

# SPORTS BRIEFS

## HOCKEY

### Leafs trade Muller and Murphy in NHL deadline deals

It is becoming a rite of the NHL trading deadline: Kirk Muller has been dealt again. There were 16 deals at Tuesday's 3 p.m. EST NHL trade deadline, including one that sent Toronto Maple Leafs center Kirk Muller to the Florida Panthers for rookie center-right wing Jason Podolan.

## BASKETBALL

### Seton Hall to name Tommy Amaker head hoops coach

Seton Hall University reportedly will hire Duke assistant Tommy Amaker as its new head basketball coach. The university has scheduled a news conference for Wednesday at 11 a.m. EST and WFAN Radio in New York is reporting that Amaker will be named as the successor to the fired George Blaney. The Blue Devils were eliminated from the NCAA Tournament on Sunday with a loss to Providence.

### Kentucky G Anderson practices, could return

Derek Anderson, the leading scorer on defending national champion Kentucky, practiced Monday and is contemplating a miracle return from a complete tear of the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. Kentucky, the top seed in the West Region, faces fourth-seed St. Joseph's of Pennsylvania on Thursday night in San Jose, California and Anderson might see action. He was in uniform for Kentucky's 75-69 defeat of eighth-seeded Iowa on Saturday, but did not play. Coach Rick Pitino said on his radio talk show Monday night that if Anderson was needed, he would play him. St. Joe's plays a three-guard offense, meaning Anderson would be needed as much for that matchup as any, but Pitino said that he would wait until the day of the game to make his decision.

### Former Memphis star Baskerville Holmes dead

Former Memphis State basketball star Baskerville Holmes and his long-time girlfriend were found dead Tuesday in Memphis. A medical examiner in Memphis confirmed the death of Holmes, 32, and Tanya Franklin, 28. According to Memphis television station WHBQ, Holmes accidentally shot Franklin at the couple's residence and then turned the gun on himself in a back bedroom. Following the initial shooting, Holmes placed a 911 call at 7:35 a.m. EST and said that he accidentally shot Franklin. Authorities found three children in the house along with the bodies of Holmes and Franklin.

## FOOTBALL

### Dolphins agree to terms with DE Stubbs

The Miami Dolphins and defensive end Daniel Stubbs have agreed to terms on an undisclosed contract. The 6-4, 272-pound Stubbs has gotten his career back on track after starring under Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson while at the University of Miami. The 32-year-old Stubbs, an unrestricted free agent, is coming off perhaps the best season of his career. He was second on the Dolphins and matched a career high with nine sacks, three behind Trace Armstrong, and played in all 16 games as the Dolphins went 8-8 in Johnson's first season. Stubbs added 47 tackles and started all but one game.

# SPORTS

## 1977 BLAZERS REUNION TICKETS ON SALE

Walton, Lucas, Ramsay and others to be on hand

Tickets for the dinner gala and silent auction portion of the 1977 Blazers Reunion Party, "The Biggest Thing That Ever Happened (in Portland, Oregon)," went on sale Friday, March 7, at the Rose Quarter Ticket Office. Proceeds from the event, which will be held Thursday, April 3 at Memorial Coliseum, benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland. Tickets are \$77 each and include pre-gala reception, silent auction and seating on the arena floor. Tables for eight people may be purchased for \$616.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner gala and silent auction patrons. The silent auction will feature memorabilia from the Blazers past and present.

Bill Walton, Maurice Lucas, and Jack Ramsay are among the players and coaches expected to attend. Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be the long-time voice of the Blazers, Bill Schonely. ABC sportscaster, Brent Musberger, who provided play-by-play for CBS during the 1977 NBA Finals, is also scheduled to make a special guest appearance.

The evening will be filled with video flashbacks, music videos, memorable moments and colorful reminiscing of the birth of Blazermania and the Portland's incredible march to the 1977 World Championship.

For more information fans are encouraged to call the 1977 Blazers Reunion Hotline at (503) 797-9626.

The 1977 team will also be honored the following night, Friday, April 4, during the Blazers vs. Milwaukee Bucks game at the Rose Garden.

## Extreme fighting raises issues

One of the most controversial issues raging in sports right now is "Extreme Fighting," a pay-per-view event that pits two competitors in a ring with an "anything goes" fighting format.

Battlelines have been drawn between the promoter, Ivy League attorney Donald Zuckerman and New York Governor George E. Pataki and New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani over the event scheduled for March 28. Politicians have won this round, with Zuckerman searching for a new venue. The state of Oregon has no official policy on these types of competition. But the questions arise: Should it be banned? What rights if any, are violated? Is it simply a "politically correct" stance by politicians? And organizers are finding a way around the ban.

Zuckerman is now being forced to move the event to another city in a lightning quick move that will catch outraged politicians and civic leaders by surprise.

At the center of all this is the debut of two Black Olympic Gold medalists who will participate on March 28th. Kenny Monday, who won the Gold in 1988 in Seoul and a Silver medal in 1992 and Kevin Jackson, a seven-year USA Team member and Gold Medalist at the 1992 Olympics will take on other martial arts world champions. Currently Maurice Smith, also Black, is the Extreme Fighting heavyweight champion.

Extreme Fighting has been banned in numerous states, but former New York State Athletic Commissioner and former world light heavyweight boxing champion Jose Torres had come out in favor of the event and has been selected to oversee its rules and insure its safety record.

In three previous events, no one had been either permanently injured or killed in Extreme Fighting. In fact Extreme Fighting has gained national recognition and exposure

for athletes competing in judo, jiu-jitsu, kickboxing and other less-celebrated sports.

Is it more dangerous than boxing or football? Should it be outlawed? Are state athletic commissions capable of overseeing and regulation Extreme Fighting? Should it be banned from television? It is clear that Extreme Fighting is gaining in popularity. Lightweight champion Ralph Gracie's increasing popularity is solely attributed to his success as an Extreme Fighting champion. Not long ago, he offered three-time world boxing champion Roy Jones, Jr. \$1 million for every minute Jones would stay in the ring with him. Jones declined.

Monday, Jackson and Smith are articulate, intelligent and talented athletes. Monday and Jackson have proudly represented the U.S. in three Olympic Games competitions. I can assist you in getting other people to interview on Extreme Fighting, both pro and con.

## OLYMPIC WRESTLERS HIGHLIGHT EXTREME FIGHT

Battlecade Extreme Fighting IV, a pay-per-view event scheduled to be held on March 28th, has signed 1988 Gold Medalist, Kenny Monday and 1992 Olympic Gold Medalist Kevin Jackson to appear and do battle against separate opponents. Both combatants represented the United States in wrestling.

"Adding fighters of this stature to Battlecade's lineup enables Extreme Fighting to continue its growth as a sport," said Battlecade's Executive Producer, Donald Zuckerman. "Sup-

plying fans of our events with the greatest fighters is our number one priority."

Monday is a three-time Olympian, who will be fighting in the welterweight division. He will face unbeaten John Lewis. Jackson, a middleweight, will meet heavyweight camp John Lober.

"I like the style of competition," says Monday when asked why he chose to compete in Battlecade's next event. "I've watched this type of fighting for awhile and I feel that

wrestlers don't get enough recognition for being adept in the art of self defense."

Newly crowned Heavyweight champion Maurice Smith takes on Murakami Kazunari, the 1996 Judo Champ in Japan, who shocked Extreme Fighting III viewers with his defeat over ISFA Heavyweight champion Bart Vale. Smith eclipsed former undefeated Extreme Fighting Heavyweight champion Conan Silveira in a hard fought, technical battle.

## "A Service To Youth" OREGON GOLDEN GLOVES

At this time there are 65 boxers entered in the open class. There are 16 with National, International, PanAm trials, Olympic trials experience. Eleven have major Golden Gloves titles and 4 are defending champions.

Very special guest is former light-heavyweight champion and member of International Boxing Hall of Fame, Joey Maxim. Joey was champ during boxing's golden era (1950-52); was the only boxer to K.O. Sugar Ray Robinson; and was managed by the legendary Jack "Doc" Kearns, who also guided Jack Dempsey to prominence.

The Oregon Veteran Boxer's Association will host a casual dress Buffet Dinner in Joey's honor Thursday March 20th, 6 P.M., Grand Cafe, 832 SE Grand, Portland. All the old champs, contenders and legendary ringmen from through-out the West Coast will be there.

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## GOLOTA TO FIGHT MERCER

Andrew Golota, whose disqualification against Riddick Bowe last July at Madison Square Garden resulted in a full-scale brawl, will return to the New York arena on May 16th to fight Ray Mercer. Madison Square Garden officials announced the bout between the two heavy-

weight contenders today. Golota, a native of Poland, was disqualified from a July 11th bout with Bowe in New York, sparking a riot that resulted in numerous arrests. Golota also was disqualified in a rematch with Bowe in December and is 28-2 with 25 knockouts.

## RUSSIAN LEAD FIGURE SKATING

The tandem of Oksana Grishuk and Evgeni Platov of Russia, in their quest for a fourth consecutive dance title, have the lead after today's compulsories at the World Figure Skating championships in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Grishuk and Platov, who also led after the first dance, earned three

scores of 11.8 and ranked first in ordinals by six of seven judges.

The 1994 Olympic champions picked up three scores of 11.7 and were ranked first by all seven judges in the first dance.

In second place are 1996 silver medalists Anjelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsianikov of Russia.



The National Brotherhood of Skiers Summit in Vail Colorado Feb 22-March 1, 1997: Over 4500 African American Skiers was in attendance. Ebony Rose Ski Club of Portland members Paul & Geneva Knauls, Zepora Delk, Tony Nunley Sonya Stallings, Dwight Lawrence, Lisa Cliff, Barry Ruffin Marsha Spencer. (Not in photo) President Julius Evans, Earl and Rose Marie Johnson

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