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No meetings scheduled after union rejects owners modifications

There were no baseball labor meetings scheduled for Tuesday after the Players Association rejected the owners' requests for modifications to a proposed labor agreement. Owners strongly rejected a tentative agreement reached by management negotiator Randy Levine and union head Donald Fehr during the World Series. Eighteen of the 30 owners officially voted down the agreement last Wednesday in Chicago. Acting commissioner Bud Selig asked Fehr for modifications on the labor deal Tuesday in a meeting at union headquarters in New York, but was turned down. "I feel sad," Fehr said. "When you begin a process and deal with a negotiator, you expect to continue dealing with him. (Management negotiator Randy Levine) is what the fifth guy we've dealt with. How do you begin again (at this point)?"

49ers' Young "very doubtful" for Sunday game

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young is "very doubtful" for Sunday's game against Baltimore after suffering two concussions in the last three weeks. "Steve's status is obviously very doubtful," said Niners coach George Seifert. "He'll be visiting with a neurologist to examine the situation. Elvis Grbac will likely start Sunday for the Niners (7-3) with Jeff Brohm as the backup. Young suffered his second concussion in three weeks after he was hit by lineman Chad Hennings and linebacker Jim Schwartz in the second quarter of last Sunday's 20-17 overtime loss to the Dallas Cowboys.

Wacker resigns as Minnesota football coach

Jim Wacker is the latest coach to walk the Big Ten plank. Wacker Tuesday officially announced his resignation, effective at the end of the season, and becomes the fourth Big Ten coach to lose his job in the last two weeks following Indiana's Bill Mallory, Purdue's Jim Colletto and Illinois' Lou Tepper. Wacker had two years remaining on a contract extension that he agreed to last November. But after compiling a 12-32 record in his first four seasons, Wacker had a contract clause that obligated him to resign if the Golden Gophers failed to win at least five games this year. Minnesota is 3-6 overall and 0-6 in the Big Ten with home games left against Illinois Saturday and Iowa on November 23rd.

Majoli headlines second day at Advanta Championship tennis

Sixth seed Iva Majoli of Croatia was the only seeded player in action yesterday as first-round play continues at the \$450,000 Advanta Championships in Philadelphia, the final tune-up for next week's WTA Tour Championships in New York City. Majoli, who has already qualified for the season-ending tournament, will take on Judith Wiesner of Austria. Wiesner is on the bubble for one of the top 16 spots in the WTA points standings and a trip to New York. Wiesner is currently 15th. In other first-round action, 14-year-old sensation Anna Kournikova of Russia takes on Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia and American Gigi Fernandez faces compatriot Lisa Raymond in a night match. Steffi Graf of Germany plays in her first tournament since regaining the sole number one ranking when she takes on American Amy Frazier in a second-round match Wednesday night.

Faldo, Lehman, Jones and Brooks compete in PGA Grand Slam

The most exclusive tournament in golf — the PGA Grand Slam — got underway yesterday at the Poipu Bay Resort Golf Course in Kauai, Hawaii. The 36-hole, two-day event brought together Nick Faldo, Steve Jones, Tom Lehman and Mark Brooks, the winners of the year's four major tournaments, and features a total purse of \$1 million. TBS provided live prime-time coverage through Wednesday. Faldo fired a final round 67 and benefitted from Greg Norman's collapse to win his third Masters title in April. The 39-year-old from Britain has also won three British Open titles and is the only player of the four to capture more than one major title and compete in a previous PGA Grand Slam.

Sean McManus named CBS Sports President

Sean McManus was named as the new president of CBS Sports, replacing David Kenin. The appointment is effective on December 16th. McManus, the son of ABC sportscaster Jim McKay, joins CBS from Trans World International, where he was Senior Vice President, U.S. Television Sales and Programming. TWI is the television division of International Management Group. McManus joined TWI, the largest producer and distributor of sports programming in the world, in 1987. He was instrumental in negotiating the television rights for the Olympic Summer Games and the Olympic Winter Games, the U.S. Open Tennis Championships, Wimbledon, the British Open, the Orange Bowl, Big 12 Athletic Conference games, the Tour de France and the WTA championships.

HOLLYFIELD TAKES HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Evander Holyfield stunned the sports world by recording an 11th-round technical knockout of seemingly invincible Mike Tyson to regain the World Boxing Association heavyweight title for the third time Saturday night at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Holyfield joined the legendary Muhammed Ali as the only three-time heavyweight champions.

"Evander proved what courage can do, he came to the occasion and did what he said he would," said King. "But don't write Mike Tyson off yet. We are going to dance again. We are going to see if we can put together the greatest rematch in the history of boxing."

Tyson received \$30 million while Holyfield earned \$11 million for Saturday's fight. If a rematch is staged, expect Holyfield to command more than \$30 million.

Meanwhile, King announced that Lennox Lewis will fight Oliver McCall for the vacant World Boxing Council heavyweight title in January at Nashville.

The 34-year-old Holyfield was not given much of a chance by most of the boxing experts against Tyson, but was in control for most of the fight. Holyfield knocked the former champion down in the sixth round and finished him off 37 seconds into the 11th.

After nearly taking Tyson out in the 10th round, Holyfield stalked the former champ to begin the 11th. Tyson, who appeared dazed, was unable to defend himself as Holyfield landed a series of combinations. Beginning with left jabs and finishing with an overhand right, Holyfield picked apart Tyson.

Referee Mitch Halpern stepped in and stopped the bout, saving Tyson from further punishment.

Following the fight, the always gracious Holyfield cited his religious dedication as the reason for his success.

"You can't choose against God," he said. "I did what it took to win. What the spirit leads me to do, I do."

"He fought a good fight," said Tyson, who was knocked down for

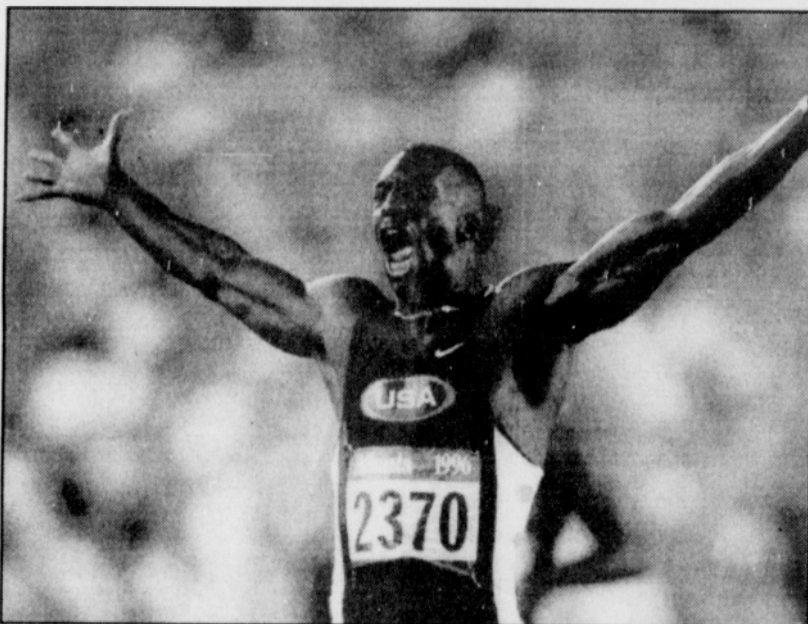
just the second time in his career. "He head-butted me, but I head-butted him. He's a good fighter and I take my hat off to him."

In his four post-prison fights, Tyson had quickly dispatched four lightly regarded opponents and captured two world titles in the process. He relinquished the WBC title and put his WBA belt on the line against

Holyfield. Tyson's only other loss came against Buster Douglas in 1990, possibly the only greater upset in heavyweight boxing history. Of Holyfield's three career losses, two have come against Riddick Bowe and the other was a decision loss to Michael Moorer, the International Boxing Federation champion.

SLAYING THE DRAGON

How to Turn Small Steps to Great Feats



Few athletes dazzled the world like Michael Johnson at the Olympic Games in Atlanta this summer. In a sublime performance in the 200 meters, Johnson sliced through the air with astonishing speed and power, seemingly jet-propelled across the finish line by his shiny gold Nikes. His blistering 19.32-second time was celebrated as the new world record. He was brash, but steely in his determination.

He was the fastest man alive. Ten years earlier, he had run that same race in 21 seconds. Ten years of unflagging dedication and training had earned him little more than a second and a half. But it was a second and a half that meant the difference between mediocrity and the world record.

In *Slaying the Dragon: How to Turn Your Small Steps into Great Feats* (ReganBooks; November 1, 1996), Johnson shows you how to use the winning techniques that have made him a world-class athlete to succeed in any endeavor, be it great or small. To strive passionately for success when it is measured in mere shavings of a second is not easy. But Johnson reminds us that the pattern of all

our lives is just like that: periods of planning and preparation punctuated by short bursts when we have one chance to be a champion, one chance to own the greatness that hangs in the balance. Life isn't a marathon; it's goal-setting followed by long stretches of uncelebrated work, capped off by a handful of shining moments.



Wheelchair racing is a favorite event during the week-long camp for teens with spinal cord injuries.

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