

SPORTS

Beaverton Rallies to Smother Benson's Hopes for a Title

By LARRY J. JACKSON SR.

Dreams are made to be broken as the Tech-men know all too well. The Rose Garden was the venue for Oregon's 4-A Boy's Basketball Championship and in the presence of 6,000 plus fans, Beaverton set the table for PIL "darlings" of Benson High School, sporting a Number 2 seeding and a 21-game winning streak, only to advise that the state championship was not part of the entrees and used a second quarter 15-2 run to make that point. When it was all said and done Beaverton High was sporting a 70-59 victory. Benson had to step back and really reflect on how far they had come. They were matched against the 5-time Metro champions, they were seated in the toughest bracket on their march for the championship. They were young with only 3 Seniors on the team, but more than anything they showed alot of class in their defense and sportsmanship., which was a credit to the sermons preached by Coach Emry.

Beaverton was an amiable foe and the other 50% of the highest scoring team seeded in the tournament. The maturity and the inside defense proved to be too much for the Techmen. Jordan Clark was the leading scorer for Beaverton with 26 points. Terrence Green had 21 for Benson. The match-up was a showcase for what Oregon basketball is suppose to look like. Congratulations Beaverton and Benson on a job well done.

Lennox Lewis VS. Shannon Briggs

Reigning world heavyweight champ Lennox Lewis climbs into the ring to defend his belt against rising contender Shannon Briggs when WORLD CHAMPION BOXING: LENNOX LEWIS VS. SHANNON BRIGGS is presented live SATURDAY, MARCH 28 (10:00 PM ET/8:00 PM MT/ 7:00PM PT), from the Atlantic City Convention Center. The HBO Sports broadcast team of Jim Lampley, Larry Merchant, and analyst George Fore-

man will be ringside to call the action of the scheduled 12-round bout, which will be closed captioned for the hearing-impaired and presented in Spanish on HBO en Espanol.

Coming off a stunning victory over Andrew Golota, two-time world champion Lennox Lewis (32-1, 26 KO's) of England is determined to keep his winning streak alive. His decisive first-round demolition of the imposing Golota last Oct. 4 served no-

tice to the boxing community that Lewis is a commanding force in the division.

Brooklyn's Shannon Briggs (29-1, 24 KO's) is coming off the biggest win of this career, a controversial 12-round majority decision over legendary George Foreman that was seen on HBO last Nov. 22. The showdown with Lewis offers the 26-year-old Briggs an opportunity to elevate his standing in the division while vying for a world title.

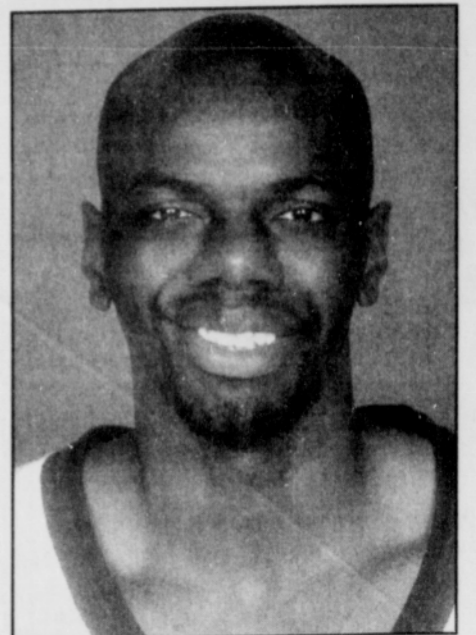
Hill Hurt in Bucks-Sixers Game

Milwaukee forward Tyrone Hill was carried off the court on a stretcher Saturday night after falling hard on his back during the Bucks' game against the Philadelphia 76ers.

Hill, a seven-year veteran in his first season with the Bucks, fell to the floor following a collision with other players as Philadelphia's Allen Iverson drove to the basket in the first quarter.

Bucks spokesman Bill King II said Hill was taken to Elmbrook Memorial Hospital for an examination. There was no word on what his injury was but Hill had "feeling in his arms and legs and could move his fingers and toes," King said.

Milwaukee guard Elliot Perry also fell to the court after the collision, and Iverson held a bag of ice to the right side of his face as he sat on the sidelines after the incident.



Tyrone Hill

A SPORTING CHANCE FOR GIRLS

Most parents know that, like boys, girls who participate in sports can realize advantages such as increased strength and health, weight control, and better sleep and nutrition habits. For women in particular weight-bearing exercise helps increase bone mass and prevent osteoporosis, and regular exercise over a woman's reproductive life can reduce the risk of breast cancer.

But the reasons to encourage girls to get involved in sports may not stop with the obvious health and fitness benefits, according to the Women's Sports Foundation, a nonprofit group advocating for increase sports and fitness opportunities for women and girls. The foundation cites research suggesting that additional benefits may include greater self-esteem and self-confidence, lower pregnancy rates, less drug involvement, higher grades, and higher high school graduation rates among girls who participate in sports. A foundation publica-

tion on minority group participation in sports reported that Hispanic female athletes are more likely to score higher on achievement tests, stay in high school, and go to college than female Hispanic nonathletes.

Research shows that in picture books, girls and women are much less frequently shown participating in sports than are boys and men. As well, newspaper and television coverage of sports is overwhelmingly focused on men's sports. Given this underexposure of girl's and women's sports it may be up to parents to pique their daughter's interest. What can you do to encourage her participation in sports? The foundation makes the following suggestions:

- * When buying her a gift, choose sports equipment or a book about female sports hero
- * Take her to a women's sports event

* Take her with you when you work out

* Go to a girl's varsity game at the high school

* Play catch or a sport in the backyard or your local park

You should also be aware that federal law (Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments Acts) requires that high schools and colleges that receive federal funds must provide sports participation opportunities to girls in proportion to their representation in the student body. In other words, if half the students at your daughter's high school are girls, half the students in the athletic program should be girls. As well, girls' athletic teams should have the same benefits of participation as boys' teams, such as equipment, uniforms, and supplies; equal access to training and practice facilities; equal access to coaching talent; awards; and support form cheerleaders and band.

"A Good Walk Spoiled"

Mark Twain called the game "a good walk spoiled." now, the role walking plays in golf is the key issue in a disabled golfer's lawsuit against the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) Tour. The case is being heard in federal court in Eugene this week.

Martin, who suffers from a painful and disabling condition affecting his right leg, sued the PGA Tour under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for the right to use a motorized cart during tournament play. "The biggest issue in Martin's lawsuit is whether walk-

ing is an essential function of the game and I don't think that it is," says Kenneth Lehrman, director of affirmative action and equal opportunity at the University of Oregon. "I'm not persuaded by the PGA's argument that the high level of competition on the tour makes this a fundamentally different game.

I think the court should find that walking is a marginal function, which means that the PGA is obligated to make a reasonable accommodation for Martin to play." A civil rights law expert, Lehrman handles ADA cases at the UO. he explains that one of the

technical questions that needs to be answered in the trial is whether Martin should be considered an employee of the PGA Tour. If the court decides Martin is an employee, then the organization would need to provide a reasonable accommodation for him to play if the accommodation were needed to perform something other than an "essential" function.

"The ability to hit the ball is an essential function in golf, walking from hole to hole is not, as is evidenced in the PGA's seniors' tour, which allows players to use carts," says Lehrman. "On the question of

employer-employee status, while it may be true that the PGA does not directly pay the golfers, I think Martin is technically an employee since the PGA tour decides almost every aspect of how, when and where the game is played."

Lehrman doesn't believe Martin would receive a special advantage over other players if allowed to use a cart. "You have to take into account that, because of his disability, Martin is always in pain and, therefore, fatigued. He's at a competitive disadvantage even with a cart.

NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT BASKETBALL RECAPS FROM MAR 15

SOUTH REGION

(1) DUKE 79, (8) OKLAHOMA ST 73

Roshown McLeod scored 22 points as top-seeded Duke used two key momentum swings to record a 78-73 victory over eighth-seeded Oklahoma State in an NCAA Tournament second-round Midwest Region game at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky.

Trajan Langdon, who was scoreless in Friday's victory over Radford, added 17 points for the Blue Devils (31-3).

(2) KENTUCKY 88, (10) ST LOUIS 61

Jeff Sheppard scored 14 of his 18 points in the first half -- including his 1,000th career point -- and second-seeded Kentucky used two huge early runs to rout number 10 seed Saint Louis, 88-61, in a second-round matchup in the South Region at Atlanta. Allen Edwards had 12 of his 17 before the break and Nazr Mohammed had seven in the opening 20 minutes as the Wildcats (31-4) raced to a 10-0 lead and were never headed.

(6) UCLA 85, (3) MICHIGAN 82

Kris Johnson hit eight free

throws in the final 39 seconds and scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half as sixth-seeded UCLA held off third seed Michigan, 85-82, in the second round of the South Region at Atlanta. Toby Bailey added 19 points for the Bruins (24-8), who play second-seeded Kentucky in the regional semifinals Friday at St. Petersburg, Florida.

(5) SYRACUSE 56, (4) NEW MEXICO 46

Todd Burgan scored 20 points as fifth seed Syracuse used a stifling defense to turn back fourth seed New Mexico, 56-46, in a South Region second round game in Lexington, Kentucky. Syracuse (26-8), advancing to the Sweet 16 for the fourth time this decade, held New Mexico to 25 percent (14-of-55) shooting. The loss of top three-pointer shooter Royce Olney finally caught up to the Lobos, who could not solve Syracuse's tenacious 2-3 zone.

MIDWEST REGION

(8) RHODE ISLAND 80, (1) KANSAS 75

Cuttino Mobley scored 27 points as eighth seed Rhode Island continued top seed Kansas' misery in the NCAA Tournament,

shocking the Jayhawks, 80-75, in the second round of the Midwest Region at Oklahoma City. Tyson Wheeler added 20 points and seven assists for the Rams (24-8), who will play the other surprise team of the region -- 13th-seeded Valparaiso -- on Friday at St. Louis. Rhode Island is in the "Sweet 16" for the first time 1988, when it was an 11th seed and upset Missouri and Syracuse in the East Region.

(2) PURDUE 80, (10) DETROIT 65

Chad Austin scored 20 points and Brad Miller added 18 as second-seeded Purdue broke out to an early advantage and coasted to an 80-65 victory over 10th seed Detroit in the second round of the Midwest Region at Chicago. Purdue (28-7) led 8-7 before a three-pointer by Alan Eldridge off a feed from Austin sparked a 16-1 burst.

(3) STANFORD 83, (11) WESTERN MICH 65

Arthur Lee scored 24 points and third-seeded Stanford shot 57 percent from the field and rolled to an 83-65 victory over 11th-seeded Western Michigan in an NCAA Tournament second-round Midwest Region game

at Chicago. Tim Young had 19 points and 13 rebounds and Mark Madsen also scored 19 for Stanford (28-4), which becomes the third Pac-10 team to advance to the "Sweet 16", joining defending champion Arizona and Washington. It also marks the second straight year the Cardinal have reached the regional semifinals. Stanford will play the winner of the Purdue-Detroit game in the Midwest Region semifinals Friday in St. Louis. Western Michigan (21-8), which upset sixth-seeded Clemson in the first round, was hoping for its first trip to the "Sweet 16" since 1976.

(13) VALPARAISO 83, (12) FLORIDA ST 77 (OT)

Bryce Drew scored six of his 22 points in overtime as 13th-seeded Valparaiso continued its stunning run in the NCAA Tournament with an 83-77 victory over 12th-seeded Florida State in the second round of the Midwest Region at Oklahoma City. Antanas Vilcinskas made two key plays in the final minute for the Crusaders (23-9), who will play eighth-seeded Rhode Island, which stunned Kansas, in the Midwest Region semifinals Friday at St. Louis.



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