

THE BLADE SLICES THE HIT MAN

By W.G. Ramirez

The odds were against him, as was the crowd and most of the boxing world. None of those factors did any good though as Iran "The Blade" Barkley won a split decision over Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns for the WBA light heavyweight championship.

While on a mission, Barkley may have ended the career of a true boxing legend in Hearns after their rematch last Friday evening at Caesars Palace.

Barkley had stopped Hearns in the third round, on June 6, 1988, in a bout for the WBC middleweight championship.

No knockouts this time although there was a knockdown. The Blade sent Hearns to the canvas with a vicious left hook in the fourth round. It was the only knockdown of the fight.

Judges Jerry Roth and Chuck Giampa scored the fight 114-

113 and 115-113, respectively, in favor of Barkley while Judge Lou Tabat had Hearns by one point, 114-113.

A sellout crowd of 4,251 was on hand to witness The Blade slice through the Hit Man round-by-round. Iran, who was the aggressor throughout the fight and also holds the IBF super middleweight title, which was not at stake, is not sure if he is going to fight next as a light heavyweight or a super middleweight.

"Right now, what I want to do is rest. I don't want to think about a fight," said the new WBA light heavyweight champ Barkley.

The 33 year-old, who had said at a pre-fight press conference that he had no intentions of retiring, said he would talk to friends and family, back in Detroit, whether he should continue his professional boxing career, which is now in its 15th year.



HELPING OLYMPIC HOPEFULS — At the mini-summit held by the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS) in Copper Canyon, Colo., Miller Genuine Draft presented NBS with a \$6,000 check earmarked for its Olympic development fund. From left, Sam Lawler, NBS president, Arnette Moore, Miller Brewing Company regional manager and Sheri Colas, Miller Brewing Company priority markets supervisor, show check to members during an apres ski reception. NBS is a 19-year-old organization made up of 72 predominantly African-American ski clubs from 62 cities. One of the group's primary goals is to identify and encourage African-American Olympic skiing hopefuls.

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PRO BASKETBALL

NBA LEADERS (as of 3/25/92):

SCORERS

Michael Jordan, Chicago 30.1
 Dominique Wilkins, Atlanta 28.1
 Karl Malone, Utah 28.0

REBOUNDS

Dennis Rodman, Detroit 19.2
 Kevin Willis, Atlanta 16.2
 Dikembe Mutombo, Denver 12.3

ASSISTS

John Stockton, Utah 14.0
 Kevin Johnson, Phoenix 10.5
 Tim Hardaway, Golden St. 9.7

NOTES:

Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, a.k.a. the Twin Cities, has yet another sports event to boast about, being named as a host city. The Twin Cities will be the host of the 1994 NBA All-Star Weekend. Within the year, Mpls./St. Paul, has hosted the Super Bowl, Final Four and the World Series. NBA commissioner David Stern made the announcement this past Monday. The annual event will be held Feb. 11-13, 1994 at the 19,006-seat Target Center.

Hakeem Olajuwon was suspended indefinitely, this past Monday, by the Houston Rockets. The Rockets accused the six-time All-Star of failing to suit up after being given medical clearance to play.

BOXING

NOTES:

The state will ask that Mike Tyson be sentenced to six to 10 years in prison and pay the maximum \$30,000 fine for his convictions on rape and related charges. Marion County Prosecu-

tor Jeffrey Modisett said the prosecution would ask Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia J. Gifford to order the former heavyweight champion to pay prosecution and related costs up to \$150,000. At press time, Tyson was scheduled to be sentenced by Gifford. He could receive a maximum of 60 years in prison for three counts.

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SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 12 - TEXAS EL-PASO
- Sept. 19 - NO. ARIZONA
- Sept. 26 - @ Oregon
- Oct. 03 - @ Pacific*
- Oct. 10 - @ New Mexico St.*
- Oct. 17 - @ UN-Reno*
- Oct. 24 - @ Hawaii
- Oct. 31 - SAN JOSE ST.*
- Nov. 07 - @ Utah St*
- Nov. 21 - MONTANA ST.*
- Nov. 28 - FULLERTON*

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* Denotes BIG SKY Conference game

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