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**Phillips suspended**

The Anaheim Angels indefinitely suspended Tony Phillips with pay Monday after the troubled utilityman — facing felony drug charges — refused to go on the 15-day disabled list and enter a rehabilitation program. The volatile Phillips, the club's starting left fielder and leadoff hitter, was arrested in an Anaheim hotel August 10th after allegedly buying a small quantity of cocaine.

**Tendinitis revealed**

The New York Yankees received good news on David Cone this week when extensive tests on the ace right-hander revealed only mild tendinitis in his right shoulder. Cone pitched just one inning Sunday against the Texas Rangers before leaving with tightness in his shoulder, near the area of an aneurysm he had surgically removed last year.

**Deion likely out**

Two-sport star Deion Sanders is expected to miss the Cincinnati Reds' upcoming two-game series against the Colorado Rockies due to lower back problems. Sanders, who also plays cornerback for the Dallas Cowboys, missed Sunday's game at Los Angeles and took a cortisone shot Monday to alleviate the pain. He will be re-evaluated Friday and is expected to play when the Reds open a three-game weekend series in Atlanta. Sanders, who turned 30 earlier this month, is signed with the Reds through this season with a mutual option year.

**Suspension reduced**

San Francisco Giants second baseman Jeff Kent had his suspension reduced from three to two games after an appeal, the National League announced Monday. He initially was suspended three games by the NL for initiating a bench-clearing brawl in a home game against the Chicago Cubs last Wednesday.

**Dodgers deal**

The Los Angeles Dodgers, looking to bolster their offense for a run at the National League Western Division title, acquired second baseman Eric Young from the Colorado Rockies for pitcher Pedro Astacio. The Dodgers have used rookie Wilton Guerrero at second base for most of the season but now can deploy Young, who has more power and is more dangerous on the bases.

**Cordero rejects plea**

Boston Red Sox outfielder Wil Cordero has rejected a plea bargain on charges stemming from his June 11th arrest in a wife beating case. A Massachusetts judge set a jury trial date of October 20th. During a pre-trial hearing Tuesday, Cambridge District Court Judge Arthur Sherman said there were sufficient facts to proceed with the case against Cordero. If the outfielder were to plead no contest, Sherman said he would recommend a six-month suspended sentence, two years probation and a mandatory participation in a domestic violence program.

**Yankees lose pick**

The New York Yankees have reportedly lost first-round draft choice and highly touted high school star Tyrell Godwin to the University of North Carolina, where he will play both baseball and football. According to published reports, Godwin, who is among the most talented high school athletes in the country, is slated to take his first class Tuesday. The 24th pick in June's amateur draft, Godwin had threatened from the beginning that he wanted to fulfill his dream of becoming a doctor by going to college but his overall speed and ability made him a first-round lock.

**Price guides Jeff**

Jefferson's Tim Price in his first year as head coach of the democrats takes his squad through two a day practices this week in preparation of the fall season.

**Love III outduelles Leonard**

Davis Love III outduelled Just Leonard Sunday to win the PGA Championship by five strokes and claim his first major championship crown.

Love began the day tied with Leonard at 7 under, a massive seven shots better than the rest of the field, and was near flawless as he posted five birdies and just one bogey in the pressure-packed showdown.

The 33-year-old Love finished the final round with a 4-under-par 66, his third 66 of the tournament, for an 11-under total of 269 as he shed the dreaded label of one of the best play-

ers in the world not to win a major.

As Love walked up the 18th fairway to the cheers of the gallery, a stunning rainbow graced the sky as the sun came out after a sudden downpour had drenched the course over the last few holes.

After rolling in a birdie putt to punctuate his triumph, Love hugged his caddie and brother Mark, his wife, and his mother in a tearful celebration at the home hole. Love's father, famed teaching pro Davis Love, Jr., was killed in a plane crash in 1988.

"It's been a long time coming," an

emotional Love said after hoisting the silver Wanamaker Trophy. "I've been close a few times, as we all know. I was finding it hard to get through the last three holes without breaking down."

Love's maiden major fittingly came at the PGA, which has seen nine of its last 10 champions posting their first major championship triumph.

Victory brought Love a first-prize check for \$470,000. Leonard made four birdies of his own but suffered five bogeys as well as he put himself in trouble with errant drives throughout the day.

**Kids head to golf**

Youths invited to free junior golf clinic taught by local and touring professional golfers

Parents hoping to get their children back into the swing of things after the summer vacation can register them for the free Wells Fargo-Crayola LPGA Junior Golf Clinic scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Children age nine through 17 will learn the game from local and touring professional golfers. The clinic will run from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the driving range of the Columbia Edgewater Country Club, 2222 N. E. Marine Drive. To register, call (503) 722-1740.

Participants will practice swinging, chipping and putting, as well as go through a variety of drills. Participants will also receive free refreshments, and golf-related gifts. One

parent may attend with each child.

"Golf is a sport that teaches good values, such as courtesy, self-discipline and honor," says Dave Perry, senior vice president of Wells Fargo Commercial Banking for Portland. "We're pleased to team up with Crayola to sponsor an event that can have such a positive impact on the lives of young people throughout Portland."

In addition to inviting the public, event organizers are reaching out to local under-privileged youth organizations for participants in the free clinic, which is being held in conjunction with the Safeway LPGA Golf Championship (Sept. 5-7) at the same location.

**Former Blazer joins Clippers**

The Los Angeles Clippers signed free agent guard James Robinson, who averaged 8.3 points off the bench last season for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

"James Robinson will bring to our club enthusiasm, a great work ethic, versatility in the back court and will really help us at both ends of the floor and with the break," coach Bill Fitch said.

"He is ready to bloom at this point in his career."

Robinson, 26, played his first three years with the Portland Trail Blazers before being traded to Minnesota last summer as part of

the Isaiah Rider deal.

The 6-foot-2, 180-pound guard has averaged 7.8 points and 1.9 assists in 18.9 minutes over his career and helped Minnesota reach the playoffs for the first time in franchise history last season.

"We are getting a veteran player who has played both the one and two position," Clippers vice president Elgin Baylor said. "James is a very tough and aggressive defender who can put pressure defense on his man from one end of the floor to the other."

A streak shooter who can play either guard position, Robinson will take many of the minutes that went to Malik Sealy last season. The Clippers renounced their rights to Sealy earlier this summer.

Robinson's finest moment in the 1996-97 season came Dec. 30 when he scored 20 points in a four-minute span of the fourth quarter and almost singlehandedly brought Minnesota back from a 33-point deficit.

**Robinson charge dropped**

Multnomah County chief deputy district attorney says he believes Robinson's statements to police that he didn't know the marijuana was in his vehicle

Charges of marijuana possession against Portland Trail Blazer forward Clifford Robinson will be dropped, prosecutors say.

The charges were dismissed after Robinson's brother Torrey pleaded guilty to possessing a small amount of marijuana found in Robinson's Humvee during a traffic stop July 30.

Robinson was pulled over on Naito Parkway on the waterfront in downtown Portland after police received reports that passengers in the car were pointing guns out the windows. The weapons turned out to be paintball guns that Robinson, his brother and two friends had.

Police found less than an ounce of marijuana in the vehicle's armrest. Robinson was cited for misdemeanor possession, but maintained the pot belonged to his brother.

Torrey Robinson, 27, pleaded guilty to possession last Wednesday. He was fined \$500 in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

Multnomah County chief deputy district attorney Fred Lenzser said he believed Robinson's statements to police that he didn't know the marijuana was in his vehicle.

The Blazers are trying to re-sign Robinson, a free agent and 8-year NBA veteran. Robinson is seeking \$7 to \$10 million a year.

**Happy Birthday!****Annie Jenkins**

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