

# SPORTS BRIEFS

## Seattle Seahawks over San Diego Chargers

A matchup between AFC West teams desperate for a win came down to a wrestling match.

The Seahawks (4-3), coming off their bye week, snapped a three-game losing streak. The Chargers (3-5) scored two touchdowns for the first time this season.

## Huston a winner again at Disney

John Huston is no stranger to comebacks. On Sunday, it got even better.

With a brilliant display of accuracy and timely putting, Huston rallied from four strokes off the lead and closed with a 6-under-par 66 to win Disney's National Car Rental Classic over Davis Love III.

## NASCAR driver undergoes tests, treatment uncertain

NASCAR driver Dale Jarrett, airlifted to a hospital during Sunday's Dura-Lube 500, underwent a series of tests Monday after he was diagnosed with gallstones.

Jarrett was listed in fair condition at John C. Lincoln Hospital-North Mountain.

## Agassi wins Czech Indoor

In another step in his remarkable resurgence, Andre Agassi clinched a spot in the year-ending ATP Tour World Championship and kept alive his bid to finish the year ranked No. 1.

"This has been such a great week for me," Agassi said after defeating Slovakia's Jan Krosnak 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 Sunday to capture the Czech Indoor and pocket \$137,000.

## Mike Tyson Faces Another Lawsuit

This one is from a Las Vegas police officer who claims Tyson struck him during a melee in the ring after his aborted fight with Evander Holyfield.

The lawsuit filed by Thomas Moyer claims the officer was hit by Tyson in the chest as he tried to restrain him in the aftermath of his disqualification for biting Holyfield's ears.

## Taylor enters drug rehab again

NFL great Lawrence Taylor is back in drug rehabilitation, according to his lawyer.

"He is a recovering addict, and any reinforcement he can get to stay off drugs is beneficial," lawyer Thomas Melani said today.

## Champ and challenger finally show up for fight

Prince Naseem Hamed, delayed because he didn't have a work permit, and Wayne McCullough, delayed by questions about getting paid, arrived in this seaside gambling city Tuesday only four days before their WBO featherweight title fight.

## Williams takes first step toward leaving Yankees

The price on Bernie Williams seems to be keeping going up.

The center fielder followed through on his promise to file for free agency, and a few hours after he hit the marketplace Monday, his agent sounded like the deal he wants will cost more than the record \$91 million, seven-year contract the Mets gave Mike Piazza.

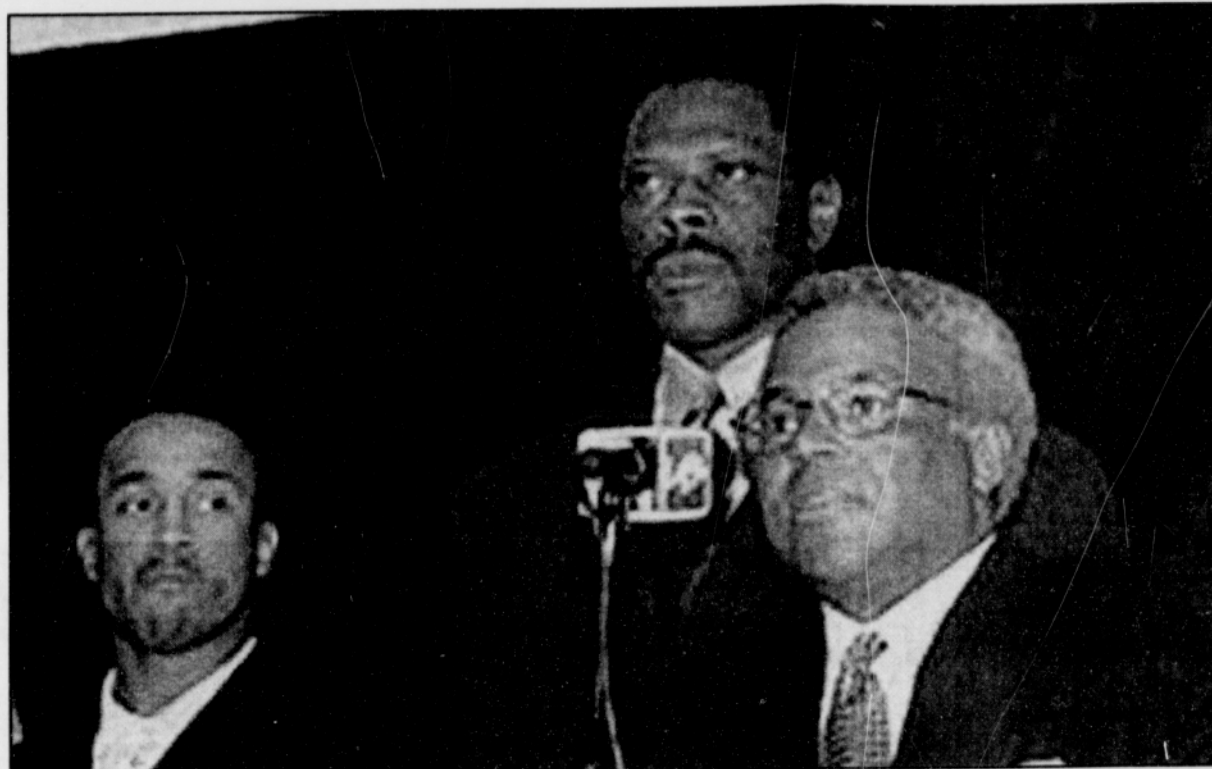
## Return of the native: Sosa back in Dominican Republic

Greeted by a crowd of thousands that included his country's president and Hall of Famer Juan Marichal, Sammy Sosa finally returned home Tuesday.

"I feel very happy and honored that my people are on their feet, waiting for me," said Sosa, in the Dominican Republic for the first time since his 66-homer season.

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## Moves off hard Salary Cap



(L-R) John Starks, Patrick Ewing & Billy Hunter were on hand to discuss with press about present labor talks

Despite the different spin from different people, it was clear that the sides were moving away from confrontation and toward compromise.

On the most productive day of negotiations in the NBA lockout, owners backed off their insistence on having a hard salary cap.

Players and owners met for about nine hours Monday on Day 118 of the lockout, and finally started talking in detail about a compromise.

"We need a system that eventually gets to where there's a set percentage for the players and a set percentage for the owners," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "I don't think it has to be a hard cap, and in fact some of the things we're talking about now are not hard caps."

The owners' shift in position was

downplayed by the union, but it meant the sides have to be closer, at least in principle, on coming to an agreement on the main economic issues.

Talks resumed today with the sides discussing non-economic issues. On Wednesday, a negotiating session will cover many of the topics discussed Monday.

"The best thing is we have some sort of an agreement on basic principles," said Orlando center Danny Schayes, a member of the union's executive committee.

"Right now, we're talking about a hybrid system. The first couple of years it would work one way, for another couple of years it would work another way if the first way didn't work. At least we're finding some common ground," Schayes said.

About 20 people from the union and

10 from the league worked through the afternoon and into the night at a Manhattan hotel. The site was kept a secret to avoid the circus atmosphere that has surrounded past negotiating sessions.

Most participants left after about 7 1/2 hours, but a few members from each side, including commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter, stayed late.

"There's not been any movement at all. We've got some difficulties. We've made little or no progress," Hunter said, contradicting statements made by others involved in the talks.

The league was asking to operate under a luxury tax system for the next three seasons, with a fallback system of a harder salary cap for the next three years. The union was asking for a tax system lasting two years, with the fallback system lasting another two years, Schayes said.

## The Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 24, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and ranking in previous poll:

Record		Pts	Pv	
1. Ohio St. (64)	7-0	1,744		1
2. UCLA (1)	6-0	1,641		2
3. Tennessee (3)	6-0	1,617		3
4. Kansas St. (2)	7-0	1,565		4
5. Florida St.	7-1	1,438		6
6. Florida	6-1	1,437		5
7. Nebraska	7-1	1,250		7
8. Texas A&M	7-1	1,240		8
9. Wisconsin	8-0	1,209		9
10. Penn St.	5-1	1,118		10
11. Georgia	6-1	1,036		11
12. Oregon	6-1	997		12
13. Arizona	7-1	887		14
14. Arkansas	6-0	847		15
15. Virginia	6-1	811		16
16. Notre Dame	5-1	621		18
17. Syracuse	4-2	476		21
18. Missouri	5-2	472		19
19. Tulane	6-0	463		22
20. Virginia Tech	6-1	394		23
21. West Virginia	4-2	291		13
22. Michigan		5-2	231	
23. Georgia Tech	5-2	175		20
24. Colorado	6-2	164		17
25. Miami	4-2		119	

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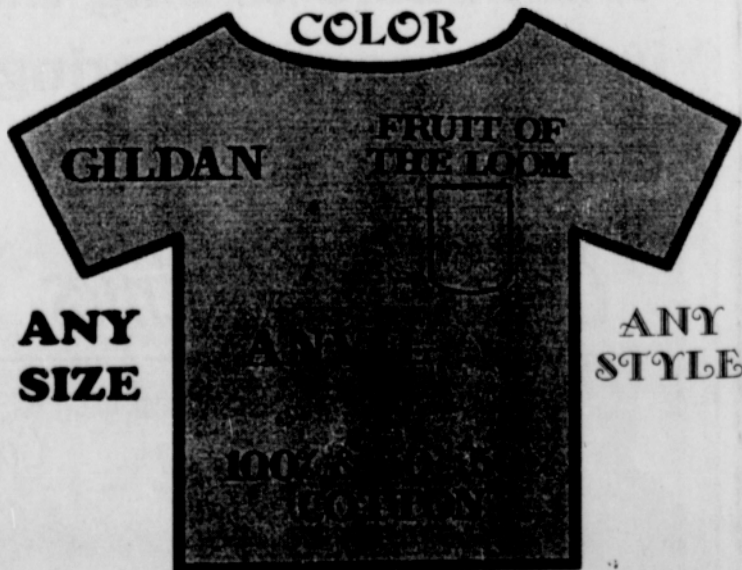
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