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PRO BASKETBALL NOTES -

Chuck Daly, who will coach the U.S. basketball team in the Barcelona Olympics, stepped down as head coach of the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday. Daly has made nine playoff appearances in nine years as coach of the Pistons. The Pistons won consecutive titles in 1989 and 1990 under the guidance of Daly. General Manager Jack McCloskey said he has a list of candidates and hoped to name a new coach before the June 24 NBA draft.

THIS DATE IN NBA HISTORY

May 7, 1972 - The Los Angeles Lakers defeated New York 4-games-to-2 to win their first championship since moving to Los Angeles.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NOTES - Two-time Mississippi high school Player of the Year Othella Harrington of Jackson Murrah High School signed a national letter-of-intent with Georgetown. Harrington, who was chosen to play for the McDonalds High School All-Star game, chose G'town over Arkansas, LSU, Mississippi St., and Oklahoma.

Two-time Big Ten Player of the Year Jim Jackson, of Ohio State, and UCLA forward Tracy Murray announced that they will make themselves eligible for the NBA draft this past week. Both players would have been entering their senior year.

Bobby Hurley was arrested on Tuesday morning on a charge of driving while impaired. The star point guard, who completed his junior season by being named MVP of the Final Four after winning two consecutive NCAA titles with Duke, was arrested about 1 a.m.

PRO FOOTBALL NOTES -

Randall Cunningham practiced in his first full-scale passing drill since he went down with a knee injury in last season's opening game.

The former UNLV All-American said he experienced no soreness and he expressed impatience to test the knee under

combat conditions. That won't happen until the Eagles open preseason training camp July 25.

TYSON NOTES -

Mike Tyson threatened to take on eight guards at once according to inmates in the prison. Indiana Youth Center authorities slapped Tyson into the prison's segregation unit, the "jail-within-a-jail," on Monday after he allegedly threatened to "whup" a guard. Tyson was walking back to his cell when a fellow inmate stopped to shake his hand. Correctional officer Fred Morgan shouted, "Hey Tyson! Keep your ass moving!" Tyson replied to the officer by telling him it was not necessary to speak to (Tyson) like that. More words were exchanged until Tyson threatened to "whup" the officer and any other officers that had Morgan's back-up.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS NATIONAL LEAGUE

Batting Avg.	
John Kruk, Philadelphia	.391
Andy Van Slyke, Pittsburgh	.362
Will Clark, San Francisco	.359

Hits	
Tony Gwynn, San Diego	40
John Kruk, Philadelphia	36
Mariano Duncan, Phila.	34

Home Runs	
Barry Bonds, Pittsburgh	8
Fred McGriff, San Diego	8
Larry Walker, Montreal	6

RBI's	
Fred McGriff, San Diego	23
Barry Bonds, Pittsburgh	21
Ron Gant, Atlanta	21

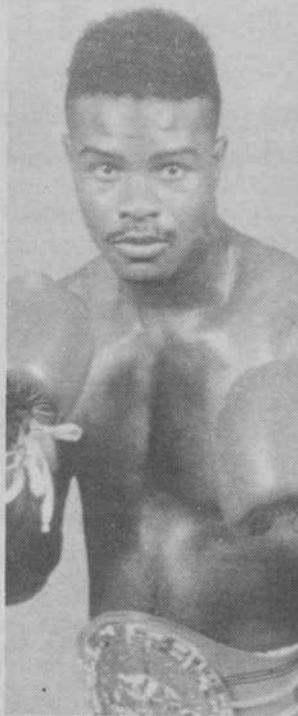
AMERICAN LEAGUE Batting Avg.	
Roberto Alomar, Toronto	.396
Carney Lansford, Oakland	.366
Dave Winfield, Toronto	.358

Hits	
Roberto Alomar, Toronto	44
Dave Winfield, Toronto	38
Roberto Kelly, New York	36

Home Runs	
Mark McGwire, Oakland	13
Mickey Tettleton, Detroit	8
Chris Hoiles, Baltimore	7

RBI's	
Junior Felix, California	24
Mark McGwire, Oakland	23
Brady Anderson, Baltimore	22

TWO WORLD CHAMPS COLLIDE AS NORRIS AND TAYLOR BATTLE MAY 9 AT THE MIRAGE



WORLD BOXING COUNCIL (WBC) SUPER WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION TERRY NORRIS

World Boxing Council (WBC) Super Welterweight Champion Terry Norris and World Boxing Association (WBA) Welterweight Champion Meldrick Taylor will square off for Norris' WBC crown May 9th in the outdoor arena at The Mirage in Las Vegas. The scheduled 12-round bout will be televised nationally by HBO.

Norris (31-3, 17 KO's), Alpine, CA, is the man who sent Sugar Ray Leonard into retirement with a one-sided, 12-round decision victory over the six-time world champion.

The 25-year-old Norris won his WBC crown with a shocking first round knockout of then-champ John "The Beast" Mugabi in March, 1990. He has since successfully defended his titles six times. His last defense was a ninth-round TKO over undefeated Carl Daniels on February 22, 1992.

Taylor (29-1-1, 15 KO's), Philadelphia, PA, will be making a bid for his third world title in three different weight classes.



WORLD BOXING ASSOC. (WBA) WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION MELDRICK TAYLOR

The 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist won his first world championship September 3, 1988 when he stopped IBF Junior Welterweight Champion Buddy McGirt in the 12th round. A 12-round decision victory over then-undefeated WBA Welterweight Champion Aaron Davis on January 19, 1991 gave the 25-year-old Taylor his second title, a title he successfully defended January 18 of this year against Glenwood Brown.

The agreed upon weight limit

for the fight is 150 1/2 pounds, which is exactly between Taylor's welterweight (147 lbs.) and Norris' super welterweight (154 lbs.) limit.

is being promoted by Main Events/Monitor Productions in association with The Mirage. For ticket information, call 1-800-75-FIGHT.

The world championship bout
BLAZERS DISPOSE OF LA

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Robinson put on a pre-game exhibition during warm-ups to "get fired up."

"We were just getting loose and maybe win some fans before the game," added Drexler.

Clyde "the Glide" delighted the crowd with an alley-oop dunk and an awkward 360-slam dunk while Duckworth and Robinson excited everyone with thunderous dunks.

After the game, the Trailblazers reflected on the game while the Lakers looked back on their plagued season.

"The defense was the key," said guard Danny Ainge, "We were able to keep the floor spread and they were not able to hit from the outside." Ainge scored 19 points, hitting three 3-pointers and dished out five assists.

Head Coach Rick Adelman gave the Lakers nothing but praise after the game.

"You have to give credit to the Lakers. They just never quit. They haven't quit the whole year. I don't know another team that has gone through what they have all year long."

One person who was glad to get out of the T&M with a victory was former Duke star Alaa Abdelnaby. Hearing boos and crude statements throughout the day, Abdelnaby said it was "nice to win, especially since they (the fans) wouldn't let a Blue Devil live down a loss at the Thomas & Mack," speaking of the UNLV-Duke rivalry.

Byron Scott, who popped in 15 points and dished out 4 assists, could only speak of what has occurred all season long instead of the game itself.

"Since training camp, it feels as though I've played 2 or 3 seasons. We should remember this season in hopes of making us stronger for next year. Now that it is all over I'm just going to relax with my family; I'll take my son to the arcade and swim with my daughter."

When asked what it would take to bring the Los Angeles Lakers back to the caliber of play they used to play at, Scott summed it up with three names - "Sam Perkins, James Worthy and Magic Johnson."

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