

SPORTS

Martin is headed for PGA Tour

contributed story

for The Portland Observer

"If I play like I did here, I won't be a very good PGA player," Martin told reporters with a laugh. "I'm relieved and I'm grateful. I admit that I'm a little bit shocked to have done it, but it feels really good."

Of course, nothing that happens to Martin on the golf course is as cut-and-dried as it seems. This is no different.

Since birth he has had to deal with a rare circulatory disorder that has steadily weakened his right leg. When he was younger, his parents would pack his knee in ice. General discomfort has long affected sleeping. His leg has always limited what he can do.

The cart he rides, the one that makes it possible for him to play, the one awarded him in a 1998 court ruling under the Americans with Disabilities Act, still could be taken away.

The decision is on appeal to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. If the appeal goes in favor of the PGA Tour, Martin will lose his cart. Whichever way the court rules, there is one more possible appeal—to the U.S. Supreme Court—but there is no guarantee that would be heard.

Ironically, it was PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem, the public face of the Tour vs. Martin, who handed Martin his tour card.

"Right now, we're just pleased and excited for Casey," Finchem said. "We have a great deal of admiration for what he's done, first with his physical disability and then with all the distractions."

Nonetheless, Finchem has already said none of that will matter if the Tour wins its appeal.

"I'll be disappointed if it's taken away from me," Martin said. "But right now I don't even want to think about it. It's out of my hands."

Martin now gets a chance for some much-needed rest. His PGA Tour career begins in January.

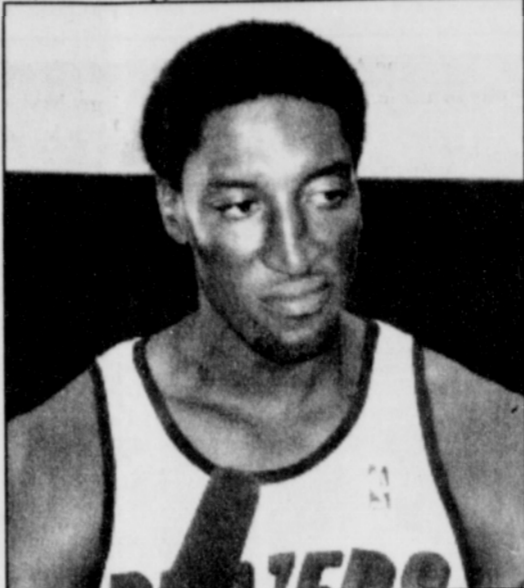
Blazers and Pippen make Lakers 6th victim

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Scottie Pippen scored 20 points and Bonzi Wells

scored 10 of his 13 points in the third quarter to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a 92-78 NBA exhibition win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday night.

The Lakers closed the gap to 44-40 when Blazers coach Mike Dunleavy was ejected after a confrontation with referee Dick Bavetta with 7:03 remaining in the third quarter. After the ejection, Wells scored five straight points to widen the lead to 49-40. The Blazers went on a 27-13 run to end the third period with a 71-53 lead. Pippen scored five straight points to open the fourth quarter. Shaquille O'Neal led Los Angeles with 16 points and 12 rebounds, but went just 2-for-11 from the free-throw line.



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Tyson may lose purse

The Associated Press

Mike Tyson will have to wait a few more days to collect the \$8.7 million he made for his aborted fight with Orin Norris. And when he finally gets his check, he could find a few dollars missing.

Nevada boxing regulators will meet Friday to discuss Tyson's latest antics in the ring, and decide whether to take any action against him for a late blow that prematurely ended his fight with Norris after the first round Saturday night.

Tyson could be fined for his actions, but the Nevada Athletic Commission is not expected to take any action to suspend Tyson from the ring.

THE NFL

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New England	24
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N.Y. Giants	31
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Indianapolis	31
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SPORTS STANDINGS FALL STANDINGS 1999

BOYS - FINAL CROSS COUNTRY				GIRLS - FINAL CROSS COUNTRY			
W	L	INC		W	L		
Lincoln	8	0		Grant	8	0	
Grant	7	1		Lincoln	7	1	
Wilson	6	2		Franklin	6	2	
Franklin	5	3		Cleveland	5	3	
Cleveland	3	3	2	Wilson	4	4	
Benson	3	5		Madison	2	2	
Roosevelt	2	4	2	Benson	2	4	
Marshall	1	3	4	Marshall	0	0	
Madison	1	7		Roosevelt	0	0	

FOOTBALL - Col				VOLLEYBALL			
W	L	TO		W	L		
Benson L	4	1	G	Wilson B,F,M	15	0	
Marshall R	3	2	J,B	Benson W,C,L	14	1	
Franklin C	2	3	W,B,JM	Lincoln G,B	13	3	
Roosevelt JM	1	4	J,F,M,B	Grant L,F	11	5	
*Cleveland F	1	4	B,JM,W,R	Roosevelt M,JM,J	7	8	

FOOTBALL - Will				GIRLS SOCCER			
W	L	TO		W	L		
*Wilson J	5	0	G	Cleveland M	7	0	
Jefferson W	4	1	M	Lincoln G	6	1	
*Madison G	3	2	JM,W	Grant L	6	1	
Lincoln B	1	4	C,M,W,J	Wilson JM	4	3	
Grant M	1	4	B,W,L,F	Marshall W	3	4	
*reflects Lincoln's forfeits				Benson F	3	4	

BOYS SOCCER				
W	L	T	PTS	3w/1t
Lincoln G	7	1	0	21
Wilson JM	5	0	3	18
Grant L	5	1	2	17
Cleveland M	5	3	0	15
Franklin B	3	2	3	12
Madison C	3	3	2	11
Benson F	3	3	2	11
Marshall W	1	5	2	5
Jefferson R	0	6	2	2
Roosevelt J	0	8	0	0

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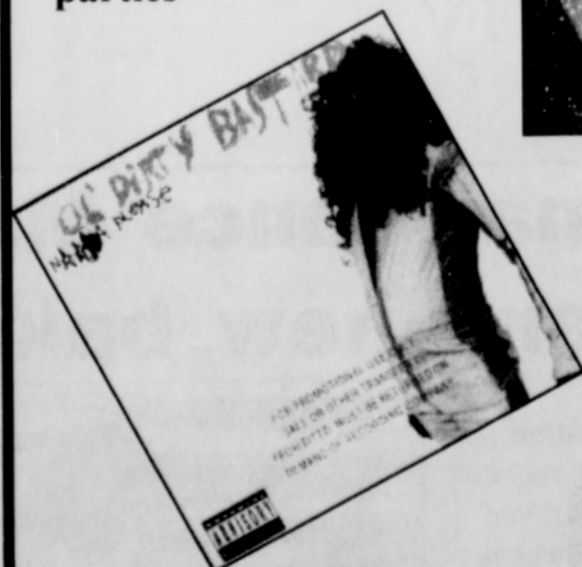
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