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Fire Guard Traded to Miami

(AP) — The Portland Fire traded forward Vanessa Nygaard to the Miami Sol on Wednesday for guard Marla Brumfield.

Portland also received forward Katrina Colleton, but she was waived immediately. The Fire also waived guard Mandy Nightingale, a rookie from Colorado, to trim their roster to 15 players.

Nygaard was among the most popular players on the Fire, and one of the original players from its 2000 expansion season. She played in all 32 games and started 28 that year, but after the acquisition of forward Kristin Folk, Nygaard's playing time slipped. She averaged just 8.4 minutes a game last season, and her scoring average dropped from 7.9 points to 2.5.

Brumfield will begin her third WNBA season after appearing in 27 games with Miami last year. She averaged 1.6 points and 1.2 assists.

Chinook Winds Hosts Televised Boxing

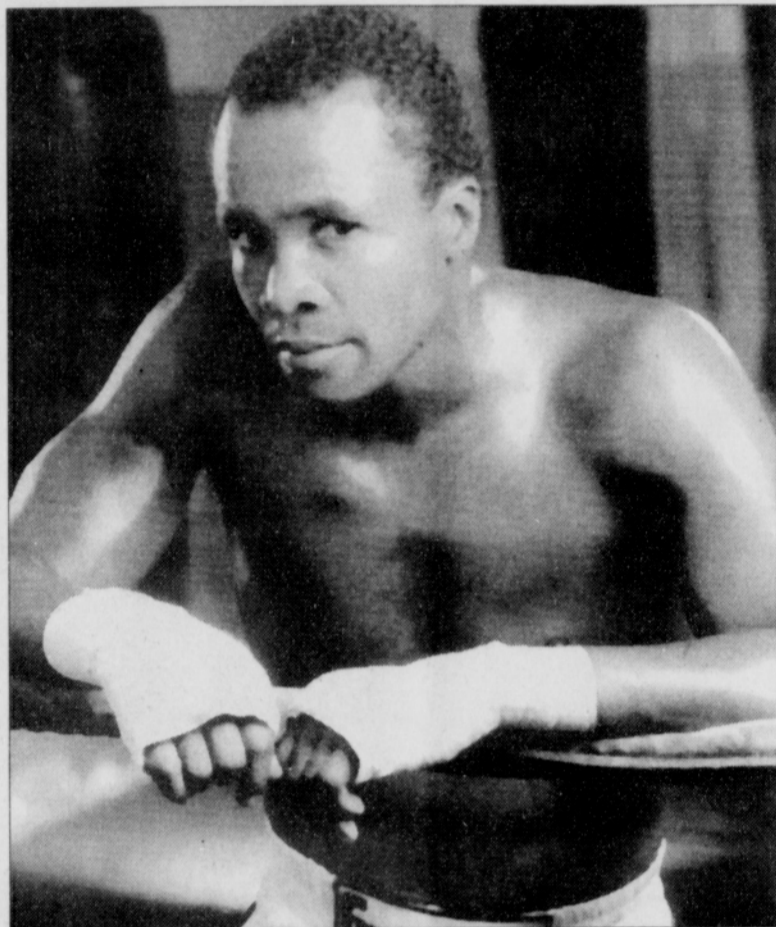
Chinook Winds Casino and Convention Center and Sugar Ray Leonard recently announced changes that are sure to keep audiences at the edge of their seats during the Lincoln City casino's "Commotion at the Ocean III" boxing card on Friday, May 31.

Because of injuries to fighters in a previously announced schedule, the 10-round Main Event will now feature former NBA Cruiserweight Champion Michael Rush against former four-time world champion James 'Lights Out' Toney.

Rush goes into the ESPN2 televised match with three consecutive wins and is ranked 19th in the WBC, 16th in the IBO and will enter the USBA ratings at 13th in June. His overall record is 23 wins, five losses, and one draw with 14 knockouts.

The co-main event — also carried live on ESPN2 — will now feature a spectacular Junior Middleweight bout between Tony Badaea and NBA Junior Middleweight Champion Verno Phillips.

Originally from Romania, Badaea is currently rated 16th by the WBC and 10th by the IBO and has been rated as high as



Sugar Ray Leonard promotes the "Commotion at the Ocean" at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City.

ninth in the world by the WBC and WBO.

The Commotion at the Ocean III under card will also feature four exciting bouts. Doors open

at 4:30 p.m. and the first televised fight will start at 6 p.m.

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Montgomery, Jones Win Classic

Tim Montgomery, running a relatively slow 9.97 seconds, won the 100 meters in the Prefontaine Classic Grand Prix in Eugene.

Marion Jones had a better day at Hayward Field, running the fastest 100 in the world this year at 10.00.

Competing in her first 100 of the season, Jones won easily to extend her unbeaten streak in the Prefontaine to seven races — including three 100s — over the last five years.

Montgomery finished ahead of Kim Collins of St. Kitt's, who ran a nine-point-nine-eight. Maurice Greene, the world record-holder in the 100 meters, camped out at the finish line to watch the race. Greene did not compete in the race because he just signed a contract with Adidas and Nike, the main sponsors of the meet.



Marion Jones wins the women's 100 meters, ahead of third place finisher Chryste Gaines, at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene. (AP Photo)

Blazers' Pippen Has Knee Surgery

(AP) — Portland Trail Blazers forward Scottie Pippen had minor surgery on his right knee and is expected to be ready to workout by the Fourth of July.

The operation, performed last week in Chicago by former Bulls team doctor John Hefferson, took about 30 minutes.

Pippen, who will be 37 in September, missed 17 games this season because of a deep bruise in

his right knee. It began to swell at the end of the regular season, and a postseason physical revealed that surgery was needed.

"His knee had been sore coming down the stretch, and we thought this was something we should do," team president and general manager Bob Whitsitt said. "It was basically just a cleaning-out of the knee. But we are glad he got it done early and will

be ready for the beginning of the season."

Pippen will be entering the final year of his contract and will earn \$19.7 million.

He averaged 10.6 points, 5.9 assists and 5.2 rebounds in the regular season and 16.3 points, 5.7 assists and 9.3 rebounds in the Blazers' three playoff games against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Nets Bounce Back, Tie Series

(AP) Players applauded behind the closed door of the New Jersey locker room, where 48 hours earlier they hung their heads after their historic collapse.

On Monday night, the anguish was in the other room as the Boston Celtics contemplated how to recover from Paul Pierce's failure to snatch another win away from the Nets. "That won't bother him one bit," Antoine Walker said.

Pierce missed a free throw with 1.1 seconds left, deliberately missed the second, and New Jersey held on for a 94-92 victory Monday night that evened the best-of-seven Eastern Conference finals at 2-2. Game 5 is Wednesday night in New Jersey.

Now it's the Celtics' turn for a comeback in a series filled with them.

There was Boston's rally from a 21-point deficit entering the fourth quarter, when Pierce scored 19 points, to win Game 3 Saturday 94-90. No team had won a playoff game after trailing by more after three quarters.

There was Monday's comeback from that embarrassment — the Nets led 19-8 by hitting five 3-pointers and never trailed — to regain home-court advantage.

And there was Boston's surge from six points down with 3 minutes left that had raucous fans in the FleetCenter anticipating another comeback win.

But Jason Kidd and his teammates didn't let it happen.

"We were the same guys that we were in Game 3," he said. "It was just a matter of us knocking down shots, us being aggressive instead of being passive."

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USA Basketball Sets Portland Date

An elite international basketball event will take place at the Rose Garden this summer.

The USA Basketball team will match up against the German National Team on Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.

Players currently on the USA Team include Ray Allen, Antonio Davis, Michael Finley, Jason Kidd, Shawn Marion, Reggie Miller, and Jermaine O'Neal of the NBA; and Jason Williams of Duke University.

The German National team is lead by Shawn Bradley and Dirk Nowitzki of the Dallas Mavericks.

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