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## Basketball

The Los Angeles Lakers will play six exhibition games, including three with the Chicago Bulls and two with the New York Knicks, prior to the 1986-1987 National Basketball Association season. The Lakers will play two preseason games at the Forum. They open preseason play against Chicago on Oct. 10 and will play the Knicks on Oct.

12...First-round draft pick Walter Berry was among the missing when the Portland Trail Blazers opened their rookie and free agent camp. Berry has yet to sign a contract with the NBA club, but Blazer officials were hopeful they would be able to work out an agreement that would allow the former St. John's star to participate in the rookie camp...Olden Polynice, Virginia's leading basketball scorer for the past

two seasons, has been suspended from the Cavalier team for the 1986-87 year. Polynice pleaded no contest last week to a shoplifting charge and received a 30-day suspended sentence...The Omni in Atlanta has been recommended as the site of the 1988 NCAA Southeast Regional basketball tournament finals and the first two rounds of the Southeast Region in 1989.

## Race and Sports Book Ticket Writing Course Offered

In a continuing effort to meet the demand for qualified employees to enter the every expanding Race and Sports Book industry, the Resort Occupations Program at Clark County Community College will again offer its course in "Race and Sports Book Ticket Writing".

The five week, 15-hour course of instruction is designed to prepare participants for job-entry level positions in Nevada Race and Sports Books. The course will be conducted on Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8:55 p.m., commencing September 2 and concluding October 7, at the CCCC Cheyenne Campus. Cost is \$70.50 which includes tuition, fees, and all instructional material.

This very successful and timely course receives support and recognition of the Nevada Association of Race and Sports Book Operators who stress the need for skilled personnel to become part of this ever expanding billion dollar a year industry.

Registration will be conducted at the following times and places: the Boulevard Mall, August 8 and 9; the Meadows Mall, August 15 and 16; the Cheyenne Campus, August 25 through 29; and at the Henderson Campus on August 27 and 28.

Enrollment is limited, therefore, early registration is strongly recommended. For further information, call 643-6060, ext. 386 or 344.

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## Mike Tyson on Boxing Bandwagon

GLEN FALLS, N.Y. — Mike Tyson, professional boxing's newest star, says he's the world's finest fighter. People are beginning to believe him.

Tyson, a 20-year-old from Catskill, N.Y., caught the attention of the boxing world Saturday with a first-round knockout of Marvis Frazier in a heavyweight fight at the Glens Falls Civic Center. The fight, televised nationally, lasted just 30 seconds.

"I am the best fighter in the world," proclaimed Tyson, who might be fighting former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes soon.

Tyson is 25-0 since turning pro on March 6, 1985, and has registered 23 of his wins by knockout, 15 floorings coming in the first round. He is presently rated second by the World Boxing Council and eighty by the World Boxing Association.

The victory vaulted Tyson into the heavyweight spotlight and further reinforced his posture as the division's brightest young contender. Since the departure of Muhammad Ali and the decline of Holmes, the heavyweight division has been starving for a fresh, exciting face. Many say Tyson could be the savior.

Negotiations for a Tyson-Holmes bout have been initiated, says Tyson's co-manager Bill Clayton, and a big-money fight with Gerry Cooney is also a possibility.

"It would be the biggest opportunity in my lifetime to fight Larry Holmes, a man that I admire a great deal," Tyson said. "And it would be a pleasure for me to give him (Holmes) a defeat."

Tyson also could enter an upcoming tournament to unify the three heavyweight championships.

Frazier, the son of former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, found out what people in up-state New York have been saying for months: Tyson is not your typical heavyweight boxer. Consider:

- His fight schedule is busy. He's already fought nine times in 1986 and fought 15 times in 1985.

- His fighting style is as active as his schedule. He throws punches with both hands and in flurries, and likes an uptempo pace.

- At 5-11 and 215 pounds, Tyson is shorter than most heavyweights. Joe Frazier says Tyson has the body of a middleweight.

Tyson put Marvis Frazier away with a barrage of uppercuts.

"I knew deep inside that I was going to catch him early in the fight because of that little mistake that he makes," Tyson said. "I knew the head would come down, but I had to go punching for the head to come down. When I threw the jab he bent forward and boom. That's all she wrote."

At a postfight news conference, Frazier said he was not hurt. He did ask Tyson, however, if he carried a "sledgehammer" in his gloves.

Frazier weighed 210½ pounds for the fight; Tyson 217 pounds.

The loss was the second in Frazier's 18-bout professional career, the other coming to Holmes, also in the first round. Frazier, 25, said he had to take a look at his future in boxing, but "I definitely want to fight."

"I'm going to take it easy, think a little bit, and see what the good Lord has for me to do. Maybe He's trying to tell me something and I'm not listening."

Tyson next fights Aug. 17 against Jose Ribalta.

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