

La Salle's Simmons Wins Wooden Award

LOS ANGELES — Lionel Simmons of La Salle, the third-leading scorer in NCAA Division I history, was named Wednesday as the winner of the 14th annual John R. Wooden Award as college basketball's outstanding player.

Simmons, a 6-foot-6, 220-pound senior, received 1,174 points in the balloting of 1,000 sportswriters and broadcasters from around the country to 831 points for runnerup Gary Payton of Oregon State.

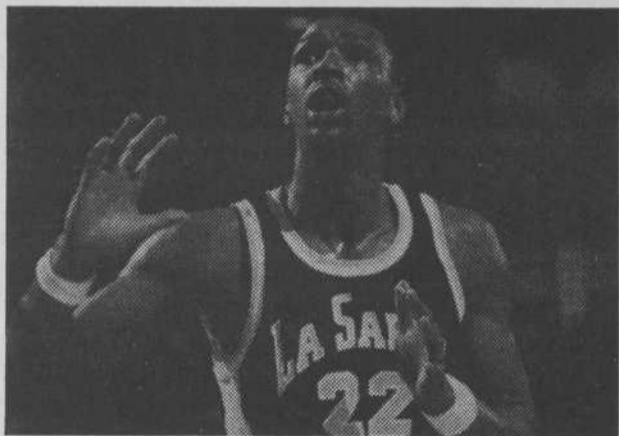
Derrick Coleman of Syracuse finished third with 816 points, followed by Hank Gathers, the Loyola

Marymount star who died after collapsing on the court during a West Coast Conference tournament game on March 4. Gathers got 532 points.

Forward Larry Johnson of UNLV finished fifth with 489 points and Louisiana State guard Chris Jackson was sixth with 455 points.

All the top finishers are seniors except, Johnson, who is a junior, and Jackson, who is a sophomore.

Simmons, who averaged 26.5 points, 11.1 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 2.0 blocked shots per game, was named The Associated Press Player of the Year last week.



Lionell Simmons

Giant's Mitchell Out With Sprained Wrist

SAN FRANCISCO — Kevin Mitchell, last season's National League MVP, will miss the start of the regular season with a severely sprained right wrist, the San Francisco Giants said Friday night.

Mitchell sprained his wrist during batting practice Friday afternoon.

The Giants said Mitchell will be out for at least seven days, but that X-rays of the wrist revealed no fracture.

Rogers Arrested On Cocaine Charges

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Former Redskins running back George Rogers, who was implicated in a professional football drug scandal in 1982 and later underwent treatment at a drug rehabilitation center, was arrested on cocaine charges during a weekend raid, authorities said Monday.

Rogers, who won the 1980 Heisman Trophy while at South Carolina, still had traces of cocaine in his right nostril when he was arrested Saturday at a northwest Columbia apartment.

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NEW TRIAL SET FOR DOUGLAS VS. KING SUIT

A new trial date of April 23 was set last Wednesday in heavyweight champion Buster Douglas' suit seeking to break his contract with promoter Don King.

A U.S. District Judge set the date after attorneys for King and Donald Trump agreed to put on hold scheduled April 16 federal trial on suits they filed in New York.

However, a federal judge in New York later threw out Trump's suit. In a written ruling, Judge Robert Sweet dismissed the lawsuit by Trump, finding the court did not have jurisdiction because Trump Plaza Associates is a New Jersey company.

He declined a motion by Douglas' lawyers to dismiss King's lawsuit or to move the case to federal court in Las Vegas.

Douglas and The Mirage hotel-casino are suing King in an effort to break his claim on the rights to promote Douglas' defenses of the heavyweight title he won by knocking out Mike Tyson in February in Japan.

Douglas has agreed on a \$60 million two-fight deal with The Mirage operator Steve Wynn, but the fights are contingent on Douglas winning the suit and being free to fight at the resort.

Under terms of the pact, Douglas will get \$25 million



James "Buster" Douglas

to defend against No. 1 contender Evander Holyfield in September. Should he win that fight, he will receive another \$35 million for a rematch with Tyson.

After Douglas the The Mirage filed suit against King, the promoter and Trump filed suits in New York.

Those lawsuits claim they have a contract to promote Douglas' first fight, which they say will be a rematch with Tyson on June 18 at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City.

A trial date of April 16 had been set for those suits, but attorneys for Trump and King agreed to a postponement pending the Las Vegas action.

53 To Be Inducted Into Boxing Hall of Fame

CANASTOTA, N.Y. — Muhammad Ali, Carmen Basilio, Joe Frazier, Jake LaMotta and Jack Dempsey are among the first 53 people who will be inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame director Ed Brophy announced the names of those who will be inducted at the museum's first ceremonies June 8-10. The museum opened last June in Canastota, 15 miles east of Syracuse.

The 53 inductees were chosen in four categories: modern boxers, old-timers, pioneers and non-participants.

Ruddock Impressive Against Dokes

Donovan "Razor" Ruddock showed last Wednesday night that he belongs in the heavyweight picture. Ruddock knocked out former champion Michael Dokes in the fourth round at Madison Square Garden.



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