

# SPORTS BRIEFS

## TENNIS

**Seles ousted; Sampras, Kafelnikov advance at Wimbledon**

Second seed Monica Seles of the United States will not add the Wimbledon singles title to her list of Grand Slam championships this year as unseeded Sandrine Testud of France surprised the former world number one, 0-6, 6-4, 8-6, Monday at the \$9.62 million event at the All-England Club. On the men's side, top seed and three-time champion Pete Sampras of the United States breezed into the fourth round with a 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Byron Black of Zimbabwe, and third seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia defeated 1996 semifinalist Jason Stoltenberg of Australia, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-3.

## BASEBALL

**Interleague play resumes with World Series rematch**

The second round of interleague play began Monday with a World Series rematch along with an All-Canadian affair. The Atlanta Braves were back in Yankee Stadium Monday night to play the New York Yankees for the first time since losing the sixth and decisive game of the 1996 Fall Classic.

**Griffey top vote-getter, three Mariners on AL All-Star team**

Seattle Mariners superstar outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. was the top vote-getter for the third time in his career, earning his eighth consecutive All-Star Game berth Monday with over 3.5 million votes. Griffey, who is on pace to break Roger Maris' single-season record of 61 home runs, received 3,514,340 votes in balloting by the fans, who choose the starters for the annual mid-summer classic to be played July 8th at Jacobs Field in Cleveland.

**Irabu pitches for Columbus tonight at Rochester**

Japanese pitcher Hideki Irabu continues to prepare for his major league debut next week when he starts tonight for the Columbus Clippers, the New York Yankees' Triple-A affiliate. Irabu will pitch for the Clippers tonight in an International League game at Rochester and again in a home game Saturday against Toledo.

## BASKETBALL

**NBA free agency period begins**

One year after a free agent frenzy enabled three NBA players to crack the \$100 million barrier, the 1997 market will not quite reach the same high-rent district. Superstar Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls and Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks headline the list of NBA players who become eligible for free agency on Tuesday. Last July, Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Alonzo Mourning, Juwan Howard, Gary Payton and Reggie Miller flooded the market with an all-time collection of marquee players. Jordan ended up signing a one-year contract worth a record \$30 million, the highest annual salary in the history of sports.

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# S P O R T S

## URBAN KIDS PICKING UP THE RACKET



Coach Tom Clark (right) teaches tennis to a group of kids at Peninsula Park in north Portland. The Tennis in the Park program is part of an array of summer activities offered by Portland Parks and Recreation. (Photo by Mark Washington)

## KELVIN CATO IS TOP BLAZER DRAFT PICK

### COLLEGE STAR ESCAPES TROUBLED STREETS

Five years ago, Kelvin Cato was suspected of murder in a drive-by shooting. Now he's a first-round draft pick of the Portland Trail Blazers.

When he was introduced by the Blazers during a news conference Thursday, the 6-foot-11, 255-pound center didn't duck the tough questions about his past and what he's learned on his journey from that terrible day.

"It scared me knowing that it could happen to anybody," he said. "Just being in the wrong place at the wrong time will get a lot of people in trouble, especially a young guy hanging out with older people and not knowing the things that can happen to you.

You've just got to build on your own mistakes."

The shooting occurred on the streets of Atlanta in 1992. Cato was in the car from which the fatal shot was fired. At first, authorities thought Cato had fired the gun. Eventually, investigators determined someone else had done the shooting.

Cato's mother, Carolyn, who accompanied him to Portland, made a quick decision that her son was leaving for college - immediately.

"I was scared to death," she said. "The best thing to do was to get him out of that city and I sent him away early."

Cato did as he was told. "I left Atlanta and went directly to school the summer before I even en-

rolled in South Alabama because she felt there was nothing there in Atlanta for me but another opportunity to get in trouble," he said.

Cato didn't play high school basketball or receive a high school diploma. Instead, he played for an AAU team and got his general equivalency diploma (GED).

He sat out his freshman year at South Alabama, then played for one season there before transferring to Iowa State because he didn't get along with his coach. He had to sit out another season before playing the last two years for coach Tim Floyd.

"People don't understand how hard it was for me to get to this level," Cato said. "My mom always told me never to give up something that you start. I thought about quitting basketball a long time ago, but at 7-foot, if you don't play basketball, you become a janitor and nothing else. I'm not mopping no floors."

Cato can run the floor and play defense. He has extremely limited offensive skills. But there is one thing he knows he can do. "I can block anybody's shot," he said.

## WORLD REACTS TO TYSON BITE

A selection of headlines on Sunday and Monday from the Mike Tyson-Evander Holyfield fight and its aftermath:

- "A Bad Bite for Boxing" - *The News & Observer of Raleigh*.
- "Twice Bitten" - *Times-Picayune of New Orleans*.
- "Bite of the Century!" - *Arizona Republic*.
- "Bite Night" - *Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader*.
- "Tyson's Tasteless Tactics: Bite Night" - *The Record of Hackensack, N.J.*
- "Reality Bites" - *Times Union of Albany, N.Y.*
- "Did Tyson Bite Off More Than He Can Chew? Time Will Tell" - *Salt Lake Tribune*.
- "Biting Commentary" - *The Boston Herald*.
- "Tyson Bites the Dust, Holyfield" - *Huntsville (Ala.) Times*.
- "A two-bit bout: Holyfield wins" - *Kansas City Star*.

## TYSON APOLOGIZES, CAREER IN LIMBO

Mike Tyson, disqualified for biting Evander Holyfield's ears in their heavyweight title fight, faces a formal complaint alleging unsportsmanlike conduct and bringing boxing into disrepute, prosecutors said Tuesday.

An emergency hearing of the Nevada State Athletic Commission voted unanimously to hold a disciplinary session next week at which the fighter could be heavily fined and or receive a lengthy ban from boxing.

In the meantime, he is temporarily suspended and his nearly \$30 million purse from Saturday's fight is being withheld.

"Mike is serious about this, he will place his fate in their hands," Tyson's lawyer, Eckley Keach, told reporters after Tuesday's public hearing. "Mike is willing to accept whatever the commission determines."

Tuesday's meeting of the five-man commission began with a playing of the videotape of the World Boxing Association bout in which Tyson was disqualified for biting Holyfield twice in the third round.

Holyfield, who had beaten Tyson in their first bout in November, required 15 stitches in his right ear and will have to undergo reconstructive plastic surgery to repair a hole in the top of it. His left ear was extensively chewed, but there was no permanent damage, doctors said.

The champion's lawyer has said he has not ruled out filing civil charges against Tyson for the bites.

After watching all three rounds of the fight and the ensuing melee in the ring after the disqualification, commission member Jim Nave read a motion formally asking for the District Attorney's office to draw up a complaint against Tyson.

The commission ordered the fight's promoter, Don King Productions, to provide a check for \$29,824,600, representing Tyson's purse, to be deposited in an interest-bearing account pending the outcome of the hearing.

Once the Nevada attorney general's office drew up a formal complaint, a period of three working days must pass before the hearing may be held.

That would set the hearing for next Tuesday or Wednesday at the earliest, since the July 4 Independence Day holiday is observed on Friday.

## MEGABUCKS DOUGH WINNERS

June 20, 1997 - Final drawing

**1st prize - \$1,000 plus jacket**

Noreen Deckley, Lake Oswego

**2nd prize - \$500 plus jacket**

Mrs. Conroy, Corvallis

**3rd prize - \$100 plus jacket**

Joe Hoffman, Junction City

Annie Brown, Gresham

August Weil, Corvallis

John Rex Jr., Salem

Mike Esbenshade, Corvallis

**4th prize - MEGABUCKS DOUGH**

**denim baseball jacket**

R. A. Pallies, Klamath Falls

Lupie Herrera, Portland

Stephen Roshak, Hillsboro

Howard Hands, Grants Pass

Fred Eldredge, Salem

Robin McQueen, Roseburg

JoAnn Robinson, Sweet Home

Barbara Kramer, Phoenix

Harold Godkin, Salem

Dorothy Marino, Portland

Suzie Motney, Grants Pass

Lori Gregory, Cornelius

Ethel Van Dolah, St. Helens

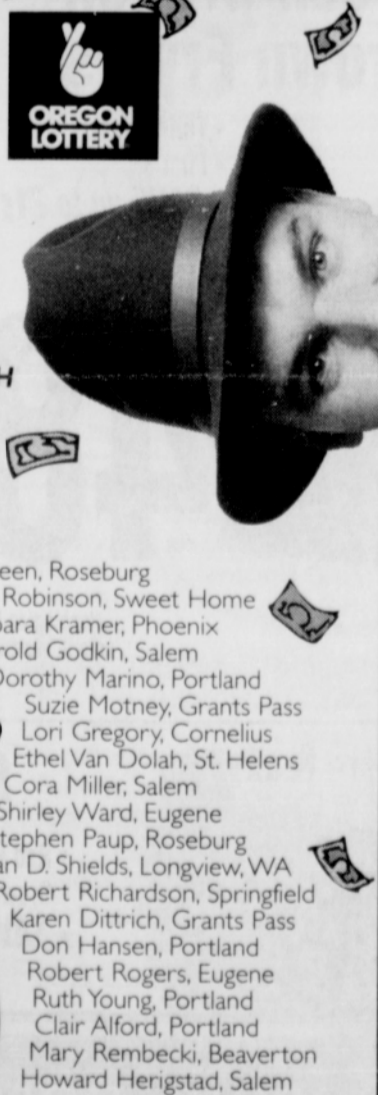
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