hit Cristin McLemore with an 11-yard pass. But the Cardinal responded with 2:05 remaining in the first quarter when Greg Comella scored on a one-

yard run.

McLemore grabbed 11 passes for 176 yards and Whittle caught eight for 68. Whittle also ran 21 times for 72 yards as the Ducks outgained Stanford, 454-293, using 93 plays to 66 for Stanford.

Stanford took a 14-7 lead 2:19 into the second quarter when Anthony Bookman scored on a four-yard run.

Brian Manning caught four passes for 73 yards and Mike Mitchell ran 11 times for 57 yards for the Cardinal.

BEAVERS FALL TO ARIZONA

Chris Hopkins and Terry Battle combined for 141 rushing yards as Arizona State downed Oregon State, 20-11, in a Pacific-10 Conference game Saturday.

Hopkins ran for 74 yards on 16 carries as Arizona State (2-2, 1-1 in Pac-10) amassed 173 yards on the ground. Battle added 67 yards on 14 attempts.

Arizona State took command of the game when quarterback Jake Plummer scrambled five yards to give the Sun Devils a 14-3 lead at second half. The touchdown came after Arizona State linebacker Mitchell Friedman recovered a fumble at the Oregon State 23.

Backup quarterback Tim Alexander totalled 188 yards of total offense for Oregon State (0-3, 0-1). The Beavers racked up 366 yards of total offense, 221 on the ground.

LARGENT, WINSLOW IN HALL OF FAME

Former all-time receptions leader Steve Largent, once labeled "too small and too slow," is among the most recent inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

San Diego tight end Kellen Winslow, Tampa Bay defensive lineman Lee Roy Selmon, Cleveland and Green Bay defensive lineman Henry Jordan and long-time executive Jim Finks were also inducted.

Largent, who caught 819 passes in 14 seasons with the Seattle Seahawks before retiring in 1989, was voted a Hall of Famer in his first year of eligibility.

Largent, now an Oklahoma congressman, and Selmon are the first players from the NFL's 1976 expansion teams to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

At the time of his retirement, Largent was the holder of six league receiving records — most receptions (819), most consecutive games with a reception (177), most receiving yardage (13,089), most touchdown receptions (100), most seasons with 50 or more receptions (10) and most seasons with 1,000 yards or more



Boxing great Sugar Ray Leonard is joined by Portland residents Cleotus Denson (left) and Lavern Turner (right) at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Thanks to Leonard, the two men were lucky recipients of free tickets to watch the recent Tyson vs. McNeely fight.

catches (8).

"My story is a story of mentors, people who believed in me when I did not believe in myself," said Largent. "My mother stopped me from quitting football when I was a sophomore in high school.

"I was one of those players as you know who was labelled as too small and too slow," Largent said.

"But all of my high school and college coaches were always there to push me and encourage me. When I close my eyes, I can still hear their whistles."

Largent was a seven-time Pro Bowl choice and missed just four games due to injury in his first 13 seasons.

"I would especially like to thank quarterbacks Jim Zorn and Dave Krieg for my years in Seattle," said Largent, who was presented by Seahawks executive Gary Wright.

Winslow, whose career was shortened by injury to nine seasons, caught 541 passes, 45 for touchdowns, and was All-Pro for three straight years from 1980-82.

Winslow, who was presented by

former high school coach Cornelius Perry, used the podium to encourage African-American athletes to speak out while they had the spotlight.

"I encourage African-American athletes to awaken and take the role of leaders, I encourage African-American athletes to take responsibility," said Winslow, calling on current stars Michael Jordan, Emmitt Smith and Shaquille O'Neal by name.

"There are not enough African-American head coaches, neither are there enough African-American offensive or defensive coordinators or African-Americans in front-office positions."

Winslow, a first-round draft choice of the Chargers in 1979, was named to five Pro Bowls overall.

His performance in San Diego's 41-38 overtime playoff win over the Miami Dolphins after the 1981 season is regarded as one of the best ever.

Winslow caught 13 passes for 166 yards and a touchdown and also blocked a potential game-winning field goal with four seconds left to force overtime.

SANDERS TO UNDERGO SURGERY

Two-sport star Deion Sanders decided to undergo surgery on his left ankle, ending his baseball season so he can be 100 percent when his NFL team, the Dallas Cowboys, plays its biggest rival, the San Francisco 49ers.

With his San Francisco Giants officially eliminated Sunday from the National League wild-card chase, Sanders elected to have the surgery early next week. The move received the support of Giants management.

"I truly appreciate the Giants' willingness to allow me to have surgery at this time," said Sanders, who signed a \$35 million deal last week with the Cowboys. "I hope I can return here next season, play healthy

and be part of a winning situation."

Sanders will miss the final seven games of the baseball season but could be totally recovered in time for the pivotal National Football League matchup between the Cowboys and National Football League champion 49ers on Nov. 12.

Sanders hurt his ankle May 31 while playing for the Cincinnati Reds.

Sanders hit .311 with nine doubles, five triples, and five homers in 40 games for the Giants. He also scored 25 runs for San Francisco, which went 29-28 with Sanders in the lineup.

The Cowboys are 4-0 without Sanders, who received a signing bonus of just under \$13 million.

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