

BOXING NOTES

If the Suit Fits...

By Lee Brown

At long last, it appears we will soon be able to get on with the show. All parties have sued and have been sued, making it okay to get back to the real business at hand — boxing.

As you know, Mirage Hotel owner Steve Wynn and heavyweight champion "Buster" Douglas have filed suit against promoter Don King, contending that contract option clauses are illegal in Nevada and that Douglas was forced to sign one to get a title fight.

Meanwhile, King is suing Douglas and the Mirage, hoping to enforce the contract which gives King five options if Douglas ever won the title.

And now, billionaire Donald Trump has thrown his gloves into the ring by filing a \$50 million lawsuit against The Mirage, Steve Wynn, "Buster" Douglas and his manager John Johnson for interfering in an agreement he had with King to host a Douglas-Tyson rematch June 18.

Finally, on the outskirts through all of this lies boxing's governing bodies the WBA, WBC and IBF.

They have agreed that if a deal is not signed by March 25, they will invite all interested parties to make offers to two fighters — the champion (Douglas) and the No. 1 contender (Evander Holyfield).

Douglas would probably still get the \$25 million he signed for with Wynn while Holyfield would receive about 25 percent of the total, or just over \$8 million.

Believe it or not, this has led to even more shenanigans by Don King.

Rumors have it that King has been operating behind the scenes to force the governing bodies to rank Tyson second, making him the next mandatory defense should he lose his lawsuit and if and when Douglas and Holyfield fight.

It's believed that if Tyson wants to get back into contention, he should do away with Don King and/or and few contenders. This would shut up the critics, make him more money and get him a title shot.

And as far as the suits go, they should be left to C&R and away from the WBA, WBC, IBF and boxing in general.

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Controls Sought for Olympics

ROME — The Olympics are becoming too big to handle, so some events and athletes are likely to be cut, the president of the international Olympic committee said Wednesday.

"Profound revisions are required for the Olympics," Juan Antonio Samaranch

said at a two-day meeting of IOC members and officials from international sports organizations.

"We are aware that today some sports on the program no longer deserve full participation in the Games, while other sports have grown and qualify for greater presence," he said.

Woods Questionable for Opener

Running back Ickey Woods, who played collegiately at UNLV, is making progress rehabilitating a severe knee injury, but it is unclear whether he will be back in time for the Cincinnati Bengals' 1990 season opener. Woods, 24, tore a ligament in his left knee on Sept. 17, the second game of 1989, and missed the rest of last season.



Ickey Woods

Strawberry Wants to Play

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — New York Mets outfielder Darryl Strawberry, admitting he has a problem with alcohol that required treatment, on Saturday said he was looking forward to playing baseball again.

"Every day is a challenge," Strawberry said. "At this point now, I'm very happy with myself. I'm not so uptight about so many things as before."

I had so much pressure on me, I just didn't know which way to handle it."

Strawberry, 27, was released Thursday from the Smithers Alcoholism and Treatment Center in New York after a 27-day stay.

Accompanied by General Manager Frank Cashen to Saturday's press briefing at the Mets' spring training home at St. Lucie County Sports Complex, Strawberry said he was getting settled and preparing for the new season.

"I'm getting new feelings about myself," he said.

He was admitted to the treatment center after his Jan 26 arrest when he allegedly threatened his wife, Lisa,



Darryl Strawberry

After Strawberry's release from the treatment center, he visited with his family on Long Island, N.Y., the spokesman said. Then he flew to California for the hearing and on to Florida.

In introducing him, Cashen said Strawberry wanted to make a statement on his own.

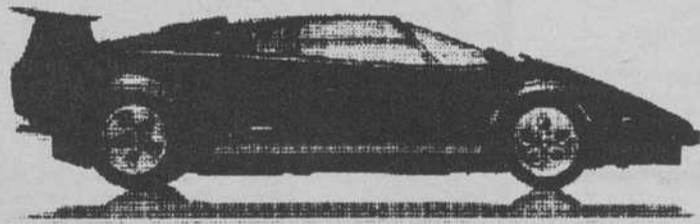
"Everybody experiences it, but I had no control over it," Strawberry said of his problems with alcohol dependence. "I know I have to work hard on it - playing baseball again, getting on with my life."

"It's a disease I have no control over. I'm looking forward to getting back with my wife and kids."

Cashen said, "Recovery is not going to be achieved today or tomorrow. It is the nature of the disease that he is always recovering. He needs our encouragement and our prayers."

While Cashen provided Strawberry the opportunity Saturday to issue his statement, he also protected the ballplayer by not allowing questions. Instead, reporters shook Strawberry's hand and wished him well.

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